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The TxDOT W-beam guardrail with $7\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip performed acceptably for *MASH* Test 3-11.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROBLEM

In July 2018, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Round Wood Post Guardrail System in soil with 36-inch embedment performed acceptably in the *Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH)* Test 3-11 (1, 2). This system was then evaluated in a concrete mow strip application and did not perform acceptably in *MASH* Test 3-11 (3). Following the failed test, dynamic bogie impact tests were performed to evaluate different post alternatives (4). Based on the dynamic bogie impact tests, a 7½-inch diameter post was selected for testing.

1.2 OBJECTIVE/SCOPE OF RESEARCH

The purpose of the testing reported herein was to assess the performance of the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip according to the safety-performance evaluation guidelines included in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) *MASH* for Test Level Three (TL-3) longitudinal barriers. The crash test was performed in accordance with *MASH* Test 3-11, which involves a 2270P vehicle impacting the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip at a target impact speed and impact angle of 62 mi/h and 25°, respectively.

CHAPTER 2: SYSTEM DETAILS

2.1 TEST ARTICLE AND INSTALLATION DETAILS

The TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip had a total length of 181 ft-3 inches. This consisted of 162 ft-6 inches of 12-gauge W-beam guardrail attached to 7½ inch diameter wood posts with a TxDOT downstream anchor terminal (DAT) [GF (31) DAT-14] on each end. The top of the rail was located 31 inches above grade, the posts were spaced 75 inches center-to-center, and the guardrail splices were located mid-span between every other post. Standard 12-gauge W-beam guardrail (type RWM04a) was used in the system. Each TxDOT GF (31) DAT-14 terminal was 9 ft-4½ inches long as measured from their anchor posts to the W-beam splice between posts 2 and 3 and posts 28 and 29, respectively.

Guardrail posts 3 through 28 were 6 ft long (including a rounded top) round wood guardrail line posts. The posts were installed 36 inches deep in drilled holes, using 18-inch long guardrail bolts, USS flat washers, and recessed guardrail nuts. The holes were backfilled and compacted with soil meeting Grading B of AASHTO standard specification M147-65(2004) "Materials for Aggregate and Soil Aggregate Subbase, Base and Surface Courses." The modified round wood posts nominally measured 14 inches tall \times 6 inches wide \times 8 inches deep, including a routered 3¾-inch radius on the post side.

Guardrail posts 8 through 23 were placed in 19-inch square voids (leaveouts) cast into the 4-inch thick \times 42-inch wide \times 100-ft long concrete mow strip. The soil backfill at these post locations stopped at the bottom of the mow strip. The top 4 inches (inside the voids) was filled with low strength grout after the posts were installed.

Figure 2.1 presents overall information on the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip, and Figure 2.2 provides photographs of the installation. Appendix A provides further details of the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip.

2.2 DESIGN MODIFICATIONS DURING TESTS

No modifications were made to the installation during the testing phase.

2.3 MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

The specified concrete strength for the mow strip for this test was 2000 psi. Concrete strength measured 3040 psi on 2017-10-09 at 17 days of age.

The low-strength grout mix used in the leave-outs was comprised of 188 lb of Type I or II cement, 2719 lb of sand, and 550 lb of water per cubic yard of grout. Grout compressive strength measured 230 psi on 2019-08-16 (on the day of the test) at 21 days of age.

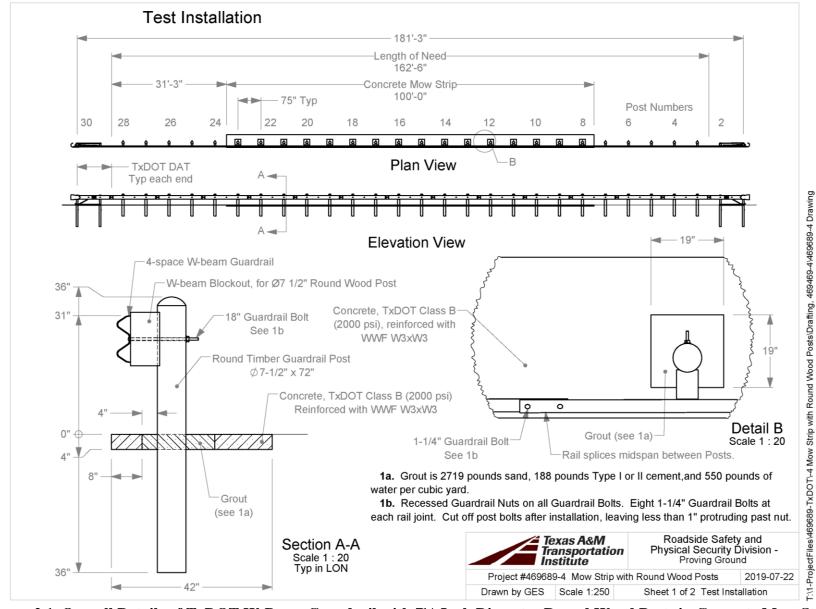


Figure 2.1. Overall Details of TxDOT W-Beam Guardrail with 7½-Inch Diameter Round Wood Posts in Concrete Mow Strip.



Figure 2.2. TxDOT W-Beam Guardrail with 7½-inch Diameter Round Wood Posts in Concrete Mow Strip prior to Testing.

Appendix A.2 provides material certification documents for the materials used to install/construct the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with $7\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip.

2.4 SOIL CONDITIONS

The test installation was installed in standard soil meeting AASHTO standard specifications for "Materials for Aggregate and Soil Aggregate Subbase, Base and Surface Courses," designated M147-65(2004), grading B.

In accordance with Appendix B of *MASH*, soil strength was measured the day of the crash test. During installation of the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip for full-scale crash testing, two standard W6×16 posts were installed in the immediate vicinity of the installation, using the same fill materials and installation procedures used in the standard dynamic test performed (see Table C.1 in Appendix C for establishment minimum soil strength properties in the dynamic test performed in accordance with *MASH* Appendix B).

As determined in the tests shown in Appendix C, Table C.1, the minimum post load required for deflections at 5 inches, 10 inches, and 15 inches, measured at a height of 25 inches, is 3940 lb, 5500 lb, and 6540 lb, respectively (90 percent of static load for the initial standard installation). On the day of the test, August 16, 2019, load on the post at deflections of 5 inches, 10 inches, and 15 inches was 11,290 lbf, 11,428 lbf, and 11,049 lbf, respectively. In Appendix C, Table C.2 shows the strength of the backfill material in which the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip was installed met minimum requirements.

CHAPTER 3: TEST REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

3.1 CRASH TEST MATRIX

Table 3.1 shows the test conditions and evaluation criteria for MASH TL-3 for longitudinal barriers. MASH Test 3-11 involves a 2270P vehicle weighing 5000 lb ± 110 lb and impacting the critical impact point (CIP) of the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with $7\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip at an impact speed of 62 mi/h ± 2.5 mi/h and an angle of $25^{\circ} \pm 1.5^{\circ}$. The target CIP, shown in Figure 3.1, was determined using the information provided in MASH Section 2.2.1, Section 2.3.2, and Figure 2-1. The target CIP was 11.75 ft upstream of the center of post 15 (equivalent to 9 inches downstream of the center of post 13).

Test Article	Test	Test	Test Conditions Vehicle		Evaluation
	Designation	venicie	Speed	Angle	Criteria
Longitudinal	3-10	1100C	62 mi/h	25	A, D, F, H, I
Barrier	3-11	2270P	62 mi/h	25	A, D, F, H, I

Table 3.1. Test Conditions and Evaluation Criteria Specified for MASH TL-3.

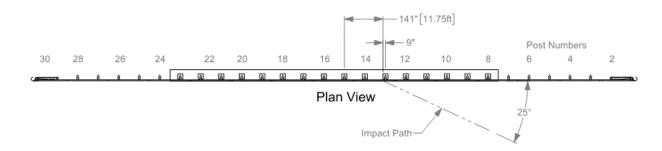


Figure 3.1. Target CIP for *MASH* Test 3-11 on the TxDOT W-Beam Guardrail with 7½-inch Diameter Round Wood Posts in Concrete Mow Strip.

