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WITH 6-FT POSTS PLACED ADJACENT TO

A 1V:2H FILL SLOPE

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16. Abstract

 The Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) has previously been approved for placement on the slope break point of a 1V:2H fill slope if 9-ft (2.7-m) steel posts are used. In order to reduce hardware inventories, states have chosen in some cases to install the standard MGS system at a lateral offset away from the slope break point. Current guidance requires minimum offsets ranging between 1 ft (0.3 m) and 2 ft (0.6 m) from the back of the post to the slope break point for the standard MGS system with 6-ft (1.8-m) long posts, depending on the slope grade. The goal of this research was to evaluate if standard length posts could be placed adjacent to a 1V:2H fill slope while maintaining satisfactory safety performance under the *Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware* (MASH) TL-3 conditions.

 The MGS was crash tested with W6x8.5 (W152x12.6) steel posts measuring 72 in. (1,829 mm) long. This system used a 6-in. wide x 12-in. deep x 14½-in. long (152-mm x 305-mm x 368-mm) Southern Yellow Pine wood blockout as well as 12 gauge (2.66-mm) guardrail sections. The design was evaluated using a 5,158-lb (2,340-kg) Dodge Ram 1500 quad-cab pickup truck impacting at 61.6 mph (99.1 km/hr) and 26.3 degrees. The MGS placed adjacent to a 1V:2H fill slope met the MASH safety requirements for the full-scale crash test. Following the full-scale crash testing, recommendations were given regarding the use of standard-length steel posts when MGS systems are installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope.

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W-beam guardrail may be used to protect motorists from steep roadside slopes adjacent to high-speed roadways. A roadside slope placed immediately behind a guardrail system greatly reduces the soil resistance associated with lateral deflection of the barrier. This reduction in the post-soil forces greatly reduces a system's energy-absorption capability, significantly increases dynamic rail deflections, and can potentially induce issues with vehicle capture or vehicle override. Further, when the guardrail extends over the embankment, the gap between the bottom of the rail and the ground will be greatly magnified and thereby increase the risk of severe wheel snag and potential small car underride.

The Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) has greatly improved the safety performance and stability of guardrail installed at the slope break point of slopes as steep as 1V:2H. However, current MGS installations adjacent to 1V:2H fill slopes utilize increased-length posts in order to provide sufficient embedment to generate the proper soil resistive forces[\[1](#page-81-1)[-5\]](#page-81-2). This requirement creates hardware inventory and maintenance issues within state departments of transportation, due to the need to stock and maintain non-standard length posts. In order to reduce hardware inventories, states have chosen in some cases to install the standard MGS system at an offset from the slope. Current guidance requires minimum offsets of between 1 ft (0.3 m) and 2 ft (0.6 m) from the back of the post to the slope break point for the standard MGS system with 6-ft (1.8 m) long posts, depending on the slope grade. This large offset maintains the safety performance of the system but creates a great deal of additional expense in terms of earthwork. Thus, a need exists to evaluate a minimum offset for the standard MGS guardrail system adjacent to a 1V:2H fill slope in order to reduce current issues with state hardware inventories and maintenance costs.

1.2 Objective

The objective of this research was to determine the crashworthiness of the standard MGS, installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope. The system was to meet the Test Level 3 (TL-3) safety performance criteria set forth in American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' *Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware* (MASH) [\[6\]](#page-81-3).

1.3 Scope

The research objective was completed by accomplishing several tasks. First, a full-scale crash test was conducted on the MGS placed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H fill slope. The crash test consisted of a pickup truck weighing approximately 5,000 lb (2,268 kg) impacting at a target of 62 mph (100 km/h) and 25 degrees. Next, the test results were analyzed, evaluated, and documented. Finally, conclusions and recommendations were made that pertain to the safety performance of the standard MGS placed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H fill slope.

2 DESIGN DETAILS

The MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope consisted of 175 ft (53.3 m) of standard 12-gauge (2.7-mm thick) W-beam guardrail with a top rail mounting height of 31 in. (787 mm) supported by steel posts, as shown in [Figure 2.](#page-16-0) Non-proprietary MGS trailing end anchorage systems [\[7](#page-81-4)[-9\]](#page-82-0) were utilized on both the upstream and downstream ends of the guardrail system. Design details are shown in Figures 1 through 12. Photographs of the test installation are shown in Figure 13. Material specifications, mill certifications, and certificates of conformity for the system materials are shown in [Appendix A.](#page-87-0)

The system was constructed with 29 posts. Post nos. 3 through 27 were galvanized ASTM A992, W6x8.5 (W152x12.6) steel sections measuring 72 in. (1,829 mm) long. Post nos. 1, 2, 28, and 29 were 5½-in. wide x 7½-in. deep x 46-in. long (140-mm x 191-mm x 1,168-mm) BCT timber posts. The anchor posts were placed into 6-in. x 8-in. x 72-in. long (152-mm x 203mm x 1,829-mm), ASTM A53 Grade B, steel foundation tubes, as shown in Figures 3 and 6. All posts were spaced 75 in. (1,905 mm) on center and placed in a compacted, coarse, crushed limestone material, as recommended by MASH [\[6\]](#page-81-3). Post nos. 3 through 27 had an embedment depth of 40 in. (1,016 mm). A 6-in. x 12-in. x 14½-in. long (152-mm x 305-mm x 368-mm) Southern Yellow Pine wood blockout was used to block the rail away from the front face of each steel post, as shown in [Figure 5.](#page-19-0)

Standard 12-gauge (2.7-mm thick) W-beam rails with additional post bolt slots at halfpost spacing intervals were mounted on post nos. 1 through 29. The W-beam had a 24⁷/₈-in. (632mm) center mounting height. Rail splices were located at midspans between posts, as shown in [Figure 3.](#page-17-0) The lap splice connections between the rail sections were configured to reduce vehicle snag potential at the splice during the crash test.

A load cell assembly was spliced into the upstream anchorage anchor cables to measure the loads experienced during full-scale crash testing. The use of these load cell assemblies was purely research orientated, with the purpose of analyzing the anchors' performance.

A 1V:2H fill slope pit was dug behind post nos. 9 through 20, as shown in Figures 1, 2, and 13. The pit was 120 in. (3,048 mm) wide and 60 in. (1,524 mm) deep. The length of the pit was 75 ft (22.9 m), spanning from the midspan between post nos. 8 and 9 to the midspan between post nos. 20 and 21.

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Figure 10. Fasteners, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-5) - 1

Figure 11. Rail Section Details, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-5) - 1

Item No.	QTY.	Description			Material Specification	Hardware Guide Designation			
a1	25	W6x8.5 [W152x12.6], 72" Long [1829] Steel Post		ASTM A992 Min. 50 ksi [345 MPa] Steel Galv. or W6x9 [W152x13.4] ASTM A36 Min. 36 ksi [248 MPa] Steel Galv.			PWE06		
a2	25	6x12x14 1/4" [152x305x362] Timber Blockout for Steel Posts				SYP Grade No.1 or better	$PDB10a-b$		
a3	25	16D Double Head Nail					$\overline{}$		
q4	12	12'-6" [3810] W-Beam MGS Section			12 gauge [2.7] AASHTO M180 Galv.			RWM04a	
a5	$\mathbf{1}$	6'-3" [1905] W-Beam MGS Section			12 gauge [2.7] AASHTO M180 Galv.			RWM04a	
a6	$\overline{2}$	12'-6" [3810] W-Beam MGS End Section		12 gauge [2.7] AASHTO M180 Galv.			RWM14a		
b1	$\overline{4}$	BCT Timber Post - MGS Height		SYP Grade No. 1 or better (No knots, 18" [457] above or below ground tension face)			PDF01		
b2	4	72" [1829] Long Foundation Tube			ASTM A500 Grade B Galv.			PTE06	
b3	$\overline{2}$	Strut and Yoke Assembly		ASTM A36 Steel Galv.			-		
b4	$\overline{4}$	BCT Cable Anchor Assembly				ø3/4" [19] 6x19 IWRC IPS Galvanized Wire Rope	FCA01		
b5	2	Anchor Bracket Assembly				ASTM A36 Steel Galv.	FPA01		
b ₆	2	8"x8"x5/8" [203x203x16] Anchor Bearing Plate			ASTM A36 Steel Galv.		FPB01		
b7	$\overline{2}$	2 3/8" [60] O.D. x 6" Long [152] BCT Post Sleeve		ASTM A53 Grade B Schedule 40 Galv.			FMM02		
c ₁	25	5/8" [16] Dia. UNC, 14" [356] Long Guardrail Bolt and Nut			Bolt ASTM A307 Galv., Nut ASTM A563 A Galv.		FBB06		
c2	112	5/8" [16] Dia. UNC, 1 1/4" [32] Guardrail Bolt and Nut			Bolt ASTM A307 Galv., Nut ASTM A563 A Galv.		FBB01		
c3	$\overline{4}$	5/8" [16] Dia. UNC, 10" [254] Long Guardrail Bolt and Nut				Bolt ASTM A307 Galv., Nut ASTM A563 A Galv.	FBB03		
C ₄	16	5/8" [16] Dia. UNC, 1 1/2" [38] Long Hex Head Bolt and Nut			Bolt ASTM A307 Galv., Nut ASTM A563 A Galv.		FBX16a		
c5	4	5/8" [16] Dia. UNC, 10" [254] Long Hex Head Bolt and Nut			Bolt ASTM A307 Galv., Nut ASTM A563 A Galv.		FBX16a		
c6	$\overline{4}$	7/8" [22] Dia. UNC, 8" [203] Long Hex Head Bolt and Nut		Bolt ASTM A307 Grade A Galv., Nut ASTM A563 A Galv.		$-$			
c7	44	5/8" [16] Dia. Plain Round Washer		ASTM F844 Galv.			FWC14a		
c8	8	7/8" [22] Dia. Plain Round Washer		ASTM F844 Galv.			$\overline{}$		
						Standard MGS on a 2:1 Fill Slope		SHEET: 12 of 12 DATE: 7/13/2015 DRAWN BY:	
					Midwest Roadside Safety Facility	Bill of Materials DWG. NAME. MGS_Standard_2to1Slope_R8	SCALE: None UNITS: Inches	SDB/JEK REV. BY: KAL/RKF	

