

BASE FAQ · EXISTING PATIO ASSESSMENT

Paver Base Inspection Guide

Pavers are not our first recommendation — but in the right conditions, they can work. Use this one-page checklist to evaluate an existing paver patio before tiling.

STEP 1 · FLATNESS ≤ 1/4" over 10' Use a 10' aluminum straightedge. No daylight beneath, no humps.	STEP 2 · JOINT WIDTH Under 1/8" + uniform Tight, swept-sand joints. No chamfered edges. No wide gaps.
STEP 3 · SLOPE ≈1% single direction Confirm with a level. No ponding zones after rain.	STEP 4 · STABILITY No rocking pavers Walk the field. Tap each paver. Re-set anything loose first.

PAVERS CAN WORK WHEN... ✓ Existing high-quality patio, large-format pavers (12"+) ✓ Tight (<1/8") uniform joints ✓ Built on 4–6" compacted aggregate base ✓ Flat, firm, sloped 1% in one direction ✓ Solid perimeter edge restraint	PAVERS DON'T WORK WHEN... ✗ Small-format pavers or clay brick ✗ Beveled / chamfered edge pavers ✗ Loose, rocking, or settled pavers ✗ Missing or failed edge restraint ✗ Standing water after rain
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Warranty Note

Game Tile Courts™ tiles are warranted against manufacturing defects regardless of base. However, performance issues caused by an unsuitable paver base (settling, joint telegraphing, drainage) are not covered. We recommend an installer assessment before tiling over pavers.

Recommended Alternatives

For new builds, we recommend a poured concrete slab, court-grade asphalt, or an engineered permeable gravel base. See the matching Build Guide PDFs at gametilecourts.com/resources/court-base-options.

Send photos + dimensions to play@gametilecourts.com or call 866-GAME-TILE for a free assessment.