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**SECTION 02820 CHAIN LINK FENCE**

**PART 1 - SCOPE**

This work shall consist of the construction of chain link fences and gates in accordance with these Specifications and at the locations and in conformity with the lines, grades, and dimensions shown on the Plans or as directed by the Owner. Chain link fence may be located atop concrete channel lining walls, retaining wall or similar structure, or may be located independently of structures.

**PART 2 - MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT**

2.01 MATERIALS.

Materials used throughout the project shall be of constant design and manufacture in respect to individual items or parts, excepting where the proposed fence will be an extension of an existing fence, in which case the new fence shall be constructed of materials similar in appearance to those in the existing fence and continued until broken by cross street, railroad, fence ditch, or other physical feature. Unless otherwise directed, new materials shall be as described hereinafter.

A. Fabric.

The fabric shall be zinc coated steel chain link type meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 181 for Type I, Class B fabric (zinc coating = 2 oz/ft<sup>2</sup>). All chain link fabric shall be manufactured of No. 9 gauge wire pickets, forming a uniform 2 inch mesh, and shall be of the height shown on the Plans or specified in the Contract Documents. Fabric up to and including 60 inches high shall be knuckled at the top and bottom selvage and fabric over 60 inches high shall be twisted on the top selvage and knuckled on the bottom selvage.

B. Line Posts.

1. Line posts shall be zinc coated steel pipe or H-sections of the following dimensions and of the lengths shown on the Plans or specified herein:

Fence Height	Nominal Size (inch)	Outside Diameter (inch)	H - Section	
			Weight Per Foot (Pounds)	Dimension (inches)
6 feet or less	1 ½	1.9	2.72	1.875 x 1.625
6 feet to 8 feet	2	2.375	3.65	2.25 x 1.95

2. Steel pipe shall conform to ASTM A 120 or AASHTO M181-85I Grade 2 and H-Sections shall be produced from ASTM A 570 and ASTM A 572, Grade 45. The weight of zinc coating shall be a minimum of 1.8 oz/square foot. The weight of zinc coating and weight per foot for steel post meeting the requirements of AASHTO M181-85I grade 2 may vary from the above noted values.

C. End Posts, Corner And Pull Posts, And Braces.

1. End posts, corner posts, and pull posts shall be zinc coated steel pipe or square sections of the following dimensions and of the lengths shown on the Plans or specified herein:

Fence Height	Steel Pipe			Square Section	
	Nominal Size (inch)	Outside Diameter (inch)	Weight Per Foot (Pounds)	Outside Dimension (inches)	Weight Per Foot (pounds)
6 feet or less	2	2.375	3.65	2.0	3.60
6 feet to 8 feet	2 ½	2.875	5.79	2.5	5.70

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2. Diagonal braces shall be 1 ¼ inch (1.660 inch O.D.) galvanized steel pipe, weighing 2.27 pounds per foot. Steel pipe and square sections shall conform to ASTM A 120 or AASHTO M181-85I Grade 2. The weight of zinc coating and weight of pipe per foot for steel post meeting the requirements of the AASHTO M181-85I grade 2 may vary from the above noted values.

D. Top Rail.

Top rail shall be used when specified on the Plans in lieu of top tension wire. The top rail shall be 1 ¼ inch (1.660 inch O.D.) galvanized steel pipe, weighing 2.27 pounds per foot, meeting the requirements of ASTM A 120 or AASHTO M181-85I Grade 2. Top rails in random lengths shall be fitted with expansion sleeves for connecting lengths into a continuous run or shall have a 3 inch swagged end. Suitable fittings shall be provided for securing top rail to each gate, corner, and end post.

E. Barbed Wire.

Barbed wire shall consist of two No. 12 ½ gauge, twisted steel strands with No. 14 gauge four-point barbs spaced not more than 5 inches apart. The galvanized strands shall meet the requirements of ASTM A 121, Class II coating.

F. Miscellaneous Fittings And Hardware.

Zinc coated miscellaneous fittings and hardware shall be commercial grade steel or better quality, pressed, wrought, or cast as appropriate to the article, and sufficient in strength to provide a balanced design when used in conjunction with fabric, posts, and wires of the quality specified herein. All steel fittings and hardware shall be galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 111.

G. Barbed Wire Support Arms.

Barbed wire support arms shall be single arms for carrying 3 barbed wire strands. Barbed wire support arms for line posts shall be at an angle of 45 degrees (plus or minus 5 degrees) and shall be fitted with clips or other suitable means for attaching three lines of barbed wire, with the top strand of barbed wire 12 inches (plus or minus 1 inch) above and horizontally from the fence line, and the remaining two strands of barbed wire spaced uniformly between the top of the fence fabric and top strand of barbed wire. Support arms shall be capable of withstanding a load of 250 pounds when the base is clamped securely and the vertical load applied from where the outer strand of barbed wire passes over the arm.

