NOTES

DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS:

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) "LRFD Bridge Design Specifications", Third Edition, 2004, including 75 year Design Life

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) "Structures Design Guidelines for Load and Resistance Factor Design", January 2006.

Florida Building Commission "Florida Building Code", 2004 Edition, except for Handrail diameter.

U.S. Access Board "ADA Accessibility Guidelines" July 2004 as adopted with amendments by the USDOT under 49CFR Part 37.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101, "Life Safety Code", 2003 Edition.

DESIGN LIVE LOADS:

Post and Base Plate: Equivalent point load = 200 lb. load + (50 lb./ft. x Post Spacing (ft.)) applied transversely at top rail connection.

Top & Bottom Rails: 50 lb./ft. uniform load applied simultaneously vertically and transversely + 200 lb. concentrated point load applied at midspan in the directions for both maximum stress and deflection.

Handrails: Maximum of either 50 lb./ft. uniform load applied in any direction or 250 lb. concentrated load applied in any direction at any point along the top.

Pickets: Concentrated 200 lb. load applied transversely over an area of 1.0 square foot.

GEOMETRY:

Clear Opening between Pickets: Shall reject the passage of a 4" diameter sphere below 42" height, and a 8" diameter sphere above 42" height.

Clear Opening under Bottom Rail: Shall reject the passage of a 2" diameter sphere.

ADA Handrail Height: 34"

Standard Pedestrian/Bicycle Railing Height: 42" minimum.

Special Height Bicycle Railing Height: 54" minimum.

DEFLECTION:

Total combined deflection of the railing system including the resilient or neoprene pads, due to the top rail design live loads, shall not exceed 1½" when measured at midspan of the top rail.

APPLICABILITY NOTE TO DESIGNER:

This railing is not applicable for shielding drop-off hazards for vehicular traffic. This railing is applicable for all cases where a pedestrian or bicyclist drop-off hazard exceeds 2'-6" or when a drop-off hazard is less than 2'-6" and is required by design. See Index No. 851 for special requirements and modifications for use on bridges. Adequate foundation support shall be provided for anchorage and stability against overturning. For unusual site conditions a site specific railing is to be designed by the responsible engineer. The railing shown on these drawings requires a handrail for ramps steeper than a 5% grade to conform with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Refer to FDOT Plans Preparation Manual (Volume I) Chapters 4 & 8, for the definition of vehicular, pedestrian and bicyclist "drop-off hazards".

ALTERNATE DESIGN:

Manufacturers seeking approval of proprietary railing systems for inclusion on the Qualified Products List as pre-approved alternate designs must submit application along with design documentation showing the proprietary railing system is designed to meet the design life, live loads, geometry and deflection requirements specified herein. All fixed joints are to be either welded or commercially designed fixed joint systems. Each field section of railing must be identified with a permanently affixed label with the manufacturer's name and the FDOT QPL approval number. Labels must be a maximum of 1½" by 3" and located at the base of a post within the field section. Project specific shop drawings are required for QPL approved railings, see Shop Drawings note.

In lieu of design calculations, submit certified test reports from an approved independent testing agency. Test railing systems in accordance with ASTM E935 (Test Method A & C) using test loads at least 175% of the design load. Test proprietary or nonstandard anchorage systems in accordance with ASTM E894 (Flexural Test). Anchorage systems must resist the minimum of 175% of the design load for failure of the steel anchors or 220% of the design load for failure in the concrete foundation.

PAYMENT:

Railing shall be paid for per linear foot (Item No. 515-2-abb). Payment will be plan quantity measured as the length along the center line of the top rail, and includes rails, posts, pickets, rail splice assembly, base plates, anchor bolts, nuts, washers, resilient or neoprene pads and all incidental materials and labor required to complete installation of the railing.

