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Comments from Industry Review

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Comment

Specification 990-3.1.4 (1) c *(c) The trailer shall be equipped with adjustable outrigger leveling pads (screw-type), one on each of the four frame corners.*

Please modify screw-type adjustable outrigger leveling pads to include other types of leveling jacks to be used that are sufficient to maintain the device in a level condition. While screw-type jacks might be necessary for a heavy piece of equipment such as a Changeable Message sign, there are other types of leveling jacks that would be sufficient to maintain arrow boards, regulatory signs and RSDU. I have seen arrow boards manufactured and modified to specifically weld screw type jacks to the device to meet our specification requirement, when the standard issue jacks that come stock with the device would have easily met the leveling requirements. I am sure this additional cost is passed along to the end users of the device.

Duane Brautigam

Comments:

Text: 990-2.1.2 – There is no Type listed under ASTM D 4956. Is that been omitted or is the intent that any type within ASTM D 4956 is acceptable? 990-3.1 – in the first sentence, mentioning the QPL at the beginning of the article is a bit awkward. Suggest “All portable devices shall meet the physical display and operational requirements of THE MUTCD and be listed on the QPL.” 990-3.1 – In the second and third sentence, it appears we are asking for working samples to be provided to BOTH NTPEP and the Department. Is this correct or is this meant to be either/or? If it is both, on the basis of which evaluation will the QPL decision be made? On what criteria will the decision be made, i.e., will the same criteria be used by both agencies? Is NTPEP prepared to do their evaluation on the very detailed and prescriptive requirements set forth in the Florida DOT spec, i.e., 990-3.1.1 thru 990-3.5.2? Even if both agencies evaluate the product with the same criteria, what if the opinions do not match? I do not think it is appropriate to have two agencies evaluating the same product. If NTPEP is willing to test to our requirements, I recommend we allow the vendor to choose one agency to whom he wishes to submit, but not to require the vendor to submit to both. 990-3.3.2(b) – In the second sentence, neither “their” or “it’s” is grammatically correct. The word should be “its”.
