

December 18, 2015

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

In Reply Refer To: HSST/CC57D

Mr. Bret Eckert P.E. Engineering Applications Manager Trinity Highway Products 3617 Cincinnati Avenue Rocklin, CA 95677

Dear Mr. Eckert:

This letter is in response to your August 1, 2014 request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety device, hardware, or system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. This FHWA letter of eligibility is assigned FHWA control number CC-57D and is valid until a subsequent letter is issued by FHWA that expressly references this device.

Decision

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

· QuadGuard Elite System Modification

Scope of this Letter

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, modified roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350. However, the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not regulate the manufacture of roadside safety devices. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval, certification or endorsement of the device for any particular purpose or use.

This letter is not a determination by the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States Government that a vehicle crash involving the device will result in any particular outcome, nor is it a guarantee of the in-service performance of this device. Proper manufacturing, installation, and maintenance are required in order for this device to function as tested.

This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness of the system and does not cover other structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Eligibility for Reimbursement

FHWA previously issued an eligibility letter for the roadside safety system described in your pending request. Your pending request now identifies a modification to that roadside safety system.

The original roadside safety device information is:

Name of system: QuadGuard Elite Type of system: Crash Cushion

Date of original request: September 8, 1998

Date of original FHWA eligibility letter: December 30, 1998

FHWA Control number: CC-57

The modification(s) to the QuadGuard covered by this letter are:

- 1. Modified the bolt type used to attach the nose belt support legs to the nose belt from elevator head style to hex head style.
- Modified the diaphragm chain protective coating from purchasing the chain in black, uncoated condition and hot dipped galvanizing after cutting to length to purchasing galvanized chain. The chain remains the same size and grade with identical properties.
- 3. Modified the wire rope clamp used for the cylinder retention cables by changing the clamp rod diameter from 7/16" to 1/2". The wire rope clamp retains is size for 1/2" cable and provides increased clamping force with the larger rod diameter and correspondingly sized nuts.
- 4. Improved the fit between the diaphragm components by lengthening the diaphragm side plate from 20 7/8" to 21". This modification provides for a improved fit between the QuadBeam panel and cylinder edge guard.
- 5. Modified the part number of the bolt used to attach the nose belt to the nose cylinder. There is no change to the size or type of bolt.
- 6. Improved the assembly of the Hit Indicator post by increasing the hole diameters and providing fastener clearance in the post tubing from 1/2" to 9/16" and 1/4" to 5/16", respectively.
- 7. Improved the diaphragm lower reinforcements horizontal fillet weld by increasing total weld length on each surface from 17" to 18".

- 8. Improved the hinge pivot attachment on the wide system diaphragm hinge plates by adding 1/8" fillet welds to the outside surfaces of the hinge pair.
- 9. Modified the QuadGuard Elite Backup Assembly by eliminating the backup cable support bracket and corresponding fasteners from the backup assembly. The rear cylinder cable will continue to be wrapped around the lower portion of the diaphragm/tension strut backup. This method of wrapping the cable around the lower diaphragm has been the standard method of retaining the cylinders in all other bays in the QuadGuard Elite.
- 10. Modified the QuadGuard Product and Assembly Manuals to the current Trinity Highway format.
- 11. Improved the method of ensuring consistent preloading of the fender panel rear tension springs from compressing 1/16" to 1/8", to tightening the nut on mushroom washer bolt until it reaches end of threads. This method eliminates nut loosening and maintains consistent fender panel end gap. The protective coating on the fender panel springs was improved from power coated to mechanically galvanized. The spring rate will be unchanged yielding superior corrosion protection.

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory as stated within the attached form.

Full Description of the Eligible Device

The device and supporting documentation, including reports of the crash tests or other testing done, videos of any crash testing, and/or drawings of the device, are described in the attached form.

Notice

If a manufacturer makes any modification to any of their roadside safety hardware that has an existing eligibility letter from FHWA, the manufacturer must notify FHWA of such modification with a request for continued eligibility for reimbursement. The notice of all modifications to a device must be accompanied by:

- o Significant modifications For these modifications, crash test results must be submitted with accompanying documentation and videos.
- Non-signification modifications For these modifications, a statement from the crash test laboratory on the potential effect of the modification on the ability of the device to meet the relevant crash test criteria.

FHWA's determination of continued eligibility for the modified hardware will be based on whether the modified hardware will continue to meet the relevant crash test criteria.

You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design, installation and maintenance 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 NCHRP Report 350.