MASH Test 3-10 was not performed on the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip. However, MASH Test 3-10 was successfully performed on the guardrail in concrete mow strip with both W6×8.5 steel posts and 6-inch × 8-inch rectangular wood posts (5). The geometries of the steel and rectangular wood posts are considered more critical in terms of vehicle snagging and deceleration compared to the round wood post. Therefore, since both the steel and rectangular wood posts in concrete mow strip meet MASH Test 3-10 criteria, this test was not performed on the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip.

The crash test and data analysis procedures were in accordance with guidelines presented in *MASH*. Chapter 4 presents brief descriptions of these procedures.

3.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The appropriate safety evaluation criteria from Tables 2-2 and 5-1 of *MASH* were used to evaluate the crash test(s) reported herein. The test conditions and evaluation criteria required for *MASH* Test 3-11 are listed in Table 3.1, and the substance of the evaluation criteria in Table 3.2. An evaluation of the crash test results is presented in detail under the section Assessment of Test Results.

Table 3.2. Evaluation Criteria Required for MASH Test 3-11.

Evaluation Factors	Evaluation Criteria		
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.		
	D. Detached elements, fragments, or other debris from the test article should not penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present 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 5.2.2 and Appendix E of MASH.		
Occupant Risk	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 velocities (OIV) should satisfy the following limits: Preferred value of 30 ft/s, or maximum allowable value of 40 ft/s.		
	I. The occupant ridedown accelerations should satisfy the following: Preferred value of 15.0 g, or maximum allowable value of 20.49 g.		

CHAPTER 4: TEST CONDITIONS

4.1 TEST FACILITY

The full-scale crash test reported herein was performed at Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Proving Ground, an International Standards Organization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 17025-accredited laboratory with American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) Mechanical Testing Certificate 2821.01. The full-scale crash test was performed according to TTI Proving Ground quality procedures, and according to the *MASH* guidelines and standards.

The test facilities of the TTI Proving Ground are located on the Texas A&M University System RELLIS Campus, which consists of a 2000-acre complex of research and training facilities situated 10 miles northwest of the flagship campus of Texas A&M University. The site, formerly a United States Army Air Corps base, has large expanses of concrete runways and parking aprons well suited for experimental research and testing in the areas of vehicle performance and handling, vehicle-roadway interaction, durability and efficacy of highway pavements, and evaluation of roadside safety hardware and perimeter protective devices. The site selected for construction and testing of the test installation was along the edge of an out-of-service apron. The apron consists of an unreinforced jointed-concrete pavement in 12.5-ft \times 15-ft blocks nominally 6 inches deep. The aprons were built in 1942, and the joints have some displacement, but are otherwise flat and level.

4.2 VEHICLE TOW AND GUIDANCE SYSTEM

The test vehicle was towed into the test installation using a steel cable guidance and reverse tow system. A steel cable for guiding the test vehicle was tensioned along the path, anchored at each end, and threaded through an attachment to the front wheel of the test vehicle. An additional steel cable was connected to the test vehicle, passed around a pulley near the impact point, through a pulley on the tow vehicle, and then anchored to the ground such that the tow vehicle moved away from the test site. A 2:1 speed ratio between the test and tow vehicle existed with this system. Just prior to impact with the installation, the test vehicle was released and ran unrestrained. The vehicle remained freewheeling (i.e., no steering or braking inputs) until it cleared the immediate area of the test site (no sooner than 2 s after impact), after which the brakes were activated, if needed, to bring the test vehicle to a safe and controlled stop.

4.3 DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS

4.3.1 Vehicle Instrumentation and Data Processing

The test vehicle was instrumented with a self-contained, on-board data acquisition system. The signal conditioning and acquisition system is a 16-channel, Tiny Data Acquisition System (TDAS) Pro produced by Diversified Technical Systems, Inc. The accelerometers, which measure the x, y, and z axis of vehicle acceleration, are strain gauge type with linear millivolt output proportional to acceleration. Angular rate sensors, measuring vehicle roll, pitch, and yaw rates,

are ultra-small, solid state units designed for crash test service. The TDAS Pro hardware and software conform to the latest SAE J211, Instrumentation for Impact Test. Each of the 16 channels is capable of providing precision amplification, scaling, and filtering based on transducer specifications and calibrations. During the test, data are recorded from each channel at a rate of 10,000 values per second with a resolution of one part in 65,536. Once data are recorded, internal batteries back these up inside the unit should the primary battery cable be severed. Initial contact of the pressure switch on the vehicle bumper provides a time zero mark and initiates the recording process. After each test, the data are downloaded from the TDAS Pro unit into a laptop computer at the test site. The Test Risk Assessment Program (TRAP) software then processes the raw data to produce detailed reports of the test results.

Each of the TDAS Pro units is returned to the factory annually for complete recalibration and all instrumentation used in the vehicle conforms to all specifications outlined by SAE J211. All accelerometers are calibrated annually by means of an ENDEVCO® 2901, precision primary vibration standard. This standard and its support instruments are checked annually and receive a National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) traceable calibration. The rate transducers used in the data acquisition system receive a calibration via a Genisco Rate-of-Turn table. The subsystems of each data channel are also evaluated annually, using instruments with current NIST traceability, and the results are factored into the accuracy of the total data channel, per SAE J211. Calibrations and evaluations are also made any time data are suspect. Acceleration data are measured with an expanded uncertainty of ± 1.7 percent at a confidence factor of 95 percent (k=2).

TRAP uses the data from the TDAS Pro to compute occupant/compartment impact velocities, time of occupant/compartment impact after vehicle impact, and the highest 10-millisecond (ms) average ridedown acceleration. TRAP calculates change in vehicle velocity at the end of a given impulse period. In addition, maximum average accelerations over 50-ms intervals in each of the three directions are computed. For reporting purposes, the data from the vehicle-mounted accelerometers are filtered with a SAE Class 180-Hz low-pass digital filter, and acceleration versus time curves for the longitudinal, lateral, and vertical directions are plotted using TRAP.

TRAP uses the data from the yaw, pitch, and roll rate transducers to compute angular displacement in degrees at 0.0001-s intervals, then plots yaw, pitch, and roll versus time. These displacements are in reference to the vehicle-fixed coordinate system with the initial position and orientation of the vehicle-fixed coordinate systems being initial impact. Rate of rotation data is measured with an expanded uncertainty of ± 0.7 percent at a confidence factor of 95 percent (k=2).

4.3.2 Anthropomorphic Dummy Instrumentation

According to MASH, use of a dummy in the 2270P vehicle is optional, and no dummy was used in the test.

4.3.3 Photographic Instrumentation and Data Processing

Photographic coverage of the test included three digital high-speed cameras:

- One overhead with a field of view perpendicular to the ground and directly over the impact point;
- One placed behind the installation at an angle; and
- A third placed to have a field of view parallel to and aligned with the installation at the downstream end.

A flashbulb on the impacting vehicle was activated by a pressure-sensitive tape switch to indicate the instant of contact with the installation. The flashbulb was visible from each camera. The video files from these digital high-speed cameras were analyzed to observe phenomena occurring during the collision and to obtain time-event, displacement, and angular data. A digital camera recorded and documented conditions of each test vehicle and the installation before and after the test.

CHAPTER 5: *MASH* TEST 3-11 (CRASH TEST NO. 469689-4-1)

5.1 TEST DESIGNATION AND ACTUAL IMPACT CONDITIONS

MASH Test 3-11 involves a 2270P vehicle weighing 5000 lb ± 110 lb impacting the CIP of the test article at an impact speed of 62 mi/h ± 2.5 mi/h and an angle of $25^{\circ} \pm 1.5^{\circ}$. The CIP for MASH Test 3-11 on the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip was 11.75 ft ± 1 ft upstream of the center of post 15 (equivalent to 9 inches ± 1 ft downstream of the center of post 13).

The 2013 RAM 1500 pickup truck used in the test weighed 5017 lb, and the actual impact speed and angle were 63.7 mi/h and 25.1°. The actual impact point was 9 inches downstream of the center of post 13. Minimum target impact severity (IS) was 106 kip-ft, and actual IS was 123 kip-ft.

