

July 30, 2012

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In Reply Refer To: HSST/CC-121

Mr. Barry D. Stephens, P.E. Sr. Vice President Engineering Energy Absorption Systems 3617 Cincinnati Avenue Rocklin, CA 95765

Dear Mr. Stephens:

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: 3-bay QuadGuard® M10 (QG M10) Narrow & Wide

Type of System: Redirective Crash Cushion

Test Level: AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) Test

Level 2 (TL-2)

Testing conducted by: E-Tech Testing Services, Inc. Task Force 13 Designators: SCI30: QG M10 Narrow

SCI31: OG M10 Wide

Date of request: March 3, 2011 Date of completed package: June 15, 2012

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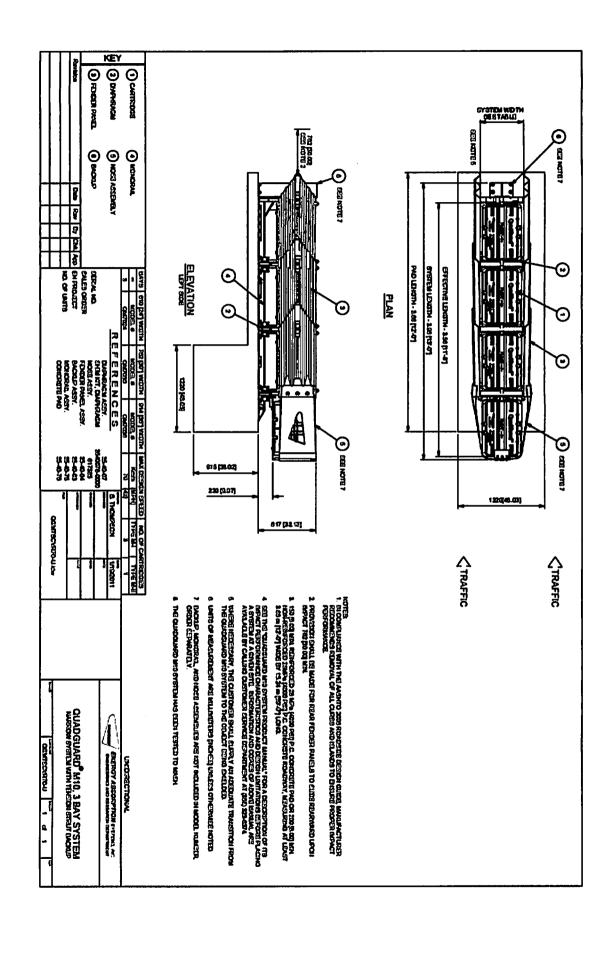
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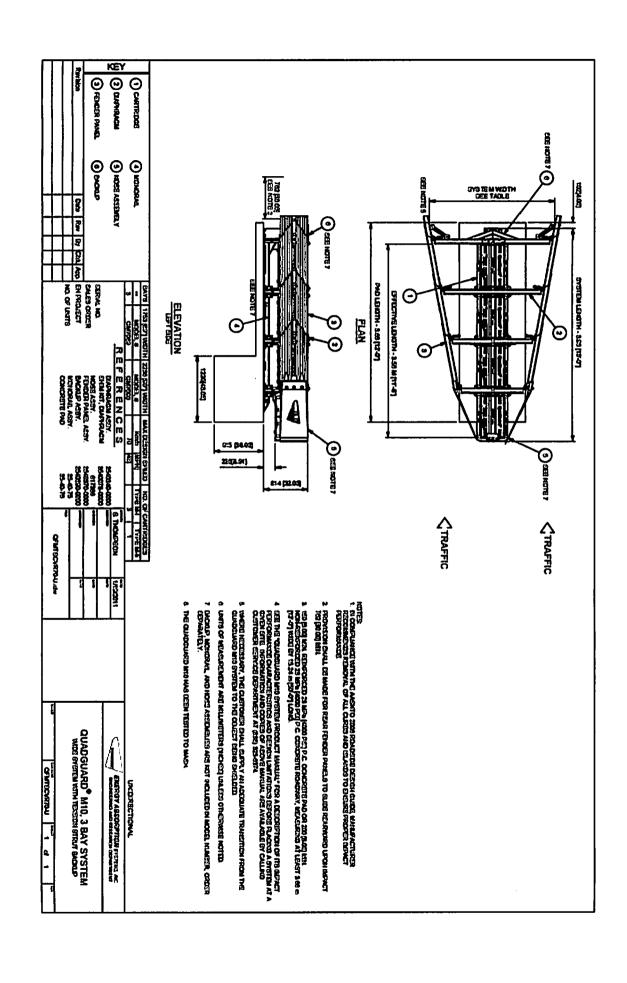
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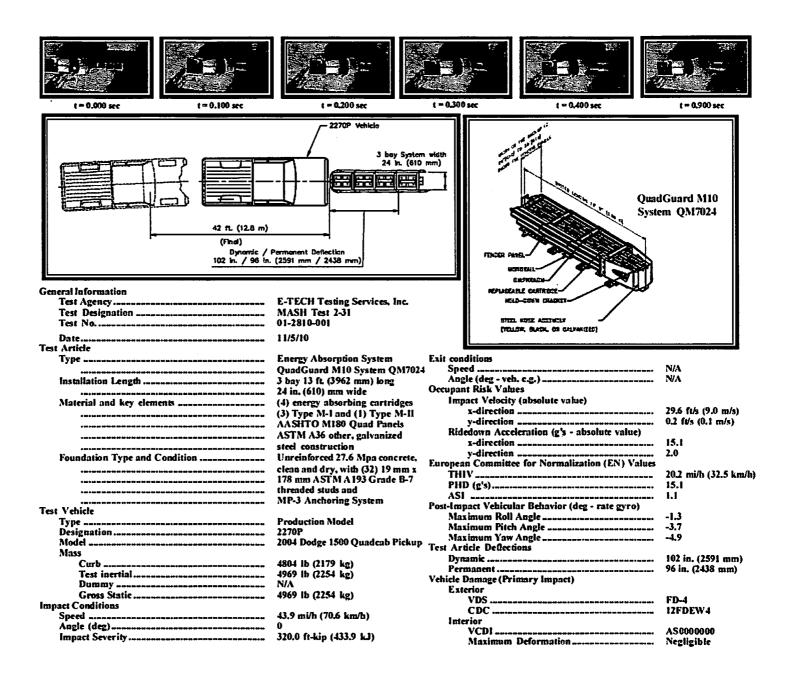
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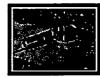












