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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM A 116	(2005) Standard Specification for Metallic-Coated, Steel Woven Wire Fence Fabric
ASTM A 121	(2004) Standard Specification for Metallic-Coated Carbon Steel Barbed Wire
ASTM A 153/A 153M	(2005) Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware
ASTM A 390	(2001) Standard Specification for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Steel Poultry Fence Fabric (Hexagonal and Straight Line)
ASTM A 702	(1989; R 2006) Standard Specification for Steel Fence Posts and Assemblies, Hot Wrought
ASTM A 780	(2001; R 2006) Standard Practice for Repair of Damaged and Uncoated Areas of Hot-Dip Galvanized Coatings
ASTM A 90/A 90M	(2006) Standard Test Method for Weight [Mass] of Coating on Iron and Steel Articles with Zinc or Zinc-Alloy Coatings
ASTM C 94/C 94M	(2006) Standard Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete
ASTM F 1043	(2004) Strength and Protective Coatings on Metal Industrial Chain-Link Fence Framework
ASTM F 1083	(2004) Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Hot-Dipped Zinc Coated (Galvanized) Welded, for Fence Structures

ASTM F 626

(1996a; R 2003) Standard Specification for  
Fence Fittings

U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA)

FS RR-F-191/3

(Rev D) Fencing, Wire and Post, Metal  
(Chain-Link Fence Posts, Top Rails and  
Braces)

## 1.2 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Review Submittal Description (SD) definitions  
in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit  
the following list to reflect only the submittals  
required for the project. Submittals should be kept  
to the minimum required for adequate quality control.

A "G" following a submittal item indicates that the  
submittal requires Government approval. Some  
submittals are already marked with a "G". Only  
delete an existing "G" if the submittal item is not  
complex and can be reviewed through the Contractor's  
Quality Control system. Only add a "G" if the  
submittal is sufficiently important or complex in  
context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army  
projects, a code of up to three characters within  
the submittal tags may be used following the "G"  
designation to indicate the approving authority.  
Codes for Army projects using the Resident  
Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for  
Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office  
(Engineering Division or other organization in the  
District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for  
Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes  
following the "G" typically are not used for Navy,  
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and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed  
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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation;  
submittals not having a "G" designation are [for Contractor Quality Control  
approval.] [for information only. When used, a designation following the  
"G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for  
the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00  
SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

### SD-02 Shop Drawings

Erection/Installation Drawings shall be submitted for the  
following items in accordance with paragraph entitled, "Assembly  
and Installation," of this section.

#### Fence Assembly

Gate Assembly  
Gate Hardware and Accessories

#### SD-03 Product Data

Manufacturer's catalog data shall be submitted for the following items:

Fence Assembly  
Gate Assembly  
Gate Hardware and Accessories

#### SD-04 Samples

Contractor shall submit the following samples described within this section:

Fabric  
Line Posts  
Sleeves  
Top Rail  
Tension Wire  
Barbed Wire Supporting Arms  
Barbed Wire  
Stretcher Bars  
Gate Posts  
Gate Hardware and Accessories  
Wire Ties

#### SD-07 Certificates

Certificates of compliance shall be submitted in accordance with the applicable reference standards and descriptions of this section for the following items:

Zinc Coating  
Fabric  
Barbed Wire  
Stretcher Bars  
Gate Hardware and Accessories  
Concrete

#### SD-08 Manufacturer's Instructions

Manufacturer's instructions shall be submitted for the following items:

Fence Assembly  
Gate Assembly  
Hardware Assembly  
Accessories

### 1.3 ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION

Contractor shall provide manufacturer's instructions that detail proper assembly and materials in the design for fence, gate, hardware and accessories.

Erection/Installation drawings shall be submitted along with manufacturer's

catalog data for Complete fence assembly, gate assembly, hardware assembly and accessories.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 GENERAL

Fencing materials shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A 116, ASTM A 121, ASTM A 390, ASTM A 702, ASTM F 626, and as specified.

### 2.2 ZINC COATING

Ferrous-metal components and accessories, except as otherwise specified, shall be hot-dip galvanized after fabrication.

