

PART R43**WIRE ROPE SAFETY BARRIER SYSTEMS****CONTENTS**

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1. GENERAL

This Part specifies the requirements for the supply and installation of Tensioned Wire Rope Road Safety Barrier (“**WRSB**”) Systems.

The following documents are referenced in this Part:

AS 1554	Welding of Steel Structures
AS 3569	Steel Wire Ropes
AS 3845	Road Safety Barrier Systems
AS 4506	Metal finishing - Thermoset powder coatings
AS 4534	Zinc and zinc/aluminium-alloy coatings on steel wire
AS 4680	Hot-dip galvanized (zinc) coatings on fabricated ferrous articles
AS 9001	Quality Management Systems – Requirements
Austrroads	AGRS09/08 Guide to Road Safety - Part 9: Roadside Hazard Management, available from: http://www.austrroads.com.au
DPTI:	GD 300 “Accepted Safety Barrier Products” available from: GD300_Accepted_Safety_Barrier_Products-v18-October-2022.pdf

Delineators must comply with Part R80 "Supply of Guide Posts and Delineators" and Part R81 "Installation of Guide Posts and Delineators".

2. QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

At a minimum, the Contractor must provide the following documents, procedures and/or instructions:

- (a) certification showing that all components comply with AS 3845 from a NATA accredited laboratory (a certificate from a non-NATA laboratory is not acceptable);
- (b) a copy of the Manufacturer’s Instructions and any other procedures for the installation and maintenance of the Wire Rope Safety Barrier;
- (c) details of the country of manufacture;
- (d) evidence that the components comply with Clause 3 “Supply of Wire Rope Safety Barrier Components”; and
- (e) a copy of the current Calibration Certificate for the tensioning device.

If not provided beforehand, the documentation must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the commencement of installation.

Provision of the documentation listed in this Clause shall constitute a **HOLD POINT**.

3. SUPPLY OF WIRE ROPE SAFETY BARRIER COMPONENTS

WRSB must comply with the requirements of this clause and be a DPTI accepted product (refer to GD 300).

Components of the WRSB must be manufactured under a quality system certified to AS 9001 and in accordance with the specification for the proprietary barrier system. The components must have a minimum design life of 20 years. The barrier system supplied must have the same composition, mechanical properties and geometry as those used in the testing to AS 3845. The WRSB must be a 4 rope system, complying with test level condition TL3 or TL4, as specified on the drawings or in the **Contract Specific Requirements**.

All components of the installed WRSB must be from the same WRSB system and components must not be interchanged with other systems.

The rope used in the WRSB must comply with the following:

- (a) 19mm diameter;
- (b) pre-stretched;
- (c) right hand lay;
- (d) galvanised at a minimum coating of 400g/m² measured in accordance with AS 4680 or coated with zincaluminum (zinc 95%, aluminium 5%) alloy to a minimum thickness of 270 g/m² measured in accordance with AS 4534; and
- (e) all fittings for joining ropes or connecting ropes to anchor points must be swaged (ie cold pressed), mechanical (wedge) fittings are not allowed.

The posts used in the WRSB must comply with the following:

- (a) hot dip galvanized in accordance with AS 4680;
- (b) powder coated to a minimum dry film thickness of 60µm in accordance with AS 4506;
- (c) meet all durability requirements for products exposed to Atmospheric Classification C as detailed in AS 4506;
- (d) stamped with date of manufacture, metal grade and the thickness of material; and
- (e) manufactured with welding certified in accordance with AS 1554.

The Contractor must provide the original test certificates from the manufacturer to demonstrate compliance with the specified requirements for:

- (a) mechanical properties of the steel in the wire ropes;
- (b) chemical composition analysis of the steel in the WRSB components; and
- (c) rope protective coating thickness.

The Contractor must provide evidence (including details of the batch number displayed on the coil label) that the tests have been undertaken on samples which are representative of the materials supplied under this Contract.

4. INSTALLATION OF WIRE ROPE SAFETY BARRIER

4.1 General

Components must be transported, handled and installed to prevent damage and must not to be left with splits, burrs or sharps after installation. The WRSB System must be installed in accordance with the drawings and the Manufacturer's Instructions. The current Calibration Certificate for the tensioning device must not be dated 12 months earlier than the Date of Acceptance of Tender.

Where the Contractor is unable to install the safety barrier in accordance with this Part, (e.g. an obstruction prevents the installation of posts or anchor blocks), a **HOLD POINT** must apply.

4.3 Location

The distance between the hinge of an embankment and post footings must not be less than 0.6 m. The distance between the hinge of an embankment and anchor blocks must not be less than 1.0 m. Where the footings are located between 1.6m and 0.6 m from the hinge point, the post spacing must not exceed 2.0 m.

WRSB must not be located at the bottom of V-drains.

WRSB must not be connected to semi rigid, rigid barriers or bridge ends. However, WRSB may be interfaced with a more rigid barrier using an overlap system as approved by the manufacturer.

The operation of the WRSB must not be compromised if installed on a horizontal curve with a radius less than 600 m or a sag vertical curve with a radius less than 3000 m and the manufacturer's standard post spacing is used – refer to the manufacturer.

WRSB must not be installed on a lateral slope greater than 1 in 10 without consulting the manufacturer.

4.2 Post Footings and Terminals

Concrete post footings and anchor blocks must be constructed cast in place in accordance with the manufacturer's Instructions and the requirements of this Clause.

The post footing size must be 350mm diameter x 950mm long with concrete to be N32 with typical reinforcement recommended by each manufacturer. Anchor blocks must be the maximum size specified by the manufacturer unless soil testing has been conducted to determine otherwise.

Following completion of the excavation for anchor blocks, and prior to pouring concrete, a **HOLD POINT** must apply. Prior to pouring concrete for post footings and anchor blocks, the Contractor must digitally record photographs which can clearly demonstrate that the required dimensions have been achieved.

Excavated material must be removed off site or, where approved, incorporated in to the Works elsewhere.

Concrete must be Grade N32 at a minimum and must comply with Part CC26 "Normal Class Concrete". Anchor block reinforcement must comply with Part CC05 "Steel Reinforcement" and the minimum clear cover to reinforcement must be 50mm. Anchors block and post footings must be constructed such that they are free draining and that drainage water does not undermine the footing or anchor block.

Where soil tests have not been carried out the Contractor must conduct a pull-over test in accordance with the Manufacturer's Instructions.

After initial tensioning movement of the anchor blocks must be measured and then monitored at 6 month and 12 month inspections. The anchor block must be removed, soil condition re-checked and a new anchor block designed and installed if:

- (a) the total movement at any time exceeds 25mm or
- (b) at the 6 month or 12 month inspection, there is evidence that the blocks continuing to move and exceeds 25mm.

4.3 Post Colour and Delineation

Posts colour and delineators must comply with Table 4.3

<u>TABLE 4.3 POST COLOUR AND DELINEATION</u>	
Narrow medians less than 4.5 m	Situations other than narrow medians less than 4.5 m
All posts to be white (G14 to AS 2700).	Post must be green (G61 to AS 2700) except for every fourth post, which must be white (G14 to AS 2700).
For posts spaced between 2 and 2.5 m, every fourth post must be affixed with a delineator.	For posts spaced between 2 and 2.5 m, every white post must be affixed with a delineator.
For other post spacings, delineators must be affixed at 8 to 10.5 m intervals.	For other post spacings, delineators must be affixed at 150 m intervals.

4.4 Posts

Posts must be installed so that:

- (a) the alignment on plan of the completed barrier does not deviate by more than ± 20 mm at any point;
- (b) the alignment in elevation of the tops of the barrier posts do not deviate in any 10 m length by more than ± 10 mm from the line of sight along the tops of posts;
- (c) spacing of posts does not deviate by more than ± 50 mm;
- (d) the rounded edges of posts are presented to the direction of traffic flow; and

- (e) excluder washers are fitted at the base of all posts to prevent soil ingress.

Drilling, cutting or welding of posts is not permitted. All posts must be installed in sleeves in concrete footings. Driven sleeve posts must not be used.

