

INTENDED USE

The New Jersey shape median barrier is one of the most popular and versatile barrier systems in use in the United States. SGM-11a is a Test Level 4 barrier, and SGM-11b is a Test Level 5 barrier.

Four ½-in. [15 mm] reinforcement bars are shown, but other sizes, numbers and arrangements of reinforcement are commonly used with apparent success by the States. The upper longitudinal reinforcement does not provide flexural strength since they lie on the neutral axis. These bars are intended to prevent large pieces of the barrier breaking off and falling into the traveled way in a severe collision. Some states allow the use of 6x6 W2.9xW2.9 [150x150 W18xW18] welded wire fabric in place of the longitudinal bars. Additional flexural reinforcement will increase the strength of the barrier in severe collisions. A 10-ft [3-m] long, 10-inch [250-mm] deep reinforced anchor footing should be provided at both ends to properly secure the barrier. Other common methods of supporting this barrier include setting the barrier in a continuous keyed foundation or dowelling the barrier to a foundation. Many States use a top-width of 8 in. [200 mm] to accommodate barrier-mounted signs and luminaires. This barrier may be cast-in-place, slip-formed, or pre-cast. Open joints should be provided at least every 200 ft [60 m], although 20 ft [6 m] is more common.

COMPONENTS

Concrete shall develop a minimum 28-day strength of 4500 psi [30 MPa] as specified in AASHTO M 85 (ASTM C 150) for Type II concrete. Reinforcing steel shall be Grade 60 [400] and shall conform to either of the following:

(a) Epoxy-coated deformed bars as specified in AASHTO M 284/M 284M (ASTM D 3963).

(b) AASHTO M 31 (ASTM A 615) [AASHTO M 31M (ASTM A 615M)] deformed and plain billet steel reinforcing bars for use with calcium nitrite corrosion inhibitor (30% calcium nitrite solution).

APPROVALS

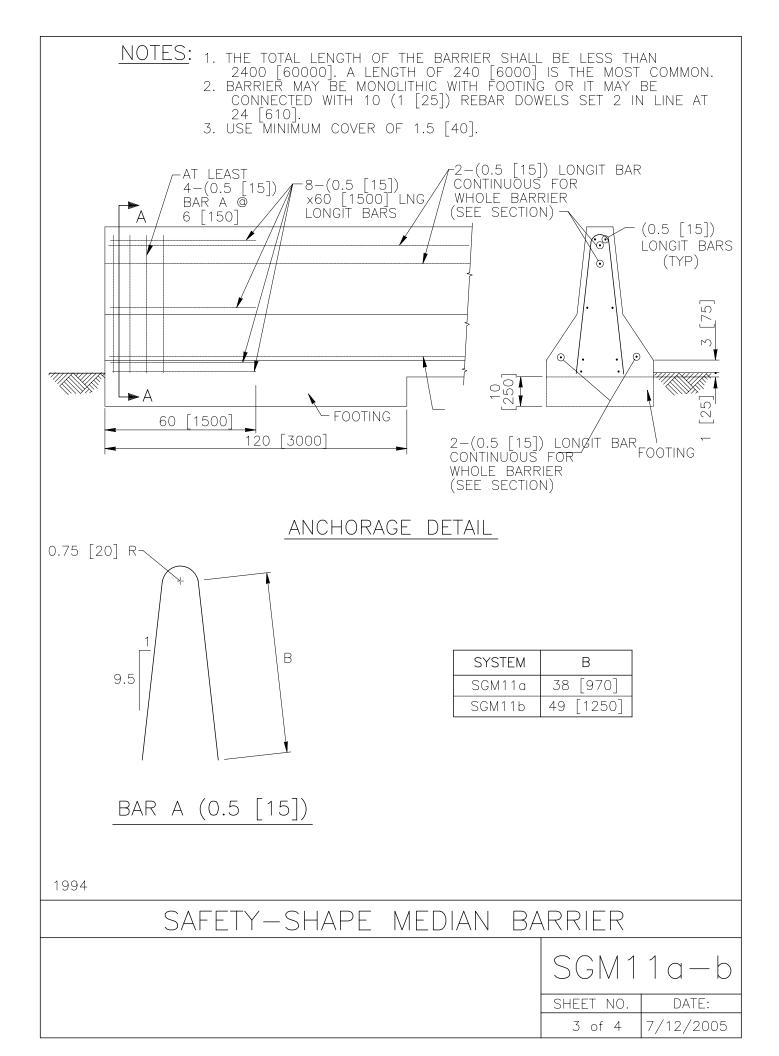
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