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Foreword

Publishing information

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- Part 1: Specification for chain link fences;
- Part 2: Specification for strained wire and wire mesh netting fences;
- Part 4: Specification for cleft chestnut pale fences;
- Part 5: Specification for close-boarded fences and wooden palisade fences;
- Part 7: Specification for wooden post and rail fences;
- Part 8: Specification for mild steel (low carbon steel) continuous bar fences and hurdles;
- Part 9: Specification for mild steel (low carbon steel) fences with round or square verticals and flat horizontals;
- Part 10: Specification for anti-intruder fences in chain link and welded mesh;
- Part 11: Specification for prefabricated wood panel fences;
- Part 12: Steel palisade fences – Manufacturing and installation – Specification;
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- Part 16: Specification for powder coatings used as a plastics finish to components and mesh;
- Part 17: Specification for electric security fences – Design, installation and maintenance;
- Part 18: Specification for free-standing temporary steel mesh perimeter fencing panels.

Information about this document

Text introduced or altered by Amendment No. 1 is indicated in the text by tags \square_{A1} \square_{A1} . Minor editorial changes are not tagged.

It should be noted that no attempt has been made to standardize fences or gates which are of a purely decorative nature, or those suited to special requirements; nor to specify requirements for “patent” proprietary fencing systems. However, the structure of such fences or gates is to be in accordance with the applicable clauses of this part of BS 1722.

This standard aims to establish minimum requirements for materials and workmanship for close-boarded fences and wooden palisade fences in order to ensure satisfactory service for the purchaser and to assist manufacturers and installing contractors by eliminating unnecessary minor variations in the demands of purchasers. It specifies requirements for the components that make up a fence and for the way in which the fence needs to be constructed.

Choosing a suitable fence is affected by factors such as intended purpose, the desired service life, aesthetic considerations and availability of components. The specifier can match a suitable choice of fence to its intended purpose by reference to [Tables 1](#) and [2](#), and also inform those installing the fence of the basic characteristics required.

Premature failure can be avoided by taking care not to damage protective treatments during installation.

Ground conditions might indicate that a variation in length of a post or strut, or the depth to which these would be set, is desirable. The posts and struts and setting depths specified in this standard are intended for use in normal ground conditions, but if special conditions exist that warrant variations in the specification, e.g. the ground is softer or firmer than usual, such a change needs to be agreed with the specifier.

It is generally assumed in this standard that the fence is installed on horizontal ground. Where the fence is installed on a gradient, special measures may be required.

Use of this document

It has been assumed in the drafting of this part of BS 1722 that the execution of its provision is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people. Before installation commences the Lead Installer should hold a current FISS/CSCS registration card skilled level (blue card) or equivalent and all other operatives should hold the basic fence operative card (green card) or equivalent.

At the time of publication of this British Standard the registration cards are validated by the Joint Fencing Industry Skills Scheme (FISS) and Construction Scheme Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS). FISS/CSCS maintains a national register of fence installers and operatives. There might be other schemes available.

Presentational conventions

The provisions of this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its requirements are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is “shall”.

Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type, and does not constitute a normative element.

Where words have alternative spellings, the preferred spelling of the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary is used (e.g. “organization” rather than “organisation”).

Requirements in this standard are drafted in accordance with *Rules for the structure and drafting of UK standards*, sub-clause **G.1.1**, which states, “Requirements should be expressed using wording such as: ‘When tested as described in [Annex A](#), the product shall ...’”. This means that only those products that are capable of passing the specified test will be deemed to conform to this standard.

Contractual and legal considerations

This publication does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract. Users are responsible for its correct application.

Compliance with a British Standard cannot confer immunity from legal obligations.

1 Scope

This part of BS 1722 specifies requirements for close-boarded and wooden palisade fences. It includes requirements for the installation of the fencing at the specified location.

This standard specifies requirements for protective treatments. However, maintenance, which is an important aspect of extending the service life of the fence, is outside the scope of this standard.

This standard includes requirements for sizes of components, together with the permissible tolerances on size. These are minimum requirements and it will normally be acceptable to use larger sizes, except if this could adversely affect the fitting of components or if replacement parts are required to match with those already present.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of this British Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

BS 957, *Specification for feeler gauges*

BS 1202-1, *Specification for nails — Part 1: Steel nails*

Text deleted

BS 4102, *Specification for steel wire for general fencing purposes*

BS 4449, *Steel for the reinforcement of concrete — Weldable reinforcing steel — Bar, coil and decoiled product — Specification*

BS 4482, *Steel wire for the reinforcement of concrete products — Specification*

BS 4483, *Steel fabric for the reinforcement of concrete — Specification*

BS 4652, *Specification for zinc-rich priming paint (organic media)*

BS 4978, *Visual strength grading of softwood — Specification*

BS 8417:2011+A1:2014, *Presentation of wood — Code of practice*

BS 8500 (all parts), *Concrete — Complementary British Standard to BS EN 206*

BS EN 197-1, *Cement — Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements*

BS EN 206:2013+A1:2016, *Concrete — Specification, performance, production and conformity*

BS EN 112, *Wood preservatives — General guidance on sampling and preparation for analysis of wood preservatives and treated timber*

Text deleted

BS EN 450-1, *Fly ash for concrete — Part 1: Definition, specifications and conformity criteria*

BS EN 844-9, *Round and sawn timber — Terminology — Part 9: Terms relating to features of sawn timber*

BS EN 10223-1, *Steel wire and wire products for fencing and netting — Part 1: Zinc and zinc-alloy coated steel barbed wire*

BS EN 10244-2, *Steel wire and wire products — Non-ferrous metallic coatings on steel wire — Part 2: Zinc or zinc alloy coatings*