

Oil Blitz

Cleans hydraulic oil from grass surfaces

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In mid-January 2017 a major hydraulic fluid spill occurred on the 10th green of Milltown Golf Club. Hydraulic oil leaked onto the wheels of a machine being used to hollow core the green – with multiple lines of oil up and down the green.



With no known solution, an emergency plan was established with two options considered:

Option 1

Strip out the affected lines and resod, which would have had the green out of play for 4-6 weeks. Additionally the resodded lines would have taken much longer to look like the original green

Option 2

A complete re-strip of the entire green, clearing any contaminated soil and resodding of the green. Estimated time frame for this course of action was 16 weeks to have the green back in play.

An approach from Slick Solutions changed our thinking. These 100% natural products bio-remediate hydrocarbon spills – breaking the oil down naturally.

Seven days after spraying the oil with Oil Blitz, the black lines had completely disappeared. Within a couple of weeks strong new grass shoots started to appear and the recovery was under way.

Some grass and roots had been damaged and new seed and fertilizer was applied, to assist the recovery. This is now almost complete.

The entire process was completed using approximately 10 litres of Oil Blitz, and a number of technical visits.

At no stage was the green out of commission.

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Oil Blitz is a 100% natural product made from a base of fish oil and it significantly accelerates the breaking down of hydrocarbons- petrol, diesel, oil, into its constituent parts- carbon dioxide and water

Oil and petrol spills and leaks happen all the time. When exposed to air, hydrocarbons turn acidic and that is what burns the grass, the roots and kills the bacteria and nutrients in the soil. One spray of Oil Blitz starts the bioremediation process immediately, and will save the grass and the roots. The longer the spill is left, the more damage is done.



The day of spill



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After 12 weeks time