

## ORIGINATION FORM

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### SPECIFICATION TITLE: SECTION 536 GUARDRAIL

Specification Section, Article, or Subarticle Number: 536

Why does the existing language need to be changed? To provide information requirements for the submittal of QPL applications.

Summary of the changes: Added the requirements for materials to be obtained from the list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs; modified Composite Offset Block testing and dimensions; and modified requirements for End Anchorage Assemblies.

Are these changes applicable to all Department jobs? Yes  
If not, what are the restrictions?

Will these changes result in an increase or decrease in project costs? No change. This clarifies requirements and brings them in to line with current approvals of existing products.

If yes, what is the estimated change in costs?

With who have you discussed these changes? Roadway Design, Construction, and Specifications.

What other offices will be impacted by these changes? N/A

Are changes needed to the PPM, Design Standards, SDG, CPAM or other manual? Yes, Design Standards.

Is a Design Bulletin, Construction Memo, or Estimates Bulletin needed? No

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 11, 2013  
**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List  
**FROM:** Daniel Scheer, P.E., State Specifications Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Specification: **5360000 Guardrail.**

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed specification change.

This change was proposed by Karen Byram, Specification and Estimates Office to add the requirements for materials to be obtained from the list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs; modified Composite Offset Block testing and dimensions; and modified requirements for End Anchorage Assemblies.

Please share this proposal with others within your responsibility. Review comments are due within four weeks and should be sent to Mail Station 75 or to my attention via e-mail at ST986DS, or [daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us). Comments received after **July 9, 2013**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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Attachment

**GUARDRAIL.**  
(REV ~~65-11629~~-13)

SECTION 536 (Pages 698 – 701) is deleted and the following substituted:

**SECTION 536**  
**GUARDRAIL**

**536-1 Description.**

Construct metal guardrail on posts of timber, steel, or as specified in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Design Standards.

Also, remove existing guardrail, construct guardrail anchorages, and replace guardrail posts, as specified in the Plans.

**536-2 Materials.**

**536-2.1 General:** *Use steel products meeting the requirements of 967-1. Galvanize steel and obtain steel, timber and end anchorage assembly products from plants that are currently on the list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs.*

*Use timber meeting the requirements of Section 954 and treated in accordance with the requirements for posts in Section 955. Obtain timber products from plants that are currently on the list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs.*

*-Producers seeking inclusion on the list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs shall meet the requirements of Section 05.*

**536-2.2 Guardrail:** Construct guardrail of the standard W-beam or thrie beam type. ~~Use steel materials for the rail and rail elements meeting the steel requirements of 967-1.~~

**536-2.32 Posts:**

**536-2.32.1 General:** Unless the Contract Documents designate a particular type of post, the Contractor may choose the type of post to use. Use posts of either timber, or steel, and of the sizes and dimensions shown in the Plans. Use the particular type selected throughout a run of rail, except where special steel posts are required.

**536-2.32.2 Timber Posts:** ~~Meet the requirements of the latest edition of the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau's Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber, for No. 1 grade timber, and treat the posts in accordance with the requirements for posts in 955-5.3. Ensure that penetration of preservative is in accordance with requirements for round piles and fence posts in 955-6.2.~~ Shape and drill the posts prior to treatment, and ensure that they do not vary more than 1 inch from the specified length *in the Design Standards*. Dress all timber posts on all four sides (S4S).

**536-2.32.3 Steel Posts:** ~~Use steel posts meeting the requirements of ASTM A36 steel. Galvanize the steel posts in accordance with the requirements of ASTM A123, with 2 oz/ft<sup>2</sup> of zinc coating.~~ Drill the steel posts prior to galvanizing.

The Contractor may use steel guardrail posts of either a rolled section or a welded structural shape with nominal dimensions as shown in the Design Standards.

For welded structural shapes, meet the following requirements:

- (1) Ensure that the design properties of the shape meet or exceed the design properties for a W 6 x 9 shape as contained in the AISC Manual of Steel Construction.
- (2) Weld in accordance with the requirements of ASTM A769.

