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Based on the proposed changes to the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report No. 350 guidelines, NCHRP Project 22-14(2) researchers deemed it appropriate to evaluate an end terminal for a strong-post, W-beam guardrail systems prior to finalizing the new crash testing procedures and guidelines. For this effort, the SKT-MGS Tangent End Terminal was selected for evaluation. One full-scale vehicle crash test was performed on the longitudinal barrier system in accordance with the Test Level 3 (TL-3) requirements presented in the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350. For the terminal testing program, an 1100C small car vehicle was used.

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Problem Statement

In the late 1990s, roadside safety experts, State DOT representatives, Federal government officials, and industry personnel began discussions and preparations for updating the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report No. 350 safety performance guidelines (1). The new guidelines would improve upon existing test procedures, consider changes in the vehicle fleet, provide criteria for new roadside hardware categories and re-evaluate the appropriateness of the impact conditions.

In 1997, NCHRP Project 22-14, entitled *Improvement of the Procedures for the Safety Performance Evaluation of Roadside Features*, was initiated with the intent to: (1) evaluate the relevance and efficacy of the crash testing procedures, (2) assess the needs for updating NCHRP Report No. 350, and (3) provide recommended strategies for their implementation. Following the completion of this NCHRP study at the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) in 2001, a follow-on research study was begun in 2002. NCHRP Project 22-14(2), entitled *Improved Procedures for Safety Performance Evaluation of Roadside Features*, was undertaken by Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (MwRSF) researchers with the objectives to: (1) prepare the revised crash testing guidelines, (2) assess the effects of any proposed guidelines, and (3) identify research needs for future improvements to the procedures.

Consequently, it was anticipated that a number of revisions would be incorporated into the Update of NCHRP Report No. 350 guidelines (2). For example, changes in the vehicle fleet have resulted in the need to reassess the small car and pickup truck test vehicles. Accordingly, new, heavier test vehicles have been selected for both the small car and light truck classes of vehicles.

Additionally, during the second study, researchers determined that the 100 km/h (62.1 mph) impact speed and 25 degree impact angle would remain the same as used in NCHRP Report No. 350 for the large passenger vehicle class impacting longitudinal barriers. However, the impact angle for the small car impact condition would increase from 20 to 25 degrees for evaluating longitudinal barriers and the length-of-need for guardrail terminals. The effects of any changes to vehicle specifications or impact conditions must be understood before the safety performance evaluation guidelines are finalized. Therefore, a series of full-scale crash tests on NCHRP Report No. 350 approved systems were to be conducted with the new test vehicles and impact conditions.

#### 1.2 Objective

The objective of the research project was to evaluate the safety performance of the SKT-MGS Tangent End Terminal when full-scale vehicle crash tested according to the test designation no. 3-34 criteria presented in the Update of NCHRP Report No. 350 guidelines (2).

#### 1.3 Scope

The research objective was achieved through the completion of several tasks. First, a full-scale vehicle crash test was performed on the SKT-MGS tangent end terminal system. The crash test utilized a small car, weighing approximately 1,100 kg (2,425 lbs). The target impact conditions for the test were an impact speed of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and an impact angle of 15 degrees at the Critical Impact Point (CIP) of the terminal. Next, the test results were analyzed, evaluated, and documented. Finally, conclusions and recommendations were made that pertain to the safety performance of the SKT-MGS tangent end terminal system relative to the test performed.

## 2 TEST REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

#### 2.1 Test Requirements

Historically, guardrail end terminal systems have been required to satisfy impact safety standards in order to be accepted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for use on National Highway System (NHS) construction projects or as a replacement for existing designs not meeting current safety standards. In recent years, these safety standards have consisted of the guidelines and procedures published in NCHRP Report No. 350 (1). However, NCHRP Project 22-14(2) generated revised testing procedures and guidelines for use in the evaluation of roadside safety appurtenances and were presented in the draft report entitled, *NCHRP Report 350 Update* (2). Therefore, according to Test Level 3 (TL-3) of the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350, gating end terminals must be subjected to eight full-scale vehicle crash tests. The eight full-scale crash tests are as follows:

- 1. Test Designation 3-30. An 1,100-kg (2,425-lb) passenger car impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 0 degrees, respectively, on the nose of the end terminal with a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-point offset.
- 2. Test Designation 3-31. A 2,270-kg (5,004-lb) pickup truck impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 0 degrees, respectively, on the nose of the end terminal.
- 3. Test Designation 3-32. An 1,100-kg (2,425-lb) passenger car impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 5 degrees, respectively, on the nose of the end terminal.
- 4. Test Designation 3-33. A 2,270-kg (5,004-lb) pickup truck impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 5 degrees, respectively, on the nose of the end terminal.
- 5. Test Designation 3-34. An 1,100-kg (2,425-lb) passenger car impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 15 degrees, respectively, and at the Critical Impact Point (CIP) on the end terminal.

- 6. Test Designation 3-35. A 2,270-kg (5,004-lb) pickup truck impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 25 degrees, respectively, and at the beginning of the Length-of-Need (LON) on the end terminal.
- 7. Test Designation 3-37. A 2,270-kg (5,004-lb) pickup truck impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 25 degrees, respectively, and at the CIP for reverse direction impacts on the end terminal.
- 8. Test Designation 3-38. A 1,500-kg (3,307-lb) mid-size vehicle impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 0 degrees, respectively, on the nose of the end terminal.

The test conditions for TL-3 end terminals are summarized in Table 1. Test Designation 3-34 was conducted for the SKT-MGS tangent end terminal system described herein.

#### 2.2 Evaluation Criteria

According to the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350, the evaluation criteria for full-scale vehicle crash testing are based on three appraisal areas: (1) structural adequacy; (2) occupant risk; and (3) vehicle trajectory after collision. Criteria for structural adequacy are intended to evaluate the ability of the barrier to contain, redirect, or allow controlled vehicle penetration in a predictable manner. Occupant risk evaluates the degree of hazard to occupants in the impacting vehicle. Vehicle trajectory after collision is a measure of the potential for the post-impact trajectory of the vehicle to cause subsequent multi-vehicle accidents. This criterion also indicates the potential safety hazard for the occupants of other vehicles or the occupants of the impacting vehicle when subjected secondary collisions with other fixed objects. These three evaluation criteria are summarized in Table 2 and defined in greater detail in the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350 report (2). The full-scale vehicle crash tests were conducted and reported in accordance with the procedures provided in the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350.

Table 1. Update to NCHRP Report No. 350 Test Level 3 Crash Test Conditions

			Impact Conditions			
Test Article	Test Designation	Test Vehicle	Speed		Angle	Evaluation Criteria <sup>1</sup>
			(km/h)	(mph)	(degrees)	
	3-30	1100C	100	62.1	0	A,C,D,F,H,I,N,O
	3-31	2270P	100	62.1	0	A,C,D,F,H,I,N,O
Terminals	3-32	1100C	100	62.1	5	A,C,D,F,H,I,N,O
	3-33	2270P	100	62.1	5	A,C,D,F,H,I,N,O
	3-34	1100C	100	62.1	15	A,C,D,F,H,I,N
	3-35	2270P	100	62.1	25	A,D,F,H,I,M
	3-37	2270P	100	62.1	25	A,C,D,F,H,I,M
	3-38	1500A	100	62.1	0	A,C,D,F,H,I,N,O

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Evaluation criteria explained in Table 2.

Table 2. Update to NCHRP Report No. 350 Evaluation Criteria for Crash Tests

Structural Adequacy	A. Test article should contain and redirect the vehicle or bring the vehicle to a controlled stop; the vehicle should not penetrate, underride, or override the installation although controlled lateral deflection of the test article is acceptable.
	C. Acceptable test article performance may be by redirection, controlled penetration, or controlled stopping of the vehicle.
	D. Detached elements, fragments or other debris from the test article should not penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present an undue hazard to other traffic, pedestrians, or personnel in a work zone. Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350.
Occupant Risk	F. The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision.
	H. Longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities should fall below the preferred value of 9.0 m/s (29.5 ft/s), or at least below the maximum allowable value of 12.0 m/s (39.4 ft/s).
	I. Longitudinal and lateral occupant ridedown accelerations should fall below the preferred value of 15 Gs, or at least below the maximum allowable value of 20.0 Gs.
Vehicle Trajectory	M. After impact, the vehicle shall exit the barrier within the exit box.
	N. Vehicle trajectory behind the test article is acceptable.
	O. The front of the vehicle shall not rebound more than 6 m (19.7 ft) beyond the original point of impact with the test article.

#### 3 TEST CONDITIONS

#### 3.1 Test Facility

The testing facility is located at the Lincoln Air Park on the northwest side of the Lincoln Municipal Airport and is approximately 8.0 km (5 mi.) northwest of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

#### 3.2 Vehicle Tow and Guidance System

A reverse cable tow system with a 1:2 mechanical advantage was used to propel the test vehicle. The distance traveled and the speed of the tow vehicle were one-half that of the test vehicle. The test vehicle was released from the tow cable before impact with the barrier system. A digital speedometer was located on the tow vehicle to increase the accuracy of the test vehicle impact speed.

A vehicle guidance system developed by Hinch (3) was used to steer the test vehicle. A guide-flag, attached to the front-right wheel and the guide cable, was sheared off before impact with the barrier system. The 9.5-mm (0.375-in.) diameter guide cable was tensioned to approximately 15.6 kN (3,500 lbf), and supported laterally and vertically every 30.48 m (100 ft) by hinged stanchions. The hinged stanchions stood upright while holding up the guide cable, but as the vehicle was towed down the line, the guide-flag struck and knocked each stanchion to the ground. For test 2214TT-1, the vehicle guidance system was 243 m (798 ft) long.

#### 3.3 Test Vehicles

For test 2214TT-1, a 2002 Kia Rio was used as the test vehicle. The test inertial and gross static weights were 1,102 kg (2,430 lbs) and 1,178 kg (2,596 lbs), respectively. The test vehicle is shown in Figure 1, and vehicle dimensions are shown in Figure 2.







Figure 1. Test Vehicle, Test 2214TT-1

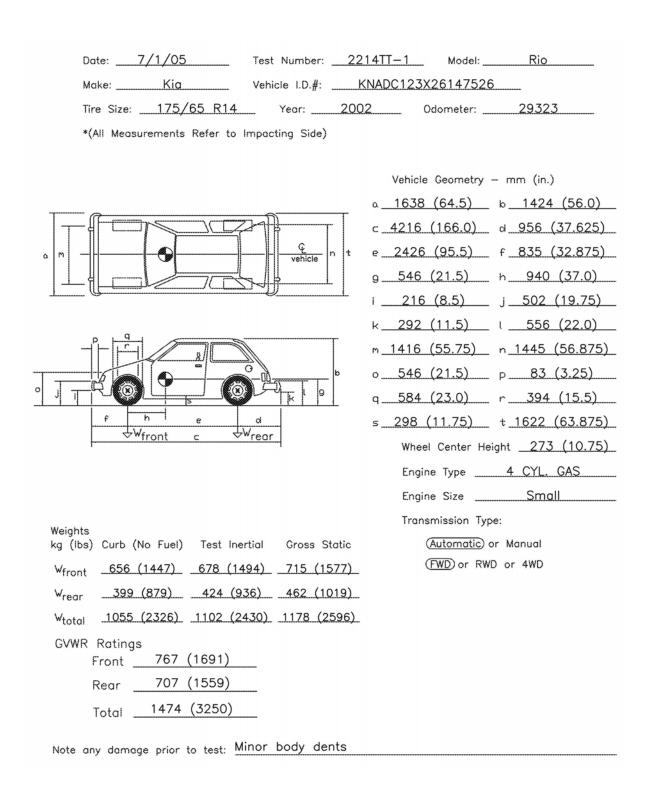


Figure 2. Vehicle Dimensions, Test 2214TT-1

The longitudinal component of the center of gravity was determined using the measured axle weights. The location of the final center of gravity is shown in Figures 1 and 2.

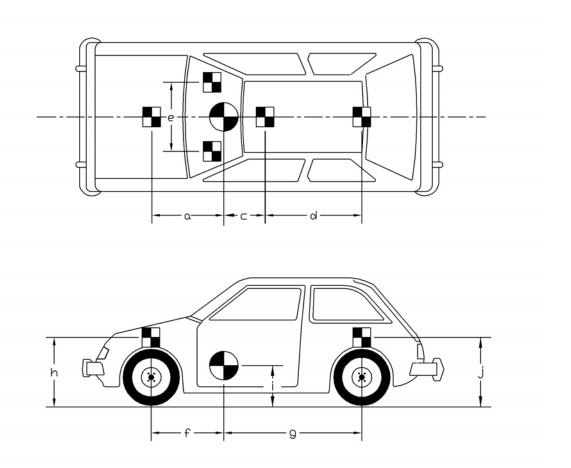
Square black and white-checkered targets were placed on the vehicle to aid in the analysis of the high-speed film and E/cam and Photron video, as shown in Figure 3. Checkered targets were placed on the center of gravity, on the driver's side door, on the passenger's side door, and on the roof of the vehicle. The remaining targets were located for reference so that they could be viewed from the high-speed cameras for film analysis.

The front wheels of the test vehicle were aligned for camber, caster, and toe-in values of zero so that the vehicle would track properly along the guide cable. Two 5B flash bulbs were mounted on both the hood and roof of the vehicle to pinpoint the time of impact with the barrier on the high-speed Photron and AOS videos. The flash bulbs were fired by a pressure tape switch mounted on the front face of the bumper. A remote-controlled brake system was installed in the test vehicle so the vehicle could be brought safely to a stop after the test.

