
Guidelines for rabbit proofing a stock fence

Wire netting of the following specification should be used, galvanised 1.05m x 32mm 19 swg rabbit netting.

Rabbit netting should be properly strained and stapled to the outside of the posts and stakes, with the top of the netting at least 75cm above the ground, at the same height as a line wire of the pig net. The rabbit net is to be clipped to at least three of the pig net wires using galvanised or zinc clips at least every 90cm along the fence.

The bottom 15cm of the rabbit net is to be turned out, i.e. away from the rabbit proof enclosure, and buried to prevent rabbits burrowing under the netting. Additional netting should be used in hollows to ensure that 15cm is buried and that the top height of the rabbit netting is not reduced.

This guidance is given for general advice only and may not be appropriate to all situations. For more details and site specific advice please contact the Conservation Service on 01629 816270 or email farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk.