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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

W-beam guardrail systems are normally used to prevent motorists from striking serious hazards adjacent to low- and medium-service level highways. However, these barriers rely on energy dissipation associated with the rotation of guardrail posts in soil, fracture of the post, bending of the post, twisting of the post, or a combination of failure modes and incur significant dynamic deflections during design impact events. If sufficient post rotation in the soil does not occur, but instead the post fractures soon after impact, there is a significant chance that the barrier will not perform satisfactorily. In cases where wood posts are utilized, the posts should have sufficient structural capacity to displace founding soils and absorb energy. If wood posts have insufficient bending strength, the bulk of the impacting vehicle's energy is absorbed by the W-beam rail element, potentially leading to rupture of the rail element and subsequent penetration of the impacting vehicle.

The Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) has demonstrated improved vehicle containment, safety performance, and redirective capacity over that provided by conventional, strong-post, W-beam guardrail systems [1-11]. The MGS utilizes mid-span guardrail splices, an increased top rail mounting height of 31 in. (787 mm), an increased blockout depth of 12 in. (305 mm), and a reduced post embedment of 40 in. (1,016 mm). From the seemingly simple design changes, the redirective capacity of the MGS has proven to more than double that provided by standard W-beam guardrail systems [1-11]. The MGS has also been shown to provide satisfactory safety performance when used in combination with curbs, culverts, slopes, and other roadside anomalies. Implementation of the MGS has generated a desire from several state agencies to use various wood post species in the system.

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Previous research at Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (MwRSF) investigated the use of rectangular Red Pine (RP) and White Pine (WP) posts for use with W-beam guardrail systems [12]. These two species have lower strengths than the standard Southern Yellow Pine (SYP) post. Component testing of these post species found that the capacity of White Pine was approximately 39% lower than SYP. This research recommended that the size of the WP posts be increased from the standard 6-in. x 8-in. (152-mm x 203-mm) post to 6-in. x 10³/s-in. (152-mm x 264-mm) in order to develop strength similar to the standard SYP post. However, a desire exists to evaluate wood post species using the standard 6-in. x 8-in. (152-mm x 203-mm) sized post with the MGS.

The MGS utilizes posts with approximately 4 in. (102-mm) less embedment than standard W-beam which results in lower soil forces imparted on the posts indicating that the use of a lower capacity post with the MGS may be a possibility. In addition, the lower strength of WP posts would allow the posts to fracture at lower loads than typical SYP posts and reduce the potential for significant wheel snag on the posts. The reduction in post embedment and the position of the splices also increases the capacity of the rail element in the MGS, which would reduce the potential for rail rupture and penetration if the WP posts fractured with little rotation in the soil. As such, it is believed that the basic MGS system could be effective when installed with WP posts having the same size but lower strength than the standard 6-in. x 8-in. (152-mm x 203-mm) SYP post.

1.2 Objective

The objective of this research was to evaluate the performance of the MGS configured with standard 6-in. x 8-in. (152-mm x 203-mm) WP wood posts. The barrier system was to be evaluated according to the Test Level 3 (TL-3) safety performance criteria set forth in the

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) [13].

1.3 Scope

The research objective was achieved through the completion of several tasks. First, a fullscale vehicle crash test was performed on the MGS configured with standard size WP wood posts The crash test utilized a pickup truck, weighing approximately 5,000 lb (2,268 kg). The target impact conditions for the test were an impact speed of 62 mph (100 km/h) and an impact angle of 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 MGS with WP wood posts.

2 DESIGN DETAILS

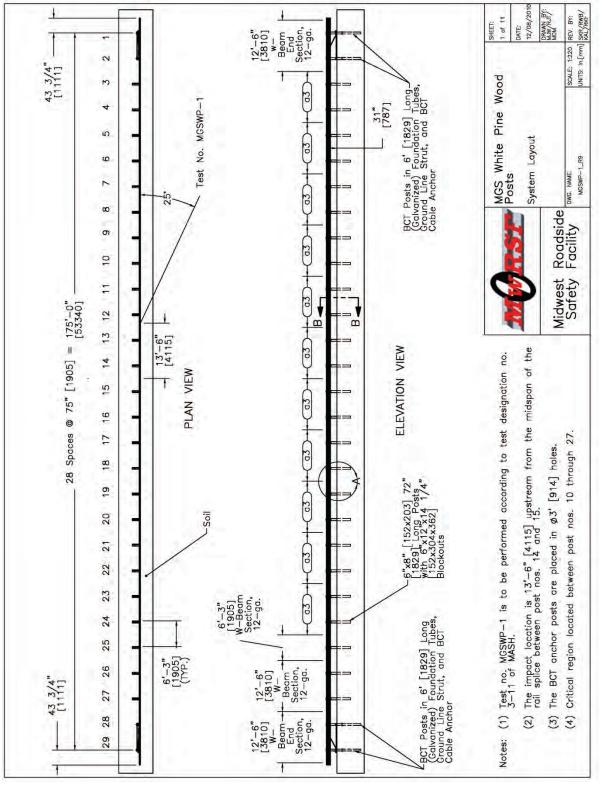
The test installation consisted of 175 ft (53.3 m) of MGS guardrail supported by white pine wood posts. Anchorage systems similar to those used on tangent guardrail terminals were utilized on both the upstream and downstream ends of the guardrail system. Design details are shown in Figures 1 through 11. Photographs of the test installation are shown in Figures 12 and 13. Material specifications, inspection details, mill certifications, and certificates of conformity for the system materials are shown in Appendix A.

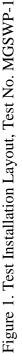
The system was constructed with twenty-nine guardrail posts. Post nos. 3 through 27 were WP wood posts measuring 6 in. wide x 8 in. deep x 72 in. long (152 mm x 203 mm x 1,829 mm) conforming to the 2009 Wisconsin Standard Specifications listed in Figure 10. Each post was inspected according to the WP wood post specifications listed in Figure 11. The allowable size of shakes, checks, splits, and maximum wane were considered for both the 6 and 8 in. (152 and 203 mm) faces of each post. The maximum allowable size of knots was only considered for the wide face of each post, which corresponded to the 8 in. (203 mm) face. A post was only installed in the system if it was verified to meet each requirement listed herein. Post nos. 1, 2, 28, and 29 were breakaway cable terminal (BCT) timber posts measuring 5½ in. wide x 7½ in. deep x 46 in. long (140 mm x 191 mm x 1,168 mm) and were placed in long steel foundation tubes, as shown in Figure 3. The BCT posts and foundation tubes were part of the anchor system designed to replicate the capacity of a tangent guardrail terminal.

Post nos. 3 through 27 were spaced 75 in. (1,905 mm) on center with a soil embedment depth of 40 in. (1,016 mm), as shown in Figures 1 and 2. All posts were placed in a compacted, coarse, crushed limestone material that met Grading B of AASHTO M147-65 (1990) as described in MASH. For post nos. 3 through 27, 6-in. wide x 12-in. deep x 14¹/₄-in. long (152-

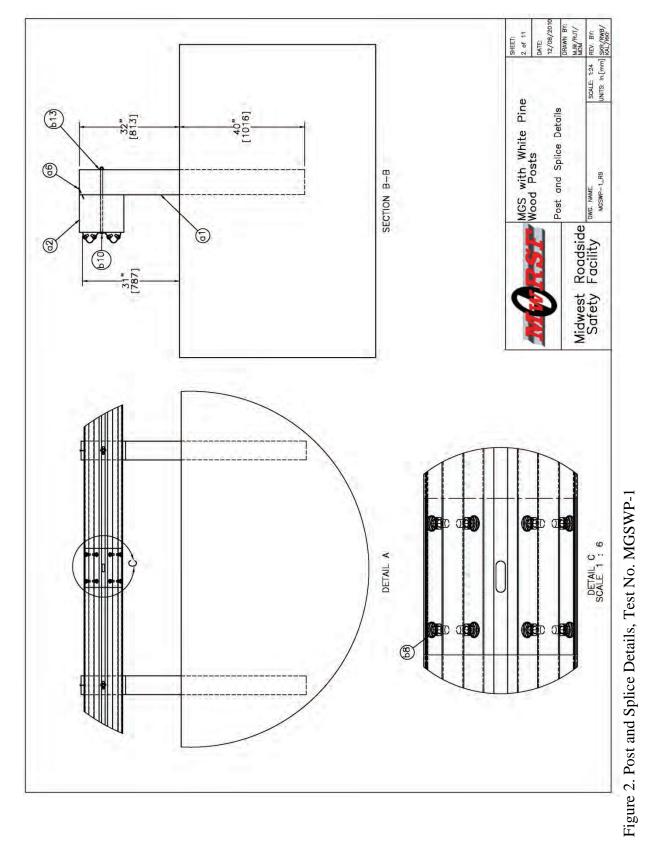
mm x 305-mm x 362-mm) SYP wood spacer blockouts were used to block the rail away from the front face of the wood posts, as shown in Figures 2 and 5.

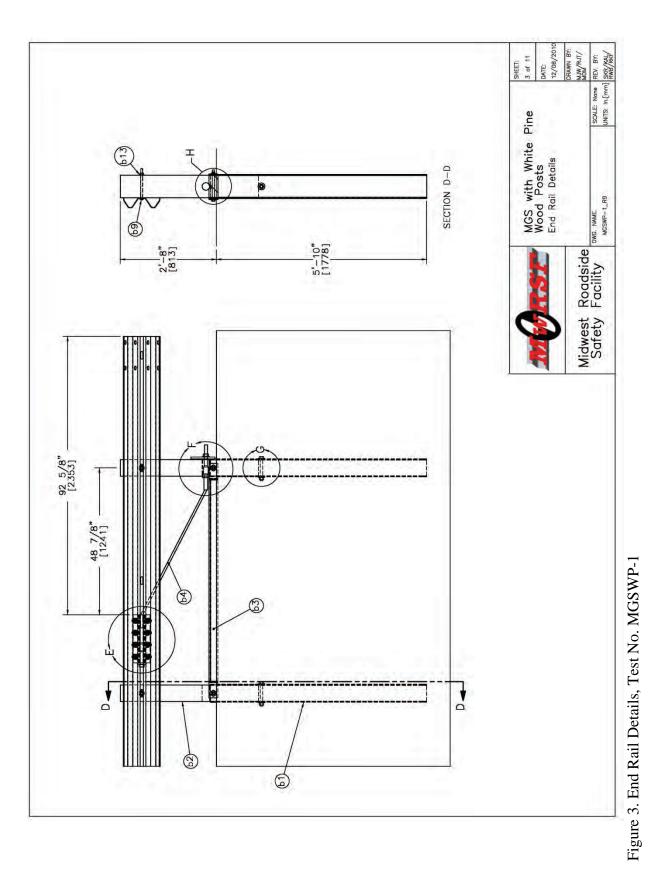
Standard 12-gauge (2.66-mm thick) W-beam rails with additional post bolt slots at half post spacing intervals were placed between post nos. 1 and 29, as shown in Figures 1, 2, and 9. The top mounting height of the w-beam rail was 31 in. (787 mm) above the ground with a 247/s-in. (632-mm) center mounting height. Rail splices were placed at midspan locations between guardrail posts, as shown in Figures 1 and 2. All lap splice connections between the rail sections were configured to reduce vehicle snag at the splice during the crash test.

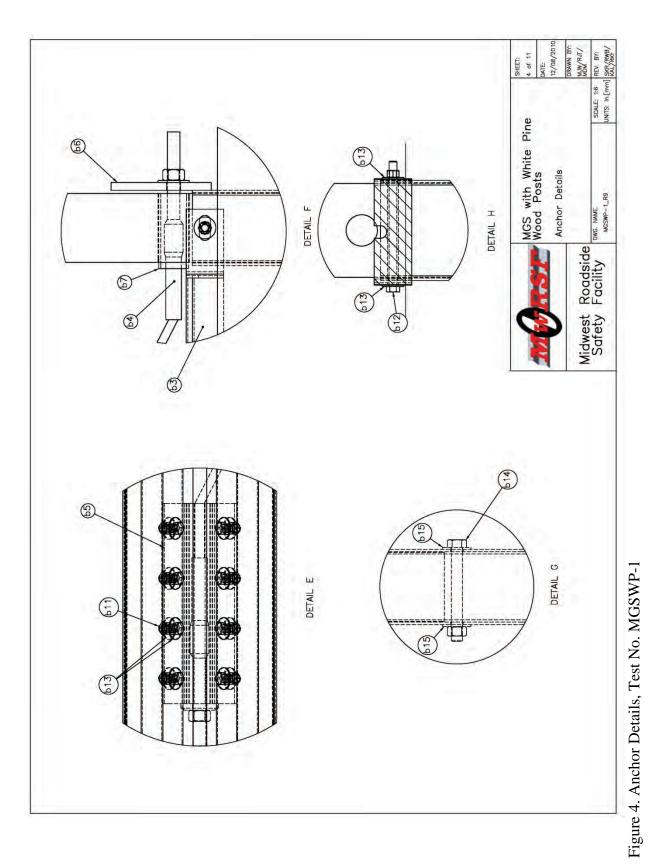


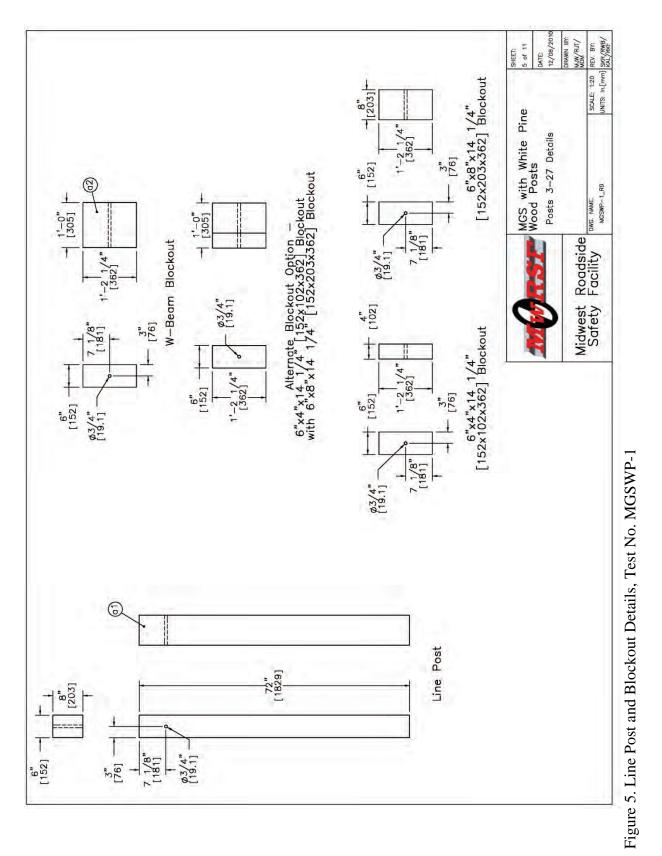


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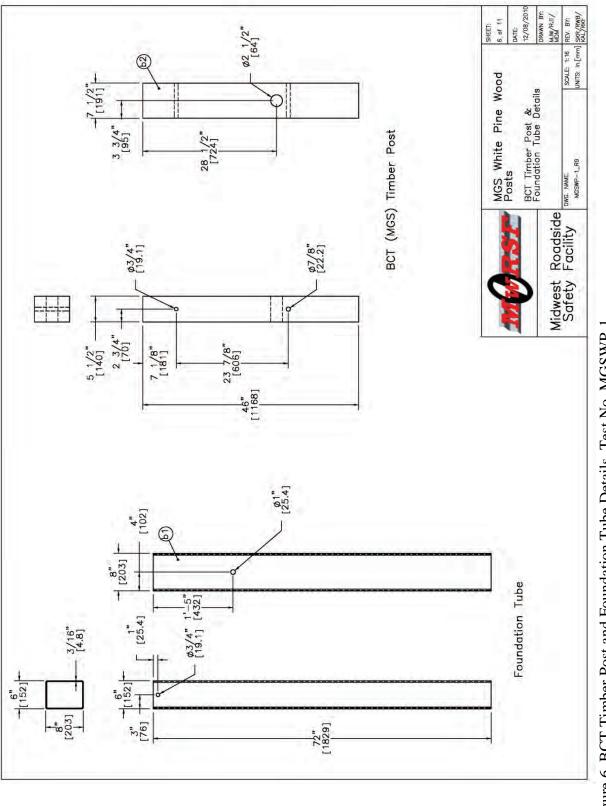
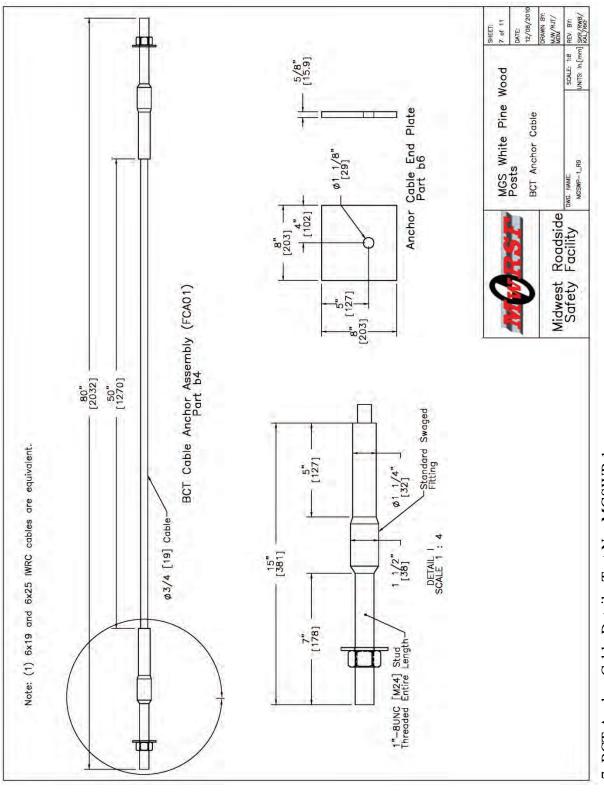


Figure 6. BCT Timber Post and Foundation Tube Details, Test No. MGSWP-1





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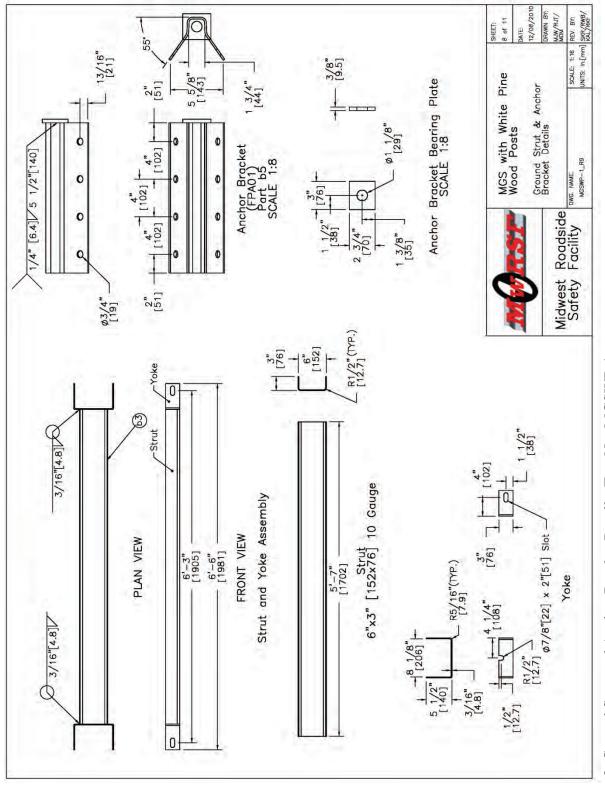
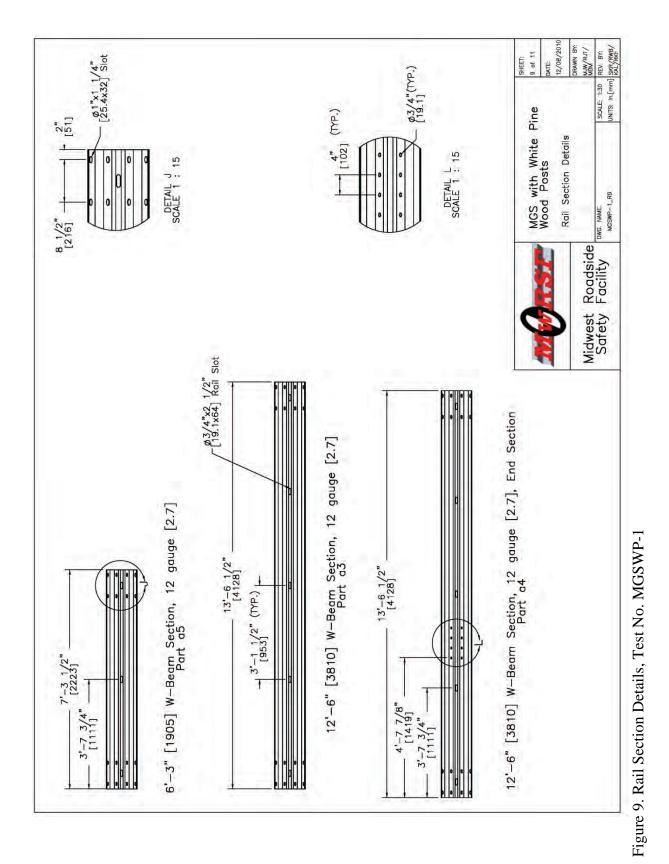


Figure 8. Ground Strut and Anchor Bracket Details, Test No. MGSWP-1



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ΩŢ.	Description	Material Specification		Hardware Guide
25	6"x8"x72" [152x203x1829] White Pine Wood Post	Wisconsin 2009 Standard Specifications Sections 614.2.4, 614.2.6,507.2.2.3, and 507.2.2.4	ins 614.2.4,	1
25	6"x12"x14 1/4" [152x305x362] Blockout	SYP Grade No.1 or better		PDB10a-b
12	12'-6" [3810] W-Beam MCS Section	12 gauge [2.7] AASHTO M180		RWM04a
N	12'-6" [3810] W-Beam MCS End Section	12 gauge [2.7] AASHTO M180		RWM14a
-	6'-3" [1905] W-Beam MGS Section	12 gauge [2.7] AASHTO M180		RWM01a
25	16D Double Head Nail	l		1
4	6"x8"x72" [152x203x1829] Foundation Tube	ASTM A500 Gr. B		PTE06
4	BCT Timber Post-MCS Height	SYP Grade No. 1 or better		PDF01
N	Strut and Yoke Assembly	ASTM A36 Steel Galvanized		1
4	BCT Cable Anchor Assembly	\$3/4" 6x19 IWRC IPS Galvanized Wire F	Rope	FCA01-02
N	Anchor Bracket Assembly	ASTM A36 Galvanized		FPA01
N	8"x8"x5/8" [203x203x15.9] Anchor Cable End Plate	ASTM A36 Galvanized		FPB01
N	2 3/8" [60] 0.D.x 6" [152] Long BCT Post Sleeve	ASTM A53 Grade B Schedule 40		FMM02
112	5/8" [16] Dia. x 1 1/4" [32] Long Guardrail Bolt and Nut	ASTM A307		FBB01
4	5/8" [16] Dia. x 10" [254] Long Guardrail Bolt and Nut	ASTM A307		FBB03
25	5/8" [16] Dia. x 22" [559] Long Guardrail Bolt and Nut	ASTM A307		FBB07
16	5/8" [16] Dia. x 1 1/2" [38] Long Hex Head Bolt and Nut	ASTM A307		FBX16a
4	5/8" [16] Dia. x 9.5" [241] Long Hex Head Bolt and Nut	ASTM A307		FBX16a
69	5/8" [16] Dia. Flat Washer	ASTM F436 Grade 1		FWC14a
4	7/8" [22] Dia. x 7 1/2" [191] Long Hex Head Bolt and Nut	ASTM A307		FBX22a
00	7/8" [22] Dia. Flat Washer	ASTM F436 Grade 1		FWC22a
		MG MG	MGS with White Pine Wood Posts Bill of Materials	SHEET: SHEET: 10 of 11 DATE: 12/08/2010
		Midwest Roadside		
		Facility m	IG. NAME. MCSWP-1 R9	SCALE: None REV. BY:

Figure 10. Bill of Materials, Test No. MGSWP-1

SPECIES			WHITE PINE		
	MAXIMUN	A SLOPE OF GRAIN	1 in 15		
	NOMINA	L WIDTH OF FACE	6" [152]	8" [203]	
CHECKS,		1" [25]	1 3/8" [35]		
		1 1/2" [38]	2" [51]		
	MA	MAXIMUM WANE 1" [25] 1 3/8"			
		MIDDLE 1/3 OF LENGTH	1 3/8" [35]	1 5/8" [41]	
	NARROW FACE	END (1)	2 3/4" [70]	3 1/4" [83]	
		SUM IN MIDDLE 1/2 OF LENGTH (2)	11" [279]	13" [330]	
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE KNOTS	WIDE FACE	EDGE KNOT IN MIDDLE 1/3 OF LENGTH	1 3/8" [35]	1 5/8" [41]	
		EDGE KNOT AT END (1)	2 3/4" [70]	3 1/4" [83]	
		CENTERLINE	1 3/8" [35]	1 7/8" [48]	
		SUM IN MIDDLE 1/2 OF LENGTH	5 1/2" [140]	7 1/2" [190]	

Notes: (1) Do not exceed the maximum allowable knot on the centerline of the wide face of the same piece.

(2) Do not exceed 4 times the maximum allowable knot on the centerline of the wide face of the same piece.

(3) This table was taken directly from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's 2009 Standard Specifications_Section 614.2.4.2 page 402.

	MGS with Whit	te Pine	SHEET: 11 of 11
THEFT	Wood Posts		DATE: 12/08/2010
Midwest Roadsic	Wisconsin White F Post Specification		DRAWN BY: MJW/RJT/ MDM
Safety Facility	DWG. NAME. MGSWP-1_R9	UNITS: In.[mm] SCALE: 1:10	REV. BY: SKR/RWB/ KAL/RKF

Figure 11. Wisconsin WP Wood Post Specifications, Test No. MGSWP-1







Figure 12. Test Installation Photographs, Test No. MGSWP-1





Figure 13. Test Installation Photographs, Test No. MGSWP-1





Figure 14. Test Installation Photographs, Test No. MGSWP-1

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 accepted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for use on National Highway System (NHS) new construction projects or as a replacement for existing designs not meeting current safety standards. In recent years, these safety standards have consisted of the guidelines and procedures published in NCHRP Report No. 350 [14]. However, NCHRP Project 22-14(2) generated revised testing procedures and guidelines for use in the evaluation of roadside safety appurtenances and are provided in MASH [13]. According to TL-3 of MASH, longitudinal barrier systems must be subjected to two full-scale vehicle crash tests. The two full-scale crash tests are noted below:

- 1. Test Designation No. 3-10 consists of a 2,425-lb (1,100-kg) passenger car impacting the system at a nominal speed and angle of 62 mph (100 km/h) and 25 degrees, respectively.
- 2. Test Designation No. 3-11 consists of a 5,000-lb (2,268-kg) pickup truck impacting the system at a nominal speed and angle of 62 mph (100 km/h) and 25 degrees, respectively.

However, W-beam barriers struck by small cars have been shown to meet safety performance standards with little lateral deflections and with no significant potential for occupant risk problems [1-4,7-11]. In addition, the MGS with maximum height tolerance, or 32 in. (813 mm), was successfully impacted by a small car weighing 1,174 kg (2,588 lb) at 97.8 km/h (60.8 mph) and 25.4 degrees according to the TL-3 safety performance criteria set for in MASH [13]. In addition, the pickup truck test was deemed more critical as the more massive truck would induce much higher rail loads and system deflections, thus yielding the highest potential for structural failure of the system and/or vehicle instabilities. Therefore, the 2,425-lb (1,100-kg) passenger car crash test was deemed unnecessary for this project. Thus, only test

designation no. 3-11 with the 5,000-lb (2,268-kg) pickup truck was conducted for the system described herein. The test conditions of TL-3 longitudinal barriers are summarized in Table 1.

	_	_	Impact Conditions				
Test Article	Test Designation	Test Vehicle	Speed		Angle	Evaluation Criteria ¹	
Article	Designation	venicie	mph	km/h	(deg)	Спиепа	
Longitudinal	3-10	1100C	62	100	25	A,D,F,H,I	
Barrier	3-11	2270P	62	100	25	A,D,F,H,I	

Table 1. MASH TL-3 Crash Test Conditions

¹ Evaluation criteria explained in Table 2.

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 guardrail 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. Vehicle trajectory after collision is a measure of the potential for the post-impact trajectory of the vehicle to result in a secondary collision with other vehicles and/or fixed objects, thereby increasing the risk of injury to the occupant of the impacting vehicle and/or other vehicles. These evaluation criteria are summarized in Table 2 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 reference 13.

3.3 Soil Strength Requirements

In order to limit the variation of soil strength among testing agencies, foundation soil must satisfy the recommended performance characteristics set forth in Chapter 3 and Appendix B of MASH. Testing facilities must first subject their soil to a dynamic post test to demonstrate a minimum dynamic load of 7.5 kips (33.4 kN) at deflections between 5 and 20 in. (127 and 508 mm). If satisfactory results are observed, a static test is conducted using an identical test installation. The results from this static test become the baseline requirement for soil strength in future full-scale testing. On the day of the full-scale test, an additional post installed near the impact point is to be statically tested in the same manner as used for the baseline static test. If the static test results reveal a post-soil resistance equal to or greater than 90 percent of the baseline test results at deflections of 5, 10, and 15 in. (127, 254, and 381 mm), the full-scale test can be conducted. Otherwise, the crash test must be postponed until the soil demonstrates adequate post-soil strength.

Structural Adequacy	А.	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.					
Occupant Risk	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.					
	F.	The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision. The maximum roll and pitch angles are not to exceed 75 degrees.					
	H.	Occupant Impact Velocity (OIV) (see Appendix A, Section A5.3 of MASH for calculation procedure) should satisfy the following limits: Occupant Impact Velocity Limits					
		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					
		Component	Preferred	Maximum			
		Longitudinal and Lateral	15.0 g's	20.49 g's			

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.

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 that 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 [15] was used to steer the test vehicle. A guide-flag, attached to the left-front wheel and the guide cable, was sheared off before impact with the barrier system. The 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 Vehicle

For test no. MGSWP-1, a 2003 Dodge Ram Quad Cab 1500 pickup truck was used as the test vehicle. The curb, test inertial, and gross static vehicle weights were 4,979 lb (2,258 kg), 4,999 lb (2,268 kg), and 5,169 lb (2,345 kg), respectively. The test vehicle is shown in Figure 15, and vehicle dimensions are shown in Figure 16.







Figure 15. Test Vehicle, Test No. MGSWP-1

Date:	4/2/2010	Test Num	ber: MGSWP-1	Model:	2270P Dodge Ram		
Make:	Dodge	Vehicle I.I	D.#: 1D7H8A18	8N83J536883			
Tire Size:	265/70R17	- Ye	ear: 2003	Odometer:	97414		
	Tire Inflation Pressure ats Refer to Impacting S						
				Vehicle Geometry in. (mm)			
 n t Whee			 m Wheel a	a <u>78 (1981)</u>	b74.5 (1892)		
Trach	<		Track	c 227.5 (5779)	d 46.75 (1187)		
<u> </u>	_[] [[]			e 140.5 (3569)	f 40.25 (1022)		
Test Inertial C.M.				g 28.00 (711)	h <u>63.01 (1600)</u>		
<u> </u>			TIRE DIA	i 14.25 (362)	j <u>26</u> (660)		
Ī		r f r		k 21 (533)	l 29.5 (749)		
 d	Ĺ.			m 71 (1803)	n <u>67.5 (1715)</u>		
1-	, The second			o <u>44 (1118)</u>	p (76)		
<u> </u>		s		q <u>30.5</u> (775) s 15.75 (400)	r <u>18.25 (464)</u>		
		h	ľ	s <u>15.75 (400)</u> Wheel Center Height	t 75.5 (1918) Front 14.75 (375)		
	d	ee		Wheel Center Height			
	- VWree	ar Wfront	/	Wheel Well Clearan			
Mass Distril	bution lb (kg)			Wheel Well Clearan			
Gross Static	LF 1420 (644	RF 1442 (654)		Frame Heig	ht (F) 16.75 (425)		
	LR 1126 (511)	RR 1181 (536)		Frame Heigl	ht (R) 25.25 (641)		
				Engine	Type 8Cyl Gas		
Weights lb (kg)	Curb	Test Inertial	Gross Static	Engin	e Size4.7L		
W-front	2789 (1265)	2757 (1251)	2862 (1298)	Transmitio	on Type:		
W-rear	2190 (993)	2242 (1017)	2307 (1046)	Automatic Manual			
W-total	4979 (2258)	4999 (2268)	5169 (2345)		FWD RWD 4WD		
GVWR Ratings		Dummy D	lata				
Front 3650		3650	Type: Hybrid II				
Rear 3900		Mass: 170 lbs					
Total 6650		6650	Seat Position: Passenger				
Note any damage prior to test: None							

Figure 16. Vehicle Dimensions, Test No. MGSWP-1

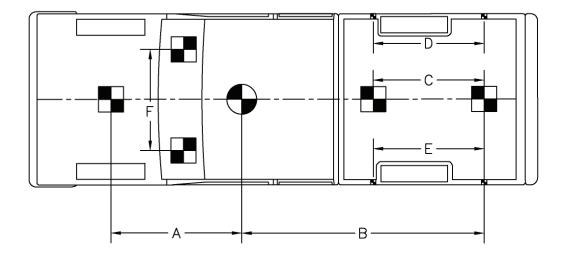
The longitudinal component of the center of gravity (c.g.) was determined using the measured axle weights. The Suspension Method [16] was used to determine the vertical component of the c.g. for the pickup truck. This method is based on the principle that the c.g. of any freely suspended body is in the 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. Ballast information and data used to calculate the final location of the c.g. are shown in Appendix B.

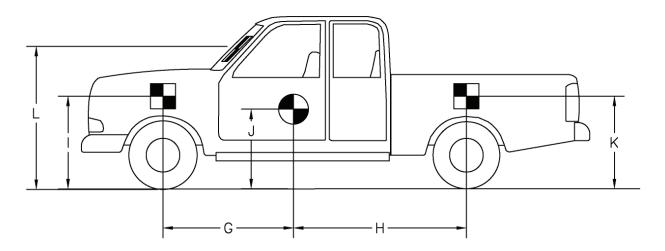
Square, black and white-checkered targets were placed on the vehicle to aid in the analysis of the high-speed videos, as shown in Figure 17. Round, checkered targets were placed on the center of gravity on the left-side door, the right-side door, and the roof of the vehicle. The remaining targets were located for reference so that they could be viewed from the high-speed cameras for video analysis.

The front wheels of the test vehicle were aligned for camber, caster, and toe-in values of zero so that the vehicle would track properly along the guide cable. A 5B flash bulb was mounted under the right-side windshield wiper 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.