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3 TEST REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

3.1 Test Requirements

Longitudinal barriers, such as W-beam guardrails, must satisfy impact safety standards in order to be declared eligible for federal reimbursement by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for use on the National Highway System (NHS). For new hardware, these safety standards consist of the guidelines and procedures published in MASH [\[6\]](#page-81-3). According to TL-3 of MASH, longitudinal barrier systems must be subjected to two full-scale vehicle crash tests, as summarized in [Table 1.](#page-30-1)

W-beam barriers, specifically the MGS, struck by small cars have been shown to meet the MASH safety performance standards with little lateral deflection and with no significant potential for occupant risk problems. In test no. 2214MG-3, the standard MGS was successfully crash tested with a 2,588-lb (1,174-kg) small car impacting at a speed of 60.8 mph (97.8 km/h) and an angle of 25.4 degrees according to the safety performance criteria set forth in MASH [\[10-](#page-82-1) [11\]](#page-82-2). In test no. MGSSYP-2, the standard MGS with Southern Yellow Pine (SYP) posts was also successfully impacted by a 2,612-lb (1,185-kg) small car at a speed of 61.5 mph (99.0 km/h) and at an angle of 25.3 degrees according to the MASH TL-3 safety performance criteria [\[12](#page-82-3)[-13\]](#page-82-4). Further, the MGS was successfully crash tested according to the MASH TL-3 safety performance criteria with maximum rail heights of 34-in. (864-mm) and 36-in. (914-mm). In test no. MGSMRH-1, the MGS with a maximum rail height of 34-in. (864-mm), was impacted a 2,599-lb (1,174-kg) small car at 63.6 mph (102.4 km/h) and 25.0 degrees and in test no. MGSMRH-2, the MGS with a maximum height tolerance of 36-in. (914-mm), was impacted by a 2,583-lb (1,172-kg) small car at 64.1 mph (103.2 km/h) and 25.6 degrees [\[14\]](#page-82-5). These tests showed that a taller rail mounting height did not exhibit significant potential for occupant risk concerns for the small car. In test no. MGSNB-2, the non-blocked MGS was successfully impacted by a $2,578$ -lb $(1,169$ -kg) small car at 63.0 mph (101.4 km/h) and 25.5 degrees according to the MASH TL-3 safety performance criteria [\[15](#page-82-6)[-16\]](#page-82-7). In test no. MGSGW-1, the non-blocked MGS was placed at the slope break point of a 3H:1V fill slope of a wire-faced MSE wall was successfully impacted by a 2,596-lb $(1,178 \text{-kg})$ small car at a speed of 61.0 mph (98.2) km/h) and 25.3 degrees according to the MASH TL-3 safety performance criteria [\[17-](#page-82-8)[18\]](#page-83-0). The two tests of the non-blocked MGS further show that even without blockouts the MGS performs satisfactorily when impacted by the MASH small car. Therefore, based on the success of prior small car testing on the MGS, the 2,425-lb (1,100-kg) passenger car crash test was deemed unnecessary for this project. Therefore, only test designation no. 3-11 with the 5,000-lb (2,268 kg) pickup truck was conducted for the system described herein.

¹ Evaluation criteria explained in [Table 2.](#page-32-0)

3.2 Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation criteria for full-scale vehicle crash testing are based on three appraisal areas: (1) structural adequacy; (2) occupant risk; and (3) vehicle trajectory after collision. Criteria for structural adequacy are intended to evaluate the ability of the longitudinal barrier to contain and redirect impacting vehicles. in addition, controlled lateral deflection of the test article is acceptable. Occupant risk evaluates the degree of hazard to occupants in the impacting vehicle. Post-impact vehicle trajectory is a measure of the potential of the vehicle to result in a secondary collision with other vehicles and/or fixed objects, thereby increasing the risk of injury to the occupants of the impacting vehicle and/or other vehicles. These evaluation criteria are summarized in [Table 2](#page-32-0) and defined in greater detail in MASH. The full-scale vehicle crash test was conducted and reported in accordance with the procedures provided in MASH.

In addition to the standard occupant risk measures, the Post-Impact Head Deceleration (PHD), the Theoretical Head Impact Velocity (THIV), and the Acceleration Severity Index (ASI) were determined and reported on the test summary sheet. Additional discussion on PHD, THIV and ASI is provided in MASH.

3.3 Soil Strength Requirements

In accordance with Chapter 3 and Appendix B of MASH, foundation soil strength must be verified before any full-scale crash testing can occur. During the installation of a soildependent system, additional $W6x16$ (W152x23.8) posts are to be installed near the impact region utilizing the same installation procedures as the system itself. Prior to full-scale testing, a dynamic impact test must be conducted to verify a minimum dynamic soil resistance of 7.5 kips (33.4 kN) at post deflections between 5 and 20 in. (127 and 508 mm) measured at a height of 25 in. (635 mm). If dynamic testing near the system is not desired, MASH permits a static test to be conducted instead and compared against the results of a previously established baseline test. In this situation, the soil must provide a resistance of at least 90% of the static baseline test at deflections of 5, 10, and 15 in. (127, 254, and 381 mm). Further details can be found in Appendix B of MASH.

4 TEST CONDITIONS

4.1 Test Facility

The testing facility is located at the Lincoln Air Park on the northwest side of the Lincoln Municipal Airport and is approximately 5 miles (8.0 km) northwest of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln city campus.

4.2 Vehicle Tow and Guidance System

A reverse cable tow system with a 1:2 mechanical advantage was used to propel the test vehicle. The distance traveled and the speed of the tow vehicle were one-half those of the test vehicle. The test vehicle was released from the tow cable before impact with the barrier system. A digital speedometer on the tow vehicle increased the accuracy of the test vehicle impact speed.

A vehicle guidance system developed by Hinch [\[19\]](#page-83-1) was used to steer the test vehicle. A guide flag, attached to the right-front wheel and the guide cable, was sheared off before impact with the barrier system. The $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. (9.5-mm) diameter guide cable was tensioned to approximately 3,500 lb (15.6 kN) and supported both laterally and vertically every 100 ft (30.5 m) by hinged stanchions. The hinged stanchions stood upright while holding up the guide cable, but as the vehicle was towed down the line, the guide flag struck and knocked each stanchion to the ground.

4.3 Test Vehicles

For test no. [MGSS-1,](#page-43-6) a 2007 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck was used as the test vehicle. The curb, test inertial, and gross static vehicle weights were 5,024 lb (2,279 kg), 4,992 lb (2,264 kg), and 5,158 lb (2,340 kg), respectively. The test vehicle is shown in [Figure 15,](#page-34-0) and vehicle dimensions are shown in [Figure 16.](#page-35-0)

Figure 15. Test Vehicle, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-6)

Figure 16. Vehicle Dimensions, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-6)
The longitudinal component of the center of gravity (c.g.) was determined using the measured axle weights. The Suspension Method [\[20\]](#page-83-0) was used to determine the vertical component of the c.g. for the pickup truck. This method is based on the principle that the c.g. of any freely suspended body is in the vertical plane through the point of suspension. The vehicle was suspended successively in three positions, and the respective planes containing the c.g. were established. The intersection of these planes pinpointed the final c.g. location for the test inertial condition. The location of the final c.g. is shown in Figures 16 and 17. Data used to calculate the location of the c.g. and ballast information are shown in [Appendix B.](#page-113-0)

Square, black- and white-checkered targets were placed on the vehicle for reference to be viewed from the high-speed digital video cameras and aid in the video analysis, as shown in [Figure 17.](#page-37-0) Round, checkered targets were placed on the center of gravity on the left-side door, the right-side door, and the roof of the vehicle.

The front wheels of the test vehicle were aligned to vehicle standards except the toe-in value was adjusted to zero so that the vehicles would track properly along the guide cable. A 5B flash bulb was mounted on the left side of the vehicle's dash and was fired by a pressure tape switch mounted at the impact corner of the bumper. The flash bulb was fired upon initial impact with the test article to create a visual indicator of the precise time of impact on the high-speed videos. A remote-controlled brake system was installed in the test vehicle so the vehicle could be brought safely to a stop after the test.

Figure 17. Target Geometry, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

4.4 Simulated Occupant

For test no [MGSS-1,](#page-43-0) A Hybrid II $50th$ -Percentile, Adult Male Dummy, equipped with clothing and footwear, was placed in the left-front seat of the test vehicle with the seat belt fastened. The dummy, which had a final weight of 166 lb (75 kg), was model no. 572, serial no. 451, and was manufactured by Android Systems of Carson, California. As recommended by MASH, the dummy was not included in calculating the c.g location.

4.5 Data Acquisition Systems

4.5.1 Accelerometers

Two environmental shock and vibration sensor/recorder systems were used to measure the accelerations in the longitudinal, lateral, and vertical directions. All of the accelerometers were mounted near the center of gravity of the test vehicle. The electronic accelerometer data obtained in dynamic testing was filtered using the SAE Class 60 and the SAE Class 180 Butterworth filters conforming to SAE J211/1 specifications [\[21\]](#page-83-1).

The two systems, the SLICE-1 and SLICE-2 units, were modular data acquisition systems manufactured by Diversified Technical Systems (DTS) of Seal Beach, California. The acceleration sensors were mounted inside the bodies of custom-built SLICE 6DX event data recorders and recorded data at 10,000 Hz to the onboard microprocessor. Each SLICE 6DX was configured with 7 GB of non-volatile flash memory, a range of ± 500 g's, a sample rate of 10,000 Hz, and a 1,650 Hz (CFC 1000) anti-aliasing filter. The "SLICEWare" computer software program and a customized Microsoft Excel worksheet were used to analyze and plot the accelerometer data.

4.5.2 Rate Transducers

Two identical angle rate sensor systems mounted inside the bodies of the SLICE-1 and SLICE-2 event data recorders were used to measure the rates of rotation of the test vehicle. Each

SLICE MICRO Triax ARS had a range of 1,500 degrees/sec in each of the three directions (roll, pitch, and yaw) and recorded data at 10,000 Hz to the onboard microprocessors. The raw data measurements were then downloaded, converted to the proper Euler angles for analysis, and plotted. The "SLICEWare" computer software program and a customized Microsoft Excel worksheet were used to analyze and plot the angular rate sensor data.

4.5.3 Retroreflective Optic Speed Trap

The retroreflective optic speed trap was used to determine the speed of the bogie vehicle before impact. Five retroreflective targets, spaced at approximately 18-in. (457-mm) intervals, were applied to the side of the vehicle. When the emitted beam of light was reflected by the targets and returned to the Emitter/Receiver, a signal was sent to the data acquisition computer, recording at 10,000 Hz, as well as the external LED box activating the LED flashes. The speed was then calculated using the spacing between the retroreflective targets and the time between the signals. LED lights and high-speed digital video analysis are only used as a backup in the event that vehicle speeds cannot be determined from the electronic data.

4.5.4 Load Cells

Load cells, shown in [Figure 18,](#page-40-0) were installed in the upstream anchor cable for test no. [MGSS-1.](#page-43-0) The load cells were Transducer Techniques model nos. PCB 1-1376 and 261278 with a load range up to 80 kips (356 kN). During testing, output voltage signals were sent from the transducers to a National Instruments PCI-6071E data acquisition board, acquired with LabView software, and stored on a personal computer at a sample rate of 10,000 Hz.

Figure 18. Load Cell Placement, Test No. MGSS-1

4.5.5 Digital Photography

Six AOS high-speed digital video cameras, six GoPro digital video cameras, and three JVC digital video cameras were utilized to film test no. [MGSS-1.](#page-43-0) One of the GoPro cameras was on-board the test vehicle. Camera details, camera operating speeds, lens information, and a schematic of the other camera locations relative to the system are shown in [Figure 19.](#page-42-0)

The high-speed videos were analyzed using ImageExpress MotionPlus and RedLake MotionScope software programs. Actual camera speed and camera divergence factors were considered in the analysis of the high-speed videos. A Nikon D50 digital still camera was used to document pre-test and post-test conditions for the test. One of the GoPro cameras was onboard the vehicle during the test.

Figure 19. Camera Locations, Speeds, and Lens Settings, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

5 FULL-SCALE CRASH TEST NO. MGSS-1

5.1 Static Soil Test

Before full-scale crash test no. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0) was conducted, the strength of the foundation soil was evaluated with a static test, as described in MASH. The static test results, as shown in [Appendix C,](#page-115-0) demonstrated a soil resistance above the baseline test limits. Thus, the soil provided adequate strength, and full-scale crash testing could be conducted on the barrier system.

5.2 Weather Conditions

Test no. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0) was conducted on August 14, 2014 at approximately 1:30 p.m. The weather conditions, as per the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (station 14939/LNK), were reported as shown in [Table 3.](#page-43-2)

Temperature	88° F
Humidity	40%
Wind Speed	13 mph
Wind Direction	120° from True North
Sky Conditions	Sunny
Visibility	10 Statute Miles
Pavement Surface	Dry
Previous 3-Day Precipitation	0 in.
Previous 7-Day Precipitation	0 in.

Table 3. Weather Conditions, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

5.3 Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

The 5,158-lb (2,340-kg) pickup truck impacted the standard MGS placed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H fill slope at a speed of 61.6 mph (99.1 km/h) and an angle of 26.3 degrees. A summary of the test results and sequential photographs are shown in Figure 19. Additional sequential photographs are shown in Figures 20 and 21. Documentary photographs of the crash test are shown in [Figure 23.](#page-53-0)

5.4 Test Description

Initial vehicle impact was to occur 18 ft – 9 in. (5.7 m) upstream from the centerline of post no. 15, as shown in [Figure 24,](#page-54-0) which was selected using the CIP plots found in Section 2.3 of MASH. The actual point of impact was $18 \text{ ft} - 6 \text{ in.}$ (5.6 m) upstream from the centerline of post no. 15. A sequential description of the impact events is contained in

[Table 4.](#page-44-0) The vehicle came to rest 164 ft (50.0 m) downstream from the point of impact and 50 ft -4 in. (15.3 m) behind the front of the rail. The vehicle trajectory and final position are shown in Figures 20 and 25.

TIME (sec)	EVENT
0.000	Vehicle left-front bumper contacted the rail between post nos. 12 and 13.
0.006	Post no. 12 deflected backward.
0.010	Post no. 13 deflected backward.
0.014	Vehicle left headlight deformed.
0.020	Post no. 11 deflected backward.
0.022	Post no. 14 deflected backward.
0.024	Vehicle began to yaw away from barrier.
0.030	Post no. 10 deflected backward, and vehicle's hood and grill deformed.
0.032	Vehicle left-front door deformed.
0.046	Post no. 11 rotated backward, and vehicle's left-front tire entered slope.
0.058	Post no. 15 deflected backward.
0.062	Post no. 9 deflected backward.
0.072	Post nos. 8 and 16 deflected backward.
0.082	Vehicle pitched upward.
0.122	Vehicle began to roll toward barrier.
0.128	Post no. 14 disengaged from guardrail, and vehicle's left-front door contacted guardrail between post nos. 13 and 14.
0.136	Post no. 17 deflected backward.
0.138	Post no. 19 deflected backward.

Table 4. Sequential Description of Impact Events, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

5.5 Barrier Damage

Damage to the barrier was moderate, as shown in Figures 27 through 31. Barrier damage consisted of deformed W-beam rail, disengaged W-beam rail from the posts, and post rotation out of the soil. The length of vehicle contact along the barrier was approximately 49 ft – 6 in. (15.1 m), which spanned from 8¼ in. (210 mm) downstream from the centerline of post no. 12 through 2½ in. (64 mm) downstream from the centerline of post no. 20.

