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## How Does Your Practice Facility Stack Up?

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Practice facilities are important and play a valuable role at golf facilities. Many courses have invested in practice facility improvements, expansions and upgrades in recent years.



Are you wondering whether improvements to your practice facility would be worthwhile? Have you considered all the different options? Learning about the history of practice facilities and the importance of design, use and maintenance will help you create a safe and fun area where players can work on their game.

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### Video: Why Artificial Mats Are Used On Driving Ranges

Whether you like them or not, artificial-turf mats are a common feature at heavily used practice facilities. You may prefer hitting off grass, but here's how artificial tees are used to improve your practice experience as well as a few tips that will help ensure you spend more time on the grass.

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### Article: Practice Like A Pro

Most of us will never play like a professional, but that should not stop us from practicing like one. Learn how to make two simple adjustments to your practice routine that will give you something in common with your favorite touring professional and produce a better conditioned practice range tee all season long.

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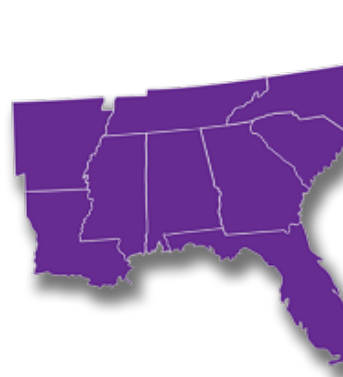
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