

Use of nail guns for fixing trussed rafter bracing

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Question

The gauge of the nails used in nail guns is less than that quoted in the NHBC Standards. Can these be used for fixing trussed rafter bracing?

Considerations

- NHBC Standards clause 7.2.9 asks for 3.35mm (10 gauge) x 65mm long galvanised nails - nails used in nail guns are not available to this specification.

Answer

When nail guns are used, 3.1mm x 75mm long annular ring-shank nails are acceptable. They do not need to be galvanised.