The W-beam rail deformed between post nos. 12 through 21. Contact marks were found on the guardrail between post nos. 12 and 21. An 8-in. (203-mm) tear occurred vertically from the end anchorage rail bolt hole at post no. 1. Post no. 2 split vertically through the bolt hole. Flattening occurred on the bottom corrugation of the rail from post nos. 13 through 16. Partial bolt pullout occurred at post nos. 9 through 12, 19, 20, and 25. The bolt pulled through the rail at post nos. 1, 3 through 8, 13 through 15, 19, and 22 through 24. Post no. 2 split, while post no. 3 twisted downstream. Post nos. 9 through 12 and 17 through 20 rotated backwards and twisted downstream, while post no. 13 twisted upstream. Post nos. 14 through 16 rotated out of the soil. Post nos. 21 through 29 remained unchanged.

The maximum lateral permanent set rail and post deflections were 56 in. (1,422 mm) at post no. 17 and 52 ¾ in. (1,340 mm) at post no. 17, as measured in the field. Post nos. 14 through 16 were removed from the system and were not considered for deflections. The maximum lateral dynamic rail and barrier deflections was 72.9 in. (1,852 mm) at the midspan of post nos. 14 and 15, and 69.9 in. (1775 mm) at post no. 14, as determined from high-speed digital video analysis. The working width of the system was found to be 77.4 in. (1,966 mm), also determined from high-speed digital video analysis.

5.6 Vehicle Damage

The damage to the vehicle was minor, as shown in [Figure 32.](#page-62-0) The maximum occupant compartment deformations are listed in [Table 5](#page-47-0) along with the deformation limits established in MASH for various areas of the occupant compartment. Note that none of the MASH established deformation limits were violated. Complete occupant compartment and vehicle deformations and the corresponding locations are provided in [Appendix D.](#page-118-0)

LOCATION	MAXIMUM DEFORMATION in. (mm)	MASH ALLOWABLE DEFORMATION in. (mm)
Wheel Well & Toepan	$\frac{1}{2}$ in. (13 mm)	\leq 9 (229)
Floorpan & Transmission Tunnel	$\frac{1}{2}$ in. (13 mm)	\leq 12 (305)
Side Front Panel (in Front of A-Pillar)	$\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm)	\leq 12 (305)
Side Door (Above Seat)	$\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm)	\leq 9 (229)
Side Door (Below Seat)	$\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm)	\leq 12 (305)
Roof	0 in. (0 mm)	\leq 4 (102)
Windshield	0 in. (0 mm)	\leq 3 (76)

Table 5. Maximum Occupant Compartment Deformations by Location

The majority of the damage was concentrated on the left-front corner and left side of the vehicle. Contact marks were found along the entire length of the left side of the vehicle and from the right-front bumper to the right-front wheel well. Dents were found on the front bumper and fenders and kinks were found on the bottom of the left-front fender. The left and right headlights disengaged. The left-front wheel assembly disengaged from the control arms and the lower portion of the spindle cracked. Tears 2 in. (51 mm) in length and contact marks were found on the left-front wheel extending from the rim, and contact marks appeared along the outer wall of the tire. Tearing occurred on the back of the left-front wheel well. A 1½-in. (38-mm) deep dent was found on the left-front fender at the back of the wheel. A $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. (19-mm) separation formed between the roof and the left-front door. A small dent was found 14 in. (356 mm) from the bottom of the C-pillar. Denting appeared along the entire length of the left quarter panel. The left taillight partially disengaged, and a 1-in. (25-mm) deep dent was found on the left side of the rear bumper.

5.7 Occupant Risk

The calculated occupant impact velocities (OIVs) and maximum 0.010-sec occupant ridedown accelerations (ORAs) in both the longitudinal and lateral directions are shown in [Table](#page-48-0) [6.](#page-48-0) Note that the OIVs and ORAs were within the suggested limits provided in MASH. The calculated THIV, PHD, and ASI values are also shown in [Table 6.](#page-48-0) The results of the occupant risk analysis, as determined from the accelerometer data, are summarized in [Figure 20.](#page-50-0) The recorded data from the accelerometers and the rate transducers are shown graphically in [Appendix E.](#page-125-0) Note, the SLICE-1 unit was designated as the primary unit during the test, as it was closer to the CG of the vehicle.

Evaluation Criteria		Transducer		MASH
		SLICE-1 (Primary)	SLICE-2	Limits
OIV	Longitudinal	$-3.83(-1.17)$	$-3.69(-1.12)$	± 40 (12.2)
ft/s (m/s)	Lateral	3.87(1.18)	4.12(1.26)	± 40 (12.2)
ORA	Longitudinal	-6.96	-7.14	± 20.49
g's	Lateral	5.19	5.41	±20.49
MAXIMUM	Roll	-13.10	-10.85	± 75
ANGULAR DISPLACEMENT	Pitch	-4.62	-3.86	±75
deg.	Yaw	36.95	36.40	not required
THIV ft/s (m/s)		16.93(5.16)	17.49(5.33)	not required
PHD g's		7.67	7.39	not required
ASI		0.49	0.48	not required

Table 6. Summary of OIV, ORA, THIV, PHD, and ASI Values, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

5.8 Load Cells

The pertinent data from the load cells was extracted from the bulk signal and analyzed using the transducer's calibration factor. The recorded data and analyzed results are detailed in [Appendix F.](#page-142-0) The exact moment of impact could not be determined from the transducer data as impact may have occurred a few milliseconds prior to a measurable signal increase in the data. Thus, the extracted data curves should not be taken as precise time after impact, but rather a general time line between events within the data curve itself.

5.9 Discussion

The analysis of the test results for test no. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0) showed that the standard MGS placed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope adequately contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle with controlled lateral displacements of the barrier. Detached elements or fragments did not show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment or present undue hazard to other traffic. Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment that could have caused serious injury did not occur. The test vehicle did not penetrate or ride over the barrier and remained upright during and after the collision. Vehicle roll, pitch, and yaw angular displacements, as shown in [Appendix E,](#page-125-0) were deemed acceptable, because they did not adversely influence occupant risk safety criteria or cause rollover. After impact, the vehicle exited the barrier at an angle of 16 degrees, and its trajectory did not violate the bounds of the exit box. Therefore, test no. [MGSS-1,](#page-43-0) conducted on the standard MGS placed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H fill slope with 6-ft posts, was determined to be acceptable according to the MASH safety performance criteria for test designation no. 3-11.

Figure 20. Summary of Test Results and Sequential Photographs, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-1)

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Figure 21. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure 22. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure 23. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure 24. Impact Location, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure 25. Vehicle Final Position and Trajectory Marks, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

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Figure 26. System Damage, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

Figure 27. System Damage, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

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Figure 28. System Damage Between Post Nos. 12 and 17, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

Figure 29. Post Damage Between Post Nos. 12 and 15, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

Figure 30. Post Damage Between Post Nos. 15 and 18, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure 31. Upstream and Downstream Anchor Damage, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

Figure 32. Vehicle Damage, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

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6 SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The standard MGS that was placed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope was crash tested and evaluated according to MASH. The MGS utilized 6-ft (1,829-mm) long W6x8.5 (W152x12.6) steel posts spaced at 75 in. (1905 mm). One full-scale crash test was performed according to the TL-3 safety performance criteria, as defined in MASH. Test no. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0) (test designation no. 3-11) consisted of a 4,992-lb (2,264-kg) pickup truck impacting the MGS at a speed of 61.6 mph (99.1 km/h) and an angle of 26.3 degrees for an impact severity of 123.7 kipft (167.7 kJ). The vehicle was contained and smoothly redirected. Thus, the standard MGS placed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope was acceptable according to the safety performance criteria presented in MASH. A summary of the safety performance evaluation is provided in [Table 7.](#page-64-0)

The successful evaluation of the standard MGS placed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope prevents the need to offset the system laterally away from the slope break point when using standard length steel posts. Full-scale crash testing of the standard MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H fill slope resulted in a working width of 77.4 in. (1,966 mm). Thus, a minimum lateral distance of approximately 78 in. (1,981 mm) should be provided between the front face of any fixed object and the front face of the MGS system.

