- I. The illustrations for quardrail applications are standard configurations; adjustments are to be made as required by site specific condition to attain antimum design for function, economy and serviceability.
- 2. The beginning of guardrail need shall be at the greatest of the upstream distances from the bazard, as determined from Figure 1, and other application details of this index.
- 3. One Panel equals 12'-6". Guardrail shall be constructed with rail elements 12'-6" in length except where 25'-0" elements are called for by this and other standards (indexes) or specifically called for in the plans,

Post spacings shall be 6'-3" except that reduced spacings shall be used for (a) transitions to anchorages at rigid structures such as bridges (See Details E and J) and transitions to redirective crash cushions. (b) the conditions in note no. 7 below. (c) special post applications. (d) the specific posts spacing shown in Index No. 40L (e) reduced post spacing required for specific end anchorage assemblies, and, (f) specific spacings called for in the plans,

- 4. Guardrail mounting beight for the W-beam without rubrail and for thrie-beam is I'-9" to the center of beam, and for W-beam with rubrail 2'-0" to center of beam. Modified thrie-beam shall be mounted at a height of 2'-0" to center of beam. The height is critical and shall be attained in all cases; a tolerance of 3" above and I" below the standard mounting heights is permissible over necessary surface irregularities (e.g., across shoulder autters, inlets and roadway surface break lines).
- 5. All avardrail panels, end sections and special end shoes shall be lapped in the direction of adjacent traffic,
- 6. Flared end anchorage assemblies providing 4'offset are the standard end treatments for single face free standina avardrail approach ends. Parallel end anchorage assemblies for quardrail approach end treatments will be constructed only when restraints prevent construction of flared end anchorages.
- 7. At above around rigid hazards where the face of quardrail is offset from the hazard less than the 4 minimum for standard W-beam, other quardrail configurations may be applicable; see General Note No. 10 and the minimum offset table on Sheet 18. For quardrail with post spacing less than 6' 3" the reduced spacing should extend a minimum of one panel in advance of the hazard. When minimum offset cannot be attained safety shape concrete barrier shall be used unless other shielding is approved by the Engineer of record. See Index No. 410 for safety shape concrete barriers and typical applications, and the plans for special barrier shapes and applications.
- 8. In addition to use at conventional roadside hazards, avardrail will be required on flush shoulder sections where fill slopes are steeper than 1:3 within the clear zone, and on curbed sections where fill slopes are steeper than 1:3 within 4 of the face of curb. However, when fill heights are less than 6' the auardrail may be omitted, unless in the opinion the Engineer its use is deemed necessary due to other roadside features.
- 9. The quardrail to bridge connections contained in this index are for bridges with Test Level 4 safety shaped traffic rails. For quardrail to bridge connections on existing bridges with less than Test Level 4 rails see Index No. 401. For quardrail to concrete barrier wall connections see Index No. 410.
- ID. Thrie-beam quardrail panels shall be used in quardrail transitions to bridge traffic rail barriers, to concrete and certain water filled safety shaped barriers, certain crash cushion and as a continuous barrier when called for in the plans. For additional information on rail attachment, post spacings, nested rails, location of thrie beam transition panels and offset block configurations see details elsewhere in this Index, and Index Nos. 410, 416 and 435. The use of thrie-beam quardrail with standard offset blocks may be considered where one or more of the conditions listed below or similar conditions are anticipated or exist:
 - a. W-beam deflection is marginal.
 - b. W-beam with rubrail considered functionally deficient.
 - c. Overriding W-beam is probable.
 - d. Drainage will be impeded or blocked by the use of concrete barrier wall.
 - e. High frequency of repairs to W-beam.

 - f. Spandrel beam with low deflection needed around unrelocatable structure, and,
 - a. Accommodating passenger vehicles heavier or larger than the standard passenger car (e.g. passenger vans and small buses)

The modified thri-beam quardrail may have application to accommodate large buses.

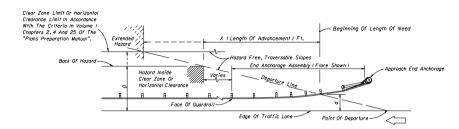
- II. Single face median quardrail for bridges located on divided roadways shall be constructed the same as outer roadway quardrail under the following conditions:
 - (a) Wide medians where approach end anchor is located outside of opposing roadway clear zone.
 - (b) Medians of uniform width that are occupied by other transportation and joint use facilities.
 - (c) Medians of uniform or variable widths with independent vertical alignments not suited to normal median guardrail installations
 - (d) Medians of hifurcated roadways.
- 12. Straight rail sections may be used to construct radii of 125' or greater. For radii less than 125' the rail must be fabricated (shop-hent) to fit
- 13. Crash cushions may be required in lieu of or in conjunction with quardrail at locations where space does not permit development of sufficient quardrail length, offset or crashworthiness at terminals. Crash cushions shall be constructed at or in lieu of Type II assemblies located in the approach clear zones.
- 14. Corrugated sheet steel beams, and shoes, and sections and back up plates shall conform to the current requirements of AASHTO MIBO, Class A, Type II (zinc) coating. Aluminum guardrail elements will not be permitted unless specifically called for in the plans. All other metallic components, hardware and accessories shall be in conformance with the appropriate current AASHTO requirements.

