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SUMMARY REPORT:

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INTRODUCTION

With recent changes/clarifications about the appropriate height for W-beam guardrail, there are many existing locations identified where rail height is below the recommended height. Pavement overlays create additional locations where this occurs. Raising the blockout on the post is a safe, low-cost means to adjust the rail height; however, there are still some unknowns regarding how the rail system would perform when using composite blockouts.

The purpose of this research was to analyze W-beam rail performance when blockouts are raised on the posts as a method of adjusting rail height. Specifically, this research evaluated wood post/composite blockout and steel post/wood blockout systems. The outcome of this study complements the existing guidelines regarding the procedure of raising blockout mounting height on steel and wood posts to achieve the recommended rail height for a W-beam guardrail. Constructability issues related to raising blockouts were addressed throughout this research study.

The information compiled from this research enables the Departments of Transportation to decide whether raising blockouts on the posts can be chosen as a safe, low cost means to adjust rail height when it is below the recommended value, without compromising the rail system performance.

PENDULUM FACILITY

Pendulum tests were conducted to determine the dynamic impact performance of a raised

blockout on a steel guardrail post. The tests were performed at TTI's Proving Ground Pendulum Facility. The tests were designed such that the pendulum bogie impacted the face of a W-beam back-up mounted to the traffic face of the raised blockout at an angle of 90 degrees (normal) to what would be the direction of travel and at a target speed of 20 mi/h. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted each test article at a height of 29½ inches above grade. Testing was performed in accordance with the procedures presented in Appendix A.

The first series of pendulum testing (tests P1-P5) was performed on May 6, 2016. Weather conditions at the time of testing were as follows: Wind speed: 1-2 mi/h; wind direction: 253-346 degrees with respect to the pendulum bogie; temperature: 72-84°F; relative humidity: 37-62 percent.



The second series of pendulum testing (P6-P7) was performed on June 16, 2016. Weather conditions at the time of testing were as follows: Wind speed: 8-10 mi/h; wind direction: 169 degrees with respect to the pendulum bogie; temperature: 85-92°F; relative humidity: 58-77 percent.

The third series of pendulum testing (P8-P9) was performed on September 28, 2016. Weather conditions at the time of testing were as follows: Wind speed: 1 mi/h; wind direction: 346 degrees with respect to the pendulum bogie; temperature: 73-79°F; relative humidity: 57-72 percent.

TEST ARTICLE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

The steel guardrail posts were standard galvanized 72-inch long W6×8.5 shapes (PWE01), some with bolt hole modifications as noted below.

In three of the first five tests (Test Nos. P2, P4, and P5), standard pressure treated and routered wood blockouts measuring 14-inches × 7‰-inches × 6-inches (PDB-01b) were used. In the other two tests (P1 and P3), plastic King BlockTM blockouts from Trinity Highway Products were used. A W-Beam backup plate (RWB01a) was secured to the traffic face of each blockout with one 10-inch long guardrail bolt and recessed nut (FBB03 & FBB).

For Test Nos. 605311-P6 through P8, the plastic blockouts from Mondo Polymer Technologies, Inc. were used. A W-Beam backup plate (RWB01a) was secured to the traffic face of each blockout with one 10-inch long guardrail bolt and recessed nut (FBB03 & FBB).

In the final test (Test No. 605311-P9) a King BlockTM from Trinity Highway Products was used. A W-Beam backup plate (RWB01a) was secured to the traffic face of each blockout with one 10-inch long guardrail bolt and recessed nut (FBB03 & FBB).

In tests where the blockouts were raised 4 inches, an additional $^{13}/_{16}$ -inch diameter hole was located in one flange of the post, 3 inches below the top and 1½ inches from the web centerline.

New components were used for each test, and each post was secured in compacted (pneumatically tamped) soil meeting grading B of AASHTO standard specification M147-65(2004) "Materials for Aggregate and Soil Aggregate Subbase, Base and Surface Courses." The soil was compacted to 95% of Standard Proctor Density following ASTM D698. Table 1 summarizes the tests performed.

| Test No. | Blockout Type | Blockout Raised on Post (inches) |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| P1 | King Block TM | - |
| P2 | Wood | - |
| P3 | King Block TM | 4 |
| P4 | Wood | 4 |
| P5 | Wood | 4 |
| P6 | Mondo TM Plastic Block | - |
| P7 | Mondo TM Plastic Block | 4 |
| P8 | Mondo TM Plastic Block | 4 |
| P9 | King Block TM | 4 |

Table 1. Summary of Performed Tests.

TEST NO. 605311-P1 – Plastic King[™] Block A at Standard Height

For Test P1, a 72-inch long steel post (PWE01) with a King BlockTM blockout was installed such that the top of the post was 32 inches above grade and the embedment depth was 40 inches The King BlockTM blockout was installed at its standard height relative to the top of the post, which positioned the top of the W-beam back-up plate 31 inches above grade. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted the object-beam backup plate at a height of 29½ inches above grade. Details are provided in Sheet 1 of 6 in Appendix B1.

The pendulum contacted the blockout while traveling at an impact speed of 20.0 mi/h. At 0.003 s after impact, the post began to deflect toward the field side, and the top edge of the guardrail back-up plate began to climb up and over the blockout. At 0.063 s, the post began to rotate counterclockwise, and at 0.068 s, the blockout began to ride up the face of the post. The post was leaning toward the field side at 15 degrees and had a maximum displacement of 11 inches measured at the top of the post at 0.085 s, after which the blockout began to rotate about the post to 90 degrees and eventually fractured at approximately 0.125 s. The nose of the pendulum lost contact with the post and blockout at 0.150 s, and the pendulum was traveling at 11.0 mi/h. The skid plate of the pendulum contacted the guardrail back-up plate and blockout at 0.190 s.

The post was pushed downstream through the soil 5³/₈ inches at ground level, with a 1-inch gap on the field side. The post was leaning 30 degrees downstream. The blockout fractured horizontally near the center. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 11.0 inches.

The 50-ms average longitudinal acceleration was -5.9 g, maximum 50-ms average force was 11.4 kips, and energy was 380 kip-inch. These values and other pertinent information from the test are summarized in Table C1 of Attachment C.



Before Test

After Test

Figure 1. Plastic King[™] Block A at Standard Height before and after Test No. 605311-P1.

TEST NO. 605311-P2 - Wood Block A at Standard Height

For Test P2, a 72-inch long steel post (PWE01) with a wood PDB-01b blockout was installed such that the top of the post was 32 inches above grade, and the top of the W-beam back-up plate was 31 inches above grade. The post was installed to a depth of 40 inches. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted the W-beam backup plate at a height of 29½ inches above grade. Details are provided in Sheet 4 of 6 in Appendix B1.

The pendulum contacted the blockout while traveling at an impact speed of 21.5 mi/h. At 0.004 s after impact, the post began to deflect toward the field side, and at 0.005 s, the top edge of the guardrail back-up plate began to climb up and over the blockout. At 0.136 s, the post was leaning toward the field side at 29 degrees and had a maximum displacement of 19 inches measured at the top of the post. The nose of the pendulum lost contact with the post and blockout at 0.180 s, and the pendulum was traveling at 9.1 mi/h. The pendulum nose lost contact with the backup plate at 0.200 s and the blockout was intact and did not rotate about the post. The skid plate of the pendulum contacted the guardrail and blockout at 0.269 s.

The post was pushed toward the field side through the soil 5³/₈ inches at ground level, with a 1-inch gap on the field side. The post was leaning 25 degrees downstream. As shown in Figure 1, the blockout remained intact. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 19.0 inches.

The 50-ms average longitudinal acceleration was -6.5 g, maximum 50-ms average force was 12.8 kips, and energy was 488 kip-inch. These values and other pertinent information from the test are summarized in Table C2 of Attachment C.



Before Test

After Test

Figure 2. Wood Block A at Standard Height before and after Test No. 605311-P2.

TEST NO. 605311-P3 – Plastic King BlockTM B Raised 4-inches

For Test P3, a 72-inch long steel post (PWE01) with a King Block TM blockout was installed such that the top of the post was 28 inches above grade, and the top of the W-beam back-up plate was 31 inches above grade. The post was installed to a depth of 44 inches. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted the W-beam backup plate at a height of 29½ inches above grade. Details are provided in Sheet 2 of 6 in Appendix B1.

The pendulum contacted the blockout while traveling at an impact speed of 19.9 mi/h. At 0.003 s after impact, the post began to deflect toward the field side, and at 0.005 s, the top edge of the guardrail back-up plate began to climb up and over the blockout. At 0.056 s, the blockout began to ride up the face of the post and rotate counterclockwise, and by 0.074 s, the blockout had rotated 90 degrees counterclockwise. The post was leaning toward the field side at 10.5 degrees and had a maximum displacement of 10½ inches measured at the top of the post at 0.094 s. The blockout fractured horizontally at 0.097 s, the upper part of the blockout remained attached to the guardrail back-up plate, and the lower portion remained attached to the post. At the time of the blockout fracture, the post was still leaning toward the field side at 10.5 degrees, and was twisted counterclockwise approximately 20 degrees with the blockout rotated 90 degrees from its original position to the face of the post. The nose of the pendulum lost contact with the post and blockout at 0.120 s, and the pendulum was traveling at 12.3 mi/h. The skid plate of the pendulum contacted the lower portion of the blockout at 0.182 s.