The MGS placed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope has been successfully crash tested according to the safety performance criteria presented in MASH with two different post lengths, 9-ft (2,743-mm) and 6-ft (1,829-mm) long W6x8.5 (W152x12.6) steel posts. Results of test designation no. 3-11 for the two MGS systems placed as the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope are summarized in [Table 8.](#page-65-0)

Evaluation Factors		Evaluation Criteria			Test No. MGSS-1
Structural Adequacy	A.	Test article should contain and redirect the vehicle or bring the vehicle to a controlled stop; the vehicle should not penetrate, underride, or override the installation although controlled lateral deflection of the test article is acceptable.			S
	D.	Detached elements, fragments or other debris from the test article should not penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present an undue hazard to other traffic, pedestrians, or personnel in a work zone. Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of MASH.	S		
	F ₁ The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision. The maximum roll and pitch angles are not to exceed 75 degrees.				S
Occupant	Η.	Occupant Impact Velocity (OIV) (see Appendix A, Section A5.3 of MASH for calculation procedure) should satisfy the following limits:			
Risk		Occupant Impact Velocity Limits			S
		Component	Preferred	Maximum	
		Longitudinal and Lateral	30 ft/s (9.1 m/s)	40 ft/s (12.2 m/s)	
	I. The Occupant Ridedown Acceleration (ORA) (see Appendix A, Section A5.3 of MASH for calculation procedure) should satisfy the following limits:				
		Occupant Ridedown Acceleration Limits			S
		Component	Preferred	Maximum	
		Longitudinal and Lateral	15.0 g's	20.49 g's	
MASH Test Designation Number				$3-11$	
Pass/Fail				Pass	
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Table 7. Summary of Safety Performance Evaluation Results

S – Satisfactory U – Unsatisfactory NA - Not Applicable

Comparison of Results		Test No. 3-11		
		MGS with 9-ft (2.7 m) Long Posts	MGS with 6-ft (1.8 m) Long Posts	
Reference Number		$[3]$	[this report]	
Speed, mph (km/h)		63.1(101.5)	61.6(99.2)	
Angle, deg		25.5	26.3	
Impact Severity, kip-ft (kJ)		122.5(166.0)	123.7(167.7)	
Test Article Deflections, in. (mm)	Dynamic	57.6 (1,463)	72.9 (1,852)	
	Permanent Set	42(1,067)	56 (1,422)	
	Working Width	64.2(1,631)	77.4 (1,966)	
OIV, ft/s (m/s)	Longitudinal	$-13.90(-4.24)$	$-3.83(-1.17)$	
	Lateral	13.61(4.15)	3.87(1.18)	
	Longitudinal	-5.36	-6.96	
ORA, g's	Lateral	5.28	5.19	
Maximum Occupant Compartment Deformation, in. (mm)		0.5(13)	0.5(13)	
	Roll	Est. 6	-13.10	
Maximum Angular Displacement, deg.	Pitch	Est. 5	-4.62	
	Yaw	Est. 45	36.95	

Table 8. Comparison of MGS with 9-ft (2.7 m) and 6-ft (1.8 m) Long Posts

7 IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE

As previously noted, the research detailed herein demonstrated that a standard MGS with 6-ft $(1,829\text{-mm})$ long, W6x8.5 (w152x12.6) steel posts performed in an acceptable manner when installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope according to test designation no. 3-11 of the MASH impact safety standards. Several variations of the MGS system have been developed for special applications, which may be more sensitive to this type of installation adjacent to slopes. These special applications would include the MGS long-span system [\[24](#page-83-4)[-25\]](#page-83-5), MGS with various wood posts [\[10](#page-82-0)[-13,](#page-82-1) [26\]](#page-83-6), MGS on 8H:1V approach slopes [\[27\]](#page-83-7), MGS adjacent to a curb [\[28](#page-84-0)[-30\]](#page-84-1), MGS stiffness transition to approach guardrail transitions [\[31](#page-84-2)[-34\]](#page-84-3), MGS with reduced post spacing [\[28-](#page-84-0)[30\]](#page-84-1), and MGS without blockouts [\[15](#page-82-2)[-16\]](#page-82-3). Since several MGS variations are available, recommendations regarding the use of the MGS adjacent to a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts will likely vary depending on the nature and behavior of the special applications listed above.

The following sections provide suggested implementation guidance and/or recommendations regarding the tested system and use with other MGS special applications. These recommendations are intended to ensure comparable safety performance of the guardrail systems and are based on the full-scale testing and any associated research available at the conclusion of this project. Although some installation sites will require systems outside the bounds of these recommendations, the reasoning behind these recommendations should be considered along with other roadside treatments when selecting the final site specific design.

7.1 Soil Foundation

The soil foundation of the posts affects post-soil resistive forces, thus the strength of the soil is critical for the MGS placed adjacent to a 1V:2H slope. For typical longitudinal barrier designs, it has generally been assumed that the use of strong soils is more critical for full-scale crash testing and evaluation as strong soils tend to produce higher post-soil resistive forces which tend to create higher rail forces, increased snag on barrier support posts, and higher occupant risk values. However, in the case of the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts, the soil resistive forces of the standard system are being reduced by a combination of shallow post embedment and slope effects. Insufficient soil support can lead to excessive guardrail post movements and guardrail lateral deflection during vehicle collision, potentially resulting in a lower capacity to contain and redirect errant vehicles on slopes. Thus, the use of a strong soil in this situation may not be critical, as it may actually improve system capacity in this sloped configuration with shallow post embedment.

MASH accounts for the use of weak or reduced strength soils in the evaluation of certain barrier systems. MASH provides the following guidance with respect to the use of alternative soils. Quoting directly from MASH:

3.3 Soil

Impact performance of some soil-mounted features depends on dynamic soil structure interaction. Longitudinal barriers with soil embedded posts and soil-embedded support structures for signs and luminaires are such features. When feasible, these features should be tested with soil conditions that replicate typical in-service conditions. Soil conditions are known to vary with time, location, and environmental factors, even within relatively small geographical areas. Therefore, except for special test conditions, it is necessary to standardize soil conditions for testing. In the absence of a specific soil, it is recommended that all features whose impact performance is sensitive to soil-structure interaction be tested in a soil that conforms to the performance specification as described in Section 3.3.1. However, product developers and user agencies should assess the

potential sensitivity of a feature to foundation conditions. If the feature is likely to be installed in a soil that could be expected to degrade its performance, testing in *one or more of the special soils described in Section 3.3.3 may be appropriate.*

A3.3.1 Standard Soil

Unless the test article is limited to areas of weak soils, the standard soil should be used with any feature whose impact performance is sensitive to soilfoundation or soil-structure interaction. A large percentage of previous testing has been performed in similar soil and a historical tie is needed. Although it is probably stronger than the average condition found along the roadside, it is still representative of a considerable amount of existing installations.

A3.3.3 Special Soils

The weak soil should be used, in addition to the standard soil, for any feature whose impact performance is sensitive to soil-foundation or soil-structure interaction if: (a) identifiable areas of the state or local jurisdiction in which the feature will be installed contain soil with similar properties, and (b) there is a reasonable uncertainty regarding performance of the feature in the weak soil. Tests have shown that some base-bending or yielding small sign supports readily pull out of the weak soil upon impact. For features of this type, the strong soil is generally more critical and tests in the weak soil may not be necessary.

MASH recommends that the system be tested in the standard soil unless the hardware installations are expected to be placed in generally weak soils, and weak soil is expected to degrade performance. Otherwise, it recommends that the standard soil be used as it is believed to be representative of typical soil foundation conditions and provides a historical tie to previous testing. While there was an argument that weak soils may be more critical with respect to the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long posts, it was believed that evaluation of such a system should follow the guidance provided in MASH. The system should be evaluated with standard soil based on the fact the general soil condition for a given installation would not be assumed to be weak, and it provides a link to previous testing of guardrails on slope.

However, the concerns noted previously with respect to reduced barrier resistive forces and increased barrier deflection should still be considered when installing this type of system in real-world applications. Installation of the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts in soils weaker than those tested may increase barrier deflections. The increased deflections may become excessive and lead to a failure of the system to capture and redirect an impacting vehicle. As such, users may elect to limit installation of the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6 ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts to areas with similar soil strength to the as-tested system.

Previous testing of the MGS long span system [\[23\]](#page-83-8) exhibited a dynamic barrier deflection of 92¼ in. $(2,343 \text{ mm})$, which is significantly higher than the $72\frac{7}{8}$ in. $(1,851 \text{ mm})$ observed in test no. MGSS-1. This fact would seem to suggest that the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts can accommodate higher deflections than the as-tested system, but the extent of that additional deflection is unknown. End users would also need to compensate for the additional deflection by using more conservative working widths for the system when using lower strength soils.

7.2 Minimum Installation Height

Previous testing of the MGS and the original G4(1S) system under the MASH criteria has suggested that the MGS has a minimum acceptable rail height below its nominal mounting height of 31 in. (787-mm) [\[14\]](#page-82-4). The MGS was not actually crash tested at its minimum top rail height of 27¾ in.(706 mm) using the impact conditions published in MASH. However, the modified G4(1S) W-beam guardrail system was shown to meet the TL-3 criteria found in the MASH with the completion of test no. 2214WB-2 [\[35\]](#page-85-0). Previously, it has been demonstrated that the MGS provides improved barrier performance over that observed with the modified G4(1S) barrier system [\[11,](#page-82-5) [28](#page-84-0)[-30\]](#page-84-1). Therefore, it was believed that the MGS will also meet the TL-3 requirements found in the MASH when installed at a top rail height of 27¾ in. (706 mm) when used on level terrain.