#### 3.4 Data Acquisition Systems

#### 3.4.1 Accelerometers

One triaxial piezoresistive accelerometer system with a range of ±200 Gs was used to measure the acceleration in the longitudinal, lateral, and vertical directions at a sample rate of 10,000 Hz. The environmental shock and vibration sensor/recorder system, Model EDR-4M6, was developed by Instrumented Sensor Technology (IST) of Okemos, Michigan and includes three differential channels as well as three single-ended channels. The EDR-4 was configured with 6 MB of RAM memory and a 1,500 Hz lowpass filter. Computer software, "DynaMax 1 (DM-1)" and "DADiSP", was used to analyze and plot the accelerometer data.



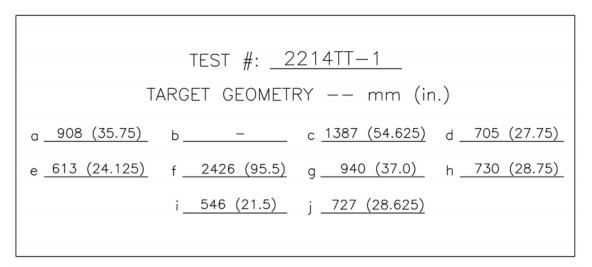


Figure 3. Vehicle Target Locations, Test 2214TT-1

Another triaxial piezoresistive accelerometer system with a range of ±200 Gs was also used to measure the acceleration in the longitudinal, lateral, and vertical directions at a sample rate of 3,200 Hz. The environmental shock and vibration sensor/recorder system, Model EDR-3, was developed by Instrumental Sensor Technology (IST) of Okemos, Michigan. The EDR-3 was configured with 256 kB of RAM memory and a 1,120 Hz lowpass filter. Computer software, "DynaMax 1 (DM-1)" and "DADiSP", was used to analyze and plot the accelerometer data.

#### 3.4.2 Rate Transducers

An Analog Systems 3-axis rate transducer with a range of 1,200 degrees/sec in each of the three directions (pitch, roll, and yaw) was used to measure the rates of motion of the test vehicle. The rate transducer was mounted inside the body of the EDR-4M6 and recorded data at 10,000 Hz to a second data acquisition board inside the EDR-4M6 housing. The raw data measurements were then downloaded, converted to the appropriate Euler angles for analysis, and plotted. Computer software, "DynaMax 1 (DM-1)" and "DADiSP", was used to analyze and plot the rate transducer data.

#### 3.4.3 High-Speed Photography

For test 2214TT-1, one high-speed Photron video camera, three high-speed AOS VITcam video cameras, and one high-speed Red Lake Ranger video camera, all with operating speeds of 500 frames/sec, were used to film the crash test. Six Canon digital video cameras, with a standard operating speed of 29.97 frames/sec, were also used to film the crash test. Camera details and a schematic of all eleven camera locations for test 2214TT-1 is shown in Figure 4. The Photron, AOS, and Ranger videos and E/cam videos were analyzed using the ImageExpress MotionPlus software and Redlake Motion Scope software, respectively. Actual camera speed and camera divergence

factors were considered in the analysis of the high-speed film.

# **3.4.4 Pressure Tape Switches**

For test 2214TT-1, five pressure-activated tape switches, spaced at 2-m (6.56-ft) intervals, were used to determine the speed of the vehicle before impact. Each tape switch fired a strobe light which sent an electronic timing signal to the data acquisition system as the right-front tire of the test vehicle passed over it. Test vehicle speed was determined from electronic timing mark data recorded using TestPoint software. Strobe lights and high-speed film analysis are used only as a backup in the event that vehicle speed cannot be determined from the electronic data.

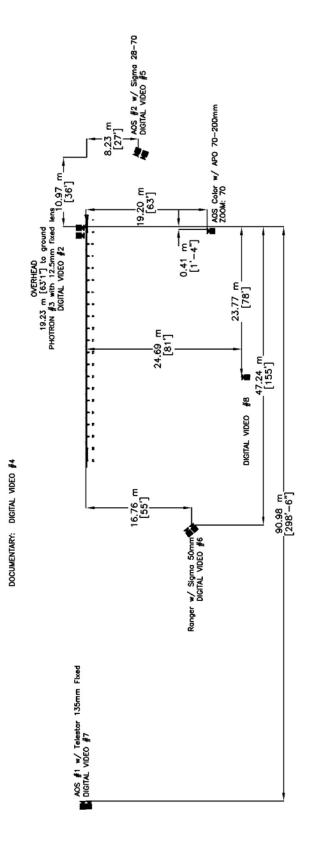


Figure 4. Location of High-Speed Cameras, Test 2214TT-1

#### 4 DESIGN DETAILS

The test installation consisted of 38.10 m (125 ft) of standard 2.66-mm (12-gauge) thick W-beam guardrail supported by wood posts in the end terminal section and steel posts in the longitudinal barrier portion, as shown in Figure 5. The length of the end terminal was 11.43 m (37.5 ft) and featured an SKT impact head. Anchorage systems similar to those used on tangent guardrail terminals were utilized on the downstream end of the guardrail system. Design details are shown in Figures 5 through 18. The corresponding English-unit drawings are shown in Appendix A. Photographs of the test installation are shown in Figures 19 through 23.

The entire system was constructed with twenty-one guardrail posts. Post nos. 3 through 6 were CRT timber posts measuring 152 mm wide x 203 mm deep x 1,829 mm long (6 in. x 8 in. x 72 in.). Post nos. 7 through 19 were galvanized ASTM A36 steel W152x13.4 (W6x9) sections measuring 1,829-mm (6-ft) long. Post nos. 1, 2, 20, and 21 were timber posts measuring 140 mm wide x 190 mm deep x 1,162 mm long (5.5 in. x 7.5 in. x 45.75 in.) and were placed in 1,829-mm (6-ft) long steel foundation tubes. The downstream timber posts and foundation tubes were part of an anchor system designed to replicate the capacity of a tangent guardrail terminal.

Post nos. 1 through 21 were spaced 1,905 mm (75 in.) on center with a soil embedment depth of 991 mm (39 in.), as shown in Figures 5 and 9. The posts were placed in a compacted coarse, crushed limestone material that met Grading B of AASHTO M147-65 (1990) as found in NCHRP Report No. 350. For post nos. 3 through 19, 152-mm wide x 305-mm deep x 362-mm long (6-in. x 12-in. x 14.25-in.) wood spacer blockouts were used to block the rail away from the front face of the posts.

Standard 2.66-mm (12-gauge) thick by 3.81-m (12.5-ft) long W-beam rail elements rails with

additional post bolt slots at half post spacing were placed between post nos. 3 and 21, as shown in Figures 5 and 7. The terminal end rail section was a 2.66-mm (12-gauge) thick by 5.08-m (16-ft 8-in.) long W-beam rail element with five pairs of 13-mm diameter x 102-mm long (0.5-in. x 4-in.) slots spaced 279 mm (11 in.) apart on the upstream end of the rail, as shown in Figure 6. The W-beam's top rail height was 813 mm (32 in.) with a 657-mm (25.875-in.) center mounting height. The rail splices are positioned at the center of the span location between two posts, as shown in Figures 8. All lap-splice connections between the rail sections were configured to reduce vehicle snag at the splice during the crash test.

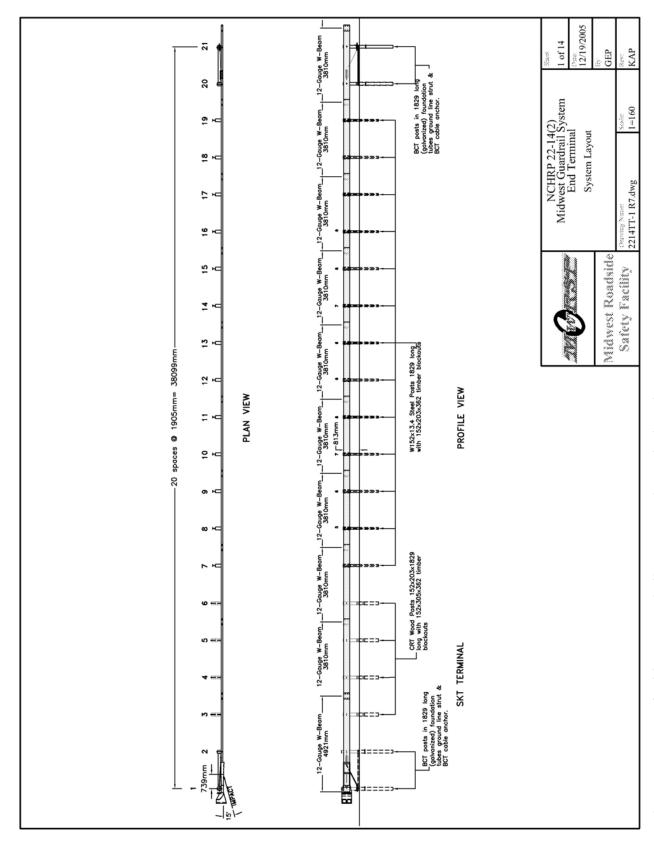


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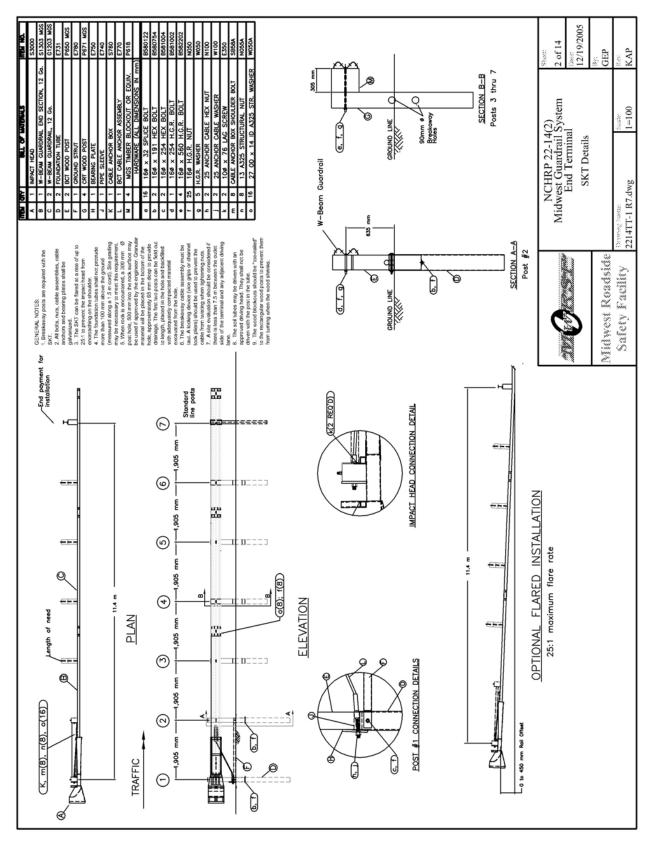


Figure 6. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal - SKT Details

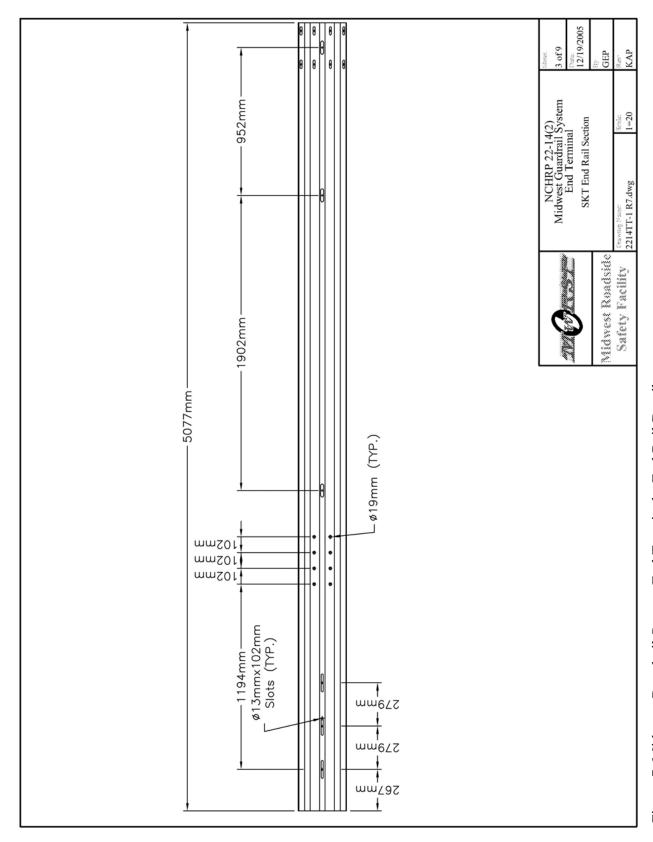


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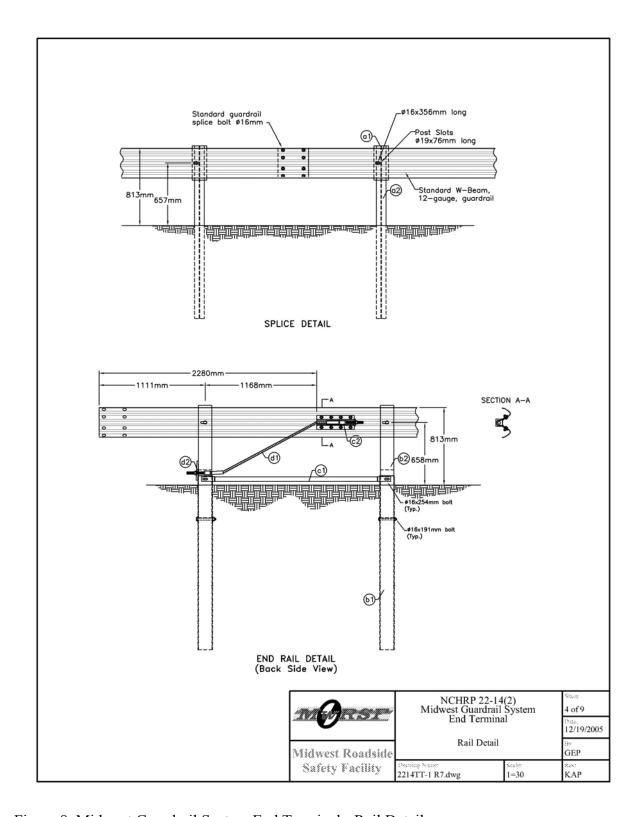