Weight of zinc coating shall not be less than 550 gram per square meter 1.8 ounces per square foot, as determined from the average result of two specimens, when tested in accordance with ASTM A 90/A 90M.

Zinc coating shall conform to the requirements of the following:

Pipe: FS RR-F-191/3 Class 1 [Grade A in accordance with ASTM F 1083] [Grade B in accordance with ASTM F 1043].

Hardware and accessories: ASTM A 153/A 153M, Table 1

Surface (ASTM F 1043):

External: Type B-B surface zinc with organic coating, 275 gram per square meter 0.9 ounce per square foot minimum thickness of acrylated polymer.

Internal: Surface zinc coating of 275 gram per square meter 0.9 ounce per square foot minimum.

Galvanizing repair material shall be a cold-applied zinc-rich coating conforming to ASTM A 780.

### 2.3 FABRIC

Fabric shall consist of 3.8 millimeter No. 9-gage wires woven into a [25] [45] [50] millimeter [1-inch] [1-3/4-inch] [2-inch] diamond mesh, with dimensions of fabric and wire conforming to ASTM A 116, ASTM A 121, ASTM A 390, ASTM A 702 and ASTM F 626, with 366 gram per square meter 1.2 ounces per square foot zinc galvanizing.

Fence heights to 3600 millimeter 12 feet shall have one-piece fabric widths.

### 2.4 TOP AND BOTTOM SELVAGES

Fabric with 50 millimeter 2 inch mesh and up to 1500 millimeter 60 inches high shall be knuckled on both top and bottom selvages, over if 1500 millimeter 60 inches high, it shall be twisted and barbed on the top selvage and knuckled on the bottom selvage.

Top and bottom selvages shall be knuckled for 45 millimeter and 25 millimeter 1-3/4-inch and 1-inch mesh fabric.

## 2.5 LINE POSTS

Minimum acceptable line posts shall be as follows:

Up to 1800 millimeter 6-feet high:

Grade A: DN50 1.900 inch O.D. pipe weighing 4.05 kilogram per linear meter 2.72 pounds per linear foot.

Grade B: DN60 2.375 inch O.D. pipe weighing 4.65 kilogram per linear meter 3.12 pounds per linear foot.

Over 1800 millimeter 6-feet high:

DN50 2.0 inch O.D. pipe weighing 5.44 kilogram per linear meter 3.65 pounds per linear foot.

## 2.6 END, CORNER, AND PULL POSTS

Minimum acceptable end, corner, and pull posts shall be as follows:

Up to 1800 millimeter 6 feet high:

Grade A: DN50 2.375 inch O.D. pipe weighing 5.44 kilogram per linear meter 3.65 pounds per linear foot.

Grade B: DN60 2.375 inch O.D. pipe weighing 4.65 kilogram per linear meter 3.12 pounds per linear foot.

Over 1800 millimeter 6 feet high:

Grade A: DN70 2.875 inch O.D. pipe weighing 8.62 kilogram per linear meter 5.79 pounds per linear foot.

Grade B: DN70 2.875 inch O.D. pipe weighing 6.91 kilogram per linear meter 4.64 pounds per linear foot.

## 2.7 SLEEVES

Sleeves for setting into concrete construction shall be of the same material as post sections. Size shall be 25 millimeter 1-inch greater than the diameter or dimension of the post. Flat plates shall be welded to each sleeve base to provide anchorage and prevent intrusion of concrete.

## 2.8 TOP RAIL

Rails shall be a minimum of DN40 1.660 inches O.D. pipe [Grade A weighing 3.38 kilogram per linear meter 2.27 pounds per linear foot.] [Grade B weighing 2.71 kilogram per linear meter 1.82 pounds per linear foot.] Expansion couplings 150 millimeter 6-inches long shall be provided at each joint in top rails.

## 2.9 CENTER RAILS BETWEEN LINE POSTS

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NOTE: Center rails are not normally required for  
fencing less than 1800 millimeter 6 feet high. Edit  
as required.  
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For fencing over 1800 millimeter 6-feet high, center rails shall be DN40 1.660 inches O.D. pipe [Grade A weighing 3.38 kilogram per linear meter 2.27 pounds per linear foot] [Grade B weighing 2.71 kilogram per linear meter 1.82 pounds per linear foot.]