Issuance of this letter does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. This letter is based on the premise that information and reports submitted by you are accurate and correct. We reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter if: (1) there are any inaccuracies in the information submitted in support of your request for this letter, (2) the qualification testing was flawed, (3) in-service performance or other information reveals safety problems, (4) the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, or (5) any other information indicates that the letter was issued in error or otherwise does not reflect full and complete information about the crashworthiness of the system.

Standard Provisions

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility designated as FHWA
 control number CC-57D 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 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.
- If the subject device is a patented product it may be considered to be 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,

Michael S. Griffith

Director, Office of Safety Technologies

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Office of Safety

Enclosures

Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	December 16, 2015	○ New	• Resubmission
	Name:	Bret R. Eckert, P.E.	acts, LLC Rocklin, CA 95765 ector	
ter	Company:	Trinity Highway Products, LLC	<u></u>	
Submitter	Address: 3617 Cincinnati Ave., Rocklin, CA 95765			
Sut	Country:	USA		
	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.

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System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'CC': Crash Cushions, Attenuators, & Terminals	Physical Crash Testing Engineering Analysis	QuadGuard® Elite	NCHRP Report 350	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 NCHRP Report 350 (Report 350) and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the Report 350.

Identification of the individual or organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	Jim Thonn	Same as Submitter 🔝
Company Name:	Trinity Highway Products, LLC	Same as Submitter 🛛
Address:	70 West Madison Street, Suite 2350, Chicago, IL 60602	Same as Submitter
Country:	USA	Same as Submitter 🖂
•	disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA `last for Safety Hardware Devices' document.	Federal-Aid Reimbursement
patents that are of QuadGuard® Elite Absorption Syste Oberth and John associated United	Elite technology is the commercial embodiment of intellectual owned by Trinity Highway Products, LLC (THP). THP does not page system. The QuadGuard® Elite system was designed and developms Inc. (EAS). The patent holders of record for the QuadGuard® V. Machado and both, Mr. Oberth as well as Mr. Machado, were distance States Patent Office patent application numbers (5,797,592 & 5 on Systems, Inc. / Trinity Industries, Inc.	y royalties for sales of the loped by engineers at Energy Elite system are Michael H. employed by EAS. The

EAS sponsored certain crash tests of the QuadGuard® Elite system; such tests were conducted by E-Tech Testing Services, an independent, wholly-owned subsidiary of THP. E-Tech Testing Services is an International Standards Organization ("ISO") 17025 accredited laboratory with American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) Mechanical Testing certificate 989.01. Full-scale crash testing on the QuadGuard® system was performed in accordance with testing criteria, as set forth by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program ("NCHRP") in the NCHRP Report 350 (1993).

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

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The QuadGuard® Elite system is a redirective, non-gating type crash cushion. The systems consists of energy absorbing cylinders surrounded by a framework of steel Quad-Beam guardrail that can telescope rearward during head-on impacts. The systems have a center monorail that will resist lateral movement during side angle impacts and a back up structure that will resist rearward movement during head-on impacts. The QuadGuard® Elite systems are approved for use per FHWA acceptance letter series CC-57 (dated Dec. 30, 1998 thru Nov. 14, 2008. The design changes presented in this submission consist of the following inconsequential and positive component modifications.

