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#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Problem Statement**

In the late 1990s, roadside safety experts, State DOT representatives, Federal government officials, and industry personnel began discussions and preparations for updating the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report No. 350 safety performance guidelines (<u>1</u>). The new guidelines would improve upon existing test procedures, consider changes in the vehicle fleet, provide criteria for new roadside hardware categories and re-evaluate the appropriateness of the impact conditions.

In 1997, NCHRP Project 22-14, entitled *Improvement of the Procedures for the Safety Performance Evaluation of Roadside Features*, was initiated with the intent to: (1) evaluate the relevance and efficacy of the crash testing procedures, (2) assess the needs for updating NCHRP Report No. 350, and (3) provide recommended strategies for their implementation. Following the completion of this NCHRP study at the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) in 2001, a follow-on research study was begun in 2002. NCHRP Project 22-14(2), entitled *Improved Procedures for Safety Performance Evaluation of Roadside Features*, was undertaken by Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (MwRSF) researchers with the objectives to: (1) prepare the revised crash testing guidelines, (2) assess the effects of any proposed guidelines, and (3) identify research needs for future improvements to the procedures.

Consequently, it was anticipated that a number of revisions would be incorporated into the Update of NCHRP Report No. 350 guidelines (2). For example, changes in the vehicle fleet have resulted in the need to reassess the small car and pickup truck test vehicles. Accordingly, new, heavier test vehicles have been selected for both the small car and light truck classes of vehicles.

Additionally, during the second study, researchers determined that the 100 km/h (62.1 mph) impact speed and 25 degree impact angle would remain the same as used in NCHRP Report No. 350 for the large passenger vehicle class impacting longitudinal barriers. However, the impact angle for the small car impact condition would increase from 20 to 25 degrees for evaluating longitudinal barriers and the length-of-need for guardrail terminals. The effects of any changes to vehicle specifications or impact conditions must be understood before the safety performance evaluation guidelines are finalized. Therefore, a series of full-scale crash tests on NCHRP Report No. 350 approved systems were to be conducted with the new test vehicles and impact conditions.

#### **1.2 Objective**

The objective of the research project was to evaluate the safety performance of the permanent New Jersey safety shape barrier when full-scale vehicle crash tested according to the test designation no. 4-12 criteria presented in the Update of NCHRP Report No. 350 guidelines (<u>2</u>).

#### 1.3 Scope

The research objective was achieved through the completion of several tasks. First, a fullscale vehicle crash test was performed on the permanent safety shape barrier. The crash test utilized a single unit truck, weighing approximately 10,000 kg (22,046 lbs). The target impact conditions for the test were an impact speed of 90.0 km/h (55.9 mph) and an impact angle of 15 degrees. Next, the test results were analyzed, evaluated, and documented. Finally, conclusions and recommendations were made that pertain to the safety performance of the permanent safety shape barrier relative to the test performed.

#### **2 TEST REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

#### **2.1 Test Requirements**

Historically, longitudinal barriers, such as W-beam guardrail systems, have been required to satisfy impact safety standards in order to be accepted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for use on National Highway System (NHS) construction projects or as a replacement for existing designs not meeting current safety standards. In recent years, these safety standards have consisted of the guidelines and procedures published in NCHRP Report No. 350 (<u>1</u>). However, NCHRP Project 22-14(2) generated revised testing procedures and guidelines for use in the evaluation of roadside safety appurtenances and were presented in the draft report entitled, *NCHRP Report 350 Update* (<u>2</u>). Therefore, according to Test Level 4 (TL-4) of the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350, longitudinal barrier systems must be subjected to three full-scale vehicle crash tests. The three full-scale crash tests are as follows:

- 1. Test Designation 4-10. An 1,100-kg (2,425-lb) passenger car impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 25 degrees, respectively.
- 2. Test Designation 4-11. A 2,270-kg (5,004-lb) pickup truck impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 100.0 km/h (62.1 mph) and 25 degrees, respectively.
- 3. Test Designation 4-12. A 10,000-kg (22,046-lb) single unit truck impacting at a nominal speed and angle of 90.0 km/h (55.9 mph) and 15 degrees, respectively.

The test conditions for TL-4 longitudinal barriers are summarized in Table 1. Test

Designation 4-12 was conducted for the permanent safety shape barrier described herein.

#### 2.2 Evaluation Criteria

According to the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350, the evaluation criteria for full-scale

vehicle crash testing are based on three appraisal areas: (1) structural adequacy; (2) occupant risk; and (3) vehicle trajectory after collision. Criteria for structural adequacy are intended to evaluate the ability of the barrier to contain, redirect, or allow controlled vehicle penetration in a predictable manner. Occupant risk evaluates the degree of hazard to occupants in the impacting vehicle. Vehicle trajectory after collision is a measure of the potential for the post-impact trajectory of the vehicle to cause subsequent multi-vehicle accidents. This criterion also indicates the potential safety hazard for the occupants of other vehicles or the occupants of the impacting vehicle when subjected secondary collisions with other fixed objects. These three evaluation criteria are summarized in Table 2 and defined in greater detail in the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350 report (2). The full-scale vehicle crash tests were conducted and reported in accordance with the procedures provided in the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350.

