

January 22, 2024

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

In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/B-376

Darren Copeland Head of Product Development Varley and Gulliver (now Hill and Smith) Springvale Business and Industrial Park Bilston Wolverhampton United Kingdom WV140QL

Dear Mr. Copeland:

We received your correspondence of December 12, 2022 requesting issuance of a reimbursement eligibility letter under the Federal-aid highway program for the roadside safety system, device, design, product, or hardware (collectively "device") described below. This letter is assigned Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) control number B-376.

### **ELIGIBILITY LETTERS**

The FHWA issues Federal-aid reimbursement eligibility letters for new roadside safety devices that are crash tested in accordance with the industry standard of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH).

FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States (government) do not regulate roadside safety devices, crash test facilities, or the manufacturing industry. Issuance of eligibility letters is discretionary and provided only as a service to the states. FHWA may, at its discretion, decline to issue, revise, or rescind an eligibility letter. Eligibility letters are only issued by the FHWA headquarters Office of Safety.

Eligibility letters are issued only as notice to the states that a device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. They do not establish approval or certification for any other purpose. Issuance of an eligibility letter is not a prerequisite or requirement for state transportation agencies seeking to use Federal-aid funds for roadside safety devices. State agencies may use a device for which an eligibility letter has not been issued and seek Federal-aid reimbursement.

### FEDERAL-AID REIMBURSEMENT

The request for issuance of this letter certified the device was crash tested in accordance with the industry standard of AASHTO's MASH. This eligibility letter is based on that certification and the material offered in support of its issuance. The device described below is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

Name of system: VGAN 400 Bridge Rail Type of system: Bridge Barrier Test Level: Test Level 4 Testing conducted by: Texas A&M Transportation Institute Date of request: December 12, 2022

Information about the device, including material such as the eligibility request, crash test reports, drawings, or images are included in one or more attachment(s) to this letter.

Eligibility letter B-376 is inapplicable to devices, optional equipment, alternate materials, or other features that were not crash tested in accordance with AASHTO's MASH.

This letter is issued only for the subject device as crash tested under AASHTO's MASH. Later modification(s) of the device are not eligible for Federal-aid reimbursement under this letter. Notice of later modification(s) should be given to transportation agencies, facility owners, and operators (collectively "agencies").

Agencies should be provided appropriate information about the device's design, installation, maintenance, materials, and mechanical properties.

Issuance of this letter is discretionary, and it may be revised or rescinded at FHWA's discretion. This letter is not a determination of compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) or ownership of any intellectual property rights.

This eligibility letter is not a determination by the government that a crash involving the subject device will result in any particular outcome. It is limited to only the device's eligibility for Federal-aid reimbursement.

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Issuance of this eligibility letter does not convey property rights of any sort nor any exclusive privilege. This letter is not authorization or consent by the government for the use, manufacture, or sale of any patented or proprietary system, device, design, product, or hardware for which the requester is not the patent owner. Eligibility letters are not an expression of any view, position, or determination by the government as to the validity, scope, or ownership of any intellectual property rights to a specific device. These letters do not grant, impute, suggest, or otherwise establish any ownership, distribution, or licensing rights to the requester. The government expresses no opinion about the intellectual property rights relating to any device for which this or any other eligibility letter is issued.

### PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

To prevent any misunderstanding, and as discussed above, this eligibility letter is assigned FHWA control number B-376. It should only be reproduced in full with its attachment(s). This letter and the material offered by the requester supporting its issuance is public information. All

eligibility letters and supporting material are subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Eligibility letters are available to the public at <a href="https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway\_dept/countermeasures/reduce\_crash\_severity/">https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway\_dept/countermeasures/reduce\_crash\_severity/</a>.

If you have any questions please contact Aimee Zhang at <u>Aimee.Zhang@dot.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Robert Ritter Director, Office of Safety Technologies Office of Safety

Enclosures

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# Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	December 12, 2022	New  Resubmission	
	Name:	Darren Copeland, Head of Product De	evelopment	
ter	Company:	Varley & Gulliver (Parapets) Limited (r	now Hill & Smith Infrastructure Limited)	
Limited (now Hill & Smither String			rk Bilston Wolverhampton	
Country: United Kingdom WV14 0QL				
	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.

Device & Testing Criterion - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level				
System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers (Roadside, Median, Bridge Railings)		VGAN 400 Bridge Rail	AASHTO MASH	TL4

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.

