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Tower packing element (1) comprising a tubular body member (2) with an essentially triangular cross section and having projections (3) within the element extending from the inside surface of the body member, is provided. The axial length of the tubular body member is smaller than the width as measured from an apex of the triangle to the nearest point on the opposed side.