Previously, the 31-in. (787-mm) tall MGS with 9-ft (2.74-m) long W6x8.5 (W152x12.6) steel posts was successfully crash tested under the MASH TL-3 criteria when installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H fill slope using standard post spacing and blockouts [\[3](#page-81-0)[,5\]](#page-81-1). However, similar crash testing was not successful for the minimum recommended MGS mounting height of 27³/4 in. (706 mm). As such, the minimum recommended top mounting height is unknown for the MGS adjacent to 1V:2H fill slopes.

It should be noted that no crash tests have been performed on the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts with reduced rail height. It is believed that the minimum recommended top mounting height would likely be affected, similar to the blocked version of the MGS adjacent to 1V:2H fill slopes. As such, it is highly recommended that the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts utilize a minimum top mounting height of 31 in. (787 mm) until further investigation is performed.

7.3 MGS Long-Span Guardrail

The MGS long-span guardrail system was successfully full-scale crash tested using an unsupported length of 25 ft (7.62 m) and three CRT posts with 12-in. (305-mm) deep blockouts adjacent to each end of the unsupported span [\[24\]](#page-83-4). These CRT posts were incorporated into the system in order to mitigate concerns for wheel snag on posts adjacent to the unsupported span when traversing from the unsupported span to the downstream standard guardrail. Adjacent to the CRT posts, the standard MGS utilized 12-in. (305-mm) deep blockouts. The MGS long-span guardrail system was installed with the back of the CRT posts positioned flush with the front face of the culvert headwall. The posts upstream and downstream from the culvert were installed 2 ft (610 mm) away from the slope break point of a 3:1 fill slope.

It may be desirable to apply the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts to the MGS long-span guardrail system. There is concern that the use of this type of installation adjacent to a steep slope with the MGS long span may allow for dynamic barrier deflections that are too large for safe vehicle redirection. The MGS long span already has the largest dynamic deflection of any previously-tested MGS application. Combining that system with the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts would likely result in even greater barrier deflections. Additionally, the CRT posts used in the MGS long span adjacent to the unsupported rail would behave differently when installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope. The expected increase in barrier deflection could affect vehicle capture and stability to level that is difficult to predict without further research. As such, it is not recommended to apply the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts in conjunction with the MGS long span without further analysis and crash testing.

7.4 MGS with an Omitted Post

Recent research at MwRSF consisted of the evaluation of the standard MGS with an omitted post [\[25\]](#page-83-5). The omitted post created an unsupported span of 12.5 ft (3.8 m). No other modifications were made to the MGS. One full-scale crash test was performed according to the
TL-3 safety performance criteria defined in MASH, test designation no. 3-11, and the MGS with an omitted post performed in an acceptable and safe manner.

Concerns for the use of the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts in combination with an omitted post are similar to those noted previously for the MGS long span. Omission of a post in this type of system would tend to increase rail deflections over the system tested herein, and this increase in deflection could adversely affect the barrier's performance in terms of vehicle capture and stability. As such, it is not recommended to apply the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts in combination with a single omitted post without further analysis and crash testing.

7.5 MGS on 8:1 Approach Slopes

Previously, full-scale crash testing was successfully performed on the steel-post version of the MGS installed on an 8:1 approach slope with the W-beam positioned 5 ft (1.52 m) laterally behind the slope break point [\[27\]](#page-83-0). This testing program was conducted according to the NCHRP Report No. 350 impact safety standards using both an 820C small car and a 2000P pickup truck. From the crash testing program, the mounting height of the blocked MGS relative to the airborne trajectory of the front bumper and impact-side wheels was deemed critical for satisfactorily containing the 2000P pickup truck. Arguably, the test results may have also demonstrated that the 31-in. (787-mm) top railing height greatly contributed to adequate vehicle containment and stable redirection.

Because the MGS on 8:1 approach slopes has not been evaluated under the MASH criteria, there is uncertainty on how this type of installation would be affected when installed near a 1V:2H slope. It is possible that placement of the 1V:2H slope adjacent to this installation may lead to increased barrier deflection and increased propensity for vehicle instability. As such,

it is not recommended to apply the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts in conjunction with the MGS on 8:1 approach slopes without further analysis and crash testing.

7.6 MGS Adjacent to Curb

The standard MGS was successfully crash tested and evaluated with the front face of the W-beam rail placed 6 in. (152 mm) behind the front face of a 6-in. (152-mm) tall concrete curb according to the NCHRP Report No. 350 TL-3 criteria using a 2000P pickup truck [\[28-](#page-84-0)[29\]](#page-84-1). The use of the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with a concrete curb causes potential concerns with respect to barrier performance. The MGS adjacent to curb was not evaluated under the MASH criteria, so it is unknown for certain how the MGS adjacent to curb performs with respect to the small car and pickup truck impacts required in MASH. Additionally, the effect of the additional barrier deflection expected for an installation at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope in combination with the impacting vehicle's traversal of the curb during impact and exit with the barrier may pose additional difficulties for safe vehicle redirection that were not evaluated during the NCHRP Report No. 350 testing on level terrain. As such, it is not recommended to apply the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts adjacent to curbs without further analysis and crash testing.

7.7 MGS Stiffness Transition to Approach Guardrail Transitions

Several options for approach guardrail transitions for the MGS system have been developed [\[31-](#page-84-2)[34\]](#page-84-3). As part of those efforts, a steel-post MGS stiffness transition was found to satisfy all of the TL-3 safety performance criteria of MASH through a full-scale crash testing program. This transition design utilized standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long W6x8.5 (W152x12.6) posts for a majority of the upstream stiffness transition. Subsequent bogie testing and BARRIER

VII analysis developed a wood-post transition system that behaved similarly and without increases in deflections, pocketing, or snag. Thus, it was believed that the wood-post transition system would also satisfy the MASH performance criteria, and the wood-post MGS stiffness transition was recommended for use as a TL-3 safety barrier.

The performance of approach guardrail transitions is directly related to the effectiveness of the system in providing a gradual transition in stiffness between the approach guardrail and the bridge parapet or bridge rail. The previously-described MGS transitions were designed to rely on post-soil resistive forces to develop the proper stiffness transition. Installation of this type of transition or portions of the approach guardrail upstream of the transition on 1V:2H slopes could alter the stiffness of the transition system in such a way to compromise the performance of the barrier system. Previous research at MwRSF related to investigation of transition systems installed in a manner which deviated from the as-tested design found that installation of approach guardrail transitions on slopes resulted in increased propensity for increased barrier deflection, rail pocketing, and vehicle snag. As such, it is not recommended to apply the MGS installed at the slope break point of a $1V:2H$ slope with standard, 6-ft $(1,829$ -mm) long steel posts in any region inside the MGS approach guardrail transition without further analysis and crash testing.

Additionally, previous guidance developed for the MGS approach guardrail transition has noted that a minimum of 25 ft (7.62m) of standard MGS must is required upstream of the asymmetric W-to-thrie beam transition piece prior to deviating to some an MGS special application. Thus, it is recommended that the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts be should be placed no closer to the MGS approach guardrail transition than a minimum of 25 ft (7.62m) from the asymmetric W-to-thrie beam transition section, as shown in [Figure 33.](#page-75-0)

Figure 33. MGS Adjacent to a 1V:2H Slope Offset from W-to-Thrie Beam Transition

7.8 MGS with Reduced Post Spacing

A steel-post version of the MGS with quarter-post spacing was successfully full-scale crash tested and evaluated using a 2000P pickup truck according to the TL-3 criteria found in NCHRP Report No. 350 [\[28](#page-84-0)[-30\]](#page-84-4). Subsequent analysis of the barrier system with BARRIER VII was used to develop details for a half-post spacing version of the MGS as well. The use of reduced post spacing for W-beam guardrail adjacent to steep slopes has previously been evaluated under NCHRP Report No. 350 and was found to improve performance over the standard guardrail adjacent to slope due to the increased post-soil resistive forces provides by the more closely spaced support posts [\[1](#page-81-0)[-2\]](#page-81-1). Thus, it is reasonable to assume that reduced post spacing would provide similar performance benefits to the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts. Reduced post spacing may provide a good alternative for installations where the soil strength is in question and users wish to manage the barrier deflection while still using standard length posts.

7.9 MGS without Blockouts

As noted previously, the 31-in. (787-mm) tall MGS with 9-ft (2.74-m) long W6x8.5 (W152x12.6) steel posts was successfully crash tested under the MASH TL-3 criteria when installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H fill slope using standard post spacing and blockouts. Additionally, full-scale crash testing was successful on a non-blocked MGS system when installed both on level terrain and adjacent to slopes. A non-blocked MGS installed at the slope break point of a 3:1 fill slope positioned on top of an MSE wall was tested under the MASH TL-

3 safety criteria for both the 1100C and 2270P vehicles [\[17-](#page-82-0)[18\]](#page-83-1). Subsequent MASH testing was also successfully performed on a non-blocked MGS installed on level terrain with both the 1100C and 2270P vehicles [\[15](#page-82-1)[-16\]](#page-82-2). Comparison of the non-blocked and blocked versions of the MGS found the performance of the standard MGS with 12-in. (305-mm) deep blockouts improved as compared the non-blocked system, and the safety performance of the non-blocked system was acceptable under the MASH criteria.

