



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

June 12, 2020

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

In Reply Refer To:
HSST-1/WZ-416

Steve Marcotte
Ash Creek Manufacturing
2840 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR 97230
USA

Dear Mr. Marcotte:

This letter is in response to your May 7, 2020 request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety device, hardware, or system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. This FHWA letter of eligibility is assigned FHWA control number WZ-416 and is valid until a subsequent letter is issued by FHWA that expressly references this device.

Decision

The following device is eligible within the length-of-need, with details provided in the form which is attached as an integral part of this letter:

- MS 1000X Sign Stand with 48"x48" Vinyl Roll-up Sign

Scope of this Letter

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, new roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). However, the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not regulate the manufacture of roadside safety devices. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval, certification or endorsement of the device for any particular purpose or use.

This letter is not a determination by the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States Government that a vehicle crash involving the device will result in any particular outcome, nor is it a guarantee of the in-service performance of this device. Proper manufacturing, installation, and maintenance are required in order for this device to function as tested.

This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness of the system and does not cover other structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Eligibility for Reimbursement

Based solely on a review of crash test results and certifications submitted by the manufacturer, and the crash test laboratory, FHWA agrees that the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the AASHTO's MASH. Therefore, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program if installed under the range of tested conditions.

Name of system: MS 1000X Sign Stand with 48"x48" Vinyl Roll-up Sign
Type of system: Work Zone
Test Level: MASH Test Level 3 (TL3)
Testing conducted by: KARCO
Date of request: May 7, 2020

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory on the attached form.

Full Description of the Eligible Device

The device and supporting documentation, including reports of the crash tests or other testing done, videos of any crash testing, and/or drawings of the device, are described in the attached form.

Notice

This eligibility letter is issued for the subject device as tested. Modifications made to the device are not covered by this letter. Any modifications to this device should be submitted to the user (i.e., state DOT) as per their requirements.

You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design, installation and maintenance requirements to ensure proper performance.

You are expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for review, and that it will meet the test and evaluation criteria of AASHTO's MASH.

Issuance of this letter does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. This letter is based on the premise that information and reports submitted by you are accurate and correct. We reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter if: (1) there are any inaccuracies in the information submitted in support of your request for this letter, (2) the qualification testing was flawed, (3) in-service performance or other information reveals safety problems, (4) the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, or (5) any other information indicates that the letter was issued in error or otherwise does not reflect full and complete information about the crashworthiness of the system.

Standard Provisions

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility designated as FHWA control number WZ-416 shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter and the test documentation upon which it is based are public information. All such letters and documentation may be reviewed upon request.
- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder.
- This FHWA eligibility letter is not an expression of any Agency view, position, or determination of validity, scope, or ownership of any intellectual property rights to a specific device or design. Further, this letter does not impute any distribution or licensing rights to the requester. This FHWA eligibility letter determination is made based solely on the crash-testing information submitted by the requester. The FHWA reserves the right to review and revoke an earlier eligibility determination after receipt of subsequent information related to crash testing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael S. Griffith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "G".

Michael S. Griffith
Director, Office of Safety Technologies
Office of Safety

Enclosures

Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

Submitter	Date of Request:	May 07, 2020	<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Resubmission
	Name:	Bruno Haesbaert	
	Company:	Applus IDIADA KARCOEngineering. LLC.	
	Address:	9270 Holly Rd, Adelanto, CA 92301	
	Country:	United States of America	
	To:	Michael S. Griffith, Director FHWA, Office of Safety Technologies	

I request the following devices be considered eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

Device & Testing Criterion - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level

System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
WZ:CrashWorthyWork Zone	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical Crash Testing <input type="radio"/> Engineering Analysis	MS 1000XSign Stand with 48" x 48" Vinyl Roll-Up Sign	AASHTO MASH	TL3

By submitting this request for review and evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration, I certify that the product(s) was (were) tested in conformity with the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the MASH.

Individual or Organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	Steve Marcotte	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>
Company Name:	Ash Creek Manufacturing	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>
Address:	2840 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97230	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>
Country:	United States of America	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>

Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA 'Federal-Aid Reimbursement Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.

Ash Creek Manufacturing is the manufacturer and marketer of device.

