GENERAL NOTES

- 1. The illustrations for guardrail applications are standard configurations; adjustments are to be made as required by site specific conditions to attain optimum design for function, economy and serviceability.
- 2. The beginning of guardrail need shall be at the greatest of the upstream distances from the hazard, as determined from Figures 1 and 2, and other application details of this Index.
- 3. One Panel (i.e., panel length) 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 spacing shall be 6'-3" except that reduced spacing shall be used for (a) transitions to anchorages at rigid structures such as bridges (See Detail J and Index No. 402) and transitions to redirective crash cushions, (b) the conditions in Note No. 7 below, (c) special post applications, (d) reduced post spacing required for specific end anchorage assemblies, and, (e) specific spacing called for in the plans.

- 4. Guardrail mounting height for the W-beam without rubrail and for thrie-beam is 1'-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 1" below the standard mounting heights is permissible over necessary surface irregularities (e.g., across shoulder gutters, inlets and roadway surface break lines). For guardrail placed on slopes beyond the shoulder point, there shall be no deviation more than 1" below to 3" above the desired height within any 25 foot section of guardrail.
- 5. All guardrail 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 standing guardrail approach ends. Parallel end anchorage assemblies for guardrail approach end treatments will be constructed only when restraints prevent construction of flared end anchorages.

Guardrail end anchorage assemblies shall be of the type called for in the plans. If the plans call for end anchorage assembly "flared" and does not identify the specific system(s) to be used, the contractor has the option to construct any FDOT approved flared assembly provided in this Index or identified on the Qualified Products List (QPL), subject to the conditions identified in the approved Index drawings, or QPL drawings if applicable.

If the plans call for end anchorage assembly "parallel" and does not identify the specific system(s) to be used, the contractor has the option to construct any FDOT approved parallel assembly provided in this Index or identified on the QPL, subject to the conditions identified in the approved Index drawings, or QPL drawings if applicable.

If the plans call for a specific end anchorage assembly, substitutions with other end anchorage assemblies will not be permitted unless approved by the Engineer. Approved substitutions will not be eligible for CSIP consideration.

When an end treatment is attached to guardrail with Pedestrian Safety Treatment, only end treatment systems with timber posts are to be used.

Existing approved proprietary end anchorage systems are identified on the Qualified Products List (QPL). After January 1, 2011 manufacturers seeking approval of new proprietary end anchorage systems for inclusion on the QPL must submit application along with design documentation showing the end anchorage system; is crash tested to Test Level 3 criteria in accordance with the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH), is accepted by FHWA for use as a guardrail end anchorage system, and is compatible with FDOT guardrail systems. System approvals will be contingent on FDOT's evaluation of crash test performance results for consistency with FDOT guardrail application and use. If approved, installation drawings signed and sealed by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Florida will be required.

- 7. At above ground rigid hazards where the face of guardrail is offset from the hazard less than the 4' minimum for standard W-beam, other guardrail configurations with reduced post spacing may be applicable; see General Note No. 11 and the minimum offset table on Sheet 19. For guardrail 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 wall shall be used unless other shielding is approved by the Engineer of Record. See Index No. 410 for safety shape concrete barrier walls and typical applications, and the plans for special barrier shapes and applications.
- 8. In addition to use at roadside hazards or other areas where the Engineer has deemed guardrail necessary, guardrail should be considered on flush shoulder sections where fill slopes are steeper than 1:3 within the clear zone and fill heights are 6' or greater. Curbed sections where fill slopes are steeper than 1:3 and fill heights are 6' or greater within 22' of the traveled way should be evaluated for installation of guardrail. Additional guidance for evaluating the need for guardrail can be found in the Plans Preparation Manual.
- 9. The guardrail to bridge connections contained in this Index are for bridges with Test Level 4 traffic railing barriers. For guardrail to concrete barrier wall connections see Index No. 410. For existing bridges receiving retrofit traffic railing barriers see Index No. 402.

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- 10. The W-beam guardrail system in this index is the standard system to be used on the State Highway System where a Test Level 3 semi-rigid barrier is required.
- 11. Thrie-beam guardrail panels shall be used in guardrail transitions to bridge traffic railing barriers, to concrete and certain water filled safety shaped barriers, certain crash cushions 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. 402, 410 and 414. The use of thrie-beam guardrail with standard offset blocks (Test Level 3 semi-rigid system) 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. Vehicle overriding W-beam is probable,
- e. High frequency of repairs to W-beam,
- f. Spandrel beam with low deflection needed around unrelocatable structure,

The modified thrie-beam guardrail is a Test Level 4 semi-rigid system and may be used where a Test Level 4 guardrail is required.