The post was pushed toward the field side through the soil 4 inches at ground level, with a 1-inch gap on the field side. The post was leaning 15 degrees toward the field side. The blockout was fractured horizontally just above the center of the blockout, with the upper portion remaining attached to the guardrail back-up plate, and the lower portion remaining attached to the post (see Figure 2). Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 10.5 inches.

The 50-ms average longitudinal acceleration was -5.0 g, maximum 50-ms average force was 9.8 kips, and energy was 310 kip-inch. These values and other pertinent information from the test are summarized in Table C3 of Attachment C.



Before Test





After Test

Figure 3. Plastic King[™] Block B Raised 4 inches before and after Test No. 605311-P3.

TEST NO. 605311-P4 – Wood Block B Raised 4-inches

For Test P4, a 72-inch long steel post (PWE01) with a wood PDB-01b blockout was installed such that the top of the post was 28 inches above grade, and the top of the W-beam back-up plate was 31 inches above grade. The post was installed to a depth of 44 inches. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted the W-beam backup plate at a height of 29¹/₂ inches above grade. Details are provided in Sheet 5 of 6 in Appendix B1.

The pendulum contacted the blockout while traveling at an impact speed of 19.7 mi/h. At 0.003 s after impact, the post began to deflect toward the field side, and at 0.014 s, the top edge of the guardrail back-up plate began to climb up and over the blockout. At 0.060 s, the post and blockout began to rotate counterclockwise. The post was leaning toward the field side at 17 degrees, and had a maximum displacement of 11 inches, measured at the top of the post, at 0.085 s. At 0.089 s, the blockout began to splinter and the post was leaning toward the field side at 16.5 degrees, and was twisted counterclockwise approximately 30 degrees. By 0.120 s, the blockout had rotated 90 degrees counterclockwise from its original position on the face of the post. The nose of the pendulum lost contact with the post and blockout at 0.130 s, and the pendulum was traveling at 11.3 mi/h. The skid plate of the pendulum contacted the lower portion of the blockout at 0.192 s.

Figure 4 shows the post pushed toward the field side through the soil 4 inches at ground level, with a ⁵/₈-inch gap on the field side. The upper portion of the post was rotated 90 degrees counterclockwise. The blockout rotated on the post but remained attached to the post. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 11.0 inches.

The 50-ms average longitudinal acceleration was -6.0 g, maximum 50-ms average force was 11.6 kips, and energy was 369 kip-inch. These values and other pertinent information from the test are summarized in Table C4 of Attachment C.



Before Test

After Test

Figure 4. Wood Block B Raised 4 inches before and after Test No. 605311-P4.

TEST NO. 605311-P5 – Wood Block B Raised 4-inches

Test P5 was a repeat of test P4 for validation purposes, in which a 72-inch long steel post (PWE01) with a wood PDB-01b blockout was installed such that the top of the post was 28 inches above grade, and the top of the W-beam back-up plate was 31 inches above grade. The post was installed to a depth of 44 inches. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted the W-beam backup plate at a height of 29½ inches above grade. Details are provided in Sheet 5 of 6 in Appendix B1.

The pendulum contacted the blockout while traveling at an impact speed of 19.7 mi/h. At 0.003 s after impact, the post began to deflect toward the field side, and at 0.020 s, the top edge of the guardrail back-up plate began to climb up and over the blockout. At 0.078 s, the blockout began to rotate away from the post. The post was leaning toward the field side at 32 degrees and had a maximum displacement of 19 inches measured at the top of the post at 0.142 s. The nose of the pendulum lost contact with the post and blockout at 0.190 s, and the pendulum was traveling at 8.1 mi/h. At this point, the post was leaning toward the field side at 27.5 degrees and was twisted approximately 20 degrees counterclockwise. The blockout remained attached to the face of the post but was twisted approximately 30 degrees clockwise. The skid plate of the pendulum contacted the lower portion of the backup plate at 0.250 s, and the blockout began to fracture at 0.342 s from a direct secondary impact on the blockout itself.

Figure 5 shows the blockout fractured upon impact with the skid plate of the pendulum, but the larger portion remained attached to the post. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 19.0 inches.

The 50-ms average longitudinal acceleration was -6.1 g, maximum 50-ms average force was 11.9 kips, and energy was 405 kip-inch. These values and other pertinent information from the test are summarized in Table C5 of Attachment C.



Before Test





After Test

Figure 5. Wood Block B Raised 4 inches before and after Test No. 605311-P5.

TEST NO. 605311-P6 – Mondo Plastic Block at Standard Height

For Test P6, a 72-inch long steel post (PWE01) with an 8-inch deep Mondo #GB14SH2 blockout was installed such that the top of the post was 32 inches above grade, and the top of the W-beam was 31 inches above grade. A 10-inch long bolt was used to attach the blockout to the post. The post was installed to a depth of 40 inches. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted the W-beam backup plate at a height of 29½ inches above grade. Details are provided in Sheet 1 of 6 in Appendix B2.

The pendulum contacted the blockout while traveling at an impact speed of 19.8 mi/h. At 0.001 s after impact, the post began to deflect toward the field side, and at 0.009 s, the top edge of the guardrail back-up plate began to climb up and over the blockout. At 0.045 s, the blockout began to rotate counterclockwise. The blockout began to detach from the post at 0.065 s. At 0.071 s, the blockout was 90 degrees to its original position, and the post was twisted approximated 20 degrees. The post was leaning toward the field side at 13 degrees and had a maximum displacement of 10.0 inches measured at the top of the post at 0.106 s. At 0.108 s, the blockout abruptly released around the face flange of the post, but did not fracture and remained bolted to the post. The nose of the pendulum lost contact with the post and blockout at 0.155 s, and the pendulum was traveling at 11.0 mi/h.

Figure 6 shows the blockout rotated almost 180 degrees, but it remained attached to the post. The post deflected toward the field side through the soil 3.0 inches at grade. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 9.5 inches.

The 50-ms average longitudinal acceleration was -5.5 g, maximum 50-ms average force was 10.7 kips, and energy was 377 kip-inch. These values and other pertinent information from the test are summarized in Table C6 of Attachment C.



Before Test

After Test

Figure 6. MondoTM Plastic Block at Standard Height before and after Test No. 605311-P6.

TEST NO. 605311-P7 – Mondo Plastic Block Raised 4-inches

For Test P7, a 72-inch long steel post (PDE01) with an 8-inch deep Mondo #GB14SH2 blockout was installed such that the top of the post was 28 inches above grade, and the top of the W-beam was 31 inches above grade. A 10-inch long bolt was used to attach the blockout to the post. The post was installed to a depth of 44 inches. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted the W-beam backup plate at a height of 29½ inches above grade. Details are provided in Sheet 3 of 6 in Appendix B2.

The pendulum contacted the blockout while traveling at an impact speed of 19.8 mi/h. At 0.003 s after impact, the post began to deflect toward the field side, and at 0.007 s, the blockout began to rotate clockwise over the top of the post. At 0.048 s, the upper section of the post began to rotate counterclockwise. The post was leaning toward the field side at 7 degrees and had a maximum displacement of 5.5 inches measured at the top of the post at 0.057 s. The blockout began to rotate and separate on the face of the post at 0.060 s, and the backup plate detached from the blockout and post at 0.063 s. At 0.068 s, the blockout was 90 degrees to its original position, and the post was twisted approximated 10 degrees. At 0.070 s, the blockout abruptly released around the face flange of the post, but did not fracture and remained bolted to the post. The nose of the pendulum lost contact with the post and blockout at 0.145 s, and the pendulum was traveling at 13.5 mi/h. The skid plate of the pendulum contacted the lower portion of the blockout at 0.164 s.

Figure 7 shows the blockout rotated almost 180 degrees, but it remained attached to the post. The post deflected through the soil 3.75 inches at grade. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 6.0 inches.

The 50-ms average longitudinal acceleration was -4.8 g, maximum 50-ms average force was 9.3 kips, and energy was 310 kip-inch. These values and other pertinent information from the test are summarized in Table C7 of Attachment C.



Before Test

After Test

Figure 7. Mondo Plastic Block Raised 4 inches before and after Test No. 605311-P7.

TEST NO. 605311-P8 – Mondo Plastic Block Raised 4-inches

For Test P8, a 72-inch long steel post (PDE01) with an 8-inch deep Mondo #GB14SH2 blockout was installed such that the top of the post was 28 inches above grade, and the top of the W-beam was 31 inches above grade. A 10-inch long bolt was used. The post was installed to a depth of 44 inches. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted the W-beam backup plate at a height of 29½ inches above grade. Details are provided in Sheet 3 of 6 in Appendix B3.

The pendulum contacted the blockout while traveling at an impact speed of 18.7 mi/h. At 0.002 s after impact, the post began to deflect toward the field side, and at 0.006 s, the blockout began to rotate clockwise over the top of the post. At 0.018 s, the blockout began to rotate counterclockwise. The post began to rotate counterclockwise at 0.042 s, and the bolt pulled through the backup plate slot at 0.058. The post had a maximum displacement of 5.3 inches measured at the top of the post at 0.060 s. At 0.064 s, the blockout abruptly released around the face flange of the post, but did not fracture and remained bolted to the post. At 0.066 s, the blockout was 90 degrees to its original position, and the post was twisted approximated 10 degrees. The backup plate detached from the blockout and post at 0.110 s. At 0.185 s, the blockout separated from the face of the post as it was impacted by the pendulum skid plate. The nose of the pendulum lost contact with the post and blockout at 0.250 s, and the pendulum was traveling at 12.1 mi/h.