4.4 Simulated Occupant

For test no MGSWP-1, A Hybrid II 50th Percentile Adult Male Dummy, equipped with clothing and footwear, was placed in the right-front seat of the test vehicle with the seat belt





	TEST #: <u>MGSWP-1</u> TARGET GEOMETRY in. (mm)										
A	75	(1905)	_ E_	64	(1626)	_ I _	39	(991)			
B_	102.875	(2613)	_ F_	43	(1092)	_ J_	28	(711)			
C_	48	(1219)	G	63.25	(1607)	_ K_	42.25	(1073)			
D_	64	(1626)	_ н_	77.25	(1962)	_ L_	59.75	(1518)			

Figure 17. Target Geometry, Test No. MGSWP-1

fastened. The dummy, which had a final weight of 170 lb (77 kg), was represented by 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 first accelerometer system was a two-arm piezoresistive accelerometer system manufactured by Endevco of San Juan Capistrano, California. Three accelerometers were used to measure each of the longitudinal, lateral, and vertical accelerations independently at a sample rate of 10,000 Hz. Two additional accelerometers were used to measure longitudinal and lateral accelerations independently at the same sample rate. The accelerometers were configured and controlled using a system developed and manufactured by Diversified Technical Systems, Inc. (DTS) of Seal Beach, California. More specifically, data was collected using a DTS Sensor Input Module (SIM), Model TDAS3-SIM-16M. The SIM was configured with 16 MB SRAM memory and 8 sensor input channels with 250 kB SRAM/channel. The SIM was mounted on a TDAS3-R4 module rack. The module rack was configured with isolated power/event/communications, 10BaseT Ethernet and RS232 communication, and an internal backup battery. Both the SIM and module rack were crashworthy. The "DTS TDAS Control" computer software program and a customized Microsoft Excel worksheet were used to analyze and plot the accelerometer data.

The second system, Model EDR-3, was a triaxial piezoresistive accelerometer system manufactured by IST of Okemos, Michigan. The EDR-3 was configured with 256 kB of RAM memory, a range of ± 200 g's, a sample rate of 3,200 Hz, and a 1,120 Hz low-pass filter. The

"DynaMax 1 (DM-1)" computer software program and a customized Microsoft Excel worksheet were used to analyzed and plot the accelerometer data.

4.5.2 Rate Transducers

An angular rate sensor, the ARS-1500, with a range of 1,500 degrees/sec in each of the three directions (roll, pitch, and yaw) was used to measure the rates of rotation of the test vehicle. The angular rate sensor was mounted on an aluminum block inside the test vehicle near the center of gravity and recorded data at 10,000 Hz to the SIM. The raw data measurements were then downloaded, converted to the proper Euler angles for analysis, and plotted. The "DTS TDAS Control" computer software program and a customized Microsoft Excel worksheet were used to analyze and plot the angular rate sensor data.

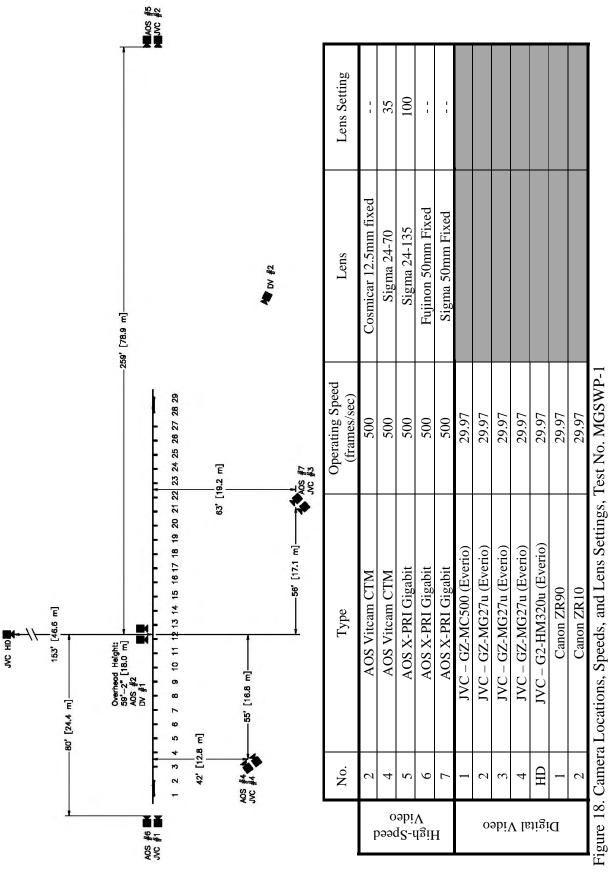
4.5.3 Pressure Tape Switches

For test no. MGSWP-1, five pressure-activated tape switches, spaced at approximately 6.56 ft (2 m) intervals, were used to determine the speed of the vehicle before impact. Each tape switch sent an electronic timing signal to the data acquisition system as the right-front tire of the test vehicle passed over it. The test vehicle speed was determined from electronic timing mark data recorded using TestPoint and LabVIEW computer software programs. Strobe lights and high-speed video analysis are used only as a backup in the event that vehicle speed cannot be determined from the electronic data.

4.5.4 Digital Cameras

Two AOS VITcam high-speed digital video cameras, three AOS X-PRI high-speed digital video cameras, four JVC digital video cameras, one high-definition JVC digital video camera, and two Canon digital video cameras were utilized to film test no. MGSWP-1. Camera details, camera operating speeds, lens information, and a schematic of the camera locations relative to the system are shown in Figure 18. The high-speed digital videos were analyzed using

the ImageExpress MotionPlus and RedLake MotionScope software programs. Actual camera speed and camera divergence factors were considered in the analysis of the high-speed digital videos. A Nikon D50 digital still camera was also used to document pre-test and post-test conditions for the test.



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5 FULL SCALE CRASH TEST NO. MGSWP-1

5.1 Static Soil Test

Before full-scale test no. MGSWP-1 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, 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 Test No. MGSWP-1

The 5,169-lb (2,345-kg) pickup truck impacted the MGS configured with WP wood posts at a speed of 63.8 mph (102.7 km/h) and at an angle of 25.6 degrees. A summary of the test results and sequential photographs are shown in Figure 19. Additional sequential photographs are shown in Figures 20 through 23. Documentary photographs of the crash test are shown in Figures 24 through 26.

5.3 Weather Conditions

Test no. MGSWP-1 was conducted on April 2, 2010 at approximately 1:25 pm. The weather conditions as per the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (station 14939/LNK) were reported as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Weather Conditions, Test No. MGSWP-1

Temperature	63° F
Humidity	31%
Wind Speed	20 mph
Wind Direction	250° from True North
Sky Conditions	Sunny
Visibility	10 Statute Miles
Pavement Surface	Dry
Previous 3-Day Precipitation	0.00 in.
Previous 7-Day Precipitation	0.58 in.

5.4 Test Description

Initial vehicle impact was to occur 13 ft – 6 in. (4.1 m) upstream of the centerline of the splice between post nos. 14 and 15, as shown in Figure 27, which was selected using the critical impact point (CIP) plots found in Section 2.3 of MASH. The actual point of impact was $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. (38 mm) downstream of the intended impact point. A sequential description of the impact events is contained in Table 4. The vehicle came to rest located 142 ft – 5 in. (43.4 m) downstream from impact and 53 ft – 11 in. (16.4 m) laterally behind the traffic-side face of the rail. The vehicle trajectory and final position are shown in Figures 19 and 28.

TIME (sec)	EVENT
0.000	The right-front corner of the vehicle impacted the traffic-side face of the guardrail $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. (38 mm) downstream of the intended impact location.
0.006	Post nos. 12 and 13 deflected laterally backward, and the rail flattened at the impact location.
0.018	The posts upstream of impact rotated downstream.
0.030	A buckle point formed in the top of the rail upstream of post no. 14.
0.034	Post nos. 11 and 14 deflected laterally backward.
0.048	The vehicle began to redirect.
0.058	A buckle point formed in the top of the rail upstream of post no. 15 as post no. 15 deflected laterally backward.
0.088	A buckle point formed in the top of the rail downstream of post no. 15.
0.102	Post no. 16 deflected laterally backward.
0.106	Post no. 14 fractured at groundline, and the rail disengaged from post no. 14 due to bolt pullout.
0.110	Post no. 17 deflected laterally backward.
0.136	The right-front tire contacted debris from post no. 14.
0.146	The right-front tire ruptured. Post no. 11 split along the strong axis and the downstream half fractured at groundline.
0.158	The rail disengaged from post nos. 9 and 10 due to bolt pullout.
0.178	The rail disengaged from post no. 8 due to bolt pullout.
0.184	The vehicle pitched downward.

Table 4. Sequential Description of Impact Events, Test No. MGSWP-1

0.200	Post no. 12 split along the strong axis, and the downstream half fractured at groundline.
0.220	Post no. 15 fractured at groundline.
0.228	Post no. 10 deflected laterally backward.
0.266	The left-rear tire became airborne.
0.282	Post no. 18 deflected laterally backward.
0.300	The vehicle became parallel to the system with a velocity of 44.6 mph (71.8 km/h).
0.324	The right-front tire contacted the front face of post no. 16, and the vehicle pitched upward.
0.336	The rail disengaged from post no. 16 due to bolt pullout.
0.352	The right-front tire disengaged from the vehicle.
0.478	The left-rear tire contacted the ground.
0.524	The vehicle pitched downward.
0.618	The vehicle exited the system at a speed of 39.6 mph (63.7 km/h) and at an angle of 16.6 degrees as the right-rear quarter panel lost contact with the rail at post no. 17.
0.938	The right side of the front axle contacted the ground.
1.020	The right side of the front axle lost contact with the ground.
1.724	The right side of the front axle contacted the ground again.

5.5 Barrier Damage

Damage to the barrier was moderate, as shown in Figures 29 through 37. Barrier damage consisted of deformed W-beam rail, contact marks on sections of guardrail and posts, and fractured wood posts. The length of vehicle contact along the barrier was approximately 30 ft – 6 in. (9.3 m) which spanned from 13 ft – $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. (4.1 m) upstream of the centerline of the splice between post nos. 14 and 15 to $15\frac{3}{4}$ in. (400 mm) downstream of the centerline of post no. 17.

Contact marks were visible on the W-beam guardrail beginning at the splice between post nos. 12 and 13 and ending at the splice between post nos. 14 and 15. Deformation and flattening of the W-beam guardrail occurred between post nos. 12 and 16. Buckling occurred 35 in. (889 mm) downstream of the centerline of post no. 11, 6 in. (152 mm) downstream of the centerline of post no. 12, and at post nos. 16 and 17. Folding of the W-beam's bottom corrugation occurred at post nos. 13 through 15 and between post nos. 14 and 15. A 1-in. (25-mm) tear occurred at the bottom of the post bolt slot at post no. 15, and local yielding occurred around the post bolt slots at post nos. 8 through 17. The w-beam guardrail was detached from post nos. 8 through 10 and 14 through 17 as the bolt head was pulled through the rail. Minor rail gaps occurred at the splices between post nos. 4 and 5, 12 through 17, and 22 and 23.

Post nos. 3, 10 through 13, and 16 through 18 deflected laterally backward. Post nos. 3 and 16 also rotated downstream. Post nos. 4 through 7 deflected longitudinally downstream. Post nos. 11 and 12 split along the strong axis, and the downstream half of each post fractured at groundline. Post nos. 14 and 15 fractured at groundline. A 2¹/₂-in. (64-mm) and a 1¹/₄-in. (32-mm) long gouge were found on the front upstream edge and on the front face of post no. 16, respectively. The blockout at post nos. 11, 12, and 14 detached

A 1½-in. (38-mm) soil gap was present at the upstream face of post no. 1. A $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (10-mm) soil gap was present at the downstream face of post no. 2 and upstream side of post no. 6. A $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (19-mm) soil gap was present at the upstream face of post no. 3 and front face of post no. 10. A $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (13-mm) soil gap was present at the upstream face of post nos. 4 and 5. A $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. (3-mm) soil gap was present at the back face of post nos. 5 through 7 and the upstream face of post no. 7. A 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. (41-mm) soil gap was present at the front face of post no. 12. A 3-in. (76-mm) soil gap was present at the downstream and back faces of post no. 13 and an 11-in. (279-mm) soil gap was present at the front face. A $\frac{7}{8}$ -in. soil gap was present at the front face of post no. 14. An 8-in. wide x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. long (203-mm x 114-mm) soil crater was present at the front upstream corner of post no. 16. Soil gaps measuring 5 in. (127 mm) and $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm) were present at the front face of post no. 18.

The maximum lateral permanent set rail and post deflections were 33³/₄ in. (857 mm) at the midpoint between post nos. 14 and 15 and 28³/₄ in. (730 mm) at post no. 16, respectively, as

measured at the test site. The maximum lateral dynamic rail and post deflections were 46.3 in. (1,176 mm) at the midpoint between post nos. 14 and 15 and 34.6 in. (879 mm) at post no. 16, respectively, as determined from high-speed digital video analysis. The working width of the system was 58.4 in. (1,483 mm), also determined from high-speed digital video analysis.

5.6 Vehicle Damage

The damage to the vehicle was moderate, as shown in Figures 38 through Figure 41. The maximum occupant compartment deformations are listed in Table 5 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.

LOCATION	MAXIMUM DEFORMATION in. (mm)	MASH ALLOWABLE DEFORMATION in. (mm)			
Wheel Well & Toe Pan	¹ ⁄ ₄ (6)	≤9 (229)			
Floor Pan & Transmission Tunnel	1⁄4 (6)	≤12 (305)			
Side Front Panel (in Front of A-Pillar)	1⁄4 (6)	≤12 (305)			
Side Door (Above Seat)	1/2 (13)	≤9 (229)			
Side Door (Below Seat)	1 (25)	≤12 (305)			
Roof	NA	≤4 (102)			
Windshield	NA	≤3 (76)			

Table 5. Maximum Occupant Compartment Deformations by Location

The majority of the damage was concentrated on the right-front corner and right side of the vehicle. The right side of the front bumper had contact marks and was deformed inward toward the engine compartment. The right headlight and fog lamp were disengaged from the vehicle. The right-front tire was detached from the vehicle, and the right-front wheel well was deformed and scraped. The right-front upper control arm and brake line were disengaged from the vehicle. The right-front lower control arm and the upper wheel mount fractured. Deformations and contact marks extended across the entire right side of the vehicle as well as on the right-rear shocks. The lower-front corner of the right-front door and the lower-front corner of the right-side box were deformed inward. The right-side taillight was dislodged from the vehicle but still attached. All window glass remained undamaged. Following impact and exiting the system, the vehicle contacted a soil pile, causing damage to the left side of the vehicle.

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 6. 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. The results of the occupant risk analysis, as determined from the accelerometer data, are summarized in Figure 19. The recorded data from the accelerometers and the rate transducers are shown graphically in Appendix E.

Evaluation Criteria			MASH Limits			
		EDR-3 DTS Set 1		DTS Set 2		
OIV	Longitudinal	-15.38 (-4.69)	-15.27 (-4.65)	-15.75 (-4.80)	≤ 40 (12.2)	
ft/s (m/s)	Lateral	-14.95 (-4.56)	-16.14 (-4.92)	-15.91 (-4.85)	≤40 (12.2)	
ORA g's	Longitudinal	-8.08	-8.25	-8.25	\leq 20.49	
	Lateral	-9.32	-10.13	-9.86	≤ 20.49	
THIV ft/s (m/s)		NA	21.23 (6.47)	NA	not required	
PHD g's		NA	12.36	NA	not required	
ASI		0.69	0.77	NA	not required	

Table 6. Summary of OIV, ORA, THIV, PHD, and ASI Values, Test No. MGSWP-1

5.1 Discussion

The analysis of the test results for test no. MGSWP-1 showed that the MGS with white pine wood posts adequately contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle with controlled lateral displacements of the barrier. There were no detached elements nor fragments which showed potential for penetrating the occupant compartment nor presented 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 nor ride over the barrier and remained upright during and after the collision. Vehicle roll, pitch, and yaw angular displacements, as shown in Appendix E, were deemed acceptable because they did not adversely influence occupant risk safety criteria nor cause rollover. After impact, the vehicle exited the barrier at an angle of 16.6 degrees and its trajectory did not violate the bounds of the exit box. Therefore, test no. MGSWP-1 conducted on the MGS with white pine wood posts was determined to be acceptable according to the MASH safety performance criteria for test designation no. 3-11.