(3) After cutting steel posts to length, place a weld to seal the spaces between the web plate and flange plates.

(4) Galvanize as specified above after completing all drilling and welding.

**536-2.43 Anchor Blocks:** Use anchor blocks of Class I concrete, and construct and place them in accordance with the requirements shown in the Plans or as directed by the Engineer.

**536-2.54 Offset Blocks:** Use guardrail offset blocks of either timber, steel, *or composite material*, ~~material recycled plastic, or rubber, and of the sizes specified in the Design Standards.~~

~~Treat the timber blocks in accordance with the requirements in 536-2.32.2 for posts in 955-5.3. Ensure that penetration of preservative is in accordance with requirements for round piles and fence posts in 955-6.2. For timber offset blocks, meet the requirements of the latest edition of the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau's Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber, for No. 1 grade timber. Provide timber offset blocks that are 6 inches wide, 8 inches deep offset and 14 inches high elevation in the longest dimension for w-beam application in length. Provide timber offset blocks that are 6 inches wide, 8 inches deep offset and 22 inches elevation high in the longest dimension for the thrie-beam applications. Dress all timber offset blocks on all four sides (S4S). Ensure that timber offset blocks do not vary more than 0.25 inch from the specified length. Use steel offset blocks meeting the requirements of ASTM A36 steel. Galvanize the steel offset blocks in accordance with the requirements of ASTM A123, with 2 oz/ft<sup>2</sup> of zinc coating. Drill the steel offset blocks prior to galvanizing.~~

*Use composite offset blocks that are listed on the Qualified Products List, (QPL) and match the dimensions of the QPL drawing. Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6 and shall furnish a drawing of the product, with the product name and dimensions identified, suitable for posting on the QPL, independent test reports that indicate the product meets all crash testing requirements of National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP-350) or the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware 2009 (MASH), per current FHWA directives and independent test reports that indicate the composite material meets all the following physical requirements:*

<i>COMPOSITE BLOCK</i>	<i>TEST METHOD</i>	<i>REQUIREMENT</i>
<i>DUROMETER HARDNESS</i>	<i>ASTM D2240 SHORE D</i>	<i>MINIMUM 50</i>
<i>DUROMETER HARDNESS AFTER UV EXPOSURE</i>	<i>ASTM D5870</i>	<i>&lt; 15 POINTS CHANGE FROM INITIAL AFTER EXPOSURE PER ASTM D4329, 1000 HOURS, CYCLE C, TYPE UVB-313 LAMPS</i>
<i>COMPRESSIVE ???</i>		

~~Use rubber or recycled plastic blocks that have a minimum Durometer hardness of 50 (ASTM D2240 Shore D), show no cracking at the end of an ozone exposure of 100 plus or minus 10 pphm for 15 hours at 100°F (ASTM D1149 mounting Type A), do not exceed 15 points~~

~~change in Durometer hardness in oven ageing for 70 hours at 158°F (ASTM D573)), and show no cutting or tearing under a 6,500 lb load applied through a guardrail section. Ensure that the blocks present a neat appearance and have plane surfaces. Provide *composite blocks that are rubber or recycled plastic blocks that are 6 inches wide, do not exceed an 8 inches deep offset and 14 inches high elevation in the longest dimension for w-beam application. Provide composite blocks that do not exceed an 8 inches deep offset and 22 inches high elevation in the longest dimension for thrie-beam.* Allow for dimensional tolerances of plus or minus 5/8 inch in ~~elevation~~ height, plus or minus 3/8 inch in width, and plus or minus 5/8 inch in ~~offset~~ depth.~~

~~Use recycled plastic offset blocks that meet the requirements of Section 972 and are listed on the Qualified Products List (QPL). Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6 and include certified test reports from an approved independent test laboratory that shows the material meets all the requirements of this Section and Section 972.~~

~~Use steel offset blocks that meet the requirements of 536-2.52.3.~~

**536-2.65 Reflector Units Elements:** Mount reflectors onto the guardrail in accordance with the details shown in the Plans and the Design Standards. Provide reflectors that meet the requirements of 993-3 *and that are listed on the QPL. Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6 and Section 993.*

**536-2.76 Certification:** Provide the Engineer a certification from the manufacturer confirming that all materials (timber posts, anchor and offset blocks, reflector elements, and all other accessories) meet the requirements of this Section, Section 6 and the Design Standards. Provide the Engineer a copy of the certification at least ten days prior to guardrail construction.

