



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

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

December 20, 2012

In Reply Refer To:  
HSST/ B-52C

Mr. Rick Groves  
EASI-Set Industries  
5119 Catlett Road  
Midland, Virginia 22728

Dear Mr. Groves:

This letter is in response to your request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

Name of system: J-J Hooks Pin Down F-Shape Barrier  
Type of system: Concrete Portable Barrier  
Test Level: AASHTO MASH Test Level 3  
Testing conducted by: Texas Transportation Institute (TTI)  
Task Force 13 Designator: SWC02  
Date of request: October 4, 2012  
Date initially acknowledged: October 5, 2012  
Date of completed package: December 13, 2012

**Decision:**

The following devices are eligible, with details provided in the attached forms which are an integral part of this letter:

- J-J Hooks Pin Down F-Shape Barrier for Asphalt Surface

Based on a review of crash test results and embedment computational analysis submitted by the manufacturer certifying the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH), the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval or endorsement by the FHWA for any particular purpose or use.

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FHWA: HSST: WLongstreet: sf.x60087: WLongstreet: 12/14/12

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cc: HSST Will Longstreet

## **Requirements**

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH).

## **Description**

The device and supporting documentation are described in the attached form.

## **Summary and Standard Provisions**

Therefore, the system described and detailed in the attached form is eligible for reimbursement and may be installed under the range of conditions tested.

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- This finding of eligibility does not cover other structural features of the systems, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Any changes that may influence system conformance with MASH will require a new reimbursement eligibility letter.
- Should the FHWA discover that the qualification testing was flawed, that in-service performance reveals safety problems, or that the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, we reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter.
- You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design and installation 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 the MASH.
- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility is designated as number B-52C and 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 at our office 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. The FHWA does not become involved in issues concerning patent law. Patent and proprietary issues, if any, are to be resolved by the applicant.
- The J-J Hooks are considered proprietary. If proprietary systems are specified by a highway agency for use on Federal-aid projects: (a) they must be supplied through competitive bidding with equally suitable unpatented items; (b) the highway agency must

certify that they are essential for synchronization with the existing highway facilities or that no equally suitable alternative exists; or (c) they must be used for research or for a distinctive type of construction on relatively short sections of road for experimental purposes. Our regulations concerning proprietary products are contained in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 635.411.

Sincerely yours,

**/SIGNED BY MICHAEL S. GRIFFITH/**

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Director, Office of Safety Technologies  
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## Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility Of Highway Safety Hardware

<b>Submitter</b>	Date of Request:	December 12, 2012	<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Resubmission
	Name:	Rick Groves	
	Company:	Easi-Set Industries	
	Address:	5119 Catlett Road, Midland, Virginia 22728	
	Country:	United States of America	
	To:	Michael S. Griffith, Director FHWA, Office of Safety Technologies	

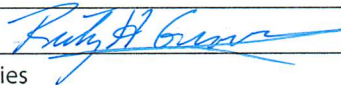
I request the following devices be considered eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

[Help](#)

System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Barriers (Roadside, Media)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical Crash Testing <input type="radio"/> FEA & V&V Analysis	J-J Hooks/MASH Pinned Down to Asphalt Barrier	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.

Identification of the individual or organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	Rick Groves 	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company Name:	Easi-Set Industries	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Address:	5119 Catlett Road, Midland, Virginia 22728	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Country:	United States of America	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

New Hardware
J-J Hooks/MASH pin down to asphalt barrier, 10-15 foot and 20 foot length to be included with as tested 12.5 foot section eligibility.

### CRASH TESTING

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
3-11 (2270P)	MASH Test 311 on the Easi-Set Industries J-J Hooks MASH Barrier by TTI with acceptance of 10-15 foot and 20 foot lengths based on the TTI letter that states the testing results show that "the J-J Hooks /MASH restrained barrier systems will perform acceptably for segment lengths ranging from 10 to 15 feet with the 3-pin configuration that were successfully crash tested and a barrier segment length of 20 feet will perform acceptably if 3-pins are used." TTI Test number - TR-510602-JJH8	PASS
3-11 (1100C)	Considered not worst case by laboratory. therefore not conducted	Waiver Requested
3-20 (1100C)	Not a transition, therefore not conducted by laboratory	
3-21 (2270P)	Not a transition, therefore not conducted by laboratory	

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:	Texas Transportation Institute	
Laboratory Contact:	Roger Bligh	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>
Address:	Texas A&M University System, 3135 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-3132	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>
Country:	United States of America	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Accreditation Certificate Number and Date:	TTI Proving Ground is an International Standards Organization (ISO) 17025 accredited laboratory with American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) Mechanical Testing Certificate 2821.01. The full scale crash test was performed according to TTI Proving Ground quality procedures and according to the MASH guidelines and standards.	