## Individual or Organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	ontact Name: Darren Copeland, Head of Product Development Same as Submitter 🔀			
Company Name:	y Name: Varley & Gulliver Parapets (now Hill & Smith Infrastructure Limited Same as Submitter 🔀			
Address: Springvale Business and Industrial Park Bilston Wolverhampton Same as Submitter 🖂				
Country: United Kingdom WV14 0QL Same as Submitter 🖂				
Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA `Federal-Aid Reimbursement				
Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.				
Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) was contracted by Varley & Gulliver Limited (Varley & Gulliver Parapets trading as Hill & Smith Limited, now Hill & Smith Infrastructure Limited) to perform full-scale crash testing of the VGAN 400 Bridge Rail. There are no shared financial interests in the VGAN 400 Bridge Rail by TTI, or between Varley & Gulliver Limited (Varley & Gulliver Parapets trading as Hill & Smith Limited, now Hill & Smith Infrastructure Limited) to perform full-scale crash testing of the VGAN 400 Bridge Rail. There are no shared financial interests in the VGAN 400 Bridge Rail by TTI, or between Varley & Gulliver Limited (Varley & Gulliver Parapets trading as Hill & Smith Limited, now Hill & Smith Infrastructure Limited) and TTI, other than costs involved in the actual crash tests and reports for this submission to FHWA.				

\*\*690902 VGL 1, 2, 3, 4\*\*

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

New Hardware or	Modification to
• Significant Modification	Existing Hardware

The installation was comprised of a traffic rail system, with three rails attached to posts evenly spaced at 1829 mm (72 inches) center to center, which were mounted to a concrete curb for a total length of 46.9 m (154 ft). The 229 mm high × 438 mm wide (9 inches × 17¼ inches) curb was integral with a concrete deck. The irregular shaped, cast aluminum posts curved slightly towards the traffic side and measured approximately 965 mm (38 inches) tall. The three rails were bolted into shape-matched pockets on the traffic side of each post. The bottom, middle, and top rails were located 610 mm, 914 mm, and 1200 mm (24 inches, 36 inches, and 47¼ inches), respectively, from the surface of the deck to the top of each rail. The rail splice internal sleeves were 750 mm (29½ inches) long on the traffic side, tapering on each end to a total length on the field side of 1500 mm (59 inches).

## CRASH TESTING

By signature below, the Engineer affiliated with the testing laboratory, agrees in support of this submission that all of the critical and relevant crash tests for this device listed above were conducted to meet the MASH test criteria. The Engineer has determined that no other crash tests are necessary to determine the device meets the MASH criteria.

Engineer Name:	Willaim F. Williams	
Engineer Signature:	William Williams Digitally signed by William Will Date: 2022.12.12 16:39:26 -06'0	
Address:	1254 Avenue A, Bldg 7091, Bryan, Texas 77807 Same as Submitter	
Country:	USA Same as Submitter	

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

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Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
4-11 (2270P)	Test 4-11 involves a 2270P vehicle weighing 2270 kg $\pm$ 50 kg (5000 lb $\pm$ 110 lb) impacting the test article at a target impact speed of 100 km/h $\pm$ 4 km/h (62 mi/h $\pm$ 2.5 mi/h) and a target impact angle of 25° $\pm$ 1.5°. The target CIP was for the left corner of the front bumper to impact at 1.3 m (4.3 ft) upstream of the centerline of post 20. The results of TTI Test 690902-VGL4, conducted on August 12, 2021, are found in TTI Report TR No. 690902-VGL 1-4. The test vehicle was traveling at an impact speed of 102.2 m/s (63.5 mi/h) as it made contact with the VGAN 400 Bridge Rail 1.3 m (4.3 ft) upstream of the centerline of post 20 at an angle of 24.3°. After loss of contact with the test installation, the vehicle came to rest 45.7 m (150 ft) downstream of the impact point and 5.5 m (18 ft) towards the field side. The bridge rail contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The 2270P vehicle exited within the exit box criteria. Working width was 483 mm (19.0-inches). Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 132 mm (5.2 inches). Permanent deformation was 70 mm (2.75 inches). No detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present hazard to others in the area. Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was 356 mm (14.0 inches) in the front plane at the left front corner at bumper height. Maximum occupant compartment deformation 140 mm (5.5 inches) in the left front kick panel area. The 2270P vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 25° and 14°, respectively. Longitudinal OIV was 6.4 m/s (21.1 ft/s), and lateral OIV was	

