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Khoa Nguyen  
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Re: State Specifications Office  
Section **515**  
Proposed Specification: **5150500 Metal Pedestrian/Bicycle Railings, Guiderails, and Handrails.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Cheryl Hudson of the State Structures Design Office to modify the language for current Department practice.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Dan Hurtado, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**METAL PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE RAILINGS, GUIDERAILS, AND HANDRAILS.**(REV ~~3-245-3~~-16)

ARTICLE 515-5 is deleted and the following substituted:

**515-5 Installation.**

**515-5.1 General:** Place a 1/8 inch thick bearing pad with dimensions matching the base plate between the base plate and concrete surface.

**515-5.2 Bullet Railings:** Install rail posts ~~normal~~perpendicular to the profile grade longitudinally and ~~vertical~~plumb transversely.

**515-5.3 Pedestrian /Bicycle Railings and Guiderails:** For locations other than bridges, fabricate and install posts plumb. On bridges, fabricate and install posts on bridges normal~~perpendicular to the profile grade line longitudinally and vertical~~plumb transversely unless shown otherwise in the Plans. For other locations, fabricate and install posts plumb. Use aluminum shim plates to make necessary adjustments. Bond stacked shim plates with adhesive bonding material and field trim shim plates to match the foundation contours. Beveled shim plates may be used in lieu of trimmed flat shim plates.

If shims greater than 1/2 inch total thickness are required, provide longer anchor bolts. Bolts must be long enough to secure washers and nuts and meet the minimum embedment length.

Post tolerance from plumb is plus or minus one inch, measured at 42 inches above the foundation. Rails must form a smooth continuous line without hills or dips greater than 1/2 inch between any three posts or side sway greater than 1/2 inch between post assemblies.

**515-5.4 Anchoring:**

**515-5.4.1 General:** Secure nuts to a snug tight condition. ~~Use self locking hex nuts or tack weld the top of each hex nut to the bolt to prevent loosening. For nuts that are not~~ Tack welded, nuts to stem or distort bolt ~~stems or~~ threads to prevent nut loosening and removal. Coat damaged galvanizing on bolt stems, nuts, and tack welds in accordance with Section 562.

**515-5.4.2 Adhesive Anchors:** Install anchors in accordance with Section 416.

**515-5.4.3 C-I-P and Thru-Bolt Anchors:** Use galvanized hex head anchor bolts. When thru-bolting is used, coat cut reinforcing steel inside the drilled hole with a zinc galvanizing compound in accordance with Section 562 prior to installing bolts.

**515-5.4.4 Embedded Guiderail Posts:** Core holes into the foundation concrete, then clean holes, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. At a minimum, use oil free compressed air to remove loose particles, brush the inside surface to free loose particles, then use compressed air again to remove any remaining particles.

Use a Type A, B, or F epoxy mortar to secure guiderail posts into the cored holes.

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**(REV 5-3-16)**

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**515-5.2 Bullet Railings:** Install rail posts perpendicular to the profile grade longitudinally and plumb transversely.

**515-5.3 Pedestrian /Bicycle Railings and Guiderails:** For locations other than bridges, fabricate and install posts plumb. On bridges, fabricate and install posts perpendicular to the profile grade line longitudinally and plumb transversely. Use aluminum shim plates to make necessary adjustments. Bond stacked shim plates with adhesive bonding material and field trim shim plates to match the foundation contours. Beveled shim plates may be used in lieu of trimmed flat shim plates.

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