

The following guidance has been produced to help facility operators understand the minimum standards required to achieve TrackMark Unit 1 accreditation.

## UNIT 1 – TRACK

Track surfaces should be well maintained and well-presented including clear lines and track markings with any kerbing fixed and safe.

Areas of concern include uneven surfaces, bobbling, moss growth, delamination, cracks, lack of texture, hard or slippery surfaces, water-retention and the build-up of vegetation.

To assess the condition of the track surface UKA requires that an independent track surface test is conducted by a [SAPCA](#) approved, [World Athletics accredited laboratory](#) every 3years - see below for accredited companies:

### Unit 1 – Approved companies



The two accredited laboratories above follow a standard inspection regime that includes a four-point assessment of all synthetic areas including the running track, horizontal and vertical jump runways/take off areas, safety margins and any synthetic D areas.

Note: the inspection test results are measured against [World Athletics standards](#) and [BS EN 14808:2005 Surfaces for sports areas](#).

1. **Visual Inspection:** Track cleanliness, General surface condition, inner and outer track edge / safe zones
2. **Thickness:** Minimum and maximum measurements of track thickness taken from several locations
3. **Shock absorption:** Minimum and maximum measurements of force reduction taken from several locations
4. **Slip test:** Minimum and maximum slip resistance measurements taken from several locations

Following the inspection the track surface will be allocated a Red (FAIL), Amber (Interim PASS) or Green (PASS) rating:

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- **GREEN:** (Pass) - Meets synthetic athletics track surfacing standards as defined by World Athletics.
  - **AMBER:** (Interim pass) – Meets World Athletics OR BS EN 14808:2005 synthetic surfacing standards at the time of inspection but is deemed by the inspectors as likely to fail within the period of accreditation. Note: In this case a shorter period of accreditation in line with the report findings would likely be granted.
  - **RED:** (Fail) – This would result from a synthetic track surface that fails to meet one or several of the defined minimum standards set by either World Athletics or BS EN 14808:2005.

*Note: The number of tracks that fail UNIT 1 inspections are relatively few. In most cases, failures occur at venues that have suffered from a lack of regular cleaning and maintenance and/or have not been resprayed/resurfaced for an extended period (typically > 10years).*

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## TRACKMARK EVIDENCE REQUIRED: UNIT 1 - TRACK

Requirement 1	Notes
<b>A track surface test conducted by a SAPCA approved, World Athletics accredited laboratory.</b>	Contact an accredited laboratory to commission a track surface inspection.

*When an inspection has been carried out the resultant report will be forwarded to a member of UKAs Facilities Team for assessment.*