

# HOW MANY ROWS OF TAPE?

Designed to Reduce Wind Resistance. Designed to Last.



HorseGuard recommends setting the posts a maximum of 16ft (5m) apart. In areas with winds above 60 mph, the spacing of the posts should be between 8ft (2.50m) up to 12ft (3.50m).

## **3 STRANDS AND MORE**

3 strand deployments are very popular and have a traditional appearance. 4 strands can be necessary for delicate situations, like an excitable stallion, a busy road, deer, alpaca... But regardless of row quantity, never set the tape too low.

## Stallions

While many stallions respect a 2 strand HorseGuard fence, 3 strands provides an extra measure of safety. The ideal tape heights in this situation are 28" (0.70m), 44" (1.10m) and 60" (1.50m).





## Young horses

A single strand does not work to enclose young horses or ponies. To be on the safe side, 3 strand fencing is better for young horses. 52", ideally (1.30m), 36" (0.90m) and 28" (0.70m).



#### Ponies

Many ponies are headstrong and will escape if the shock of your fence charger is not strong enough. 3 strand is a good solution. 48'' (1.20m), 32'' (0.80m) and 16'' (0.40m).



#### Next to a road

Some people prefer 3, or even 4 strands of tape fencing for the ensured safety of their enclosed horses or cattle beside roads.



#### Mare and foal

The smaller the enclosure, the more contact the foal has with any fence. Foals could easily roll under a 2 strand fence.

3 strands at 52" (1.30m), 36" (0.90m) and 20" (0.50m) will reduce that risk. If they do manage to get under, their instinct to return to their dam is so strong that the foal will strive to get back through the fence. With HorseGuard tape, the foal can safely though it may be zapped by the electric tape. Unlike other fencing, there is no potential risk of injury while returning to the dam.





### 2 STRANDS

HorseGuard recommends at least 2 strands in most fencing applications to provide an effective visual and physical barrier for the horse. In an area vulnerable to weeds, the bottom tape should be a minimum of 22 inches (0.60m) off the ground.

The lower tape is actually the more important of the two strands. Every time a horse puts his head down to crawl under the tape or graze beyond the perimeter, it receives a shock on the nose or ears or neck. This strand should be set at 28" (0.70m) for mature horses or at 24" (0.60m) for ponies. Any lower and the tape will tend to ground on long grass and weeds. The top strand of tape is a visual barrier that controls a bolting horse. It should be set up at 52" (1.30m) from the ground to the top of the post.



## 1 STRAND

For an adult horse behind one strand, the height should be 35" (0.90m). This will not control all risks, but your horse will be prevented from scratching itself on or overhanging the fence.

In some fencing situations it is advisable to put one, two or more strands on the existing fence. A single strand may also be used to keep horses out of certain areas to protect the horse or the area.



Other uses for one strand of HorseGuard tape include rapidly erected temporary enclosures, movable cross fencing or when the fence is moved frequently for a rotation of horses between fields. Horses enclosed by a single strand of tape alone should already be familiar with electric fencing tape.

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