

1. When encountering impenetrable material, one post may be omitted in locations where the typical guardrail cross section includes 610 mm (min.) between the back of the guardrail post and the hinge point. For all other locations, see Section 617 and Standard M617-13 or M617-37.

2. Size of block shown elsewhere on the plans. Use a single block or combination of blocks (no more than two) to achieve the actual 200 or 300 mm offset secure good blocks to the posts with anti-rotation nails. If combination blocks are used, toenail the adjacent blocks with two 16d galvanized nails to prevent

3. Dimensional tolerances not shown or implied are intended to be those consistent with the proper functioning of the part, including its appearance, and accepted manufacturing practices.

4. Install a flexible hinged delineator every fourth post. Fasten *delineator to the top of the wood post using either an adhesive* or mechanical means according to the manufacturer's

5. Dimensions without units are millimeters.

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	METRIC FLH STANDARD	
	MGS W-BEAM GUARDRAIL	
	WOOD POSTS	
SCALE	STANDARD APPROVED FOR USE 7/2022	STANDARD
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MGS W-Beam Guardrail, Wood Posts

General Information

Appropriate Applications.

• The Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) is a non-proprietary w-beam guardrail system that meets the current crash testing requirements. MGS is used when w-beam guardrail is selected for barrier installation.

Crash Test Criteria	MASH
Test Level	TL-3
FHWA Eligibility Letter	B-133, B-211A
TF 13 Designator	SGR20a-b, SGR38a-e
Crash Test Report	Multiple MwRSF reports available
	at <u>https://mwrsf.unl.edu/mgs.php</u>

Limitations. The drawing shows the various options for guardrail near slopes. The preferred option is to use 6' post with 2' between the back of post and the slope hinge point.

Layout Guidance.

- See AASHTO Roadside Design Guide
- Use the FLH Barrier Length of Need Calculator available at <u>https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/safety/barrier-length-need</u>
- See the FLH *Midwest Guardrail System FAQ* document for more information.

Typical Pay Item Used

- 61701-4550 Guardrail system MGS, type 2, class A wood posts [LNFT] for galvanized steel
- 61701-5150 Guardrail system MGS, type 4, class B wood posts [LNFT] for weathering steel

Updates

February 2019

New Detail drawing

June 2022

• Converted from CFL Detail to FLH Standard