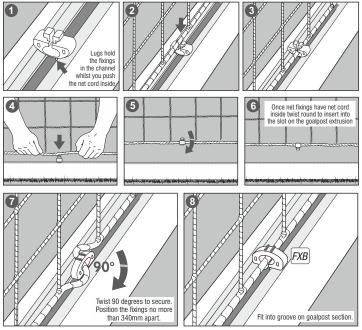
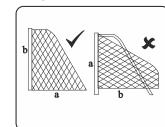
Goalpost Slot Net Fixings A net fixing that works on most aluminum goalposts that have a slot on the rear of the posts. This net fixing can be left in place in the slot on the goal extrusion or can be twisted out and left attached in position on the net. To attached the net turn the net fixing upside down and lay it into the slot with the opening facing up. Do this with goal post extrusion laid on the ground. The two lugs on the top of the fixing will hold the fixing clip firmly in the goalpost slot upside down to enable the net to be pushed through the opening on the back of the fixing. This is a unique design feature that makes it easier to insert the net inside the fixing compared to other similar types of net fittings. Much easier to fit than other similar net fixings.



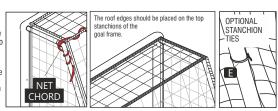
All our square mesh nets are made to the shape of the net. If you are putting nets up each week we recommend that you locate the top corners first and mark them using tape so that you can easily identify them each time. Folding goal posts however are designed to enable the net to be left on the Goal frame in the non-play position to allow swift match day installation. Place the net over the frame and fit each end onto top stanchion by securing on each corner of the crossbar and unrights using twist and lock net fixings. We recommend only nets with 100mm x 100mm mesh be used with children, to cover head entrapment regulations, Nets with 120mm x 120mm mesh are acceptable for use by adults. Nets can be tied into a bundle and placed into a pillow case (not to damage washing machine) and washed at 40 degrees Celsius with normal washing powder to keep them in tip top condition. Be aware rabbits and rodents have been know to nibble at the base of nets. If nets are left outside we advise liftingff from ground level. If you have this problem sprinkle pepper along the bottom of the net and this should help deter most wild animals.

■ SQUARE MESH Net is cut to shape. Simply throw over the frame and fit each end onto top stanchion by securing on each corner of crossbar NOTE: If your net does not fit the first time, you may be fitting it to the goal frame upside down i.e. that is to say the net from the crossbar to the floor (a) is longer than the length of the net to the bottom of the upright (b)



If you are regularly attaching or detaching the net then apply colored tape to the roof corners of net to help identify the roof area.

To help define the roof of the net. Tie the cord to one side and pull the net chord tight and wrap neatly down and around the stanchion



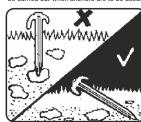
Lockable aluminium freestanding goal posts that are easy to move around use and store. Crossbar corners are welded both internally and externally to ensure they will stand up to the most rigorous conditions. The corners will not expand apart as with other goals as expansion is carried through the corner to lift the crossbar slightly and then when contracting gravity will take over. Oil and clean the lock to ensure the key is working well at all times. If a key breaks inside the lock a local locksmith will be able to remove it with a special pick. Spare kevs are locks are always available. At the end of the season when the goals are not in use check all welds to ensure they have not become damaged. Check periodically through the season that the goals have not been damaged especially if they are left up in areas prone to vandalism. When installing your goals take your time and do a good job to ensure the best results and performance. The installation guides need to be read, carefully prior to fixing. I can be contacted at any time on 01142424244 if you need any advice or help. To protect the life of your paintwork we suggest that 50mm wide plastic stretch tape be wrapped around the base of the posts about 600mm up from the ground to protect the paintwork from goal keepers kicking the foot of the posts to clean boots. This tape can be purchased from our web site or any local DIY store and should be renewed as and when required. It is much better however if you can ask all visiting and home goal keepers not to kick the posts. A thorough inspection each year and when goals are installed should be carried out and recorded. A goal post maintenance sheet is available to be down loaded from our web site www.itsagoal.net. Problems should be recorded, noted down and acted upon straight away, NEVER USE DAMAGED GOAL POSTS. Goals need to be treated and handled with care and they will then last longer and will perform better. Any paint chips need to be repaired as soon as possible. Rub down with emery paper to form a smooth surface down to bear metal and apply a good quality aluminium primer undercoat and then a top coat to seal the affected area. Any areas left untreated will allow water to penetrate between the powder coat finish and the base metal and if left un checked the paint work will start to peel away. Any local DIY store will supply what you need. If you treat the goalposts with respect and maintain them properly they will perform year after year.

