



MARICOPA COUNTY
Department of Transportation

MEMORANDUM

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To: MAG Specifications and Details Committee

From: Robert Herz, MCDOT Representative

Subject: Update to Section 415 Flexible Metal Guardrail

Case 16-07

PURPOSE: Add Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance Low-Alloy Steel (COR-TEN steel) to the Materials portion of Section 415 Flexible Metal Guardrail.

REVISION:

SECTION 415

FLEXIBLE METAL GUARDRAIL

415.1 DESCRIPTION:

The work under this section shall consist of furnishing all materials, constructing new guardrail, and delineating guardrail sections at the locations shown on the plans.

Guard rail end treatments shall be as specified on the plans or special provisions.

415.2 MATERIALS:

The rail elements, bolts, nuts and other fittings shall conform to the specifications of AASHTO M 180, except as modified in this section. The rail metal shall conform to AASHTO M 180, Type I, Class A and in addition to the requirements of AASHTO M 180, shall withstand a cold bend, without cracking of 180 degrees around a mandrel of a diameter equal to 2 1/2 times the thickness of the plate.

Guardrail specified to be constructed with weathering steel (sometimes called Corten steel) shall conform to the requirements of AASHTO M 180, Type IV, Class B and use ASTM A588 steel.

Three certified copies of mill test reports of each heat from which the rail element is formed shall be furnished to the Engineer.

All materials shall be new, except as otherwise noted on the plans or special provisions.

Railing Parts furnished under these specifications shall be interchangeable with similar parts regardless of source. All surfaces of guardrail elements that are exposed to traffic shall present a uniform, pleasing appearance and shall be free of scars, stains or corrosion.

Nails shall be 16 penny common galvanized.

Bolts shall have shoulders shaped to prevent the bolts from turning.

Unless otherwise specified the rail elements, terminal sections, bolts, nuts, and other fittings shall be galvanized in accordance with Section 771. Where galvanizing has been damaged, the coating shall be repaired in accordance with Section 771.

Guardrail reflector tabs shall be either 3003-H14 Aluminum strip 0.063 ± 0.004 inches thick, or steel strip 0.078 ± 0.008 inches thick galvanized in accordance with ASTM A653 coating designation G 90. The reflector material shall be high-reflectivity sheeting, either silver-white or yellow and shall conform to the requirements of Arizona State Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Adhesive for sheeting attachment to the metal tab shall be of the type and quality recommended by the sheeting manufacturer. Reflector tabs shall conform to the Reflector Tab Detail of Maricopa County Department of Transportation Standard Detail 3002.

Timber for posts and blocks shall be rough sawn (unplanned) or S4S with the nominal dimensions indicated. Any species or group of woods graded in accordance with the requirements for Timber and Posts of the Western Wood Products Association may be used. Timber shall be No. 1 or better, and the stress grade shall be as follows:

6" by 8" Post and Block	1200 psi
8" by 8" Post and Block	900 psi
10" by 10" Post and Block	900 psi

When the plans show guardrail systems using 8" by 8" timber posts and blocks, the Contractor may use 8 1/4" nominal size posts and blocks with a stress grade of 825 pounds per square inch.

At the time of installation, the dimensions of timber posts and blocks shall vary no more than plus or minus 1/2" from the nominal dimensions as specified on the project plans. The size tolerance of rough sawn block in the direction of the bolt holes shall vary no more than plus or minus 3/8".

All timber shall have a preservative treatment as per the requirements of AASHTO M 133.

Structural steel shapes shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A36 and be galvanized in conformance with the appropriate requirements of AASHTO M 111. Dimensions shall meet the dimensional requirements of the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Steel tubes shall conform to the material requirements of ASTM A500 or A501 and be galvanized in conformance with the requirements of AASHTO M 180, Type 1.

415.3 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS: