



NEW MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY FEATURES SEMI-TRANSPARENT WOVEN WIRE MESH INFILL PANELS FROM BANKER WIRE

High-Traffic Exterior Stair and Bridge Rely on Banker Wire's M13Z-145 Pattern

MUKWONAGO, WI—SEPTEMBER 22, 2016—It's only fitting that a university building with multiple practices under one roof is employing the use of versatile woven wire mesh, manufactured by Banker Wire.

Banker's mesh provides strong infill material that also meets the architect's design intent for exterior stair and pedestrian bridge railings at the new Jacobs Hall on the University of California, Berkeley campus. The three-story, 24,000-square-foot building houses design studios, equipment labs, classrooms, and community space.

The search for the ideal infill material for the exterior railings stopped with Banker Wire. Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects (LMSA) considered a wide range of functionality and design options, and Banker delivered on every one.

"We are very happy with Banker Wire's material – in regard to both looks and performance," says Ryan Jang, Senior Associate with LMSA. "It is robust enough for a structurally-sound, high-traffic railing infill, but also semi-transparent to satisfy an elegant design."

The woven wire mesh pattern that Banker Wire manufactured for Jacobs Hall was M13Z-145– a large-scale, three-wire, rigid cable pattern modeled after traditional European designs.

M13Z-145 features a long aspect ratio that clearly differentiates the vertical wires from the horizontal wires. It boasts strength first and foremost, but is also available in endless variations and finishes. LMSA specified a stainless steel finish for Jacobs Hall because of its striking appearance and proven durability.

"Banker provided a lot of good options to find just the right pattern to achieve our goals," adds Jang.

The result is several sophisticated, yet sound exterior railings that were custom-built for a public institution setting. They help to physically connect Jacobs Hall with both Soda Hall and Etcheverry Hall.

The Jacobs Hall project team included owner University of California, Berkeley; architect Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects, San Francisco, CA; general contractor Hathaway Dinwiddie, San Francisco, CA; and steel fabricator Lee's Imperial Welding, Fremont, CA.

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About Banker Wire

Banker Wire is the world's leading manufacturer of woven and welded wire mesh for architectural and industrial applications. With the most modern and productive mill in the U.S., Banker Wire provides custom-woven material for any aesthetic on any scale – from intricate design highlights to expansive building facades. Founded in 1896, Banker Wire's manufacturing expertise has been refined for more than a century, bringing unmatched customization, quality, and service to customers. State-of-the-art grid welding equipment provide a wide variety of wire alloy, spacing and diameter configurations, trimmed or untrimmed. For more information visit www.bankerwire.com.

About Architectural Woven Wire Mesh

Pre-crimped woven wire mesh is constructed of individual wires that are crimped prior to being woven together on a loom. Pre-crimping the wires provides a much higher degree of control during the weaving process. This allows for far more intricate and interesting patterns, as well as unique customization, to meet the vision of the designer. Banker Wire has refined and innovated its crimping process more than any other manufacturer, delivering more than 8,000 different spacing, diameter, and crimp combinations, plus endless customization options. As a result, Banker can make any woven wire mesh pattern imaginable – manufactured to specify for any project type.

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