



Athletic Field Covers

Frequently Asked Questions

Why choose WeatherBeater for my Athletic Field Covers?

WeatherBeater Athletic Field Covers are, without question, the best-constructed and most innovative covers in the market today. Each detail of the system has been chosen with you, the customer in mind. Here's what your WeatherBeater Athletic Field Covers include:

Each WeatherBeater Athletic Field Cover is constructed of the highest quality materials. All our WeatherBeater Athletic Field Covers are made with the widest material available. For example, our Baseball and Softball Full Field Cover use a 12 foot wide material, as opposed to the industry standard 6 foot wide material. This is an important design feature since the most likely place a leak will occur is at a seam. The Conclusion? Half the number of seams equals a safer, more durable cover.

Each WeatherBeater Workhorse Athletic Field Cover is professionally finished for ease of use.

What is a mil?

A mil is a unit of measure equaling 1/1000 of an inch. One of the tests required when listing material properties is material thickness. You may hear of materials being referred to as "10 mil", "12 mil", "14 mil" etc. This simply means when a cover is measured using a micrometer, it measures to be 1/100" thick, 3/250" thick and so on.

What does "ounces per square yard" and "mil thickness" have to do with each other?

Another way to measure the weight of a cover is by using the ounces per square yard test. You may have seen in our literature terms like 6 oz. or 7 oz. per square yard. This means, as you would suspect, one square yard of your cover weighs 6 oz. or 7 oz. Keep in mind that heavier does not always mean better. Certain fabrics are better suited for certain projects. Ask your WeatherBeater consultant which fabric will work best for your project.

What is a gusset and why do you use gussets to reinforce your handles and grommets?

A gusset is a triangular shaped piece of material sewn or welded onto our Baseball and Softball Full Field Covers. Its function is to reinforce the fabric and to spread the load of the force used to pull your cover over a much larger area. This simple detail prevents handles and grommets from ripping out of your cover.

What is a rope hem and why are they used?

When some covers are manufactured, most are finished with a turned and welded hem. When a hem is called a rope hem, it means a rope was inserted in the welded hem. This not only gives the cover a professionally finished look but also adds strength to the edge by spreading the load throughout the entire cover.

Some companies provide a rolling tube for their cover. What are they called and does WeatherBeater provide one as well?

The rolling tube or "culvert" is most commonly used for storage of your cover. These culverts come standard in 20-foot sections and can be found in a variety of diameters. (You may have seen a culvert used to divert water from a canal or ditch.) We recommend using a culvert that is from 24 - 36 inches in diameter, depending upon your needs and your budget. We have not made it a practice not to supply culverts to our customers simply because it does not make sense for you. You can usually find them much cheaper than we can ship them to you for. What we always offer is to help you find a culvert in you area, and have it delivered if necessary. We will be pleased to help!

Is a heavier woven coated fabric more durable?

Not necessarily. When woven tarpaulin fabrics are made, tapes of polyethylene are loomed to make the woven base or scrim, much like they are with clothing fabric. Once the scrim is made, it is then coated with a layer of polyethylene. This makes the fabric an impermeable membrane. In the lighter weights of fabrics, both the scrim and the coatings are thinner, making the physical properties, such a tear strength and mullen burst rather low. As the fabric gets above 9 mil in thickness, the standard coatings sprayed on the tarps remain much the same, but the tapes used to weave the scrim become increasingly heavier. The result is a fabric that is not more impermeable to the elements, just a fabric that is heavier. At WeatherBeater, we have chosen to use a standard 12 mil scrim in combination with an extra 0.25 mil of coating to guarantee the highest quality cover in a weight that is manageable.

*When asking for the specifications on a tarpaulin fabric used, be sure to ask how thick the fabric is and how much coating was sprayed on to ensure impermeability.

What is the difference between the “Economy” Covers in the market and the WeatherBeater Athletic Field Covers?

That old saying is true, “You get what you pay for.” In the case of athletic field covers it is even more appropriate. For others in the market to provide a cheaper cover, quality must be sacrificed. Whether that means less features provided with the cover, inferior products used to make the cover, or inappropriate materials put into the fabric, it can only mean one thing: the customer loses.

*At WeatherBeater, we take pride in the fact that our Field Covers are made with the highest quality materials available. Each feature provided with our covers is used to maintain the excellence of our covers. Whether it is the rope hem, the gussets used to reinforce the grommets and handles, the Sideline Cover, or any of the numerous other features of our covers. We will settle for nothing less than the best to be associated with the WeatherBeater name. That is our promise to you and we back it up by providing 3 year and 1 year warranties on our products. You can rest assured that with WeatherBeater Athletic Field Covers, you have chosen is the best!

We are proud to craft each cover specifically with each individual customer in mind. We can guarantee that no other company has put this much thought into their covers, provided all these features, and used as high quality material at this price!

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