

SECTION 816

SILT FENCE

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816.01 SCOPE

This specification deals with the requirements for the provision, maintenance, and eventual removal of silt fence. Silt Fences are intended for reducing the amount of silt present in run off from highway projects during the construction process.

816.02 MATERIALS

The silt fence shall consist of a filter fabric fence held in place by posts. The filter fabric shall be of a weight of at least 200g/m². The fabric shall be at least 900 millimetres wide. The fence posts shall be of sufficient length to support the fabric, be sturdy and be of dimensions of at least 50 millimetres square. The staples shall be sufficiently sturdy to support the fabric for the required life of the fence.

816.03 CONSTRUCTION

The silt fence shall be constructed as shown on Form 1238 "Typical Silt Fence", and placed at the location, or locations, as required by the Owner's representative.

At the location required by the Owner's Representative, the Contractor shall excavate a trench in a crescent shape across the projected flow path with ends pointing up slope. The trench shall have a width of approximately 100 millimetres, and a depth of approximately 100 millimetres.

The posts shall be secured at 3 metre intervals on the immediate down slope side of the trench.

The filter fabric shall be taken from a continuous roll, and cut to the required length. The filter fabric shall be stapled to the upstream side of the stakes, with 200 millimetres of fabric extending into the trench and spread over the trench bottom.

The trench shall be backfilled and compacted to secure the fabric in the ground. The silt fence shall be properly constructed to ensure continuous protection along its perimeter. Under no circumstances are silt fences to be installed in a watercourse or waterbody.

816.04 MAINTENANCE AND CLEAN OUT

The Contractor shall maintain the silt fence, until such times as the Owner's Representative requires that the silt fence be removed.

The Contractor shall carry out such silt and debris clean out, as required, in order that the silt fence continues to perform its function of reducing the amount of silt present in the run-off. Should the fabric become clogged, and rendered useless, then the Contractor shall replace the fabric with new fabric at their expense.

816.05 REMOVAL

The Contractor shall remove the silt fence, when required to do so by the Owner's Representative. The posts shall be taken out of the ground and the site cleaned up. Waste materials shall be disposed of in an accepted waste disposal area, provided by the Contractor.

816.06 MEASUREMENT FOR PAYMENT

Measurement for payment will be made on the basis of the required length of fence installed, computed in metres and rounded to one decimal place.

816.07 BASIS OF PAYMENT

Payment at the contract unit price for silt fence shall be compensation in full for all materials, labour and use of equipment: to supply the filter fabric, posts and staples, to excavate the trench, to install the posts, to secure the fabric to the posts, to backfill and compact the trench, to maintain and clean out the fence, to replace any worn out filter fabric with new fabric provided by the Contractor at their expense, to remove the silt fence and posts, dispose of waste materials and clean up the site.