For steel rail and rail elements, provide the Engineer with a certified mill analysis from the manufacturer meeting the requirements of Section 967.

For steel posts and steel offset blocks furnish the Engineer a certified mill analysis from the manufacturer showing the physical and chemical properties of each heat meeting the requirements of ASTM A36, the amount of spelter coating, and galvanization meeting the requirements of ASTM A123.

Also furnish the Engineer a Certificate of Compliance certifying that the guardrail system, materials and construction practices comply with applicable Design Standards and Specifications.

Acceptance of furnished material will be based on the Certificate of Compliance, material certification and visual inspection by the Engineer.

### **536-3 Setting Posts.**

Set standard length posts vertically to the depth shown in the Design Standards. Set special length posts vertically to the depth shown in the Plans. Align and realign posts as necessary, until final acceptance. Where the posts are not set in concrete or mounted on structures, backfill the post holes with suitable thoroughly tamped material. As an alternate method, the Contractor may use a post-driving machine, meeting the approval of the Engineer and capable of driving the posts without damaging them.

For guardrail post replacement, backfill and compact the existing hole prior to setting the new post.

If driving timber posts, the Contractor may either block out holes in the asphalt for the posts during the asphalt paving operation or cut holes through the asphalt mat prior to the post installation. Blocked out holes or cut holes in the asphalt pavement shall be at least 50% larger

than the sectional area of the timber post. After completing driving of the posts patch the area of asphalt around each post with fresh hot bituminous mixture.

If driving steel posts, drive the post directly through the asphalt mat. Fill depressions or cracks with fresh, hot bituminous mixture in a manner meeting the approval of the Engineer.

For either timber or steel post locations, in which rock, concrete or asphalt thicker than 2 inches exist, remove such material and backfill with suitable material, thoroughly tamped as detailed in the Design Standards.

#### **536-4 End Anchorage Assemblies.**

*Use End Anchorage Assemblies listed on the QPL and obtained from plants that are currently on the list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs*

*Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6-6, ~~provide~~ include a product drawing showing that the product meets the requirements of this Section, and ~~that is~~ signed and sealed ~~drawings~~ by a registered Florida P.E., ~~also shall~~ furnish independent test reports that indicates the product *meets all crash testing requirements of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 350 (NCHRP 350) or the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware 2009 (MASH-09) and ~~any~~ current FHWA directives.**

*Producers seeking inclusion on the list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs shall meet the requirements of Section 105.*

#### **536-45 Erection of Rail.**

Erect the guardrail panels, supports, anchors, etc., as shown in the Design Standards.

#### **536-56 Existing Guardrail.**

Stockpile guardrail, so specified, within the right-of-way at a location approved by the Engineer. Dispose of all remaining guardrail not specified for stockpiling.

#### **536-67 Method of Measurement.**

**536-67.1 Guardrail:** The quantity to be paid for will be the plan quantity, in feet, constructed, in place and accepted.

The plan length of a run of guardrail will be the end to end measurement including panels (thrie-beam, nested, and W-thrie beam transition panels) directly associated with anchorage assemblies and guardrail transitions.

**536-67.2 End Anchorage Assembly:** The quantity to be paid for will be the number of each type as designated, constructed, in place and accepted.

**536-67.3 Special Guardrail Post:** The quantity to be paid for will be the number of each, constructed, in place and accepted.

