



WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR SHOES?

Foot Orthotics...Performance from the Ground Up – Part I May 29, 2013

Mike Napierala PT, SCS, CSCS, FAFS, NG360 PEAK PERFORMANCE, Physical Therapy/Sports Training

o FOOT ORTHOTICS...The "What"

- What are foot orthotics?
 - Basically they are shoe inserts to help your feet.
 - Over the Counter (OTC)

These are generic inserts based on shoe size and sometimes general needs (low arch, high arch). Less expensive but also non-specific to your foot shape and biomechanical needs.

• Custom

These are custom molded via a cast or foam box impression of your foot. Can do very specific corrections or modifications on the device based on your biomechanical needs, including **arch height** and **posting** (build up on bottom of device that "brings the ground up" to your foot at the front and rear of the foot.

These are more expensive since they require a skilled professional to analyze, design, and modify.

- Why Use Orthotics?
 - Shock Absorption, Alignment/Support of Feet
 -More in Part II

FOOT ORTHOTICS...

OTC or Custom – They just may help you build from the ground up!

Call Peak PT @ 218-0240 if you need help deciding on orthotics!



161 East Commercial St East Rochester, NY 14445 WWW.PEAKPTROCHESTER.COM PHONE: 585-218-0240 FAX: 585-218-0245

The information provided is intended for general informational and educational purposes only. It is not intended to substitute for professional advice from a healthcare provider or to be considered provision or practice of physical therapy. You should always directly seek advice from a qualified healthcare professional if you are experiencing signs or symptoms of injury, illness, or disease. . While Peak Performance Physical Therapy/Peak Performance Sports Training makes every attempt to provide accurate and reliable information, the owners/employees/heirs do not represent, warrant, endorse, approve or certify any information displayed, uploaded, downloaded or distributed on its behalf nor does it guarantee the accuracy, efficacy, completeness or timeliness of these educational materials. You hereby represent and warrant that you are at least 18 years of age and have legal capacity to use this website and materials contained therein. Under no circumstances will Peak Performance Physical Therapy/Peak Performance Sports Training, its owners/employees/heirs be liable for any damage caused by reliance upon information provided on or through this website. Use of this information is voluntary and is done at your own risk The Game of Life-- Play It