- 12. Single face median guardrail for bridges located on divided roadways shall be constructed the same as outer roadway guardrail 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 bifurcated roadways.
- 13. Straight rail sections may be used to construct radii of 125' or greater. For radii less than 125' the rail must be fabricated (shop-bent) to fit.
- 14. Crash cushions may be required in lieu of or in conjunction with guardrail at locations where space does not permit development of sufficient guardrail 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.
- 15. Corrugated sheet steel beams, end shoes, end sections and backup plates shall conform to the current requirements of AASHTO M180, Class A, Type II (zinc) coating. All other metallic components, hardware and accessories shall be in conformance with the appropriate current AASHTO requirements.
- 16. Offset blocks:
 - COMBINATIONS are tabulated on Sheet 16.
 - b. Plastic offset block installations shall be constructed on guardrail outside of approach end anchorage assemblies or any transition system connecting to a rigid or thrie-beam barrier.
- 17. 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.
- 18. For guardrail reflector details see Sheet 17.
- 19. Any run of guardrail with existing concrete posts that is being reset under a construction 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.
- 20. Substitutions between thrie-beam guardrail and concrete barrier wall are not eligible for CSIP consideration.
- 21. On roadways designated for reverse laning, all downstream ends of guardrail that are not shielded or that are not designed as approach end terminals shall be marked with post-mounted Type 3 Object Markers. Trailing bridge ends and trailing shoulder concrete barrier wall ends shall be marked with Type 3 Object Markers except where there is trailing end guardrail. Object markers to be installed facing reverse laning traffic. The cost of the object marker shall be included in the cost of the guardrail.

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d. Drainage will be impeded or blocked by the use of concrete barrier wall (subject to deflection space requirements),

g. Accommodating passenger vehicles heavier or larger than the standard passenger car (e.g., passenger vans and small buses).

a. Steel offset blocks other than modified thrie-beam offset blocks are not permitted for new guardrail construction. Existing steel offset blocks may remain throughout the service life of the existing guardrail. PERMISSIBLE POST AND OFFSET BLOCK

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GENERAL NOTES

1. These drawings are representative of the various proprietary guardrail end anchorage assemblies listed on the Department's Qualified Products List (QPL). For specific details and

2. These drawings present the general graphics to show the limits of payment for guardrail and end anchorage assemblies, modifications to the shoulder and placement of the

3. These drawings, along with the various vendor drawings on the QPL, are intended to show sufficient details for installation of the end anchorage assemblies and their connection to shoulder guardrail. This precludes the requirement for shop drawing submittals unless otherwise called for in the plans. The various end anchorage assemblies shall be assembled in accordance with the manufacturer's detailed drawings, procedures and specifications.

4. The various proprietary end treatments listed on the QPL are intended for use as approach end guardrail anchorages for shoulder guardrail. The effective length of the end treatments vary-refer to the vendor drawings on the QPL for the length and the use of special panels and details. Standard guardrail, guardrail transitions or other special treatments shall not be included within the limits of the end anchorage assembly. See the vendor drawings for the alignment of the end treatment with respect to the normal

5. Flared or parallel end anchorage assemblies shall not be used in medians where horizontal

6. Each of the various end anchorage assemblies have unique features. Careful attention should be given to the types and orientation of the posts and other components. Refer to the vendor drawings on the QPL for the specific requirements of each system.

7. For galvanizing requirements of the metallic components see Standard Specifications

8. Test Level 3 crash tested end anchorage assemblies shown on the QPL are suitable for all

9. Flared end anchorage assemblies shall be paid for under the contract unit price for

Parallel end anchorage assemblies shall be paid for under the contract unit price for

The unit price for end anchorage assemblies shall be full compensation for furnishing and installing all components in accordance with the plans, the manufacturer's detail drawings,

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Design Speed mph	X (Length Of Advancement) Ft. (See NOTES 1 & 2)
<u>≤</u> 45	= 16 (D-d)
≥50	= 13 (D-d)

NOTES

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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, tangent and curvilinear conditions.

Equation Variables:

D = Distance in feet from near edge of the near approach traffic lane to either (a) the back of hazard, when the hazard is located inside the clear zone or horizontal clearance or (b) the clear zone or horizontal clearance outer 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 at 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).

For flared and parallel end anchorage assemblies the beginning length of need is to be set at the center of post #3. That is, the departure line must intersect the face of the rail at post #3.

For flared end anchorage assemblies the offset distance "d" will equal the normal guardrail offset measured from the face of the guardrail to the edge of the near approach travel lane plus 1'-2" for 45 mph or less and 1'-91/4" for greater than 45 mph.

LENGTH OF ADVANCEMENT - FIGURE 1



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	1:15 TAP	ER RATE
H (Ft.)	PANELS (No.)	LENGTH (Ft.)
'5	10.5	131.25
?5	8.5	106.25
'5	6.5	81.25
75	5.5*	68.75

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ber offset blocks sh	all be dressed on all four	sides (S4S)	
od galvanized nail pe ck (see detail left).	r block is to be used to pro	event rotati	ion
as above for timber : block holes align w. e nails.	and plastic blocks except tl 'th holes in steel posts and	hat form fin ' do not	t
½" long hex head bol d.) and ⅔" plain rour block to post. Bolts a d bottom.	ts with full length thread a d washers (4 Reqd.) for mo are to be installed in oppos.	and nuts bunting ite holes,	
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1 evaluation criteria d guardrail test artio Sections 536 and 97 cks shall be 14" in h ing a 7½" (Min.) offse ENERAL NOTE 16.	for Test Level 3 crash test te under full scale crash t 2 of the Specifications and eight and thrie-beam blocks et. For additional informati	s. The est be s shall be ion on	
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REFLECTOR NOTES 1. Reflectors shall conform to Section 993 of the Standard Specifications. 2. Reflector color (white or yellow) shall conform to the color of the near 3. Reflectors installed on median guardrail shall have retro-reflective sheeting on both sides of the reflector. 4. The cost for reflectors shall be included in the contract unit price for $\frac{5}{8}$ "Ø Bracket And Pipe Holes With $\frac{1}{2}$ "x $\frac{3}{2}$ " NPS 2 Sch. 40 Galv. Pipe Rail Per Long Hex Bolt And Nut With 1/2" Plain Round ASTM F1083 Washer (Upset Threads After Tightening) 11/4" (Upset Threads After Tightening) (\oplus) - Steel Guardrail Post Steel Guardrail Post -11/4" + 11/4" 2¹/₂"x2"x¹/₄"x4" Long Angle 1½" Offset From 🤅 Bracket (Galvanized) Of Guardrail Post 4" VIEW A VIEW B PIPE RAIL MOUNTING offset Block VIEW R PICTORIAL SHEET INDEX NO. NO. GUARDRAIL 400 17



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For beam washer requirements on end terminals, see individual end anchorage assembly details. Washers are to be used where necessary to accomplish alignment or where the posts bolt head shows tendency to pull through the rail slot. Washers installed on guardrail, between end anchorages, prior to July 1, 1990 may remain in place until the quardrail is relocated or until repairs require removal and reinstallment of a post bolt.

(RECTANGULAR PLATE WASHER) BEAM WASHER



Note:

The round washer is not intended for use under the recess nut for the beam to beam rail splice. The washer is required under the recess nut for connecting the beam to the special end shoe; under the post bolt nut for connecting the beam to the timber post and offset blocks; for connecting the beam to steel posts with timber offset blocks; under the hex bolt head for securing the beam anchor plate to the beam; and, for general guardrail connections by $\frac{5}{8}$ " Ø hex bolts and nuts and under hex nut for connecting rubrail to wood and steel posts. For supplemental information see BEAM ANCHOR PLATE, PERMISSIBLE POST AND OFFSET BLOCK COMBINATIONS, individual end anchorage assembly details, SPECIAL STEEL GUARDRAIL POSTS, SPECIAL END SHOE, W-BEAM RAIL SPLICE, THRIE-BEAM RAIL SPLICE, and THRIE-BEAM TERMINAL CONNECTOR details.

5/8" STEEL WASHER

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(In.)	LENGTH (Min.) (In.)	APPLICATION
1 1⁄4"	Full Length	Rail Splice Bolt
10"	4"	Single Or Double Faced Guardrail Timber Or Recycled Plastic Offset Post Bolt - Block(s) On Steel Post As An Option, A Single 25"* Long Post Bolt May Be Used
18"	4"	Post Bolt – Single Faced Guardrail Timber Posts
25"*	4"	Post Bolt - Double Faced Guardrail Timber Posts Double Faced Guardrail Steel Posts

THREAD

Special bolts having lengths of 10" or greater shall have a thread length of not less than 4".

For applications where special bolts having lengths greater than 25" are required, the Contractor may use a 5/8"Ø threaded rod (field cut to length). A hex nut and beam washer shall be used at the guardrail face with no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ " of the threaded rod projecting beyond the top of the nut. The projecting thread on both ends shall be distorted to secure the nuts, and both ends of the threaded rod metalized with organic zinc-rich coating.

*Use of the 25" AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA standard length post bolt on double faced guardrail that results in the bolt projecting more than $\frac{3}{4}$ beyond the face of the nut after pull-up shall be trimmed to $\frac{3}{4}$ " reveal and metalized with organic zinc-rich coating.

