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.

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 A 653 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 8¼” nominal size posts and blocks with a stress grade of 825 pounds per square inch. Substitution of 8” by 8” posts for 6” by 8” post may be approved on a per project basis by the Engineer.

At the time of installation, the dimensions of timber posts and blocks shall vary no more than plus or minus ½" 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:

415.3.1 General: The construction of the various types of guardrail shall include the assembly and erection of all component parts complete at the locations shown on the project plans or as directed by the Engineer.

Only one type and size of post and block shall be used for any one continuous length of guardrail.

Terminal sections shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Workmanship shall be equivalent to good commercial practice and all edges, bolt holes and surfaces shall be free of torn metal, burrs, sharp edges and protrusions.

The various types of guardrail shall be constructed with wood posts and wood blocks, except as otherwise noted on the plans.

The bolted connection of the rail element to the post shall withstand a 5,000 pound pull at right angles to the line of the railing. All metal work shall be fabricated in the shop. No punching, cutting or welding shall be done in the field, except as provided for by the project plans. All metal cut in the field shall be cleaned and the galvanizing repaired in accordance with Section 771.

Where field cutting or boring of wood posts and blocks is permitted, the affected areas shall be thoroughly swabbed with at least two passes of the same type of wood preservative as initially used.

Where wood posts with rectangular sections are used, the posts shall be set so that the longest dimension is perpendicular to the rail.

All bolts shall extend beyond the nuts a minimum of two threads, except that all bolts adjacent to pedestrian traffic shall be cut off flush to the nut.

Bolts extending more than 2" beyond the nut shall be cut off to less than ½" beyond the nut.

Unless otherwise shown on the plans, bolts shall be torqued as follows:

Diameter of Bolt	Torque, Foot/Pounds
5/8"	45-50
3/4"	70-75
7/8" and larger	120-125

All bolts, other than those specified to be torqued, shall be securely tightened.

When guardrail is being constructed under traffic, the work shall be conducted so as to constitute the least hazard to the public. Guardrail work shall be performed in the direction of traffic flow when feasible.

Any section of guardrail that is removed for modification shall be replaced within five calendar days of the date the guardrail is removed, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. At the end of each day, incomplete guardrail sections having an exposed end toward oncoming traffic shall have an appropriate temporary protective end treatment acceptable to the Engineer and meeting the requirements of National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) 350 or AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) set securely in place together with approved overnight traffic control devices set in place.

415.3.2 Delineation: The maximum spacing between reflector tabs shall not exceed six posts. The slotted part of the tab shall be installed under the mounting bolt head so that the Reflectorized surface of the tab faces oncoming traffic. The exposed ends of the slotted part of the tab shall be bent up against and then over the top of the bolt head. The color of the reflective portion of the barrier markers shall conform to the color of the adjacent edge line. Silver-faced reflector tabs shall be installed on the right hand side of all roadways, and yellow-faced tabs shall be installed on the left-hand side of one-way, or median divided roadways.

All guardrail delineation shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and as specified herein.

415.3.3 Roadway Guardrail: Wood posts shall be used for new guard rail installations unless otherwise indicated by plans or special provisions. Wood posts shall either be driven or placed in manually or mechanically dug holes; however, driven posts will not be permitted at locations where damage to the curb, gutter, sidewalk, buried items, shoulders or pavement might occur. The Engineer will be the sole judge as to whether driving of posts will be allowed. Driving of posts shall be accomplished in a manner that will prevent battering, burring, or distortion of the post. Any post which is damaged to the extent it is unfit for use in the finished work, as determined by the Engineer, shall be removed and replaced at no additional cost to the Agency.

The posts shall be firmly placed in the ground. The space around posts shall be backfilled with selected earth, free of rock, placed in layers approximately 4 inches thick and each layer shall be moistened and thoroughly compacted to the density of the surrounding material.

Where pavement is disturbed in the construction of guardrail, the damaged surfacing shall be repaired as approved by the Engineer.

Where a culvert or other obstacle is at an elevation which would interfere with full depth post placement, guardrail installation shall comply with requirements of Section 415.3.4 Bolted Guardrail Anchors or Section 415.3.5 Nested Guardrail.

