

2.4 Walls/partition walls

Media Plaza, Utrecht

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Mesh types
Omega 1510, Omega 3380, Tatami
> 3.3.3 Mesh group 3

Attachment
Individual fasteners
> 4.2.6 Panels with individual hangers
Roundbar with eye-bolts
> 4.2.1 Panels with roundbar



Media Plaza Utrecht: media tunnel (37)



Media Plaza Utrecht: partition wall and media tunnel (38)

The tunnel cladding, made of the GKD mesh type Tatami, is fastened at individual points to a curved support construction – no problem, thanks to the flexibility of the mesh along its warp cables. The partition walls of Omega 1510 mesh are fitted with roundbars inserted at the top and the bottom end and are tensioned in this way between the ceiling and the floor. Illumination of the mesh with coloured lights creates a futuristic atmosphere in the tunnel, and elsewhere an impression of golden surfaces.

Originally planned as an interim structure, the building has remained an attractive magnet for visitors ever since: the information centre for internet use in the Exhibition Centre Utrecht visualizes the transfer into future worlds. Through a tunnel lined with stainless steel wire mesh, visitors reach the foyer, where there is a wide vaulted ceiling made of Omega 3380 mesh and where semi-transparent partition walls create separate zones without obstructing lines of sight.

The reflections in the metallic mesh alone change the way the tunnel is perceived.



Left: Media Plaza Utrecht: foyer and media tunnel (39)