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Barrier Glare Screen

Barrier glare screen shall consist of modular units with vertical blades mounted on a horizontal base rail. Base rails and blades shall be made of non-warping, non metallic durable polymeric materials; shall be resistant to damage due to impacts, ultraviolet light, ozone, hydrocarbons, and other effects of atmosphere weathering; shall resist stiffening with age; and shall be designed for a minimum life equaling 60 months of outdoor service.

The color of blades shall be gray or green. Only one color shall be used throughout the project. The height of the blade shall be 24 inches. The blade width and spacing shall provide for a minimum 22 degree sight cutoff angle. The length of the unit shall be the same as the length of the concrete barrier that the unit is mounted on. The unit can be composed of smaller sub-units as long as the completed assembly is the same length as the concrete barrier. The unit shall not exceed 4.5 pounds per linear foot.

Brackets and mounting hardware may be metallic or non-metallic. Metallic brackets and anchor hardware shall be stainless steel or galvanized in accordance with ASTM A-153. Anchors shall be a stud mechanical system and shall include the necessary washers. The blade to rail base separation strength shall be a minimum of 1,500 pounds. Anchors shall have a minimum 3,000 pound pull-out and shear strength.

Barrier glare screen shall be selected from approved materials listed in the Qualified Products List.

Laboratory Tests

Three blades shall be cycled at 1000 hours in a weatherometer in accordance with ASTM G 53 (3 hr. 60C UV, 3 hr. 50C CON). The blades shall show no signs of delamination, distress, or discoloration. Physical properties of tensile strength and rigidity shall be maintained within 80 percent of the unconditioned values.

An impact test shall be performed on three partial sections of the modular unit consisting of the base rail and one blade. The temperature shall be 45 F. The modular unit shall be fastened in a similar fashion as to how the system would be used in the field. Each blade shall receive three impacts with a horizontal steel bar traveling at 50 MPH impacting at mid-height on the blade. After impact, the screening unit (blades and base) shall be inspected for the following criteria:

1. Any cracking, splitting, or delamination, other than surface cracking evident on only one face of the blade, is considered a failure.
2. If the blade leans more than 10 degrees from the vertical it is considered a failure.
3. Any separation of the blade from the base is considered a failure.
4. Any separation of the base from the attachment is considered a failure.

If an individual blade or base fails any of the above criteria, the product is unacceptable.

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Pre-approval

In order for a particular model of temporary barrier glare screen to become pre-approved, the following conditions must be met:

1. The manufacturer must submit a written request for pre-approval along with samples for each model to be tested to: Materials Engineer, Department of Transportation Material Laboratory, P.O. Box 47365, Olympia, WA 98504-7365. Samples shall be complete with blades, base rail, and mounting hardware and shall be accompanied by the manufacture's written installation procedures.
2. The barrier screen will be field impact tested by the State Materials Laboratory to verify compliance with these specifications.
3. In lieu of State Materials Laboratory testing, the Lab will accept the results of pre-approved testing performed by the manufacturer or other agencies under the following conditions:
 - a. The State Materials Laboratory is informed of the pre-approval testing sufficiently in advance in order to attend and observe. Attendance will be at the discretion of the Materials Laboratory.
 - b. The results of the testing shall be reported in sufficient detail to enable the State Materials Laboratory to evaluate compliance with these specifications.

The Manufacturer must submit a certified test report, including test data developed by an approved testing laboratory, which demonstrates that the barrier screening complies with the requirements of the specifications. Certified test data supplied by the manufacturer shall be subject to verification by appropriate tests conducted by the State Materials Laboratory.

Frequency of field testing, evaluation, and pre-approval updating shall be at the sole discretion of the Materials Laboratory.