



Darling Downs – Moreton Rabbit Board.

Rabbit Barrier Fence Standards & Grid Specifications

Height of fence from ground level (top barb wire)	1220 mm
Height of second barb wire from ground level	1060 mm
Height to top of rabbit netting from ground	960 mm
Height of middle plain wire from ground level	590 mm
Height of bottom plain wire from ground level	150 mm
Distance between strainers	100 m
Distance between posts	4 m
Posts	Four steel to one wooden
Rabbit netting	90 x 4 x 1.4
Foot netting	30 x 4 x 1.4
Barb wire	2.5 heavy duty
Plain wire	4 mm
Wooden fence posts	600 mm in ground
Strainers	900 mm in ground
Foot netting	min. 150 mm in ground

The grids are composed of spaced metal bars, which need to be at least 2.7 m in width in accordance with the Department of Main Roads - Queensland.

The bars are at 220 mm centres, and the depth for the grid is 900 mm.

Grid Complexes

Grid complexes are used instead of grids when the volume of traffic on major highways becomes too great to maintain a grid at a reasonable cost.

A rabbit-proof safety fence is erected on both sides of the road, as close to the road as possible, and the length of the fencing complex needs to be a minimum of 100 m, with a 2.7 m-wide 'painted grid' across either end of the complex.

Where possible, a tunnel under the road, on the dirty side of the rabbit-proof fence, is installed to allow rabbits and other small animals to cross under the roadway. For a rabbit to pass through the narrow opening on the road, with such a high volume of traffic, is considered a minimal risk. The likelihood of the rabbit surviving the passing traffic is very low.