ROCKFALL PROTECTION & SNOW BARRIERS
Rockfall protection and natural hazard mitigation systems are key elements in the security and safety of roads, railways, mining operations and infrastructure networks. Even small rockfalls or debris flows can obstruct infrastructure and have far-reaching economic effects beyond the immediate disruption. This also applies to buildings or other installations at risk of damage from rockfalls, debris flows or avalanches*. With over 60 years’ experience in rockfall protection systems and natural hazard mitigation, Maccaferri offers a wide range of systems to stabilise rock faces, soil slopes and snow masses, reducing risks to people, buildings and infrastructure.

Maccaferri’s philosophy is to offer a logical graded range of engineered systems working together with each other, to reduce overdesign and unnecessary cost.

Certified and tested by leading institutes and in accordance with the latest standards, Maccaferri solutions are designed using state-of-the-art modelling software and techniques.

Developed in conjunction with contractors, Maccaferri Mac.RO™ Systems are simple to install, durable and effective. Components have been selected to reduce contractor workload; a global network of factories offers local product availability.

Maccaferri Mac.RO™ Systems are installed daily, worldwide, in demanding applications, reassuring clients with safe, cost effective and reliable natural hazard protection.

*Please note that deep-seated slope instability is covered in other Maccaferri literature.

Covered in this brochure:
- Mesh Systems:
  - Rockfall Netting
  - Steelgrid® HR
  - HEA Panels
  - Ring Nets
- Testing & Design
- Dynamic Rockfall Barriers
- Debris Flow and Shallow Landslide Barriers
- Rockfall Embankments
- Snow Fences and Avalanche Protection
- Soil Nailing and Surface Protection
GENERAL CONCEPTS OF NATURAL HAZARDS

1. Rockfall and Landslide Embankments
2. Mesh Systems - Simple Drapery
3. Mesh Systems - Secured Drapery / Surface Stabilisation
4. Debris Flow & Shallow Landslides
5. Dynamic Rockfall Barriers
6. Soil Nailing and Surface Protection
There are many factors to consider when selecting appropriate interventions to mitigate natural hazards. Understanding the suitability and effectiveness of the systems and where they offer optimal performance is important.

Combinations of systems often provide the most cost-effective solutions, where a balance is found between technical performance, risk, client value and ease/safety of installation; one product cannot solve all natural hazard problems.

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Maccaferri offers a complete range of mesh systems for rockfall protection. Selection of the optimum solution is based upon the analysis of the project site conditions (geology, topography, environment, static and dynamic loading conditions) and client requirements (design life, maintenance).

Maccaferri technical software MACRO 1, MACRO 2 and BIOS, enable designers to select the appropriate system and product type.

Often the Serviceability Limit State sets the design criteria, in this case deformations and not breaking loads are to be considered, so stiffness is the key design parameter. Another important parameter is the punching resistance, which defines the resistance of the system to the pressure of a punching body.

Maccaferri’s wide variety of systems offer a range of values for both stiffness and punching resistance, allowing designers to select the optimum solution.

Corrosion resistance of Maccaferri mesh systems is provided by heavily galvanised steel with optional polymer coatings. For aggressive environments, the polymer coated mesh, Steelgrid® HR and HEA panels are available. The performance of these are often necessary, especially in coastal applications.

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Double Twist (‘DT’) steel wire mesh is a highly efficient mesh combining ease and flexibility of use with unsurpassed cost-effectiveness. Used around the world for over 60 years, Maccaferri DT mesh is proven to offer robust, long lasting and cost-effective rockfall protection.

Commonly used as ‘drapery’, DT mesh provides a protective curtain on the slope; any rocks and debris detaching from the slope are contained behind the mesh.

Maccaferri DT mesh is available in a variety of puncture (punch) resistances and corrosion protection coatings to suit the project design and exposure conditions. It can be supplied with a range of installation accessories including C-rings and installation tools to increase site productivity.