The designation "Special Guardrail Post" will include only such posts as require special fabrication, for installation at locations where the normal setting would conflict with concrete structures, such as approach slabs, culvert slabs, footings, inlets, etc. Special posts, however, will not include posts for double-face median guardrail, regardless of whether they are embedded in or attached to concrete.

**536-67.4 Bridge Anchorage Assembly:** The quantity to be paid for will be the number of each, constructed, in place and accepted.

**536-67.5 Concrete Barrier Wall Anchorage Assembly:** The quantity to be paid for will be the number of each, constructed, in place and accepted.

**536-67.6 Guardrail Post Replacement:** The quantity to be paid for will be the number of each, replaced.

**536-67.7 Removal of Existing Guardrail:** The quantity to be paid for will be the length, in feet, measured prior to removal.

**536-67.8 Other Rail:**

**536-67.8.1 Rub Rail:** The quantity to be paid for will be the plan quantity, in feet, constructed, in place and accepted.

**536-67.8.2 Pipe Rail:** The quantity to be paid for will be the plan quantity, in feet, constructed, in place and accepted.

**536-78 Basis of Payment.**

**536-78.1 Guardrail:** Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified under this Section, including furnishing and installing acrylic plastic reflectors, posts, all panels, and all other materials as specified. Payment will be made under the items as follows:

a. Where the Contractor furnishes all materials for the guardrail, and the Engineer does not require shop-bent rails, payment will be made under the basic item of guardrail.

b. Where the radius of the guardrail installation is such as to require shop bending of the guardrail panels, payment will be made under the item of Guardrail (Shop-bent Panels).

**536-78.2 End Anchorage Assembly:** Price and payment will include furnishing and installing all components specified in the Plans and Design Standards.

**536-78.3 Special Guardrail Post:** Price and payment will include all costs for furnishing and installing the special posts that are over and above the costs for the normal posts, which are replaced by such special posts.

**536-78.4 Bridge Anchorage Assembly:** Price and payment will include furnishing and installing the special end shoes, wood blocks or retrofit wing posts, concrete anchor posts, thrie-beam terminal connectors, backup plates, filler plates, and other necessary hardware.

**536-78.5 Concrete Barrier Wall Anchorage Assembly:** Price and payment will include furnishing and installing connections to concrete barrier walls, as shown on the Design Standards, Index Nos. 400 and 410.

**536-78.6 Guardrail Post Replacement:** Price and payment will include all labor, materials, and equipment required for removal and disposal of existing posts in areas provided by the Contractor, backfilling and compacting existing holes, and replacement with new posts.

**536-78.7 Removal of Existing Guardrail:** Price and payment will include all labor and equipment required for removal and disposition of the existing guardrail, as specified in the Plans. No additional payment will be made for the removal of the back rail on double face guardrail, thrie beam guardrail, nested rail, safety pipe rail, rub rail or end anchorages.

**536-78.8 Other Rail:**

**536-78.8.1 Rub Rail:** Price and payment will include all components specified in the Plans and Design Standards, Index No. 400.

**536-78.8.2 Pipe Rail:** Price and payment will include all components specified in the Plans and Design Standards, Index No. 400.

**536-78.9 Payment Items:** Payment will be made under:

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| Item No. 536- | 1- | Guardrail - per foot.                    |
| Item No. 536- | 2- | Guardrail (Shop-Bent Panels) - per foot. |
| Item No. 536- | 5- | Rub Rail - per foot.                     |

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Item No. 536- 6-	Pipe Rail - per foot.
Item No. 536- 7-	Special Guardrail Post - each.
Item No. 536- 8-	Bridge Anchorage Assembly - each.
Item No. 536- 73-	Removal of Existing Guardrail - per foot.
Item No. 536- 76-	Special Length Guardrail Post - each.
Item No. 536- 82-	Concrete Barrier Wall Anchorage Assembly - each.
Item No. 536- 83-	Guardrail Post Replacement- each.
Item No. 536- 85-	End Anchorage Assembly - each.