0.682 sec	32 [813 mm]	40 [1016 mm]	2334 in. (857 mm) 463 in. (1176 mm)	7 < 75	3 kJ) > 106 kip-ft (144 kJ)	DTS Set 2 MASH Limit			NA not required	NA not required	NA not required
	31 [787 mm]				×.	Transducer DTS Set 1 DTS 15 27 15			21.23 N (6.47) N		0.77 N
0.356 sec	31		The second secon	: : : :	Severity (IS)	EDR-3			NA	NA	0.69
		53'-11" [16.4 m]	Test Article Deflections Permanent Set	Working Width	Impact Severity (IS). Transducer Data	Evaluation Criteria	V Longitudinal C Lateral	A Longitudinal	THIV – ft/s (m/s)	PHD – g's	ASI
0.178 sec	16'-8 ² / ₄ " [5.1 m] LF tire 16'-8 ² / ₄ " [5.1 m] 12' 2' 2' 2' 2' 2' 2' 2' 2' 2' 2' 2' 2' 2		•	•	••[0.5./ km/h) 16.6 deg ORA Pass g's attisfactory g's		Moderate .01-RFQ-4	below seat
0.048 sec -1.32'-94" [100 m]L	LF tire IS 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Test Agency	Post Spacing	Key Component – Steel MGS Rail Thickness	Curb	Conditions Speed	Angle	Speed 59.6 mph (55./ km/h) Angle 16.6 deg ox Criterion 16.7 deg ox Stability Pass	Vehicle Stopping Distance	Vehicle Damage	un Interior Deformation 1 in. (25 mm), door below seat amage
0.000 sec	25.6 2 8 9 10 1112	Test Agency	Post Spacing	Key Component – Steel MGS Rail Thickness Top Mounting HeightGrading B of A Soil Type	Curb Test Inertial Gross Static	Impact Conditions Speed	Angle13 ft – 4½ Location13 ft – 4½ Exit Conditions	Speed	Vehicle Stopping Distance	Vehicle Damage VDS ^[17]	Maximum Interior Deformation

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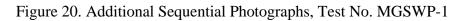
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Figure 21. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test No. MGSWP-1

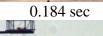






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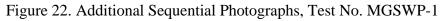
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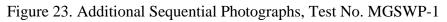












Figure 24. Documentary Photographs, Test No. MGSWP-1













Figure 25. Documentary Photographs, Test No. MGSWP-1













Figure 26. Documentary Photographs, Test No. MGSWP-1







Figure 27. Impact Location, Test No. MGSWP-1



Figure 28. Vehicle Final Position and Trajectory Marks, Test No. MGSWP-1



Figure 29. System Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1



Figure 30. System Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1



Figure 31. System Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1





Figure 32. System Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1



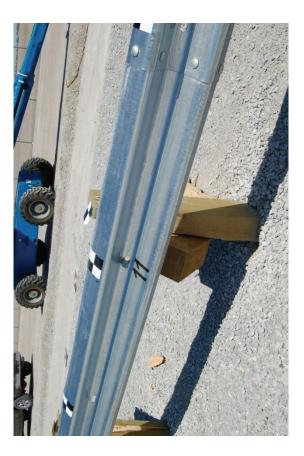




Figure 33. Post Nos. 8 through 10 Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1







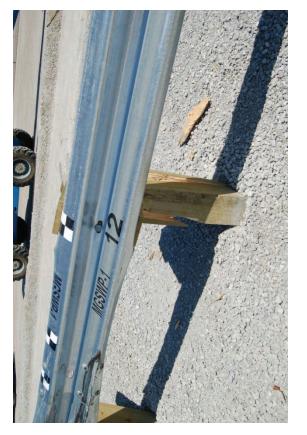


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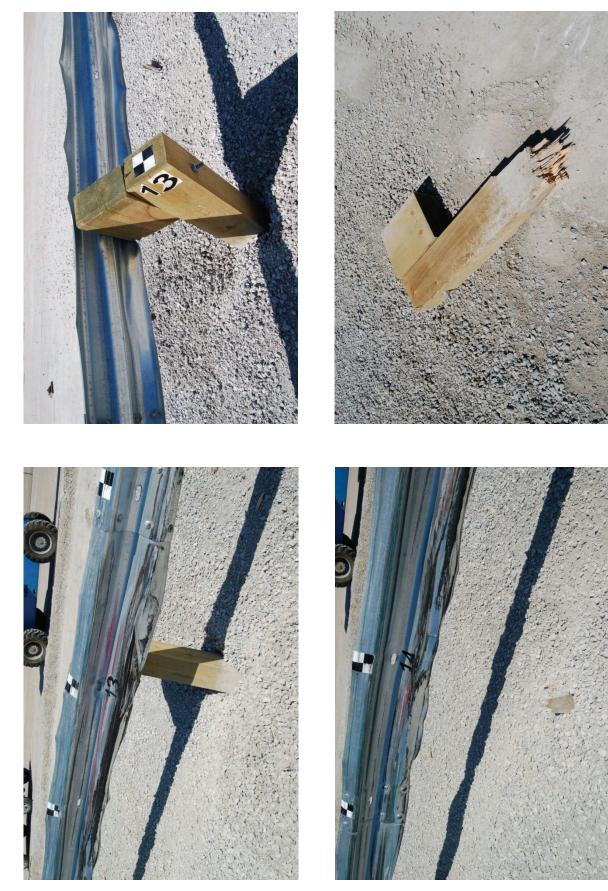


Figure 35. Post Nos. 13 and 14 Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1

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Figure 36. Post Nos. 15 and 16 Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1









Figure 37. Post Nos. 17 and 18 Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1









Figure 38. Vehicle Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1



Figure 39. Vehicle Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1

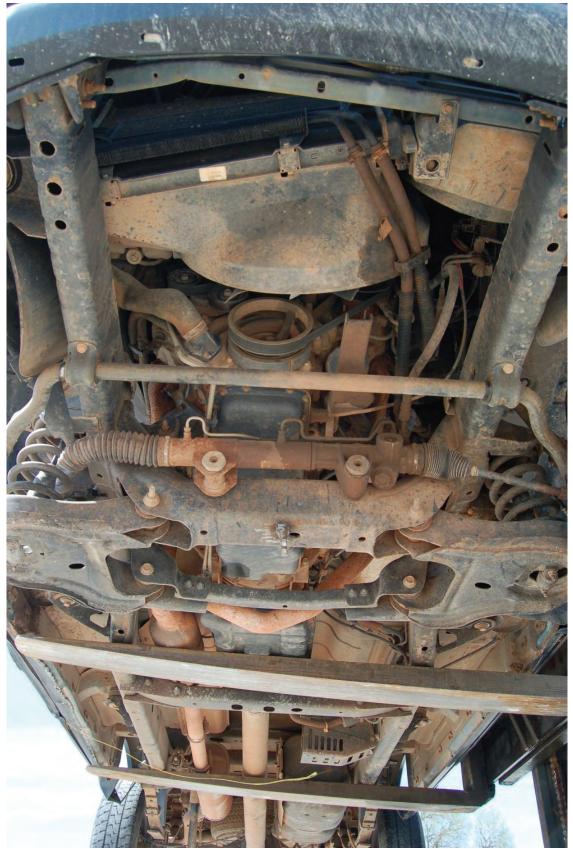


Figure 40. Vehicle Undercarriage Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1



Figure 41. Occupant Compartment Damage, Test No. MGSWP-1

6 SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The MGS was constructed with standard 6-in. x 8-in. (152-mm x 203-mm), white pine (WP) wood posts and subsequently evaluated with a full-scale crash testing program. One full-scale crash test was performed according to the TL-3 safety performance criteria, as defined in MASH. Test no. MGSWP-1 (test designation no. 3-11) consisted of a 5,169-lb (2,345-kg) pickup truck impacting the MGS with WP wood posts at a speed of 63.8 mph (102.7 km/h) and at an angle of 25.6 degrees, resulting in an impact severity of 131.5 kip-ft (178.3 kJ). The vehicle was contained and smoothly redirected. Thus, the MGS with white pine wood posts was judged to be acceptable according to the safety performance criteria presented in MASH. A summary of the safety performance evaluation is provided in Table 7.

The standard MGS has demonstrated acceptable safety performance when configured with either standard W6x9 (W152x13.4) steel posts [5-7], round wood posts [19-20], and now with 6-in. x 8-in. (152-mm x 203-mm) white pine wood posts. The different configurations have exhibited similar performance, as shown in Table 8. Therefore, the MGS configured with standard-sized, white pine posts is an acceptable alternative to the previously-recommended, large-size, white pine wood post due to the successful crash test. The WP posts used herein were selected to meet specific wood post grading criteria, as specified by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Thus, standard WP line posts can be used within the MGS system when configured to meet the minimum grading requirements specified in Appendix A.

Wood posts are often utilized in longitudinal barrier systems that are configured for special applications, such as in stiffness transitions, barriers adjacent to steep slopes, or barriers to shield the ends of transverse culverts. Within these special barrier applications, the dynamic behavior of an embedded post can greatly affect its safety performance. For example, premature fracture of wood posts within an approach guardrail transition may lead to an increased propensity for vehicle pocketing and/or snag on a bridge end. As such, MwRSF researchers have concerns regarding degraded barrier performance when considering the use of the weaker, 6-in. x 8-in. (152-mm x 203-mm), white pine wood posts in lieu of standard, SYP or DF rectangular wood posts in stiffness transitions and special MGS applications. However, it is possible for white pine posts to be used within approach guardrail transitions, guardrail end terminals, or guardrail anchorage systems. First, the geometry (i.e., width, depth, and length) of white pine posts could be modified to provide equivalent stiffness and strength to that provided by the original SYP or DF wood posts. Second, the post spacing could be modified to provide equivalent barrier capacity and energy dissipation characteristics to that provided by the original SYP or DF wood posts. Finally, full-scale vehicle crash testing may be used to demonstrate that unmodified, standard-size white pine posts provide acceptable barrier performance when used in combination with stiffness transitions or other special MGS applications.

As noted previously, W-beam guardrail systems have been developed for use in shielding various roadside hazards, such as fill slopes equal to or greater than 2H:1V and transverse culvert openings. Previously and based on full-scale crash testing, the Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) was successfully adapted for use at the slope break point of a 2H:1V fill slope using 9-ft (2,743-mm) long, W6x9 (W152x13.4) steel posts spaced on 6 ft - 3 in. (1,905 mm) centers. 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 2:1 fill slope. For the SYP wood post variation, the embedment depth was 58 in. (1,473 mm).

Unfortunately, WP posts would likely fracture prior to rotating in soil when installed with a 58-in. (1,473-mm) embedment depth on a 2H:1V fill slope, thus resulting in reduced energy absorption, increased system deflections, and a greater propensity for vehicle instabilities. As such, the post geometry would need to be altered in order to mitigate concerns for post fracture. For example, the post length and associated embedment depth could be decreased to reduce the post-soil resistance. Alternatively, the post's cross section could be modified to provide increased capacity and greater resistance to post fracture when using a 58-in. embedment depth. Further, full-scale crash testing could be used to demonstrate that the MGS with white pine posts would perform in an acceptable manner even with the fracture of a greater number of wood posts.

Based on the desire to maintain a standard cross section for 2H:1V fill slope applications, a reduction in post length was deemed more desirable. Unfortunately, a decreased embedment depth would result in a reduction in the lateral stiffness and strength of the MGS. Thus, the post spacing would likely need to be reduced to provide comparable barrier capacity and energy dissipation characteristics to that provided by the steel post and SYP wood post variations of the MGS for use on 2H:1V fill slopes. Further analysis, as shown in Appendix F, revealed that a white pine MGS system located adjacent to a 2H:1V 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 37½ in. (953 mm) centers. All other features of standard MGS remain the same.

The MGS has been adapted for use in another special application, more specifically in the safety treatment of transverse culvert openings. The long-span MGS utilizes SYP CRT posts on both sides of the 25-ft (7.62-m) long unsupported length. Originally, CRT posts were designed with a 3.5-in. (89-mm) diameter hole placed through the wide face of the post to reduce the weak-axis bending strength while maintaining a relatively high strength about the strong-axis of bending. Similar to the 2H:1V fill slope application, MwRSF researchers have concerns regarding the substitution of standard-size WP posts for the standard-size SYP CRT posts due to the significant strength reductions in both principal directions and premature post fracture. In the MGS long-span application, premature CRT post fracture could result in increased barrier

deflections, a greater propensity for vehicle instabilities, increased vehicle snag on the downstream wingwall, as well as the potential for the vehicle to override the barrier and/or travel over the culvert edge. As such, the post geometry would need to be altered in order to mitigate concerns for post fracture. For example, the post's cross section could be modified to provide increased capacity and greater resistance to post fracture. Second, the CRT post spacing could be reduced from 6 ft - 3 in. (1,905 mm) centers to 3 ft – 1½-in. (952 mm) centers. In addition, full-scale crash testing could also be used to demonstrate that the MGS with white pine posts would perform in an acceptable manner even with premature fracture of the CRT posts.

Based on the desire to maintain the standard 6-ft 3-in. (1,905-mm) post spacing for the three CRT posts installed adjacent to the unsupported length, it was deemed necessary to increase the post's cross section, more specifically the post depth. Thus, an equivalent WP CRT post was designed, as detailed in Appendix G. The equivalent WP CRT post measures 6 in. (152 mm) wide by 10 in. (254 mm) deep and maintains the 3.5-in. (89-mm) diameter holes through the 10-in. (254-mm) face. The length and hole locations remain unchanged from the original SYP CRT post. In summary, the post capacity and post-soil resistance should be approximately equal for the same length 6-in. (152-mm) x 10-in. (254-mm) WP post and the 6-in. x 8-in. (152-mm x 203-mm) SYP post. Based on this fact, MwRSF researchers believe that the WP MGS long-span system should provide comparable safety performance to the SYP MGS long-span system and not require additional full-scale crash testing.

Evaluation Factors		Ev	valuation Criteria		Test No. MGSWP-1
Structural Adequacy		Test article should co vehicle to a controlle underride, or overri- lateral deflection of th	d stop; the vehicle side the installation	hould not penetrate, although controlled	S
		Detached elements, if article should not per the occupant compart traffic, pedestrians, or of, or intrusions into exceed limits set for MASH.	netrate or show poter ment, or present an up personnel in a work o, the occupant comp	ntial for penetrating ndue hazard to other zone. Deformations partment should not	S
		The vehicle should re The maximum roll a degrees.	1 0 0		S
Occupant Risk		Occupant Impact Ve A5.3 of MASH for of following limits:	•		
		Occup	oant Impact Velocity I	Limits	S
		Component	Preferred	Maximum	
		Longitudinal and Lateral	40 ft/s (12.2 m/s)		
	I.	The Occupant Rided A, Section A5.3 of M satisfy the following I	MASH for calculation		
		Occupant	Ridedown Accelerati	on Limits	S
		Component	Preferred	Maximum	
C _ C	otiofoo	Longitudinal and Lateral	15.0 g's	20.49 g's	

Table 7. Summary of Safety Performance Evaluation Results

S – Satisfactory U – Unsatisfactory NA - Not Applicable

				MGS		
-	formance Criteria	7¼-in. Diameter Douglas Fir Posts	8-in. Diameter Ponderosa Pine Posts	W6x9 Steel Posts	W6x9 Steel Posts	6-in. x 8-in. White Pine Posts
Test S	Specification	350	350	350	MASH	MASH
-	act Severity p-ft (kJ)	106.4 (144.3)	107.2 (145.3)	101.5 (137.7)	122.3 (165.8)	131.5 (178.3)
De	nanent Set eflections n. (mm)	35.5 (902)	27.8 (706)	26 (652)	31 ⁵ / ₈ (803)	33¾ (857)
De)ynamic eflections n. (mm)	60.2 (1,529)	37.6 (955)	43.1 (1,094)	43.9 (1,115)	46.3 (1,176)
	king Width n. (mm)	60.3 (1,532)	48.6 (1,234)	49.6 (1,260)	48.6 (1,234)	58.4 (1,483)
OIV ft/s	Longitudinal	13.22 (4.03)	22.47 (6.85)	18.32 (5.58)	15.32 (4.67)	-15.27 (-4.65)
(m/s)	Lateral	13.22 (4.03)	23.56 (7.18)	12.87 (3.89)	15.62 (4.76)	-16.14 (-4.92)
ORA	Longitudinal	8.76	5.90	9.50	8.23	-8.25
g's	Lateral	5.69	4.09	6.94	6.93	-10.13

Table 8. MGS with Steel and Wood Post Comparison

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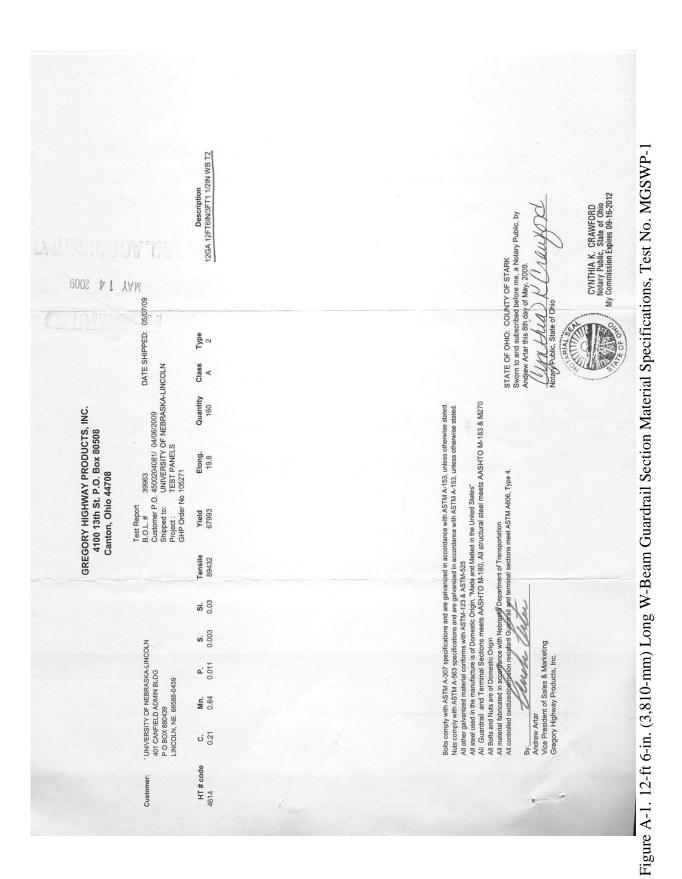
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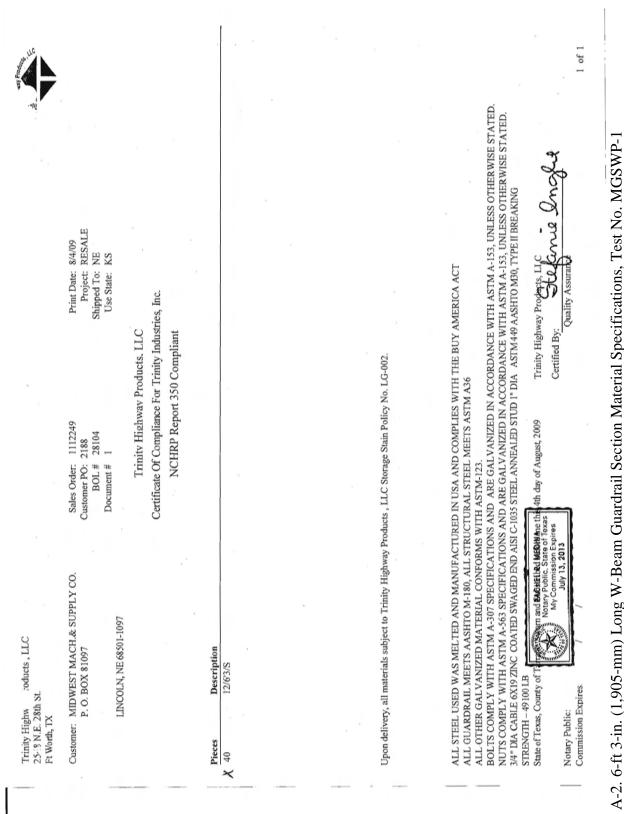
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8 APPENDICES

Appendix A. Material Specifications





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AUGUST 4, 2009

MIDWEST MACHINERY & SUPPLY PO Box 81097 Lincoln, NE 68501

The following material delivered on 8/3/09 on bill of lading number 19477 has been inspected before and after treatment and is in full compliance with applicable Nebraska Department of Roads requirements for southern vellow pine Timber Guardrail Components, preservative treated with Chromated-Copper-Arsenate (CCA-C) to a minimum retention of .60 lbs/cu.ft. The acceptance of each piece by company quality control is indicated by a hammer brand on the end of each piece.