Recycled beams: Used Class A quardrail beams that have been refurbished to condition new (AASHTO MIRO) may be used for both construction of new quardrail and maintenance of existing quardrail. Refurbishing shall include stripping of the existing galyanizing, restoration of the base metal in section and straightness free of warp and deformation. and, regalvanizing to AASHTO Type II specifications. Refurbished beams that retain ruptured holes, gashes or tears will not be accepted.

- 15. Steel offset blocks other than modified thrie-beam offset blocks are not permitted for new avardrail construction. Existing steel offset blocks may remain throughout the service life of the existing guardrail. Permissible post and offset block combinations are tabulated on Sheet IG.
- 16. Where necessary to enlarge or add holes to galvanized guardrail, the work will be done by drilling or reaming. Damaged galvanized guardrail will be metalized in accordance with Sections 562 and 971 of the Standard Specifications, No burning of holes will be permitted.
- 17. Guardrail reflector color (white or yellow) shall conform to the color of the near lane edgeline.
- 18. Any run of quardrail with existing concrete posts that is being reset under a consturction or maintenance contract shall be reset using timber or steel posts. Repair within a run of guardrail with existing concrete posts can be made with either steel, timber, sound salvaged concrete posts; replacement in kind of damaged posts is to be made when like posts are on hand at time of repair.
- 19. Substitutions between thrie-beam quardrail and concrete barrier wall are not eliaible for V.E.C.P. consideration.

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Design Speed mph	X (Length Of Advancement) Ft.
≤ 45	= 16 (D-d)
≥ 50	* /3 (D-d)

Length of advancement determined from the diagram and equations above establishes the location of the upstream beginning length of need for guardrail, however, the length of advancement can be no less than that required by other details of this index.

The flared end anchorage with 4 nose offset is shown in the diagram above however, the diagram applies to other configurations that may occur at the beginning of length of need, such as, other flare designs, upstream returns; and, other upstream deflected, tongent and curvilinear conditions.

Equation Variables:

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D-Distance in feet from near edge of the near approach traffic lane to either (a) the back of hazard is located inside the clear zone or horizontal clearance or (b) the care zone or horizontal clearance utter limit, when the hazard extends to or goes beyond the clear zone or horizontal clearance limit. For left side hazards on two way undivided facilities, D is measured from the inside edge of the near approach traffic lane (see Figure 2).

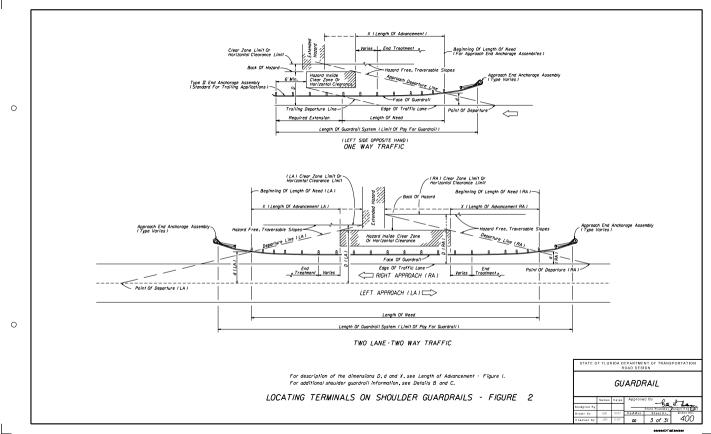
d-Distance in feet from the near edge of the near approach traffic lane to the face of guardrail of its intersection with the departure line. For left side hazards on two way undivided facilities, d is measured from the inside edge of the near approach traffic lane (see Figure 2).

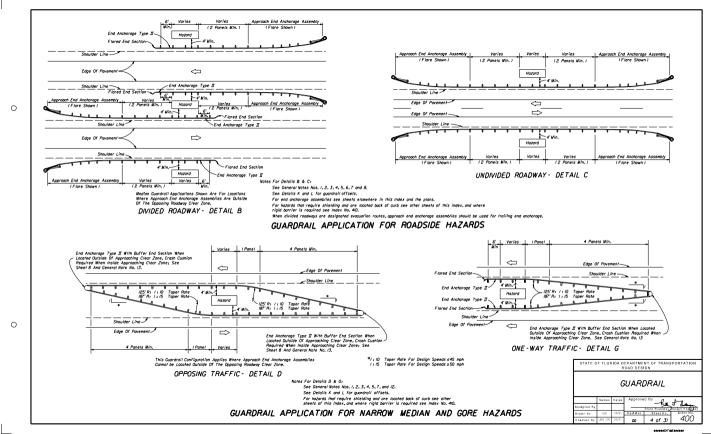
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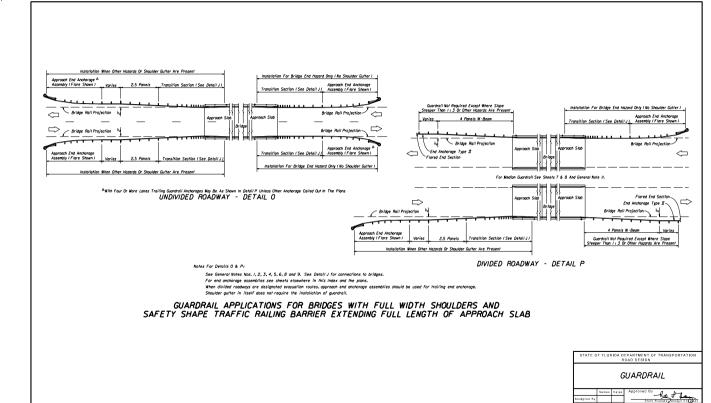
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