

Steel Pegs- A Guide for Use with Weed Fabric & Other Membranes & Materials

Selecting an appropriate peg for your weed control or mulch fabric is vital for ensuring its long lasting efficiency. Any movement of your fabric whether caused by lack of an adequate fixing or poor drainage could create gaps between sheets, allowing a glimmer of light through to nurture perennials, undoing all your hard work. The first step you should take before making a purchase is to assess the type of ground you will be pegging in to. For soft to medium ground, then a [heavy duty plastic peg](#) should be sufficient. If your ground is hard or stony then a metal ground peg will offer a much more secure hold, and shouldn't break when used. You should also ensure that the area has an efficient drainage system in place.

There are numerous options available to you when selecting a steel peg, most of which are based around a staple type design. The basic staple peg is constructed of 2.9mm diameter, rust resistant galvanized steel, with a 4 inch top bar and 6 inch prongs. The two tips sit slightly more than 4 inches apart offering excellent grip, and they are ideal for medium density soil. Their very slightly flexible design allows them to be manipulated into stony ground if need be. They can be easily inserted into soft soil by hand, or for harder ground they can be hammered in with a rubber mallet. The head of the staple has a very low profile and sits incredibly close to the ground, minimizing any trip hazard. One [staple](#) per square metre of fabric should be adequate, but several pegs will gain collective resistance. Steel staple pegs are also ideal for securing polythene, netting or fleece.

Also available, are '[long leg](#)' staple pegs. They have smaller 1.3 inch head, and 2 different length prongs. One 4 inch, and a much longer 11.8 inch leg. The 11.8 inch prong penetrates much further into the soil than a regular staple offering a much higher level of grip. Our '[U](#)' shaped pegs are constructed in the same manner as the long leg pegs. They have a 1.3 inch top bar and 7.8 inch sides. Both of these galvanised style pegs are created from 4mm diameter steel, this means they are thick enough to be hammered into harder ground.