Figure 8 shows the blockout, backup plate, and bolt separated from the post. The post deflected through the soil 1.5 inches at grade. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 6.5 inches.

The 50-ms average longitudinal acceleration was -4.6 g, maximum 50-ms average force was 8.2 kips, and energy was 280 kip-inch. These values and other pertinent information from the test are summarized in Table C8 of Attachment C.



Before Test







After Test

Figure 8. Mondo Plastic Block Raised 4 inches before and after Test No. 605311-P8.

TEST NO. 605311-P9 – Plastic King BlockTM B Raised 4-inches

For Test P9, a 72-inch long steel post (PDE01) with a King Block[™] blockout was installed such that the top of the post was 28 inches above grade, and the top of the W-beam was 31 inches above grade. A 10-inch long bolt was used to attach the blockout to the post. The post was installed to a depth of 44 inches. The centerline of the pendulum's nose impacted the W-beam backup plate at a height of 29½ inches above grade. Details are provided in Sheet 6 of 6 in Appendix B3.

The pendulum contacted the blockout while traveling at an impact speed of 18.6 mi/h. At 0.003 s after impact, the post began to deflect toward the field side, and at 0.005 s, the top of the backup plate rode over the top of the blockout. At 0.009 s, the lower edge of the backup plate pulled away from the blockout, and at 0.016 s, the bottom edge of the blockout began to rotate away from the post. The post and blockout began to rotate counterclockwise at 0.038 s, and the bolt pulled through the backup plate slot at 0.056. At 0.058 s, the blockout began to rotate counterclockwise off of the post's flange. The blockout was 90 degrees to its original position, and the post was twisted counterclockwise approximately 30 degrees at 0.062 s. By 0.067 s, the blockout had rotated 90 degrees on the face of the post. The post had a maximum displacement of 6.3 inches measured at the top of the post at 0.075 s. The blockout fractured near the top at 0.077 s. The backup plate detached from the blockout at 0.110 s. The nose of the pendulum lost contact with the post and blockout at 0.255 s, and the pendulum was traveling at 11.4 mi/h. The blockout separated from the post at 0.265 s

Figure 9 shows the blockout, backup plate, and bolt separated from the post. The post deflected through the soil 1.7 inches at grade. The soil that had been pushed out by the post fell back into the post hole and final displacement was not attainable. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 8.0 inches.

The 50-ms average longitudinal acceleration was -4.0 g, maximum 50-ms average force was 8.0 kips, and energy was 255 kip-inch. These values and other pertinent information from the test are summarized in Table C9 of Attachment C.



Before Test







After Test

Figure 9. King Block Raised 4 inches before and after Test No. 605311-P9.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Figures 9 and 10 summarize force-displacement and the energy-time plots from the performed tests. These plots are grouped by blockout type in Figures 11 and 12.

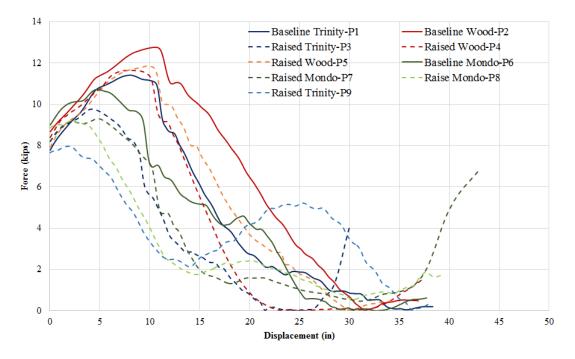


Figure 10. Force-Displacement histories for the performed tests.

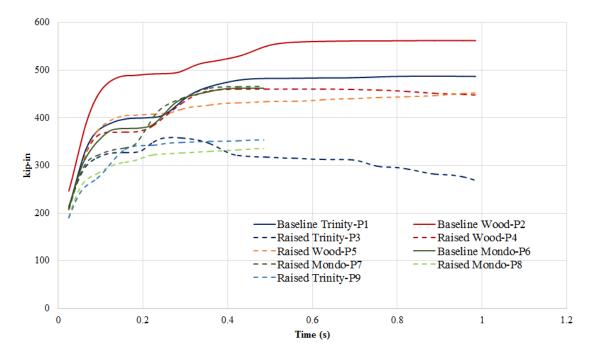


Figure 11. Energy-Time histories for the performed tests.

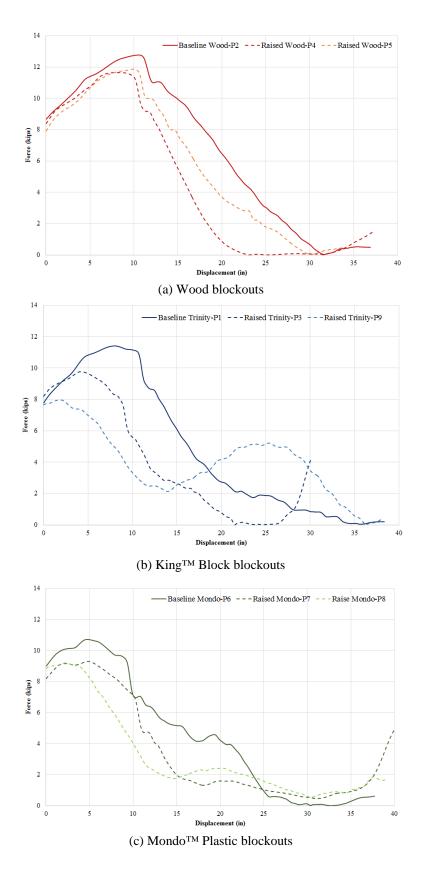


Figure 12. Force-Displacement histories categorized by blockout type.

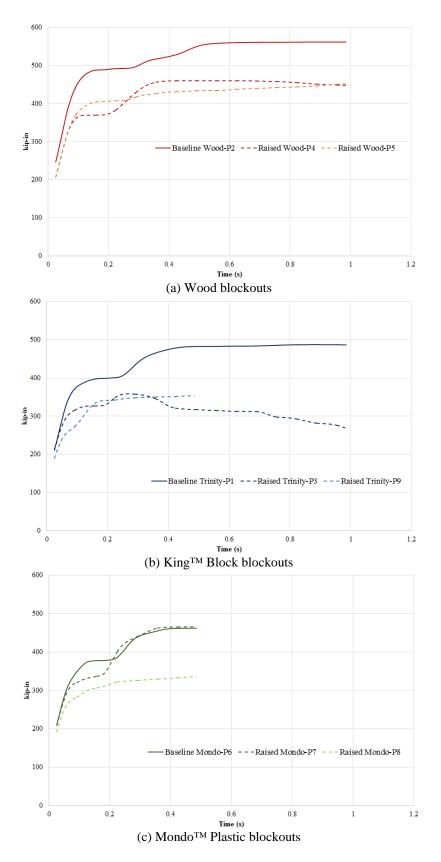
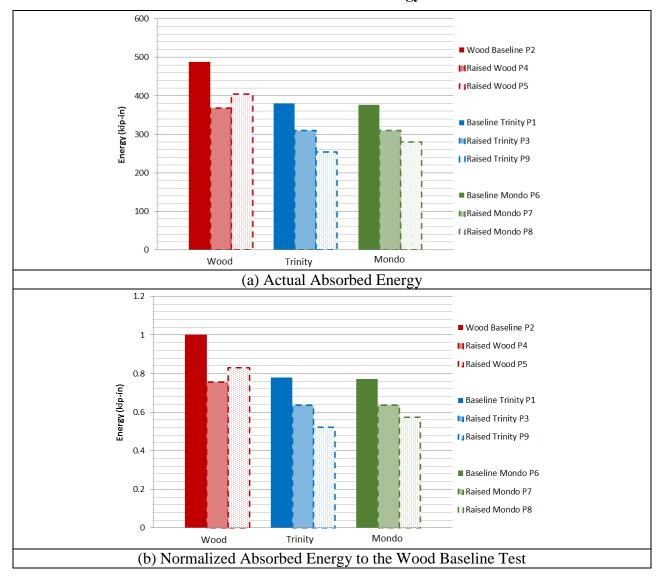


Figure 13. Energy-Time histories categorized by blockout type.

From the comparison of the energy plots, it appears that the system with wood blockouts was able to absorb more energy during the impact event in comparison to the systems which used proprietary composite blockouts (Figure 11) – this was true during the impact in the baseline condition (when blockout was not raised on post), and in the case where blockouts were raised on posts. The wood blockouts remained attached to the post and were not fractured as a consequence of the first impact from the pendulum nose. A summary table is reported below (Table 2).





In each test, the composite blockout had sufficient strength to develop the capacity of the steel guardrail post. If the raised composite blockout fractured or detached, this behavior occurred after the post had twisted more than 90 degrees out of plane with the guardrail and in some cases was related to a secondary impact from the pendulum as it swung back after the initial impact event. If a guardrail post is laterally loaded to the point it twists 90 degrees or more as it bends and deflects, it is likely that the guardrail has detached from the blockout and

the effective offset distance has been reduced. Fracture of the blockout at this time is not likely to affect the outcome of the impact event.