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4-12 (10000S)	Test 4-12 involves a 10000S vehicle weighing 10,000 kg $\pm$ 300 kg (22,000 lb $\pm$ 660 lb) impacting the test article at a target impact speed of 90 km/h $\pm$ 4.0 km/h (56 mi/ h $\pm$ 2.5 mi/h) and a target impact angle of 15° $\pm$ 1.5°. The target CIP was for the left corner of the front bumper to impact at 1.5 m (5.0 ft) upstream of the centerline of post 8. The results of TTI Test 690902-VGL1, conducted on June 9, 2022, are found in TTI Report TR No. 690902-VGL 1-4. The test vehicle was traveling at an impact speed of 90.3 km/h (56.1 mi/h) as it made contact with the VGAN 400 Bridge Rail 1.7 m (5.4 ft) upstream of the centerline of post 8 at an angle of 14.8°. After loss of contact with the test installation, the vehicle came to rest 62.8 m (206 ft) downstream of the impact point and 5.5 m (18 ft) towards the field side. The bridge rail contained and redirected the 10000S vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The 10000S vehicle exited within the exit box criteria. Working width was 1161 mm (45.7 inches). Maximum dynamic deflection of the rail during the test was 502 mm (19.8 inches). Permanent deformation was 318 mm (12.5 inches). Some detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present; however, none penetrating the occupant compartment, or present hazard to others in the area. Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was 508 mm (20.0 inches) in the side plane at the left front corner at bumper height. Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 152 mm (6.0 inches) in the left front floor pan area. The 10000S vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 36° and 7°, respectively. Longitudinal OIV was 2.8 m/s (9.2 ft/s), and lateral OIV was 4.0 m/s (13.0 ft/s). Longitudinal occupant ridedown acceleration was 4.7 g, and lateral occupant ridedown acceleration was 5.3 g. The VGAN 400 Bridge Rail performed acceptably for MASH Test 4-12.	
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	This bridge rail is not a transition system. This bridge rail is not a transition system.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted

4-22 (10000S) This bridge rail is not a transition system. Non-Relevant Test, not conducted

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 A&M Transportation Institute	
Laboratory Signature:	Digitally signed by Darrell L. Kuhn 'Date: 2022.12.09 09:25:31 -06'00	DZKulm
Address:	1254 Avenue A, Bldg 7091, Bryan, Texas 77807	Same as Submitter 🗌
Country:	USA	Same as Submitter 🗌
	ISO 17025-2017 Laboratory A2LA Certificate Number: 2821.01 Valid To: April 30, 2023	

Submitter Signature\*:

Submit Form

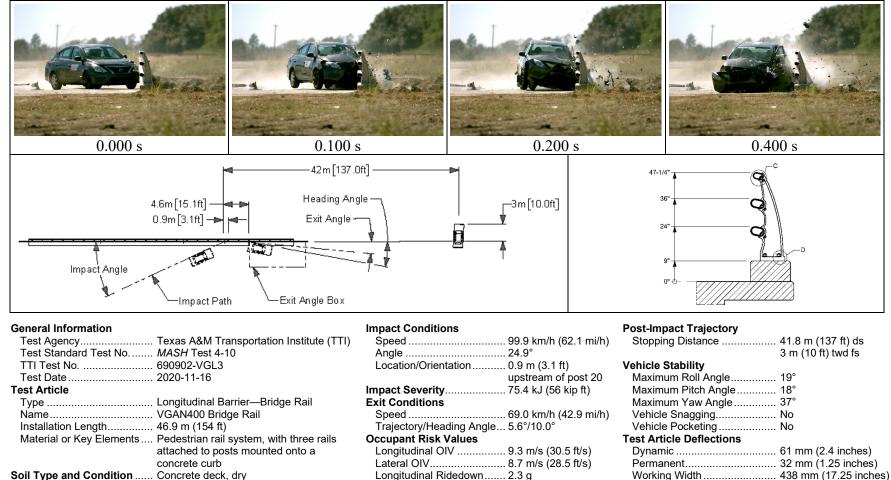
## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attach to this form:

- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- 2) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 3) 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 relevant to understanding the dimensions and performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

FHWA Official Business Only:

Eligibility Letter		
Number	Date	Key Words



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**Test Vehicle** 

Type/Designation..... 1100C

Make and Model ..... 2015 Nissan Versa

Curb..... 1090 kg (2402 lb)

Test Inertial ...... 1104 kg (2433 lb)

Gross Static ...... 1178 kg (2598 lb)

Dummy ...... 75 kg (165 lb)

Figure 5.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-10 on VGAN400 Bridge Rail.