H. Wire Ties.

Wire ties shall be No. 9 gauge and shall be either zinc coated steel, aluminum coated steel or aluminum alloy and sufficient in strength and other properties to provide a balanced design when used in conjunction with fabric, posts, and wire of the qualities specified herein. When tension wire is used, wire ties and clips for fastening fabric to tension wire shall be No. 11 gauge.

I. Tension Wire.

Tension wire shall be used at the bottom of fencing fabric when not otherwise secured and used at the top unless a top rail is specified. Tension wire shall be No. 6 gauge, spring rolled, aluminized steel wire.

J. Truss Rods and Turnbuckle.

Truss rods shall be 3/8 inch diameter steel rods and shall be equipped with a turnbuckle having a take-up of not less than four inches and shall be galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 111.

K. Fence Gates.

Fence gates shall be of the kinds and sizes shown on the Plans or specified in the Contract Documents. They shall be of the swing type, complete with latches, stops, keepers, hinges, and fabric. The latch shall have provision for fastening with a padlock. The gates shall be covered with fabric matching the fence. The hinges shall be of adequate strength to support the gate and shall not twist or turn under action of the gate. The gates, gate posts, and braces shall be of the same material

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and finish as the adjoining fence. All gate posts and rails shall be furnished complete with ball caps and rail ends.

1. Posts, braces, and framing members for chain link fence gates shall be zinc coated steel pipe meeting the requirements of Specification Section 02820 Paragraph 2.01.C. Gate post shall be 2 ½ inch (2.875 inch O.D.) pipe weighing 5.79 pounds per foot for gate widths of 5 feet or less; and 3 ½ inch (4.0 inch O.D.) pipe weighing 9.10 pounds per foot for gate widths between 5 feet and 13 feet.
2. Framing members and interior bracing shall be of the following minimum dimensions:

Fence Height	Nominal Size	<u>Framing and Bracing</u>		Weight Per Foot
		Outside Diameter		
6 feet or less	1 ¼	1.66		2.27
6 feet to 8 feet	1 ½	1.90		2.72

Gate frames shall be welded at all corners or assembled with corner fittings. When corner fittings are used, gates shall have truss rods as specified in Specification Section 02820 Paragraph 2.01.J to prevent sag or twist. All welded joints shall receive a shop applied zinc coating equivalent in thickness to that of the members being joined.

3. Fabric shall meet the requirements of Specification Section 02820 Paragraph 2.01.A.
4. Barbed wire shall meet the requirements of Specification Section 02820 Paragraph 2.01.E.
5. Miscellaneous fittings and accessories shall meet the applicable requirements of Specification Section 02820 Paragraphs 2.01 F, G, H, and J. The hinges shall be of such design to allow the gate to swing back 180 degrees, parallel with the fence line.

L. Concrete.

Concrete for post footings shall be Class A as specified in Specification Section 03050.

M. General.

1. Posts shall be fitted with ornamental tops or extension arms as stipulated in the Plans or in the Contract Documents. Caps or ornamental tops for tubular posts shall have a base fitting into the post with a flange extending over the top of the posts to protect against moisture. When a top rail is provided, all posts shall be provided with caps having a ring or hole suitable for the through passage of the top rail. Rail and brace ends, or other suitable means of connection, shall be provided when top rail or braces are required.
2. Fabrication of all materials shall be in conformity to the sizes, shapes, and other factors set out in these Specifications or shown on the Plans, and shall show careful, finished craftsmanship in all respects.
3. The weights specified for steel posts, braces, and rails are nominal weights, and a plus or minus tolerance of 5 percent will be permitted. All posts located on the top of concrete channel lining walls or similar structure shall be of sufficient length to be set fully 12 inches into the wall or structure.
4. All line posts located on the ground shall be of sufficient length to be set fully 24 inches deep

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into concrete footings, and all end, corner, and pull posts shall be of sufficient length to be set 30 inches deep into concrete footings.

**2.02 EQUIPMENT**

All equipment necessary for the satisfactory performance of the work shall be on hand and inspected by the Owner before construction work will be permitted to begin.

**PART 3 - CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

**3.01 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

A. Fencing shall be placed atop concrete structures, such as concrete channel linings, in accordance with Plans and Design Standards. Fence post inserts will normally have been set into the concrete walls prior to fence construction activities. Inserts shall be 12 inch ling solid wall PVC pipe conforming to ASTM D2241, thin wall metal conduit conforming to ANSI C 80.3 and sealed at one end or other material approved by the Owner. Cans, bottles and the like shall not be used as inserts. Alternatively, posts may be sect directly into the structure concrete as the concrete is poured, making sure that all posts are plumbed and held securely in the proper position until the concrete has set.