Table 3 summarizes testing results in terms of maximum displacement and maximum 50-ms average acceleration.

| | Tuble 5. Summury of Results. | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | Maximum Displacement (inches) | Time at Maximum Displacement (s) | Maximum 50-ms Average Acceleration (g) | Time at Max 50-ms Average Acceleration (s) | |
| P1 – Baseline Trinity | 11 | 0.085 | -5.9 | 0.051 | |
| P2 – Baseline Wood | 19 | 0.136 | -6.5 | 0.058 | |
| P3 – Trinity Raised (4") | 10.5 | 0.094 | -5.0 | 0.039 | |
| P4 – Wood Raised (4") | 11 | 0.085 | -6.0 | 0.053 | |
| P5 – Wood Raised (4") | 19 | 0.142 | -6.1 | 0.059 | |
| P6 – Baseline Mondo | 10 | 0.106 | -5.5 | 0.040 | |
| P7 – Mondo Raised (4") | 5.5 | 0.063 | -4.8 | 0.40 | |
| P8 – Mondo Raised (4") | 5.3 | 0.060 | -4.6 | 0.101 | |
| P9 – King Raised (4") | 6.3 | 0.075 | -4.0 | 0.088 | |

Table 3. Summary of Results.

As a result of the pendulum tests on raised blockouts reported herein, the Roadside Safety Pooled Fund has decided to fund an additional project to full-scale crash test a complete guardrail installation with blockouts raised on posts. Conducting a full-scale crash test with a 2270P (pickup truck) vehicle should provide a better understanding of the performance of blockouts when raised on posts.

ATTACHMENT A: PENDULUM TEST PROCEDURES AND DATA ANALYSIS

The pendulum test and data analysis procedures were in accordance with guidelines presented in *NCHRP Report 350*. Brief descriptions of these procedures are presented as follows.

ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTATION AND DATA PROCESSING

The bogie was instrumented with two accelerometers. One accelerometer is mounted at the rear of the bogie to measure longitudinal acceleration levels, the other is side-mounted at the CG of the bogey. The accelerometers are strain gage type with a linear millivolt output proportional to acceleration. Accelerometer data is compared after capture to ensure lack of anomalies that could affect test results.

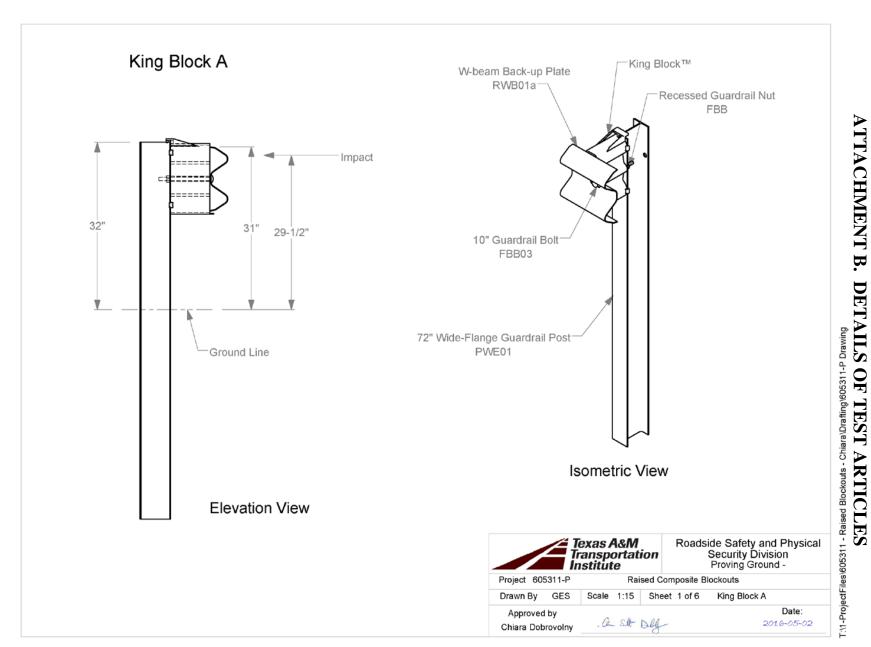
The electronic signals from the accelerometers were amplified and transmitted to a base station by means of constant bandwidth FM/FM telemetry radio link for recording. Calibration signals were recorded before and after the test and an accurate time reference signal was simultaneously recorded with the data. Pressure sensitive switches on the nose of the bogie were actuated by wooden dowel rods and initial contact to produce speed trap and "event" marks on the data record to establish the exact instant of contact with the installation, as well as impact velocity.

The multiplex of data channels, transmitted on one radio frequency, is received and demultiplexed onto TEAC[®] instrumentation data recorder. After the test, the data are played back from the TEAC[®] recorder and digitized. A proprietary software program (WinDigit) converts the analog data from each transducer into engineering units using the R-cal and pre-zero values at 10,000 samples per second, per channel. WinDigit also provides Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J211 class 180 phaseless digital filtering and bogie impact velocity.

The Test Risk Assessment Program (TRAP) uses the data from WinDigit to compute occupant/compartment impact velocities, time of occupant/compartment impact after bogie impact, and the highest 10-ms average ridedown acceleration. TRAP calculates change in bogie velocity at the end of a given impulse period. In addition, maximum average accelerations over 50-ms are computed. For reporting purposes, the data from the bogie-mounted accelerometers were then filtered with a 180 Hz digital filter and plotted using a commercially available software package (Microsoft EXCEL).

PHOTOGRAPHIC INSTRUMENTATION

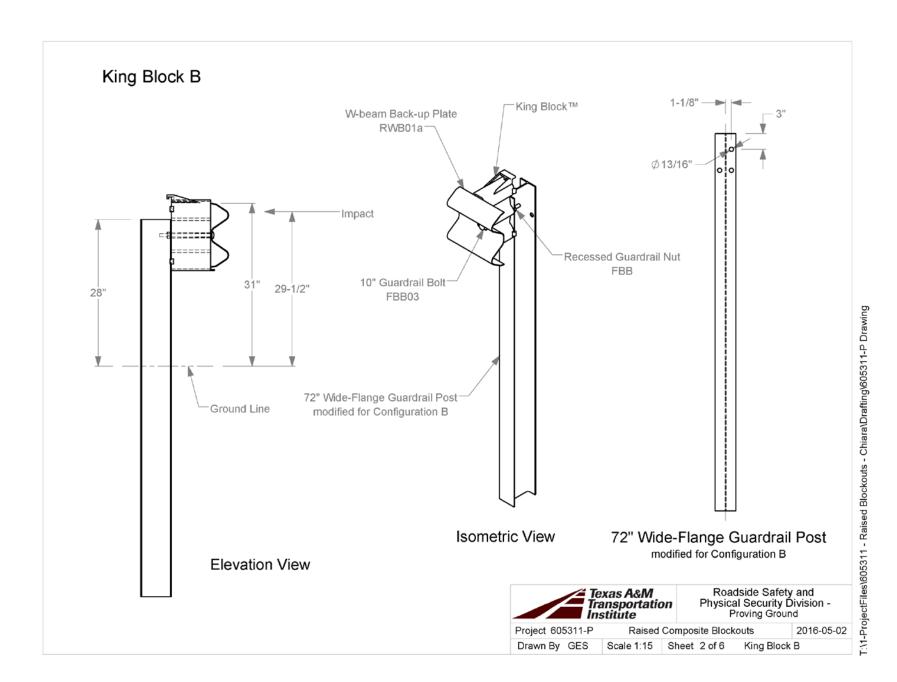
A high-speed digital camera, positioned perpendicular to the path of the bogie and the test article, was used to record the collision period. The digital video files from this high-speed camera were analyzed on a computer to observe phenomena occurring during the collision and to obtain time-event, displacement, and angular data. A digital video camera and still cameras were used to document the bogie nose and the test article before and after the test.

