Holding tree trunks in high density systems directly to wires

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• Need a system of holding tree trunks of apples in high density systems to bypass need to affix to stakes or vertical crimped wires.
• Stakes can be costly
  – Bamboo $0.50 - $1.00 each plus ties/clips to wires ($0.04 ea clip).
  – Metal tubes - $2.50-$3.00 ea. Most tree holders don’t protect tree trunks from damage/associated with wire or slide or are loose in contact.
• Most holders can cost $0.25-$0.35 ea (http://www.wilsonirr.com/)
Tree-Fix tabbed bands

- 3-4 wire system with 14 ga high tensile wire
- No stakes with line posts every 40-50 ft.
- Wires affixed to tree trunks using Tree-Fix tabbed rubber bands
- Wire at $121.67 per 100 lb roll (5800 ft per 100 lbs)
- 2.75 rolls per Acre with trees planted 3X12’ using 4 strands ($335 per acre)
- Tree-Fix Tabbed bands at $0.10 ea = $0.30- $0.40 per tree
"Tree Fix Tab Bands"; 4.30 inch come in 1230 count bags (11 lb bags) (http://www.peachridge.com/treetraining/training.htm ; $125.00 plus shipping)

In July 2008, used these in my teaching HD planting.