5.2 WEATHER CONDITIONS

The test was performed on the morning of August 16, 2019. Weather conditions at the time of testing were as follows: wind speed: 3 mi/h; wind direction: 254° (vehicle was traveling at magnetic heading of 205°); temperature: 90°F; relative humidity: 70 percent.

5.3 TEST VEHICLE

Figures 5.1 and 5.2 show the 2013 RAM 1500 pickup truck used for the crash test. The vehicle's test inertia weight was 5017 lb, and its gross static weight was 5017 lb. The height to the lower edge of the vehicle bumper was 11.75 inches, and height to the upper edge of the bumper was 27.0 inches. The height to the vehicle's center of gravity was 28.0 inches. Tables D.1 and D.2 in Appendix D1 give additional dimensions and information on the vehicle. It was directed into the installation using the cable reverse tow and guidance system, and was released to be freewheeling and unrestrained just prior to impact.





Figure 5.1. Test Installation/Test Vehicle Geometrics for Test No. 469689-4-1.





Figure 5.2. Test Vehicle before Test No. 469689-4-1.

5.4 TEST DESCRIPTION

The test vehicle was traveling at an impact speed of 63.7 mi/h when it contacted TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip 9 inches downstream of the center of post 13 at an impact angle of 25.1°. Table 5.1 lists events that occurred during Test No. 469689-4-1. Figures D.1 and D.2 in Appendix D2 present sequential photographs during the test.

Table 5.1. Events during Test No. 469689-4-1.

TIME (s)	EVENTS
0.0000	Vehicle contacts guardrail
0.0030	Post 13 begins to rotate clockwise and deflect toward field side
0.0120	Post 14 begins to rotate counterclockwise and deflect toward field side
0.0340	Vehicle begins to redirect
0.0460	Post 15 begins to rotate counterclockwise and deflect toward field side
0.0820	Front right tire begins to run over broken post 14
0.1900	Right rear corner of vehicle contacts rail
0.2690	Vehicle traveling parallel with original rail position
0.5660	Right rear corner of vehicle contacts post 15; the vehicle began to yaw clockwise
0.5950	Vehicle loses contact with guardrail while traveling at 26.7 mi/h, with a
	trajectory of 19.5° and a heading of 15.6°

It is desirable that the vehicle redirects and exits longitudinal barriers within the exit box criteria (not less than 32.8 ft downstream from loss of contact for cars and pickups). The test vehicle exited within the exit box criteria defined in *MASH*. After loss of contact with the barrier, the vehicle came to rest 56 ft downstream of the impact and 11.7 ft toward traffic lanes.

5.5 DAMAGE TO TEST INSTALLATION

Figures 5.3 and 5.4 show the damage to the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip. The rail released from posts 1 through 16, and 18. There was a ¾-inch gap in the soil on the upstream side of post 1, and ½-inch gaps on the downstream side of posts 1 and 2. The blockouts rotated clockwise at posts 3 through 11. The blockout rotated clockwise and cracked at post 12. Post 13 had 1½-inch gaps in the grout on the traffic side and ½-inch on the field side, and it was leaning toward the field side at 86°. Post 14 broke off at grade, and the grout cracked near the post. Post 15 also broke off at grade, and had a 2½-inch gap in the grout on the traffic sides. Post 16 fractured and broke off at 6 inches above grade, and had a 2-inch gap in the grout on the traffic side and a 4-inch gap on the field side. There was a 1-inch gap in the grout on the traffic side and a 2-inch gap on the field side of post 17, it was leaning back at 83°, and the blockout was broken and detached. There was no apparent damage or post movement from posts 19 through 30. Working width * was 50.9 inches, and height of working width was 54.4 inches. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 43.4 inches.



Figure 5.3. TxDOT W-Beam Guardrail with 7½-inch Diameter Round Wood Posts in Concrete Mow Strip after Test No. 469689-4-1.

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^{*} Working width is defined as the distance between the traffic face of the barrier before impact and the maximum lateral position of any major part of the barrier or the vehicle after impact.



Figure 5.4. Damage to Installation after Test No. 469689-4-1.

5.6 DAMAGE TO TEST VEHICLE

Figure 5.5 shows the damage sustained by the vehicle. The front bumper, grill, radiator support, right front fender, right frame rail, right upper and lower A-arms, right front tire and rim, right front and rear doors, right cab corner, right rear exterior bed, right rear spring and trailing arm, and rear bumper were damaged. Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was 10.0 inches in the front plane at the right front corner at bumper height. Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 1.5 inches in the right front floor pan. Figure 5.6 shows the

interior of the vehicle. Tables D.3 and D.4 in Appendix D1 provide exterior crush and occupant compartment measurements.





Figure 5.5. Test Vehicle after Test No. 469689-4-1.





Figure 5.6. Interior of Test Vehicle after Test No. 469689-4-1.

5.7 OCCUPANT RISK FACTORS

Data from the accelerometer, located at the vehicle center of gravity, were digitized for evaluation of occupant risk and results are shown in Table 5.2. Figure 5.7 summarizes these data and other pertinent information from the test. Figure D.3 in Appendix D3 shows the vehicle angular displacements, and Figures D.4 through D.9 in Appendix D4 show acceleration versus time traces.

Table 5.2. Occupant Risk Factors for Test No. 469689-4-1.

Occupant Risk Factor	Value	Time
Occupant Impact Velocity (OIV)		
Longitudinal	20.0 ft/s	at 0.1485 s on right side of interior
Lateral	15.7 ft/s	at 0.1483 s off right side of interior
Ridedown Accelerations		
Longitudinal	8.7 g	0.5583–0.5683 s
Lateral	8.4 g	0.2642–0.2742 s
Theoretical Head Impact Velocity (THIV)	27.8 km/h 7.7 m/s	at 0.1426 s on right side of interior
Post Head Deceleration (PHD)	10.1 g	0.5552–0.5652 s
Acceleration Severity Index (ASI)	0.86	0.1050–0.1550 s
Maximum 50-ms Moving Average		
Longitudinal	−7.0 g	0.0704–0.1204 s
Lateral	-6.1 g	0.2344–0.2844 s
Vertical	-3.8 g	1.8254–1.8754 s
Maximum Roll, Pitch, and Yaw Angles		
Roll	19°	0.8646 s
Pitch	12°	2.0000 s
Yaw	58°	2.0000 s

Gross Static 5017 lb

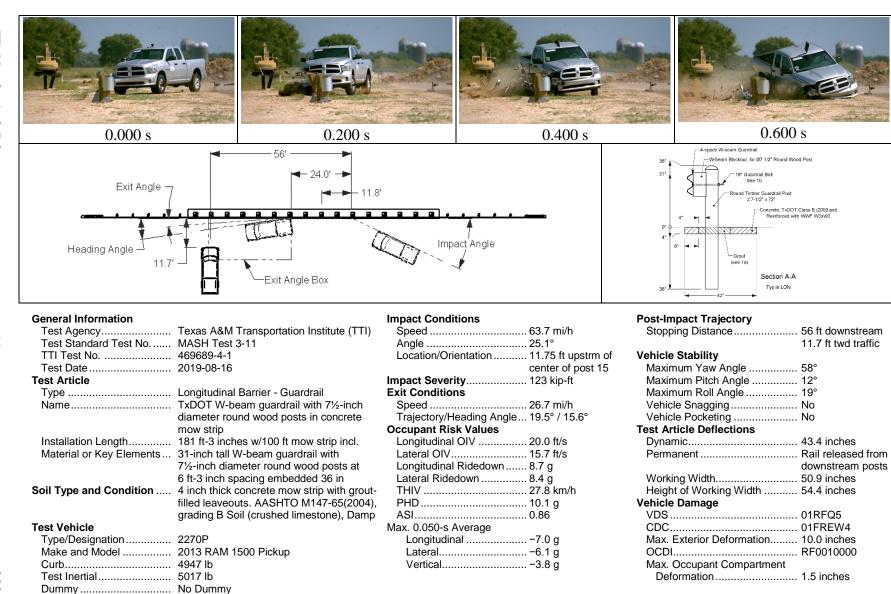


Figure 5.7. Summary of Results for MASH Test 3-11 on TxDOT W-Beam Guardrail with 7½-inch Diameter Round Wood Posts in Concrete Mow Strip.

