

DESIGN MEMORANDUM NO: 2-82

TO: DESIGN ENGINEERS  
DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGERS  
ACTIVE CONSULTANTS

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SUBJECT: GUARDRAIL CONNECTORS TO BRIDGE ENDS  
TYPES A, A-1, E, AND E-1

Attached are copies of revised drawings for the subject bridge end connectors. As can be noted, A-1 and E-1 are additions and notes on the drawings cover both the design requirements and their applications. There is no need to strengthen the connector on the downstream end of bridges on divided roadways, therefore, A-1 and E-1 are for that application.

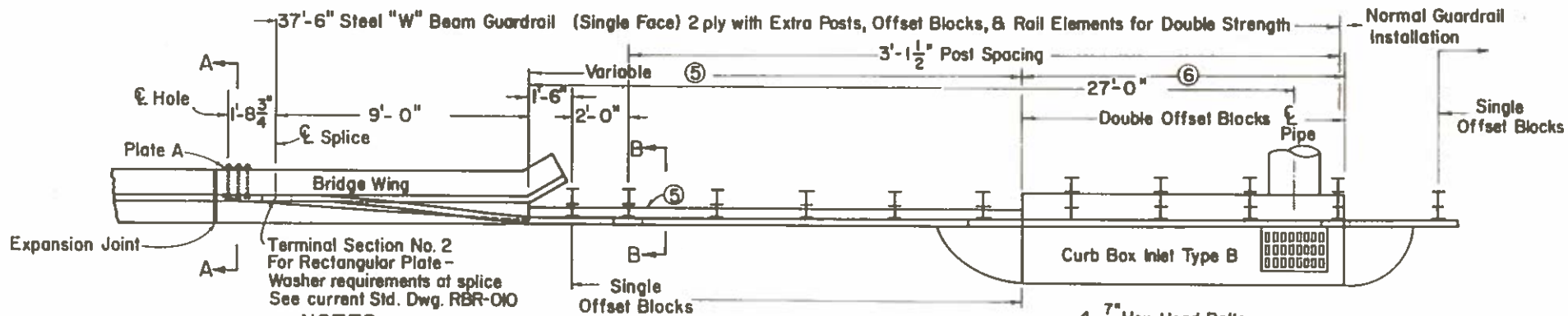
The designs for both Type A and Type E have not changed, however, the warrants for their application have. They are limited to both ends of bridges on two lane roadways and the approach ends of bridges on multi-lane divided highways.

This memorandum is to become effective with the next practical letting and becomes void when its contents are placed in the Design Guidance Manual.

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Attachment



**1. GENERAL**

- a. See current Standard Drawings in the RBB, RBI, RBR, and RPM series for other related Guardrail details and Bridge Plans for Bridge Wing detail.
- b. See Current Standard Drawing RDB series for Curb Box Inlet Type B.
- c. Guardrail Connector To Bridge End Type A is required on both bridge ends of an undivided highway and only on the approach bridge ends of a divided highway. Guardrail Connector to Bridge End Type A-1 is required on the exit bridge end of a divided highway.

**2. MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS**

All hardware shall be galvanized. (ASTM A153)

- 1/4" Steel Plate A (ASTM A 36)
- 5/8" Hex Head Bolts or Steel Threaded Rods (Length as shown)
- 5/8" Heavy Hex Nuts (7/8" Thick) (ASTM A 325)
- 5/8" Flat Washers (3/16" Thick) (ASTM A 325)
- 5/8" Beveled Washers (5/16" Mean Thickness) (ASTM A 325, AASHTO 2.10.3)

Both the Bolt and Threaded Rod shall have a minimum of 50,000 Lbs. tensile strength at their narrowest point.

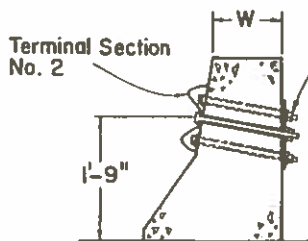
**3. CONSTRUCTION METHODS**

- a. Back-up Plates are required at all posts except at splices.
- b. Eliminate extra Offset Blocks when Curb Box Inlet Type B is not required.
- c. Holes to be formed through bridge wing with 1" I.D. Plastic Pipe. The pipe shall remain in place.
- d. Eliminate extra posts, offset blocks, one ply of rail elements and other incidentals which are in addition to normal installation of Steel Beam Guardrail used in construction of double strength rail when Guardrail Connector to Bridge End Type A-1 is required.

**4. METHOD OF MEASUREMENT AND BASIS OF PAYMENT**

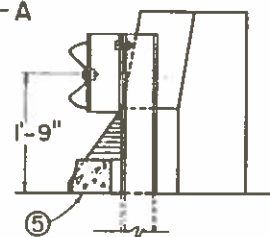
- a. Guardrail Connector To Bridge End Type A shall be paid for at the contract unit price each, and includes: Terminal Section No. 2; all items which are in addition to the normal installation of Steel Beam Guardrail (Extra posts, Offset Blocks, Rail Elements, Hardware, Etc.); and other incidentals necessary to complete the installation as detailed.
- b. Guardrail Connector to Bridge End Type A-1 shall be paid for at the contract unit price each, which includes Terminal Section No. 2 and all other incidentals necessary to complete the installation.
- c. The Steel "W" Beam Guard Rail (Single Face) is a separate bid item which is always required. The Integral Curb and Curb Box Inlet Type B are separate bid items that shall be used when required for Bridge End Drainage.
- d. The Plastic Pipe and cost of forming shall be included in the unit price bid for bridge superstructure concrete.