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<td>Different lengths and widths are available to suit site conditions, saving install time and waste</td>
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Steelgrid® HR is a composite mesh offering high stiffness; high tensile strength at low strain and high punch resistance with low deformation.

This patented mesh is an engineered combination of Double Twist steel wire mesh and high tensile (1770N/mm²) wire ropes in a single, easy to install product. The presence of the steel cables woven within the mesh during manufacturing enables better stress distribution in the upper longitudinal cables and reduced strain in the drapery system.

Steelgrid® HR combines the flexibility and simplicity of installation of Double Twist mesh with the high tensile strength, low extension and durability of steel wire rope.

Steelgrid® HR is used as a drapery or as a high stiffness (low extension) bolted facing when working loads exceed the capability of traditional DT Mesh.

Steelgrid® HR is available in a variety of strengths (up to 180kN/m tensile resistance and up to 155 kN for punch resistance), enabling designers to optimise solutions both technically and commercially.

The product is available in two levels of corrosion resistance:

- Steelgrid® HR: Mesh wires and ropes galvanised with GalMac® (Zn/Al) alloy Class A
- Steelgrid® HR-PVC: As Steelgrid® HR, but with an additional continuous polymer coating on mesh and ropes.

When site conditions are more aggressive (e.g. infrastructure, urban or coastal), or the project demands a longer design life than that offered by the Class A GalMac® (Zn/Al) coating, polymer coated Steelgrid® HR has a unique ability to provide reliable long-term performance.

Installation of Steelgrid® HR is straightforward; the adjacent lateral rolls of mesh do not need to be overlapped, reducing product wastage and saving installation cost and time compared to other meshes.

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<td>Integral steel ropes</td>
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High Strength Drapery

Steelgrid® HR is ideal for use on high rock faces and slopes with a long drop or where large volumes of debris are expected; the integral longitudinal steel ropes enable the efficient transmission of loads to the top ropes and anchors, with minimal mesh deformation.

Certain types of un-reinforced drapery (especially some types of single twist or ‘chain link’ type meshes) can exhibit considerable heterogeneous deformation during loading from the accumulation of fallen material between the mesh and the slope and due to other factors such as self-weight and ice accumulation.

Bolted facing and surface stabilisation

Available with tensile strengths up to 180 kN/m and up to 155 kN for punch resistance, Steelgrid® HR is also designed to work in conjunction with anchors to increase the stability of the unstable superficial layer of a rock or soil slope.

Due to its structure, Steelgrid® HR is flexible in terms of anchor positioning, thereby saving time and cost on site.

The HR Anchor Plate transfers loads from the mesh into the anchors. The four spikes on the corners of the HR Anchor Plate engage with the Steelgrid® HR and effectively restrain the steel cables.

Steelgrid® HR is also available with an integral erosion protection mat providing two products in one; MacMat® HS.

It features a 3D matrix of polymer monofilaments extruded onto the reinforced mesh during manufacture. The polymer matrix provides immediate erosion protection from rainfall runoff, supports revegetation of the soil slope and provides root reinforcement.

The Steelgrid® HR mesh kit is a complete system containing all of the components needed to install the mesh onto the anchors on a project site. The kit contains: the HR or HR-PVC mesh, HR Anchor Plate (where required), HR-Grips, HR-Link mesh connectors and HR-Cap rope protectors.
HEA Panels are the stiffest products within the Maccaferri Mac.RO™ Systems mesh range, offering extreme strength at low strain. The panels are woven from a single continuous length of high tensile strength steel wire rope, joined at each crossing point with the patented HEA ‘double knot’ connection. Unlike single twist spiral rope nets, the construction of HEA Panels provides exceptional stress/strain performance with the lowest possible deformation.

HEA Panels are used in secured drapery applications where a low deflection and high strength system is required. Due to the multi-axial performance of the panel, loads are transferred effectively to the anchors on the slope face regardless of the anchor layout.

