

# EXPECTED IMPLEMENTATION JANUARY 2011

## 536 GUARDRAIL.

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SUBARTICLE 536-2.4 (Page 674) is deleted and the following substituted:

**536-2.4 Offset Blocks:** Use guardrail offset blocks of either timber, steel, recycled plastic, or rubber, and of the sizes specified in the Design Standards.

Treat timber blocks in accordance with the requirements for posts in 955-5.3. Ensure that penetration of preservative is in accordance with requirements for round piles and fence posts in 955-6.2. For timber offset blocks, meet the requirements of the latest edition of the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau's Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber, for No.1 grade timber. Dress all timber offset blocks on all four sides (S4S). Ensure that timber offset blocks do not vary more than 0.25 inch from the specified length.

Use rubber or recycled plastic blocks that have a minimum Durometer hardness of 50 (ASTM D 2240), show no cracking at the end of an ozone exposure of 100 plus or minus 10 pphm for 15 hours at 100°F (ASTM D 1149 mounting type A), do not exceed 15 points change in Durometer hardness in oven ageing for 70 hours at 158°F (ASTM D 573), and show no cutting or tearing under a 6,500 lb load applied through a guardrail section. Ensure that the blocks present a neat appearance and have plane surfaces. Provide rubber or recycled plastic blocks that are 6 inches wide, 8 inches deep and 14 inches high. Allow dimensional tolerances of plus or minus 5/8 inch in height, plus or minus 3/8 inch in width, and plus or minus 3/8 inch in depth.

Use recycled plastic offset blocks that meet the requirements of Section 972 and are listed on the Qualified Products List (QPL). Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6 and include certified test reports from an approved independent test laboratory that shows the material meets all the requirements of this Section and Section 972.