

REACTIVE TENSION® MOVEABLE BARRIER, TL-4

BARRIER SYSTEMS*
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INTENDED USE

The Reactive Tension® QuickChange® Moveable Barrier (RTS) system is a NCHRP 350 TL-3 or TL-4 longitudinal barrier capable of rapid lateral transfer by a transfer vehicle. RTS is designed to meet the rigid requirements of deployment in moveable barrier applications where positive separation is required and where lane widths and lateral space are limited. The RTS system has low deflection during vehicle impacts. RTS TL-4 barrier is reinforced concrete (CRTS). The test level 4 system contains greater internal reinforcement than the test level 3 version.

CRTS TL-4 is a heavily reinforced concrete barrier connected end to end with tensioning hinge mechanisms and steel pins. Each barrier segment is approximately 39 in [1.0 m] and weighs approximately 1500 lb (680 kg). The barrier is 18 in [460 mm] wide. The TL-4 barriers are marked to help identify the higher capacity segments.

Specially constructed transfer machines are used to lift, move, and reposition the barrier laterally on the roadway. Transfer vehicles are capable of moving the barrier wall up to 24 ft [7.5 m] at up to 10 mph [16 kph] on a permanent system and up to 5 mph [8 kph] for a temporary or construction system.

RTS is used as median barrier on congested roadways to open and close lanes of traffic to adapt to changing traffic volumes during commuting hours or special events. It is also used to open and close construction zones on a periodic basis to increase safety, workspace, reduce congestion, and improve construction worker productivity.

RTS barrier is compatible with the ABSORB 350® Crash Cushion (SCI11).

APPROVALS

The Reactive Tension® QuickChange® Moveable Barrier system has been fully tested in conformance with NCHRP Report 350 Test Level 3 and approved by FHWA.

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