Lateral Ridedown ..... 5.3 g

Max. 0.050-s Average

THIV ..... 12.7 m/s

Longitudinal ..... -17.4 g

Lateral ..... 17.5 g

Vertical...... 4.4 g

Height of Working Width ...... 229 mm (9.0 inches)

Max. Exterior Deformation ..... 254 mm (10.0 inches)

Deformation...... 76 mm (3.0 inches) in

the firewall

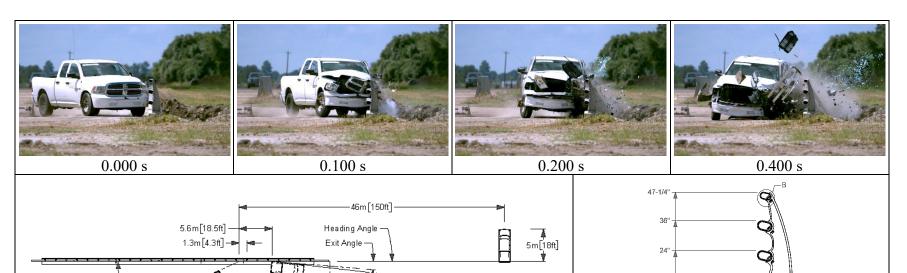
VDS..... 11LFQ6

Max. Occupant Compartment

CDC ..... 11FLEW5

OCDI ..... LF0031100

Vehicle Damage



Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)
MASH Test 4-11
690902-VGL4
2021-08-12
Longitudinal Barrier—Bridge Rail
Modified VGAN400 Bridge Rail
46.9 m (154 ft)
Pedestrian rail system, with three rails
attached to posts mounted onto a
concrete curb
Bridge deck, dry
2270P
2015 RAM 1500 Pickup
2258 kg (4979 lb)
2273 kg (5012 lb)
75 kg (165 lb)
2348 kg (5177 lb)

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Exit Angle Box

Impact Angle

#### Impact Conditions

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Speed 10	)2.2 km/h (63.5 mi/h)
Angle	
Location/Orientation 1.3	
up	ostream of post 20
Impact Severity 15	55 kJ (114 kip ft)
Exit Conditions	
Speed73	3.4 km/h (45.6 mi/h)
Trajectory/Heading Angle 4.8	8°/6.5° `
Occupant Risk Values	
Longitudinal OIV 6.4	4 m/s (21.1 ft/s)
Lateral OIV7.2	2 m/s (23.6 ft/s)
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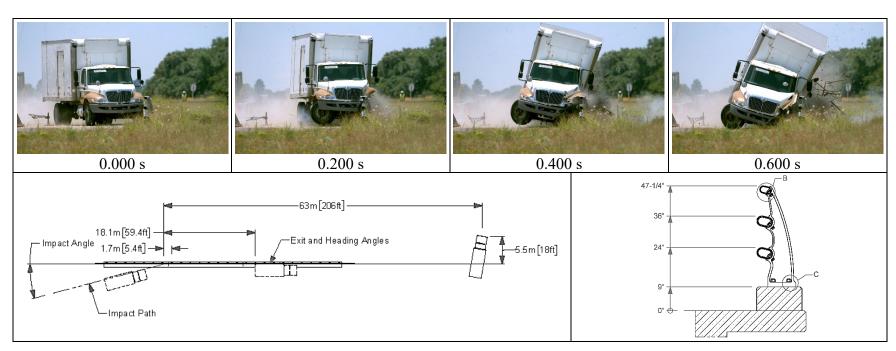
### Post-Impact Trajectory

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Stopping Distance	45.7 m (150 ft) ds
	5.5 m (18 ft) twd fs
Vehicle Stability	
Maximum Roll Angle	25°
Maximum Pitch Angle	14°
Maximum Yaw Angle	36°
Vehicle Snagging	Yes
Vehicle Pocketing	Nol
Test Article Deflections	
Dynamic	132 mm (5.2 inches)
Permanent	70 mm (2.75 inches)
Working Width	483 mm (19.0 inches)
Height of Working Width	
Vehicle Damage	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
VDS	11LFQ5
CDC	11FLEW5
Max. Exterior Deformation	
OCDI	
Max. Occupant Compartment	
Deformation	140 mm (5.5 inches) in
	the firewall

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Figure 7.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-11 on Modified VGAN400 Bridge Rail.