RAILS, PICKETS & POSTS:

Pipe Rails and Pickets shall be in accordance with ASTM A500 Grade B, C or D, or ASTM A53 Grade B for standard weight pipe (Schedule 40) or ASTM A36 for bars. Structural Tube Posts shall be in accordance with ASTM A500 Grade A, B, C or D, or ASTM A501. Posts and End Rails shall be fabricated and installed plumb, ± 1" tolerance when measured at 3'-6" above the foundation. Pickets shall be fabricated parallel to the posts. Corners and changes in tangential longitudinal alignment shall be made continuous with a 9" bend radius or terminate at adjoining sections with mitered end sections when handrails are not required. For changes in tangential longitudinal alignment greater than 45°, posts shall be positioned at a maximum distance of 2'-0" each side of the corner and shall not be located at the corner apex. For curved longitudinal alignments the top and bottom rails and handrails shall be shop bent to match the alignment radius.

RAILING MEMBER DIMENSIONS TABLE

MEMBER	DESIGNATION	OUTSIDE DIMENSION	WALL THICKNESS
Posts	2" x 4" Rectangular Tube	2.00" x 4.00"	0.188"
Rails	2" NPS (Sch. 40)	2.375"	0.154"
Rail Joint/Splice Sleeves	1½" NPS (Sch. 40)	1.900"	0.145"
Handrail Joint/Splice Sleeves	1" NPS (Sch. 40)	1.315"	0.133"
Handrails	1½" NPS (Sch. 40)	1.900"	0.145"
Handrail Support Bar	1" Ø Round Bar	1.000"	N/A
Pickets	½" NPS (Sch. 40)	0.840"	0.109"
	¾" Ø Round Bar	0.750"	N/A

BASE PLATES & POST CAPS:

Base Plates and Post Cap plates shall be in accordance with ASTM A36 or ASTM A709 Grade 36.

SHIM PLATES:

Shim Plates shall be aluminum in accordance with ASTM B209, Alloy 6061 or 6063. Shim plates shall be used for foundation height adjustments greater than ¼" and localized irregularities greater than ⅛". Field trim shim plates when necessary to match the contours of the foundation. Beveled shim plates may be used in lieu of trimmed flat shim plates shown. Stacked shim plates must be bonded together with an adhesive bonding material and limited to a maximum total thickness of ½", unless longer anchor bolts are provided for the exposed thread length.

COATINGS:

The railing shall be hot-dip galvanized after fabrication in accordance with Section 962 of the Specifications. All nuts, bolts and washers shall be hot-dip galvanized in accordance with Section 962 of the Specifications.

ANCHOR BOLTS:

Anchor bolts shall be in accordance with ASTM F1554 Grade 36. Headless anchor bolts for Adhesive Anchors shall be threaded full length. Cutting of reinforcing steel is permitted for drilled hole installation. Expansion Anchors are not permitted. All anchor bolts shall have single self-locking hex nuts. Tack welding of the nut to the anchor bolt may be used in lieu of self-locking nuts. All nuts shall be in accordance with ASTM A563 or ASTM A194. Flat Washers shall be in accordance with ASTM F436 and Plate Washers (for long slotted holes only), shall be in accordance with ASTM A36 or ASTM A709 Grade 36. After the nuts have been snug tightened, the anchor bolt threads shall be distorted to prevent removal of the nuts. Distorted threads and tack welds shall be coated with a galvanizing compound in accordance with the Specifications.

RESILIENT AND NEOPRENE PADS:

Resilient and Neoprene pads shall be in accordance with Specification Section 932 except that testing of the finished pads shall not be required. Neoprene pads shall be PRESTRESSED hardness 60 or 70.

JOINTS:

All fixed joints are to be welded all around and ground smooth. Expansion joints shall be spaced at a maximum 40'-0". Field splices similar to the expansion joint detail may be approved by the Engineer to facilitate hot-dip galvanizing and handling, but railing must be continuous across a minimum of two posts. Only use the Continuity Field Splice (Detail "E") to make the railing continuous for unforeseen field adjustments. Metallize rail ends with a galvanizing compound when field adjustments are required.

