



MAPECOAT TNS RACE TRACK was used to paint the asphalt surface. The synthetic grass for the playing area was installed using ULTRABOND TURF 2 STARS PRO two-component polyurethane adhesive.



Breda (The Netherlands)

A sports court “embraced” by street-art

MAPECOAT TNS RACE TRACK FOR A NEW WORK BY GUMMY GUE IN A “PROBLEM” AREA OF THE CITY

Orbital is a work of street-art completed in 2019 by Marco and Andrea Mangione, aka Gummy Gue. After already making a mark at international level for their knack of combining sports spaces and architecture, with this new piece in the Dutch city of Breda the Gummy Gue duo from Catania (Sicily, Italy) has made yet another statement with a large, optical work of graffiti surrounding a playground. The work decorates the surface of the playground in the Gerardus Macella district of the city and completely surrounds the football pitch dedicated to Hein van Gastel, a local footballing legend. Orbital – this is the title of the work – is like a play

on graphics with a high visual impact that amplifies the space dedicated to sport and draws in the people as they move across its surface. Creating and painting Orbital was made possible thanks to the collaboration with Blind Walls Gallery and the support of the local council, which wanted to claim back an area characterised by pollution and petty crime. Previously, this square was known by the local residents as the “black square” because of its asphalt surface, a sad place to be in winter and very hot in summer, which made it very difficult to use and enjoy. The new colours have given it a new function, turning it into a central meeting place.

Coloured graffiti for the playground

To create the graffiti it was necessary for the artists to be able to rely on very high performance products which would give a long-lasting finish resistant to atmospheric agents, wear and abrasion. Mapei Technical Services carried out a survey of the area to make sure the asphalt surface was suitable and that it provided a sound, flat base for the work without having to level it off. The Mangione brothers were advised to start with a coat of white MAPECOAT TNS RACE TRACK to even out the surface of the substrate. Specifically created for sports facilities, this is an acrylic, waterborne, rapid film-forming, coloured coating that forms a

protective, non-slip finish on concrete and asphalt surfaces against wear from intense footfall and abrasion. The space was then divided into smaller plots, as specified in the design, and coloured in by hand, one at a time using MAPECOAT TNS RACE TRACK in the various colours. The work was completed by applying MAPECOAT TNS PROTECTION finish, which protects surfaces against abrasion and guarantees long-lasting durability.



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TECHNICAL DATA

Orbital, Breda (The Netherlands)
Period of construction: 2018-2019
Period of the Mapei intervention by Mapei: 2018-2019
Intervention by Mapei: supplying products for coating the asphalt

surfaces and installing synthetic grass
Design: Marco & Andrea Mangione, Gummy Gue
Client: Breda City Council
Main contractor: Blind Walls Gallery
Installation: Gummy

Gue; KSP Kunstgras
Mapei coordinator: Chris Yperlaan, Mapei Netherlands B.V.

MAPEI PRODUCTS
Coating the surfaces: Mapecoat TNS Race Track, Mapecoat TNS Protection

Bonding synthetic grass: Ultrabond Turf 2 Stars Pro

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