Customisable Product

Maccaferri offers standard HEA Panels, however HEA Panels can be made for specific needs; they can be connected together in the factory to suit project dimensions, and even secondary small aperture meshes applied. This reduces installation time on the rock face, and minimises material wastage.

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<td>HEA Panel</td>
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<td>High resistance clips</td>
<td>13.5</td>
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<td>Low resistance clips</td>
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Feature Benefit

- **Double knot connections**: Creates high strength mesh and when overloaded, fail progressively, not explosively.
- **Steel wire rope construction**: Mechanical durability and resistance to abrasion.
- **Multi-axial configuration**: Multi-directional stress/strain performance.
- **Single rope architecture of main panel**: Low number of connections provides robust product.
- **Flexible in 3 dimensions**: Excellent containment of debris and easy to install on site.
- **High tensile steel wire cable construction**: Market leading, lowest possible deflection under load.
- **Heavily galvanised cables with optional polymer coating**: Long design life to suit project requirements.
Maccaferri Ring Nets have the highest strengths of any mesh in the Mac.RO™ Systems range. With high strain performance, Ring Nets are ideal for situations where there is a high risk of dynamic impacts. The nets are also used to face rock slopes featuring large rock masses prone to failure; Maccaferri Ring Nets can sustain high local stresses without any damage.

The technical performance of the ring nets has been optimised to provide a balance of strength, weight and flexibility. The performance of the nets is dependent upon wire strand diameters, bundle configurations and the number of connection points to adjacent rings within the panel.

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<td>Ring based construction</td>
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<td>Specialist termination of individual rings</td>
<td>High durability and safety during maintenance operations</td>
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Maccaferri meshes have been extensively tested by recognised technical institutions and on project sites throughout the world. Quality Management processes continuously improve the systems.

Wherever possible, full-scale samples and testing is carried out to model real-world situations and load conditions as accurately as possible.

The strain performance (stiffness) of the mesh is highly important in real-world applications as this determines the expected displacement of the mesh under load; a product with high tensile strength is of limited use if it requires significant displacement in order to mobilise that resistance as this could cause serviceability failure.

The combination of the performance data determined from these tests has been included within Maccaferri’s state-of-the-art design software, MACRO Studio:

- **MACRO 1**: Secured Drapery design
- **MACRO 2**: Simple Drapery design
- **BIOS**: Soil Nail Facing design

Tearing, pull-apart and local puncture tests represent rock penetration forces upon the mesh. This models the resistance of the mesh to unravelling under extreme puncture loads.
Testing of Maccaferri meshes has been carried out in accordance with UNI EN 11437:2012. The use of full-scale samples enables the test results using this methodology to be included in the MACRO Studio Design Software.

Soil box compression and tensile testing are carried out to simulate the action of anchor plates bearing upon the mesh and soil beneath.
When commercial, safety, access or other conditions prohibit the implementation of a solution within the Detachment Zone, barriers within the Transit or Impact zones can be very effective at protecting infrastructure.

Maccaferri offers a range of barriers to suit most project problems:

- Debris Flow barriers
- Dynamic Rockfall barriers

Maccaferri’s dynamic rockfall barriers are available with energy absorption capacity up to 8,600kJ. The barriers are designed to progressively deflect under loads absorbing the impact. A key feature enabling this is the patented “compression brake” within all Maccaferri barriers; under impact the brake is compressed, dissipating energy by plastic deformation.

Maccaferri’s barriers have been developed in conjunction with specialist contractors. Therefore, the barriers include features to make the installation faster and safer, reducing time on site.

Selection of the appropriate barrier is based upon design and commercial analysis considering the type and volume of material to impact the barrier, the geological characterisation of the slope above and the infrastructure to be protected.

This procedure enables the type, location, height and capacity of the barrier to the determined.

Limited slope space?