#### Multi-surface anchors

Multi-surface anchors are designed to secure the freestanding goalposts to normal grass surface pitches (to1100Newtons forward pull test). On a grass surface use the ground pegs provided in conjunction with the multi-surface anchors. If ground is softer then more ground anchors can be used to spread the load or longer pegs can be inserted. The safety ground pegs can also be used to retain your net if rear ground frames are not used with the folding goal. Always angle the pegs as shown on the fitting instructions. To remove stubborn pegs use another peg to lift out do not pull out with the anchor itself or it may damage the securing cross holding the peg in place. This is strong system designed to twist under stress and will not easily be damaged. If you are planning to anchor your goal post on tarmac the fixing positions for the multi- surface anchors need to be secure. We advise :-

- 1. Dig holes in your tarmac (to sizes specified in fitting instructions ).
- 2. Fill holes with concrete, and drill two 14mm holes 12cm apart and 70mm depth.
- 3. Position goal and multi-surface anchors and use a suitable10mm concrete bolt instead of the safety grass pegs. For other surfaces such as wooden sports hall floors wood screws in our multisurface anchor or counter balance weights can be used. The total weight to conform to the current standards for the goal post topple test can be calculated using the equation stated below.

Longer pegs (available separately) are to be used on sandy or soft ground earth. A risk assessment of soil conditions suitability should be carried out when anchors are to be used



## **COUNTER BALANCE WEIGHT OPTIONAL EXTRA**

STEEL COUNTER BALANCE WEIGHTS

YOUR GOAL DOWN ON TARMAC 2 x MULTI SURFACE GROUND FRAME M10 SLEEVE RAWROLT \_12.3cm DRILL HOLES CONCRETE BLOCK (FOR USE ON

DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN BOLT

THIS METHOD SECURELY ANCHORS

For use indoors or on artificial surfaces are available separately

### Optional - Counter balance weight system

The ITSA GOAL posts counter balance weight system consists of two counter balance weights each weighing 11kgs fastened together, 22 kilos of counterweight spread over 500mm. The counter balance weight system is used on flat level playing surfaces or where multi-surface anchors can not be used i.e. sports halls, artificial grass pitches etc. The two connected weights together can be lifted on the frame and used externally. If anchoring your freestanding goalpost is not possible, the guidance and technical notes set out by the Football Association give clear instructions for the use of counter balance weights. If you are unsure what weight you are required to use on your freestanding goal posts, you can work out the weight needed by using the following procedure.

1 Measure the height of the crossbar., 2 Measure the length of the goal's side bars, 3 Divide the height by the length, Multiply the result by 112Kg and make a note of the answer. This is the total weight in kilograms that should stabilizes the goal to safety standards.

Example: A Regulation Goal, 2.44m high with a 2.025m ground sideframe the calculation would be: 2.44 divided by 2.025 = 1.205 therefore 1.205 x 112Ka = the total weight required for this goal would be 135Kg (less the weight of the back ground bar).

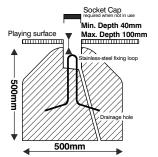
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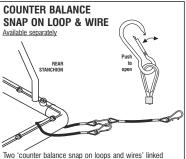
Freestanding goals will only be safe if you stabilise them properly. Always use the accessories and anchors supplied for the purpose of anchoring a goal. The most reliable methods of stabilising freestanding goals are

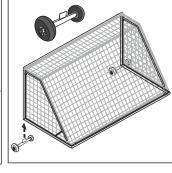
a attaching the back bar to permanent fixing points. b using adequate weights attached to the goals hackhar

#### c. adequate ground anchors

We strongly recommend you use one of these methods. The diagram on the right shows a typical freestanding goal foundation that will give a permanent pitch fixing. VISIT.www.itsagoal.net for up to date goal post safety information







Removable Wheel Transporters

together can be wrapped around the frame and then connected to a secure post, rawbolt fixing (available separately), to safely anchor your goal.

Optional removable wheel transporters or goalpost dollies can be purchased separately. The Transporters shown to the right shows how the goalpost simply slots onto the transporters. One set of transporters can be used on multiple goals. When lifting the back bar and moving goals ensure no one is under or near the goals especially children. Goals should always be anchored when in use and safely stored.

Test each goal post before use to satisfy yourself that you have enough counter balance weights attached to the goal to prevent toppling. Chain and cable attachments Whatever method is used to stabilize a goal, any attachment chain or a wire cable between the goal and the weight, anchor, eye bolt or other fixing point should be as short as possible and not allow the back bar to lift more than 50 mm.

### Care and Maintenance

1. NEVER use our goalposts without securing locks or correct fittings or in non conforming ground sockets. 2. DAMAGED COMPONENTS requested under guarantee must be returned for inspection. Failure to follow the warnings. assembly and fitting instructions contained in this document may invalidate your guarantee.

IT IS ADVISABLE IN ANY CONTACT SPORT TO TAKE OUT THE RELEVANT INSURANCES TO COVER ALL UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS ADVISABLE TO CHECK YOUR GOALS WEEKLY AND UNDERTAKE ANY MAINTENANCE, CHECK PAINTWORK, CHECK NETTING, MAKES, SURE ANY LOCKS OR BOLTS ARE IN PLACE. ENSURE THE FRAME IS ASSEMBLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FITTING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE EACH GAME. ANY NEW PEOPLE USING THE GOALS SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH THIS LEAFLET AND EXTRA FITTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM www.itsagoal.net. If the text is too small to read a larger easier to read copy is available upon request.