#### 2.10 POST-BRACE ASSEMBLY

Bracing shall consist of DN40 1.660 inches O.D. pipe [Grade A weighing 3.38 kilogram per linear meter 2.27 pounds per linear foot] [Grade B weighing 2.71 kilogram per linear meter 1.82 pounds per linear foot] and 10 millimeter 3/8 inch adjustable truss rods and turnbuckles.

#### 2.11 TENSION WIRE

Wire shall be galvanized, 3.7 millimeter No. 7-gage, coiled spring wire, provided at the bottom of the fabric only. Zinc Coating shall weigh not less than 490 gram per square meter 1.6 ounces per square foot.

#### 2.12 BARBED WIRE SUPPORTING ARMS

Supporting arms for barbed wire shall be steel, wrought iron, or malleable iron, complete with provisions for anchorage to posts and for attaching 3 rows of barbed wire to each arm. Supporting arms may either be attached to posts or integral with the post top weather cap.

[Contractor shall provide a single vertical arm for each post where barbed wire is indicated.]

[Contractor shall provide a single 45-degree arm for three strands of wire for each post where barbed wire is indicated.]

[Contractor shall provide a double V of two 45-degree arms for six strands of wire, one set for each post where barbed wire is indicated.]

[Contractor shall provide an overhead A of two 45-degree arms and cross-bracing for 5 strands of wire, one set for each post where barbed wire is indicated.]

#### 2.13 BARBED WIRE

Wire shall conform to ASTM A 116, ASTM A 121, ASTM A 390, ASTM A 702 and ASTM F 626, two-strand, 2.6 millimeter 12-1/2-gage wire with 2.0 millimeter 14-gage 4-point round barbs spaced 125 millimeter 5 inches on center.

#### 2.14 STRETCHER BARS

Bars shall be one-piece lengths equal to the full height of the fabric with a minimum cross section of 5 by 20 millimeter 3/16 by 3/4 inch, in accordance with ASTM A 116, ASTM A 121, ASTM A 390, ASTM A 702 and ASTM F 626.

#### 2.15 POST TOPS

Tops shall be steel, wrought iron, or malleable iron designed as a weathertight closure cap. One cap shall be provided for each post, unless equal protection is provided by a combination post-cap and barbed-wire supporting arm. Caps shall have an opening to permit through passage of the top rail.

## 2.16 STRETCHER BAR BANDS

Bar bands for securing stretcher bars to posts shall be steel, wrought iron, or malleable iron spaced not over 380 millimeter 15 inches on center. Bands may also be used in conjunction with special fittings for securing rails to posts. Bands shall have projecting edges chamfered or eased.

## 2.17 GATE POSTS

Contractor shall provide a gate post for supporting each gate leaf as follows:

[Up to 1800 millimeter 6-feet wide:

DN75 2.875 inch O.D. pipe [Grade A weighing 8.62 kilogram per linear meter 5.79 pounds per linear foot.] [Grade B weighing 6.91 kilogram per linear meter 4.64 pounds per linear foot.]]

[Over 1800 millimeter 6 feet wide and up to 4000 millimeter 13 feet wide:

DN75 2.875 inch O.D. pipe [Grade A weighing 8.62 kilogram per linear meter 5.79 pounds per linear foot.] [Grade B weighing 6.91 kilogram per linear meter 4.64 pounds per linear foot.]]

[Over 4000 millimeter 13-feet and up to 5500 millimeter 18-feet wide:

Provide DN150 6.625 inch O.D. pipe weighing 28.26 kilogram per linear meter 18.97 pounds per linear foot.]

[Over 5500 millimeter 18-feet wide:

Provide DN220 8.625 inch O.D. pipe weighing 36.79 kilogram per linear meter 24.70 pounds per linear foot.]

## 2.18 GATES

[For gate leaves up to 1800 millimeter 6-feet high or 1800 millimeter 6-feet wide, perimeter gate frames shall be DN32 1.66 inch O.D. pipe [Grade A weighing 3.38 kilogram per linear meter 2.27 pounds per linear foot.] [Grade B weighing 2.71 kilogram per linear meter 1.82 pounds per linear foot.]]