CHAPTER 6: SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

6.1 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Table 6.1 provides an assessment of the test based on the applicable safety evaluation criteria for *MASH* Test 3-11 on the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip. The installation contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the guardrail. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 43.4 inches, and working width was 50.9 inches. Three posts fractured at ground line but did not penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present undue hazard to others in the area. Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 1.5 inches in the right front floor pan. The 2270P vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 19° and 12°, respectively. Occupant risk factors were within the preferred limits of *MASH*.

6.2 CONCLUSIONS

The TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip performed acceptably for *MASH* Test 3-11.

Table 6.1. Performance Evaluation Summary for *MASH* Test 3-11 on TxDOT W-Beam Guardrail with 7½-inch Diameter Round Wood Posts in Concrete Mow Strip.

	Diameter Round woo	a rosts in Concrete widw Strip.	
Tes	t Agency: Texas A&M Transportation Institute	Test No.: 469689-4-1 Te	est Date: 2019-08-16
	MASH Test Evaluation Criteria	Test Results	Assessment
Stru A.	actural Adequacy 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	The TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the guardrail. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 43.4 inches.	Pass
Occ D.	Cupant Risk 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.	Three posts fractured at ground line but did not penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present undue hazard to others in the area.	Pass
	Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of MASH.	Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 1.5 inches in the right front floor pan.	
F.	The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision. The maximum roll and pitch angles are not to exceed 75 degrees.	The 2270P vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 19° and 12°, respectively.	Pass
Н.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities should fall below the preferred value of 30 ft/s, or at least below the maximum allowable value of 40 ft/s.	Longitudinal OIV was 20.0 ft/s, and lateral OIV was 15.7 ft/s.	Pass
I.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant ridedown accelerations should fall below the preferred value of 15.0 Gs, or at least below the maximum allowable value of 20.49 Gs.	Maximum longitudinal occupant ridedown acceleration was 8.7 g, and maximum lateral occupant ridedown was 8.4 g.	Pass

CHAPTER 7: IMPLEMENTATION*

The testing and evaluation reported herein shows the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip successfully met all requirements for *MASH* Test 3-11, which primarily evaluates the strength of the guardrail system and stability of the 2270P vehicle. The other test considered under *MASH* TL-3, *MASH* Test 3-10, primarily evaluates occupant risk.

MASH Test 3-10 was not performed on the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip. However, MASH Test 3-10 was successfully performed on guardrail in concrete mow strip with both W6×8.5 steel posts and 6-inch × 8-inch rectangular wood posts (5). The geometries of the steel and rectangular wood posts are considered more critical in terms of vehicle snagging and deceleration compared to the round wood post. Therefore, since both the steel and rectangular wood posts in concrete mow strip meet MASH Test 3-10, this test was not considered necessary for the evaluation of the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip.

Based on the results of the testing and evaluation reported herein, the TxDOT W-beam guardrail with 7½-inch diameter round wood posts in concrete mow strip is considered suitable for implementation as a *MASH* TL-3 longitudinal barrier. The guardrail system had a dynamic deflection of 43.4 inches for the pickup truck impact.

Statewide implementation of this barrier can be achieved by TxDOT's Design Division through the development and issuance of a revised standard detail sheet. The guardrail details provided in Appendix A can be used for this purpose.

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^{*} The opinions/interpretations identified/expressed in this section of the report are outside the scope of TTI Proving Ground's A2LA Accreditation.

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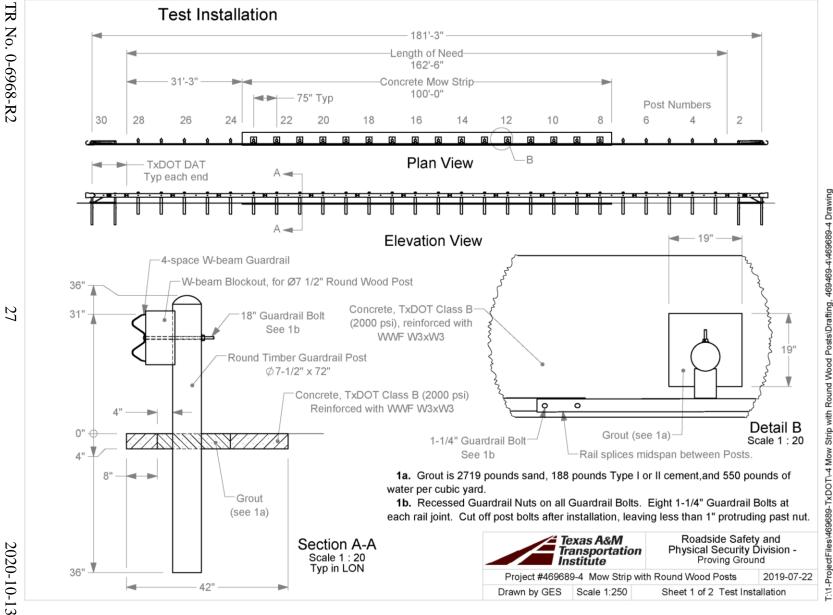
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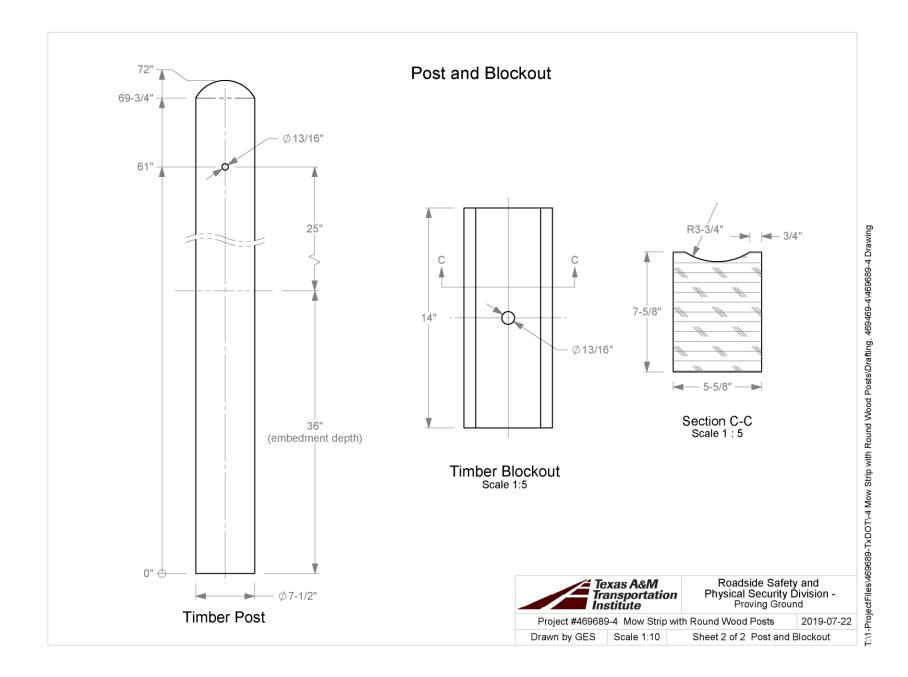


