

**Construction Specification  
for Civil Works**

**C264 – Non-Rigid Road  
Safety Barrier**

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## GENERAL

### C264.01 SCOPE

The work to be executed under this Specification consists of the setting out, supply of all materials and erection of road safety barriers and terminals, in accordance with the requirements for non-rigid road safety barrier systems in AS/NZS 3845, at the locations shown on the approved design drawings.

This Specification details the requirements for public domain non-rigid road safety barrier systems. Where a patented non-rigid road safety barrier system is specified and shown on the approved design drawings, all materials shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and, it shall be constructed strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

### C264.02 DEFINITIONS

**The Works** – Defined as follows:

- **Developer Infrastructure Works** - work includes subdivisions and any public infrastructure work associated with an approved Development in the ARC local government area requiring a construction certificate.
- **Contracted Works** – infrastructure work undertaken by a Principal Contractor or subcontractor formally appointed by ARC and supervised by ARC.
- **Internal Works** - infrastructure work undertaken by ARC's day labour workforce.

*The Works*

**Constructor** – Defined as the organisation responsible for construction of the Works and the Principal Contractor as defined in the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

*Constructor*

**ARC Representative** – Defined as follows:

- **Developer Infrastructure Works** – Nominated ARC officer(s) for the approved Development.
- **For Contracted Works** – the Superintendent.
- **For Internal Works** – ARC Asset Owner.

*ARC Representative*

**Constructor's Representative** – Defined as follows:

- **Contracted Works** – the Principal Contractor's nominated representative as per the relevant contract.
- **Internal Works** – ARC officer responsible for delivery.

*Constructor's Representative*

**Developer's Representative**– Defined as the person or organisation appointed by the Developer to administer the Constructor responsible for the delivery of Developer Infrastructure Works.

*Developer's Representative*

### C264.03 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Documents referenced in this Specification are listed in full below whilst being cited in the text in the abbreviated form or code indicated.

*Documents  
Standards Test  
Methods*

Where not otherwise specified in the relevant Armidale Regional Council (ARC) Construction Specifications or the approved design drawings, the Constructor shall use the latest versions of the Reference documentation, including amendments and supplements, listed in the ARC Construction Specifications at the time of the Works approval.

*Currency*

**(a) Armidale Regional Council (ARC) Specifications**

C201 - Control of Traffic.

C271 - Minor Concrete Works.

*ARC  
Specifications*

**(b) Australian Standards**

References in this Specification or on the approved design drawings to Australian Standards are noted by their prefix AS or AS/NZS.

- AS 1906.2 - Retroreflective devices (non-pavement application).
- AS/NZS 3845 - Road safety barrier systems.
- AS/NZS 4680 - Hot-dip galvanised (zinc) coatings on fabricated ferrous articles

**MATERIALS**

**C264.04 COMPONENTS**

All steel components for public domain non-rigid road safety barrier systems, W-beam and Thrie-beam, shall be in accordance with *AS/NZS 3845* and shall be of the type as shown on the approved design drawings. **Steel**

**C264.05 CERTIFICATION**

Steel and timber road safety barrier components shall not be erected until the Constructor has produced documentary evidence to the ARC Representative and/or the Developer's Representative (for Developer Infrastructure Works) that road safety barrier components conform to the requirements of this Specification. **Evidence of Conformance**

**CONSTRUCTION**

**C264.06 GENERAL**

The Constructor shall at all times conform to the requirements of *C201 – Control of Traffic*. **Traffic Control**

Construction of non-rigid road safety barrier shall comply with *AS/NZS 3845* except where explicit departures are detailed on the approved design drawings.

Road safety barriers shall be erected after the construction of the base on concrete pavements and after the placing of the initial layer of asphaltic concrete or sprayed seal on a flexible pavement, unless otherwise approved by the ARC Representative. **Timing of Construction**

The Constructor shall set out the work to ensure that all road safety barriers and terminal sections are located in accordance with the approved design drawings. **Set Out**

Underground cables and ducts laid in the road safety barrier area shall be located prior to the erection of posts and all care must be taken not to damage such cables and ducts. **Cables and Ducts**

The posts should be set to the full depth as shown on the approved design drawings. If this is not possible due to the presence of an underground obstruction, an alternative method of setting the posts, as approved by the ARC Representative, shall be used. **Underground Obstruction**

Posts shall stand vertical and the spacing shall be such that when the safety barrier is erected no post movement is necessary in order to align holes or for any other reason. **Post Accuracy**

**C264.07 ERECTION OF STEEL POSTS**

The safety barrier posts are to be located as shown on the approved design drawings. The top of the post shall be 710mm, 805mm or 865mm as appropriate for W-beam, Thrie-beam or modified blockout Thrie-beam respectively, above the ground level, unless otherwise shown on the approved design drawings. On terminal ends, the level of the posts shall be such as to conform to the extended crossfall of the main pavement unless otherwise shown on the approved design drawings. **Positioning of Posts**

When erected in position the posts shall be on a smooth line both horizontally and vertically with the tops of posts within  $\pm 20$ mm of the heights specified in paragraph 1 of this Clause.