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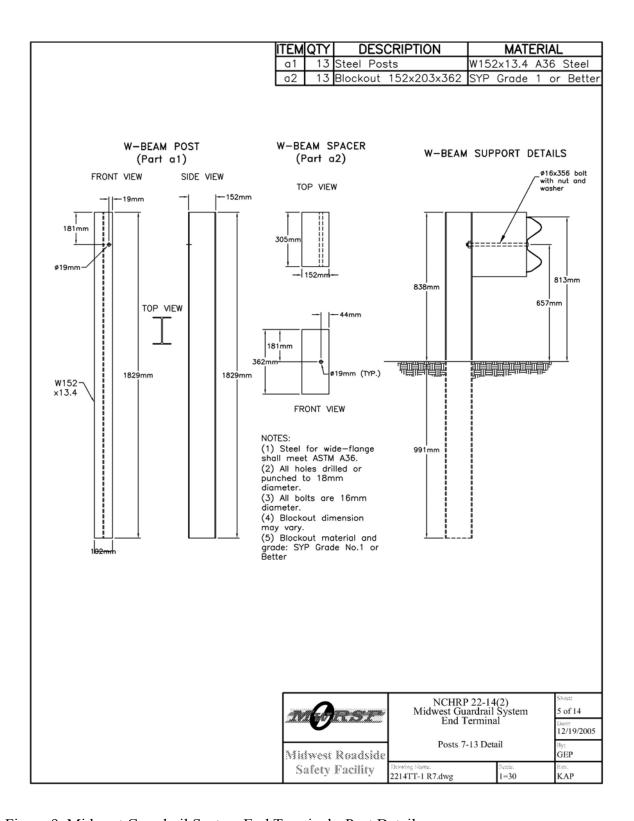


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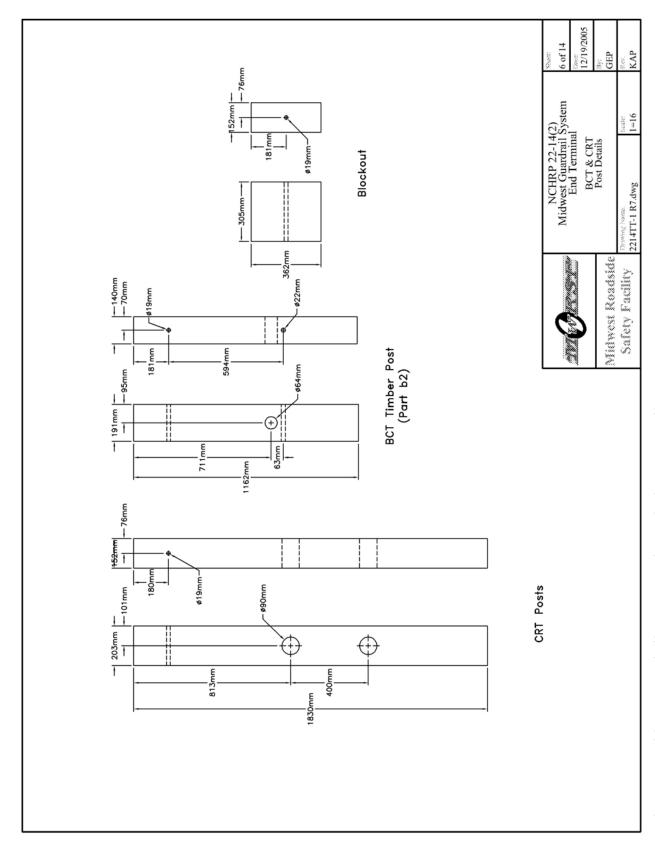


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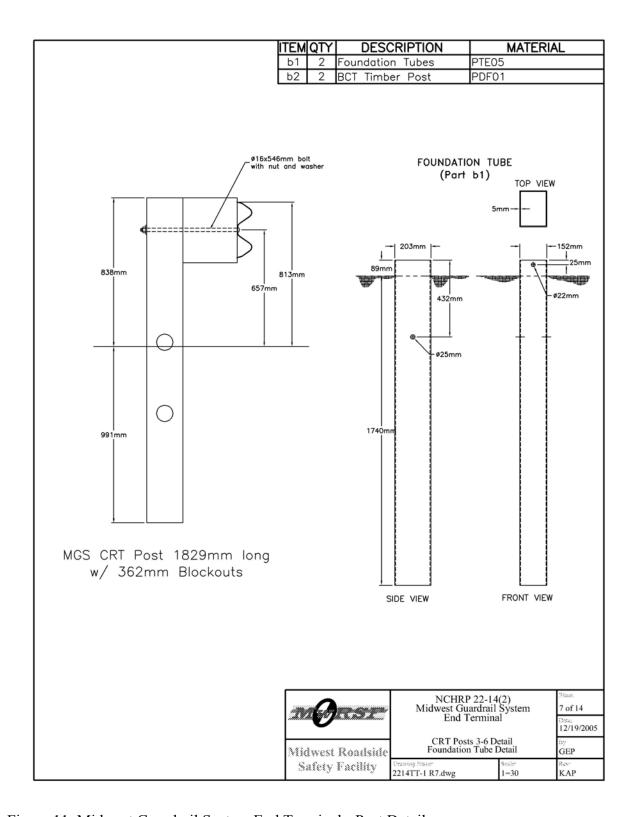


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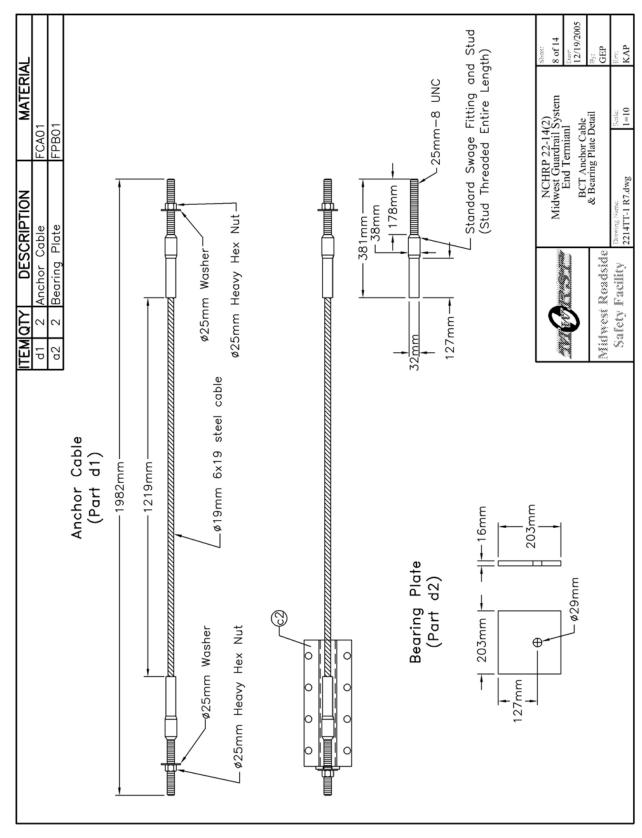


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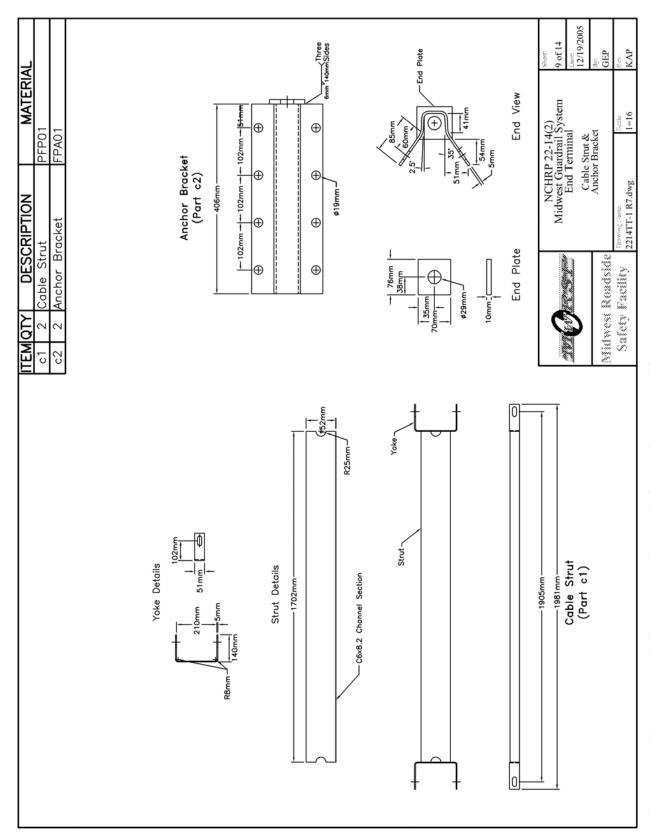


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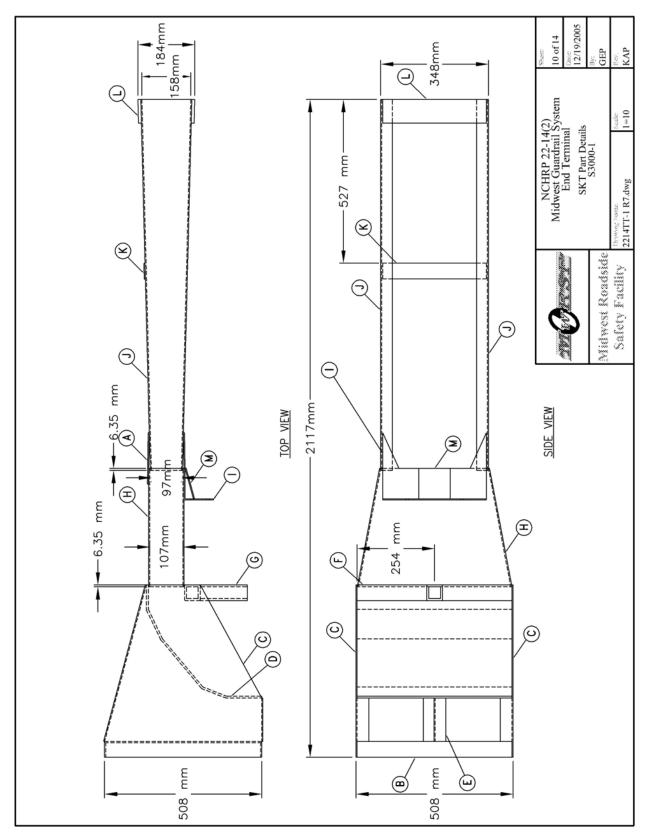


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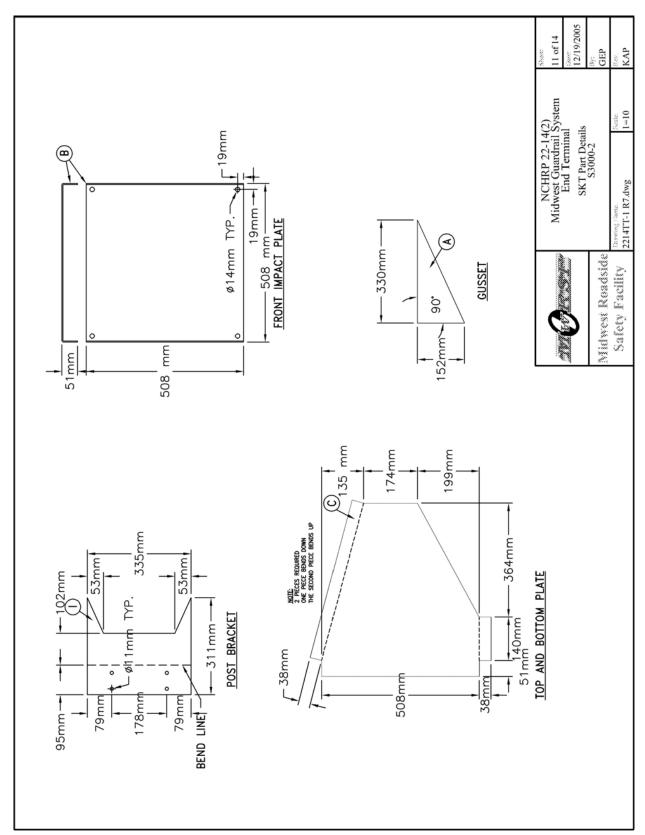


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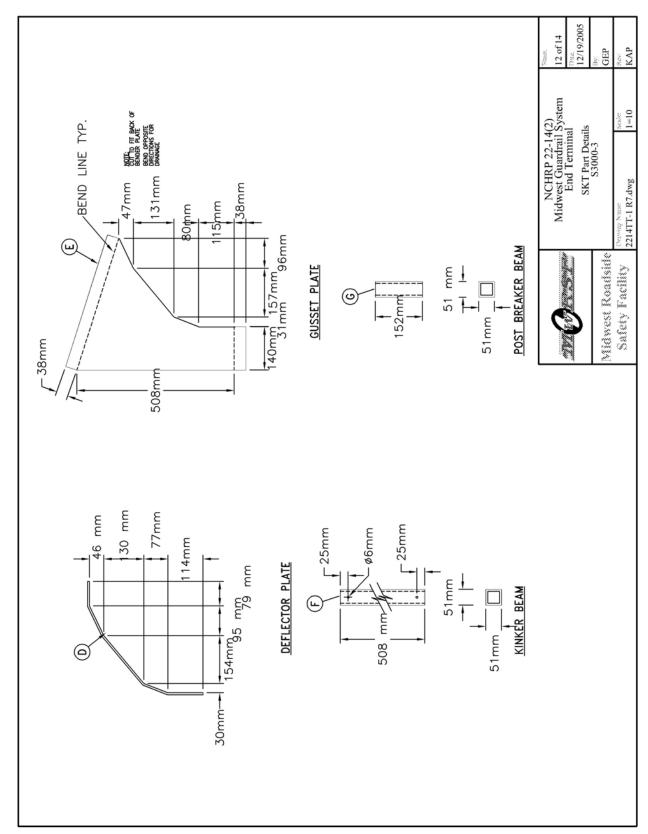