		Test Vehicle	In	npact Cond	Evaluation Criteria <sup>1</sup>	
Test Article	Test Designation		Speed			Angle
	0		(km/h)	(mph)	(degrees)	
	4-10	1100C	100	62.1	25	A,D,F,H,I,M
Longitudinal Barrier	4-11	2270P	100	62.1	25	A,D,F,H,I,M
	4-12	10000S	90	55.9	15	A,D,G,M

Table 1. Update to NCHRP Report No. 350 Test Level 4 Crash Test Conditions

<sup>1</sup> Evaluation criteria explained in Table 2.

Table 2. Update to NCHRP Report No. 350 Evaluation Criteria for Crash Tests

Structural Adequacy	A. Test article should contain and redirect the vehicle or bring the vehicle to a controlled stop; the vehicle should not penetrate, underride, or override the installation although controlled lateral deflection of the test article is acceptable.
	D. Detached elements, fragments or other debris from the test article should not penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present an undue hazard to other traffic, pedestrians, or personnel in a work zone. Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350.
	F. The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision.
Occupant Risk	G. It is preferable, although not essential, that the vehicle remain upright during and after collision.
	H. Longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities should fall below the preferred value of 9.0 m/s (29.5 ft/s), or at least below the maximum allowable value of 12.0 m/s (39.4 ft/s).
	I. Longitudinal and lateral occupant ridedown accelerations should fall below the preferred value of 15 Gs, or at least below the maximum allowable value of 20.0 Gs.
Vehicle Trajectory	M. After impact, the vehicle shall exit the barrier within the exit box.

#### **3 TEST CONDITIONS**

#### 3.1 Test Facility

The testing facility is located at the Lincoln Air Park on the northwest side of the Lincoln Municipal Airport and is approximately 8.0 km (5 mi.) northwest of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

#### **3.2 Vehicle Tow and Guidance System**

A reverse cable tow system with a 1:2 mechanical advantage was used to propel the test vehicle. The distance traveled and the speed of the tow vehicle were one-half that of the test vehicle. The test vehicle was released from the tow cable before impact with the barrier system. A digital speedometer was located on the tow vehicle to increase the accuracy of the test vehicle impact speed.

A vehicle guidance system developed by Hinch ( $\underline{3}$ ) was used to steer the test vehicle. A guide-flag, attached to the front-right wheel and the guide cable, was sheared off before impact with the barrier system. The 9.5-mm (0.375-in.) diameter guide cable was tensioned to approximately 15.6 kN (3,500 lbf), and supported laterally and vertically every 30.48 m (100 ft) by hinged stanchions. The hinged stanchions stood upright while holding up the guide cable, but as the vehicle was towed down the line, the guide-flag struck and knocked each stanchion to the ground. For test 2214NJ-2, the vehicle guidance system was 519 m (1,703 ft) long.

#### 3.3 Test Vehicles

For test 2214NJ-2, a 1989 Ford F-800 was used as the test vehicle. The test inertial and gross static weights were 9,999 kg (22,045 lbs). The test vehicle is shown in Figure 1, and vehicle dimensions are shown in Figure 2.







Figure 1. Test Vehicle, Test 2214NJ-2

Date	:	04	/13/	20	06	_Test Number:	_2214NJ-2	Model:	10000S
Tire	Sz	FR:	11	R	22.5	Odometer:	137162	Make:	Ford
Tire	Sz	RR:	11	R	22.5	V.I.N. #: 1FDX	F82KVA08054	Year:	1989



Vehicle Geometry – mm (inches)
a>fr. bump. width <u>2375 (93.5)</u> j> fr. bump. top <u>838 (33)</u> s> bot. door height <u>883 (34.75)</u>
b>overall height 3515 (138.375) k>rr. bump. bot584 (23)t>overall width2438 (96)
c>overall length <u>8299 (326.75)</u> l> rr. frame top <u>997 (39.25)</u> u> cab length <u>2610 (102.75</u> )
d>rear overhang _2654 (104.5) m> fr. track width 1886 (74.25) v> trler/box length _5613 (221)
e>wheel base4775 (188)n>roof width1549 (61)w>gap width76 (3)
f>front overhang <u>838 (33)</u> o>hood height <u>1549 (61)</u> x>overall fr. heigh& <u>257 (88.875)</u>
g>C.G. height <u>1351 (53.2)</u> p> bump. extension <u>70 (2.75)</u> y> roof-hood dist. <u>517 (20.375</u>
h>C.G. hor. dist. 4163 (163.9) q>fr. tire width 1035 (40.75) z>roof height dif. 1270 (50.0)
i> fr. bump. bot. <u>533 (21)</u> r> fr. wheel width <u>597 (23.5)</u> wheel center height front <u>495 (19.5)</u>
Weights - kg (lbs) wheel center height rear 505 (19.875)
Curb Test Inertial Gross Static wheel well clearance (FR) <u>178 (46.375)</u>
Wfront axel 2126 (4687) 3084 (6800) 3084 (6800) wheel well clearance (RR1083 (42,625)
Wrear axel 3313 (7303) 6915 (15245) 6915 (15245) Engine Type 8 Cyl. Gas
WTOTAL <u>5439 (11990) 9999 (22045) 9999 (22045)</u> Engine Size <u>429 ci</u> Transmission Type:
Ballast <u>4539 (10006)</u> FWD or RWD or 4WD
Note any damage prior to test: <u>Rusty Cab Floor</u>