Using the results from these successful crash testing programs, it is believed that satisfactory performance would also be provided by a non-blocked version of the MGS when installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts, as shown in [Figure 34.](#page-76-0)

Figure 34. MGS Adjacent to a 1V:2H Slope without Blockouts

7.10 MGS with Wood Posts

Over the years, MwRSF has crash tested several wood-post MGS systems, including rectangular, Southern Yellow Pine (SYP) wood posts and alternative wood species round and rectangular posts [\[12](#page-82-3)[-13](#page-82-4)[,26\]](#page-83-2). Comparison of MASH crash testing with both steel and rectangular wood posts found that the performance of the MGS system with steel and rectangular SYP wood posts was found to correlate very well [\[12](#page-82-3)[-13\]](#page-82-4). Dynamic deflections, working widths, occupant risk values, and vehicle stability measures were generally unaffected by the change in the post type. Only minor differences in the system behavior were found, and no concerns were identified that suggested that one system had a safety performance advantage over the other. Thus, it was concluded that the 6-in. wide x 8-in. deep x 72-in. long (152-mm wide x 203-mm deep x 1829 mm long) wood-post and W6x8.5 x 72-in. (W152x12.6 x 1829-mm long) long steel-post MGS systems provide equivalent safety performance. Based on the similar performance observed for the wood- and steel-post MGS systems, there may be a desire for end users to install a wood post MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long posts.

The 31-in. (787-mm) tall MGS with 9-ft (2.74-m) long W6x8.5 (W152x12.6) steel posts was successfully crash tested under the MASH TL-3 criteria when installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H fill slope using standard post spacing and blockouts and was also approved with 8-ft (2.44-m) long W6x8.5 (W152x12.6) steel posts [\[3\]](#page-81-2). Later and based on dynamic component testing, a wood post version of the MGS system was configured with 7.5-ft (2,286 mm) long, SYP posts and for use in shielding a 1V:2H fill slope [\[4\]](#page-81-3). For the SYP wood post variation, the embedment depth was 58 in. (1,473 mm).

Based on this previous research, it would seem reasonable that a rectangular, SYP wood post MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope that utilized standard, 6-ft (1,829 mm) long posts would perform similarly to the steel post version tested herein. Thus, it is recommended that the MGS with 6-in. wide x 8-in. deep x 72-in. long (152-mm wide x 203-mm deep x 1829-mm long) SYP posts may be installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope, as shown in [Figure 35.](#page-79-0)

Similarly, the MGS was successfully evaluated under the MASH criteria when installed with 6-in. wide x 8-in. deep x 72-in. long (152-mm wide x 203-mm deep x 1829-mm long) white pine posts [\[26\]](#page-83-2). At the time of that research, MwRSF recommended that a white pine MGS system located adjacent to a 1V:2H fill slope should utilize 6.5-ft (1,981-mm) long, 6-in. x 8-in. (152-mm x 203-mm) wood posts at half-post spacing, or on $37\frac{1}{2}$ in. (953 mm) centers. This post length was shorter when compared to the SYP posts adjacent to slope in order to prevent post fracture of the lower strength white pine while still providing adequate post soil resistive forces. The testing of the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts detailed herein suggests that further reduction in post embedment is acceptable. Thus, it is believed that the MGS with 6-in. wide x 8-in. deep x 72-in. long (152-mm wide x 203-mm deep x 1829-mm long) white pine posts may be installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope as well.

As noted above, other testing and evaluation of wood posts has been conducted with the MGS. Several alternative species of round, wood posts have been evaluated with the MGS based on NCHRP Report No. 350 testing. Because these posts have different strengths, embedment, and geometry from the standard 6-in. wide x 8-in. deep x 72-in. long (152-mm wide x 203-mm deep x 1829-mm long) SYP post, and they have not been evaluated with the MGS under the MASH criteria, it is not recommended to use the standard length, alternative species, round wood posts adjacent to a 1V:2H slope without further analysis.

Figure 35. MGS Adjacent to a 1V:2H Slope with SYP Rectangular Posts

7.11 Guardrail End Terminals

Finally, there may be a desire to implement the MGS installed at the slope break point of a 1V:2H slope with standard, 6-ft (1,829-mm) long steel posts near the ends of guardrail systems, which are typically anchored with some form of crashworthy end terminal or end anchorage. Installation of anchorage systems, such as generic, trailing end anchorages, directly adjacent to a 1V:2H slope is not recommended as the reduction in soil near the anchorage may adversely affect its ability to develop the necessary tensile loads to restrain the barrier system and redirect impacting vehicles. Additionally, 1V:2H slopes are not considered to be safely traversable, thus any guardrail system shielding this type of slope should provide anchorage outside the sloped area.

Crashworthy end terminals require specific grading requirements to function properly in the area surrounding the end terminal. As such, it is recommended that guidance from the

individual end terminal manufacturer be followed with respect to placement of these systems adjacent to slopes.

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9 APPENDICES

Appendix A. Material Specifications, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure A-1. Bill of Materials, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-1)

Figure A -2. Steel Posts, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

Figure A-3. Wood Blockouts, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure A-4. 16D Double Head Nail, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure A-5. MGS W-Beam 12-ft – 6-in. (3.8-m) Section, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

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2009 **GREGORY HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, INC.** 4100 13th St. P.O. Box 80508 \Rightarrow Canton, Ohio 44708 $\overline{ }$ **AVW** Test Report DATE SHIPPED: 05/07/09 $B.O.L.$ # 39963 Customer: "UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN Customer P.O. 4500204081/ 04/06/2009 401 CANFIELD ADMIN BLDG Shipped to: UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN P O BOX 880439 TEST PANELS LINCOLN, NE. 68588-0439 Project: GHP Order No 105271 **Description** Elong. Quantity Class HT#code C. Mn. P. **S** Si. Tensile Yield Type 12GA 12FT6IN/3FT1 1/2IN WB T2 89432 67993 19.8 160 4614 0.84 0.003 0.03 \mathbf{A} 0.21 0.011 Bolts comply with ASTM A-307 specifications and are galvanized in accordance with ASTM A-153, unless otherwise stated. Nuts comply with ASTM A-563 specifications and are galvanized in accordance with ASTM A-153, unless otherwise stated. All other galvanized material conforms with ASTM-123 & ASTM-525 All steel used in the manufacture is of Domestic Origin, "Made and Melted in the United States" All Guardrail and Terminal Sections meets AASHTO M-180, All structural steel meets AASHTO M-183 & M270 All Bolts and Nuts are of Domestic Origin All material fabricated in accordance with Nebraska Department of Transportation All controlled cxidized/gampsion resistant Guardinal and terminal sections meet ASTM A606, Type 4. STATE OF OHIO: COUNTY OF STARK Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, by u Andrew Artar this 8th day of May, 2009. By: Andrew Artar Vice President of Sales & Marketing Gregory Highway Products, Inc. Notary Public, State of Ohio CYNTHIA K. CRAWFORD
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Figure A-6. MGS W-Beam 12-ft – 6-in. (3.8-m) Section, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

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Figure A-7. MGS W-Beam 6-ft – 3-in. (1.9-m) Section, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

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2009 **GREGORY HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, INC.** 4100 13th St. P.O. Box 80508 \Rightarrow Canton, Ohio 44708 **MAY Test Report** DATE SHIPPED: 05/07/09 " UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN $B.O.L.$ # 39963 Customer: 401 CANFIELD ADMIN BLDG Customer P.O. 4500204081/ 04/06/2009 Shipped to: UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN P O BOX 880439 **TEST PANELS** Project: LINCOLN, NE. 66588-0439 GHP Order No 105271 Description Yield Elong. Quantity Class Type HT#code C. Mn. P. S. SI. Tensile 12GA 12FT6IN/3FT1 1/2IN WB T2 0.21 0.84 0.011 0.003 0.03 89432 67993 19.8 160 $\mathsf A$ $\overline{2}$ 4614 Bolts comply with ASTM A-307 specifications and are galvanized in accordance with ASTM A-153, unless otherwise stated. Nuts comply with ASTM A-563 specifications and are galvanized in accordance with ASTM A-153, unless otherwise stated. All other galvanized material conforms with ASTM-123 & ASTM-525 All steel used in the manufacture is of Domestic Origin, "Made and Melted in the United States" All Guardrail and Terminal Sections meets AASHTO M-180, All structural steel meets AASHTO M-183 & M270 All Bolts and Nuts are of Domestic Origin All material fabricated in accordance with Nebraska Department of Transportation STATE OF OHIO: COUNTY OF STARK All controlled oxidized/corr resistant Guararail and terminal sections meet ASTM A606, Type 4. Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, by Un Andrew Artar this 8th day of May, 2009. By: Andrew Artar Vice President of Sales & Marketing Gregory Highway Products, Inc. Notary Public, State of Ohio CYNTHIA K. CRAWFORD
Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires 09-16-2012

Figure A-8. MGS W-Beam End Section, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure A-9. BCT Timber Posts, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Certified Analysis

Order Number. 1108107

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BOL Number: 48341

Use State: KS

As of: 5/22/09

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Figure A -10. Foundation Tubes, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

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Trinity Highway Products, LLC

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Customer: MIDWEST MACH.& SUPPLY CO.