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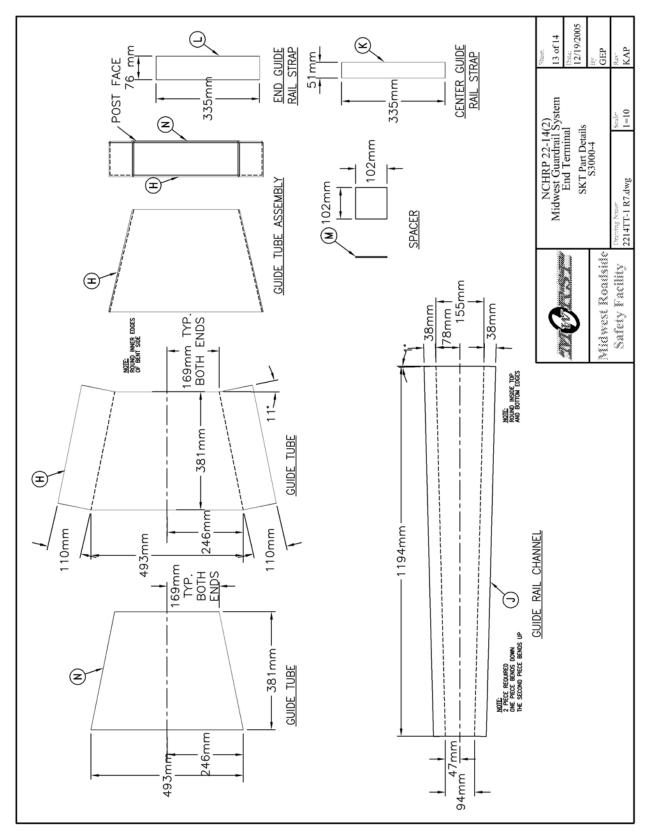


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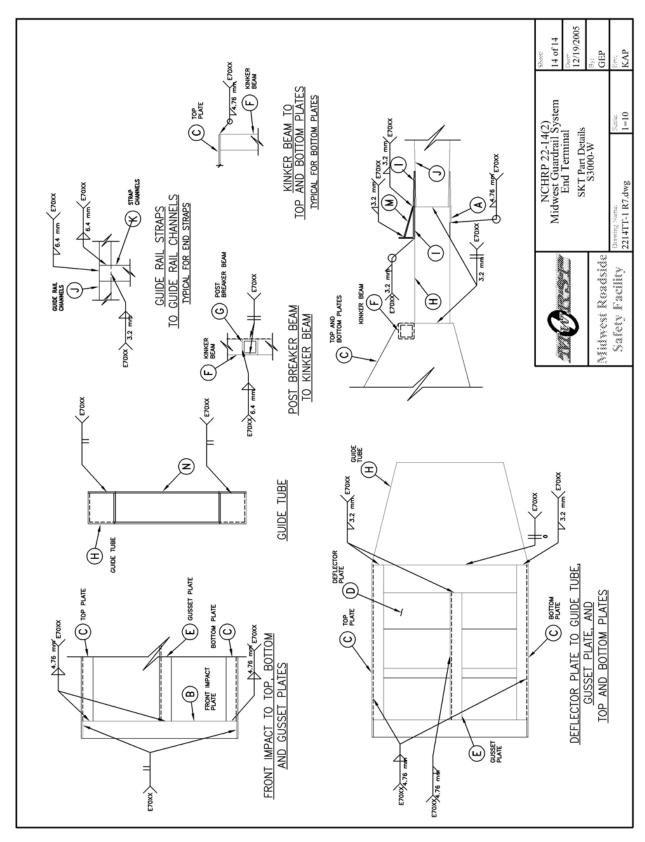


Figure 18. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal - SKT Head Details









Figure 19. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal







Figure 20. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal







Figure 21. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal



Figure 22. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal





Figure 23. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal

#### **5 CRASH TEST**

#### 5.1 Test 2214TT-1

The 1,178-kg (2,596-lb) small car impacted the tangent end terminal system at a speed of 103.6 km/h (64.4 mph) and at an angle of 14.5 degrees. A summary of the test results and sequential photographs are shown in Figure 24. The summary of the test results and sequential photographs in English units are shown in Appendix B. Additional sequential photographs are shown in Figures 25 through 27. Documentary photographs of the crash test are shown in Figures 28 and 29.

# **5.2 Test Description**

Initial vehicle impact was to occur between post nos. 1 and 2, or 734 mm (28.9 in.) downstream from the centerline of post no. 1, as shown in Figure 30. Actual vehicle impact occurred 1,013 mm (39.9 in.) downstream from the centerline of post no. 1. At 0.008 sec after impact, the left-front corner of the vehicle crushed inward toward the engine compartment. At 0.032 sec, the left-front corner of the vehicle was located at post no. 2 as the rail began to deflect. At 0.052 sec, the left-front tire contacted post no. 2. At 0.070 sec, post no. 2 fractured, and the left-front corner of the vehicle was located at the midspan between post nos. 2 and 3. At this same time, post no. 3 deflected backward, and the rail appeared to be on top of the hood. At 0.100 sec, the left-front corner of the vehicle was located at post no. 3 which continued to deflected backwards. At 0.120 sec, post no. 3 fractured. At 0.138 sec, the left-front tire contacted post no. 4. At the same time, the bottom of the left-side mirror was riding along the top of the rail while the left-front corner of the hood protruded under the rail. At 0.174 sec, the vehicle's left-front tire protruded under the rail. At 0.190 sec, post no. 4 fractured while the vehicle redirected. At 0.202 sec, the left-front tire disengaged from the vehicle. At 0.224 sec, the top of the left-side door was ajar. At 0.258 sec, the left-front corner of the

vehicle contacted post no. 5 which twisted downstream. At this same time, the vehicle continued to yaw away from the system as the front bumper encountered significant deformations. At 0.322 sec after impact, the vehicle became parallel to the system with a resultant velocity of 71.2 km/h (44.3 mph). At 0.432 sec, the vehicle exited the system at an angle of 8.8 degrees and a resultant velocity of 69.4 km/h (43.1 mph). The vehicle came to rest 77.08 m (252 ft - 11 in.) downstream from impact and 3.14 m (10 ft - 4 in.) laterally away from the traffic-side face of the guardrail system. The trajectory and final position of the small car are shown in Figures 24 and 31.

# **5.3 Barrier Damage**

Damage to the barrier was moderate, as shown in Figures 32 through 35. Barrier damage consisted of deformed W-beam, fractured and deformed guardrail posts, and contact marks on a guardrail section. The length of vehicle contact along the W-beam guardrail system was approximately 8.4 m (27.5 ft), which spanned from 1,013 mm (39.9 in.) downstream from the centerline of post no. 1 through 1,651 mm (65 in.) downstream from the centerline of post no. 5.

Moderate deformation and flattening of the impacted section of W-beam rail occurred between post nos. 1 and 6. The guardrail buckled significantly at post no. 5 while minor buckling was found between post nos. 6 and 7. Contact marks were found on the guardrail between post nos. 1 and 6. The W-beam was pulled off of post nos. 2 through 4. The W-beam rail sustained yielding around the post bolt slots at post nos. 3 and 4. Wood post nos. 2 through 4 fractured with their blockouts remaining attached to the posts. Wood post nos. 5 and 6 rotated backward slightly but otherwise remained undamaged. Steel post no. 7 encountered slight CCW twist. The downstream end of the impact head was turned backward slightly but post no. 1 remained undamaged.

The permanent set of the barrier system is shown in Figure 32. The maximum lateral

permanent set rail deflection was 584 mm (23 in.) at the centerline of post no. 3, as measured in the field. The maximum lateral dynamic rail deflection was 703 mm (27.7 in.) at the midspan between post nos. 3 and 4, as determined from high-speed digital video analysis. The working width of the system was found to be 1,233 mm (48.5 in.).

## **5.4** Vehicle Damage

Exterior vehicle damage was moderate, as shown in Figures 36 through 39. Occupant compartment deformations to the left side of the floorboard were judged insufficient to cause serious injury to the vehicle occupants, as shown in Figure 39. Maximum longitudinal deflections of 89 mm (3.5 in.) were located near the left-front corner of the left-side floorboard. Maximum lateral deflections of 152 mm (6 in.) were located near the left-front corner of the left-side floorboard. Maximum vertical deflections of 57 mm (2.25 in.) were located near the left center of the left-side floorboard. Complete occupant compartment deformations and the corresponding locations are provided in Appendix C.

Damage was concentrated on the left-front corner of the vehicle. The left side of the front bumper was fractured. The front bumper was pushed back toward the engine compartment. The radiator was pushed back into the engine compartment and buckled at its midpoint. The left-front corner and rear corners of the hood encountered dents and scratches. The left-front quarter panel sheet metal was deformed, torn, and peeled back into the left-front door. The right-front quarter panel encountered minor dents and deformations behind the front tire. The left-front door encountered deformations and sheet metal tears, while the left-rear door was dented and scratched. The entire left side was dented and deformed. The left-side headlight was fractured and detached and the light assembly was shifted toward the right. The left-side door mirror was broken off, but

remained attached by the mechanism wires. The left side of the roof between the front and back doors was dented. The left-front wheel assembly deformed and crushed inward toward the engine compartment. The left-side tire bearing and ball joints were fractured. The left-side steering knuckle and left-front tire disengaged from the rest of the wheel assembly. The rear suspension was damaged. The gear box and numerous underside components were scratched and dented. The windshield encountered minor cracking at the lower-left side of the windshield. All other window glass remained undamaged.

## **5.5 Occupant Risk Values**

The longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities were determined to be 5.44 m/s (17.85 ft/s) and 4.10 m/s (13.45 ft/s), respectively. The maximum 0.010-sec average occupant ridedown decelerations in the longitudinal and lateral directions were 7.53 Gs and 7.09 Gs, respectively. It is noted that the occupant impact velocities (OIVs) and occupant ridedown decelerations (ORDs) were within the suggested limits provided in NCHRP Report No. 350. The THIV and PHD values were determined to be 6.97 m/s (22.87 ft/s) and 8.41 Gs, respectively. The results of the occupant risk, as determined from the accelerometer data, are summarized in Figure 24. Results are shown graphically in Appendix D. The results from the rate transducer are shown graphically in Appendix D.

#### 5.6 Discussion

The analysis of the test results for test no. 2214TT-1 showed that the SKT-MGS tangent end terminal system, impacted with the 1100C vehicle of the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350, adequately contained and redirected the vehicle with controlled lateral displacements of the barrier system. There were no detached elements nor fragments which showed potential for penetrating the

occupant compartment nor presented undue hazard to other traffic. Deformations of, or intrusion into, the occupant compartment that could have caused serious injury did not occur. The test vehicle did not penetrate nor ride over the barrier system and remained upright during and after the collision. Vehicle roll, pitch, and yaw angular displacements were noted, but they were deemed acceptable because they did not adversely influence occupant risk safety criteria nor cause rollover. After collision, the vehicle's trajectory revealed minimum intrusion into adjacent traffic lanes. Therefore, test no. 2214TT-1 conducted on the SKT-MGS tangent end terminal with CRT posts was determined to be acceptable according to the TL-3 safety performance criteria found in the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350.

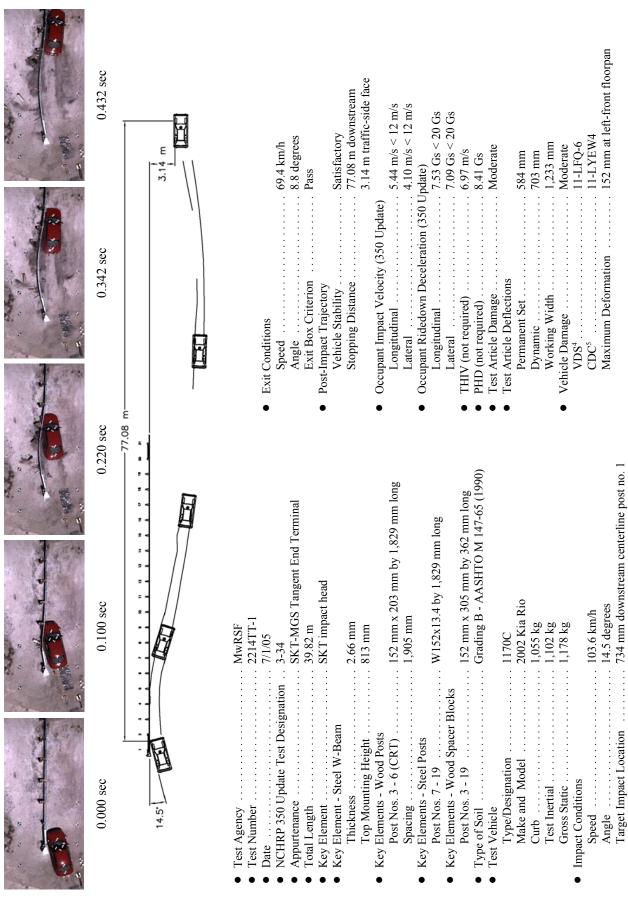


Figure 24. Summary of Test Results and Sequential Photographs, Test 2214TT-1

Actual Impact Location ........ 1,013 mm downstream centerline post no. 1

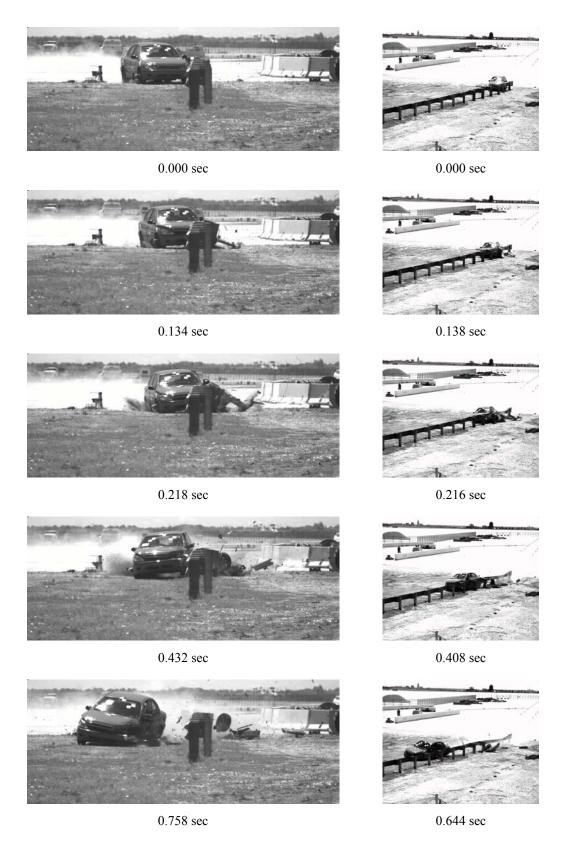


Figure 25. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test 2214TT-1



Figure 26. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test 2214TT-1



Figure 27. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test 2214TT-1













Figure 28. Documentary Photographs, Test 2214TT-1













Figure 29. Documentary Photographs, Test 2214TT-1







Figure 30. Impact Location, Test 2214TT-1





Figure 31. Vehicle Final Position and Trajectory Marks, Test 2214TT-1



Figure 32. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Damage, Test 2214TT-1



