Indexes 715-001 & 715-002 Conventional Lighting

Design Criteria

AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires and Traffic Signals (LRFDLTS-1); Structures Manual (SM), Volume 3, FDOT Modifications to LRFDLTS-1; Structures Manual (SM) Introduction, I.6
References; FDOT Design Manual (FDM)

Design Assumptions and Limitations


Fixture Mounting Height is defined in the Lighting Design Requirements.

The design weight of luminaire is 75 lbs, and the equivalent projected area (EPA) of the luminaire is 1.55 square feet.

Foundations are based upon the following conservative soil criteria (which covers the majority of soil types found in Florida)

- Classification = Cohesionless (Fine Sand)
- Friction Angle = 30 degrees
- Unit Weight = 50 pcf (Submerged)

Only in cases where the Designer considers the soil types at the specific site to be of lesser strength properties should an analysis be required. Auger borings, SPT borings or CPT soundings may be utilized as needed to verify the assumed soil properties, and at relatively uniform sites, a single boring or sounding may cover several foundations. Borings in the area that were performed for other purposes may be used to confirm the assumed soil properties.

Unique site circumstances where poorer soil conditions are encountered may require custom foundation designs.

Standard Roadway Aluminum Light Poles:

Design Mounting Height is the height measured from the top of the foundation to the light fixture.

Fill Height is the height measured from the natural ground line adjacent to the poles to the top of the foundation.

Wind Height is measured from the natural ground elevation adjacent to the poles, to the light fixture; therefore, the Wind Height at Fixture is equal to the Design Mounting Height plus the Fill Height, rounded up to the next highest 5-foot increment.

Design Mounting Heights in the Standard are 30-feet, 35-feet, 40-feet, 45-feet or 50-feet with either a Top Mounted fixture or a Single Arm fixture (arm lengths of 8’, 10’, 12’ or
15'). Standard poles for 20-foot and 25-foot mounting heights with 8’ or 10’ arm lengths may only be used for Wildlife-Sensitive Conventional Lighting.

If a standard pole is placed between adjacent traffic lanes, a minimum falling area is required on both sides. The falling area is an offset measured laterally from the roadway, between the edge of traveled way and the pole face, and it must be a distance of at least 40% of the Mounting Height.

Mounting on walls or bridges is not permitted.

Fill Height above surrounding terrain is limited to 25 feet.

**Median Barrier/Traffic Railing Mounted Aluminum Light Poles:**

Median Traffic Railing Mounted lighting should not be used on bridges unless the light level requirement of [FDM 231](https://example.com) cannot be meet be by installing the lighting on the outside of the bridge traffic railing using [Index 521-660](https://example.com).

*Design Mounting Height* is the distance from finished grade to the light fixture.

*Fill Height* is the height measured from the natural ground line adjacent to the poles or the mean high water to the finished grade at the pole base.

*Wind Height* is measured from the natural ground elevation adjacent to the poles or from the mean water elevation (as appropriate), to the light fixture; therefore, the *Wind Height at Fixture* is equal to the *Design Mounting Height* plus the *Fill Height*, rounded up to the next highest 5-foot increment.

Median Barrier Mounted Light Poles on cylindrical or spread footings are applicable for fill levels up to 70 feet (Wind Height of 110 feet or less).

Design Mounting Height is 40 ft. and can be used with Single or Double Arms of 8’, 10’ or 12’ lengths. For Lighting on bridges, locate light poles near substructure supports to minimize vibration of light poles due to traffic.

**Plan Content Requirements**

See [FDM 326](https://example.com).

**Payment**

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See the [BOE](https://example.com) and [Specification 715](https://example.com) for additional information on payment, pay item use and compensation.