- 1) Modified the bolt type used to attach the nose belt support legs to the nose belt from elevator head style to hex head style. A fender washer is used under the bolt head so this is considered an inconsequential modification on the QuadGuard® Elite system.
- 2) Modified the diaphragm chain protective coating from purchasing the chain in black, uncoated condition and hot dipped galvanizing after cutting to length to purchasing galvanized chain. The chain remains the same size and grade with identical properties. This is an inconsequential modification on the QuadGuard® Elite system.
- 3) Modified the wire rope clamp used for the cylinder retention cables by changing the clamp rod diameter from 7/16" to 1/2". The wire rope clamp retains is size for 1/2" cable and provides increased clamping force with the larger rod diameter and correspondingly sized nuts. This is a positive modification on the QuadGuard® Elite system.
- 4) Improved the fit between the diaphragm components by lengthening the diaphragm side plate from 20 7/8" to 21". This modification provides for a improved fit between the QuadBeam panel and cylinder edge guard. This is a positive modification on the QuadGuard® Elite system.
- 5) Modified the part number of the bolt used to attach the nose belt to the nose cylinder. There is no change to the size or type of bolt. This modification is an inconsequential modification on the QuadGuard® Elite system.
 6) Improved the assembly of the Hit Indicator post by increasing the hole diameters and providing fastener clearance in the post tubing from 1/2" to 9/16" and 1/4" to 5/16", respectively. This is an inconsequential modification on the QuadGuard® Elite system.
- 7) Improved the diaphragm lower reinforcements horizontal fillet weld by increasing total weld length on each surface from 17" to 18". This is a positive modification on the QuadGuard® family systems.
- 8) Improved the hinge pivot attachment on the wide system diaphragm hinge plates by adding 1/8" fillet welds to the outside surfaces of the hinge pair. This is a positive modification on the QuadGuard® family systems.
- 9) Modified the QuadGuard® Elite Backup Assembly by eliminating the backup cable support bracket and corresponding fasteners from the backup assembly. The rear cylinder cable will continue to be wrapped around the lower portion of the diaphragm/tension strut backup. This method of wrapping the cable around the lower diaphragm has been the standard method of retaining the cylinders in all other bays in the QuadGuard® Elite. This is an inconsequential modification on the QuadGuard® Elite system.
- 10) Modified the QuadGuard® Product and Assembly Manuals to the current Trinity Highway format. These are inconsequential modifications on the QuadGuard® Elite system.
- 11) Improved the method of ensuring consistent preloading of the fender panel rear tension springs from compressing 1/16" to 1/8", to tightening the nut on mushroom washer bolt until it reaches end of threads. This method eliminates nut loosening and maintains consistent fender panel end gap. The protective coating on the fender panel springs was improved from power coated to mechanically galvanized. The spring rate will be unchanged yielding superior corrosion protection. These are positive modifications on the QuadGuard® Elite system.

These component modifications for the QuadGuard® Elite system are considered Non-Significant. All revisions have been justified through engineering analysis and judgement and have been determined to be non-significant and will have no bearing on the as-tested performance of the system.

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
3-30 (820C)	Test 3-30 was waived for the QuadGuard Elite in FHWA Eligibility letter CC-57 based on tests 3-31 on the narrowest unit and test 3-32 on the widest unit appeared most critical. The non-significant modifications described in the Product Description will have no bearing on the as-tested performance of the QuadGuard* Elite system.	Non-Critical, not conducted
S3-30 (700C	Not Applicable. Test S3-30 is an optional test and not required for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
3-31 (2000P)	Test No. 01-7611-002, Test Date October 9, 1998, Test Report "NCHRP Report 350 Crash Test Results for the QuadGuard Elite System, Final Report, Project No. 01-7611, November 1998. The non-significant modifications described in the Product Description will have no bearing on the as-tested performance of the QuadGuard® Elite system.	PASS
3-32 (820C)	Test No. 01-7611-001, Test Date September 29, 1998, Test Report "NCHRP Report 350 Crash Test Results for the QuadGuard Elite System, Final Report, Project No. 01-7611, November 1998. The non-significant modifications described in the Product Description will have no bearing on the astested performance of the QuadGuard® Elite system.	PASS
S3-32 (700C)	Not Applicable. Test S3-32 is an optional test and not required for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
3-33 (2000P)	Test 3-33 was waived for the QuadGuard Elite in FHWA Eligibility letter CC-57 based on tests 3-31 on the narrowest unit and test 3-32 on the widest unit appeared most critical. The non-significant modifications described in the Product Description will have no bearing on the as-tested performance of the QuadGuard* Elite system.	Non-Critical, not conducted
3-34 (820C)	Not Applicable. Test 3-34 is for redirective, gating devices and not applicable for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
S3-34 (700C)	Not Applicable. Test S3-34 is an optional test and not required for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
3-35 (2000P)	Not Applicable. Test 3-35 is for redirective, gating devices and not applicable for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
3-36 (820C)	Test 3-36 was waived for the QuadGuard Elite in FHWA Eligibility letter CC-57 based on tests 3-31 on the narrowest unit and test 3-32 on the widest unit appeared most critical. The non-significant modifications described in the Product Description will have no bearing on the as-tested performance of the QuadGuard® Elite system.	Non-Critical, not conducted
S3-36 (700C)	Not Applicable. Test S3-36 is an optional test and not required for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
3-37 (2000P)	Test 3-37 was waived for the QuadGuard Elite in FHWA Eligibility letter CC-57 based on tests 3-31 on the narrowest unit and test 3-32 on the widest unit appeared most critical. The non-significant modifications described in the Product Description will have no bearing on the as-tested performance of the QuadGuard® Elite system.	Non-Critical, not conducted