LINCOLN, NE 68501-1097

P.O.BOX 81097

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Project:

Figure A -11. Strut and Yoke Assembly, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

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		Customer: MIDWEST MACH.& SUPPLY CO.						BOL Number: 61905											
		P.O. BOX 703						Document#: 1											
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		MILFORD, NE 68405						Use State: KS											
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Qty	Part #	Description	Spec	CL			TY Heat Code/Heat#	Vicid	TS	Eig	С	Mn	P	S St	Ca	Cr Ch		Vn ACW	
10	206G	T12/6'3/S	M-180	A		2	140734	64,240	82,540				26.4 0.190 0.740 0.015 0.006 0.010 0.110			0.060 0.000 0.00.		$\frac{1}{2}$	
			M-180		A	$\overline{2}$	139587	64,220	81,750	28.5	0.190		0.720 0.014 0.003 0.020 0.130			0.000 0.060	0.002	-4	
			$M-180$		A	\mathbf{z}	139588	63,850	82,080		24.9 0.200		0.730 0.012 0.004 0.020 0.140			0.000 0.050 0.002		- 4	
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	260G	T12/25/6'3/S	M-180	À		$\overline{2}$	139588	63,350	82,080	24.9			0.200 0.730 0.012 0.004 0.020 0.140			0.00 0.050 0.002		泛	
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			$M - 180$		A	\overline{c}	139587	64,220	81,750	28.5	0.190		0.720 0.014 0.005 0.020 0.130			0.000 0.060 0.002 4			
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			M-180		A	$\overline{2}$	139587	64,220	81,750	28.5	0.190		0.720 0.014 0.003 0.020 0.130			0.000 0.060 0.002			
			M-180		A.	$\overline{2}$	139588	63,850	82,080	24.9	0.200		0.730 0.012 0.004 0.020 0.140			0.000 0.050 0.002		Δ	
			$M-180$		A.	$\overline{2}$	139589	55,670	74,810		27.7 0.190		0.720 0.012 0.003 0.020 0.130			0.000 0.060 0.002 4			
	701A	25X11.75X16 CAB ANC	$M-180$		A	$\mathbf{2}$	140733 V911470	59,000	78,200		28.1 0.190		0.740 0.015 0.006 0.010 0.120			0.000 0.070 0.001 0.00 0.090 0.023			
26			$A - 36$					51,460	71,280				27.5 0.120 0.800 0.015 0.030 0.190 0.300					-4	
	701A		$A - 36$				N3540A	46,200	65,000				31.0 0.120 0.380 0.010 0.019 0.010 0.180			0.00 0.070 0.001 4			
	729G	TS 8X6X3/16X8'-0" SLEEVE	$A - 500$				N4747									0.00 0.160 0.004 4			
24								63,548	85,106				27.0 0.150 0.610 0.013 0.001 0.040 0.160						
24	749G	TS \$X6X3/16X6'-0" SLEEVE	$A - 500$				N4747	63,54S	85,106				27.0 0.150 0.610 0.013 0.001 0.040 0.160			0.00 0.160 0.004 4			
22	782G	5/8"X8"X8" BEAR PL/OF	$A - 36$				18486	49,000	78,000				25.1 0.210 0.860 0.021 0.036 0.250 0.260			0.00 0.170 0.014 4			
25	974G	T12/TRANS RAIL/6'3"/3'1.5	M-180	A		\overline{z}	140735	61,390	80,240							27.1 0.200 0.740 0.014 0.005 0.010 0.120 0.00 0.070 0.001 4			
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Figure A -12. Anchor Bracket Assembly, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

Figure A -13. Anchor Bearing Plate, Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1) - 1

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Figure A-14. BCT Post Sleeve, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Material Chemical Composition:

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2-0063-11X1400"SGUG (HSW07046) WO#11165 PPS# 66192 CustPO#18329 Aug16-2011

Figure A-15. ⅝ in. Dia. UNC, 14 in. Long Guardrail Bolt, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure A-16. ⅝ in. Dia. UNC, 14 in. Long Guardrail Bolt, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

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Specification: ASTM A307-A / A153 / F2329

MATERIAL CHEMISTRY

PLATING OR PROTECTIVE COATING

HOT DIP GALVANIZED (Lot Ave.Thickness / Mils)

2.58 (2.0 Mils Minimum)

****THIS PRODUCT WAS MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA****

THE MATERIAL USED IN THIS PRODUCT WAS MELTED AND MANUFACTURED IN THE U.S.A WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE ALI, INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS CORRECT.

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Figure A-17. ⅝ in. Dia. UNC, 1¼ in. Guardrail Bolt, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

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MATERIAL CERTIFICATION

Specification: ASTM 563-A / A153 / F2329 as described

MATERIAL CHEMISTRY

PLATING AND/OR PROTECTIVE COATING

HOT DIP GALVANIZED (Lot Ave.Thickness / Mils)

2.48 (2.0 Mils Minimum)

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Figure A-18. ⅝ in. Dia. UNC, Guardrail Nut, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure A-19. ⅝ in. Dia. UNC, 10 in. Long Guardrail Bolt, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

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Figure A-20. ⅝ in. Dia. UNC, 10 in. Long Hex Head Bolt, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)
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Figure A-21. ⅝ in. Dia. UNC, 1¼ in. Long Hex Head Bolt, Test No. MGSS-1

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(SIGNATURE OF Q.A. LAB MGR.) (NAME OF MANUFACTURER)

Figure A-22. ⅞ in. Dia. UNC, 8 in. Long Hex Head Bolt, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure A-23. ⅞ in. Dia. UNC, Hex Head Nut, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure A-24. ⅝ in. Dia. Plain Round Washer, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure A-25. ⅞ in. Dia. Plain Round Washer, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Appendix B. Vehicle Center of Gravity Determination, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

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Estimated Total Weight (lb) 4998 Vertical CG Location (in.) 28.00808

Note: Long. CG is measured from front axle of test vehicle

Note: Lateral CG measured from centerline - positive to vehicle right (passenger) side

Figure B-1. Vehicle Mass Distribution, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Appendix C. Static Soil Tests, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure C-1. Soil Strength, Initial Calibration Tests, Test No. MGSS-1

Figure C-2. Static Soil Test S2, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Appendix D. Vehicle Deformation Records, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure D-1. Floorpan Deformation Data – Set 1, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure D-2. Floorpan Deformation Data – Set 2, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure D-3. Occupant Compartment Deformation Data – Set 1, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure D-4. Occupant Compartment Deformation Data – Set 2, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure D-5. Exterior Vehicle Crush (NASS) - Front, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure D-6. Exterior Vehicle Crush (NASS) - Side, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Appendix E. Accelerometer and Rate Transducer Data Plots, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure E-1. 10-ms Average Longitudinal Deceleration (SLICE-1), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-2. Longitudinal Occupant Impact Velocity (SLICE-1), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-3. Longitudinal Occupant Displacement (SLICE-1), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-4. 10-ms Average Lateral Deceleration (SLICE-1), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-5. Lateral Occupant Impact Velocity (SLICE-1), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-6. Lateral Occupant Displacement (SLICE-1), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-7. Vehicle Angular Displacements (SLICE-1), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-8. Acceleration Severity Index (SLICE-1), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-9. 10-ms Average Longitudinal Deceleration (SLICE-2), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-10. Longitudinal Occupant Impact Velocity (SLICE-2), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-11. Longitudinal Occupant Displacement (SLICE-2), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-12. 10-ms Average Lateral Deceleration (SLICE-2), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-13. Lateral Occupant Impact Velocity (SLICE-2), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-14. Lateral Occupant Displacement (SLICE-2), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

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Figure E-15. Vehicle Angular Displacements (SLICE-2), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Figure E-16. Acceleration Severity Index (SLICE-2), Test No. [MGSS](#page-43-1)-1

Appendix F. Load Cell Data, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure F-1. Upstream Load Cell Data, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

Figure F-2. Upstream Inline Load Cell Data, Test No. [MGSS-1](#page-43-0)

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