

# MIDWEST GUARDRAIL SYSTEM WITH STANDARD POST SPACING



#### **INTENDED USE**

Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) with standard post spacing should be used in locations where a maximum dynamic deflection of 43 1/16" [1094] or less is acceptable and where a working width of 49" [1245] is provided. MGS should be anchored and terminated using a suitable guardrail end treatment that is approved with a 31" [787] top mounting height. MGS can be used with wide-flange steel posts (PWE06) or timber posts (PDE02). Guardrail sections measuring 300" [7620] long can be used in lieu of the 150" [3810] long sections. This system is TL-3 NCHRP 350 and MASH accepted.

#### COMPONENTS

Unit Length = 150" [3810]

DESIGNATOR	COMPONENT	System	Number
FBB01	Guardrail splice bolts and nuts	a-c	8
FBB06	Guardrail post bolts and nuts	a	2
FBB07	Guardrail post bolts and nuts	b-c	2
FWC16a	Round washer	b-c	2
PDB10	MGS timber blockout	a	2
PDB11	MGS timber blockout	b-c	2
PDE02	Timber guardrail post	b	2
PWE06	Wide-flange guardrail post	a	2
RWM04a	W-beam Rail	a-c	1
	16D nail, galvanized	a-c	2
PDE20	White Pine guardrail post	c	2

#### ACCEPTANCE

FHWA Acceptance Letter <u>B-133</u>, March 1, 2005. FHWA Acceptance Letter <u>B-212</u>, June, 2011.

FHWA Acceptance Letter for white pine post will be pursued according to the TL-3 MASH performance criteria.

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