Luis	Мат	ERIAL	CHARGE #	DATE	RETENTION	QUANTITY
X	6x8x14"	Blockout (CD)	09-283	7/29/09	0.67	70
	6x8x6'	Line Post	09-283	7/29/09	0.67	175
X	51/2x71/2-46"	TB Bullnose	09-283	7/29/09	0.67	48
	6x6x8"	Blockout	09-283	7/29/09	0.67	100
	6x8x22"	Blockout	09-283	7/29/09	0.67	70

THIS CERTIFICATE APPLIES TO MATERIAL ORDERED FOR your order no.: .2191

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER.

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Figure A-3. BCT Anchor Timber Post Material Specifications, Test No. MGSWP-1

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Description:	10" POST BOLT W/6" THRD	Sample 3: Sample 4:	2.63 2.95
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Customer:	Trinkty	Sample S:	2.13
Test Type;	Permiscope	Sample 7:	3.12
Heat Number:	7261611	Sample 3:	2.64
Processor;	Columbus	Sample 9:	3.50
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Processor:	Columbus	Sample 9:	2.17
		Sample 10:	2.47
	ASTM=A153-A153/98	Sample 11:	3.10
Requirement:	2.77 Mil	Sample 12:	2.40
Sample Qty;	29	Sample 13:	4.09
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Customer:	Trinky	Sample 6:	0,00
Test Type:	Rockwell	Sample 7:	0.00
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Lab Test Report

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Customer:	Trinity	Sample 6:	
Test Type:	Rockwell	Sample 7:	0,00
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Figure A-20. 10-in. (254-mm) Long Post Bolt Material Specifications, Test No. MGSWP-1

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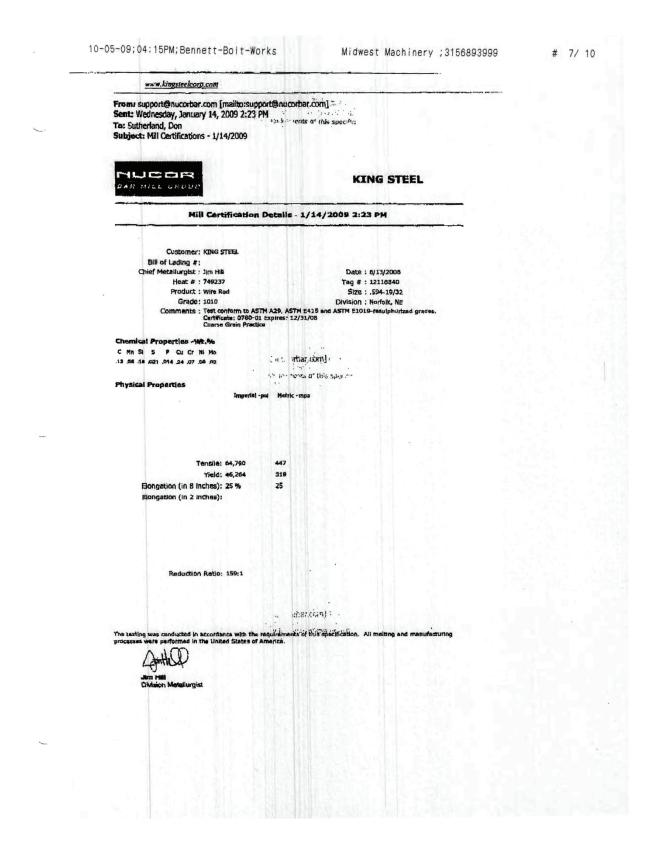


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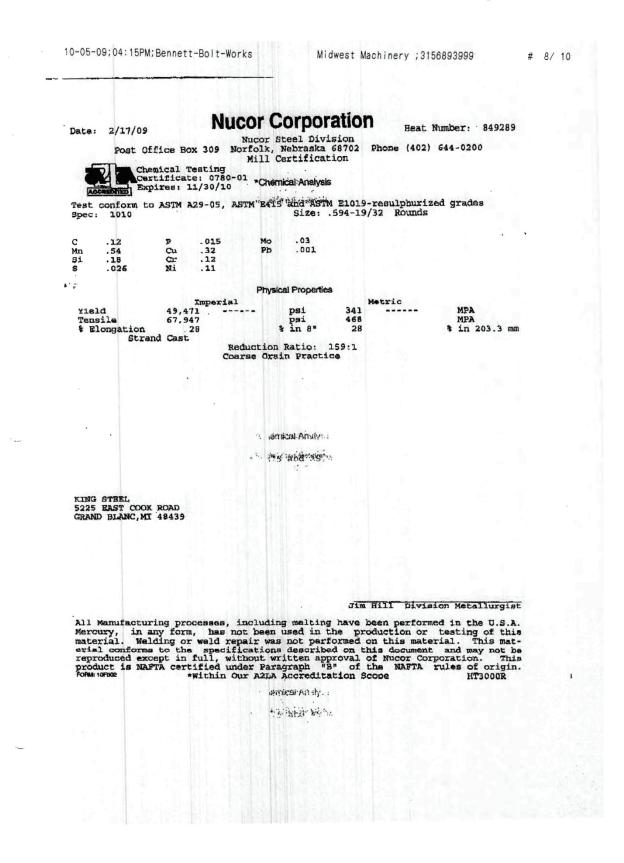


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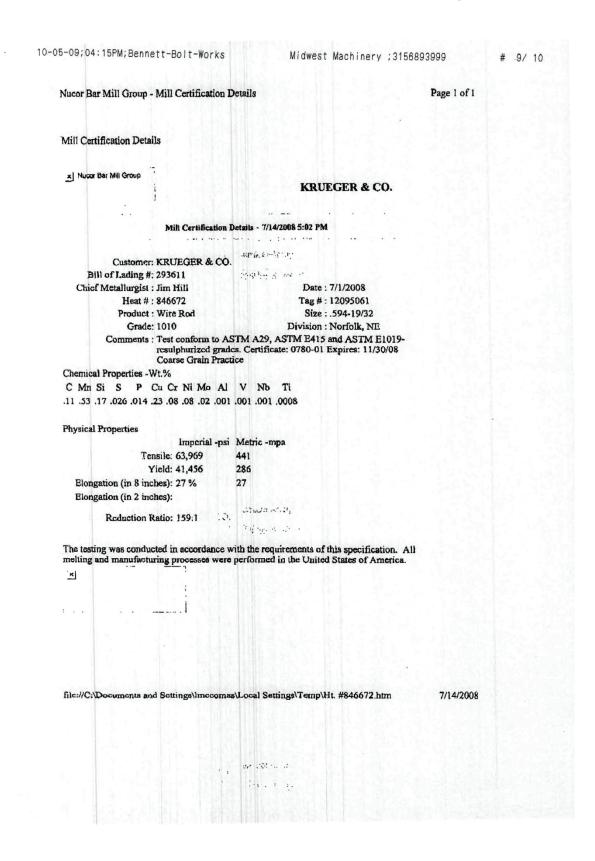


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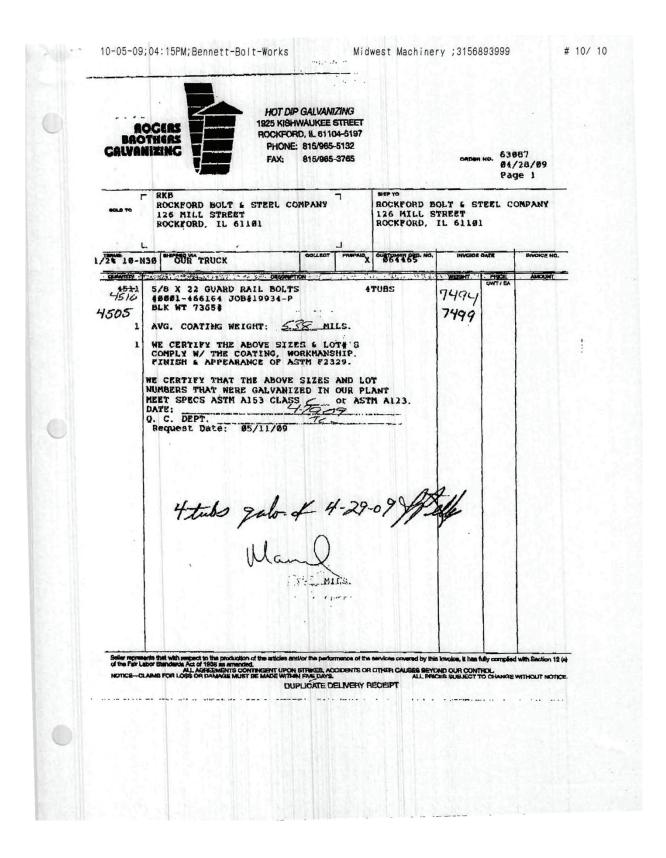


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MATERIAL CERTIFICATION

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Figure A-31. Guardrail Nut Material Specifications, Test No. MGSWP-1

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MATERIAL CERTIFICATION

CUSTOMER: STOCK	DATE: JANUARY 2, 2008
	INVOICE #
	LOT #: 961229B
PART NUMBER: 3388G	QUANTITY: 103,132
DESCRIPTION: 5/8" X 1 % HE BOLT	
	DATE SHIPPED:
SPECIFICATIONS: ASTM A307-A/A153	HEAT #: 443270 & 445650

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PLATING AND/OR PROTECTIVE COATING

HOT DIP GALVANIZING (OZ. PER SQ. FT.) 1.25 AVG.

THE MATERIAL USED IN THIS PRODUCT WAS MELTED AND MANUFACTURED IN THE U.S.A.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLENGE ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS CORRECT

RINITY HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, LLC.

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF ALLEN SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED REFORE ME THIS 2²⁰ DAY OF ANULARY 2009 DAY OF JANUARY, 2008 THIS 2

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Test	Possible Laboratory	Specification	ł
Chumistry Analysis	CSMD	ASTM E415: ASTM E1019	ł
Macroatch	CSMD	ASTM E881	
Hardenability (Jominy)	0SMD	ASTM A255; JIS Q0561	
Grain Size		ASTM E112	ł
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Rockweil Hardness	CSRD/CSPD, P4, CSC	ASTM E18; ASTM A370	
Microstructure (spheroldization)	CSRD/GSPD, P4	ASTM A892	
Cleanliness	CSRD/CSPD, CSC	ASTM 645	l

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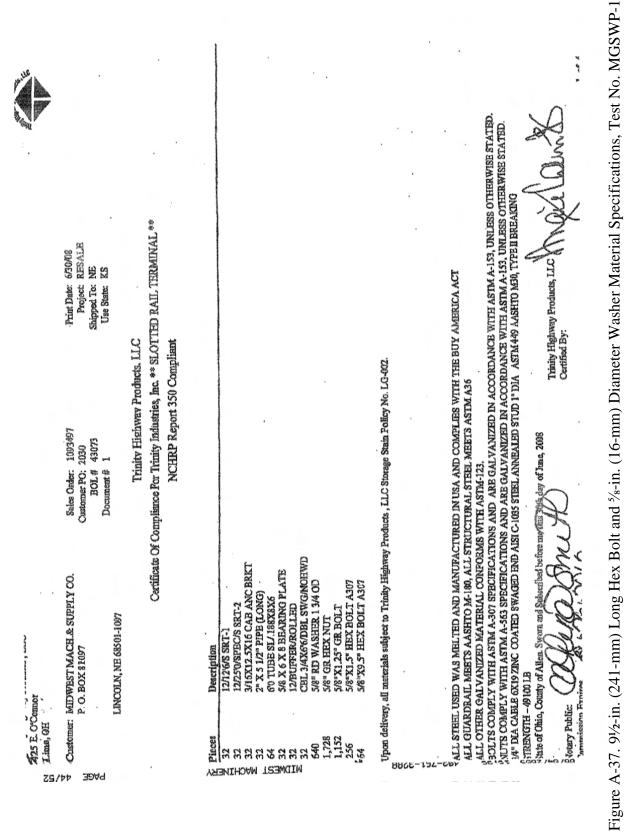
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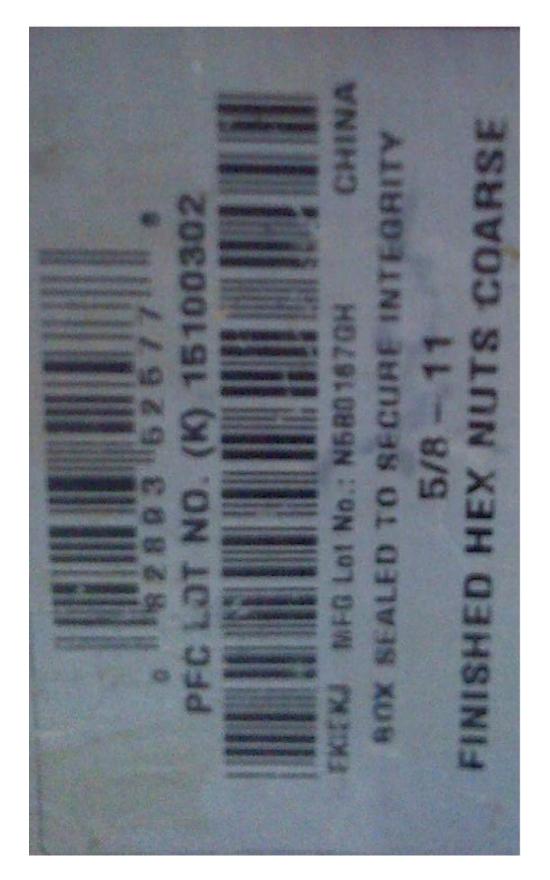


Figure A-38. 5%-in. (16-mm) Diameter Hex Nut Material Specifications, Test No. MGSWP-1

# Appendix B. Vehicle Center of Gravity Determination

Test	: MGSWP-1		Vehicle:					
			Vehicle C					
		Weight	Long CG	Lat CG	Vert CG	Long M	Lat M	Vert M
VEHICLE	Equipment	(lb)	(in.)	(in.)	(in.)	(lb-in.)	(lb-in.)	(lb-in.)
+	Unbalasted Truck(Curb)	4979	61.8087	-0.31294	28.08582	307745.5	-1558.13	139839.3
+	Brake receivers/wires	8	107	0	51	856	0	408
+	Brake Frame	3	36	-18	26	108	-54	78
+	Brake Cylinder (Nitrogen)	28	73	22	26	2044	616	728
+	Strobe/Brake Battery	4	76	0	30	304	0	120
+	Hub	27	0	-43	14.75	0	-1161	398.25
+	CG Plate (EDRs)	8	53	0	31	424	0	248
-	Battery	-44	-8	-23	41	352	1012	-1804
-	Oil	-8	10	0	17	-80	0	-136
-	Interior	-42	58	0	23	-2436	0	-966
-	Fuel	-158	109	-13	20	-17222	2054	-3160
-	Coolant	-18	-23	8	35	414	-144	-630
-	Washer fluid	-6	-21	19	35	126	-114	-210
BALLAST	Water	162	109	-13	20	17658	-2106	3240
	DTS Rack	18	71	0	30	1278	0	540
	Steel Plate	33	109	0	35	3597	0	1155
						315168.5	-1455.13	139848.6
	TOTAL WEIGHT	4994	lb	CG lo	cation (in.)	63.10944	-0.29137	28.00332
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140.5	Calculated Test Ine								
MASH Targets	Targets	CURRENT	Difference						
Test Inertial Weight (lb)	5000 <u>+</u> 110	4994	-6.0						
Long CG (in.)	63 ± 4	63.11	0.10944						
Lat CG (in.)	NA	-0.29	NA						
Vert CG (in.)	28	28.00	0.00332						
Note: Long CG is meas	Note: Long, CG is measured from front axle of test vehicle								

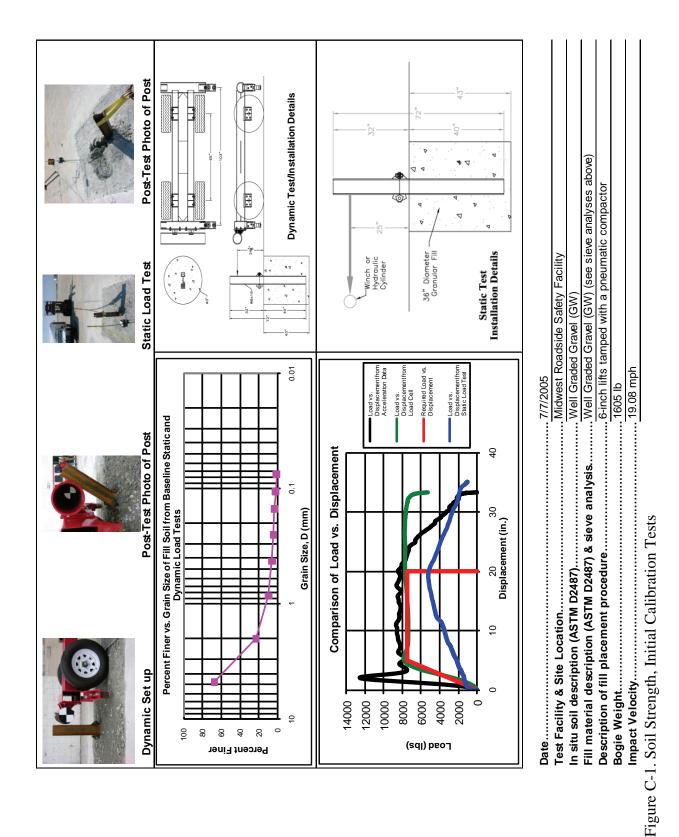
Note: Long. CG is measured from front axle of test vehicle

