



MATERIAL SPECIFICATION FOR STANDARD HIGHWAY FENCE COMPONENTS

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1540.01 SCOPE

This specification covers the requirements for highway fence components and hardware.

1540.02 REFERENCES

This specification refers to the following standards, specifications, or publications:

Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications, Material

OPSS 1601 Wood, Preservation Treatment, and Shop Fabrication

Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB)

138.2-96 Steel Framework for Chain-Link Fence

ASTM International

A 116-11 Metallic-Coated, Steel-Woven Wire Fence Fabric
A 641/A 641M-09a Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Carbon Steel Wire
A 702-89 (2006) Steel Fence Posts and Assemblies, Hot Wrought

Others

NLGA Standard Grading Rules for Canadian Lumber (2003)

1540.03 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this specification, the following definitions apply:

Chain and Hook means hardware to hold the gate in place when closed.

Hinge Bolt means hardware that attaches to the gatepost and fits into the hinge clip to permit the gate to swing.

Hinge Clip means hardware that attaches to the gate frame and functions with the hinge bolt.

Sweep means the deviation of a wooden brace from straightness.

1540.05 MATERIALS

1540.05.01 Fence Fabric

The fence fabric shall be one type as shown in Table 1.

Locks or fastening at the intersections of the line and stay wires of the woven fence fabric shall prevent longitudinal and vertical slipping.

Fence fabric shall be galvanized prior to fabrication to provide a minimum weight of metallic coating according to ASTM A 641, Class 3.

1540.05.02 Wooden Posts

Wooden posts shall be according to OPSS 1601.

Wooden terminal posts shall have a minimum diameter of 200 mm. Wooden line posts shall have a minimum diameter of 150 mm. The maximum diameter of the large end of any wooden post shall be 330 mm.

1540.05.03 Steel Posts

Steel line posts shall be T-rail posts.

T-rail posts and angle iron posts shall be galvanized and according to ASTM A 702.

T-rail posts shall be 2.4 m long and punched so that the fence fabric can be secured to the broad face of the post. Each post shall be supplied with nine steel wire ties for securing the fence fabric.

1540.05.04 Steel Wire Ties

Steel wire ties shall be galvanized and according to ASTM A 702.

1540.05.05 Diagonal Wooden Braces

Diagonal wooden braces shall be round or sawn Eastern White Cedar, Jack Pine, Red Pine, or Southern Yellow Pine according to OPSS 1601. Round braces shall be a minimum diameter of 110 mm and

maximum diameter of 165 mm. Sawn braces shall be a minimum 100 x 100 mm and in sound condition according to NLGA Standard Grading Rules for Canadian Lumber, Utility Light Framing. Diagonal wooden braces shall have a maximum sweep of 25 mm.

1540.05.06 Diagonal Brace Wire

Diagonal brace wire shall consist of four strands of 3.5 mm diameter, galvanized, soft steel.

When installing fence fabric with design number 949-12-12.5, the diagonal brace wire shall consist of four strands of 2.51 mm diameter, Class 3, high tensile wire.

1540.05.07 Staples

Staples for wooden posts shall be 4.0 mm diameter, galvanized, with a minimum driving length of 45 mm.

1540.05.08 Gates

Gates shall be constructed from 43 mm outside diameter galvanized steel pipe for the frame and 32 mm outside diameter galvanized steel pipe for the braces according to the requirements for galvanized standard-weight pipe, CAN/CGSB 138.2. All joints shall be electrically welded and coated with a zinc rich paint.

All required hardware and galvanizing of such parts shall be according to CAN/CGSB 138.2.

1540.05.09 Mechanical Splicing Units and Crimp Sleeves

Mechanical splice units or crimping sleeves shall provide a maximum load carrying capacity that meets or exceeds the minimum breaking strength of the fence fabric line wires. For 3.50 mm and 3.76 mm diameter line wire, the minimum breaking strength of the splice shall be 4,590 N.

For 2.51 mm diameter line wire, the minimum breaking strength of the splice shall be 5,990 N.

1540.07 PRODUCTION

1540.07.01 Gates

Gates shall be supplied completely assembled, including the fence fabric. The fabric and other components used on the gates shall match the adjacent fence.

All gates shall be supplied with galvanized chain and hook, hinge bolts, and hinge clips.

TABLE 1
Fence Fabric

Fence Fabric Design Number	Number of Horizontal Wires	Minimum Height mm	Wire Diameter mm	Stay Wire Spacing mm	Standard
948-12-9.75	9	1219	3.50	305	ASTM A 641
949-12-9	9	1219	3.76	305	ASTM A 116
949-12-12.5	9	1219	2.51	305	ASTM A 116