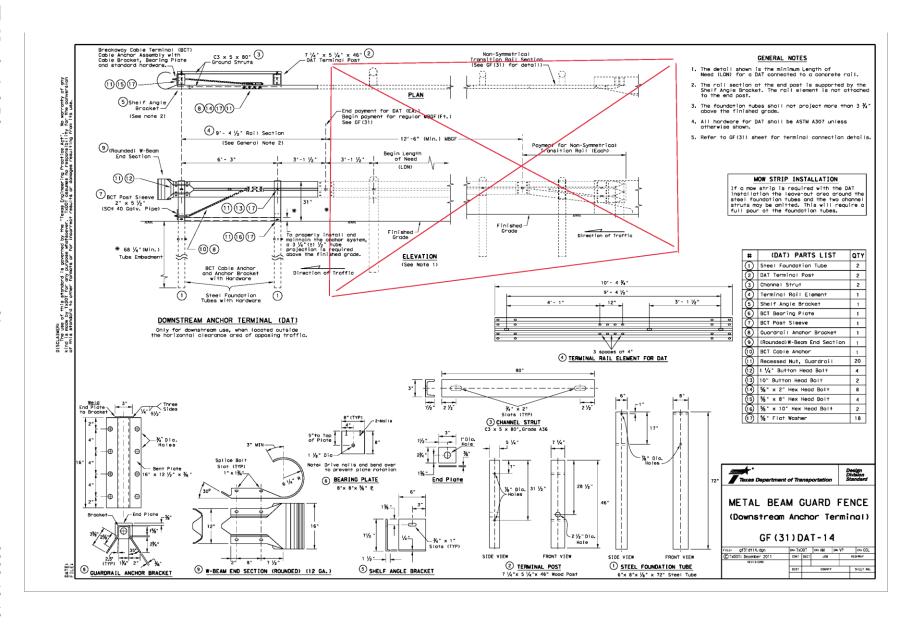
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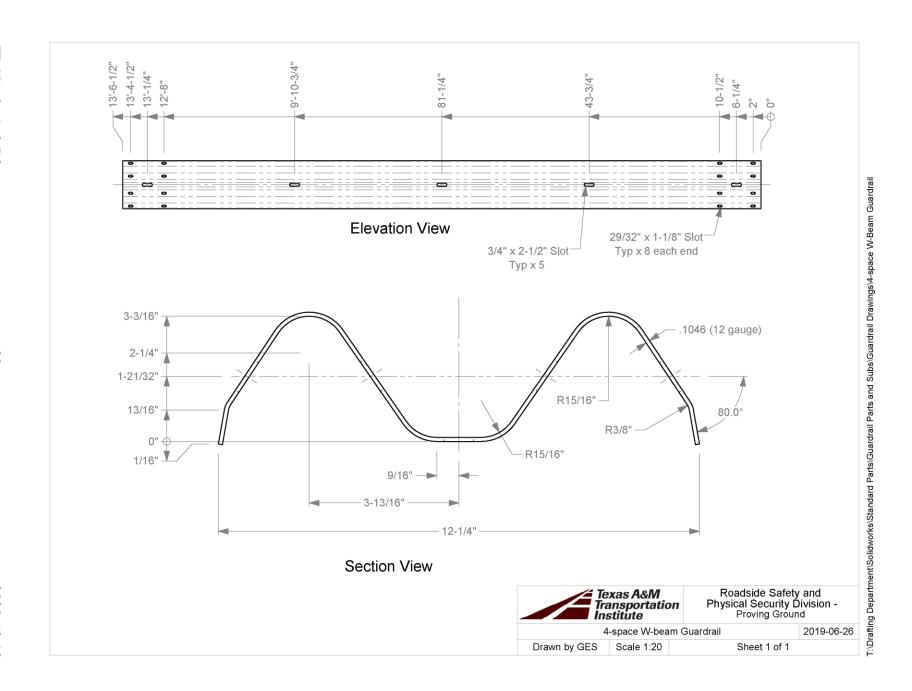
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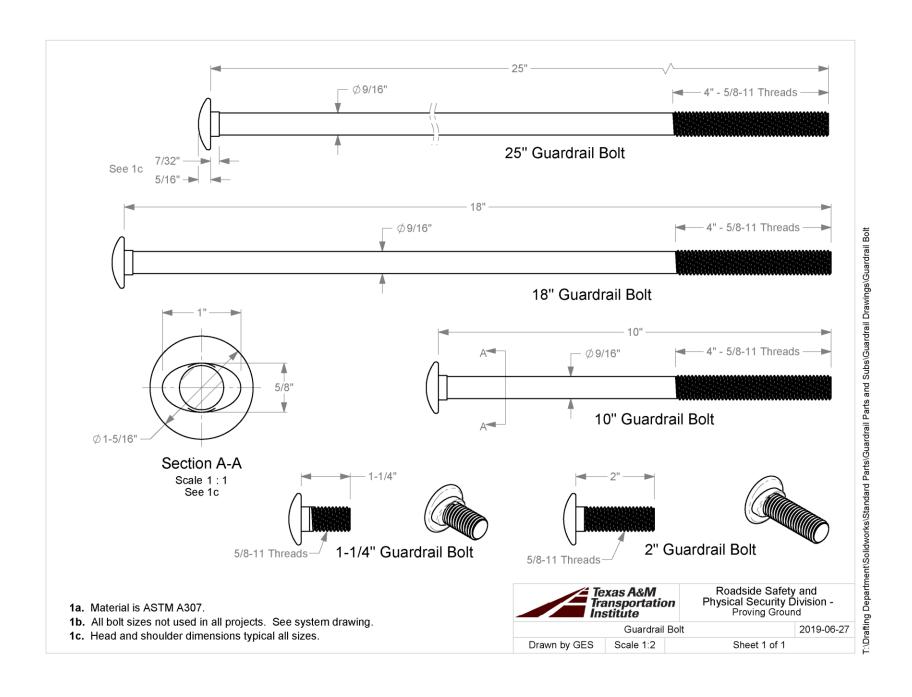
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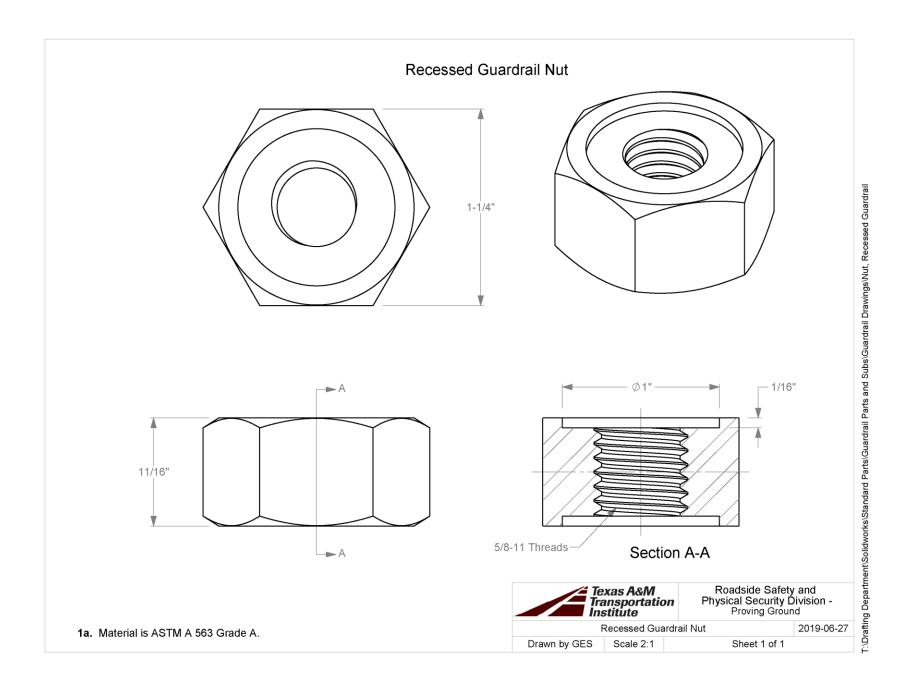