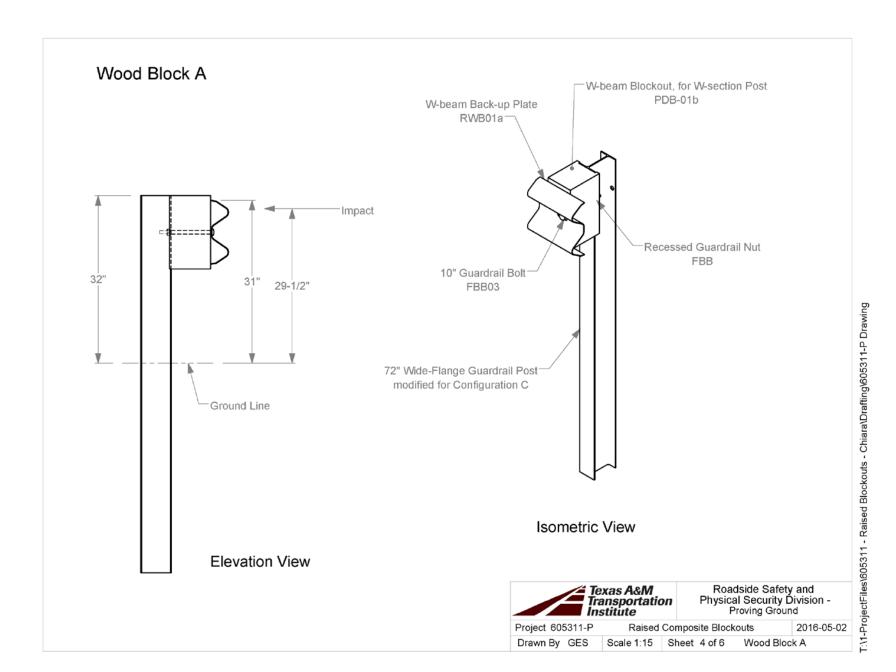


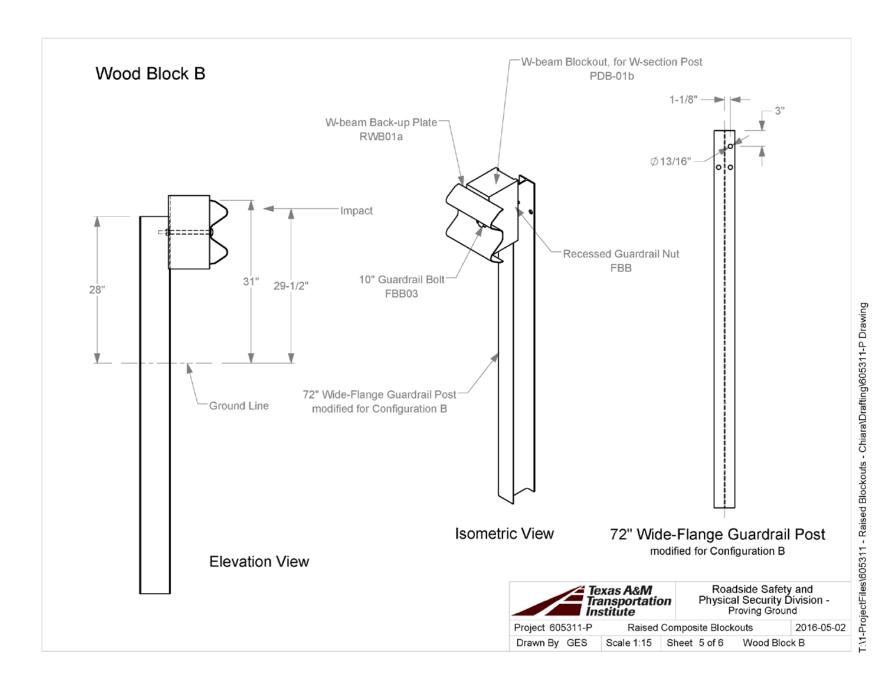
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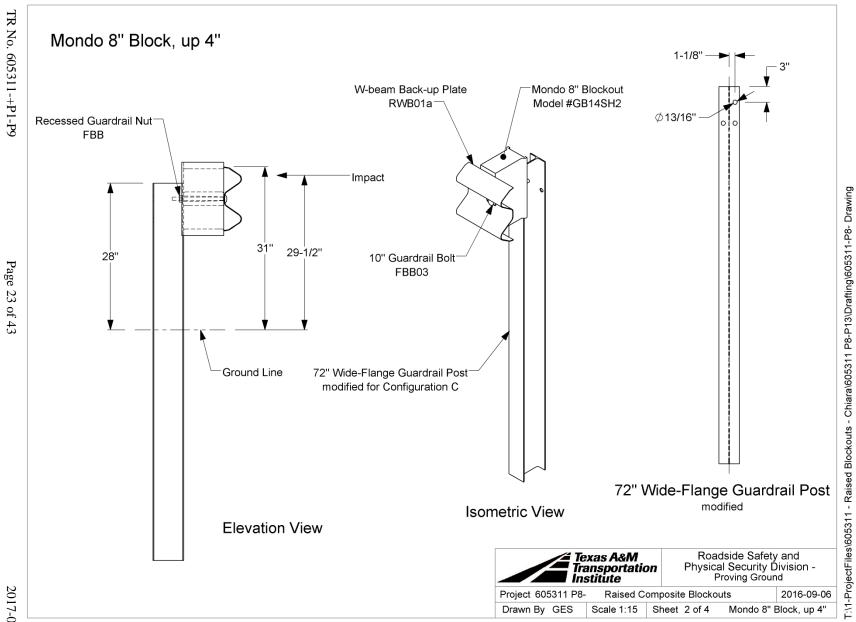




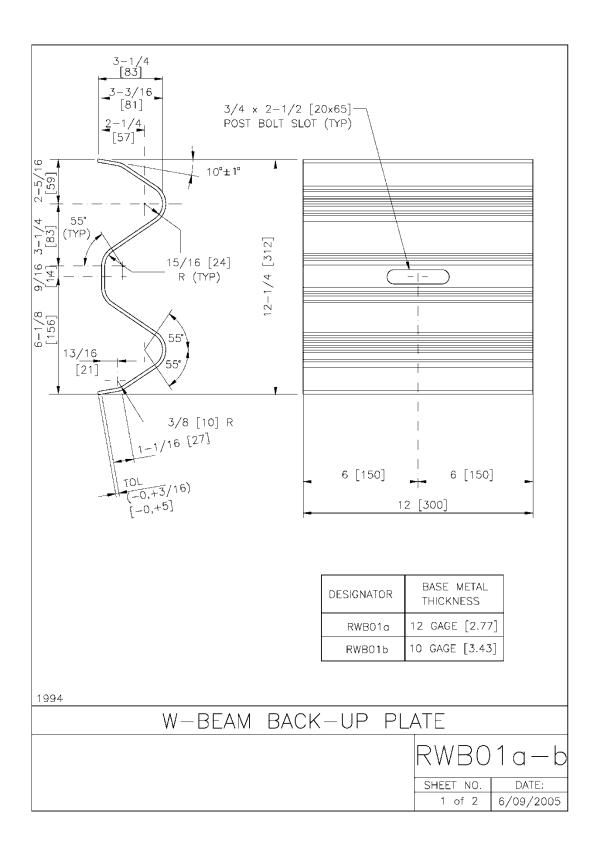
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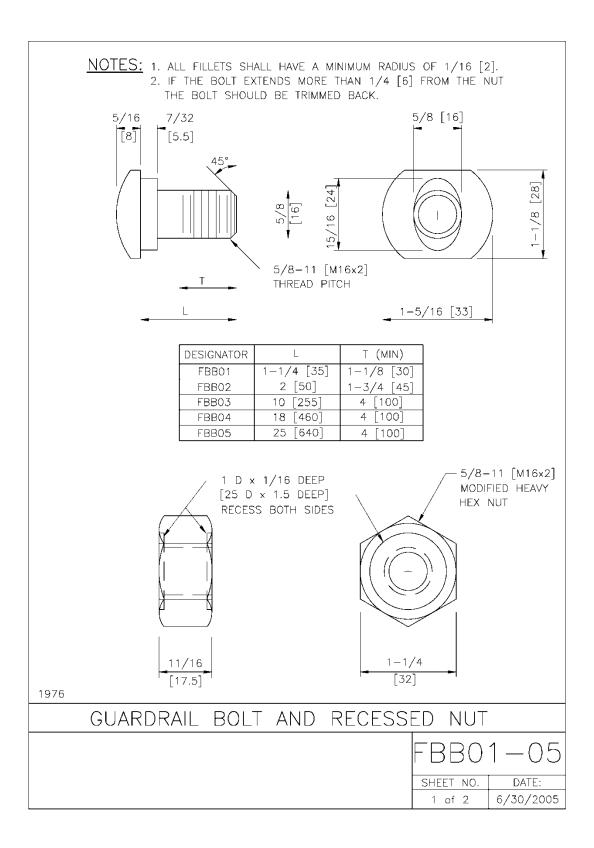
Back-up plates shall conform to the current requirements of AASHTO M 180. The section shall be manufactured from sheets with a nominal width of 19 inches [483 mm]. RWB01a shall conform to AASHTO M 180 Class A, and RWB01b shall conform to Class B. Corrosion protection shall be either Type II (galvanized) or Type IV (corrosion-resistant steel). Type IV material shall conform to ASTM A 588/A 588 M and shall not be galvanized, painted or otherwise coated.

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.

INTENDED USE

This back-up plate is placed behind W-beam guardrail elements (RWM02a-b) at intermediate steel posts (non-splice posts) in the SGR04a W-beam guardrail.

| | V | W-BEAM BACK-UP PLATE |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| RWB |)1a-b | |
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The geometry and material specifications for this oval shoulder button-headed bolt and hex nut are found in AASHTO M 180. The bolt shall have 5/8-11 [M16x2] threads as defined in ANSI B1.1 [ANSI B1.13M] for Class 2A [6g] tolerances. Bolt material shall conform to ASTM A307 Grade A [ASTM F 568M Class 4.6], with a tensile strength of 60 ksi [400 MPa] and yield strength of 36 ksi [240 MPa]. Material for corrosion-resistant bolts shall conform to ASTM A325 Type 3 [ASTM F 568M Class 8.8.3], with tensile strength of 120 ksi [830 MPa] and yield strength of 92 ksi [660 MPa]. This bolt material has corrosion resistance comparable to ASTM A588 steels. Metric zinc-coated bolt heads shall be marked as specified in ASTM F 568 Section 9 with the symbol "4.6."