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
3-38 (2000P)	Test 3-38 was waived for the QuadGuard Elite in FHWA Eligibility letter CC-57 based on tests 3-31 on the narrowest unit and test 3-32 on the widest unit appeared most critical. The non-significant modifications described in the Product Description will have no bearing on the as-tested performance of the QuadGuard® Elite system.	Non-Critical, not conducted
3-39 (2000P)	Test 3-39 was waived for the QuadGuard Elite in FHWA Eligibility letter CC-57 based on tests 3-31 on the narrowest unit and test 3-32 on the widest unit appeared most critical. The non-significant modifications described in the Product Description will have no bearing on the as-tested performance of the QuadGuard® Elite system.	Non-Critical, not conducted
3-40 (2000P)	Not Applicable. Test 3-40 is for nonredirective, gating devices and not applicable for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
53-40 (700C)	Not Applicable. Test S3-40 is optional test for nonredirective, gating devices and not applicable for QuadGuard°system eligibility.	
3-41 (2000P)	Not Applicable. Test 3-41 is for nonredirective, gating devices and not applicable for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
3-42 (820C)	Not Applicable. Test 3-42 is for nonredirective, gating devices and not applicable for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
S3-42 (700C)	Not Applicable. Test S3-42 is optional test for nonredirective, gating devices and not applicable for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
3-43 (2000P)	Not Applicable. Test 3-43 is for nonredirective, gating devices and not applicable for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	
3-44 (2000P)	Not Applicable. Test 3-44 is for nonredirective, gating devices and not applicable for QuadGuard® Elite system eligibility.	

Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with NCHRP Report 350 by the following accredited crash test Laboratory. By signature below, the Laboratory agrees in support of this submission that all critical and relevant crash tests for the device listed above were conducted. (cite the laboratory's accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports.):

Testing Laboratory's signature	concurs that these modifica	tions are considered I	Non-Significant.
Laboratory Name:	E-Tech Testing Services, Inc.		
Laboratory Signature:	Paul Kruse	Digitally signed by Paul K DN: on-Paul Kruse, oE.T emell-paul kruse(trin.ne Oate: 2015.12.37 10:39:04	ECH Testing Services, ou-Plant 1574, 4, c=US
Address:	3617B Cincinnati Ave., Rocklin	, CA 95765	Same as Submitter
Country:	USA		Same as Submitter
Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period :	A2LA Certificate# 989.01, Nove	ember 30, 2017	

Submitter Signature*: bret.eckert@trin. het District signed by bet.eckert@trin.net District pretexchartgrin.net Octor 2013.12.17 103649 00'00'

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ATTACHMENTS

Attach to this form:

- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- 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:

Eligibili	ty Letter	AASHTO TF13		
Number	Date	Designator	Key Words	

From: To: Subject: John Laturates Languagest, Will (Throva) RE: CASS 53 Post Sleeve Clamp Thursday, December 03, 2015 1:50-44 PM

it's available at AZLA's website.





October 30, 2015

Mr. William P. Longstreet
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Re: QuadGuard® Elite Disclosure of Financial Interest, FHWA Review for Eligibility Letter

Mr. Longstreet,

On behalf of Trinity Highway Products, LLC ("THP"), I am responding to your email requesting details of any financial interest that the crash test laboratory has in the QuadGuard® Elite system, manufactured by THP.

As noted in THP's request for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program for this product, the QuadGuard[®] Elite system was previously deemed eligible by the FHWA, pursuant to HNG-14/CC-57, HMHS/CC-57A, HSSD/CC-57B, & HSSD/CC-57C.

The QuadGuard® Elite technology is the commercial embodiment of intellectual property that is protected by patents that are owned by THP. THP does not pay royalties for sales of the QuadGuard® Elite system. The QuadGuard® Elite system was designed and developed by engineers at Energy Absorption Systems Inc. (EAS). The patent holders of record for the QuadGuard® Elite system are Michael H. Oberth and John V. Machado and both, Mr. Oberth as well as Mr. Machado, were employed by EAS. The associated United States Patent Office patent application numbers (5,797,592 & 5,733,062) are assigned to Energy Absorption Systems, Inc. / Trinity Industries, Inc.

EAS sponsored certain crash tests of the QuadGuard® Elite system; such tests were conducted by E-Tech Testing Services, an independent, wholly-owned subsidiary of THP. E-Tech Testing Services is an International Standards Organization ("ISO") 17025 accredited laboratory with American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) Mechanical Testing certificate 989.01. Full-scale crash testing on the QuadGuard® system was performed in accordance with testing criteria, as set forth by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program ("NCHRP") in the NCHRP Report 350 (1993).

Please advise if further information is required by the FHWA. We look forward to continuing to work with the FHWA in regards to the QuadGuard[®] Elite and other Roadside Safety Hardware.

Sincerely,

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