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Gross Static

Impact Conditions

Speed

Angle (deg).....

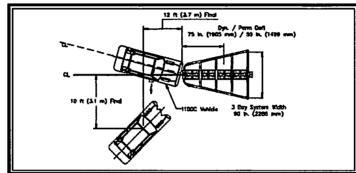
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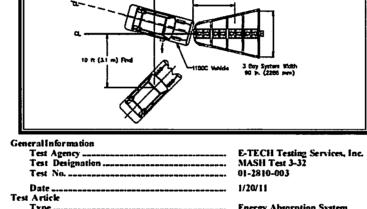
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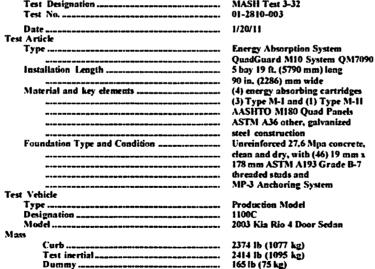
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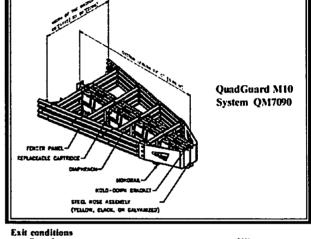


Impact Severity _____ 153.9 (1-kip (208.8 kJ)

2579 lb (1170 kg)

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43.7 ml/b (70.3 km/h)



Exit conditions	
Speed	N/A
Angle (deg - veh. c.g.)	N/A
Occupant Risk Values (absolute value)	
Impact Velocity	
x-direction	32.3 ft/s (9.9 m/s)
y-direction	2.3 ft/s (0.7 m/s)
Ridedown Acceleration (g's)	
a-direction	13.5
y-direction	7.3
European Committee for Normalization (EN) Values	
ŤHIV	22.1 mi/h (35.6 km/h)
PHD (g's)	13.7
ASI	1.1
Post-Impact Vehicular Behavior (deg - rate gyro)	
Maximum Roll Angle	6.0
Maximum Pitch Angle	-2.8
Maximum Yaw Angle	-52.6
Test Article Deflections	
Dynamic	75 in, (1905 mm)
Permanent	59 in. (1499 mm)
Vehicle Damage (Primary Impact)	
Exterior	
VDS	FD-2
CDC	12FDEW2
Interior	
VCDI	AS0000000
Maximum Deformation	Negligible



General Information

Model.. Mass

mpact Conditions Speed

Curb Test inertial...

Angle (deg).....

Impact Severity

Dummy ...

Gross Static ...

Test Agency Test Designation ...





E-TECH Testing Services, Inc.

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42.5 ml/h (68.3 km/h)

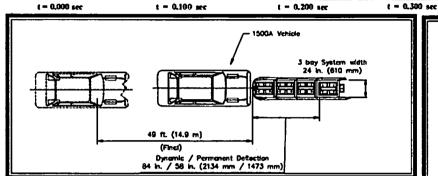
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QuadGuard M10 System QM7024 STEEL WITH ASSESSED.

Test No.	01-2810-002
Date	12/15/10
Туре	Energy Absorption System
	QuadGuard M10 System QM7024
Installation Length	3 bay 13 ft. (3962 mm) long
10 10 1 00 10 10 10 00 00 10 01 10 01 10 10	24 in. (610) mm wide
Material and key elements	(4) energy absorbing cartridges
	(3) Type M-I and (1) Type M-II
	AASHTO M180 Quad Panels
	ASTM A36 other, galvanized
	steel construction
Foundation Type and Condition	Unreinforced 27.6 Mpa concrete,
***************************************	clean and dry, with (32) 19 mm x
	178 mm ASTM A193 Grade B-7
detector====================================	threaded studs and
	MP-3 Anchoring System
Test Vehicle	
Type	Production Model
Designation	1500A
Model	2005 Ford Taurus

[Wilse, Sage, or Generate]	
Exit conditions	
Speed	N/A
Angle (deg - veb. c.g.)	N/A
Occupant Risk Values	
Impact Velocity (absolute value)	
x-direction	28,4 ft/s (8,6 m/s)
y-direction	0.2 ft/s (0.0 m/s)
Ridedown Acceleration (g's - absolute value)	
x-direction	15.9
y-direction	1.1
European Committee for Normalization (EN) Values	
THIV	19.3 mi/h (31.1 km/h)
PHD (g's)	15.9
ASI	1.2
Post-Impact Vehicular Behavior (deg - rate gyro)	
Maximum Roll Angle	-1.5
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