4.5 **Tensioning**

Tensioning must be undertaken only when the ambient temperature is between 40°C and 0°C. All ropes must be tensioned appropriate to the ambient temperature in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The Contractor must undertake initial tensioning of each rope which must not proceed until 14 days after pouring the last anchor block which will be affected by tension in the ropes. The Contractor must complete a Tension Report using the template included in Attachment R43A.

6 month and 12 months after the initial tensioning of the WRSB the Contractor must undertake verification testing by checking the tension in each rope for compliance with the specified requirements. If necessary, the Contractor must re-tension the ropes to comply with the Manufacturer's Instructions. On completion of the verification of tension the Contractor must complete a Tension Report using the template included in Attachment R43A.

4.6 **Engagement at Anchors, Turn Buckles and Tension Fittings**

At completion of verification of the tension, ropes must be engaged in accordance with Table 4.6.

TABLE 4.6 – ROPE ENGAGEMENT	
Location	Measure of engagement
Anchor point with threaded Swage	≥ 10mm past the last nut.
Turn buckle	Maximum 30mm and minimum 10 mm outside any nut

The contractor must ensure all hot dip galvanized swaged ends and tension fittings are fully wrapped with Denso tape. Turn buckles must be located at least 100 mm from any post.

4.7 **Safety Check Ropes**

At completion of verification of the rope tension, safety check ropes must be placed in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings.

Safety check ropes must be fully extended along the tensioned rope, clipped in place and secured to the anchor frame. Safety check ropes must be clear of debris and not fouled by other ropes.

Safety check ropes must consist of stainless steel Grade 304 or 316 with matching fittings. The ropes must be 8mm diameter made of 7 strands with 19 wires each (7x19) with the minimum breaking load for Grade 304 rope of 40kN and for Grade 316 of 34kN.

5. **REMOVAL OF EXISTING SAFETY BARRIER SYSTEMS**

Unless specified otherwise, existing safety barrier removed prior to installation of new wire rope barrier system must become the property of the Contractor. The removed components must not be disposed of in landfill.

If a hole is created or excavated as a result of the removal of an existing w-beam or wire rope post, the hole must be backfilled and compacted with Type A material or PM 2/20 so that the permeability of the backfill is not less than the surrounding material. Compaction in layers not exceeding 150 mm at OMC to not less than 95% is deemed to meet this requirement. 1% Cement may be added to this backfill.

6. **HOLD POINTS**

The following is a summary of Hold Points referenced in this Part:

CLAUSE REF.	HOLD POINT	RESPONSE TIME
2	Submission of Quality Documentation	7 days
4.2	Excavation for anchor block	1 working day

7. VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RECORDS

The Contractor must supply the following records:

CLAUSE REF.	SUBJECT	RECORD TO BE PROVIDED
3	Properties of WRSB components	Test results of representative samples of components.
		Coil batch number (obtained from the coil label).
		Date of manufacture, grade and metal thickness stamped on the posts.
4.2	Post footing and anchor blocks	Pull Over Failure Load Results where applicable.
		Soil Test Results where Contractor proposes alternative size anchor block.
		Photographic records of anchor block and post footing dimensions.
		Anchor block movement report at initial tensioning and at 6 and 12 month inspections.
4.5	Tensioning	Tensioning Report at initial, 6 & 12 months (Attachment R43A).

ATTACHMENT R43A**WIRE ROPE SAFETY BARRIER TENSIONING REPORT**

Road No.:		Road Name:	
RRD or MMP Start:		RRD or MMP End:	
Side L/M/R:		Length (metres):	
Offset from centre line		Barrier Type (manufacturer):	
Installation/Repair Date:		Number of Swage Buckle (set)	

Verification Date:		Tensioning Device-Calibration Certificate Date:	
Ambient Temperature C°:		Manufacturers' Recommended Tension Value kN:	
Achieved Tension (kN): Rope 1		Achieved Tension (kN): Rope 2	
Achieved Tension (kN): Rope 3		Achieved Tension (kN): Rope 4	
Tested By: (Company)		Name: Signature:	