[For gate leaves over 1800 millimeter 6 feet high or 1800 millimeter 6 feet wide, perimeter gate frames shall be DN40 1.90 inch O.D. pipe [Grade A weighing 4.05 kilogram per linear meter 2.72 pounds per linear foot.] [Grade B weighing 3.40 kilogram per linear meter 2.28 pounds per linear foot.]]

Gate frame assembly shall be welded or assembled with special malleable or pressed-steel fittings and rivets to provide rigid connections. Fabric shall be installed with stretcher bars at vertical edges; stretcher bars may also be used at top and bottom edges. Stretcher bars and fabric shall be attached to gate frames on all sides at intervals not exceeding 380 millimeter. 15 inches. Hardware shall be attached with rivets or by other means that will provide equal security against breakage or removal.

Where barbed wire is indicated above gates, the end members of gate frames shall be extended approximately 300 millimeter 1-foot above the top member with provision for attaching the wire. Vertical support arms shall be provided at intermediate points, spaced the same as line posts.

Diagonal cross-bracing, consisting of 10 millimeter 3/8-inch diameter adjustable-length truss rods on welded gate frames, shall be provided where necessary to obtain frame rigidity without sag or twist. Nonwelded gate frames shall have diagonal bracing.

## 2.19 GATE HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES

Gate hardware and accessories shall conform to ASTM A 116, ASTM A 121, ASTM A 390, ASTM A 702, ASTM F 626, and be as specified:

Hinges shall be malleable iron, forged steel, or pressed steel to suit gate size, non-lift-off type, offset to permit 180-degree opening.

Latch shall permit operation from either side of the gate, with a padlock eye provided as an integral part of the latch.

Stops and holders of malleable iron shall be provided for vehicular gates. Stops shall automatically engage the gate and hold it in the open position until manually released.

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gates are not required.  
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Double gates shall be provided with a cane bolt and ground-set keeper, with latch or locking device and padlock eye designed as an integral part.

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sliding gates are not required.  
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Manufacturer's standard heavy-duty track ball-bearing hanger sheaves, overhead framing and supports, guides, stays, bracing, and accessories shall be provided as required for easy operation of manual sliding gates.

## 2.20 MISCELLANEOUS HARDWARE

Miscellaneous hardware shall be provided as required and shall be hot-dip galvanized.

## 2.21 WIRE TIES

Wires for tying fabric to line posts shall be 1.6 millimeter 16-gage galvanized steel wire spaced 300 millimeter 12 inches on center. For tying fabric to rails and braces, wire ties shall be spaced 600 millimeter 24 inches on center. For tying fabric to tension wire, 2.7 millimeter 0.105-inch hog rings shall be spaced 600 millimeter 24 inches on center.

Manufacturer's standard procedure will be accepted if of equal strength and durability.

## 2.22 CONCRETE

Concrete shall conform to ASTM C 94/C 94M. Mix shall be designed to obtain concrete with a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 17250 kilopascal 2,500 psi.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 GENERAL

Fencing installation shall not begin before the final grading has been completed and finish elevations have been established, unless otherwise approved.

### 3.2 EXCAVATION

Excavations for post footings shall be [drilled holes] in virgin or compacted soil, of minimum sizes as indicated.

Footings shall be spaced for line posts 3000 millimeter 10 feet on center maximum and at closer intervals when indicated.

Bottoms of the holes shall be approximately 75 millimeter 3-inches below the bottoms of the posts. Bottom of each post shall be set not less than 925 millimeter 36-inches below finished grade when in firm, undisturbed soil. Posts shall be set deeper, as required, in soft and problem soils and for heavy, lateral loads.

Soil from excavations shall be [spread uniformly adjacent to the fence line or on areas of Government property, as directed.] [removed from Government property.]

When solid rock is encountered near the surface, the Contractor shall drill into the rock at least 300 millimeter 12 inches for line posts and at least 450 millimeter 18 inches for end, pull, corner, and gate posts. Holes shall be drilled at least 25 millimeter 1 inch greater in diameter than the largest dimension of the placed post.

