

RTF® Sod

Rhizomatous Tall Fescue

- High Sod Strength
- Self Repairing
- Deep Rooting

Key features

- Develops extensive deep root system
- Produces a thick, durable stand with improved turf density
- Saves 30% water over comparable cool season turf grasses
- Moderate salt tolerance

Rhizomes shooting from an RTF®–Powered Plant



Specifications

Mowing (Recommended)	2.5-3”
Mowing (Down to)	0.75”

The technology behind RTF® Sod is the market leader among unique turf-type tall fescue varieties. It gets its name by creating a mesh or large network of roots and underground stems called rhizomes.

RTF® Sod is the most advanced and unique tall fescue product available, providing the benefits of rhizomes not found in any other varieties. While other spreading varieties describe “potential” rhizome development or “aggressive tillering,” the deep-rooted and heat-tolerant RTF® Sod has been proven to mend damaged turf and maintain both uniformity and density.

Technical Information

Uses

RTF® Sod is designed to reduce overall inputs while maintaining plant density, especially in areas that are hard to grow grass! The benefits of RTF® Sod are often utilized in areas like golf course bunkers, rough areas, and low maintenance sports fields and parks. Home owners appreciate its durability as a lawn grass, standing up to pets and kids alike. RTF® Sod also does well in naturalized no-mow areas where little to no maintenance is the norm. With RTF® technology available in a sod form, end users can quickly turn their grass areas into a durable surface, thriving across various environments.

Maintenance

Thankfully, most of the establishment phase is completed at the sod farm, where RTF® Sod is meticulously prepared for the eventual end user. RTF® Sod creates such a strong network of underground roots and rhizomes that a lot of growers don't even need to use sod netting! Fewer inputs and labor means a healthier environment, benefiting the sod grower and ultimate end user enjoying this turf. This strong sod quickly roots when laid down for a lawn or other athletic purposes, leading to faster establishment in its final stop. RTF® Sod will perform best when it receives at least 2 pounds of Nitrogen per thousand square feet. In the first year or so it might require up to 3 pounds of Nitrogen, depending on the soil type and intended purpose of the turf. If more recovery from traffic is needed, then more Nitrogen may need to be applied. RTF® Sod is very drought tolerant and can handle deep and infrequent irrigation. In certain regions, RTF® Sod might not even require irrigation at all! As all Tall fescue products go, the lowest input requirements will be experienced when setting mowing heights as tall as possible, usually between 3-4 inches.

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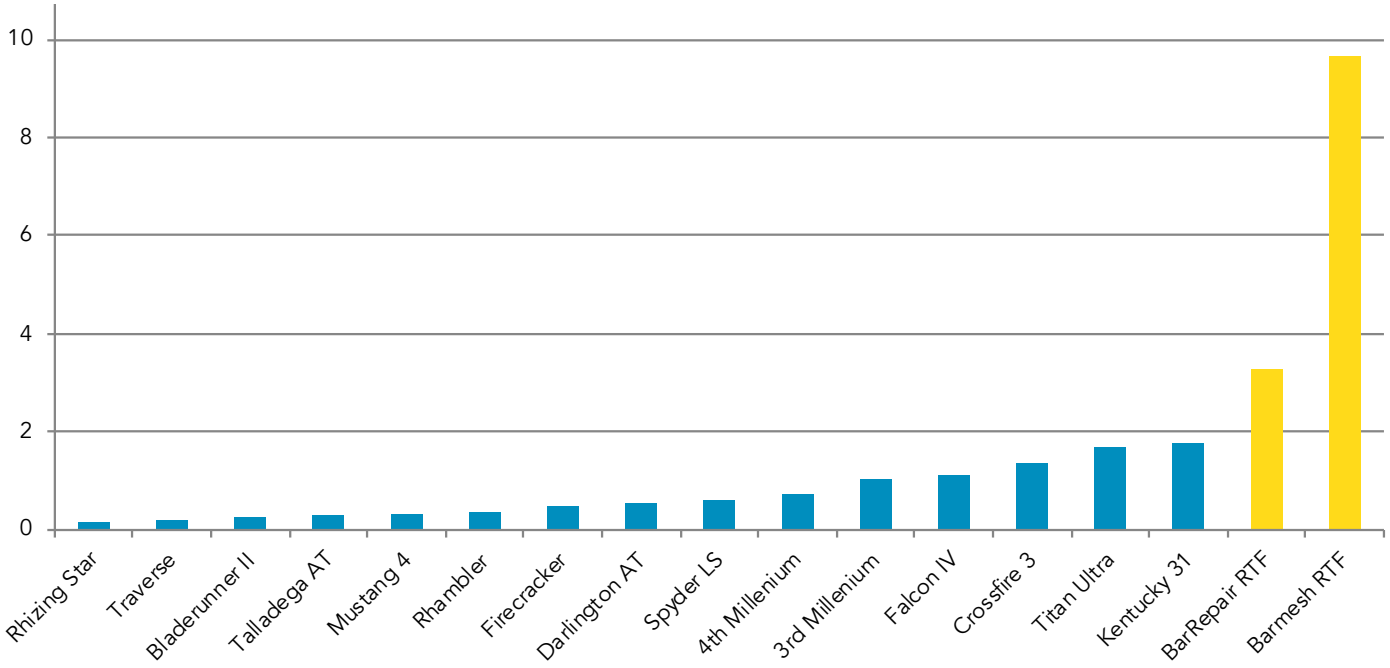
Trial Data

R2

Rhizomatous Index*

*percent of plants with rhizomes x number of rhizomes/plant x rhizome length

Yellow bars indicate top statistical group within Rhizome Index

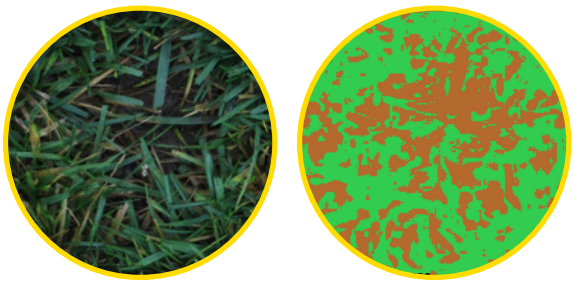


2023 Visual Turfgrass Recovery Analysis

R3

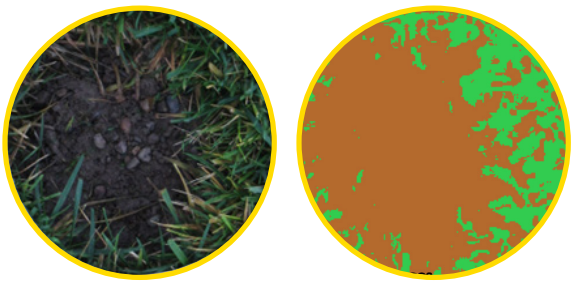
RTF®-powered grass holds a +30.7% green cover advantage at 150 days, more than double the competitor's living turf density.

RTF®-powered grass at 150 Days



56.7% green

Competitor at 150 Days



26.0% green

Disease Resistance

R5

ENTRY	BROWN PATCH (WARM)	BROWN PATCH (COOL)	GRAY LEAF SPOT
High	6.8	8.5	8.2
Bonfire	6.5	7.8	8.2
Zion	6.4	7.6	7.7
Xanadu	6.3	8.0	7.3
BarRepair | RTF®*	5.3	8.2	6.3
Low	4.6	5.7	4.3
LSD	1.1	1.4	0.8

2018 TF NTEP pg. 172, 178, 181 *Mean values from 3rd party trial sites

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