5/8" OVAL SHOULDER BUTTON HEAD BOLT

end anchorage assembly details. W-BEAM BACK-UP PLATE

OFFSETS (Ft.)				
Measured From Face Of Guardrail To				0
Fre	ont Of Abo	ve Ground Ri	gid Hazaro	d
POST	SINGL	NESTEL		
SPACING	W Boom	Thria Boam	W Roam	
(Ft.)	W-Dean	T III TE-Dealli	W-Dean	
6'-3''	4'-0''	3'-4''	N/A	
3'-11/2"	3'-0"	2'-8''	2'-8"	
1'-6¾"	N/A	N/A	2'-4"	
Note				

5/8" MODIFIED HEAVY

HEX NUT (RECESSED NUT)

The values shown should be utilized unless changes are supported by empirical validation. Those desiring to develop offset values from the simulated deflection values shown in Table 5.4 of the AASHTO Roadside Design Guide are cautioned to proceed only if background in the table development is understood.

MINIMUM OFFSET FOR SINGLE FACED GUARDRAIL (Ft.)

HS Hex bolts for THRIE-BEAM TERMINAL CONNECTORS shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A449 (Type 1) with heavy hex nuts and washers. All other hex bolts shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A563. Bolts, nuts and washers shall be hot dip galvanized. Heavy hex nut may be used in lieu of hex nuts and hex nuts used for jam nuts.

HEX BOLTS AND NUTS

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CONTROLLED RELEASE RETURN NOTES

- Controlled release returns are intended for use (a) in openings in continuous guardrail for driveway and side road access when flares and transitions or standard radial returns can not be applied (Sheet 12); and, (b) for shielding the ends of bridge traffic rails and barrier walls where the driveway and side road access is in close proximity to the structure and space does not permit the proper use of approved flared and parallel types of Guardrail End Anchorage Assemblies.
- 2. Controlled release returns are not intended as a substitute or replacement for the appropriate use of approved vehicle impact attenuators.
- 3. Controlled release returns with either 8', 16' or 24' radii are designed for highway speeds of 60 mph or less.
- 4. The controlled release returns shown are designed as full returns based on an intersection angle of 90°. The return can be terminated with the Guardrail End Anchorage Assembly Type CRT or connected to standard guardrail as shown or as otherwise detailed in the plans.
- 5. The Guardrail End Anchorage Assembly Type CRT is to be used only for the controlled release returns with 8', 16', 24' and 32' radii as shown; the assembly is not to be used in any tangent rail or flared rail applications. Other types of end anchorage assemblies are not to be used in the controlled release returns.
- 6. The area immediately behind the control release return shall have slopes not steeper than 1:2 and be maintained free of fixed objects in accordance with the area limits tabulated in the plan below.
- 7. The surface approaching the controlled release return shall have a transverse slope not exceeding 1:10. The effective width of the transverse surface is to be based on standard vehicle departure, return radii and preceding shielding; the width (beyond shoulder) shall be not greater than the corresponding 15' and 20', 'W' values tabulated below.
- 8. The curved guardrail portion of the controlled release return shall be full section shop bent panels (12.5' or 25' panels).
- 9. Washers are not to be used between the guardrail beam and the head of the button head post bolts at any controlled release terminal (CRT) post or at any Guardrail End Anchorage Assembly Type CRT breakaway timber post.
- 10. The guardrail beam of the 8' radius return is not bolted to the center control release post.
- 11. See the General Notes for galvanizing requirements of metallic components.
- 12. Controlled release return systems shall be paid for under the contract unit prices for Guardrail (Roadway), LF, Guardrail (Shop-bent Panels), LF, and Guardrail, End Anchorage Assembly (Type CRT), EA as called for in the plans or by permit and shall be full compensation for furnishing and installing all components in accordance with the plans and with this index. CRT posts are included in the cost for guardrail.

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Notes:

1. Typical placement shown. May be constructed at other locations as called for in the plans.

2. Rubrail required on median side or ditch side of barrier.

MOUNTING HEIGHT FOR DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL ON MEDIAN SHOULDERS (FREEWAYS)

LATERAL PLACEMENT ON SLOPES (FROM EDGE OF NEAR TRAFFIC LANE)¹

Slope	Standard Guardrail²	Guardrail Not Recommended	Guardrail With Rubrail³
1:4	to 13'	14' to 27'	28' to 45'
1:5	to 14'	15' to 25'	26' to 45'
1:6	to 16'	17' to 22'	23' to 45'
1:7	to 20'	21' to 24'	25' to 45'
1:8	to 25'		26' to 45'
1:9	to 26'		27' to 45'
1:10	to 27'		28' to 45'



GUARDRAIL ON MEDIAN SLOPES

Highway Barrier Hardware"



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