Applus IDIADA KARCOEngineering, LLC (IDIADA KARCO) is an independent research and testing laboratory having no affiliation with any other entity. IDIADA KARCO is actively involved in data acquisition and compliance/certification testing for a variety of government agencies and equipment manufacturers. The principals and staff of IDIADA KARCO have no past or present financial, contractual or organizational interest in any company or entity directly or indirectly related to the products that KARCO tests. If any financial interest should arise, other than receiving fees for testing, reporting, etc., with respect to any project, the company will provide, in writing, a full and immediate disclosure to the FHWA.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

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- New Hardware or Significant Modification
 Modification to Existing Hardware

The AshCreek Manufacturing MS 1000X sign stand is a work-zone traffic control device. The as-tested device consisted of one (1) 48.0 in. (1.2 m) square vinyl roll up sign, one (1) fiberglass cross brace assembly, one (1) flag yolk, three (3) flags, and one (1) base assembly. The as-tested device weighed approximately 26.0 lbs (11.8 kg). The device had a height of 84.0 in. (2.1 m) measured to the top of the sign. The MS 1000X sign stand was tested with four (4) 25.0 lb. (11.3 kg) sand bags; one (1) for each of its legs.

The square vinyl roll-up sign was attached to a fiberglass cross brace and was set at a mounting height of 16.0 in. (406 mm) measured to the bottom corner. The top corner mounted the flag yolk which held the three (3) wooden staff flags in place. The vertical fiberglass cross brace member was mounted to a square tube which fed into the base assembly.

The base assembly consisted of one (1) square tube upright, one (1) base plate, and four (4) telescoping legs. The base plate mounts the upright and telescoping legs together. The legs consisted of two (2) portions: one (1) 0.75 in. (19 mm) square tube piece and one (1) 1.0 in. (25 mm) square extension tube piece. In its deployed state, the base assembly had a footprint measuring 48.0 in. (1.2 m) by 73.0 in. (1.8 m).

CRASH TESTING

By signature below, the Engineer affiliated with the testing laboratory, agrees in support of this submission that all of the critical and relevant crash tests for this device listed above were conducted to meet the MASH test criteria. The Engineer has determined that no other crash tests are necessary to determine the device meets the MASH criteria.

Engineer Name:	Bruno Haesbaert	
Engineer Signature:	Bruno Haesbaert	Digitally signed by Bruno Haesbaert Date: 2020.05.07 09:46:58 -07'00'
Address:	9270 Holly Rd, Adelanto, CA 92301	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Country:	United States of America	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

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Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
3-70 (1100C)	Designed to evaluate the ability of a small vehicle to activate any breakaway, fracture, or yielding mechanism. Is considered optional for work-zone traffic control devices weighing less than 220 lb (100 kg). The MS 1000X sign stand weighed approximately 26.0 lbs (11.8 kg) and therefore the test was non-relevant and not conducted.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
3-71 (1100C)	<p>Applus IDIADA KARCO Test No. P40021-01. Test Date January 14, 2020. Crash Test Report No. TR-P40021-01-NC for MASH Test 3-71 of Ash Creek Manufacturing MS1000X Sign Stand.</p> <p>Two (2) MS 1000X sign stands were impacted on the same test run. The devices were spaced 60.0 ft. (18.3 m) apart and set at two (2) critical impact angles (CIA), 0° and 90°. The 1100C small car used for this test was a 2015 Kia Rio 4-door sedan with a test inertial weight of 2,437.2 lbs (1,105.5 kg).</p> <p>The test vehicle impacted the 0° test sign at a speed of 62.11 mph (99.96 km/h) and proceeded to impact the 90° test sign at a speed of 59.90 mph (96.40 km/h). Upon impact, both MS 1000X's vinyl signs broke away from its upright assembly. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation limits were not exceeded. The MS 1000X sign stand broke away in a predictable manner. Debris from the test articles did not cause a hazard to the driver's vision. The vehicle remained stable and upright throughout the test. The MS 1000X sign stand met all the requirements for MASH Test 3-71.</p>	PASS
3-72 (2270P)	<p>Applus IDIADA KARCO Test No. P40022-01. Test Date January 14, 2020. Crash Test Report No. TR-P40022-01-NC for MASH Test 3-72 of Ash Creek Manufacturing MS1000X Sign Stand.</p> <p>Two (2) MS 1000X sign stands were impacted on the same test run. The devices were spaced 60.0 ft. (18.3 m) apart and set at two (2) critical impact angles (CIA), 0° and 90°. The 2270P vehicle used for this test was a 2014 RAM 1500 4-door pick-up truck with a test inertial weight of 5,013.2 lbs (2,274.0 kg).</p> <p>The test vehicle impacted the 0° test sign at a speed of 64.12 mph (103.19 km/h) and proceeded to impact the 90° test sign at a speed of 62.63 mph (100.80 km/h). Upon impact, both MS 1000X's vinyl signs broke away from its upright assembly. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation limits were not exceeded. The MS 1000X sign stand broke away in a predictable manner. Debris from the test articles did not cause a hazard to the driver's vision. The vehicle remained stable and upright throughout the test. The MS 1000X sign stand met all the requirements for MASH Test 3-72.</p>	PASS

Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with MASH by the following accredited crash test laboratory (cite the laboratory's accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports.):

Laboratory Name:	Applus IDIADA KARCOEngineering, LLC.	
Laboratory Signature:	Bruno Haesbaert Digitally signed by Bruno Haesbaert Date: 2020.05.07 09:46:41 -07'00'	
Address:	9270 Holly Rd, Adelanto, CA 92301	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Country:	United States of America	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period :	TL 371: July 1, 2019 - July 1, 2022	

Submitter Signature*: Bruno Haesbaert Digitally signed by Bruno Haesbaert
Date: 2020.05.07 09:46:48 -07'00'

Submit Form

ATTACHMENTS

Attach to this form:

- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- 2) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 3) A drawing or drawings of the device(s) that conform to the Task Force-13 Drawing Specifications [[Hardware Guide Drawing Standards](#)]. For proprietary products, a single isometric line drawing is usually acceptable to illustrate the product, with detailed specifications, intended use, and contact information provided on the reverse. Additional drawings (not in TF-13 format) showing details that are relevant to understanding the dimensions and performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

FHWA Official Business Only:

Eligibility Letter		
Number	Date	Key Words

ASH CREEK MFG. INC.

**SIGN-UP
MS-1000X**
MINI-STAND

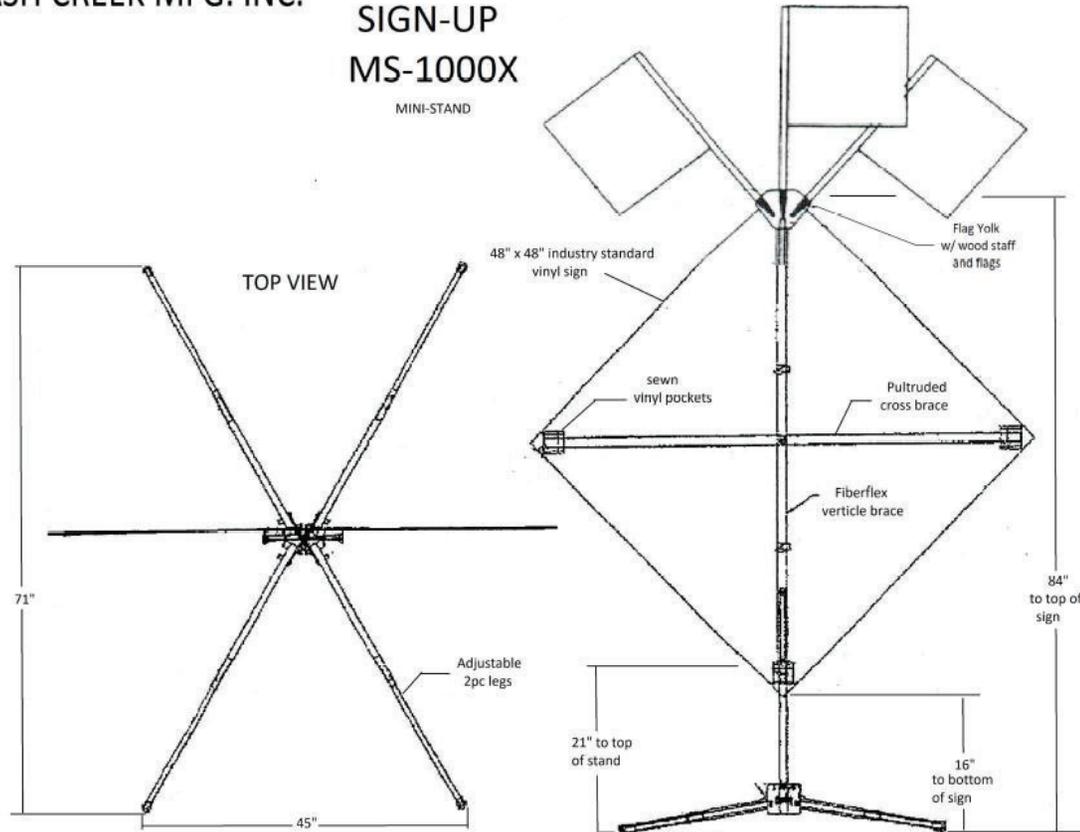


Figure 1: Ash Creek Manufacturing MS 1000X Sign Stand