

# Playground Evaluation Guide

## HOW DOES YOUR PLAYGROUND MEASURE UP?

Please complete this score card on your existing playground or use it to evaluate perspective suppliers ensuring you're comparing "Apples with Apples"!

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### 1 Standards

- Does the playground design comply to Australian Standard:  
AS 4685-2004 (Current) 10  Yes  
AS 1924-1981 (Superseded) 2  Yes  
General Statement/No Documentation 0  Yes
  - Do you have a "Design Certificate" or an independent Engineers Certificate for the equipment? 10  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure  
*\* Design Certificates certify AS 4685-2004 compliance*
  - Is undersurfacing certified to meet AS 4422-1996? 10  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure
  - Is there a Maintenance Management System provided to the requirements of AS/NZS 4486.1:1997? 10  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure
- TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Playground Construction

- Is there adequate shade provided? 5  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure 0
  - What thickness is the softfall surfacing? \_\_\_\_\_ mm (Do not add to total)
  - What is softfall type? \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Price

- What does the pricing include:
 

Free Freight	5 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	0 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Free Management System	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	0 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Equipment	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	0 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Installation	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	0 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Safety Surfacing	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	0 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Shade	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	0 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Outdoor Furniture	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	0 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
GST	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	0 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Other	_____	_____	

What is the total value of the quote including GST? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Quality

- Are the system posts manufactured from:
 

Uncoated steel	0 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Timber	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Galvanised steel	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Powdercoated Galvanised steel – 4 step process	5 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Powdercoated aluminium	5 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Powdercoated aluminium - 3 step process	10 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
- Are square platforms a minimum of 1.2m<sup>2</sup>? If not, what size 5  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure
- Does the equipment use high quality, durable, extruded aluminium clamp system or a less durable self tapping bolt system? 5  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure
- Have round posts been used for added safety and comfort? 5  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure
- Are the compared bridges and overhead activities the same length?  Yes  No

HOW LONG? \_\_\_\_\_ *\* To calculate score, deduct or add the difference eg. Supplier "A" bridge is 2m long, Supplier "B" bridge is 1m long. Deduct 1 from supplier B.* TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 Company

- Is the equipment Australian Made? 10  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure
  - Are the spare parts readily available? 10  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure
  - How long has the company been established?  
1  1-5yrs 5  5-10yrs 10  10-15yrs
  - Are there factory trained installers in your area? 10  Yes 1  No 0  Unsure 15  >15yrs
  - Is there an Exclusive Distributor in your area? 10  Yes 1  No 0  Unsure
  - Is there a Third Party Accredited System - Quality Assurance ISO 9001:2000 10  Yes 0  No 0  Unsure
- TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

## 6 Play Value

- Are activities inflexible/rigid low play value items such as: steel fire poles, steel spiral poles etc with limited opportunity to play? 2  Yes 10  No
  - Are components high play value activities made from flexible action/reaction materials like Covaflex e.g. Waterfall Climbers, Rapp Vines, Bamboo Bridges, etc with multiple ways to play? 10  Yes 2  No
  - How many play value components are there?  
*\* Do not count components with no play value eg: Decks, panels with no activities, roofs etc.* Score/No \_\_\_\_\_
  - How many different ways can children use the equipment? (e.g. firepole – climb up, slide down = 2, Rapp Vine – Climb up, slide down, twirl around, wrap around = 4) Score/No \_\_\_\_\_
  - How many children can play on the equipment at once  
*\* Decks – 1 child*  
*\* Activities – Evaluate play value* Children/Score \_\_\_\_\_
  - Is the equipment “Age Suitable” – on a scale of 1-5 (5 being highest)? Score/No \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_
- GRAND TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Playground Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_