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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (MwRSF) has utilized dynamic post testing during design phases of many projects. The dynamic post testing is located among many different research reports and is presented in different formats. Since previous research and development efforts have proven to be very helpful in other projects, there is a need to compile this extensive amount of data available to allow MwRSF researchers to easily utilize the data in order to compare the performance characteristics of different posts. Thus, creating a database from the existing dynamic post testing data is necessary.

1.2 Objective

The objective of this research study was to compile a database of existing dynamic post testing conducted globally and located in many different research reports for MwRSF use internally during future research studies.

1.3 Scope

The primary research objective was achieved through the completion of several tasks. First, the research effort will begin with a review of previous dynamic post testing conducted globally. During the literature review of dynamic tests, a database will be developed in order to compare the performance characteristics of different post types. Finally, the performance evaluation of the posts will be used during the concept development phase for a short-radius system for intersecting roadways.
2 DATABASE CREATION

2.1 Literature Review

Over 70 reports that contained information on component testing that included a post were reviewed. These reports included those written or published by the researchers of MwRSF as well as reports published by external researchers [1-75].

2.2 Database Compilation

A database was created from the information gathered from the reports. Pull down menus were used within the database for some categories in order to help with consistency of the information reported. The information gathered included:

- General system category
- Publication year
- Report number
- Was a blockout used?
- General material of the post
- Post size
- Post material specification
- Was a soil plate used?
- Impact angle (0 degree = weak axis impact, 90 degree = strong axis impact)
- Type of test
- Test name(s)
- Test year
- Test month(s)
- Foundation type
- Soil type
- Load height in inches and millimeters
- Primary and secondary post lengths in inches and millimeters (primary is the first or only post impacted, secondary is the second post impacted if present)
- Primary and secondary post embedment depths in inches and millimeters (primary is the first or only post impacted, secondary is the second post impacted if present)
- Bogie number
- Accelerometer(s) used – sometimes multiple units were used
- Title of the report
- Names of the report authors
- Keywords (typically taken from the Technical Documentation Page in the report)
- Additional information deemed pertinent from the report
- Reason for testing
• Full-report reference
• Location of the reference within MwRSF

2.3 Final Product

Excerpts from the database are shown in Figures 2 through 2. This database will be a living document that will be updated periodically with new post testing that has occurred both internally at MwRSF and externally at other crash test laboratories.
## Post Testing

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