

Guidelines for field gates

Gates

To be manufactured in treated softwood to BS 3470 (1975).

Overall height: 1.3m, width as required.

Rail and brace crossings to be fully bolted with galvanized bolts.

Hanging stiles to be 125mm x 75mm, top rails 125mm or 100mm x 75mm, cross braces 75mm x 25mm, shutting stile 75mm x 75mm.

Hanging set for wooden posts

Ironmongery to be galvanised, and to consist of a fully bolted standard top band, an adjustable bottom band, standard hook to drive and hook to bolt, and an auto catch and D ring or cranked striker.

Wooden posts

Treated softwood with weathered tops.

12' or 10' gates: Hanging post: 2.4m x 175 mm x 175mm.

Shutting post: 2.1m x 150mm x 150mm.

6' or 4' gates: Hanging post: 2.1m x 150mm x 150mm.

Shutting post: 2.1m x 150mm x 150mm.

All wooden gateposts must be securely set into the ground and abut to adjacent straining posts.

Rails

Any gaps to be bridged by rails - 90mm x 40mm, length as required.

All gates must correspond in height to the adjacent fence line. Gates must be hung and clapped independently of the adjoining fence line i.e. the hanging post must not be used as an end strainer.

Gateposts shall either be set not less than 900mm into the ground and surrounded with concrete not less than 450 x 450 x 600mm deep; or, where ground conditions are suitable, may be erected without concrete surrounds and shall be set at least 1.1m below the ground surface with the soil compacted around the posts in 150mm layers.

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