## ATTACHMENTS

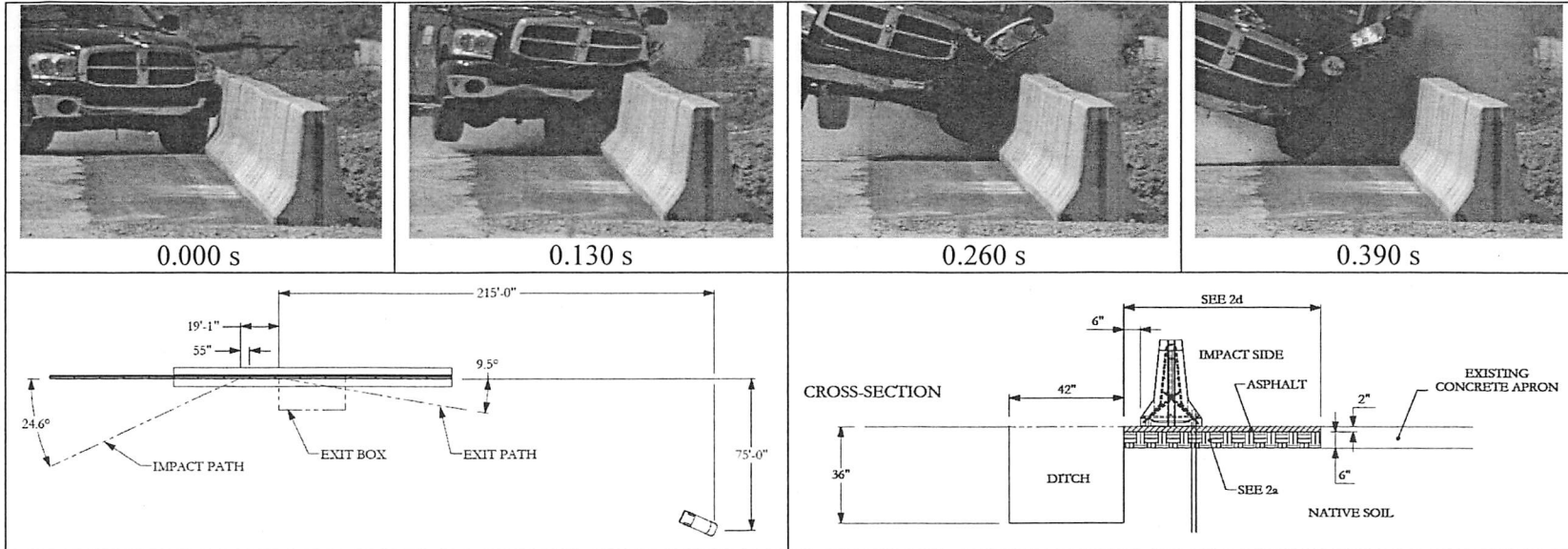
Attach to this form:

- 1) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 2) 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 key to understanding the performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

FHWA Official Business Only:

Eligibility Letter		AASHTO TF13	
Number	Date	Designator	Key Words
B-52C	December 14, 2012	SWC02	Longitudinal barriers, TL3 portable concrete barriers, PCB, concrete median barriers, CMB, pinned to asphalt surface





**General Information**

Test Agency ..... Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)  
 Test Standard Test No. .... MASH Test 3-11  
 TTI Test No. .... 510602-JJH8  
 Date ..... 2012-06-06

**Test Article**

Type ..... Concrete Median Barrier  
 Name ..... EASI-SET® Industries J-J Hooks/MASH  
 Proprietary Barrier Pinned to Asphalt  
 Installation Length ..... 200 ft  
 Material or Key Elements .. F-shape 12.5 ft concrete barrier segments  
 with J-J Hooks/MASH connections  
 pinned to 2-inch deep asphalt pad

**Soil Type and Condition**

..... Asphalt 2 inches deep on road base

**Test Vehicle**

Type/Designation ..... 2270P  
 Make and Model ..... 2007 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup  
 Curb ..... 4731 lb  
 Test Inertial ..... 4980 lb  
 Dummy ..... No dummy  
 Gross Static ..... 4980 lb

**Impact Conditions**

Speed ..... 63.0 mi/h  
 Angle ..... 24.6 degrees  
 Location/Orientation ..... 4.6 ft upstrm of  
 joint 8 - 9

