RULES FOR SUCCESSFUL ELECTRIC
HIGH TENSILE FENCE FOR WILD DEER CONTROL

The six wire, sometimes seven wire, vertical electric deer fence has proven very effective in many areas and for many situations. However, a large number of users do experience failures. Investigation has suggested that almost all failures occur only when one or more of the following rules have not been followed.

1. **Electrify the fence** with high power **all the time**. Therefore, install the energizer first and electrify all wires and sections of fence everyday including periods of time between construction activities.

2. **Follow the contour of the land** closely with the bottom wire rarely any more than 8 inches high.

3. **Do not exceed 20 feet between posts or spacer battens**. Some sort of standard, a post or a batten, is required every twenty feet or animals can pass through the wires too easily.

4. **Keep the wires tight** at all times. Wires should be tensioned to 250 pounds and maintained at or above 200 pounds. Ends and corners must be built correctly to withstand and maintain this tension in six or more wires.

5. **Install aluminum foil trainers on the third or middle strand of the fence** immediately after construction is completed and seasonally afterward if necessary. Aluminum foil or pie plates smeared with peanut butter make good trainers that entice animals to sniff or lick an electric fence while their head is still on the outside so that they will jump back away from it and fear it in the future.

6. **Increase the visibility of the fence** with white Super Rope and/or white Superlife Battens and/or Superrod Posts and with a mowed lane all the way around the fence line. Animals will self train much better with fences that are highly visible and are more likely to try to crawl through fences instead of jumping them when there is an approach lane and the fence is not against an old wall or fence that deer are in the habit of jumping.

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