Maccaferri can deliver dynamic rockfall barriers without uphill anchors, saving costs and time on site.
ETA APPROVAL
& CE MARKED BARRIERS

Maccaferri’s dynamic rockfall barriers are tested and certified in accordance with the European Test and Approval Guideline 27 (ETAG 27) of the European Organisation for Technical Approvals (EOTA).

Maccaferri has been awarded European Technical Approval (ETA) for its range of barriers from 100kJ to 8,600kJ energy absorption capacities. Subsequent detailed verification of manufacturing, supply and assembly systems has permitted the award of the CE mark for the barrier systems.

During an impact a barrier deforms plastically. The residual height of a barrier, after the maximum energy level impact, is an important parameter to consider, as a second (and a third...) rock could impact the barrier before maintenance; this is a direct indication of the residual capacity of the barrier to withstand subsequent impacts. All Maccaferri rockfall barriers have been awarded the Class A classification regarding residual height in accordance with ETAG 27.

Barrier performance data, collected during the full scale impact tests required for ETAG 27, are used by engineers during the design process.

A dynamic rockfall barrier system which has been tested in accordance with ETAG 027 provides confidence to clients and designers that the rockfall protection kit has been independently tested and assessed, in accordance with a rigorous set of guidelines to ensure standards of quality and performance.

### Compression Brakes

The patented aluminium compression brakes form a fundamental part of the energy absorption capability of the barrier. They are lightweight, corrosion resistant, easy to replace and very simple to inspect visually for evidence of impacts, however minor.

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<td>Steps on posts</td>
<td>Simple contractor access</td>
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<td>Support struts on post foot-plate</td>
<td>Easy to elevate posts to vertical</td>
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Debris flows are highly mobile flows of mixed material and are triggered by the rapid build-up of water within the slope, saturating the ground. Debris flows can travel at high speeds and contain huge volumes of material and consequently pose a high risk to people, property and infrastructure.

It is predicted by meteorologists that global climate changes will increase rainfall in many areas and is likely to influence the incidence of debris flow and shallow landslides.

Maccaferri DF Barriers are positioned within the anticipated path of the debris flow or shallow landslide, often in natural gullies, channels or chutes on the slope.

The DF Barriers are customised to suit the dimensions of the project, the anticipated debris material and the expected volume of the flow.

During a debris flow impact the barrier deforms, dissipating the hydraulic pressure leaving the water to pass through it whilst retaining the solid part of the debris flow. The main parameter of the process is the pressure (dynamic and static) exerted upon the barrier by the impacting debris flow. Maccaferri offers different barriers, able to withstand different levels of pressure, maintaining the structural integrity and securing the downstream infrastructure.

After-impact maintenance

Once the Maccaferri DF barrier has deployed and arrested the debris flow, the debris is emptied and disposed of.

Compression brakes are replaced whilst support ropes and containment mesh are checked for serviceability before reuse or replacement.

The cost of replacing components is a minor consideration compared to emptying the debris from the barrier, or cleaning up after a debris flow event which has not been stopped by a barrier.
When the capacity of dynamic rockfall barriers is not sufficient, earth embankments and bunds are commonly used as protection from natural hazards; landslides, rockfalls, avalanches and more.

Until recently, the dimensions of the footprint of these embankments have been limited by the geotechnical parameters of the material used to construct the embankment. With over 30 years of geogrid and geosynthetic knowledge, Maccaferri has significant expertise in the use of soil reinforcement. Using Maccaferri’s soil reinforcement solutions to construct rockfall embankments has numerous advantages:

- Footprint of embankment is dramatically reduced
- Slope face angles can be steeper
- Embankment is more stable and robust
- Site won materials can often be reinforced and re-used, embracing sustainability
- Maccaferri manufactures a wide variety of soil reinforcement geogrids and textiles to suit most sites and conditions
- Revegetating embankment face provides environmental benefits

FEM analysis has been used to design Maccaferri reinforced soil embankments offering a capacity of 20,000 kJ.