WELDING:

All welding shall be in accordance with the American Welding Society Structural Welding Code (Steel) ANSI/AWS D1.1 (current edition). Weld metal shall be E60XX or E70XX. Nondestructive testing of welds is not required.

WEEP HOLES:

Weep holes shall be ¼" Ø and located at the low point between adjacent posts for both top and bottom rails. Holes shall be drilled through the underside of the rails prior to hot-dip galvanizing.

SHOP DRAWINGS:

Complete details addressing project specific geometry (line & grade) showing post and expansion joint locations, anchor bolt installation "Case" or lengths, and venting holes for galvanizing, must be submitted by the Contractor for the Engineer's approval prior to fabrication of the railing. Shop drawings shall be in accordance with the Specifications.

REVISIONS

DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
01/01/10	SJN	Added "ASTM A500 Grade B, C or D" for Pipe Rails and Pickets in RAILS, PICKETS AND POSTS note.			

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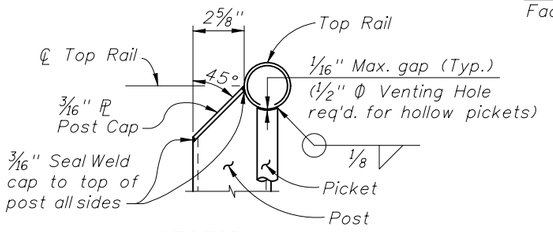

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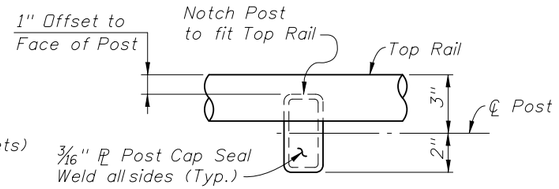

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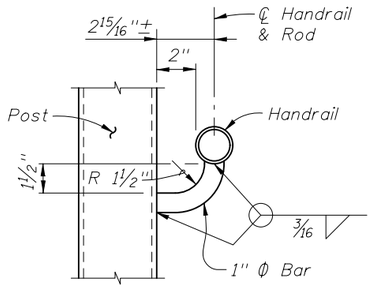
TOP RAIL CONNECTION
(Base Plate Not Shown for Clarity)



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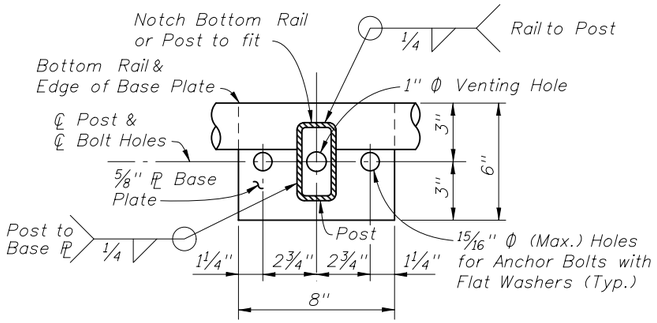