Figure 33. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Damage, Test 2214TT-1









Figure 34. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Damage, Test 2214TT-1



Figure 35. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Damage, Test 2214TT-1







Figure 36. Vehicle Damage, Test 2214TT-1







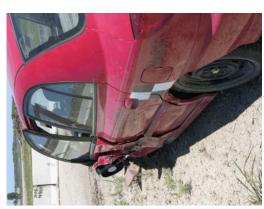


Figure 37. Vehicle Damage, Test 2214TT-1







Figure 38. Vehicle Undercarriage Damage, Test 2214TT-1





Figure 39. Occupant Compartment Damage, Test 2214TT-1

## **6 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

The SKT-MGS tangent end terminal with CRT posts was constructed at the maximum height tolerance and full-scale vehicle crash tested. One full-scale vehicle crash test, using a small car vehicle, was performed on the end terminal system and was determined to be acceptable according to the TL-3 safety performance criteria for test designation 3-34 presented in the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350. A summary of the safety performance evaluation is provided in Table 3.

Table 3. Summary of Safety Performance Evaluation Results

Evaluation Factors	Evaluation Criteria	Test 2214TT-1
Structural Adequacy	A. Test article should contain and redirect the vehicle or bring the vehicle to a controlled stop; the vehicle should not penetrate, underride, or override the installation although controlled lateral deflection of the test article is acceptable.	S
	C. Acceptable test article performance may be by redirection, controlled penetration, or controlled stopping of the vehicle.	S
Occupant Risk	D. Detached elements, fragments or other debris from the test article should not penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present an undue hazard to other traffic, pedestrians, or personnel in a work zone. Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350.	S
	F. The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision.	S
	H. Longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities should fall below the preferred value of 9.0 m/s (29.5 ft/s), or at least below the maximum allowable value of 12.0 m/s (39.4 ft/s).	S
	I. Longitudinal and lateral occupant ridedown accelerations should fall below the preferred value of 15 Gs, or at least below the maximum allowable value of 20.0 Gs.	S
Vehicle Trajectory	N. Vehicle trajectory behind the test article is acceptable.	S

S - Satisfactory M - Marginal U - Unsatisfactory

NA - Not Available

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# **8 APPENDICES**

#### APPENDIX A

## **English-Unit System Drawings**

- Figure A-1. Layout of Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Design (English)
- Figure A-2. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal SKT Details (English)
- Figure A-3. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal End Rail Details (English)
- Figure A-4. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Rail Details (English)
- Figure A-5. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Post Details (English)
- Figure A-6. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Post Details (English)
- Figure A-7. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Post Details (English)
- Figure A-8. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Anchorage Details (English)
- Figure A-9. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Anchorage Details (English)
- Figure A-10. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal SKT Head Details (English)
- Figure A-11. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal SKT Head Details (English)
- Figure A-12. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal SKT Head Details (English)
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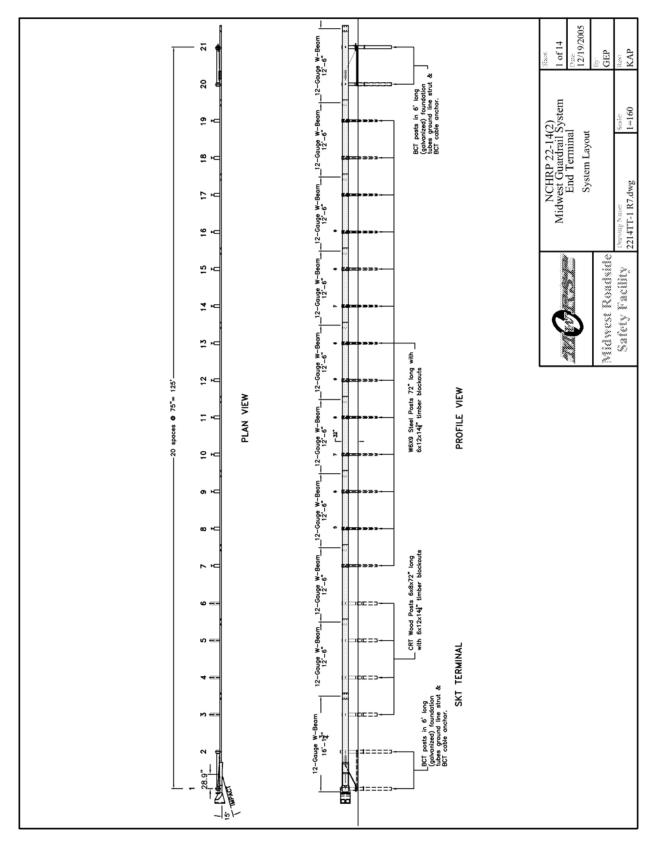


Figure A-1. Layout of Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal Design (English)

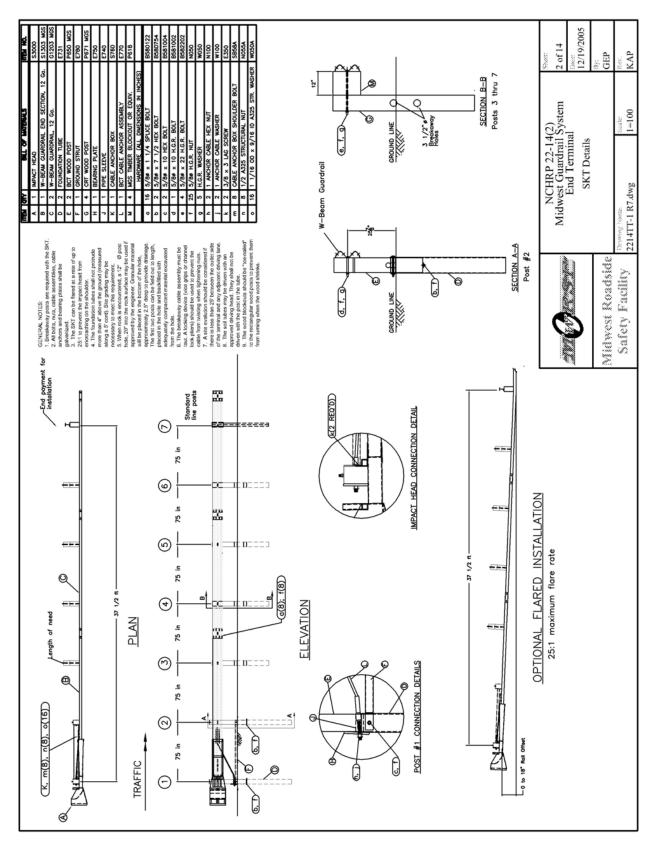


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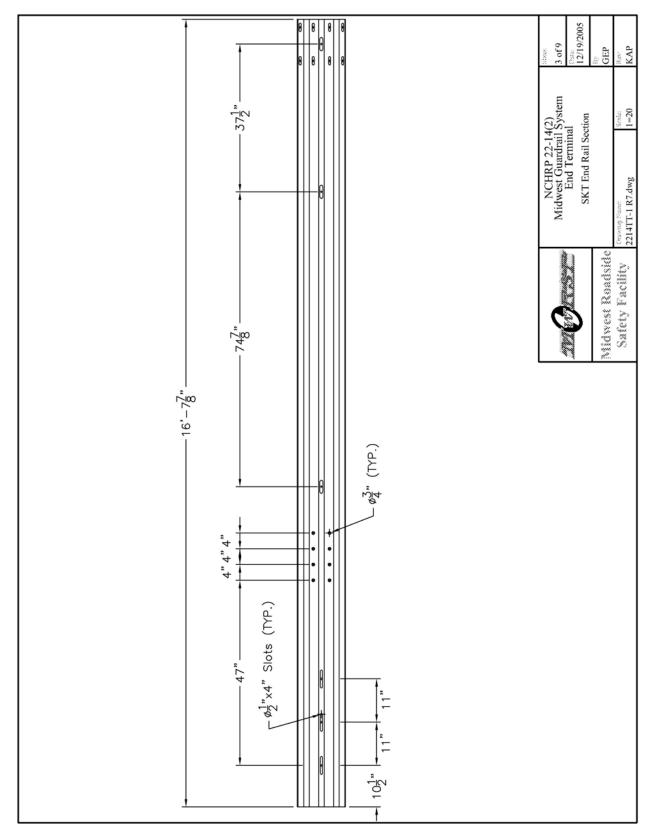


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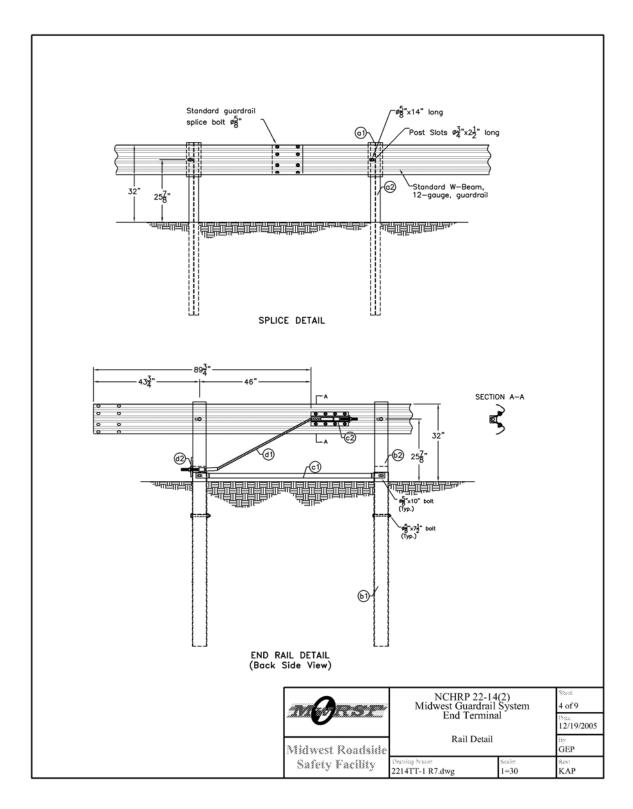


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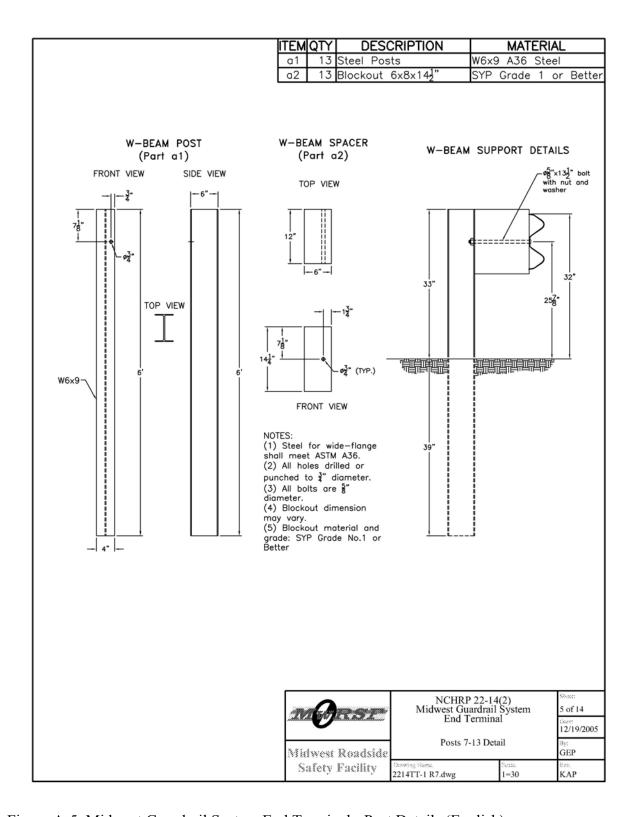