Given enough space, almost unlimited energy absorption capacities are achievable.

**Maccaferri soil reinforcement systems**

- Terramesh®
- Green Terramesh®
- Paragrid® & Paradrain®
- MacGrid® WG
- Duna® System

**Embankment benefits**

In situations where extensive natural hazards are expected, embankments can offer;

- Cost effective solution ($/kJ capacity)
- Almost unlimited capacity (>20,000 kJ)
- Withstand multiple impacts without repair
- Contain vast quantities of debris
- Very low maintenance
- Can divert flows away from infrastructure
SNOW FENCES & AVALANCHE PROTECTION

Maccaferri’s snow nets significantly reduce the threat of avalanches to infrastructure and winter sports resorts.

The snow nets are designed to stabilise the layers of snow at the potential avalanche detachment zone, preventing the triggering of the avalanche. The snow exerts a pressure which must be absorbed by the nets and transmitted to the ground by means of a system of snow fence posts and anchors.

It is common to install rows of snow nets on the upslope and downslope of a potential avalanche initiation point, limiting the propagation of shear failures in the snow pack.

Maccaferri snow net benefits:

- Adaptable to irregular surfaces
- Lightweight and simple to install
- Suitable for a wide range of snow depths
- Low visual impact

Our snow fences up to 4.5m high have been approved by the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research in Davos – SFISAR. “Swiss Guidelines for avalanche control structures in the starting zone.” 2006.
Soil nailing is a technique that can be used both on natural and excavated slopes, where the slope is reinforced by the insertion of tendons.

These nails address the global slope stability and are connected to a facing system which provides surficial stability. The facing system can be rigid, flexible or even a structural revegetating system such as MacMat® R.

The facing system restrains the superficial portion of the slope which can mobilise between the anchors, potentially destabilising the overall slope.

Where high performance and revegetation are required, the innovative MacMat® HS, combines the reinforcing benefits of Steelgrid® HR and a 3-dimensional geomat in one product; installation time is reduced and simplified.

To design such facing systems, Maccaferri has developed BIOS; a new software to assist in the selection of flexible and soft facings. To check the overall (global) stability of the soil nail reinforced slope, suitable geotechnical design software is used, e.g. Maccaferri MacSTARS.

Maccaferri’s numerous rockfall mitigation and erosion protection systems provide solutions (either stand-alone or in combination) for the local surface stability including:

- Reinforcing flexible facings: DT mesh, HEA Panels, SteelGrid® HR, MacMat® R, MacMat® HS.

To prevent ongoing erosion of the slope face between the soil nails, it is important to vegetate the slope with appropriate indigenous plant species. Once established, vegetation will continue to provide surface erosion protection. Due consideration must be given to the capability of the slope to sustain vegetation in terms of nutrients, moisture content and aspect (facing direction). The growth of vegetation will also be able to increase the slope superficial stability.

Maccaferri has also developed a range of products (bolts, facing accessories) to fulfil the specific requirements of flexible structural facings (mesh + deep nails) and soft facings (mesh + short nails).

Geotechnical investigation and design determine the suitability of soil nailing to reinforce an unstable slope. Maccaferri offers numerous other solutions, including retaining structures and soil reinforcement, in the event that soil nailing is not suitable.

**Functions of the facing system:**
- Protects the exposed surface from erosion
- Provides stability while vegetation grows
- Connects the unstable surficial layers with the stabilised deep slope

**Functions of the soil nailing system:**
- Enhance the deep-seated stability of the slope
- Provide long-term reinforcement of the slope
- Be connected to the suitable facing system

**Slope with nails and mesh**

![Diagram showing slope with nails and mesh](image)
Maccaferri also offers a variety of accessories, specifically selected for their compatibility with the range of rockfall mitigation solutions. Clients can select whether they require a package solution, or individual components to suit the project and local relationships.

