

MGS GUARDRAIL SYSTEM FOR USE WITH ROUND POSTS



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INTENDED USE

Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) for use with Round Posts at standard post spacing (SGR28) is a non-proprietary system and is to be used in locations where the maximum deflection of 60" [1524] is acceptable and where a working width of 60" [1524] is provided. MGS should be anchored and terminated using a suitable guardrail end treatment that is approved for a 31" [787] top mounting height. MGS guardrail for use with round posts can be used with Douglas Fir (PDE17a), Ponderosa Pine (PDE17b), or Southern Yellow Pine (PDE17c) round wood posts. The timber blockout may be the same timber species as those furnished for the wood posts, but is not required. Midwest Guardrail System for use with Round Posts has passed the criteria for TL-3 NCHRP 350 acceptance.

COMPONENTS

Unit Length 12'-6" [3810]

DESIGNATOR	COMPONENT	SYSTEM	NUMBER
FBB01	Guardrail splice bolts and nuts	a-f	8
FBB07	Guardrail post bolts and nuts	a-f	2
FWC16a	Round Washer	a-f	2
PDB01	W-Beam Timber Blockout	d-f	2
PDB13d-f	Routered Timber Blockout	d-f	2
PDB13a-c	Routered Timber Blockout	a-c	2
PDE17a-c	Round Wood Post	a-f	2
RMW04a	W-Beam Rail	a-f	1
	16D nail, galvanized	d-f	2

ACCEPTANCE

FHWA Acceptance B-175, June 25,2008.

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