PLAN VIEW

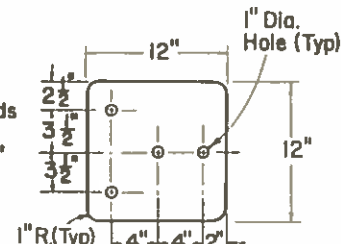


SECTION A-A

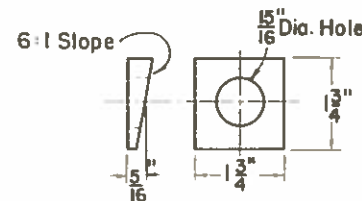
- 4-7/8" Hex Head Bolts (Length W + 6"), 4 Nuts, 4 Beveled Washers and 4 Flat Washers.
- or —
- 4-7/8" Steel Threaded Rods (Length W + 8"), 8 Nuts, 4 Beveled Washers and 4 Flat Washers



SECTION B-B



1/4" STEEL PLATE-A



BEVELED WASHER

⑤ Standard Integral Curb. Transition from Standard Integral Curb shape to shape of curb on Bridge Wing within 7'-3". Length of Curb variable (22'-3" when L = 5') (17'-3" when L = 10') (12'-3" when L = 15') (7'-3" when L = 20').

- ⑥ 6'-4" when L = 5'-0"
- 11'-4" when L = 10'-0" ☆
- 16'-4" when L = 15'-0"
- 21'-4" when L = 20'-0"

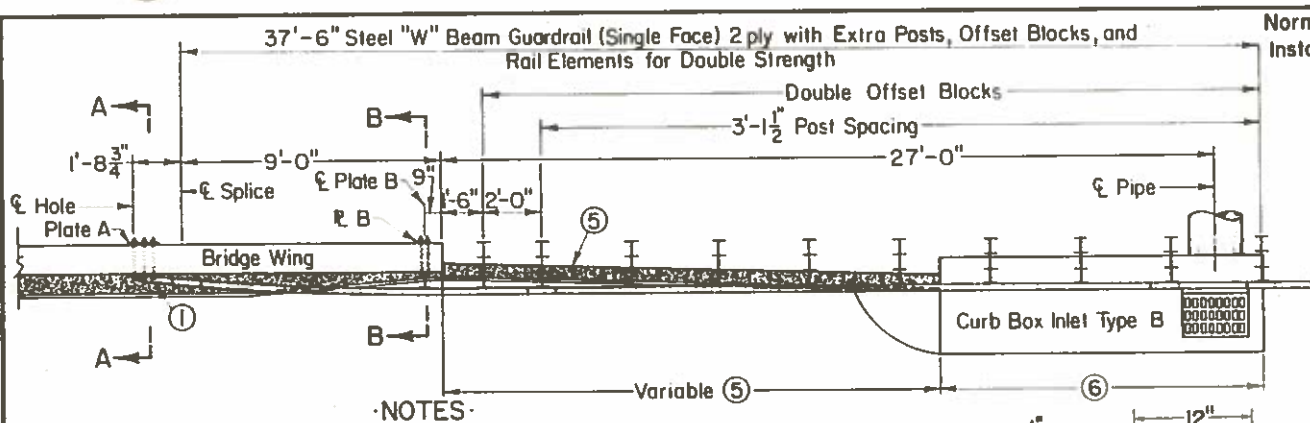
☆ 10' Length is used most frequently.

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METRIC CONVERSIONS  
1 FT. = 0.3048 m  
1 IN. = 25.4 mm

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GUARDRAIL CONNECTOR TO BRIDGE END TYPE A & A-1

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Normal Guardrail Installation

- (A) 4- $\frac{7}{8}$ " Hex Head Bolts (Length  $W + 3"$ ), 4 Nuts, 8 Flat Washers. —or— 4- $\frac{7}{8}$ " Steel Threaded Rods (Length  $W + 4"$ ), 8 Nuts, 8 Flat Washers.
- (B) 2- $\frac{5}{8}$ " Hex Head Bolts (Length  $W + 3"$ ), 2 Nuts, 4 Flat Washers. —or— 2- $\frac{5}{8}$ " Steel Threaded Rods (Length  $W + 4"$ ), 4 Nuts, 4 Flat Washers.
- (C) 4- $\frac{7}{8}$ " Hex Head Bolts (Length  $W + 6"$ ), 4 Nuts, 4 Beveled Washers and 4 Flat Washers. —or— 4- $\frac{7}{8}$ " Steel Threaded Rods (Length  $W + 8"$ ), 8 Nuts, 4 Beveled Washers and 4 Flat Washers.
- (D) 2- $\frac{5}{8}$ " Hex Head Bolts (Length  $W + 3"$ ), 2 Nuts, 4 Flat Washers. —or— 2- $\frac{5}{8}$ " Steel Threaded Rods (Length  $W + 4"$ ), 4 Nuts, 4 Flat Washers.