**Smooth Line/  
Tolerances**

Steel posts shall be erected by driving in accordance with the requirements for foundation posts in AS/NZS 3845. The open section of the post shall point in the same direction as adjacent traffic. The posts are to be firm in the ground and any movement at ground level shall not exceed 3mm in any direction when force tested in accordance with AS/NZS 3845.

**Foundation and  
Testing**

The posts shall not have any obvious deformation as a result of driving. Any damage which does occur to the posts is to be repaired within 24 hours using an organic zinc-rich primer in accordance with the repair requirements of Appendix E in AS/NZS 4680.

**Damage to  
Posts**

Any post which has been excessively damaged will be rejected by the ARC Representative and shall be replaced by the Constructor at its own expense.

**Constructor's  
Cost**

### **C264.08 ERECTION OF ROAD SAFETY BARRIER RAILS**

Steel blackout pieces shall be erected with the open section pointing in the same direction as adjacent traffic.

**Blockouts**

All rail laps shall be in the same direction as adjacent traffic such that approach rail ends are not exposed to traffic.

**Rail Laps**

Stiffening pieces, 300mm long, shall be used on intermediate posts.

**Stiffening Pieces**

Road safety barrier rails and blackout pieces shall be handled and erected in such a manner that no damage occurs to the galvanising. Any minor damage occasioned to the galvanising shall be repaired within 24 hours using an organic zinc-rich primer in accordance with the repair requirements of Appendix E in AS/NZS 4680.

**Minor Damage  
to Galvanising**

Any road safety barrier rails or blackout pieces which have been excessively damaged will be rejected by the ARC Representative and shall be replaced by the Constructor at the Constructor's expense.

**Constructor's  
Cost**

Road safety barrier rail attachment bolts and splice bolts are to be tightened initially such that the barrier can be erected. Adjustments are then to be made to the rails using the slotted holes provided to produce a smooth regular line, free of any kinks or bumps. The overall line of the top of the safety barrier rails is to visually conform with the vertical alignment of the road pavement.

**Erection  
Procedure**

When the alignment both vertically and horizontally is obtained, the splice bolts are to be fully tightened. The bolt head (not the shoulder) should be in full bearing with the rail.

**Splice Bolt  
Tightening**

### **C264.09 END TREATMENT OF ROAD SAFETY BARRIERS**

Both approach and departure ends of the road safety barrier shall be constructed with leading and trailing terminal sections at locations shown and as detailed on the approved design drawings.

**Leading, Trailing  
Terminals**

Approved end terminals shall be installed at approach end locations of road safety barriers as shown on the approved design drawings.

**End Terminals**

The approach and departure ends of double sided road safety barriers shall have terminal sections as detailed on the approved detailed drawings.

**Double Sided  
Safety Barrier**

Non-rigid road safety barrier connections to rigid road safety barriers or bridge parapets shall be as detailed on the approved design drawings.

**Connections to  
Rigid Barriers**

### **C264.10 DELINEATORS**

Delineators complying with AS 1906.2 shall be fixed with brackets to the road safety barrier, to the details and at the locations shown on the approved design drawings beginning at the first post and then in accordance with Table C264.1.

**Fixing**

Radius of Curve (m)	Spacing of Reflectors on Barrier (every)
30-90	3 <sup>rd</sup> post
90-180	5 <sup>th</sup> post
180-275	8 <sup>th</sup> post
275-365	11 <sup>th</sup> post
over 365	16 <sup>th</sup> post
(including straight road)	

**Table C264.1 – Delineator Spacing**

The delineators shall be so arranged that drivers approaching from either direction will see only red reflectors on their left side and white reflectors on their right side.

***Arrangement and Colour***

## LIMITS AND TOLERANCES

### C264.11 SUMMARY OF LIMITS AND TOLERANCES

The limits and tolerances applicable to the various clauses in this specification are summarised in Table C264.2 below:

Item	Activity	Limits/Tolerances	Spec Clause
<b>1</b>	<b>Vertical Alignment</b>		
	Tops of steel posts.	± 20mm	C264.07
<b>2</b>	<b>Post Movement</b>		
	Post Movement	≤ 3mm	C264.07

**Table C264.2 - Summary of Limits and Tolerances**



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