If solid rock is below the soil overburden, Contractor shall drill to the full depth required except that penetration into rock need not exceed the minimum depths specified above.

### 3.3 SETTING POSTS

Loose and foreign materials shall be removed from holes and the soil moistened prior to placing concrete.

Tops of footings shall be trowel finished and sloped or domed to shed water away from posts. Hold-open devices, sleeves, and other accessories shall be set in concrete.

Exposed concrete shall be kept moist for at least 7 calendar days after placement or cured with a membrane curing material, as approved.

[Posts set into sleeved holes in concrete shall be grouted in with an approved grouting material.]

[Posts set in concrete construction shall be set vertically, with tops aligned and held in position until concrete has set.]

### 3.4 CONCRETE STRENGTH

Concrete shall have attained at least 75 percent of its minimum 28-day compressive strength, but in no case sooner than 7 calendar days after

placement, before rails, tension wires, barbed wire, or fabric are installed. Fabric and wires shall not be stretched or gates hung until the concrete has attained its full design strength.

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referenced section is not included.**  
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[Samples and test concrete shall be taken to determine strength as specified in Section 03 30 53.00 40 MISCELLANEOUS CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE.]

### 3.5 TOP RAILS

Top rails shall run continuously through post caps or extension arms, bending to radius for curved runs. Expansion couplings shall be provided as recommended by the fencing manufacturer.

### 3.6 CENTER RAILS

Center rails shall be one piece between posts set flush with posts on the fabric side, using special offset fittings where necessary.

### 3.7 BRACE ASSEMBLY

Contractor shall provide bracing assemblies at end and gate posts and at both sides of corner and pull posts, with the horizontal brace located at midheight of the fabric.

Brace assemblies shall be installed so posts are plumb when the diagonal rod is under proper tension.

Two complete brace assemblies shall be provided at corner and pull posts where required for stiffness and as indicated.

### 3.8 TENSION WIRE INSTALLATION

Tension wires shall be installed by weaving them through the fabric and tying them to each post with not less than 3.9 millimeter 7-gage galvanized wire or by securing the wire to the fabric with 3.5 millimeter 10-gage ties or clips spaced 600 millimeter 24 inches on center.

### 3.9 FABRIC INSTALLATION

Fabric shall be provided in single lengths between stretch bars with bottom barbs placed approximately 40 millimeter 1-1/2-inches above the ground line. Fabric shall be pulled taut and tied to posts, rails, and tension wires with wire ties and bands.

Fabric shall be installed on the security side of fence, unless otherwise directed.

Fabric shall remain under tension after the pulling force is released.

### 3.10 STRETCHER BAR INSTALLATION

Stretcher bars shall be threaded through or clamped to fabric 100 millimeter 4 inches on center and secured to posts with metal bands spaced 380 millimeter 15 inches on center.

### 3.11 BARBED WIRE INSTALLATION

Three parallel strands of barbed wire shall be installed on the security side of the fence as specified or indicated. Wire shall be pulled taut and fastened securely to each support arm.

### 3.12 GATE INSTALLATION

Gates shall be installed plumb, level, and secure, with full opening without interference. Ground-set items shall be installed in concrete for anchorage as recommended by the fence manufacturer. Hardware shall be adjusted for smooth operation and lubricated where necessary.

### 3.13 TIE WIRES

Tie wires shall be U-shaped to the pipe diameters to which attached. Ends of tie wires shall be twisted not less than two full turns and bent so as not to present a hazard.

### 3.14 FASTENERS

Nuts for tension bands and hardware shall be installed on the side of the fence opposite the fabric side. Ends of bolts shall be peened to prevent removal of nuts.

### 3.15 ZINC-COATING REPAIR

Galvanized surfaces damaged by welding or abrasions, and cut ends of fabric, barbed wire, or other cut sections shall be cleaned and repaired with specified galvanizing repair material applied in strict conformance with the manufacturer's printed instructions.

### 3.16 TOLERANCES

Posts shall be straight and plumb within a vertical tolerance of 6 millimeter 1/4 inch after the fabric has been stretched. Fencing and gates shall be true to line with no more than 15 millimeter 1/2 inch deviation from the established centerline between line posts. Defects shall be repaired as directed.

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