
Index 715-001 Conventional Lighting

ORIGINATION

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COMMENTARY

Revisions were made to support additional light pole base options as shown on the APL. For example, in addition to the transformer base option shown in the Index, the breakaway bolt option on the APL may be used instead. Having more light pole base options helps to alleviate supply chain restrictions, which may help improve construction schedules. Additionally, this revision helps to streamline the process by providing options that are pre-approved for BABA. This revision is being made in conjunction with others in Index 715-002, 715-003, and Standard Specifications 992.

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

BLACK = Industry Review Comments **BLUE** = Standard Plans Response **GREEN** = Change Made to Index

Name: Deborah Ihsan

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COMMENT: How do we know if the Base is “Recognized by FHWA as being successfully crash tested under NCHRP Report 350 Guidelines”? I only found one product in the APL and its references approved by FHWA to 1985 AASHTO.

RESPONSE: This particular requirement has not changed from previous publications. That said, the product selection process has now been improved by adding language to require an APL item. Following the Specification 992 revision, pole bases placed on the APL must meet this crashworthiness requirement. So, it’s known that a pole base meets the requirement if it’s on the APL.

CHANGE MADE TO INDEX: No

Response Date: 8/10/2026