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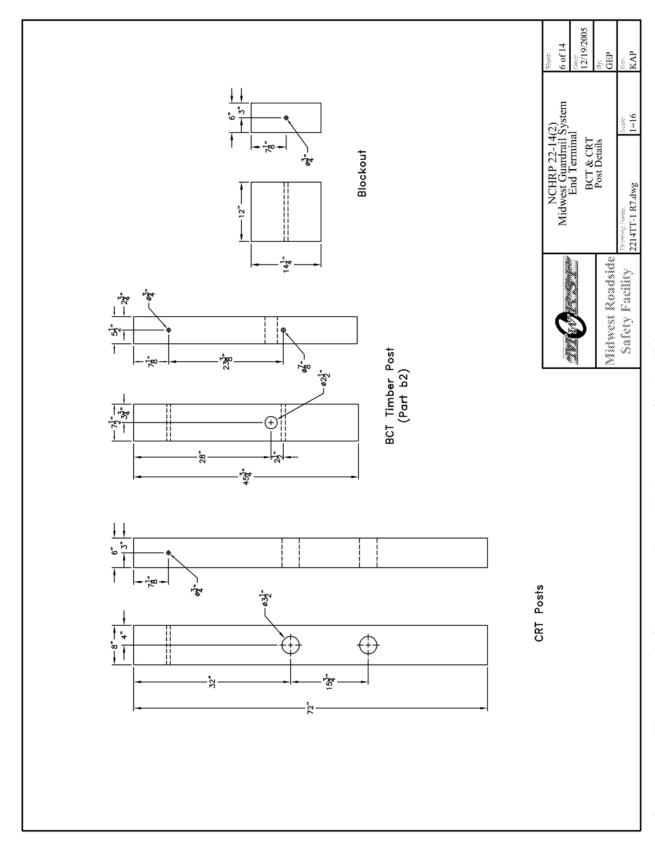


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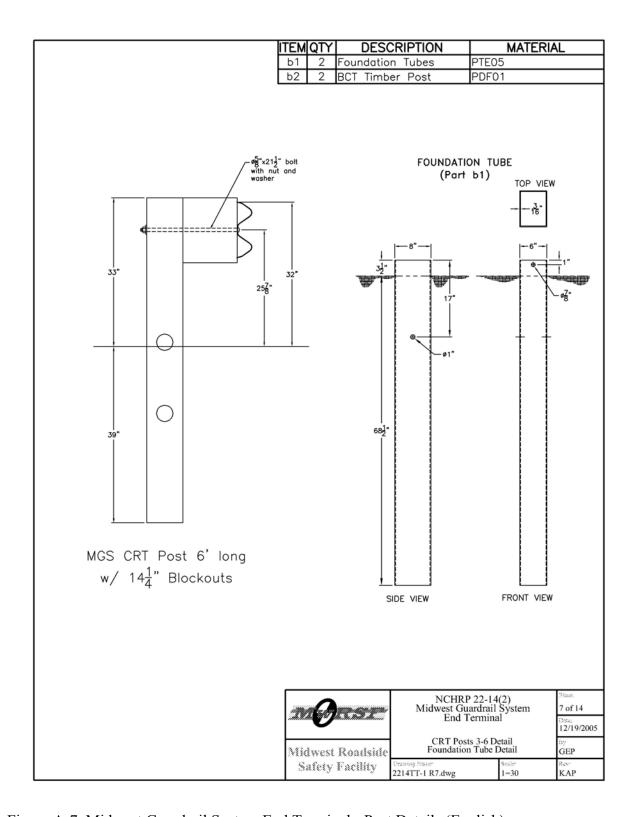


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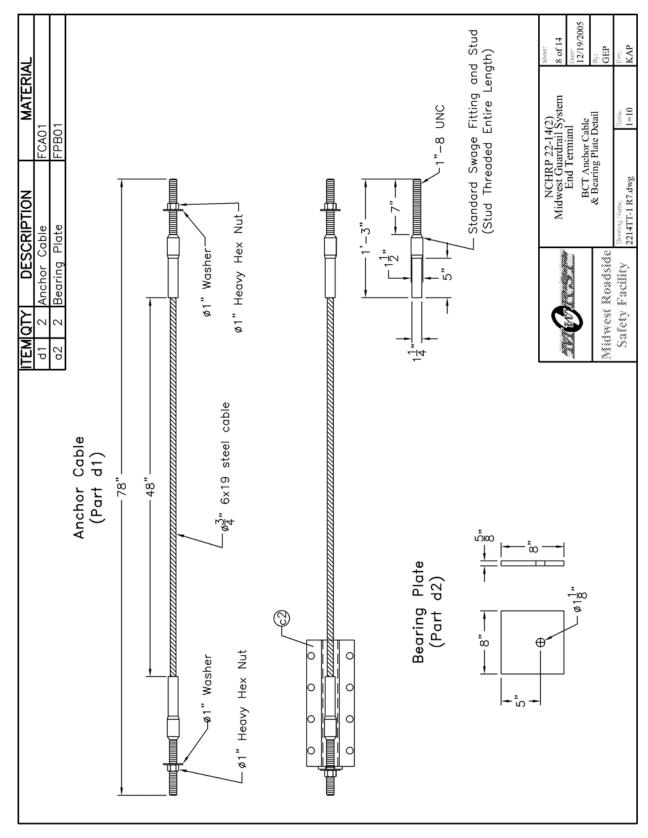


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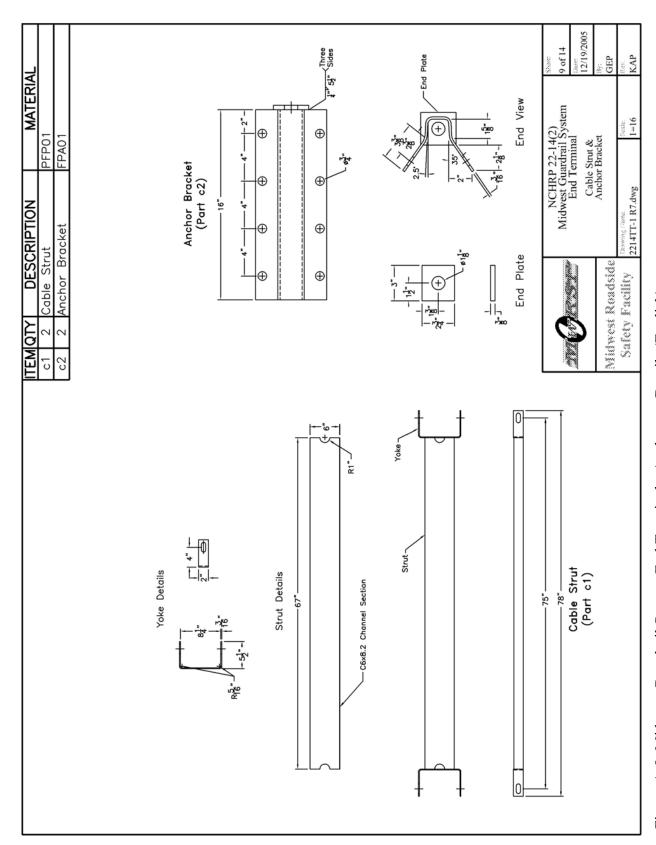


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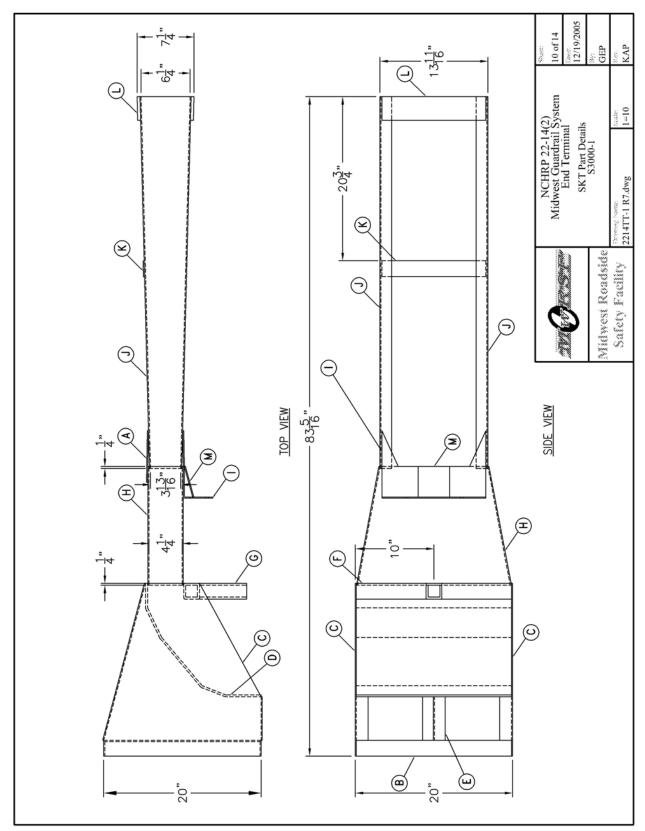


Figure A-10. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal - SKT Head Details (English)

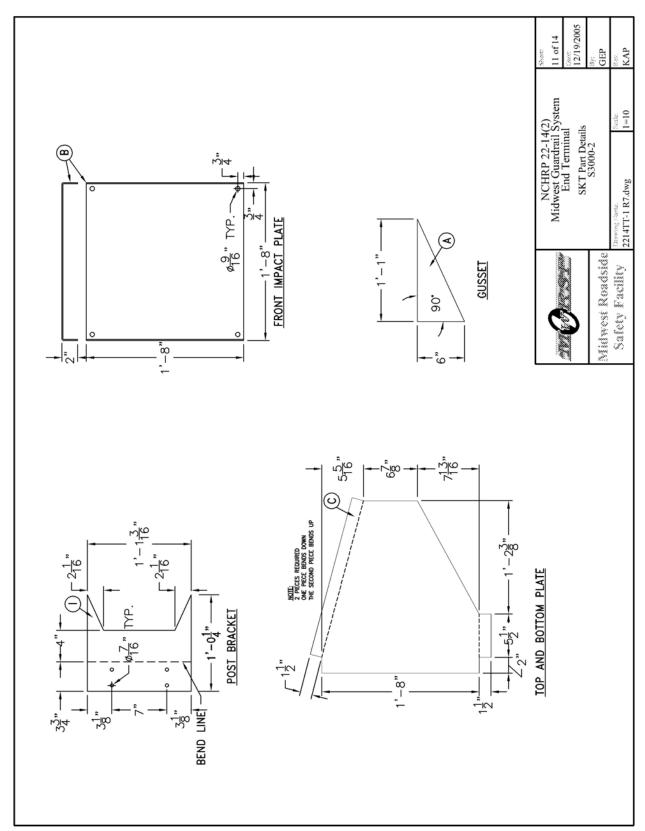


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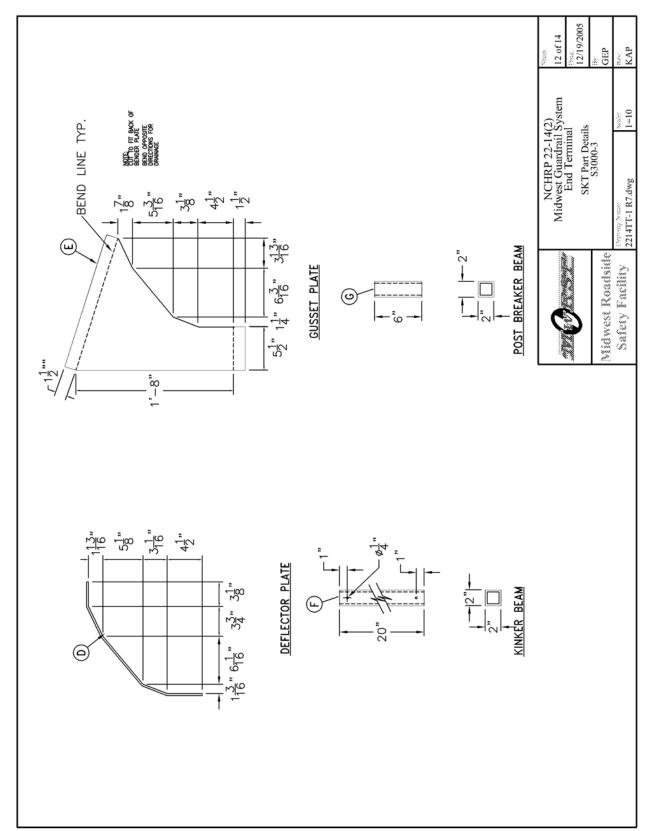


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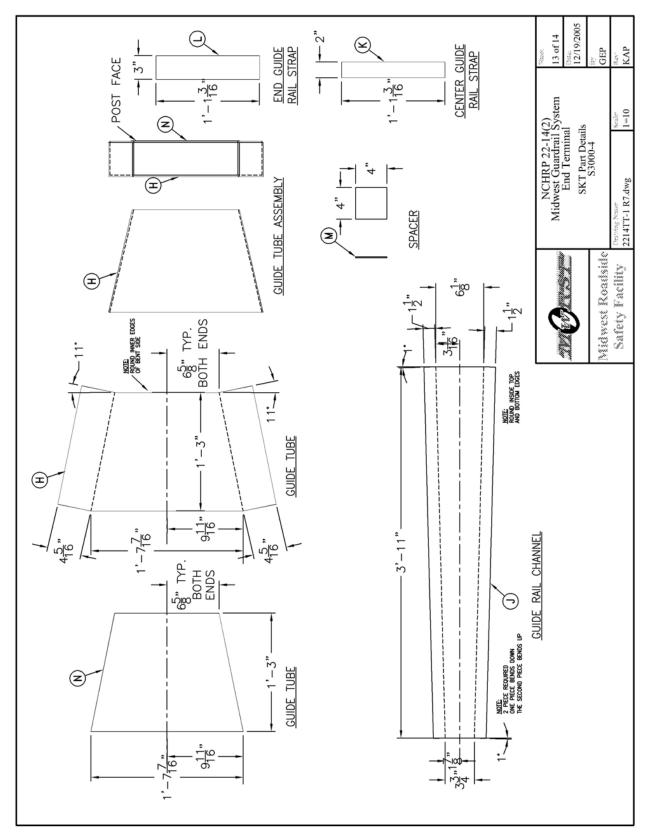


