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Standard Practice for Installation of Double-Twisted Wire Mesh Gabions and Revet Mattresses¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers standard practice for foundation preparation, assembly, placement and filling of double-twisted wire mesh gabions and revet mattresses used for various erosion control, soil retention or freestanding structures.

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1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

A975 Specification for Double-Twisted Hexagonal Mesh Gabions and Revet Mattresses (Metallic-Coated Steel Wire or Metallic-Coated Steel Wire With Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Coating)

D653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids

D6711 Practice for Specifying Rock to Fill Gabions, Revet Mattresses, and Gabion Mattresses

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions of common technical terms in this standard, refer to Terminology D653.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *selvedge wire, n*—a terminal wire used to edge the wire mesh perpendicular to the double twist by mechanically wrapping the mesh wires around it at least 2.5 times or by inserting it through the twists and folding one mesh length.

3.2.2 *edge wire, n*—a terminal wire used to edge the wire mesh parallel to the double twist by continuously weaving it into the wire mesh.

3.2.3 *lacing wire, n*—for gabions and revet mattresses, a metallic coated steel wire or metallic coated steel wire with PVC coating used to assemble and interconnect empty units, to close and secure stone filled units and for internal stiffeners.

3.2.4 *fastener, n*—an alternate connector to lacing wire, used for binding operations for gabions and revet mattresses.

3.2.5 *stiffener, n*—for gabions, a length of metallic coated steel wire or metallic coated steel wire with PVC coating used for support of facing.

3.2.5.1 *Discussion*—Stiffeners can be formed at project site using lacing wire by connecting the front panel to the back panel of a gabion cell. Alternatively, preformed stiffeners can

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be installed across the corner of a gabion cell or connecting the front panel to the back panel of a gabion cell as specified in Specification A975.

3.2.6 *diaphragm, n—in erosion control*, wire mesh panel used to partition the gabions and revet mattresses into compartments.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Gabions and Revet Mattresses, as described in Specification A975, are used to achieve soil stability and prevent soil erosion and are also used as retaining wall structures to resist movements due to gravity. Their ability to function properly depends on correct design and installation. This standard practice describes the proper installation of gabions and revet mattresses to ensure the products function as intended by the manufacturers.

5. Material Delivery

5.1 Gabions and revet mattresses are manufactured with all components mechanically connected at the production facility with the exception of the mattress lid, which is produced separately from the base, as per Specification A975. All gabions and revet mattresses shall be labeled to show their dimensions, the number of pieces, and the manufacturer's color code if applicable.

5.2 All gabions and revet mattresses are supplied in the collapsed form, either folded and bundled or rolled, for shipping. The bundles are banded together at the factory for shipping and handling. Revet mattress bases and lids may be packed in separate bundles. Lacing wire is shipped in coils having a diameter approximately 0.60 m (2 ft). Fasteners are shipped in boxes. Preformed stiffeners are shipped in bundles.

6. Assembly

6.1 Gabions:

6.1.1 The folded units shall be taken out from the bundle and placed on a hard, flat surface. Gabions shall be unfolded and pressed out to their original shape (Fig. 1). Front, back and end panels shall be lifted to a vertical position to form an open box shape (Fig. 2).

6.1.2 Panels shall be fastened together with the projecting heavier gauge selvedge wire by firmly wrapping the selvedge wire around the selvedge or edge wire of the intersecting panel or the back panel (Fig. 3). Inner diaphragm panels shall be lifted into a vertical position and secured in the same manner. All edges of the diaphragms and end panels shall be tied or fastened to the front and back of the gabion as specified in Section 7.

6.2 Revet Mattresses:

6.2.1 The folded units shall be taken out from the bundle and placed on a hard, flat surface. Revet mattresses shall be opened, unfolded and pressed out to their original shape. Front, back and end panels shall be lifted to a vertical position to form an open box shape (Fig. 4).

6.2.2 End flaps shall be folded and/or overlapped, as appropriate. All edges of the diaphragms and end panels shall be tied or fastened to the front and back of the mattress, as specified in Section 7.

7. Fastening Procedure

7.1 All gabions and revet mattresses must be fastened as specified in 7.2 and 7.3 at each step of construction. Initial assembly, tying of adjacent units along the contacting edges, tying of the lid to sides, tying of lid to top of diaphragms, and re-tying of cut gabions or revet mattresses.

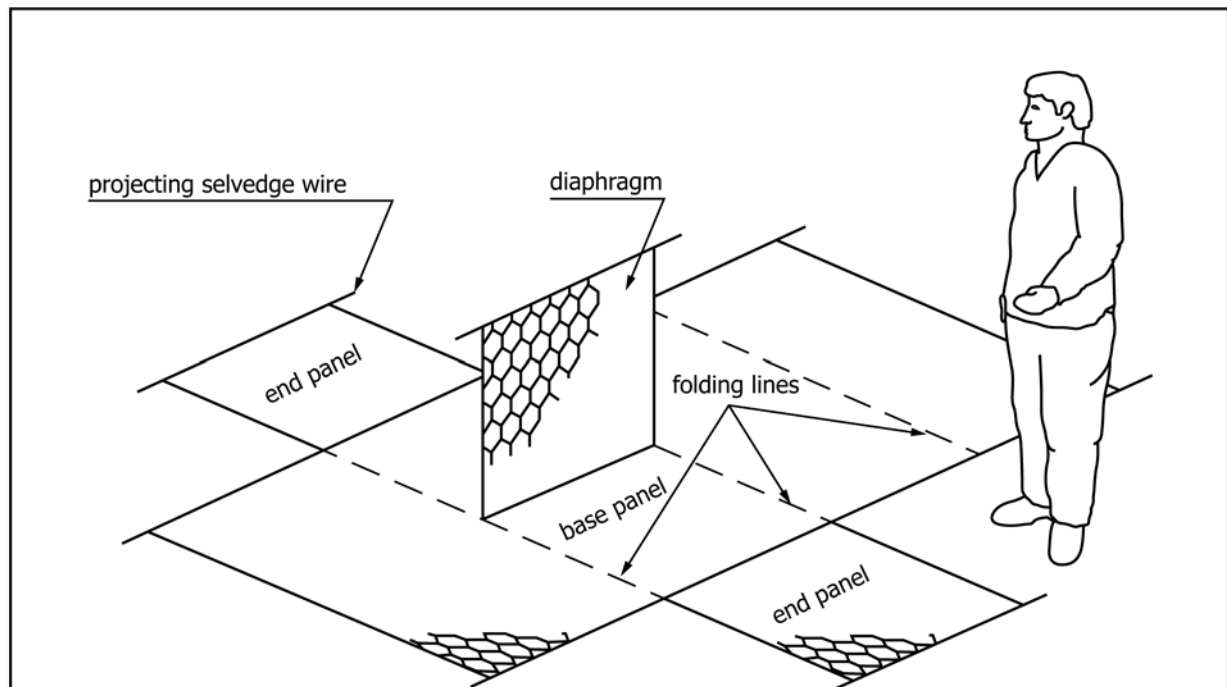


FIG. 1 Unfolding Gabion