**Impact Severity**

..... 114.5 kip\*ft  
**Exit Conditions**  
 Speed ..... 57.0 mi/h  
 Angle ..... 9.5 degrees

**Occupant Risk Values**

Impact Velocity  
 Longitudinal ..... 13.8 ft/s  
 Lateral ..... 23.0 ft/s  
 Ridedown Accelerations  
 Longitudinal ..... 5.6 G  
 Lateral ..... 12.5 G  
 THIV ..... 29.7 km/h  
 PHD ..... 12.5 G  
 ASI ..... 1.43  
 Max. 0.050-s Average  
 Longitudinal ..... -6.0 G  
 Lateral ..... 12.3 G  
 Vertical ..... -3.7 G

**Post-Impact Trajectory**

Stopping Distance ..... 234 ft dwnstrm  
 75 ft twd traffic

**Vehicle Stability**

Maximum Yaw Angle ..... 43 degrees  
 Maximum Pitch Angle ..... 20 degrees  
 Maximum Roll Angle ..... 36 degrees  
 Vehicle Snagging ..... No  
 Vehicle Pocketing ..... No

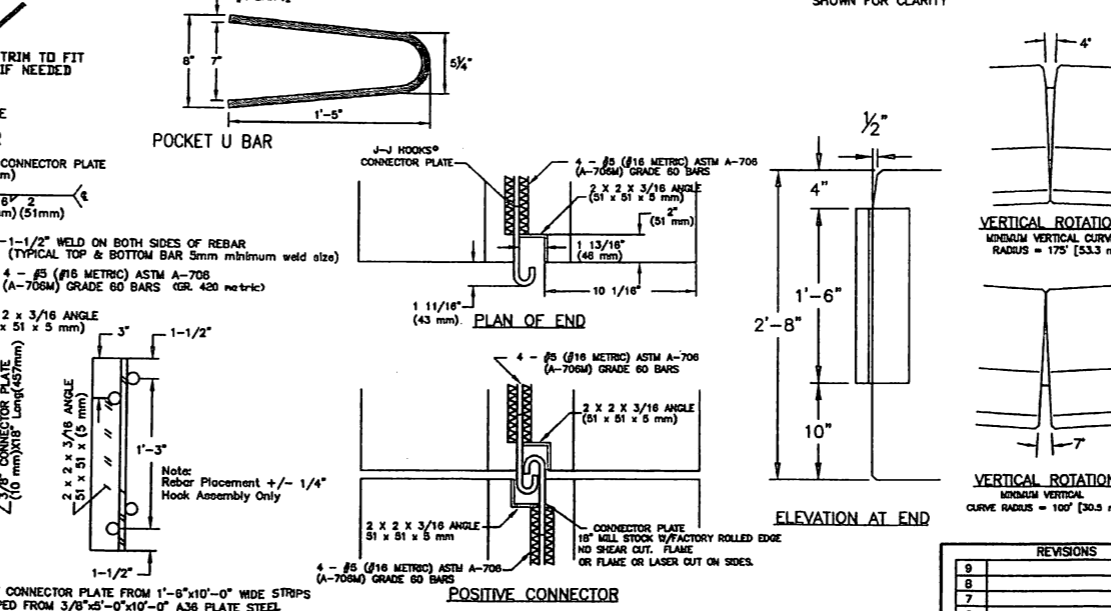
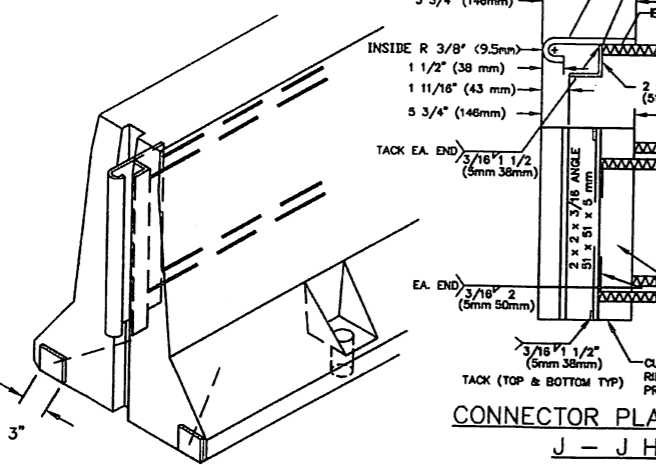
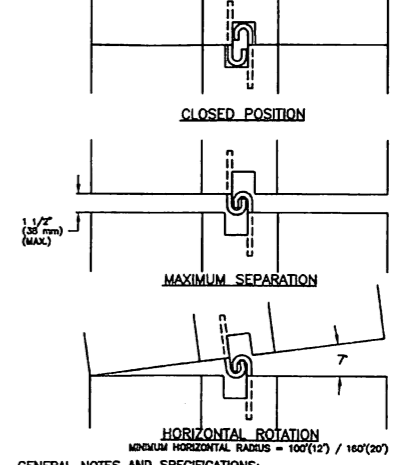
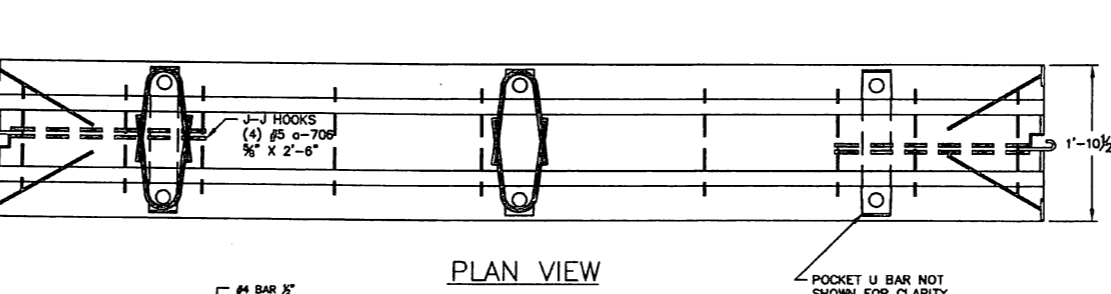
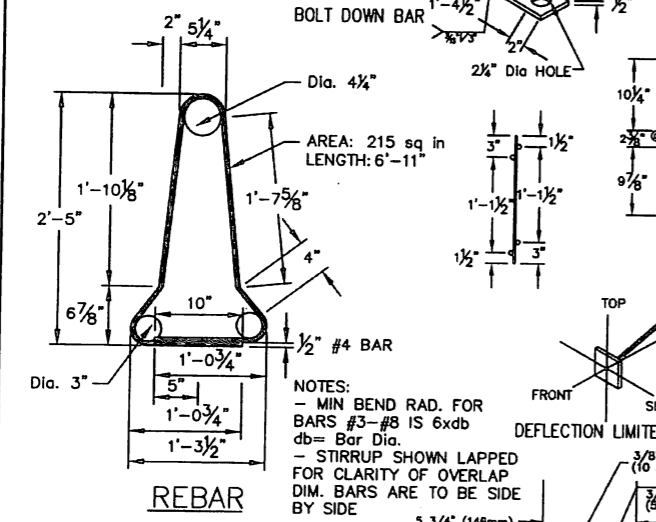
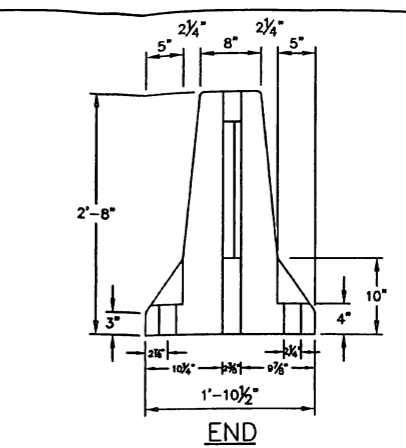
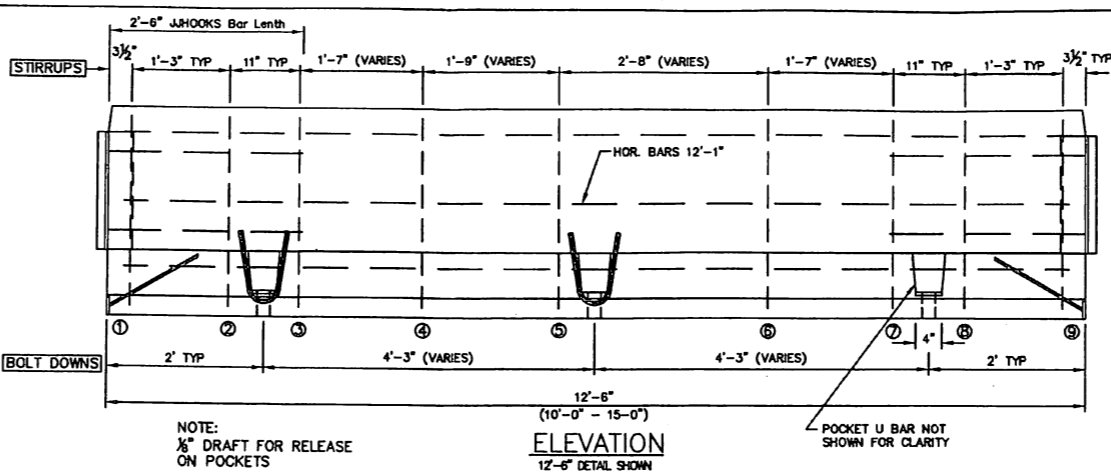
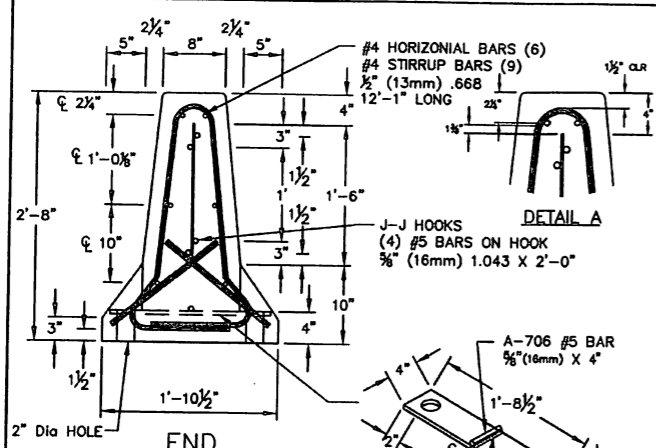
**Test Article Deflections**