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

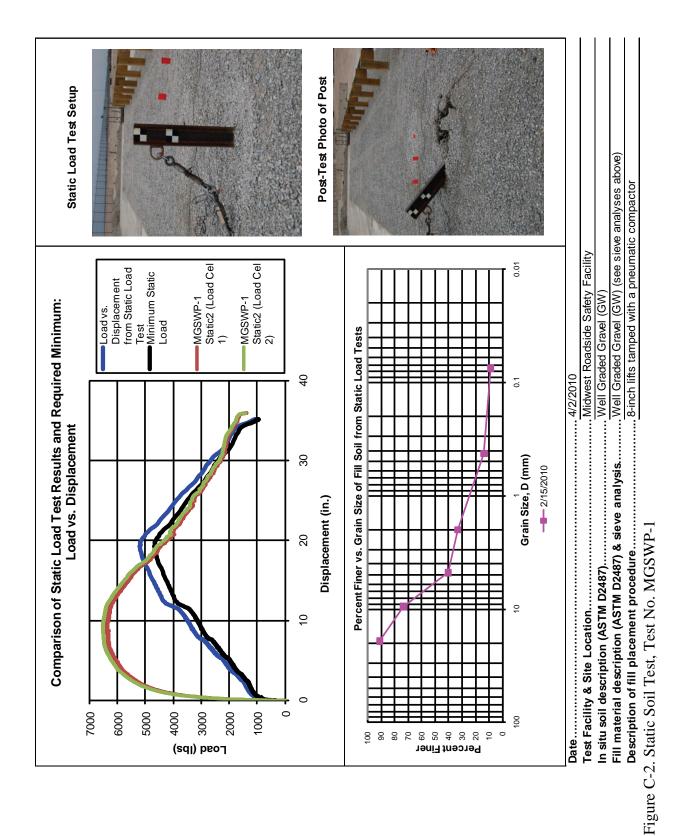
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Front	1427	1362	Front	1409	1348
Rear	1085	1105	Rear	1111	1131
FRONT	2789	lb	FRONT	2757	lb
REAR	2190	lb	REAR	2242	lb
TOTAL	4979	lb	TOTAL	4999	lb

Figure B-1. Vehicle Mass Distribution, Test No. MGSWP-1

# Appendix C. Static Soil Tests



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# Appendix D. Vehicle Deformation Records

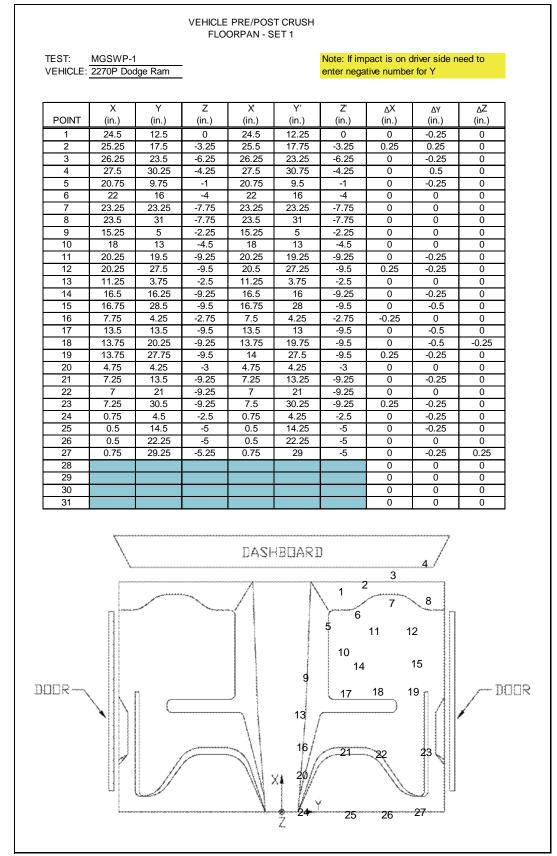


Figure D-1. Floor Pan Deformation Data – Set 1, Test No. MGSWP-1

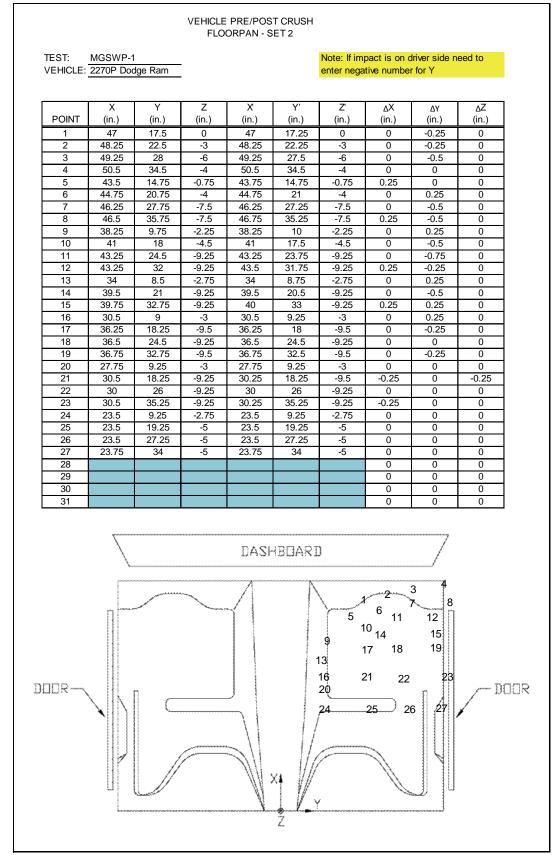


Figure D-2. Floor Pan Deformation Data – Set 2, Test No. MGSWP-1

#### VEHICLE PRE/POST CRUSH **INTERIOR CRUSH - SET 1** TEST: Note: If impact is on driver side need to MGSWP-1 VEHICLE: 2270P Dodge Ram enter negative number for Y Х Ζ Z ΔХ γ Х ΔY ΔZ POINT (in.) (in.) (in.) (in.) (in.) (in.) (in.) (in.) (in.) 30 22.25 30 2 22.5 0.25 A1 2 0 0 A2 30 10 22 30 10.25 22 0 0.25 0 DASH А3 30 20.25 21.25 30 20 21.5 0 -0.25 0.25 A4 27.75 2.5 15.5 27.75 2.5 15.75 0 0 0.25 A5 27.75 10.25 15.75 27.75 10.25 0 0.25 16 0 A6 27.75 20 15.5 27.75 20 15.5 0 0 0 39.25 23.25 0.25 -0.25 0.25 B1 23.5 -1.5 39.5 -1.25 SIDE B2 35 23.5 -1.75 35.25 23.25 -1.5 0.25 -0.25 0.25 B3 35.5 23.5 -6.75 35.75 23.25 -6.75 0.25 -0.25 0 C1 24 26 17 24 26.25 17 0 0.25 0 IMPACT SIDE DOOR C2 13.5 26 18 13.5 26.25 18 0 0.25 0 C3 18.5 18.5 0 3.75 26 26.5 0.5 0 3.75 C4 25.5 26 -0.25 25.25 25 -0.25 0.25 0 -1 C5 15.75 26 -2.75 15.5 25 -2.5 -0.25 -1 0.25 C6 0.75 25.5 -0.25 -1 26.5 -1 0.5 -1 0 D1 0 0 0 D2 0 0 0 D3 0 0 0 D4 0 0 0 D5 0 0 0 D6 0 0 0 D7 Roof crush omitted due to low probability of damage 0 0 0 ROOF D8 0 0 0 D9 0 0 0 D10 0 0 0 D11 0 0 0 D12 0 0 0 0 D13 0 0 D14 0 0 0 D15 0 0 0 DASHBUARD B1 **B**2 A1 A2 A3 A4 Å5 A6 C4 C1 DOOR DUUR C5 C2 XI Č3 C6 Ż

Figure D-3. Occupant Compartment Deformation Data – Set 1, Test No. MGSWP-1

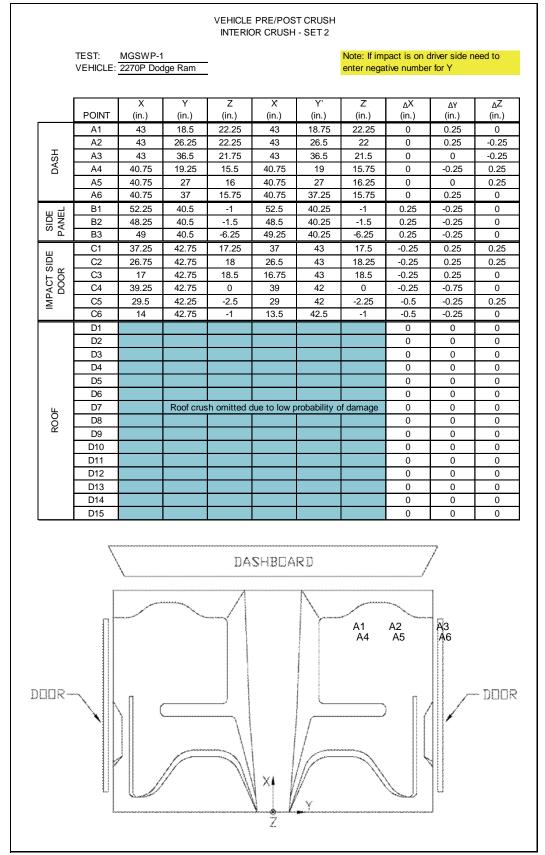


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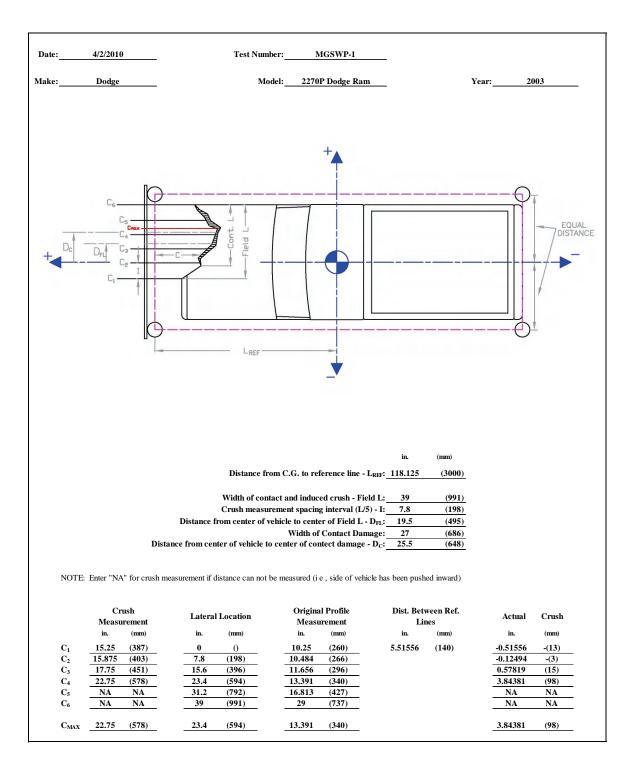


Figure D-5. Exterior Vehicle Crush (NASS) - Front, Test No. MGSWP-1

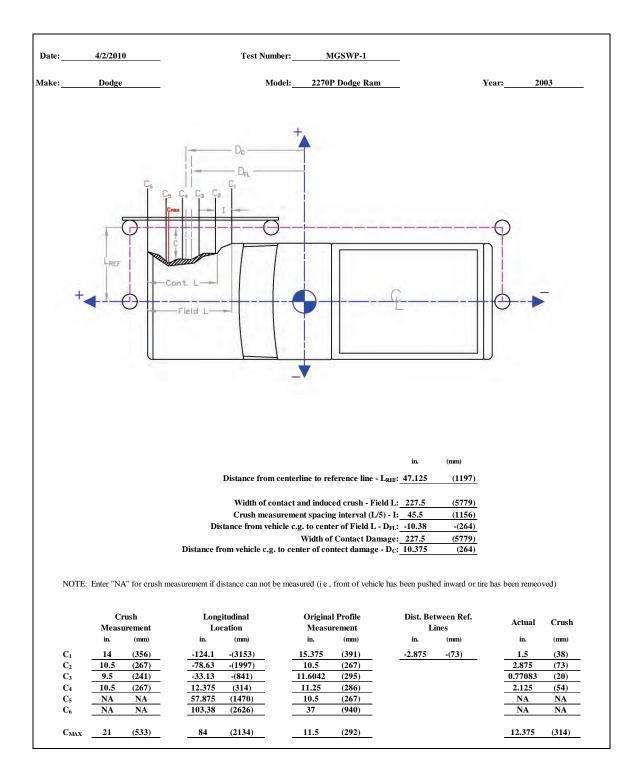
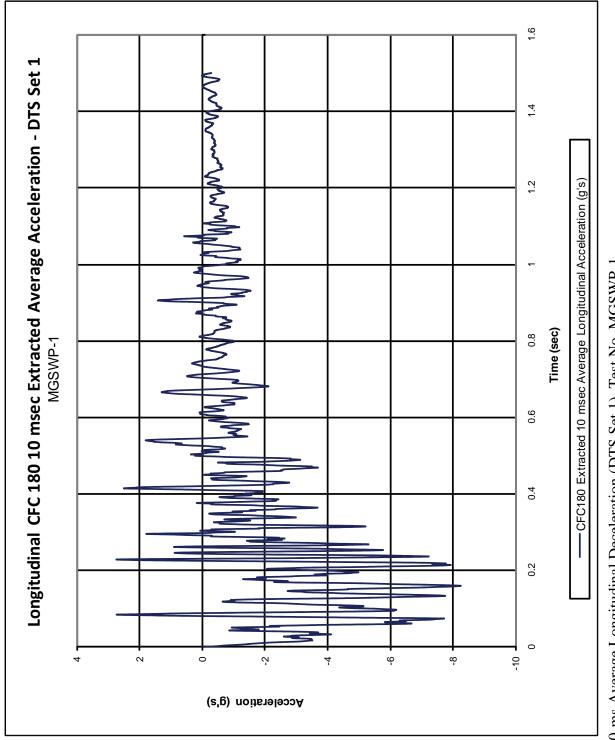
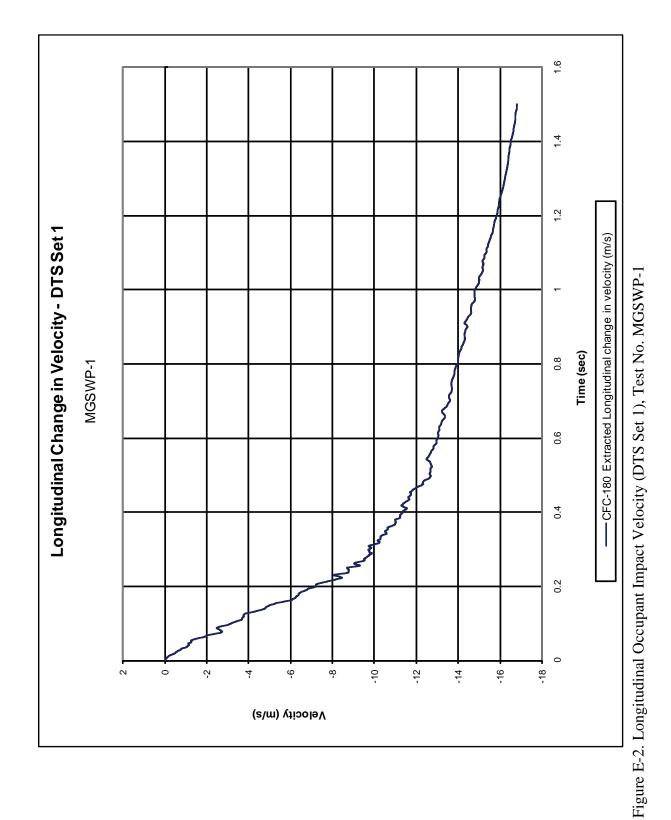


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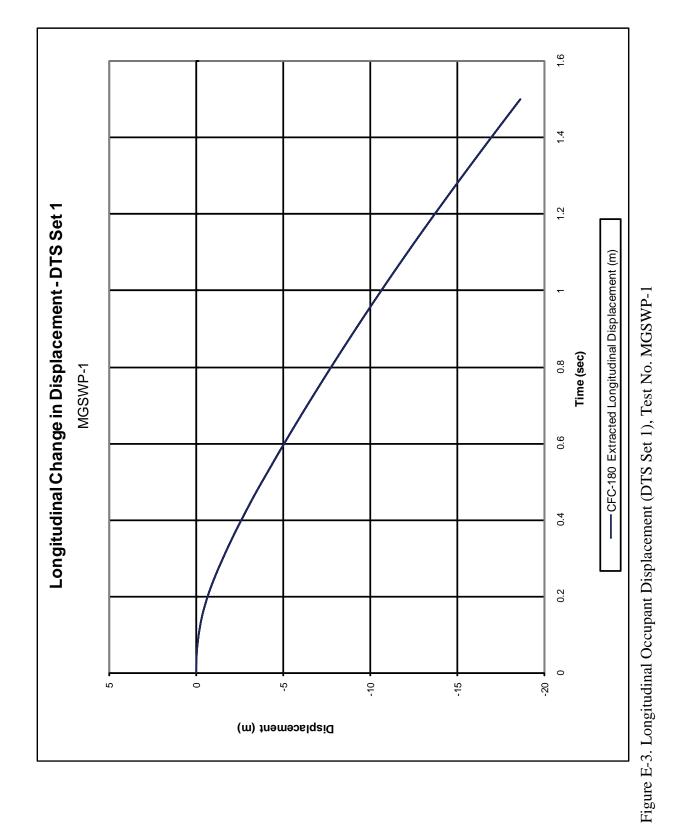
Appendix E. Accelerometer and Rate Transducer Data Plots, Test No. MGSWP-1



