

Understanding the British Standard for Gaps, Gates and Stiles

BS5709:2006 explained

The Standard covers gaps, pedestrian gates, bridle gates, kissing gates, dog gates (dog trap or latches) horse stiles, kent carriage gaps, wide(swing leg-over) and narrow (step over) pedestrian stiles. It does not explicitly cover stiles with moving parts nor vee stiles nor ladder stiles, though these and other structures had been considered for inclusion during the writing of the standard.

These explanatory pages cover eight 'rules' applicable to all compliant structures. Examples are then give of a gap, a bridle/pedestrian gate, three kissing gates and two stiles. Rules specific to each structure type are show beside them. Examples are not give of horse stiles(motorbike inhibitors), stone stiles, dog gates or the kent carriage gap. All of these are detailed in the standard itself.

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