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# **CARE - MAINTENANCE - INSPECTION**

ROUTINE VISUAL CHECKS - Should be made before each use, this enables identification of hazards from vandalism, misuses or general deterioration. examples are, goalpost frame damage, lack of anchors/stablity equipment, missing parts, damaged nets, or net fixings, crossbar and goal stability If a visual inspection identifies any defect to the goals they should not be used until the defects are corrected - contact the manufacturer of the goalposts. Check all components supplied are in good condition and a general list of checks are overleaf on table E2 and E3

OPERATIONAL INSPECTION - At least every six months there should be an operational inspection in accordance with national regulations/standards at the time; using the tables and inspections sheets overleaf in accordance with National regulations and the current safety standard set by the British Safety Standards and overseeing governing bodies.

Check all components supplied are in good condition. If inspection identifies any defect to the goals they should not be used until the defects are corrected - contact the manufacturer of the goalposts.

Table E.2 — Check list for main inspection

Control points (as far as applicable)	Inspection method		Criteria for assessing the results	Socketed	Portable
	Visual	Manual	(see Clause 6)	goal	goal
Stability	х	х	When the structure is shaken in game play position, there is no tip- over	Х	х
Marking	X		Present	X	Х
Fixture onto the support (wall/floor)	Х	х	No slack in the fixtures other than the slack naturally present due to design or assembly	Х	Х
Folding and hoisting system		х	No working failure when lifting, dropping or folding away the goal	(X)	(X)
Netting and net fixings	Х	х	No defective fixture and/or no mesh holes liable to generate a risk	(X)	(X)
Uprights and crossbar	Х	Х	No slack other than the functional slack naturally present due to design	Х	Х

Table E.1 — Goal inspection record Sheet

	Goal Identification Number:		Location of Goal		tion of Goal:		
Date Type of Check Indicate Level of Inspection/Main		enance or other	Finding	s Actio	on Taken	Inspected by	
						A-1-	
Goal Size			G	oal Type			
Manufa	Manufacture/Distributor		D	ate of Manufacture			
Date of Purchase				Supplier Information for Spare Parts			
Date of	Inspection/Maintena	ınce/Repair:					
Ground	and Prevailing Weat	her Conditions:					
Result o	of Inspection (Pass/F	ail):					
Further	Action to be taken:						
Re-insp	ected by:						

These inspection for ms relate to goalposts that are covered in BS EN 16579:2018. F ull size 7.32m x 2.44m goals and 5mx2m Euro goals with a weight of more than 42Kgs are covered under BS EN 748. Copies of the cur rent goalpost safety standard are available to buy from https://www.bsigroup.com/en-GB/

MAIN INSPECTION - At least annually there should be a main inspection in accordance with national regulations/standards at that time; using the tables and inspections sheets overleaf in accordance with National regulations and the current safety standard set by the British Safety Standards and overseeing governing bodies. Check all components supplied are in good condition. If inspection identifies any defect to the goals they should not be used until the defects are corrected - contact the manufacture of the goalposts. A report containing the following information according to table E3 over leaf, should be available to the operator.

a. identifying of issuing body, b. place/date of inspection c. identification of items being inspected d. name/ address/signature of inspector e. a record of defects found

All inspections should be reported to the operator. The operator must establish a clear identification system for each goal . Any goals with defects should not be used until corrected.

Table E.3 — Check list for operational inspection

Control points (as far as applicable)	Inspection method		Criteria for assessing the results (see Clause 6)	Socketed goal	Portable goal
	Visual Manual		]		
Stability	Х	Х	When the structure is shaken in game play position, there is no tip-over	Х	Х
Marking	Х	s <u>—</u> s	Present	Х	Х
Fixture onto the support (wall/floor)	х	х	No slack in the fixtures other than the slack naturally present due to design or assembly	Х	х
Folding and hoisting system	27.00	Х	No working failure when lifting, dropping or folding away the goal	(X)	(X)
Netting and net fixings	Х	Х	No defective fixture and/or no mesh holes liable to generate a risk	(X)	(X)
Uprights and crossbar	X	Х	No slack other than the functional slack naturally present due to design or assembly	Х	х
Location changes and transport	Х	х	No inadvertent release or unintended collapse in the carrier system	_	х
Lockdown in position	Х	Х	No inadvertent release of the lockdown system	<u> </u>	(X)
Anchoring/ ballast system	Х	Х	Sufficient and securely located	-	(X)
Assembly/ Screw-set	Х	Х	None of the assembly screws show any signs of loosening	Х	х
Corrosion	Х	1-0	No corrosion capable of generating a risk for users	Х	х
Support framework (backing frame, foldaway structure)	х	Х	No deformation or breakage during working use	х	х
Netting support	Х	Х	No deformation or breakage	(X)	(X)
Padding	Х		No damage and securely located	(X)	(X)
		No risk of entrapment in the goal frame or support framework	Х	Х	

#### Key

X to be inspected;

(X) to be inspected if fitted.

Control points (as far as applicable)	Inspection method		Criteria for assessing the results (see Clause 6)	Socketed goal	Portable goal
	Visual	Manual		552	