Wood blocks shall be toe nailed to the wood post with one 16 penny galvanized nail on each side of the top of the block. Wood blocks shall be set so that the top of the block is no more than ½” above or below the top of the post, unless otherwise shown on the project plans.

Rail elements shall be spliced at 25 foot intervals or less. Rail elements shall be spliced at posts unless otherwise shown on the project plans and shall be spliced by lapping in the direction of traffic in the nearest adjacent lane. Rail elements at joints shall have full bearing. When the radius of curvature is 150 feet or less, the rail elements shall be shop curved.

The Contractor shall dispose of surplus excavated material remaining after the guard railing has been constructed.

415.3.4 Bolted Guardrail Anchors: Where the elevation of the top surface of a concrete box culvert or other similar installation prevents the placement of a post of the specified length, the posts shall be shortened and anchored in accordance with Maricopa County Department of Transportation Standard Detail 3010.

415.3.5 Nested Guardrail: This work shall consist of furnishing and constructing nested guardrail, Type 1, 2, or 3, as shown in Maricopa County Department of Transportation Standard Details 3008-1 through 3008-3.

415.3.6 Guardrail to Structure Transitions: Guardrail transitions shall be constructed in accordance with requirements shown on the plans and special provisions.

415.4 MEASUREMENT:

The limits of measurement for roadway guardrail shall be as detailed in Maricopa County Department of Transportation Standard Detail 3016, except as otherwise noted on the plans or special provisions. Guardrail, of the type shown on the project plans, will be measured by the linear foot along the face of the rail element from center to center of posts, exclusive of guardrail terminals, guardrail end terminal assemblies, nested guardrail (Types 1, 2 and 3) and guardrail transitions.

Delineation is considered a part of installation of guardrail and hence will not be measured as a separate item.

The accepted quantities of guardrail posts secured with bolted guardrail anchors will be measured by the unit each.

Nested guardrail, Types 1, 2, or 3, and guardrail transitions will be measured by the unit each, complete in place and accepted as shown on the plans.

415.5 PAYMENT:

Payment for accepted quantities of each type of guardrail will be made at the contract unit price. Payment shall be full compensation for furnishing materials and installing guardrails, complete in place including excavation, backfill, and disposal of surplus material.

Payment for Bolted Guardrail Anchors will be at the contract unit price, and shall be full compensation for the work, complete in place, including steel brackets, hardware, excavation, backfill, removing and replacing surfacing, cutting and fitting steel beam posts or timber posts, drilling anchor bolt holes in steel posts, timber posts, and box culverts, and disposal of surplus materials.

Payment for guardrail transitions will be at the contract unit price. Payment shall be full compensation for furnishing materials and installing guardrail transitions, complete in place including excavation, backfill, and disposal of surplus material.

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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~~, and as per the requirements of this section~~.

Guard rail end treatments shall be as specified on the ~~project~~ plans or ~~as otherwise approved by the Agency~~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 ~~be open hearth, electric furnace, or basic oxygen steel and, in addition to~~ conform~~ing~~ 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.

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 ~~provided for under the project~~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. ~~Nails for retainer strap shall be 10 penny common, galvanized.~~

Bolts shall have shoulders ~~of such~~ shaped to ~~as will~~ 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.

~~Prismatic guardrail reflector tabs shall have a minimum thickness of 3/16", and be either galvanized steel or ultraviolet-resistant plastic. Prismatic guardrail-mounted barrier markers shall have an ultraviolet-resistant reflective surface, be secured to the body in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations~~ 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 A 653 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 ~~and have a trapezoidal shaped body as shown in~~ 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:

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At the time of installation, the dimensions of timber posts and blocks shall vary no more than plus or minus ½” 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”. ~~Only one type of post and block shall be used for any one continuous length of guardrail.~~

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.

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Terminal sections shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

Workmanship shall be equivalent to good commercial practice and all edges, bolt holes and surfaces shall be free of torn metal, burrs, sharp edges and protrusions.

The various types of guardrail shall be constructed with wood posts and wood blocks, except ~~where other post materials to be used are~~ as otherwise noted on the plans.

The bolted connection of the rail element to the post shall withstand a 5,000 pound pull at right angles to the line of the railing. All metal work shall be fabricated in the shop. No punching, cutting or welding shall be done in the field, except as provided for by the project plans. All metal cut in the field shall be cleaned and the galvanizing repaired in accordance with Section 771.