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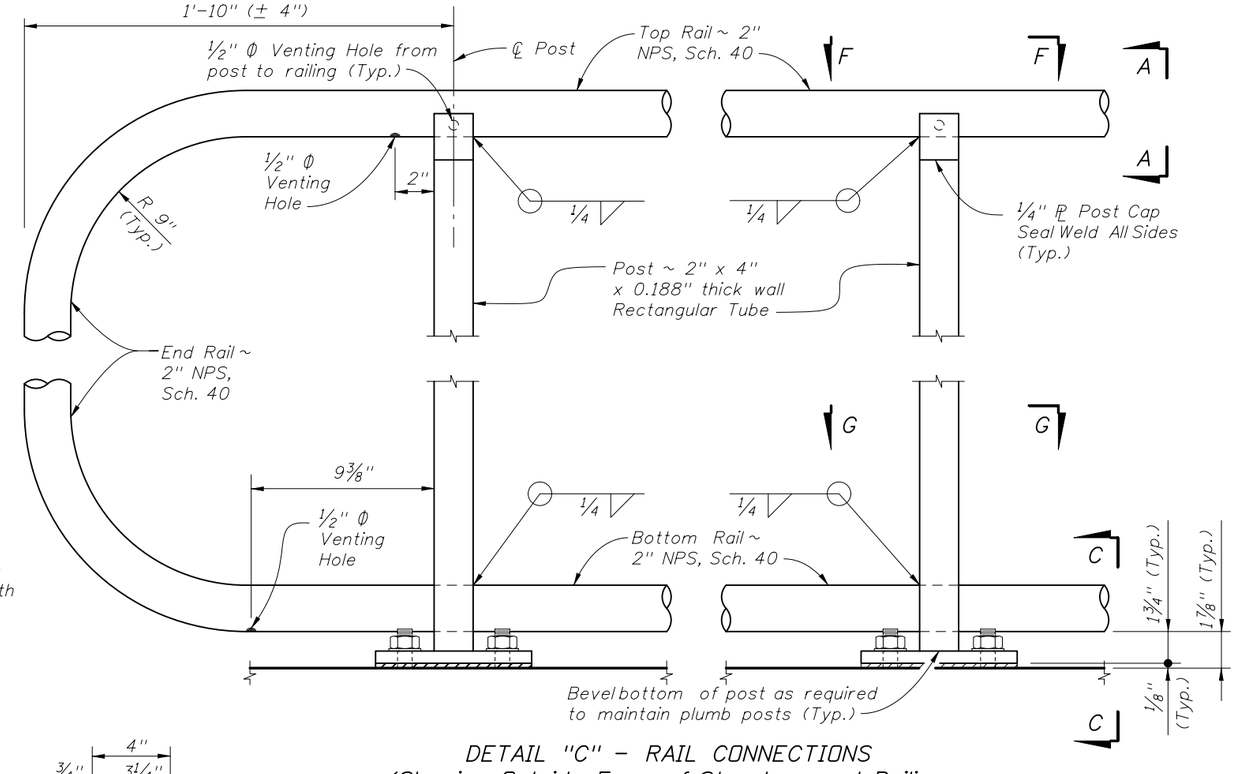
BASE PLATE & BOTTOM RAIL CONNECTION



DETAIL "C" - RAIL CONNECTIONS
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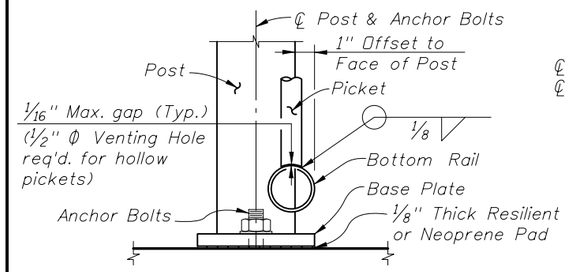

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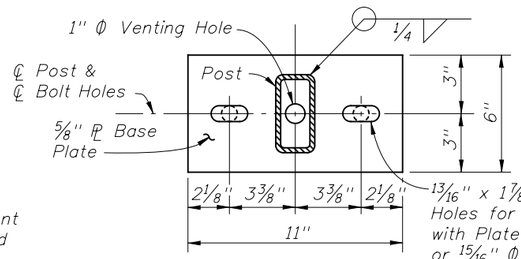
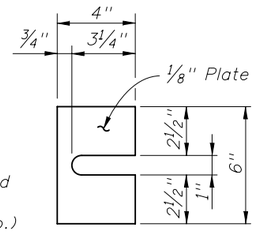
(Bottom of Picket connection)



ALTERNATE
BASE PLATE DETAIL
(Recommended for Top of Step Cheekwalls)



