



Do safety nets have an expiration date?

We must remember that according to the EN 1263.1 standard the primary purpose of safety nets is:

- protection of site personnel and also
- protection of pedestrians from falling personnel or objects.
 A safety net is considered to be no longer suitable for use when it loses its energy absorption capacity. To find out if it is still safe to use, we have test meshes (also known as test patches or mesh ropes).



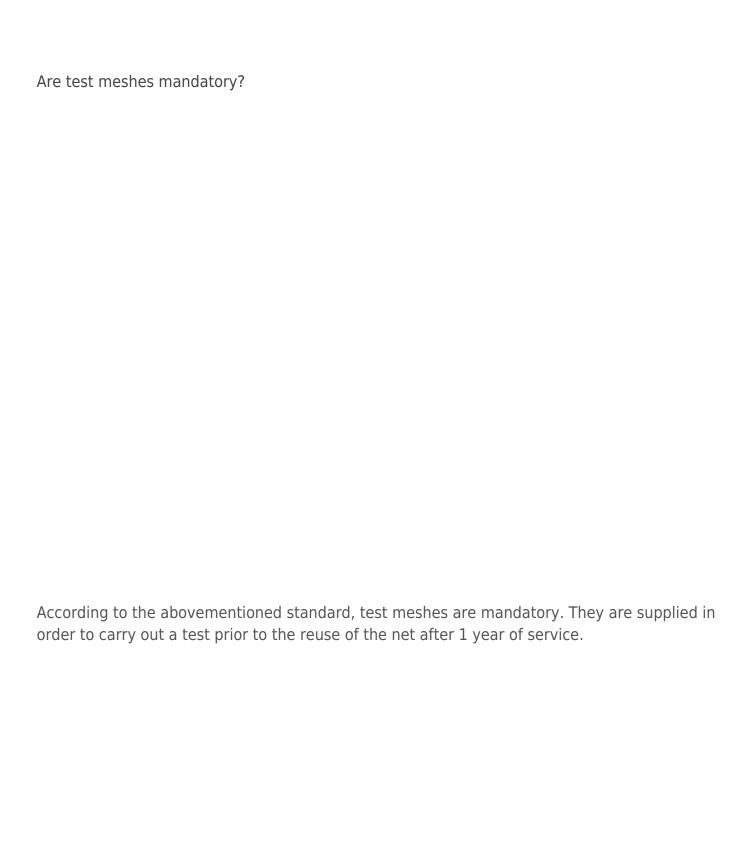




The test meshes are made of the same netting from which the safety net has been manufactured and attached to it. Their purpose is to enable us to determine the possible deterioration of the net. Among the causes for the deterioration of a safety net, we find the exposure to certain climatic conditions: humidity, temperature, UV-rays, etc. Other harmful agents for the net can be splashes of incandescent material, sparks, chemical products, etc.











When is a safety net considered unfit for use?
A safety net will be unfit for use in the following cases:
There has been a breakage or injury to it and/or The result of the technical analysis provided by the control meshes is unfavorable.





