

Thank you for choosing ITSA GOAL.

## **L**ockable aluminium folding goal posts that are easy to use and store.

Crossbar corners are welded both internally and externally to ensure they will stand up to the most rigorous conditions. The corners will not expand apart as with other goals as expansion is carried through the corner to lift the crossbar slightly and then when contracting gravity will take over.

Arrowhead net fixings are only found on our goal posts and are a unique feature that help protect the paintwork whilst at the same time they make net fitting quicker and easier. To use the folding lockable goal posts you first need to fit the arrowhead net fixings into the holes on the posts and secure with the locking pin down the centre of the fixing. To remove the arrowhead net fixing just push the rod right through and the fixing will release.

The best way to use the folding goal is to set the frame up and lock in the play position and fit the net carefully to the goal. The sides should be fitted as well as possible by using the net ties to secure the shaped part of the net to the net support as tightly as possible and to the side ground frame so that it cannot move about. If this is done on both sides then the goal can be folded in with the nets attached and then side frames can be locked under the crossbar with the net attached. The goal can then be transported with the net attached and stored away with the knowledge that it can not be used without the key holders consent.

The goal is easy to use and can be installed in under one minute. Carry to pitch, unlock the side frames swing out into the play position, lock at ninety degrees and then fit multi surface anchors or weights to rear of side frames, peg the net along the back of the goal and then the goal is ready to be used.

The net head cord threaded between the net at the top can be tied between the two side frames so that when the sides of the goal swing out in the play position it becomes taught. To release the locks after play swing round just a little past the ninety degree position and they will release quite easily. This may take a little practice but once mastered it becomes second nature. If numerous different people are using the goals they should all be given clear precise demonstrations and copies of the instructions.

A ground back bar is available for the goal, if required, however this does require to be transported to the pitch with the goal and a little more time is needed for installation. Most clubs do not use this as they want to install and remove goalposts quickly and safely on match days.

To maintain the goals we recommend grease be applied inside the lock housing to facilitate easy removal of the lock case. Oil and clean the lock to ensure the key is working well at all times. If keys do break inside the lock, which is unusual, they can be removed with a special pick. Spare keys are always available.

At the end of the season when the goals are not in use check all welds to ensure they have not become damaged and check periodically through the season as they are being used. The installation guides need to be read carefully prior to installation. Our technical director can be contacted at any time on 07974745768 or by e-mail on [john@itsagoal.net](mailto:john@itsagoal.net) if you need any advice or help.

To protect the life of your paintwork we suggest that 50mm wide plastic stretch tape be wrapped around the base of the upright posts about 600mm up from the ground to protect the paintwork from goal keepers kicking the foot of the posts to clean boots. For added protection this can also be done on the flat underside of the ground frames. Tape can be purchased from our web site or any local DIY store and should be renewed as and when required. It is much better if players and goal keepers are asked not to kick the posts. A sign in the changing rooms about goalpost maintenance and safety is always a good idea and a sample can be downloaded from our web site.

A thorough inspection each year and when goals are installed should be carried out and recorded. A goal post maintenance sheet is available to be downloaded from our web site [www.itsagoal.net](http://www.itsagoal.net). Problems should be recorded, noted down and acted upon straight away.

**NEVER USE DAMAGED GOAL POSTS OR NETS.**

Goals need to be treated and handled with care to optimise their performance and life. Any paint chips need to be repaired as soon as possible. Rub down with emery paper to form a smooth surface down to bare metal and apply a good quality aluminium primer undercoat and then a top coat to seal the affected area. Any areas left untreated will allow water to penetrate between the powder coat finish and the base metal and if left unchecked the paint work will start to peel away. Any local DIY store will supply what you need.

If you treat all goalposts with respect and maintain them properly they will perform year after year.

We wish you success in the future and if we can be of any further help please feel free to contact us at any time.

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