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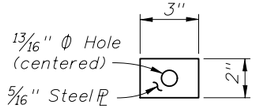
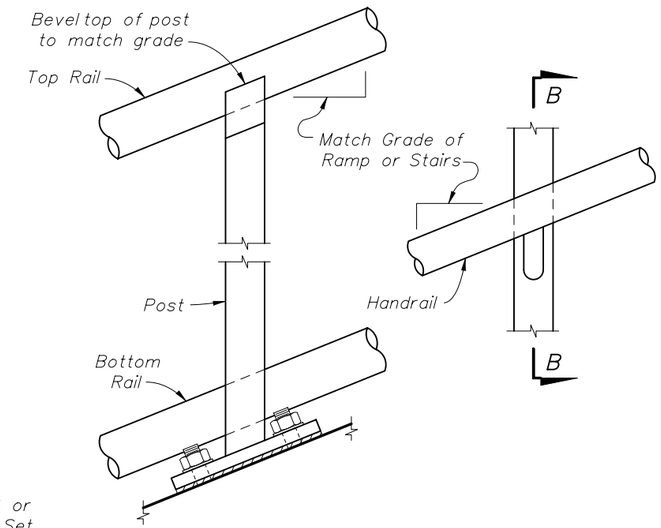


PLATE WASHER
DETAIL



DETAIL "B" - RAIL AND HANDRAIL
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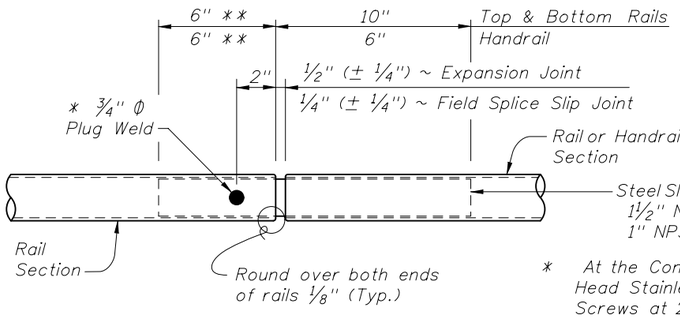
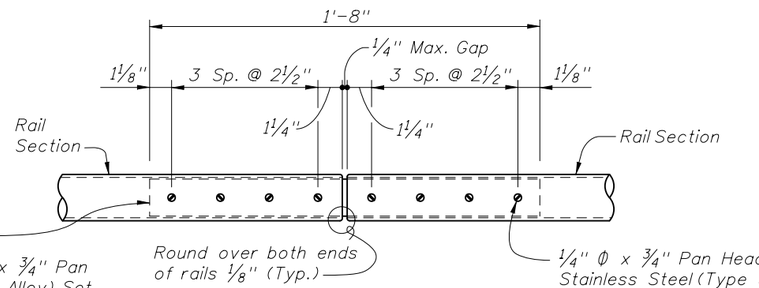


DETAIL "D" - EXPANSION JOINT
(FIELD SPLICE SLIP JOINT SIMILAR)

* At the Contractor's option 2 ~ 1/4" Ø x 3/4" Pan Head Stainless Steel (Type 316 or 18-8 Alloy) Set Screws at 2" spacing may be substituted for the 3/4" Ø plug weld. Set screws must be set flush against the outside face of rail and underside of handrail.

** Embedded length may be 4" for plug welded connection. Maintain venting of ends of pickets during galvanizing.



DETAIL "E" - CONTINUITY
FIELD SPLICE

1/4" Ø x 3/4" Pan Head Stainless Steel (Type 316 or 18-8 Alloy) Set Screws. Set Screws must penetrate the full wall thickness of the inner sleeve and be set flush against the outside face of rail. (Typ.)

CROSS REFERENCE:
For locations of Details "C", "D" and "E", see Sheet 2 of 5.

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01/01/10	SJN	Added (± 4") tolerance to End Hoop length in Detail "C".			

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