Nuts shall have ANSI B1.1 Class 2B [ANSI B1.13M Class 6h] 5/8-11 [M16x2] threads. The geometry of the nuts, with the exception of the recess shown in the drawing, shall conform to ANSI B18.2.2 [ANSI B18.2.4.1M Style 1] for zinc-coated hex nuts (shown in drawing) and ANSI B18.2.2 [ANSI B18.2.4.6M] for heavy hex corrosion-resistant nuts (not shown in drawing). Material for zinc-coated nuts shall conform to the requirements of AASHTO M 291 (ASTM A 563) Grade A [AASHTO M 291M (ASTM A 563M) Class 5], and material for corrosion-resistant nuts shall conform to the requirements of AASHTO M 291 (ASTM A 563) Grade C3 [AASHTO M 291M (ASTM A 563M) Class 8S3].

When zinc-coated bolts and nuts are required, the coating shall conform to either AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A 153/A 153M) for Class C or AASHTO M 298 (ASTM B 695) for Class 50. Zinc-coated nuts shall be tapped over-size as specified in AASHTO M 291 (ASTM A 563) [AASHTO M 291M (ASTM A 563M)], except that a diametrical allowance of 0.020 inch [0.510 mm] shall be used instead of 0.016 inches [0.420 mm].

| | Stress Area of | Min. Bolt |
|------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Designator | Threaded Bolt Shank | Tensile Strength |
| | (in ² [mm ²]) | (kips [kN]) |
| FBB01-05 | 0.226 [157.0] | 13.6 [62.8] |

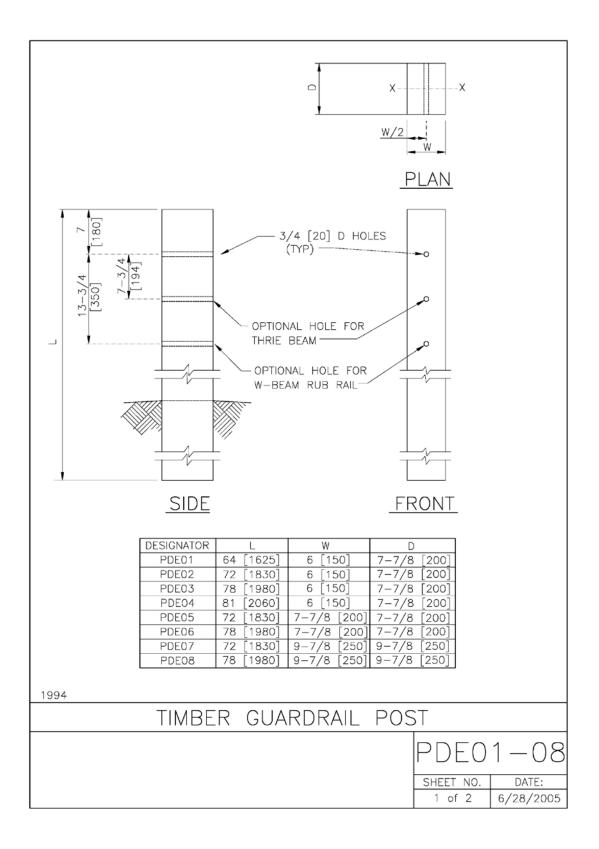
Dimensional tolerances not shown or implied are intended to be those consistent with the proper functioning of the part, including its appearance and accepted manufacturing practices.

INTENDED USE

These bolts and nuts are used in numerous guardrail and median barrier designs.

GUARDRAIL BOLT AND RECESSED NUT

| FBB0 | FBB01-05 | |
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Posts shall be made of timber with a stress grade of at least 1160 psi [8 MPa]. Stress grading shall be in accordance with the rules of the West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau, Southern Pine Inspection Bureau, or other appropriate timber association. Timber for posts shall be either rough-sawn (unplaned) or S4S (surfaced four sides) with nominal dimensions indicated. The size tolerance of posts in the direction parallel to the axis of the bolt holes shall not be more than $\pm \frac{1}{4}$ inch [6 mm]. Only one type of surface finish shall be used for posts and blockouts in any one continuous length of guardrail.

All timber shall receive a preservation treatment in accordance with AASHTO M 133 after all end cuts are made and holes are drilled.

Inertial properties shown below are based on the nominal dimensions shown.

| Designator | Area $in^2 [10^3 \text{ mm}^2]$ | I _x in ⁴ [10 ⁶ mm ⁴] | I_v in ⁴ [10 ⁶ mm ⁴] | S _x in ³ [10 ³ mm ³] | S _y in ³ [10 ³ mm ³] |
|------------|---------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| PDE01-02 | 46.5 [30] | 240.2 [100] | 134.5 [56] | 61.0 [1000] | 45.8 [750] |
| PDE03-04 | 62.0 [40] | 319.5 [133] | 319.5 [133] | 81.3 [1333] | 81.3 [1333] |
| PDE05-06 | 77.5 [50] | 624.6 [260] | 401.2 [167] | 127.1 [2083] | 101.7 [1667] |
| PDE07-08 | 97.6 [63] | 783.2 [326] | 783.2 [326] | 158.9 [2604] | 158.9 [2604] |

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.

INTENDED USE

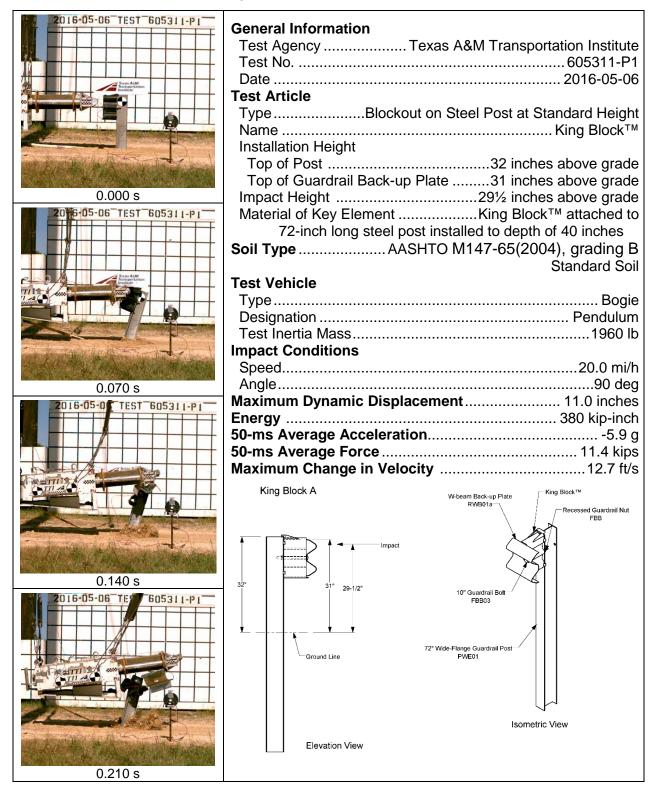
These posts are used in a variety of strong-post W-beam and thrie-beam systems, including the SGR04b, SGR04c, and SGR09c guardrails and the SGM04b and SGM09c median barriers.

| TIMBER | GUARDRAIL | POST |
|--------|---------------------|------|
| | O CI HILD I LI HILD | 1001 |

| PDE0 | PDE01-08 | |
|-----------|-----------|--|
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ATTACHMENT C. TEST SUMMARIES

Table C1. Summary of Results for Pendulum Test No. 605311-P1.



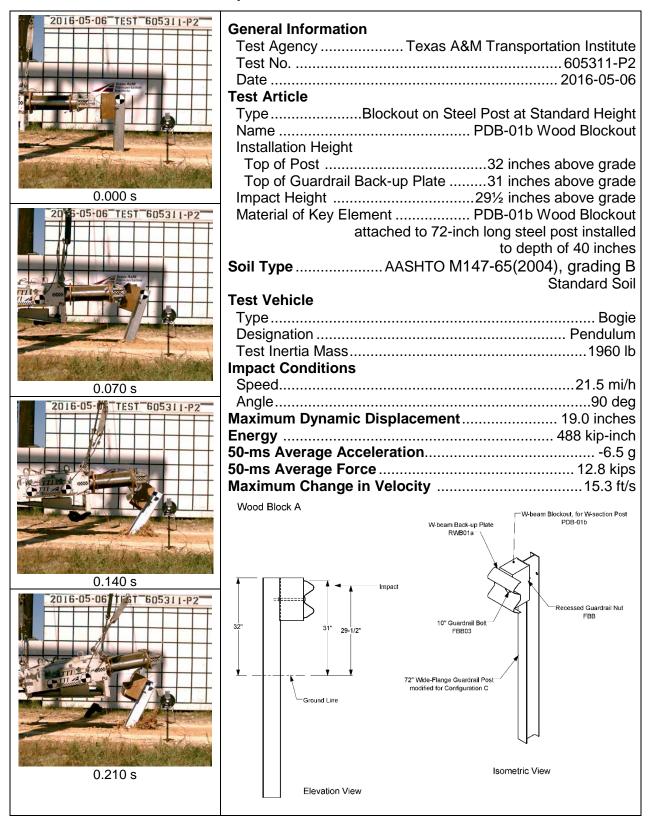
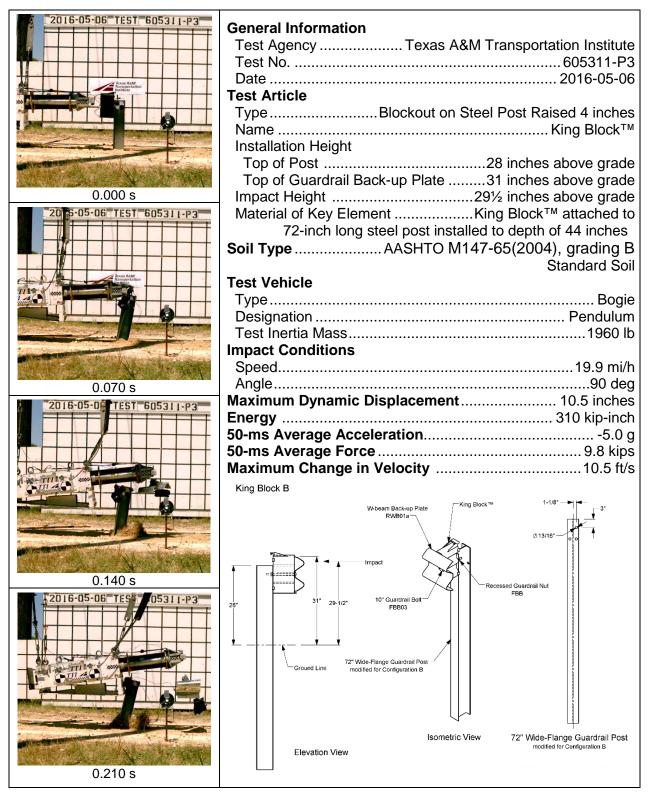