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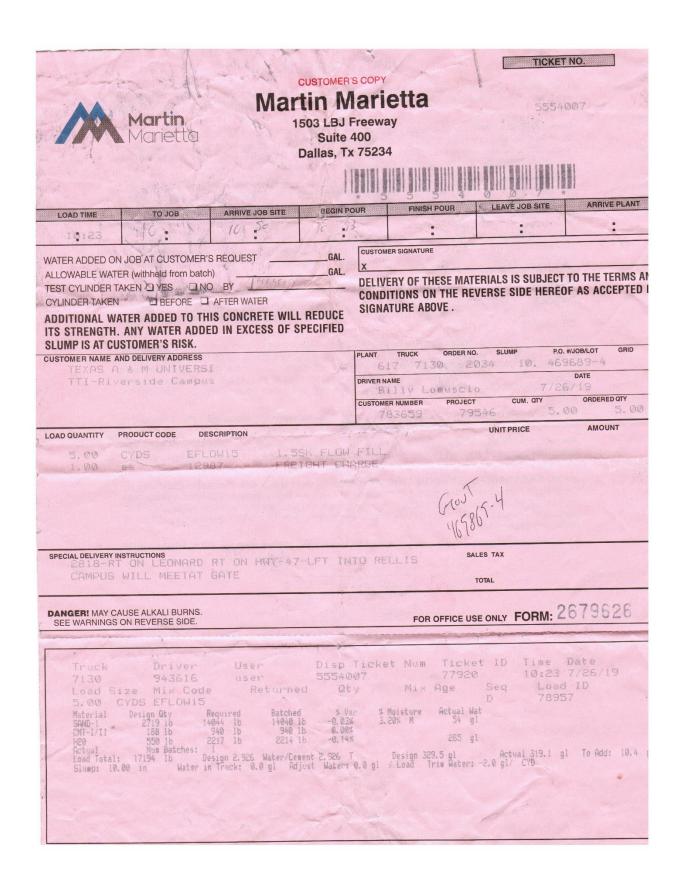
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GROUT COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TEST REPORT

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Client Project

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Material Information

Project Number: A1171057

Sample Information

Specified Strength: 1,500 psi @ Sample Date: 07/26/19 Sample Time: 1110

Mix ID: EFLOW15 Sampled By: David Carpio
Weather Conditions: Clear, light wind

Supplier: Martin Marietta Accumulative Yards: 5/5 Batch Size: 5

Batch Time: 1023 Plant: Sample Size:

Truck No.: 7130 Ticket No.: 5554007 Sample Location: Leave outs
Placement Location: Guard rail posts

Field Test Data
Form Material: Cardboard Form
Samples Plumb

TestResultSpecificationSamples Plumb:YesSlump (in):Not SpecifiedTemperature Range:70 - 102Grout Temp. (F):8840 - 95

40 - 95

Laboratory Test Data

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1	В	07/30/19	08/14/19	19	10.40	2,440	230	DRH
1	C	07/30/19	08/14/19	19	10.24	1,990	190	DRH
						Average (19 days)	220	
1	D	07/30/19	08/16/19	21	10.56	2,767	260	
1	E	07/30/19	08/16/19	21	10.56	2,214	210	
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1	Н	07/30/19	08/23/19	28				
1	I	07/30/19	08/23/19	28				
Initial Cure	: Onsite Co	oler	Final Cu	re: Cure Box				

Initial Cure: Onsite Cooler Comments:

Samples Made By: Terracon

Services: Obtain sample of grout at the placement location and cast specimens for compressive strength determination.

Terracon Rep.: David Carpio Start/Stop: 0900-1200

Reported To: Contractor:

Report Distribution:

(1) Texas Transportation Institute, Gary Gerke (1) Terracon Consultants, Inc., Andrea Allen

Reviewed By:

Andrea Allen Project Manager

Test Methods: ASTM C109, ASTM C1019

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Table C.1. Summary of Strong Soil Test Results for Establishing Installation Procedure. **Post-Test** namic Photo Setup tatic **Load Test** Post-Test **Photo of Post** 24-INCH DIAMETER GRANULAR FILL Percent Finer Vs. Grain Size of Fill Soil for Dynamic and Static Load Tests 90 80 -W6X16 STTEL POST 25-INCH HEIGH OF IMPACT **Dynamic** Test Installation Details Grain Size, D (mm) Comparison of Load vs. Displacement at 25-inch height W6X16 STEEL POST WINCH OR HYDRAULIC CYLINDER 7000 72" 24 INCH 5000 DIAMETER Required
Dynamic
Static Pull GRANULAR 40" 43" FILL 2000 **Static Load Test Installation Details** Displacement (inch) 2008-11-05 Test Facility and Site Location..... TTI Proving Ground, 3100 SH 47, Bryan, TX 77807

Sandy gravel with silty fines

5009 lb

20.5 mph

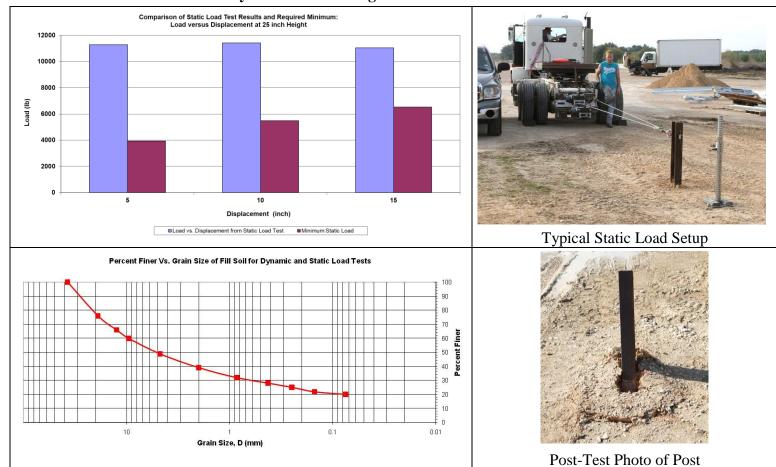
6-inch lifts tamped with a pneumatic compactor

In Situ Soil Description (ASTM D2487

Description of Fill Placement Procedure

Bogie Weight.....
Impact Velocity.....

Table C.2. Test Day Static Soil Strength Documentation for Test No. 469689-4-1.



Date..... Test Facility and Site Location In Situ Soil Description (ASTM D2487) Fill Material Description (ASTM D2487) and sieve analysis .. AASHTO Grade B Soil-Aggregate (see sieve analysis) Description of Fill Placement Procedure

2019-08-16

TTI Proving Ground – 3100 SH 47, Bryan, Tx

Sandy gravel with silty fines

6-inch lifts tamped with a pneumatic compactor

APPENDIX D. MASH TEST 3-11 (CRASH TEST NO. 469689-4-1)

D.1 VEHICLE PROPERTIES AND INFORMATION

Table D.1. Vehicle Properties for Test No. 469689-4-1.

Date:2	2019-08-16	Test No.:	46968	39-4	_ VIN No.	1C6RF	R6FT8DS6	86274
Year:	2013	Make:	RA	М	Model	·	1500	
Tire Size:	265/70 R 1	7		Tire	Inflation Pre	essure:	35 բ	osi
Tread Type:	Highway				Odd	meter: <u>128</u>	862	
Note any dai	mage to the v	ehicle prior to	test: None)				
 Denotes a 	ıccelerometer	· location.			- X −	-		
NOTES: N			A	-	711			1
Engine Type Engine CID:			A M WHEEL					N T WHEEL TRACK
Transmission Auto		 		— 0		тез	ST INERTIAL C. M.	
Optional Equ	RWE		P -	R				B B
Dummy Data Type: Mass: Seat Positio	NONE	0 lb	_ - - 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	F	U H —	U U US	- D-	T _K i
Geometry:	inches			1	M FRONT		▼ M REAR	
-	5.50 F	40.00	_ K	20.00	Р	3.00	U	26.75
в74	.00 G	28.00	_ L	30.00	_ Q _	30.50	_	30.25
C 227		61.21	_ M	68.50	_ R _	18.00	_ W _	61.20
	l.00	11.75	_ N	68.00	_ s _	13.00	_ X _	79.00
Wheel Ce Height F	enter	27.00 14.75 _{CI}	O Wheel Well earance (Front)	46.00	_ T _ 6.00	77.00 Bottom Fra Height - Fr		12.50
Wheel Ce Height F	nter	4.4.75	Wheel Well		9.25	Bottom Fra Height - R	me	22.50
•		±13 inches; E=148 ±1	learance (Rear) 2 inches; F=39 ±3 inc			_		
GVWR Ratir	ıas:	Mass: Ib	Cur	b	Test	<u>Inertial</u>	Gros	ss Static
	3700	M _{front}		<u>-</u> 2874		2831		2831
	3900	M _{rear}		2073		2186		2186
	6700	M _{Total}		4947		5017		5017
Mass Distril		-: 1393	DF:	(Allowable	-	1 GSM = 5000 lb ±11		1046
lb	LF		_ RF:	1700	LR:	1170	RR:	1040

Table D.2. Measurements of Vehicle Vertical CG for Test No. 469689-4-1.

