



NOTES TO THE DESIGNER Last Updated: February 2019

Steel-Backed Timber Guardrail Type A & Type B Wood Post

General Information

Appropriate Applications.

• Steel-backed timber guardrail is an aesthetic roadside barrier. The all-wood appearance blends into the surrounding environment.

Crash Test Criteria	NCHRP Report 350
Test Level	TL-3
FHWA Eligibility Letter	B-64D2
TF 13 Designator	None
Crash Test Report	TTI Report No. 405181-F

Limitations. Need additional embankment width to accommodate width of guardrail installation. Steel-backed timber tends to be more expensive than traditional w-beam guardrail.

Layout Guidance.

- See AASHTO Roadside Design Guide
- Use the FLH Barrier Length of Need Calculator available at <u>https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/design/tools/Barrier-</u> LON.xlsx



Type A steel-backed timber guardrail

Applicable SCRs

Section 617

Typical Pay Item Used

- 61701-3900 Guardrail system SBTA [LNFT]
- 61701-4000 Guardrail system SBTB [LNFT]

Updates

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• New Detail drawing