Table C2. Summary of Results for Pendulum Test No. 605311-P2.



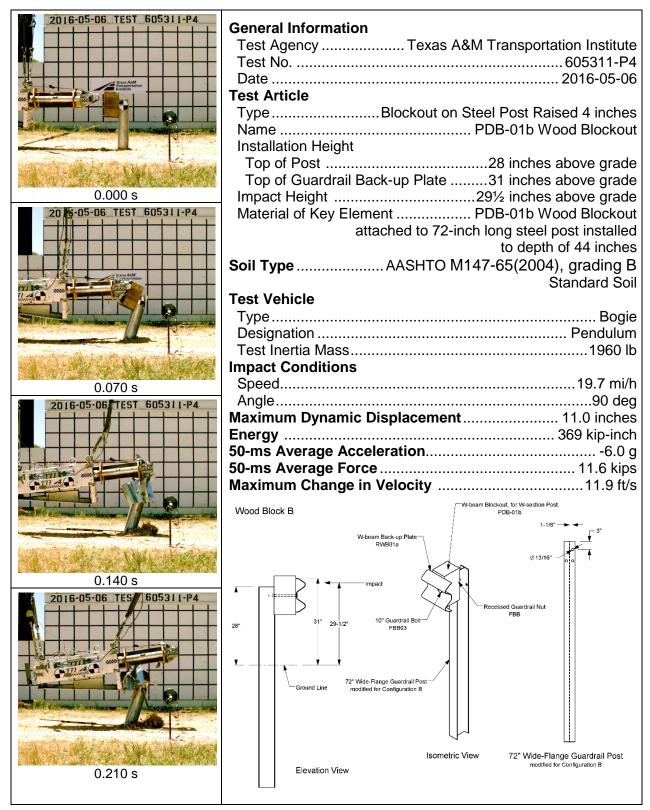


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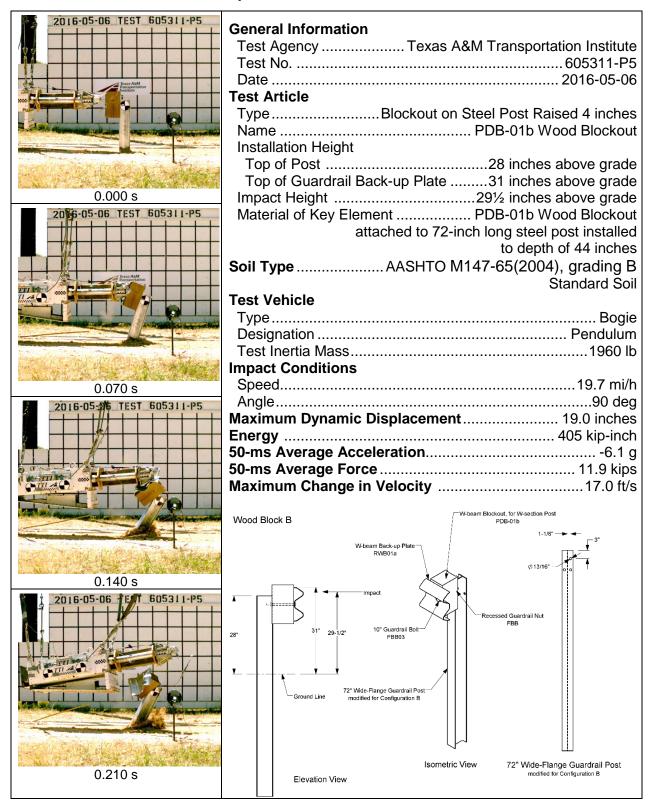


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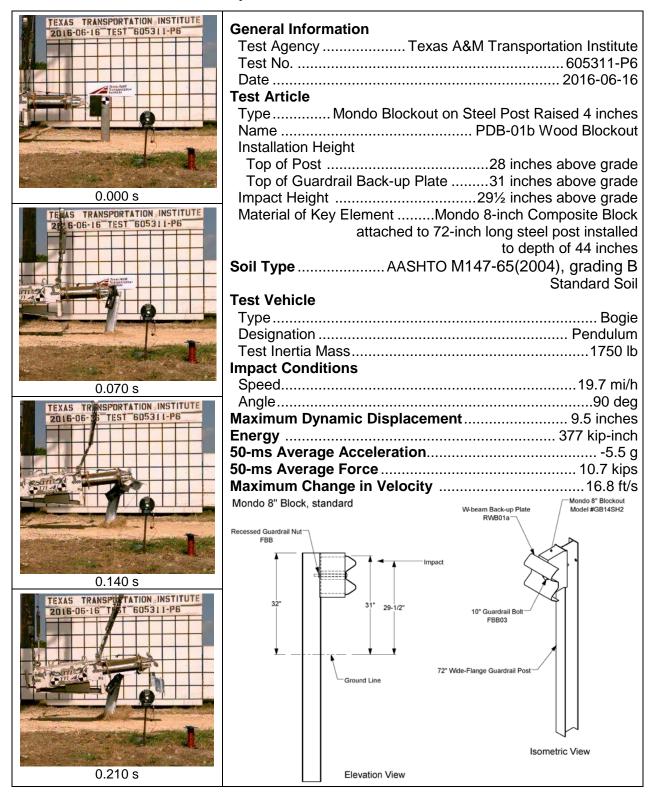


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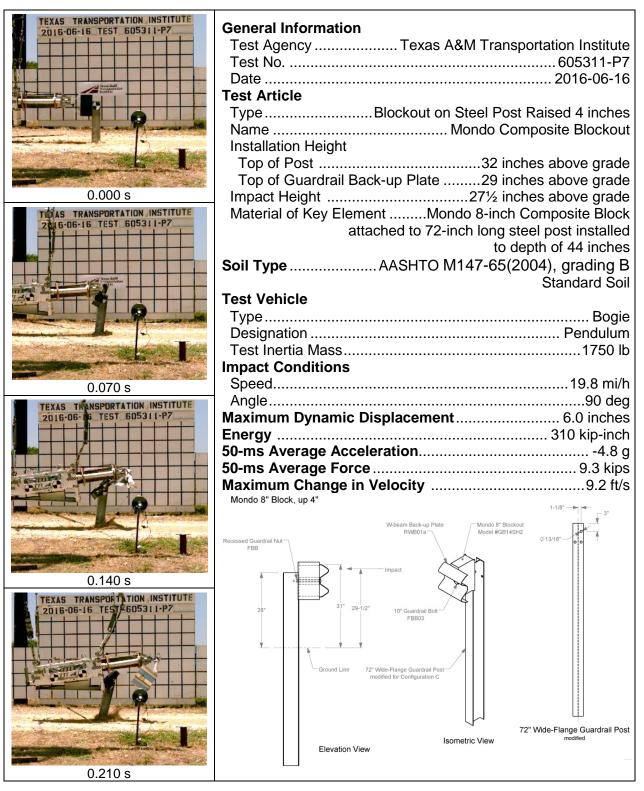


 Table C7. Summary of Results for Pendulum Test No. 605311-P7.