Date:2019-0	08-16 T	est No.: _	46968	9-4	VIN:	1C6RR6FT	⁻ 8DS68627	'4
Year:201	13	Make: _	RAM	1	Model:	15	500	
Body Style: G	uad Cab				Mileage:	128862		
Engine: 5.7 lit	er \	V -8		Trans	smission:	Automatic		
Fuel Level: E	mpty	Ball	ast: _100				(440) lb max)
Tire Pressure:	Front: 3	35 ps	i Rea	ır: <u>35</u>	psi S	Size: 265/70 R 1	17	
Measured Vel	nicle Wei	ghts: (II	0)					
LF:	1393		RF:	1438		Front Axle:	2831	
LR:	1140		RR:	1046		Rear Axle:	2186	
Left:	2533		Right:	2484		Total:	5017	
						5000 ±1	10 lb allowed	
VV h	leel Base:	140.50	inches	Track: F:	68.50	inches R:	68.00	inches
	148 ±12 inch					R)/2 = 67 ±1.5 inches	allowed	
Center of Gra	vity SAE	1874 Suci	oension M	ethod				
Center of Gra	VILY, OAL	3074 Gus	Jension ivi	etilou				
X:	61.22	inches	Rear of F	ront Axle	(63 ±4 inches	s allowed)		
Y:	-0.33	inches	Left -	Right +	of Vehicle	e Centerline		
Z:	28.00	inches	Above Gr	ound	(minumum 2	8.0 inches allowed)		
		40.00		_ ,	_			
Hood Heig		46.00 nches allowed	•	Front	Bumper H	eight:	27.00 I	nches
	43 14 1	nches allowed						
Front Overha	ng:	40.00	inches	Rear	Bumper H	eight:	30.00 i	nches
	39 ±3 i	nches allowed						
Overall Leng	th:	227.50	inches					
	237 +1	3 inches allow	ed					

Table D.3. Exterior Crush Measurements of Vehicle for Test No. 469689-4-1.

Test No.:

VIN No.:

Bowing constant

1C6RR6FT8DS686274

Year:	2013	Make:	RAM	Model:	1500
		VEHICLE CRU	SH MEASURI	EMENT SHEE	ET^{1}
		Con	plete When Appl	cable	
	End I	Damage		Sic	le Damage
	Undeform	ed end width		Bowing: B1	X1
	Cor	rner shift: A1		B2	X2
		A2			

Note: Measure C₁ to C₆ from Driver to Passenger Side in Front or Rear Impacts – Rear to Front in Side Impacts.

G:6:-			Direct Damage								
Specific Impact Number	Plane* of C-Measurements	Width** (CDC)	Max*** Crush	Field L**	C_1	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄	C ₅	C ₆	±D
1	Front plane at bmpr ht	18	10	50	1	2	4	7	8	10	-15
2	Side plane at bmpr ht	18	10	60	1	2	-	-	8	10	+18
	Measurements recorded										
	✓ inches or ☐ mm	·									

¹Table taken from National Accident Sampling System (NASS).

End shift at frame (CDC)

(check one)

< 4 inches ____ < 4 inches

Date:

Free space value is defined as the distance between the baseline and the original body contour taken at the individual C locations. This may include the following: bumper lead, bumper taper, side protrusion, side taper, etc. Record the value for each C-measurement and maximum crush.

Note: Use as many lines/columns as necessary to describe each damage profile.

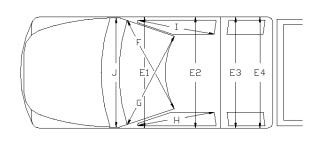
^{*}Identify the plane at which the C-measurements are taken (e.g., at bumper, above bumper, at sill, above sill, at beltline, etc.) or label adjustments (e.g., free space).

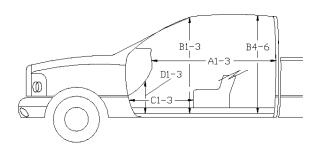
^{**}Measure and document on the vehicle diagram the beginning or end of the direct damage width and field L (e.g., side damage with respect to undamaged axle).

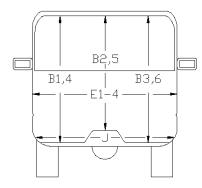
^{***}Measure and document on the vehicle diagram the location of the maximum crush.

Table D.4. Occupant Compartment Measurements of Vehicle for Test No. 469689-4-1.

Date:	2019-08-16	_ Test No.:	469689-4	VIN No.:	1C6RR6FT8DS686274
Year:	2013	Make:	RAM	Model:	1500







*Lateral area across the cab from driver's side kickpanel to passenger's side kickpanel.

OCCUPANT COMPARTMENT DEFORMATION MEASUREMENT

	Before	After (inches)	Differ.
A1	65.00	65.00	0.00
A2	63.00	63.00	0.00
А3	65.50	65.50	0.00
B1	45.00	45.00	0.00
B2	38.00	38.00	0.00
В3	45.00	45.00	0.00
B4	39.50	39.50	0.00
B5	43.00	43.00	0.00
B6	39.50	39.50	0.00
C1	26.00	26.00	0.00
C2	0.00	0.00	0.00
СЗ	26.00	24.50	-1.50
D1	11.00	11.00	0.00
D2	0.00	0.00	0.00
D3	11.50	11.50	0.00
E1	58.50	58.50	0.00
E2	63.50	63.50	0.00
E3	63.50	63.50	0.00
E4	63.50	63.50	0.00
F	59.00	59.00	0.00
G	59.00	59.00	0.00
Н	37.50	37.50	0.00
1	37.50	37.50	0.00
J*	25.00	25.00	0.00

D.2 SEQUENTIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

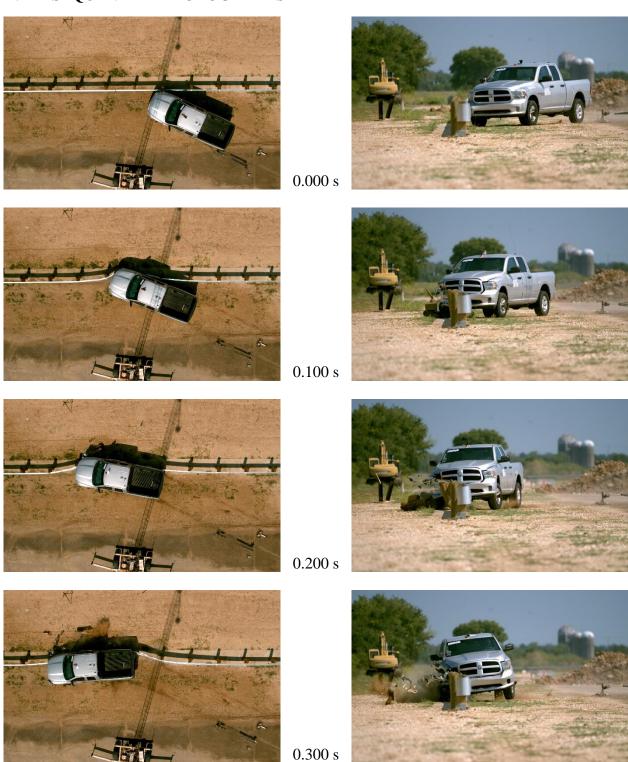


Figure D.1. Sequential Photographs for Test No. 469689-4-1 (Overhead and Frontal Views).

