

## CONTROLLED RELEASE RETURN NOTES

- 1. 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.
- 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 quardrail 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.

## CONTROLLED RELEASE RETURN FOR SIDE ROAD AND DRIVEWAY ACCESS

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GUARDRAIL

CRT TIMBER POST

NO. **400**  SHEET NO. **25**