B. The inside diameter of the inserts shall be sufficient to provide a minimum of ¼ inch clear space between the outside surface of the post and the inside surface of the insert. Inside of inserts shall be cleaned of debris and other foreign matter, insert space filled full of nonshrinking grout, the posts set into place in the insert and plumbed, and the post held plumb until the grout has set. All excess grout shall be removed before it sets. Where inserts have not been provided in the concrete structure, post holes of the same diameter and depth as required for inserts shall be cored in the concrete. Posts shall be set in cored holes in the same manner as posts set in inserts.

**3.02 FENCING SET INDEPENDENTLY OF STRUCTURES.**

A. Before beginning construction or placing of fences, all necessary work for clearing and grubbing, removal of structures and obstructions, and site preparation shall be performed in accordance with the applicable Sections of these Specifications. Clearing for fence construction shall not extend beyond the construction easements without written approval of the property owner. Living trees and shrubs one foot or more each side of the fence line shall remain undisturbed unless otherwise directed by the Owner. Any rock protruding above the ground surface and in the line of the fence shall be removed to ground surface.

B. Posts for chain link fence shall be set at intervals not to exceed 10 feet. The interval between posts shall be measured parallel to the bottom of the fabric of the proposed fence and in line of fence from center to center of post.

C. All line posts located on the ground shall be set fully 24 inches deep in concrete footings; end, corner and pull post shall be set 30 inches deep in concrete footings. Diameters of footing shall be : for line post not less than 8 inches; for end, corner or pull post not less than 10 inches. Footings for gate post shall be designed to support the cantilever load of the gate. Concrete for embedment of posts and for anchors shall be Class A and shall be crowned to shed water. Concrete shall be cured a minimum of 3 days prior to installation of fabric.

**3.03 ERECTING FENCE.**

A. For fence heights less than 6 feet a top and bottom tension wire shall be installed, unless specified otherwise. For fence heights 6 feet or greater a top rail and bottom tension wire shall be installed. When a top rail is specified, the top rail shall be connected with expansion sleeves to form a continuous rail.

B. Bracing assemblies consisting of the specified bracing pipe as the compression member and

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specified truss rod as the tension member shall be installed and securely tightened prior to installation of fabric. One brace assembly shall be provided for end post and two brace assemblies for corner and pull posts. When fence alignment changes abruptly by more than 30° a corner brace assembly shall be installed. When the internal angle of a curved fence alignment exceeds 30° one brace assembly shall be installed at each point of curvature. Pull post shall be installed at abrupt changes in grade or at the midpoint of a straight fence alignment exceeding 500 feet in length.

C. The fabric shall be placed on the side of the post as directed by the Owner and 2" above ground or concrete structure. Fabric shall be secured at one end and sufficient tension applied to remove all slack before making attachment elsewhere. The fabric shall be fastened to the posts with wire ties at intervals not exceeding 14 inches. Fabric shall be fastened to the tension wire or rail with wire ties at intervals not exceeding 24 inches. When specified, barbed wire shall be installed and pulled taut before being permanently attached to a post or arm. Fence gates shall be constructed in accordance with the Plans, Specifications and manufacturer's standards and instructions, or as directed by the Owner.

**3.04 TEST**

Before any fencing is installed, manufacturer's certificates stating that the fabric, post, rails, braces, barbed wire, tension wire, ties and hardware are made in accordance with applicable standards as specified herein shall be filed with the Owner. At the option of the Owner, test samples of any materials to be furnished shall be furnished at the job site before work commences.

**PART 4 – MEASUREMENT**

**4.01 CHAIN LINK FENCE.**

Fences will be measured for payment by the linear foot along the bottom of the fabric and from end to end of fence, complete and in place, deducting the width of gates and openings, for each type and height of fence provided.

**4.02 CHAIN LINK FENCE.**

Gates will be measured for payment by the unit, per each, complete and in place, for the kinds and dimensions as shown on the Plans.

**PART 5 – PAYMENT**

**5.01 CHAIN LINK FENCE.**

The accepted quantities of chain link fence will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot, complete and in place, for each type and height of fence, which price will be full compensation for fabric, posts, rails, tension wire, miscellaneous hardware, post hole excavation, concrete footings, concrete coring and grouting.

**5.02 FENCE GATES.**

The accepted quantities of gates will be paid for at the contract unit price per each, complete and in place, for the kinds and dimensions of gates stipulated or shown on the Plans.

**5.03 Payment will be made under:**

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
02820-5.01	CHAIN LINK FENCE	Linear Foot
02820-5.01.____	____' Height x Description	Linear Foot
02820-5.02	FENCE GATES	Each
02820-5.02.____	____' Height x ____' Width of Opening	Each

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