



NOTE: MINI SPACER RELEASABLE FASTENER SUPPLIED BY GREGORY HIGHWAY SAFETY PRODUCTS- NO SEPARATE DESIGNATOR.

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GMS GUARDRAIL: 39" MEDIAN THRIE-BEAM



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INTENDED USE

The Gregory Mini Spacer (GMS) Guardrail System is intended for roadside and median applications at NCHRP Report 350 and MASH Test Level 3. All GMS components are standard- only the Mini Spacer fastener component is proprietary. GMS does not require mid-span splices, blocks or backup plates. GMS does not rely upon a post bolt head pulling through and deforming a rail slot to release rail from a post during a vehicle impact. GMS instead incorporates the scientifically engineered Mini Spacer releasable mounting fastener that includes a separate deformable release element to provide an optimized release load magnitude in field installations. The same Mini Spacer fastener accommodates a range of top of rail heights of 27" [686] - 31" [787], a range of post types and spacing, and a range of rail types and gages. GMS W-beam accommodates 12'6" [3810] 2x standard post spacing, 6'3" [1905] 1x standard post spacing, narrower 3'1 1/2" [953] 1/2 x standard post spacing, and 1' 6 3/4" [476] 1/4 x standard post spacing; with respective roadside "working width" deflections of 66"[1680], 49" [1250], 44" [1120], and 35" [900]. GMS W-beam post spacing may be gradually varied in a single installation to accommodate local terrain and ADT. GMS enables cost-effective and efficient W-beam repair and upgrade retrofit. GMS Thrie-beam has 39" [991] top of rail height.

COMPONENTS

Unit Length = 12'6" = 150" [3810]

Designator	Component	No.
RTM01a-b	W-beam rail	4
or RTM02a-b	alternate: W-beam rail	2
or RTM04a-b	alternate: W-beam rail	2
or RTM06a-b	alternate: W-beam rail	2
FBB01	Guardrail splice bolts and nuts	24*
PWE01	Wide-flange guardrail post	2
Mini Spacer	Fastener: supplied by Gregory Highway Safety Products	4

* 48 for RTM01a-b

APPROVALS

Acceptance	Date	Notes
HSA-10/B-150	10/27/2006	GMS W-beam for roadside and median use.
HSSD/B- 156	03/21/2007	GMS Thrie-beam- roadside and median use.
HSSD/CC- 96	12/21/2007	Use of approved End Terminals with GMS W-beam at equal top of rail height
HSSD/B-150A	03/26/2008	GMS W-beam "working width" deflections for: 1x, 1/2x, 1/4x standard 6'3" spacing
HSSD/B-150B	07/16/2008	GMS W-beam at 2x std. post spacing, ht. 27" - 31", for roadside or median use
HSSI/ B-150C	11/19/2010	GMS W-beam & Thrie-beam: Dual NCHRP Rept. 350 and MASH acceptance

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