

Building Products Information Sheet – Class 1

Product Name:	M668 Mesh 1970 X 4560 7.53 Sqm
Product Line:	Hard drawn welded steel mesh grade 500L
Product Description and its Intended Use:	M668 Hard drawn welded mesh grade 500L AS/NZS 4671. Uniform elongation $\geq 1.5\%$ Carbon Equivalent 0.39. Ratio ≥ 1.03 Yield stress between 500MPa and 750MPa. Wire diameter 4mm. Dimension 1970mm x 4560mm. Pitch 150mm. Net cover area: 7.53 m ² . Main cross bar section area 83.776mm ² Strength 41.89 [KN/meter width]. Weight per square meter 1.315Kg/m ² and weight 12.32Kg/sheet. Designation R500SL41.5 Minimum overlap required 200mm + overhang. Non-combustible. Test Certificates are available for every production batch of this product from United Steel accredited laboratory. Usage: Hard drawn reinforcing welded mesh is appropriate for non-structural applications such as driveways, footpath, concrete pipes, concrete tanks, one level parking lot. Purpose to reinforce concrete. Help concrete resist from cracking, and to improve the concrete's flexural strength.
Product Identifier:	GTIN 9421027505001
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Relevant Building Code Clauses:	Clause B1 Structure - B1.3.1, B1.3.2, B1.3.3 a,b,f,g,h,m,q), B1.3.4 Clause B2 Durability - B2.3.1 (a), B2.3.2 (a,b) Clause E2 External moisture - E2.3.3,E2.3.7 Clause F2 Hazardous building materials - F2.3.1

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How our building product is expected to contribute to compliance:

Clause B1 Structure - B1.3.1, B1.3.2, B1.3.3 a,b, g,h,m,q), B1.3.4

Grade 500L AS/NZS 4671 does not comply with B1 building code B1.3.3 f. and cannot be applied for structural applications. Hard drawn welded mesh grade 500L is a non-ductile steel mesh that provides reinforcing for concrete such as driveways, concrete pipes, drainage, concrete tanks and others non-structural purposes only.

An acceptable verification method for the measurement of mesh uniform elongation (%), tensile yield stress (MPa), ultimate tensile strength (MPa), ratio and shear strength of joints are contained in NZS 4671 Appendix A and Appendix B. United Steel mesh is manufactured according to standard AS/NZS 4671 appendix A and B and mechanical testing is conducted according to ISO 17025, ISO 15630-2, ISO 6892-1. Samples are tested by IANZ accredited United Steel testing laboratory. Product batch test certificates are available upon customer request. Grade 500L has uniform elongation equal or greater than 1.5% and yield strength between 500 to 750MPa.

Clause B2 Durability - B2.3.1 (a), B2.3.2 (a,b)

Once certified hard drawn mesh grade 500L has a durability minimum 50 years as per building code B2.3.1 (a) and NZS3101 3.3.1 (Storage time and conditions must be observed as per maintenance requirement in this document). Mesh exposed to saline spray such as marines, aggressive conditions, chemicals should observe special coat protection and concrete requirements as per NZS 3404, NZS3101, AS/NZS 4680. Minimum require cover for mesh reinforcing must be observe as per NZS3101. Long time exposure to such elements can lead excessive corrosion and consequently compromise the integrity of the steel. Uniform elongation must be equal or greater than 1.5% and yield strength between 500 to 750MPa. Aging test (Agt) is conducted according to NZS 4671, ISO 17025, ISO 15630-2, ISO 6892-1. Long-term quality testing are performed by internal accredit laboratory and statistic data are available upon request.

Clause E2 External moisture - E2.3.3,E2.3.7

Reinforcing mesh is a steel product therefore it does not absorb or transmit moisture in any quantity Mechanical properties are not affected by short term exposure to moisture. However in harsh environments with high exposure to saline and wet conditions or corrosive substances it is recommended to hot dip galvanize before installation. The coating will provide an anti-corrosion protection.

Clause F2 Hazardous building materials - F2.3.1

Grade 500L steel welded mesh is safe to be handled. It does not emit any harmful substance, gas or liquid. When manually handling or installing the product it is recommended to wear personal protective equipment such as leather gloves, safety footwear, long sleeves and trousers. Mesh may have sharp wire edges that can cause cuts upon accidental contact with skin.

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Limitations on the use of the building product:

Grade 500L hard drawn mesh has uniform elongation $\geq 1.5\%$ (low ductility). As per NZS 3604:2011 clause 2.5 and NZS 3101: Part 1: 2006 item 5.3.2.6 Grade 500L AS/NZS 4671 welded mesh cannot be used for slabs, walls, human occupied building or any concrete structural element. Grade 500E AS/NZS 4671 must be used for such applications. Hard drawn mesh can be applied only for pathway, driveway, ground floor parking lot. The design of a structure and the specification of the relevant mesh grade shall be the responsibility of the design engineer. As product manufacturer United Steel Ltd has the responsibility to supply the mesh meeting the specification of grade 500L AS/NZS 4671. The project should be calculated and designed considering main mesh cross bar section of 83.776 mm^2 and load strength not greater than $41.89 \text{ [kN/meter width]}$ and weight per square meter 1.315 kg/m^2 . United Steel batch test certificate certifies the mesh at time of manufacture and according to all requirements of AS/NZS 4671. Welding of mesh is not permitted for assembly unless carried out in compliance with NZS 1554.1 This mesh does not comply with NZS 3604 7.5.8.3 minimum weight per m^2 (2.27 kg/m^2).

Design requirements that would support the use of the building product:

The project design must comply with New Zealand Standards:

- NZS 3101 Concrete structures standard
- NZS 3109 Concrete construction
- NZS 1170 Structural design actions
- AS/NZS 1554 Welding of reinforcing steel
- AS/NZS 4671 Steel for the reinforcing of concrete
- NZS 3604 Timber-framed buildings
- NZS 3404 Steel structures standard
- AS/NZS 2312 Guide to the protection of structural steel against atmospheric corrosion by the use of protective coatings
- AS/NZS 2311 Guide to the painting of buildings
- AS/NZS 4680 Hot-dip galvanized coating details for galvanizing

The project design and execution must comply with New Zealand legislations. Special attention to:

- New Zealand Building Act
- New Zealand Building Code

Installation requirements:

Minimum overlap of 200mm plus overhang, except if the project design specifies differently, in which case the most conservative overlap should prevail. Use of leather gloves with long sleeves and trousers are recommended during the installation of the mesh as the product can contain sharp wire edges. Observe surface and exposure environment as per AS/NZS 3101 and apply recommendations as per such. Bar chairs, wagon wheel, spacers must be applied to guarantee the constant position of the mesh and correct concrete cover as per AS/NZS 3101. Tie wires must be used to connect two or more steel fabric together and avoid movement during concrete pouring/vibration.

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Ensure the product is not exposed to corrosive chemical substances. In case the reinforcing steel is going to be stored during a long period (more than 2 years). We recommend to protect the mesh against weather conditions and direct rain. The steel mesh is a ferrous material that is susceptible to natural oxidation. Light rust doesn't affect mechanical properties of steel. However direct contact with saline conditions, abrasive, or chemicals should be observed. If required samples of mesh can be re-tested.

The building product is not subject to a warning or ban under section 26.

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