

Agricultural Mesh Fencing

Operations, Maintenance & Installation Manual





















This manual provides a comprehensive overview for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the First Fence Agricultural Mesh Fencing ranges. These agricultural wire rolls are designed to establish a robust, secure barrier around fields, crops, and livestock.

Disclaimer: This guide is for informational purposes only. The installer is responsible for ensuring the installation complies with all relevant British Standards, including BS 1722-2:2020, local building regulations, codes of practice, and site-specific risk assessments. While every attempt has been made to verify the accuracy of the content in this guide upon its release, we cannot accept liability for any losses or damages resulting from inaccuracies. All tasks outlined must be carried out by certified professionals. Any deviation from these instructions nullifies any guaranteed entitlement or liability from the manufacturer.

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Competence: This product must be installed by a person of competence, defined as an individual who possesses the necessary knowledge, skill and experience in the installation of fences and gates.

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Safety & Tools

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The following minimum PPE is required for installation:

Knee protection

Must be worn



Eye Protection

Must be worn



Heavy Duty Gloves
For all material handling



Foot Protection

Must be worn



Risk Assessment

Installers are responsible for completing a site-specific risk assessment and complying with all local risk assessments before starting work. This responsibility includes, but isn't limited to, the following:

| Activity | Risk Assessment Requirements and Not Limited to |
|-------------------------|---|
| Site survey | Terrain Flora Fauna Public access |
| Installation of Fixings | Noise Debris Manual handling |

Tools & Equipment

Wire Cutters
For cutting lengths of wire as needed



Straining Tool
For achieving required tension



Unroller/Dispenser
For smooth dispensation of wire rolls



Staple Gun
For attaching staple fixings



Installation Sign-Off Checklist

| Action | Description | Pass/Fail |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| Wire Tension | All wire strands (barbed, plain, high-tensile) are correctly tensioned, taut, and uniform. | |
| Wire Security | All wire strands are securely fastened to posts using appropriate staples, ties, or Gripples. | |
| Knot/Crimp Integrity | All wire knots, crimps, or Gripple connections are properly formed, secure, and free from slippage. | |
| Site Clean Up | Installation area is clear of surplus materials, wire off- cuts, tools, and debris. | |

| Sign | Off | Dec | lar | atio | on: |
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| I hereby confirm this product has been assembled and installed in accordance with the a | above requirements and any remedial works have beer |
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| carried out before the final sign off: | |

| Site Supervisor | Sign Off Date | Relationship to the Client |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Signature | | |

Maintenance Schedule

Regular inspection and maintenance are critical to ensure the system remains safe and effective, in line with the requirements of BS 1722-2:2020 for agricultural fencing. The person responsible for site safety should ensure these checks are carried out.

| Check Area | Recommended Action | Frequency | Reference |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| General Fence Integrity | Visually inspect the entire fence line for signs of damage, sagging wire, loose posts, or deterioration. Check for any unauthorised modifications or breaches. | Monthly & After Adverse Weather | BS 1722-2 |
| Wire Tension | Check all wire strands (plain, barbed, hightensile) for proper tension. Re-tension any slack wires using appropriate strainers. | Quarterly | Manufacturer's Spec |
| Wire & Fastening Security | Inspect all wire attachments to posts (staples, ties, Gripples) for looseness, rust, or damage. Replace or re-secure as needed. Check crimps/joins for integrity. | Quarterly | Manufacturer's Spec |
| Vegetation Management | Clear vegetation (weeds, grass, shrubs) from along the fence line to prevent damage to the fence. | As Needed (Seasonal) | Good Agricultural Practice |

Take the hassle out of your maintenance schedule

First Fence Limited offers an annual inspection programme for your wire mesh fencing system. Contact our sales team today to include this quote onto your sales order. highsecuritymaintenance@firstfence.co.uk