NOTES

1. GENERAL

- a. See current Standard Drawings in the RBB, RBI, RBR, and RPM series for other related Guardrail details and Bridge Plans for Bridge Wing detail.
- b. See Current Standard Drawing RDB Series for Curb Box Inlet Type B
- c. Guardrail Connector To Bridge End Type E is required on both bridge ends of an undivided highway and only on the approach bridge ends of a divided highway. Guardrail Connector to Bridge End Type E-1 is required on the exit bridge end of a divided highway.

2. MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

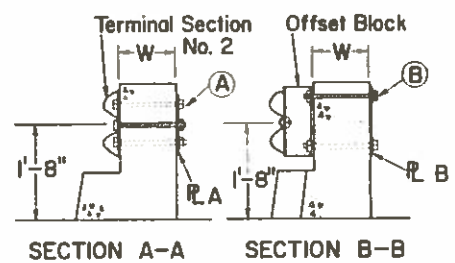
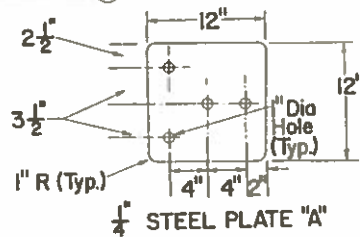
All hardware shall be galvanized. (AASHTO M 232)  
 Steel Plate A and Steel Plate B (ASTM A 36)  
 Heavy Hex Nuts, Heavy Flat Washers (ASTM A 325)  
 Beveled Washers ( $\frac{1}{16}$ " Mean Thickness)(ASTM A 325, AASHTO 2.10.3)  
 Hex Head Bolts or Steel Threaded Rods, Both the Bolt and Threaded Rod shall have a minimum of 50,000 Lbs. tensile strength at their narrowest point.

3. CONSTRUCTION METHODS

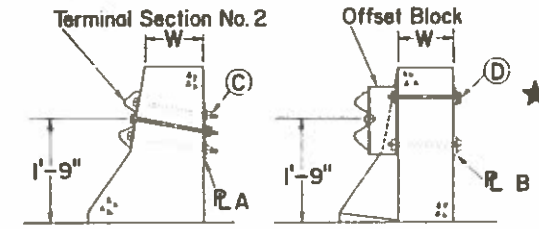
- a. Back-up Plates are required at all posts except at splices.
- b. Eliminate extra Offset Blocks when Curb Box Inlet Type B is not required.
- c. Holes to be formed through bridge wing perpendicular to the traffic side with 1" I.D. Plastic Pipe. The pipe shall remain in place.
- d. Eliminate extra posts, offset blocks, one ply of rail elements and other incidentals which are in addition to normal installation of Steel Beam Guardrail used in construction of double strength rail when Guardrail Connector to Bridge End Type E-1 is required.

4. METHOD OF MEASUREMENT AND BASIS OF PAYMENT

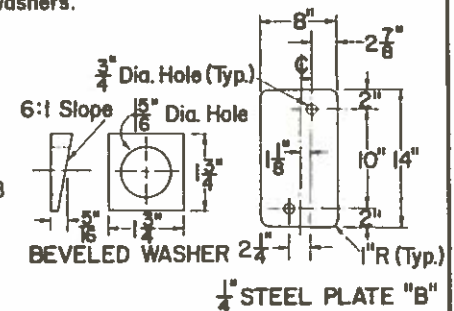
- a. Guardrail Connector To Bridge End Type E shall be paid for at the contract unit price each, and includes: Terminal Section No. 2, all items which are in addition to the normal installation of Steel "W" Beam Guardrail (Extra posts, Offset Blocks, Rail Elements, Hardware, Etc.), and other incidentals necessary to complete the installation as detailed.
- b. Guardrail Connector to Bridge End Type E-1 shall be paid for at the contract unit price each, which includes Terminal Section No. 2 and all other incidentals necessary to complete the installation.
- c. The Steel "W" Beam Guardrail (Single Face) is a separate bid item which is always required. The Integral Curb and Curb Box Inlet Type B are separate bid items that shall be used when required for Bridge End Drainage.
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BRIDGES WITH 9" OR LESS BRUSH BLOCK WIDTH



BRIDGES WITH N.J. TYPE BARRIER CURB



BEVELED WASHER 2 1/4" x 1 3/4" x 1 1/8" x 10" x 1" R (Typ.)

1/4" STEEL PLATE "B"

(E) 6'-4" when L = 5'-0"  
 11'-4" when L = 10'-0" ★  
 16'-4" when L = 15'-0"  
 21'-4" when L = 20'-0"  
 ★ 10' Length is used most frequent!

(1) Terminal Section No 2 For Rectangular Plate-Washer requirements at splice See current Std Dwg RBR-010.  
 (5) Standard Integral Curb Transition from Standard Integral Curb shape to shape of curb on Bridge Wing within 7'-3".  
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