Where field cutting or boring of wood posts and blocks is permitted, the affected areas shall be thoroughly swabbed with at least two passes of the same type of wood preservative as initially used.

Where wood posts with rectangular sections are used, the posts shall be set so that the longest dimension is perpendicular to the rail.

All bolts shall extend beyond the nuts a minimum of two threads, except that all bolts adjacent to pedestrian traffic shall be cut off flush to the nut.

Bolts extending more than 2” beyond the nut shall be cut off to less than ½” beyond the nut.

Unless otherwise shown on the plans, bolts shall be torqued as follows:

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The posts shall be firmly placed in the ground. The space around posts shall be backfilled with selected earth, free of rock, placed in layers approximately 4 inches thick and each layer shall be moistened and thoroughly compacted to the density of the surrounding material.

Where pavement is disturbed in the construction of guardrail, the damaged surfacing shall be repaired as approved by the Engineer.

Where a culvert or other obstacle is at an elevation which would interfere with full depth post placement, guardrail installation shall comply with requirements of Section 415.3.4 Bolted Guardrail Anchors or Section 415.3.5 Nested Guardrail.

Wood blocks shall be toe nailed to the wood post with one 16 penny galvanized nail on each side of the top of the block. Wood blocks shall be set so that the top of the block is no more than ½” above or below the top of the post, unless otherwise shown on the project plans.

Rail elements shall be spliced at 25 foot intervals or less. Rail elements shall be spliced at posts unless otherwise shown on the project plans and shall be spliced by lapping in the direction of traffic in the nearest adjacent lane. Rail elements at joints shall have full bearing. When the radius of curvature is 150 feet or less, the rail elements shall be shop curved.

The Contractor shall dispose of surplus excavated material remaining after the guard railing has been constructed.

415.3.4 Bolted Guardrail Anchors: Where the elevation of the top surface of a concrete box culvert or other similar installation prevents the placement of a post of the specified length, the posts shall be shortened and anchored in accordance with Maricopa County Department of Transportation Standard Detail 3010.

415.3.5 Nested Guardrail: This work shall consist of furnishing and constructing nested guardrail, Type 1, 2, or 3, as shown in Maricopa County Department of Transportation Standard Details 3008-1 through 3008-3~~, including all materials, in accordance with the requirements of the project plans~~.

~~Nested guardrail consists of additional steel W-beam sections attached as an appurtenance to guardrail.~~

415.3.6 Guardrail to Structure Transitions: Guardrail transitions shall be constructed in accordance with ~~the details~~ requirements shown on the ~~project~~ plans and special provisions.~~, at the locations shown on the plans~~

415.4 MEASUREMENT:

The limits of measurement for roadway guardrail shall be as detailed in Maricopa County Department of Transportation Standard Detail 3016, ~~and as shown on the project~~ except as otherwise noted on the plans or special provisions. Guardrail, of the type shown on the project plans, will be measured by the linear foot along the face of the rail element from center to center of ~~end~~ posts, exclusive of guardrail terminals, guardrail end terminal assemblies, nested guardrail (Types 1, 2 and 3) and guardrail transitions.

Delineation is considered a part of installation of guardrail and hence will not be measured as a separate item.

The accepted quantities of guardrail posts secured with bolted guardrail anchors will be measured by the unit each.

Nested guardrail, Types 1, 2, or 3, and guardrail transitions will be measured by the unit each, complete in place and accepted as shown on the plans.

415.5 PAYMENT:

Payment for accepted quantities of each type of guardrail will be made at the contract unit price. Payment shall be full compensation for furnishing materials and installing guardrails, complete in place including excavation, backfill, and disposal of surplus material.

Payment for Bolted Guardrail Anchors will be at the contract unit price, and shall be full compensation for the work, complete in place, including steel brackets, hardware, excavation, backfill, removing and replacing surfacing, cutting and fitting steel beam posts or timber posts, drilling anchor bolt holes in steel posts, timber posts, and box culverts, and disposal of surplus materials.

Payment for guardrail transitions will be at the contract unit price. Payment shall be full compensation for furnishing materials and installing guardrail transitions, complete in place including excavation, backfill, and disposal of surplus material.