

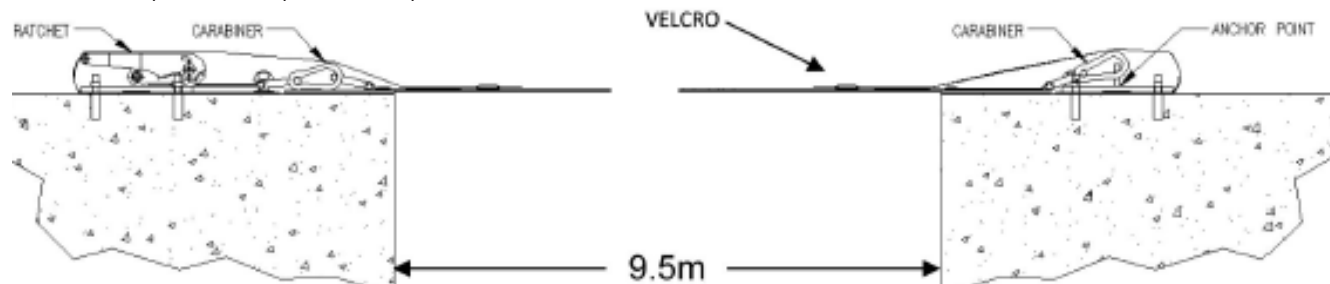
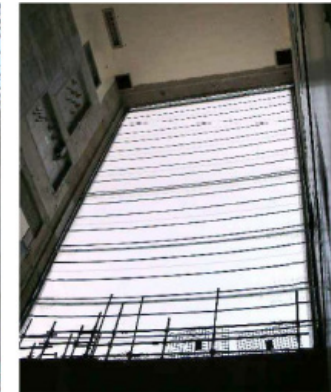
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- Covers are quick and easy to erect and take down.
- Minimal equipment needed due to the normal weight of each (Largest cover was 26.0m x 7.5m and weighed only 235Kg)
- Each cover was split into manageable sizes to aid fabrication and erection, this also allowed smaller pieces of kit to be installed without the whole cover being taken down.
- Each edge of the covers were sealed from the elements with sheets of the same PVC material that were fixed under base plates and attached to the covers by Velcro. These sealing sheets are tied back away from the opening during kit installation.
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