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# **TRENCH SHEETS**

### Standard Lap Trench Sheet Installation Information



Weight of the standard lap trench sheet is approximately 11.3kg/m.

Trench sheets available in 2m, 3m and 4m lengths. The trench sheets are manufactured from Steel grade S235JR.

#### Safety

It is the customer's responsibility to complete a Risk Assessment based on the information held within this document, including safe installation/ removal of trench sheets along with safe access & egress from the excavation. This list is not exhaustible.

# Installation

The trench sheets should be lifted and aligned in the desired place using a standard or quick release extractor. Use of a 1m drop chain is recommended.

Always fit a driving cap to the trench sheet, making the installation safer & reducing the risk of damaging the trench sheets.

To ensure complete stability of the sides of the excavation, the trench sheets must be supported by struts. Finally, complete the excavation by fitting guard rails & toe boards around open excavations.

# Inspection before and after work

A competent person must inspect the excavation and operation at the start of each shift and take the necessary precautions.

Trench sheets should also be inspected after any event that may have affected their strength or stability, or after a fall of rock or earth.

A record of the inspections will be required and any faults that are found should be corrected immediately.

#### After use check

If trench sheets are to be removed/re-used, they must be cleaned/jet washed and store in a clean dry place.

### Storage

Trench sheets are to be stored on a flat surface using timber bites or on suitable racking and kept neatly stacked.

# TRENCH SHEETS SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED IN ANY WAY!