Dynamic ..... 8.76 inches  
 Permanent ..... 5.50 inches  
 Working Width ..... 32.03 inches

**Vehicle Damage**

VDS ..... 11LFQ3  
 CDC ..... 11LFEW3  
 Max. Exterior Deformation ..... 15.0 inches  
 OCDI ..... LF0000100  
 Max. Occupant Compartment  
 Deformation ..... 0.25 inch

Figure 5.7. Summary of results for MASH test 3-11 on the EASI-SET® Industries J-J Hooks/MASH proprietary barrier pinned to asphalt.



GENERAL NOTES AND SPECIFICATIONS:

MATERIALS:

CONCRETE: CLASS AA CONCRETE 4000 PSI (34 MPa)  
MINIMUM COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH IN 28 DAYS.

REINFORCING: ASTM A-706 (A-706M) GRADE 60.  
REBARS WELDED TO STEEL CONNECTOR PLATES.  
All reinforcing steel will be Grade 60, unless  
otherwise specified. All welded rebar to ASTM A706.  
Producers option use of lifting devices, chains, spacers,  
or miscellaneous Rebar to secure cage to form & Handling  
ASTM A-36 (A-36M) (PLAIN/ MILL FINISH).

STEEL:

TOLERANCES:

CONNECTOR LOCATION +/- 1/16" (1.6mm)  
WIDTH OF CONNECTOR 0 B + 1/32" (0.8mm)  
CONNECTOR PLATE SIZE +/- 1/8" (3.2mm)  
BARRIER LENGTH +/- 1/4" (6.4mm)  
Min 3/4" Steel Cover

DESIGN:

FHWA-APPROVED F SHAPE, JERSEY SHAPE AND CONSTANT SLOPE.  
J-J HOOKS IS ACCEPTED BY FHWA AS A CRASH TESTED AND OPERATIONAL  
DESIGN FOR USE ON ALL FEDERAL-AD HIGHWAY PROJECTS.

MATERIALS LIST

9 Stirrups Per Barrier  
2 Bolt Down Bars Per Barrier  
6 U-Bars Per Barrier  
4 Deflection Limiters Per Barrier  
2 J-J HOOKS Assembly Per Barrier  
5 Horizontal Bars

REVISIONS		EAST-SET WORLDWIDE	
9		Contract	Dist. Offices
8		Product	Part No.
7		Supplier	Part No.
6		Manufacturer	Part No.
5			
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APPROVED PLANT		MANUFACTURER	
J-J HOOKS TEMP. CONC. BARRIER		Part No.	
BOLTED & PINNED		Part No.	
DATE: 12-10-12	DRAWN BY: MCO	DATE: 12-10-12	SHEET
DATE: 12-10-12	CHECKED BY: RHO	DATE: 12-10-12	1/1
DATE: 12-10-12	APPROVED BY: R.SMITH	DATE: 12-10-12	

NOTICE: This product contains proprietary features which are protected by one or more U.S. patents.