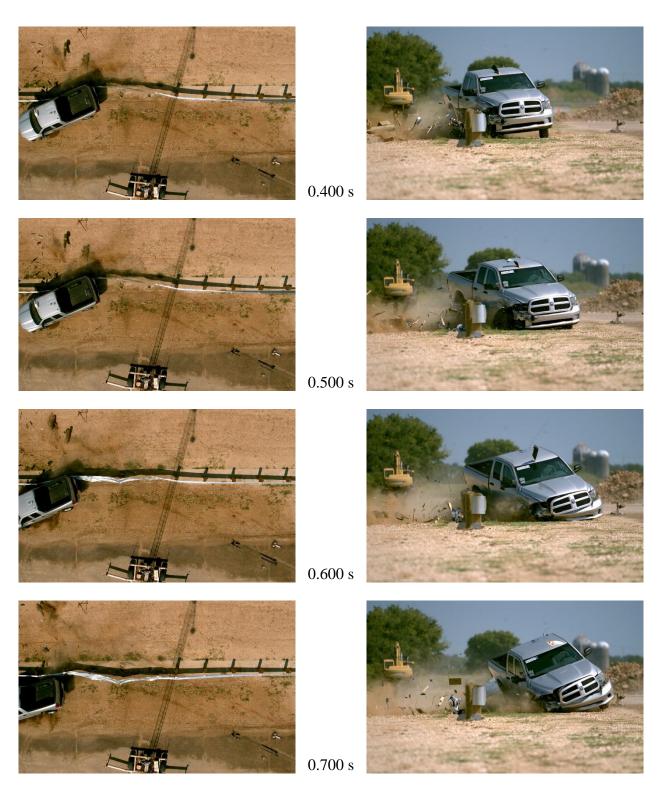


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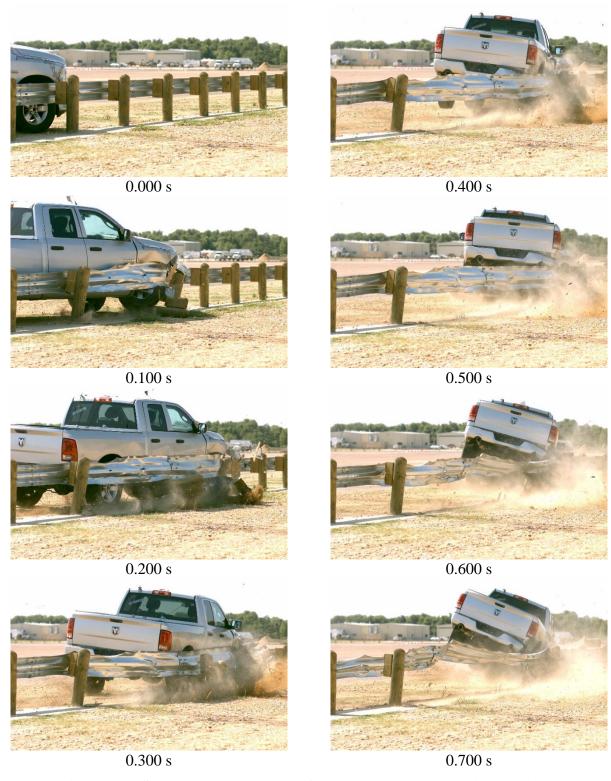
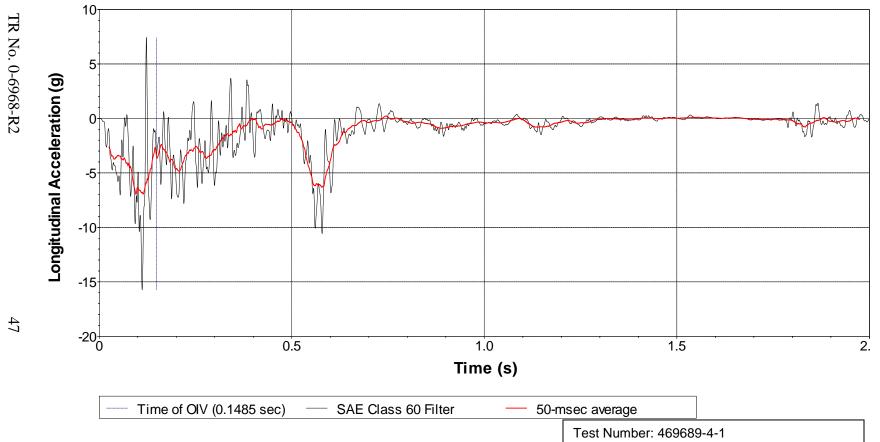


Figure D.2. Sequential Photographs for Test No. 469689-4-1 (Rear View).

Figure D.3. Vehicle Angular Displacements for Test No. 469689-4-1.

X Acceleration at CG



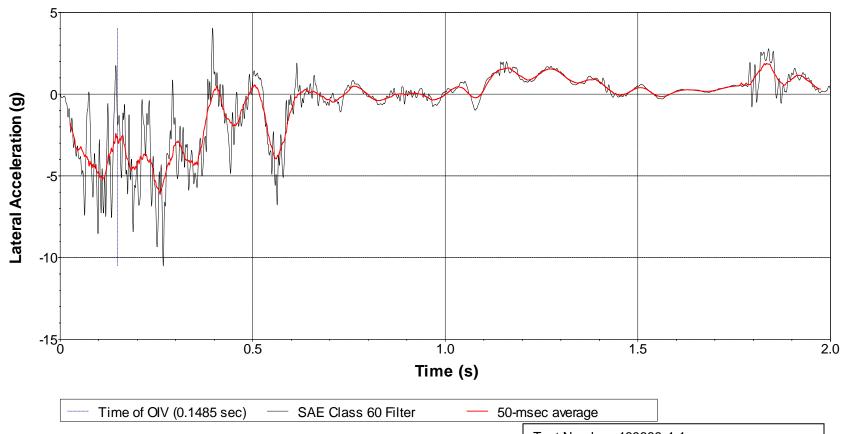
Test Standard Test Number: MASH Test 3-11 Test Article: Mowstrip with Round Wood Posts

Test Vehicle: 2013 RAM 1500 Pickup

Inertial Mass: 5017 lb Gross Mass: 5017 lb Impact Speed: 63.7 mi/h Impact Angle: 25.1°

Figure D.4. Vehicle Longitudinal Accelerometer Trace for Test No. 469689-4-1 (Accelerometer Located at Center of Gravity).

Y Acceleration at CG



Test Number: 469689-4-1

Test Standard Test Number: MASH Test 3-11 Test Article: Mowstrip with Round Wood Posts

Test Vehicle: 2013 RAM 1500 Pickup

Inertial Mass: 5017 lb Gross Mass: 5017 lb Impact Speed: 63.7 mi/h Impact Angle: 25.1°

Figure D.5. Vehicle Lateral Accelerometer Trace for Test No. 469689-4-1 (Accelerometer Located at Center of Gravity).

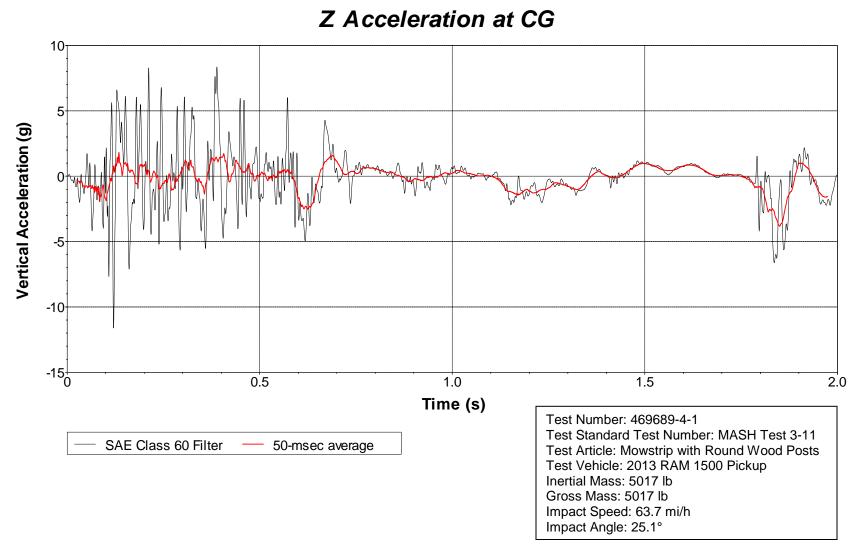


Figure D.6. Vehicle Vertical Accelerometer Trace for Test No. 469689-4-1 (Accelerometer Located at Center of Gravity).