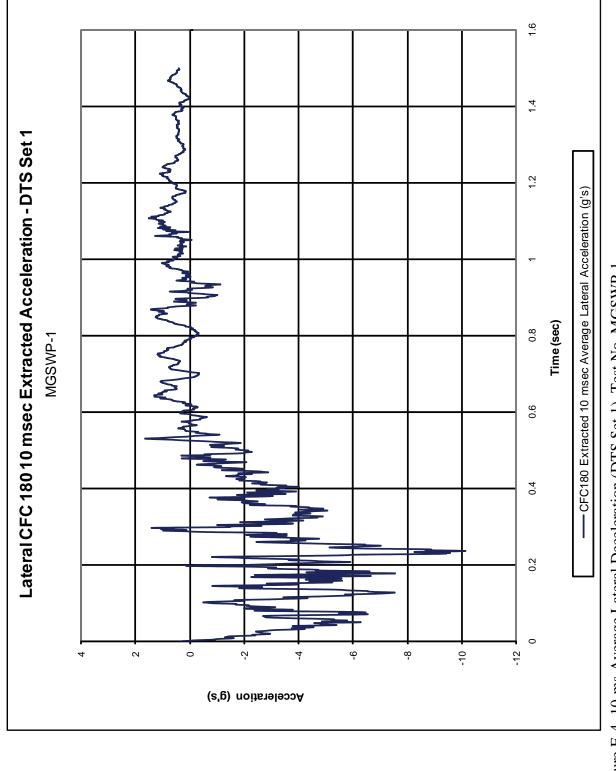




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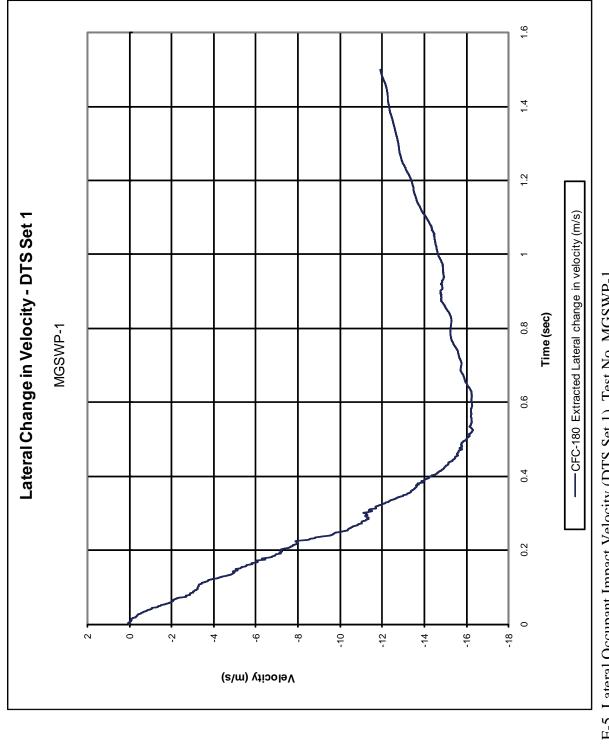


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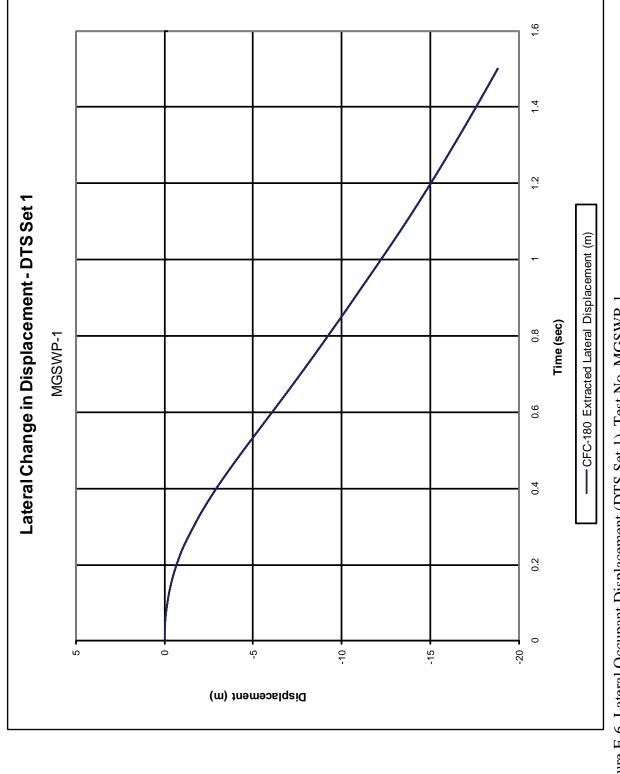




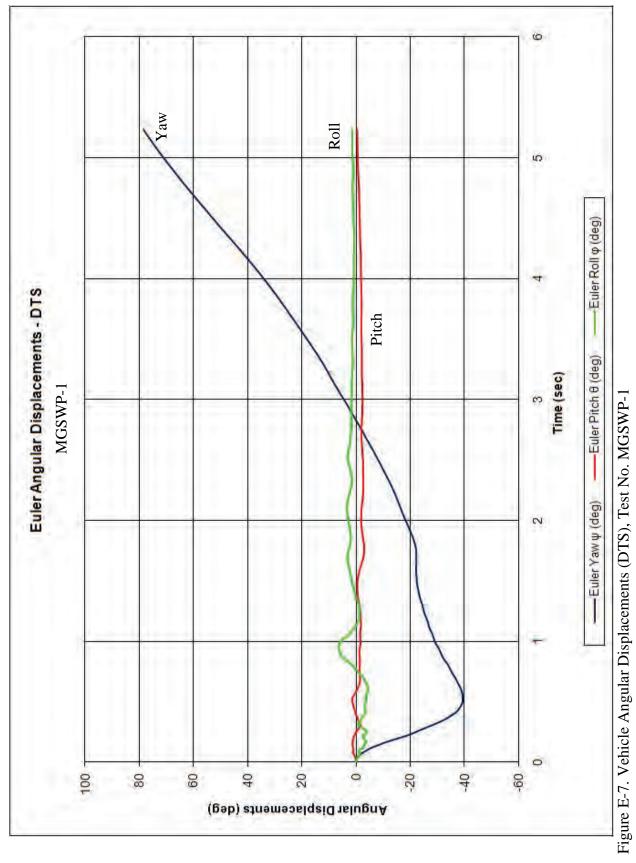
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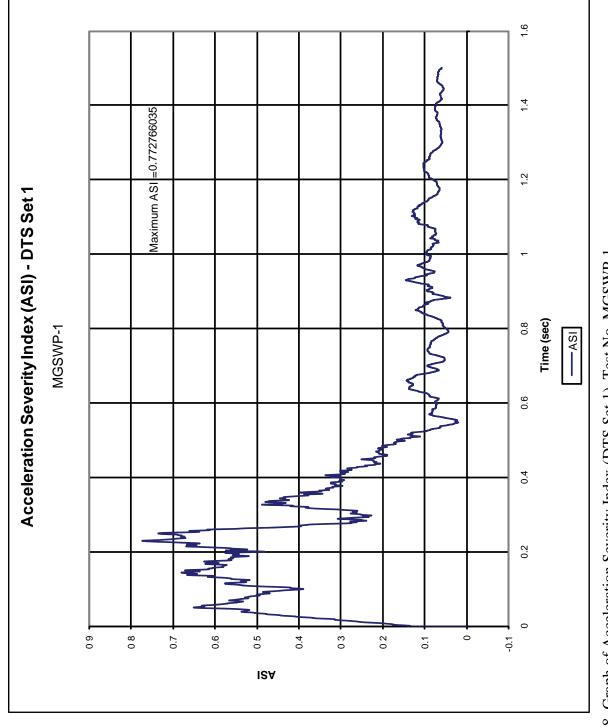
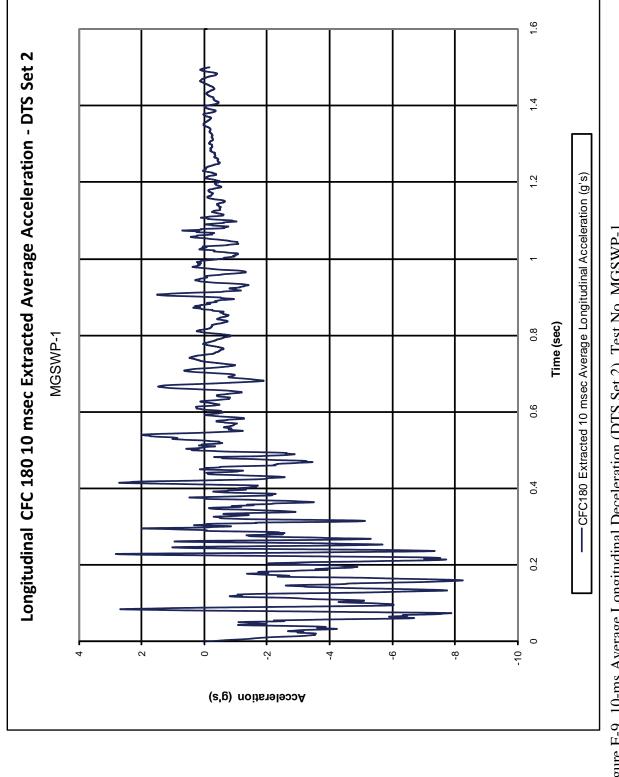


Figure E-8. Graph of Acceleration Severity Index (DTS Set 1), Test No. MGSWP-1





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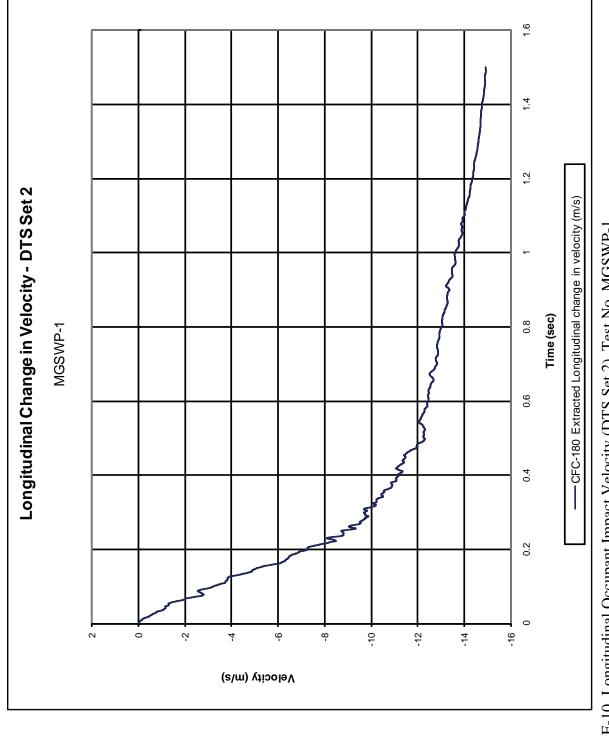
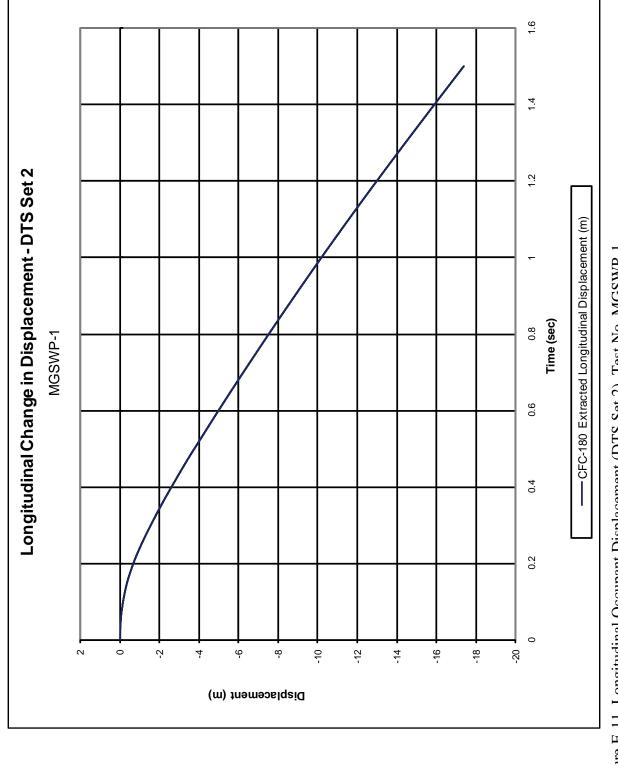
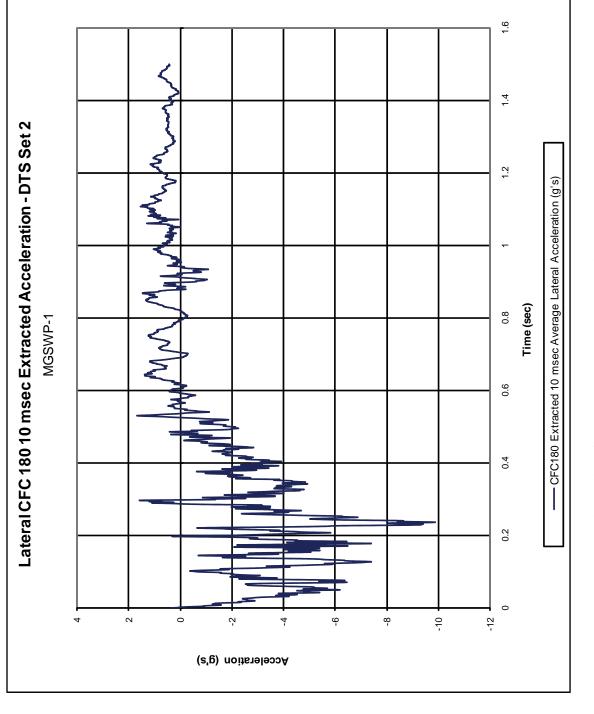
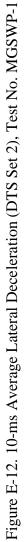