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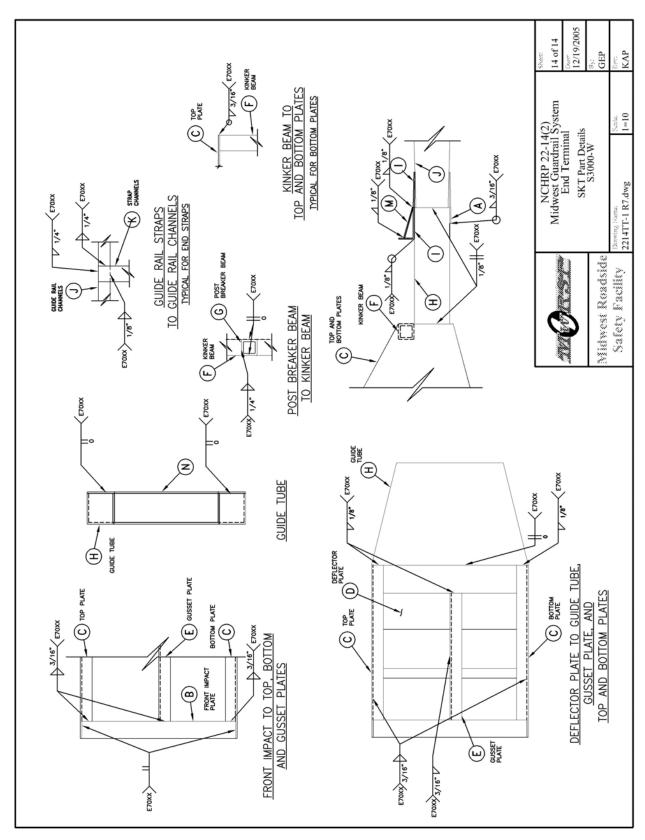


Figure A-14. Midwest Guardrail System End Terminal - SKT Head Details (English)

# APPENDIX B

# **Test Summary Sheet in English Units**

Figure B-1. Summary of Test Results and Sequential Photographs (English), Test 2214TT-1

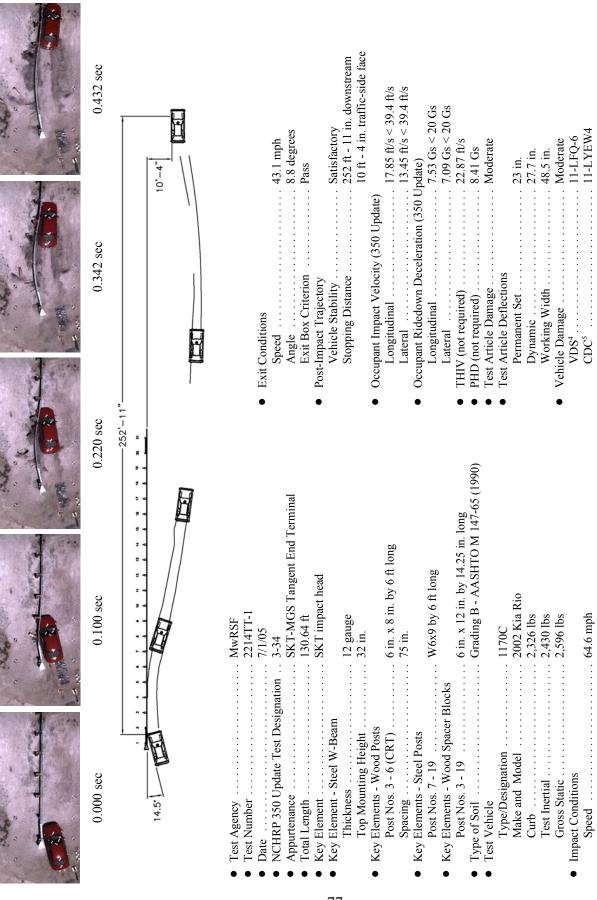


Figure B-1. Summary of Test Results and Sequential Photographs (English), Test 2214TT-1

Target Impact Location ........ 28.9 in. downstream centerline post no. 1 Actual Impact Location ....... 39.9 in. downstream centerline post no. 1

Angle .....14.5 degrees

Speed ..... 64.6 mph

Maximum Deformation ..... 6 in. at left-front floorpan

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## **APPENDIX C**

# **Occupant Compartment Deformation Data, Test 2214TT-1**

- Figure C-1. Occupant Compartment Deformation Data Set 1, Test 2214TT-1
- Figure C-2. Occupant Compartment Deformation Data Set 2, Test 2214TT-1
- Figure C-3. Occupant Compartment Deformation Index (OCDI), Test 2214TT-1
- Figure C-4. NASS Crush Data, Test 2214TT-1

#### VEHICLE PRE/POST CRUSH INFO Set-1

TEST: 2214TT-1 VEHICLE: 02 KIA RIO SEDAN Note: If impact is on driver side need to enter negative number for Y

POINT	Х	Υ	Z	X'	Y'	Z'	DEL X	DEL Y	DEL Z
1	23	-18.75	2.25	19.5	-12.75	0.5	-3.5	6	-1.75
2	24.5	-14.25	3	23.5	-11.75	2.5	-1	2.5	-0.5
3	26	-8.75	2.75	26	-8.75	3.25	0	0	0.5
4	25.75	-5.5	2.5	25.75	-5.5	2.75	0	0	0.25
5	25.75	-1	2.5	25.75	-1.25	2.75	0	-0.25	0.25
6	18.5	-18.25	6.75	NA	NA		NA	NA	-6.75
7	19	-14	6.25	18.5	-11.5	4	-0.5	2.5	-2.25
8	20	-8.25	5.5	20.25	-8.75	5.75	0.25	-0.5	0.25
9	20	-4.5	5.5	20.25	-5	6	0.25	-0.5	0.5
10	20.5	-1	5.25	20.5	-1	5.25	0	0	0
11	14.25	-18.75	6.75	12.5	-15.75	5	-1.75	3	-1.75
12	14.5	-14	6.25	14.5	-13.75	6.75	0	0.25	0.5
13	14.5	-8.5	5.5	14.75	-8.75	5.75	0.25	-0.25	0.25
14	14.75	-4.25	5.25	14.75	-4.25	5.5	0	0	0.25
15	15	-0.5	4.75	15	-0.5	4.25	0	0	-0.5
16	10.75	-19	6.5	9.5	-16.75	4.75	-1.25	2.25	-1.75
17	10.5	-14	6	10.5	-14	6.75	0	0	0.75
18	11	-8.5	5.25	11	-8.5	5.5	0	0	0.25
19	11	-4.25	5	11	-4.25	5.25	0	0	0.25
20	11.25	-0.25	4.5	11.25	-0.25	4.25	0	0	-0.25
21	7.75	-18.5	6.5	7.25	-18	6.25	-0.5	0.5	-0.25
22	7.75	-13.75	6	7.75	-14	6.5	0	-0.25	0.5
23	8.25	-8.5	5	8.25	-8.5	5.5	0	0	0.5
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25	8	-0.25	4.5	8.25	-0.25	4.5	0.25	0	0
26	3.25	-15.5	6	3.25	-15.5	6.5	0	0	0.5
27	4	-8.75	4.75	4	-8.75	5.25	0	0	0.5
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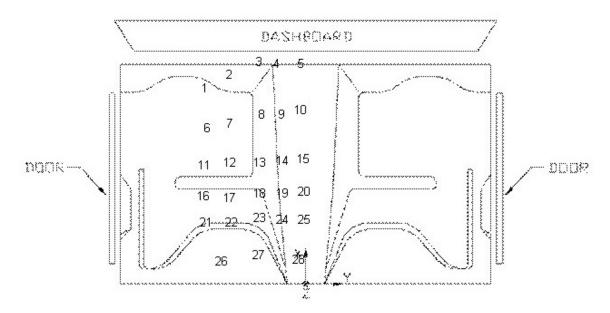


Figure C-1. Occupant Compartment Deformation Data - Set 1, Test 2214TT-1

Set-2

TEST: 2214TT-1 VEHICLE: 02 KIA RIO SEDAN Note: If impact is on driver side need to enter negative number for Y

POINT	Х	Υ	Z	X'	Y'	Z'	DEL X	DEL Y	DEL Z
1	29.75	NA	-0.5	26	NA	1.25	-3.75	NA	1.75
2	31.25	NA	-1	30	NA	-1.25	-1.25	NA	-0.25
3	32.75	NA	-1.25	32.25	NA	-2	-0.5	NA	-0.75
4	32.5	NA	-1.25	32.25	NA	-1.75	-0.25	NA	-0.5
5	32.5	NA	-1	32.25	NA	-1.5	-0.25	NA	-0.5
6	25.25	NA	-5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
7	25.75	NA	-4.5	25.25	NA	-3	-0.5	NA	1.5
8	26.75	NA	-4	27	NA	-4.5	0.25	NA	-0.5
9	26.75	NA	-4.25	27.25	NA	-5	0.5	NA	-0.75
10	27.25	NA	-4	27.75	NA	-4.75	0.5	NA	-0.75
11	21	NA	-5.25	19.75	NA	-3.75	-1.25	NA	1.5
12	21.25	NA	-4.75	21.5	NA	-5.25	0.25	NA	-0.5
13	21.25	NA	-4.25	21.5	NA	-4.75	0.25	NA	-0.5
14	21.5	NA	-4.25	22	NA	-4.75	0.5	NA	-0.5
15	21.75	NA	-4	22.25	NA	-4.5	0.5	NA	-0.5
16	17.5	NA	-5	16.5	NA	-3.75	-1	NA	1.25
17	17.25	NA	-4.75	18	NA	-5.75	0.75	NA	-1
18	17.75	NA	-4.25	18	NA	-4.75	0.25	NA	-0.5
19	17.75	NA	-4.25	18.25	NA	-4.75	0.5	NA	-0.5
20	18	NA	-4	18.5	NA	-4.25	0.5	NA	-0.25
21	14.5	NA	-5	14.5	NA	-5.25	0	NA	-0.25
22	14.5	NA	-4.75	15.25	NA	-5.5	0.75	NA	-0.75
23	15	NA	-4	15.25	NA	-4.5	0.25	NA	-0.5
24	14.75	NA	-4.25	15.5	NA	-4.5	0.75	NA	-0.25
25	14.75	NA	-4	15.25	NA	-4.25	0.5	NA	-0.25
26	10	NA	-5	11.25	NA	-5.5	1.25	NA	-0.5
27	10.75	NA	-4	11	NA	-4.5	0.25	NA	-0.5
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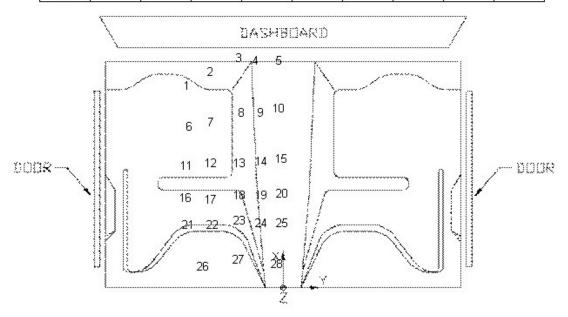


Figure C-2. Occupant Compartment Deformation Data - Set 2, Test 2214TT-1

#### Occupant Compartment Deformation Index (OCDI)

Test No. 2214TT-1 Vehicle Type: 1100C

#### OCDI = XXABCDEFGHI

XX = location of occupant compartment deformation

A = distance between the dashboard and a reference point at the rear of the occupant compartment, such as the top of the rear seat or the rear of the cab on a pickup

B = distance between the roof and the floor panel

C = distance between a reference point at the rear of the occupant compartment and the motor panel

D = distance between the lower dashboard and the floor panel

E = interior width

F = distance between the lower edge of right window and the upper edge of left window

G = distance between the lower edge of left window and the upper edge of right window

H= distance between bottom front corner and top rear corner of the passenger side window

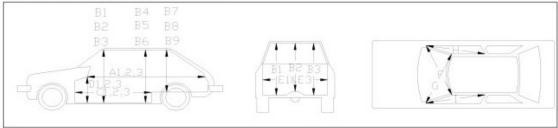
I= distance between bottom front corner and top rear corner of the driver side window

#### Severity Indices

0 - if the reduction is less than 3%

1 - if the reduction is greater than 3% and less than or equal to 10 %

2 - if the reduction is greater than 10% and less than or equal to 20% 3 - if the reduction is greater than 20% and less than or equal to 30% 4 - if the reduction is greater than 30% and less than or equal to 40%



where, 1 = Passenger Side 2 = Middle 3 = Driver Side

### Location:

Measurement	Pre-Test (in.)	Post-Test (in.)	Change (in.)	% Difference	Severity Index
A1	44.50	44.00	-0.50	-1.12	0
A2	45.00	44.75	-0.25	-0.56	0
A3	45.25	45.25	0.00	0.00	0
B1	40.75	41.50	0.75	1.84	0
B2	37.75	37.75	0.00	0.00	0
B3	40.75	40.75	0.00	0.00	0
C1	59.25	58.75	-0.50	-0.84	0
C2	57.50	57.50	0.00	0.00	0
C3	53.25	53.25	0.00	0.00	0
D1	19.75	19.00	-0.75	-3.80	1
D2	22.50	22.50	0.00	0.00	0
D3	21.25	21.25	0.00	0.00	0
E1	51.75	49.75	-2.00	-3.86	1
E3	50.75	51.00	0.25	0.49	0
F	48.50	49.00	0.50	1.03	0
G	48.00	47.50	-0.50	-1.04	0
H	38.00	38.00	0.00	0.00	0
1	38.00	37.00	-1.00	-2.63	0

|Note: Maximum sevrity index for each variable (A-I) is used for determination of final OCDI value

XX A B C D E F G H I LF 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 Final OCDI:

