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700 HIGHWAY SIGNING. **(REV 11-15-10) (FA 1-4-11) (7-11)**

ARTICLE 700-1 (Page 779) is deleted and the following substituted:

700-1 Description.

Furnish and erect roadway signs, at the locations shown in the plans, in accordance with the details shown in the plans. All overhead cantilever and truss mounted signs are to be lighted and retroreflective unless otherwise noted in the plans.

The Department designates Ground Traffic Signs as signs erected on the shoulders, slopes, or medians, but not extending over the traveled roadway.

The Department designates signs erected partially or completely over the traveled roadway or mounted on bridges as Overhead Traffic Signs, and may further classify some of these signs as Overhead Cantilever or Span Traffic Signs.

The Department designates signs that include certain electronic display components as Electronic Display Signs (EDS) and may further classify them as Electronic Warning Signs (EWS), Electronic Regulatory Signs (ERS), Electronic Speed Feedback Signs (ESFS), or Blank Out Signs (BOS). EDS may be erected on the shoulders, slopes, or in the medians, or installed on mast arms, monotube assemblies, or span wires.

Obtain multi-post and overhead sign structures from a fabrication facility that is listed on the Department's list of metal producers with an accepted quality control program, meeting the requirements of 105-3.

ARTICLE 700-2 (Pages 779 - 781) is deleted and the following substituted:

700-2 Sign Assembly Design Requirements.

700-2.1 General: Sign assemblies as specified in the plans fall into three general categories: ground sign assemblies, overhead sign assemblies, and electronic display signs.

700-2.2 Sign Panels: All sign panels shall be aluminum. Fabricate standard sign panel messages in accordance with details included in the Standard Highway Signs Manual published by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Engineer will not require the submittal of shop drawings for these signs or for non-standard sign panels and messages fabricated in accordance with details shown in the plans. Submit seven copies of shop drawings indicating detailed layout of the sign legend, spacing, and border for all other signs to the Engineer prior to fabrication.

If the size of a sign is not specified in the plans, provide the size sign for conventional roadways as shown in the MUTCD.

700-2.3 Breakaway Support Mechanisms for Ground Traffic Signs:

700-2.3.1 Frangible Supports: Provide posts for all frangible sign assemblies consisting of aluminum tubes up to 3 1/2 inches outside diameter with 3/16 inch wall thickness in accordance with the requirements in the Design Standards.

700-2.3.2 Slip Bases: For posts with slip base assemblies, use galvanized steel in accordance with the requirements in the Design Standards.

700-2.4 Overhead Sign Structures:

700-2.4.1 Shop Drawings: Submit shop drawings to the Department for approval as specified in Section 5. Prior to the submittal of the shop drawings, determine the actual length

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of support columns for all sign structures on the basis of existing field conditions and include these lengths on the shop drawings.

700-2.4.2 Installation: Install nuts on anchor bolts in accordance with 649-5 and 649-6. Use ASTM A325 bolt, nut and washer assemblies for all installations other than anchor bolts as follows. Use bolt, nut and washer assemblies that are free of rust and corrosion and that are lubricated properly as demonstrated by being able to easily hand turn the nut on the bolt thread for its entire length. Tighten nuts to the full effort of an ironworker using an ordinary spud wrench to bring the faying surfaces of the assembly into full contact which is referred to as snug tight condition. After bringing the faying surfaces of the assembly into full contact and to a snug tight condition, tighten nuts to achieve the minimum torque as specified in Table 700-1 unless the connection is an alternate splice connection of a span sign structure, in which case, tighten nuts in accordance with the turn-of-nut method of Table 460-7 of Section 460. Maintain uniform contact pressure on the faying surfaces during snugging and the subsequent final tightening process, by using a bolt tightening pattern that balances the clamping force of each bolt, as closely as possible, with the equal clamping force of a companion bolt. Within 24 hours after final tightening, the Engineer will witness a check of the minimum torque using a calibrated torque wrench for 3 bolts or a minimum of 10% of the bolts, whichever is greater, for each connection; however, do not perform this check on alternate splice connections of span sign structures.

Bolt Diameter (in.)	Minimum Torque (ft.-lbs.)
3/8	15
1/2	37
5/8	74
3/4	120
7/8	190
1	275
1 1/8	375
1 1/4	525

700-2.5 Sign Retroreflective Sheeting: Meet the requirements of Section 994. Use Type III, IV, V or VII sheeting for background sheeting, white legends, borders and shields on all signs, excluding STOP, DO NOT ENTER, and WRONG WAY. Use Type VII sheeting for STOP, DO NOT ENTER and WRONG WAY signs. Use Type III, IV, V or VII yellow-green fluorescent sheeting for S1-1 school advance signs and supplemental panels used with S1-1, S3-1 and S4-5 school signs. Do not mix signs having fluorescent yellow-green sheeting with signs having yellow retroreflective sheeting.

Use fluorescent orange Type VI or VII for all orange work zone signs.

Mesh signs shall meet the color, daytime luminance and nonreflective property requirements of Section 994, Type VI.

700-2.6 Breakaway Support Mechanisms for Electronic Display Signs: Provide posts or posts with slip bases as shown in the plans.