**High Capacity Self-drilling bars**

Available with a variety of diameters, steel strengths and corrosion protection treatments including electrolytic or hot dipped galvanised, or epoxy coated. Drill bits, couplers, plates and bolts are available to suit the project requirements and ground conditions.

**Continuous Threaded Bars**

Available in a variety of diameters, steel strengths and corrosion protection treatments including electrolytic or hot dipped galvanised, epoxy coated or with double corrosion protection. Couplers, perforated drill liners and plates are available to suit the project requirements.

Mac.RO™ Double Corrosion Protection bars (in accordance with EN 1537) feature high resistance continuous threaded bars protected with a cement mortar layer encapsulated within a 1.2 mm thick corrugated HDPE sheath.
Flexible Rope anchor
Used when the direction of the pullout forces is variable or inclined to the axis of the anchor. Uses include; as a top anchor on drapery systems and the ground anchors for the support cables of rockfall and debris flow fences and snow supporting structures. Available in a variety of strengths and lengths, all the steel components are heavily galvanized for durability.

Micro-piles
Used to restrain foundations for rockfall, debris flow and dynamic barriers. Can be supplied as a single length, with either a direct screw connection, or couplers depending on diameter and specification.

Steelgrid® HR Mesh Kit - System Accessories
This range of accessories are used within the high strength Steelgrid® HR system;

HR Links connect laterally adjacent panels of Steelgrid® HR mesh and require no tools. These links clip around the steel cables, connecting them intimately. Available in two finishes, GalMac® galvanised (Class A) and stainless steel (for use with PVC coated Steelgrid® HR).

HR Grips are technically superior to traditional rope grips and are used to connect the interwoven cables within Steelgrid® HR over the crest and toe ropes on the rock or slope face. Produced from forged carbon steel and hot-dip zinc coated, HR Grips offer optimum performance, reliability and design life.

HR Plates are engineered to offer optimal performance with Steelgrid® HR by enhancing system stiffness. They can remove the sensitivity of anchor placement within secured drapery and ‘profile-bolted’ installations.

HR Caps are a recommended accessory for projects involving Steelgrid® HR-PVC and are used to enhance design life in highly aggressive environments.

Not all accessories are available in all Maccaferri companies worldwide. Please consult your local Maccaferri office for more information.
Maccaferri’s motto is ‘Engineering a Better Solution’; we do not merely supply products, but work in partnership with our clients, offering technical expertise to deliver versatile, cost effective and environmentally sound solutions. We aim to build mutually beneficial relationships with clients through the quality of our service and solutions. 

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OFFICINE MACCAFERRI GROUP PROFILE
Founded in 1879, Officine Maccaferri soon became a technical reference in the design and development of solutions for hydraulic works and retaining structures.

Since then, through technological innovation, geographical expansion and focussed diversification, Maccaferri now offers solutions at a global level for a wide range of civil, geotechnical and environmental engineering applications.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
Officine Maccaferri is at the heart of the Maccaferri Industrial Group, a corporation with revenues of €1.2B, operating in mechanical engineering, real estate & construction, energy, food & agro-industry and tobacco.

Officine Maccaferri’s vision is to become a leading international provider of advanced solutions to the civil engineering and construction market.

With nearly 3000 employees, over 30 manufacturing facilities and local operations in 100 countries around the world, Maccaferri can truly claim to have a global presence with local focus.

MACCAFERRI APPLICATIONS

- Retaining Walls & Soil Reinforcement
- Soil Stabilisation & Pavements
- Hydraulic Works
- Basal Reinforcement
- Rockfall Protection & Snow Barriers
- Coastal Protection, Marine Structures & Pipeline Protection
- Erosion Control
- Environment, Decontamination & Landfills
- Drainage of Structures
- Tunnelling
- Landscaping & Architecture
- Concrete Flooring, Precast & Other Uses
- Fencing & Wire
- Aquaculture Nets/Cages
- Safety & Noise Barriers

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