Figure C-3. Occupant Compartment Deformation Index (OCDI), Test 2214TT-1

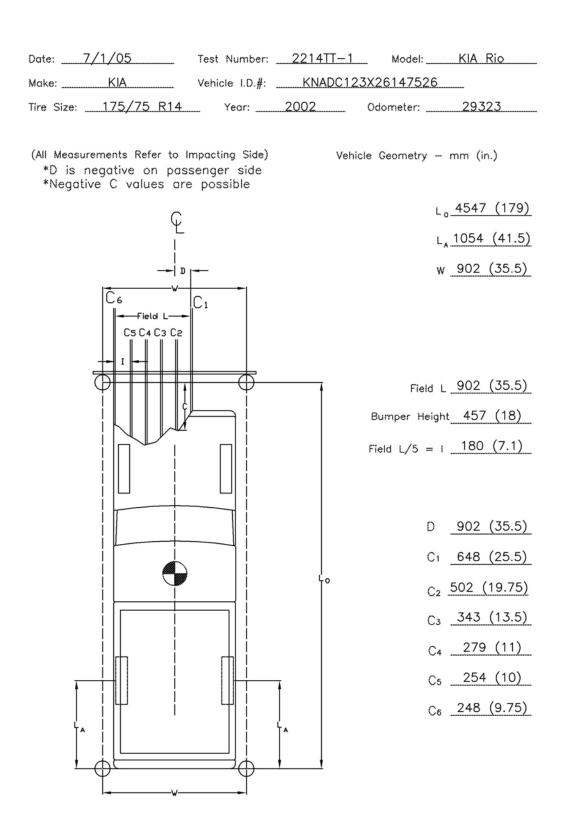


Figure C-4. NASS Crush Data, Test 2214TT-1

### APPENDIX D

## Accelerometer and Rate Transducer Data Analysis, Test 2214TT-1

- Figure D-1. Graph of Longitudinal Deceleration, Test 2214TT-1
- Figure D-2. Graph of Longitudinal Occupant Impact Velocity, Test 2214TT-1
- Figure D-3. Graph of Longitudinal Occupant Displacement, Test 2214TT-1
- Figure D-4. Graph of Lateral Deceleration, Test 2214TT-1
- Figure D-5. Graph of Lateral Occupant Impact Velocity, Test 2214TT-1
- Figure D-6. Graph of Lateral Occupant Displacement, Test 2214TT-1
- Figure D-7. Graph of Roll, Pitch, and Yaw Angular Displacements, Test 2214TT-1

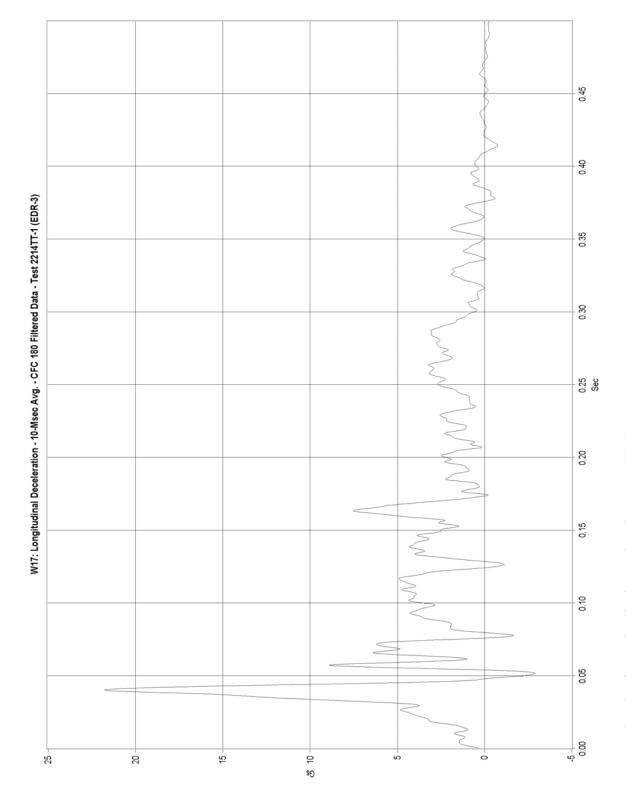


Figure D-1. Graph of Longitudinal Deceleration, Test 2214TT-1

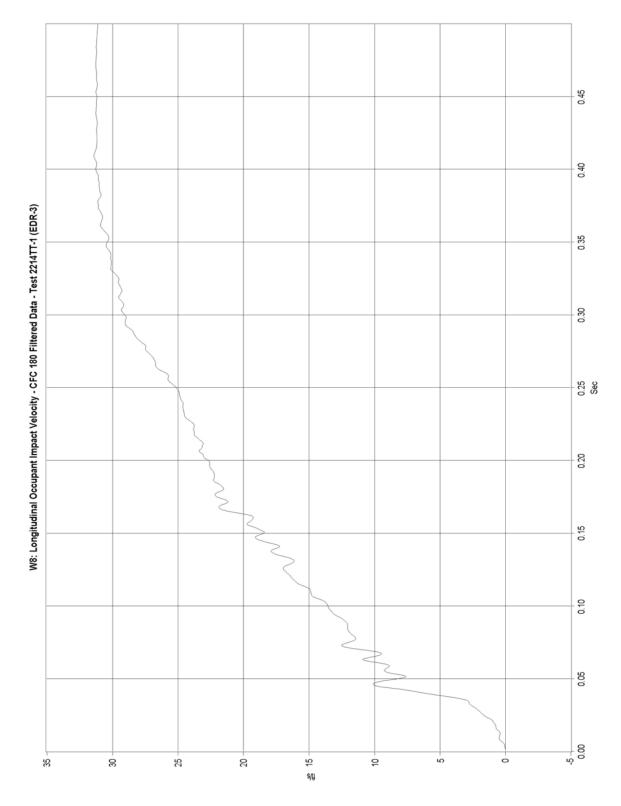


Figure D-2. Graph of Longitudinal Occupant Impact Velocity, Test 2214TT-1

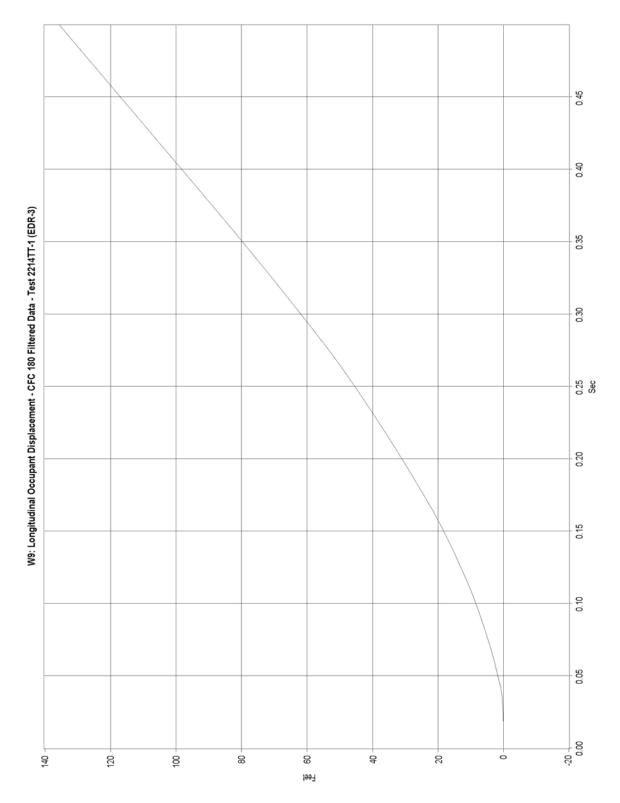


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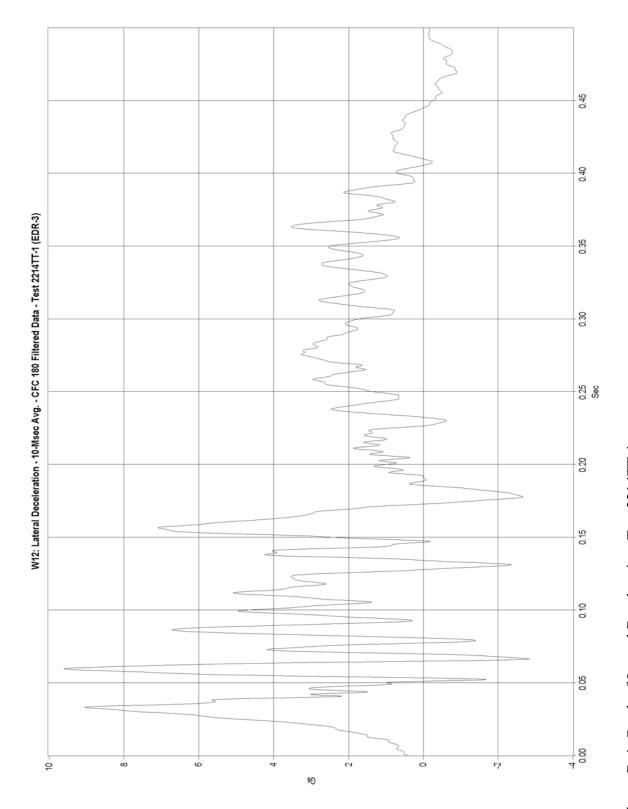


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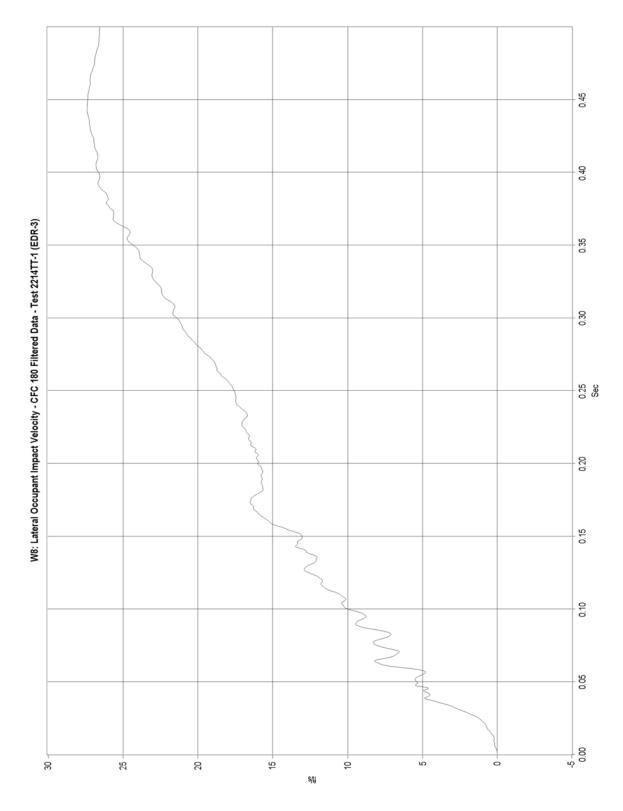


Figure D-5. Graph of Lateral Occupant Impact Velocity, Test 2214TT-1

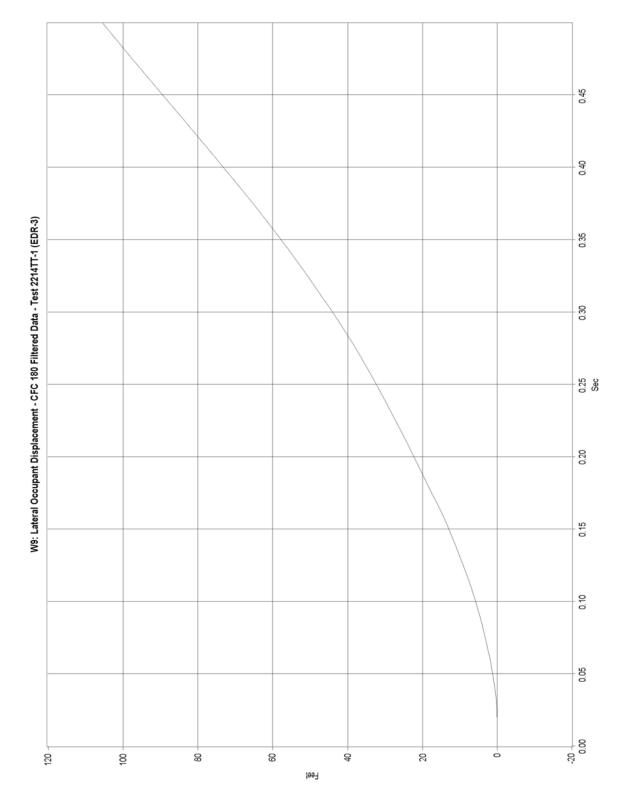


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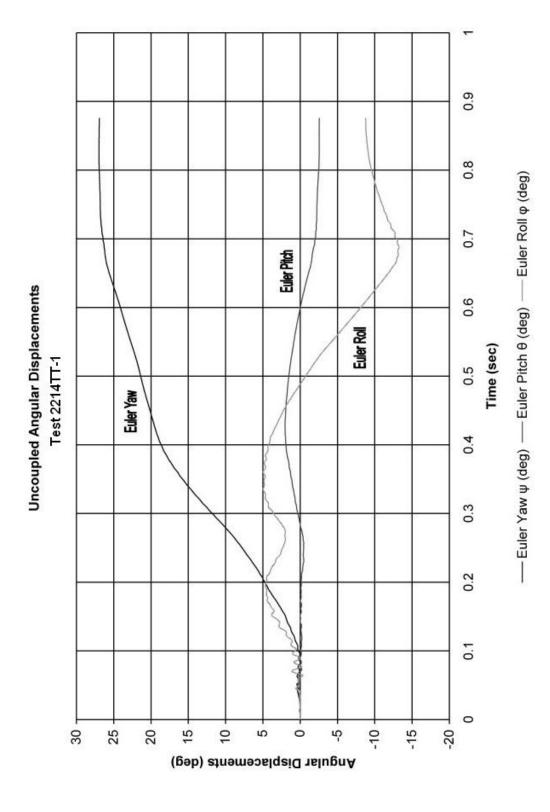


Figure D-7. Graph of Roll, Pitch, and Yaw Angular Displacements, Test 2214TT-1