Figure E-10. Longitudinal Occupant Impact Velocity (DTS Set 2), Test No. MGSWP-1

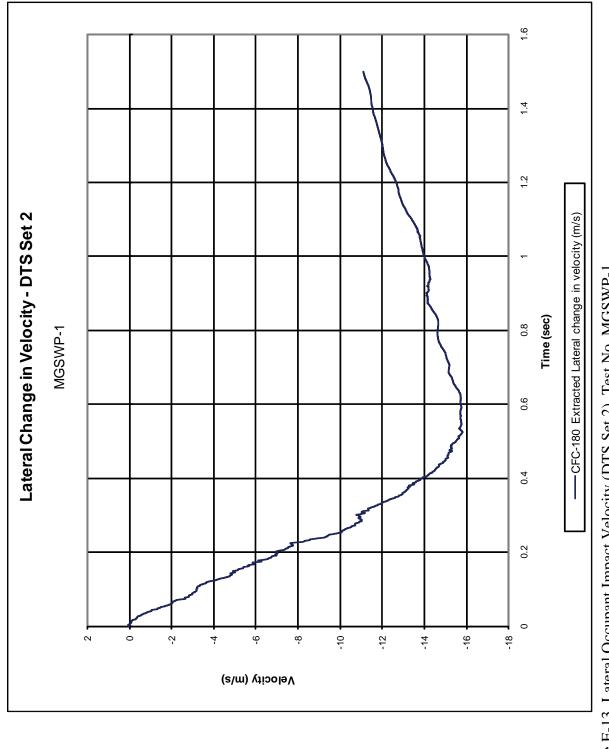




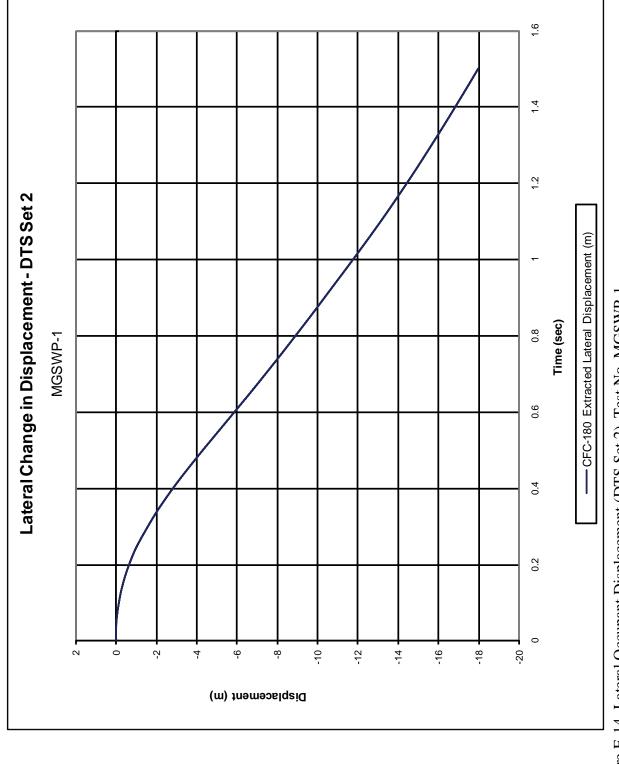




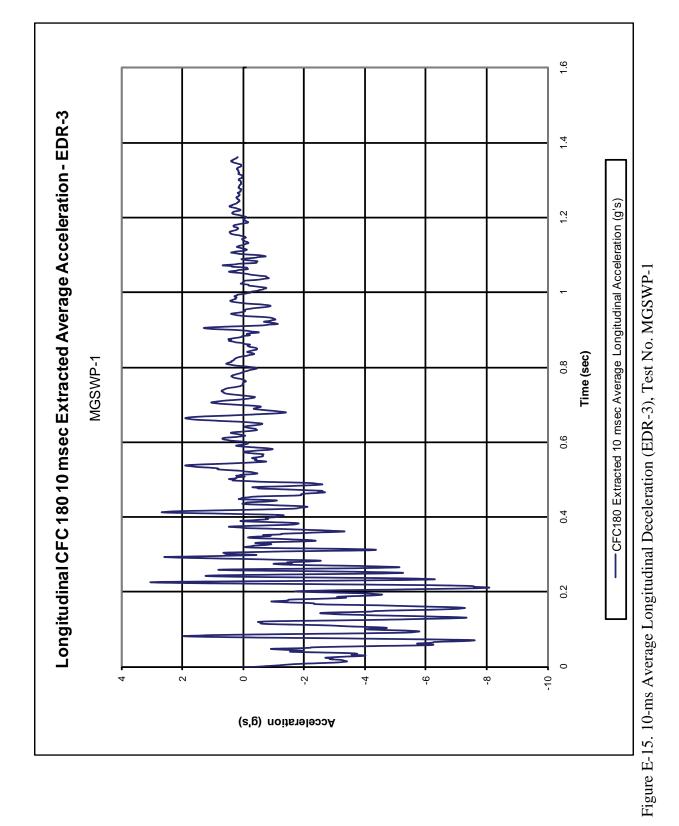
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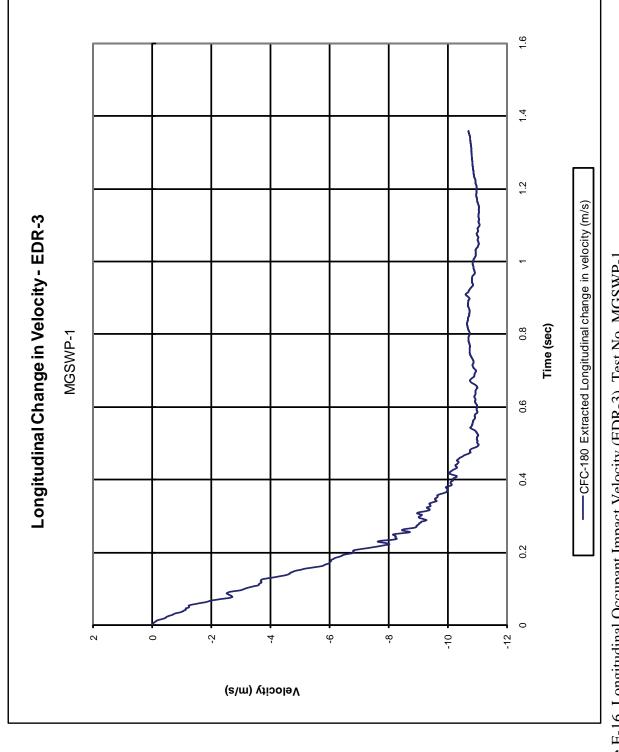




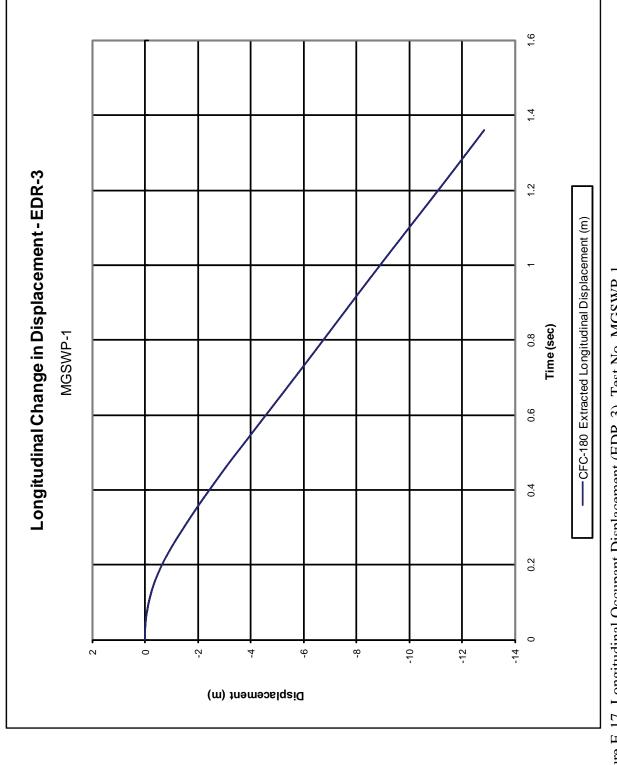




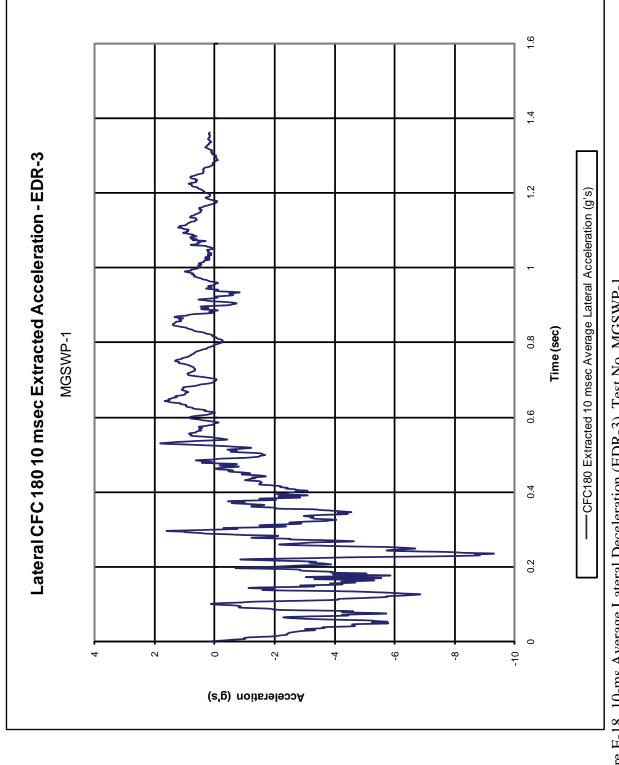
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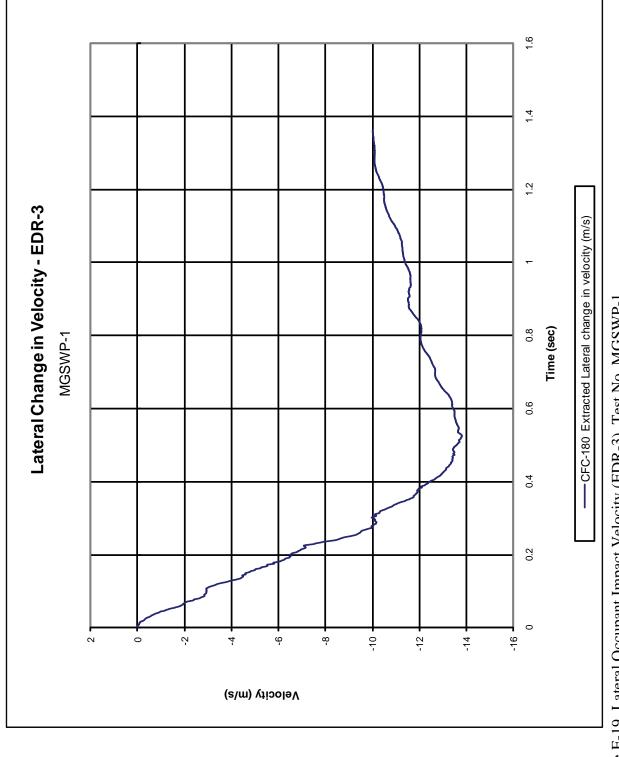


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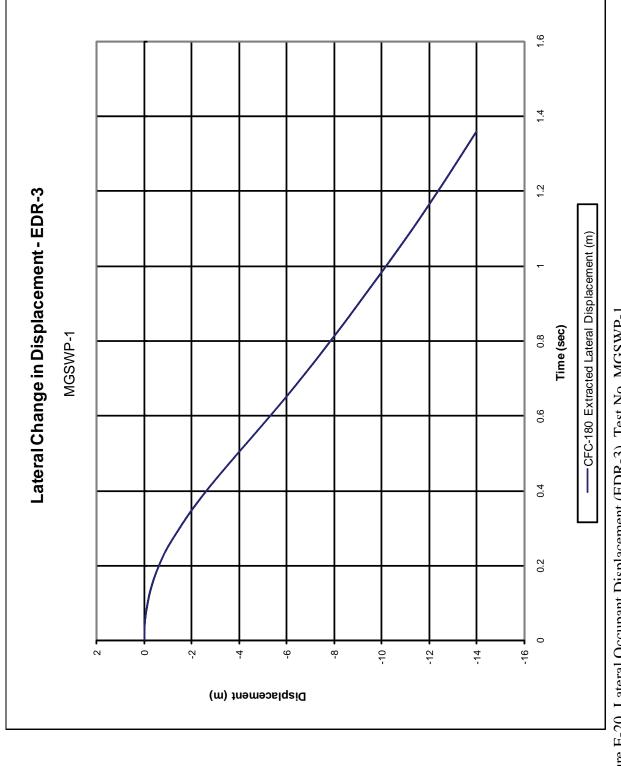
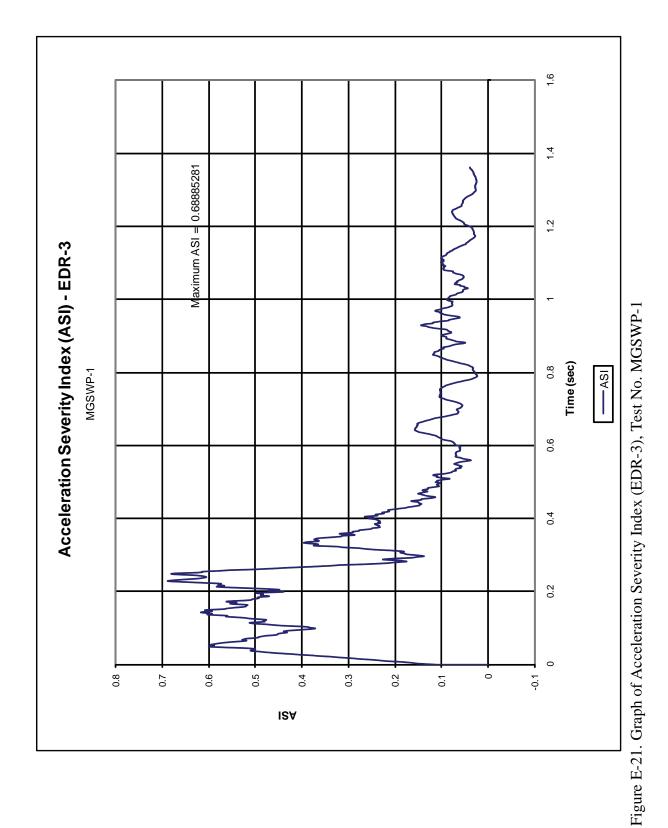


Figure E-20. Lateral Occupant Displacement (EDR-3), Test No. MGSWP-1



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## Appendix F. White Pine Post MGS on 2:1 Slope

Current W-beam guardrail systems designed for use adjacent to 2:1 fill slopes utilized wood posts with increased lengths and embedment depths. White Pine posts with embedment depths of this extent would very likely fracture before rotating through the soil, thus resulting in reduced energy absorption, increased system deflections, and a greater propensity for vehicle instabilities. To mitigate concerns for post fracture, the length and embedment depth of a WP post must be adjusted to reduce its post-soil resistance.

Recent dynamic bogie testing of 6-in x 8-in. wood posts resulted in the recommendation that 7.5 ft long, SYP wood posts should be used for the MGS located adjacent to a 2:1 fill slope^[A]. These posts were shown to provide an average resistive force over 15 in. of deflection equal to 10.5 kips. In a separate study, the modulus of rupture (MOR) for White Pine timber was calculated to be 2.73 ksi^[B]. Utilizing this MOR value along with a 6-in. x 8-in. post cross section and a 24⁷/₈ in. impact height, the estimated peak force value for a standard-sized, White Pine post was calculated to be 7 kips. Thus, the post length was reduced from 7.5 ft to 6.5 ft to prevent fracture. The post's cross section could also be increased to prevent fracture, but utilizing the standard post size was deemed the more desirable alternative.

Using the standard extrapolation equation for post-soil resistance at various embedment depths, the embedment depth likely to result in post fracture was calculated.

$$F'_{s} = F_{s} \left(\frac{EMB_{new}}{EMB_{existing}}\right)^{2}$$

$$7 \ kips = 10.5 \ kips \left(\frac{EMB_{new}}{58 \ in.}\right)^{2}$$

$$EMB_{x} = 47.4 \ in.$$

 $F_s$  is the post-soil resistance for the known or existing embedment depth, while F's is the post-

soil resistance for a desired or new embedment depth.

Thus, an embedment depth equal to or less than 47.4 in. should reduce the propensity for White Pine post fracture. Using 0.5-ft intervals in post length, a 6.5-ft long WP post was selected, thus resulting in an embedment depth of 46 in.

A reduction in post embedment depth can result in decreased energy absorption during post rotation through soil. Consequently, increased system deflections and a greater propensity for vehicle instabilities may occur. As a result, MwRSF researchers recommend that the MGS installed adjacent for 2H:1V fill slopes utilize 6-in. x 8-in. by 6.5-ft long, WP posts installed at half-post spacing, or on 37.5 in. centers.

^[A] McGhee, M.D., Lechtenberg. K.A., Bielenberg, R.W., Faller, R.K., Sicking. D.L., and Reid, J.D., *Dynamic Impact Testing of Wood Posts for the Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) Placed Adjacent to a 2H:1V Fill Slope*, Midwest Roadside Safety Facility, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Research Report No. TRP-3-234-10, December 2010.

^[B] Rohde, J.R., Hascall, J.A., Polivka, K.A., Faller, R.K., and Sicking, D.L., *Dynamic Testing of Wooden Guardrail Posts – White and Red Pine Species Equivalency Study*, Midwest Roadside Safety Facility, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Research Report No. TRP-03-154-04, September 2004.

## Appendix G. Equivalent White Pine CRT Post Calculations

CRT posts were designed to reduce the weak-axis bending capacity of a wood post while maintaining a relatively high strong-axis bending strength. These specialized posts were designed utilizing Southern Yellow Pine (SYP) material. Thus, the use of weaker White Pine material properties would not be conducive to the standard CRT post design as different strengths would be observed in both the strong and weak axes. Therefore, the White Pine CRT post dimensions were altered to provide similar characteristics to a SYP CRT post.

In a recent study by Arens^[C], SYP CRT posts were subjected to numerous dynamic bogie impact tests. The strong-axis impact results from this study are summarized in Table G-1. Utilizing the calculated average modulus of rupture (MOR) of 4.36 ksi and the standard dimensions of the CRT post, the weak-axis bending strength was calculated to be 117.7 k-in. (or a maximum load of 4.73 kips at an impact height of 24⁷/₈ in.).

Table G-1	Strong-Axis	<b>CRT</b> Post	Testing	Results for	SYP ^[C]

Test No.	Width (in.)	Depth (in.)	Hole Diameter (in.)	I _x (in. ⁴ )	$S_x$ (in. ³ )	Peak Force (kips)	Max. Moment (k-in.)	MOR (ksi)
MNCRT-1	6	8	3.5	234.6	58.6	9.91	246.5	4.2
MNCRT-2	6	8	3.5	234.6	58.6	13.31	331.1	5.65
MNCRT-3	6	8	3.5	234.6	58.6	7.58	188.6	3.22
Average:					10.27	255.4	4.36	

Three design criteria were used for determining an equivalent White Pine CRT post. First, the strong-axis bending strength/capacity had to be equal to or greater than the average strength values calculated from the recent SYP CRT bogie testing results shown in Table G-1. Second, the weak-axis bending strength/capacity was to be within 10 percent of the calculated SYP CRT values, 117.7 k-in. or a peak force of 4.73 kips. Finally, the width of the post was to remain at 6 in. to ensure that the soil resistance was not altered for strong-axis rotation. An MOR value of 2.73 ksi was used as the material strength for White Pine timber. This value was taken from a research report by Rohde in which 30 White Pine posts were subjected to dynamic bogie testing^[D].

All of these design criteria were satisfied by increasing the post depth from 8 in. to 10 in., as shown in Table G-2. Thus, the recommended equivalent 6-ft long White Pine CRT post should have a 6-in. x 10-in. cross section with two 3.5-in diameter holes through the center of the 10-in. face.

 Table G-2. Strength Calculations for Equivalent White Pine CRT Post

Direction	Width (in.)	Depth (in.)	Hole Diameter (in.)	I (in. ⁴ )	MOR (ksi)	Peak Force (kips)	Max. Moment (k-in.)	% of SYP CRT
Strong Axis	6	8	3.5	234.6	2.73	10.5	261.3	102.2%
Weak Axis	8	6	3.5	234.6	2.73	4.3	106.5	90.5%

^[C] – Arens, S.W., Faller, R.K., Rohde, J.R., and Polivka, K.A., *Dynamic Impact Testing of CRT Wood Posts in a Rigid Sleeve*, Midwest Roadside Safety Facility, University of Nebraska Lincoln, Research Report No. TRP-03-198-08, April 2008.

^[D] – Rohde, J.R., Hascall, J.A., Polivka, K.A., Faller, R.K., and Sicking, D.L., *Dynamic Testing of Wooden Guardrail Posts – White and Red Pine Species Equivalency Study*, Midwest Roadside Safety Facility, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Research Report No. TRP-03-154-04, September 2004.

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