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#### **General Information**

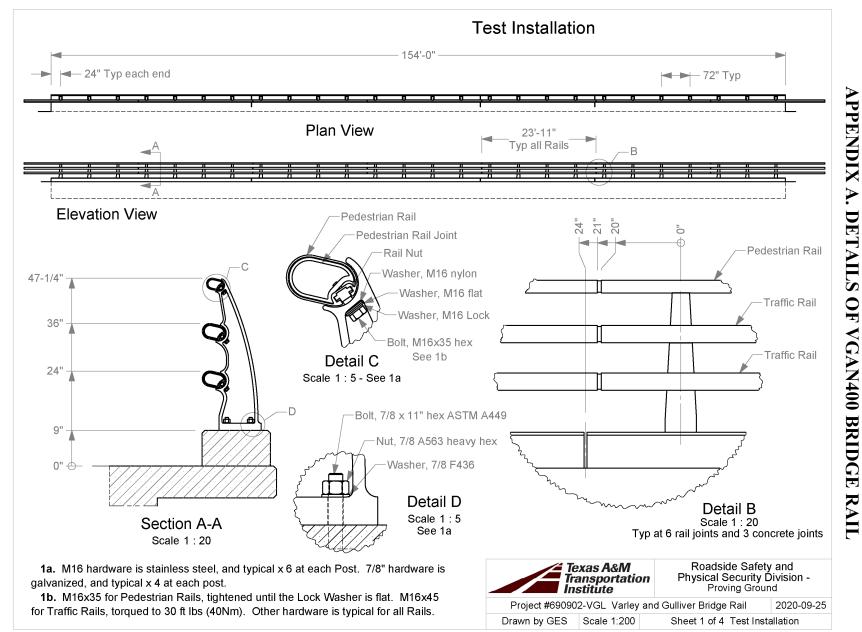
Test Agency	Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)
Test Standard Test No	MASH Test 4-12
TTI Test No.	690902-VGL1
Test Date	2022-06-09
Test Article	
Туре	Longitudinal Barrier—Bridge Rail
	Modified VGAN400 Bridge Rail
Installation Length	46.9 m (154 ft)
Material or Key Elements	Pedestrian rail system, with three rails
	attached to posts mounted onto a
	concrete curb
Soil Type and Condition	Bridge deck, dry
Test Vehicle	
Type/Designation	10000S
Make and Model	2008 International 4300 SUT
Curb	6455 kg (14,230 lb)
Test Inertial	10 268 kg (22,638 lb)
Dummy	No dummy
Gross Static	10 268 kg (22,638 lb)
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#### Impact Conditions Speed ...... 90.3 km/h (56.1 mi/h) Angle ..... 14.8° Location/Orientation ...... 1651 mm (65 inches) upstream of post 8 Impact Severity...... 210 kJ (155 kip ft) Exit Conditions Speed ..... Out of view Trajectory/Heading Angle ... Along Rail Occupant Risk Values Longitudinal OIV ..... 2.8 m/s (9.2 ft/s) Lateral OIV...... 4.0 m/s (13.0 ft/s) Longitudinal Ridedown ...... 4.7 g Lateral Ridedown ..... 5.3 g THIV ...... 4.7 m/s Max. 0.050-s Average Longitudinal .....--2.3 g Lateral ..... 3.9 g Vertical.....-1.9 g

#### **Post-Impact Trajectory**

Post-impact majectory	
Stopping Distance	
	5.5 m (18 ft) twd field side
Vehicle Stability	
Maximum Roll Angle	36°
Maximum Pitch Angle	7°
Maximum Yaw Angle	18°
Vehicle Snagging	Yes
Vehicle Pocketing	No
Test Article Deflections	
Dynamic	502 mm 19.8 inches)
Permanent	
Working Width	1161 mm (45.7 inches)
Height of Working Width	
Vehicle Damage	. , ,
VDS	11LFQ6
CDC	11FLEW6
Max. Exterior Deformation	508 mm (20 inches)
OCDI	
Max. Occupant Compartment	
Deformation	152 mm (6.0 inches) in the floor pan

Figure 8.7. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-12 on Modified VGAN400 Bridge Rail.



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