| Texas ASM Transportation Institute | General Information |
|---|--|
| | Test Agency Texas A&M Transportation Institute |
| | Test No |
| | Date |
| and the second sec | Test Article |
| | TypeBlockout on Steel Post Raised 4 inches |
| 0.000 s | Name |
| 0.000 S | Installation Height |
| Tras ASM State State Sta | Top of Post |
| | Top of Guardrail Back-up Plate |
| | Impact Height |
| A second s | |
| State of the second sec | Material of Key ElementMondo 8-inch Composite Block |
| Shine and show the second | attached to 72-inch long steel post installed |
| 0.090 s | to depth of 44 inches |
| 0.030 3 | Soil Type AASHTO M147-65(2004), grading B |
| STATIC VICTOR SIL | Standard Soil |
| | Test Vehicle |
| | TypeBogie |
| and and the second s | Designation Pendulum |
| State of the state | Test Inertia Mass2010 lb |
| | Impact Conditions |
| 0.180 s | Speed18.7 mi/h |
| | Angle90 deg |
| | Maximum Dynamic Displacement 6.5 inches |
| | Energy |
| | 50-ms Average Acceleration4.6 g |
| and the second se | 50-ms Average Force |
| | Maximum Change in Velocity |
| A DESCRIPTION OF THE OWNER OWNER OF THE OWNER OWNER OF THE OWNER | |
| 0.270 s | W-beam Back-up Plate Mondo 8" Blockout RWB01a Model #GB145H2 |
| | Recessed Guardrail Nut Ø13/16" Ø13/16" |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | 28" 31" 29-1/2" 10" Guardrail Bolt— FBB03 |
| | |
| | |
| | Ground Line 72" Wide-Flange Guardrail Post |
| | modified for Configuration C |
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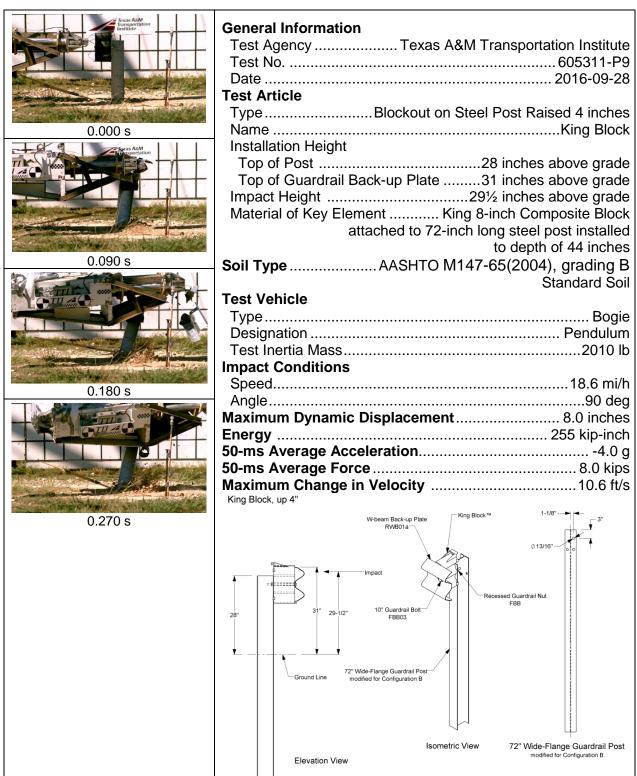
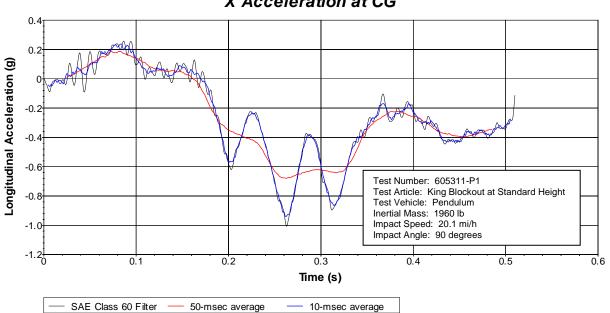


Table C9. Summary of Results for Pendulum Test No. 605311-P9.

ATTACHMENT D. ACCELERATION AND FORCE TRACES



X Acceleration at CG

Figure D1. Accelerometer Trace for test 605311-P1.

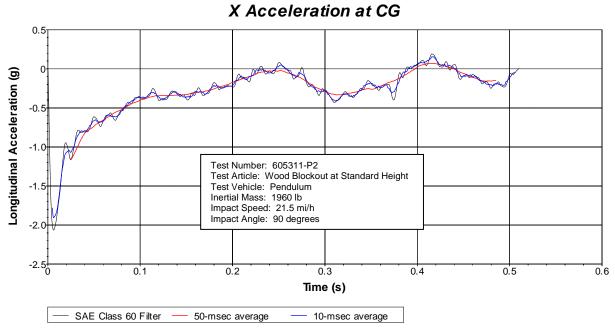


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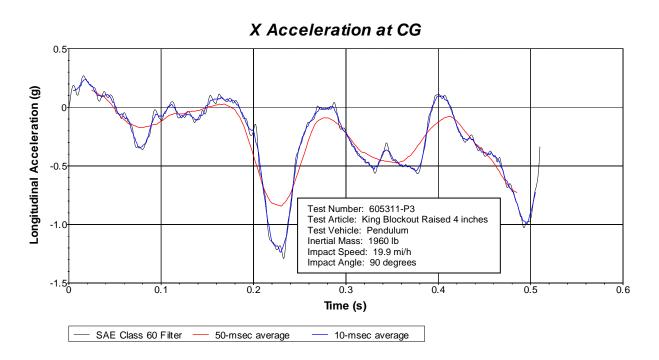
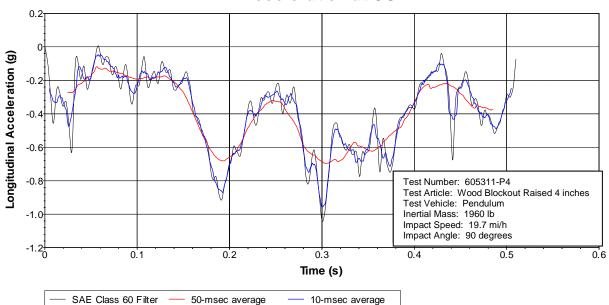


Figure D3. Accelerometer Trace for test 605311-P3.



X Acceleration at CG

Figure D4. Accelerometer Trace for test 605311-P4.

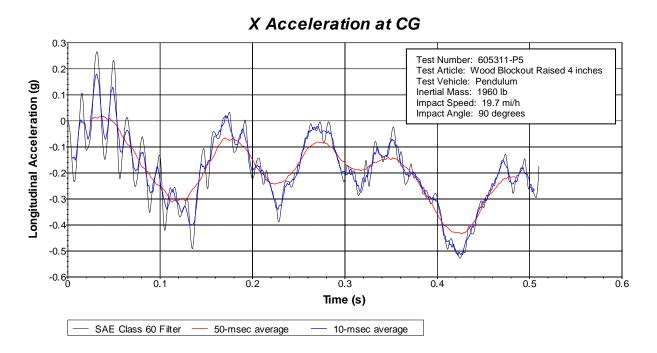
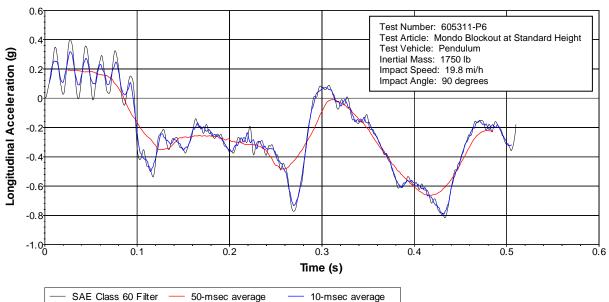


Figure D5. Accelerometer Trace for test 605311-P5.



X Acceleration at CG

Figure D6. Accelerometer Trace for test 605311-P6.

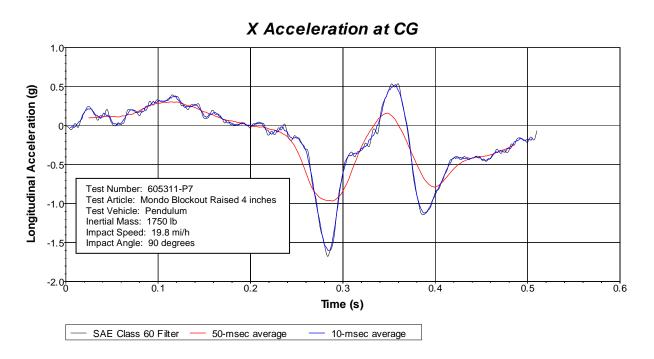


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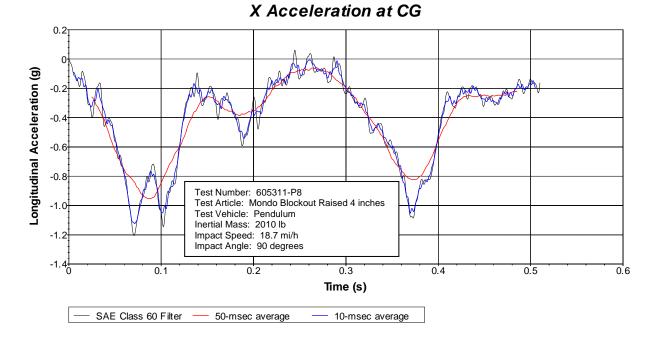


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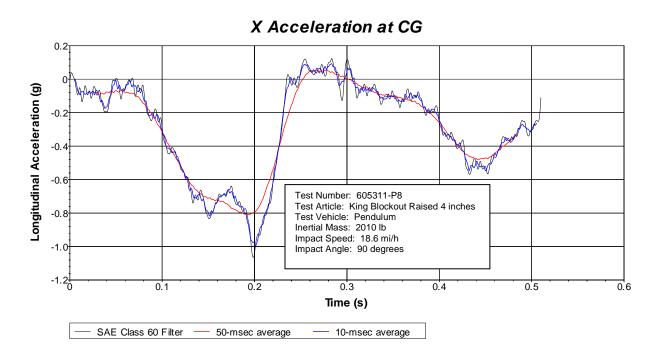


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