Figure 2. Vehicle Dimensions, Test 2214NJ-2

The Suspension Method ( $\underline{4}$ ) was used to determine the vertical component of the center of gravity (c.g.) for the pickup truck. This method is based on the principle that the c.g. of any freely suspended body is in the vertical plane through the point of suspension. The vehicle was suspended successively in three positions, and the respective planes containing the c.g. were established. The intersection of these planes pinpointed the location of the center of gravity. The longitudinal component of the c.g. was determined using the measured axle weights. The location of the final center of gravity is shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Square black and white-checkered targets were placed on the vehicle to aid in the analysis of the high-speed film and E/cam and Photron video, as shown in Figure 3. Checkered targets were placed on the center of gravity, on the driver's side door, on the passenger's side door, and on the roof of the vehicle. The remaining targets were located for reference so that they could be viewed from the high-speed cameras for film analysis.

The front wheels of the test vehicle were aligned for camber, caster, and toe-in values of zero so that the vehicle would track properly along the guide cable. Two 5B flash bulbs were mounted on both the hood and roof of the vehicle to pinpoint the time of impact with the barrier on the AOS video. The flash bulbs were fired by a pressure tape switch mounted on the front face of the bumper. A remote-controlled brake system was installed in the test vehicle so the vehicle could be brought safely to a stop after the test.

#### **3.4 Data Acquisition Systems**

#### **3.4.1 Accelerometers**

One triaxial piezoresistive accelerometer system with a range of  $\pm 200$  Gs was used to measure the acceleration in the longitudinal, lateral, and vertical directions at a sample rate of 10,000





Hz. The environmental shock and vibration sensor/recorder system, Model EDR-4M6, was developed by Instrumented Sensor Technology (IST) of Okemos, Michigan and includes three differential channels as well as three single-ended channels. The EDR-4 was configured with 6 MB of RAM memory and a 1,500 Hz lowpass filter. Computer software, "DynaMax 1 (DM-1)" and "DADiSP", was used to analyze and plot the accelerometer data.

Another triaxial piezoresistive accelerometer system with a range of  $\pm 200$  Gs was also used to measure the acceleration in the longitudinal, lateral, and vertical directions at a sample rate of 3,200 Hz. The environmental shock and vibration sensor/recorder system, Model EDR-3, was developed by Instrumental Sensor Technology (IST) of Okemos, Michigan. The EDR-3 was configured with 256 kB of RAM memory and a 1,120 Hz lowpass filter. Computer software, "DynaMax 1 (DM-1)" and "DADiSP", was used to analyze and plot the accelerometer data.

#### **3.4.2 Rate Transducers**

An Analog Systems 3-axis rate transducer with a range of 1,200 degrees/sec in each of the three directions (pitch, roll, and yaw) was used to measure the rates of motion of the test vehicle. The rate transducer was mounted inside the body of the EDR-4M6 and recorded data at 10,000 Hz to a second data acquisition board inside the EDR-4M6 housing. The raw data measurements were then downloaded, converted to the appropriate Euler angles for analysis, and plotted. Computer software, "DynaMax 1 (DM-1)" and "DADiSP", was used to analyze and plot the rate transducer data.

#### **3.4.3 High-Speed Photography**

For test 2214NJ-2, four high-speed AOS VITcam video cameras, all with operating speeds of 500 frames/sec, were used to film the crash test. Five Canon digital video cameras and two JVC

digital video cameras, with standard operating speeds of 29.97 frames/sec, were also used to film the crash test. Camera details and a schematic of all eleven camera locations for test 2214NJ-2 is shown in Figure 4. The AOS video videos were analyzed using the ImageExpress MotionPlus software and Redlake Motion Scope software. Actual camera speed and camera divergence factors were considered in the analysis of the high-speed film.

## **3.4.4 Pressure Tape Switches**

For test 2214NJ-2, five pressure-activated tape switches, spaced at 2-m (6.56-ft) intervals, were used to determine the speed of the vehicle before impact. Each tape switch fired a strobe light which sent an electronic timing signal to the data acquisition system as the right-front tire of the test vehicle passed over it. Test vehicle speed was determined from electronic timing mark data recorded using TestPoint software. Strobe lights and high-speed film analysis are used only as a backup in the event that vehicle speed cannot be determined from the electronic data.





#### **4 DESIGN DETAILS**

The installation consisted of a reinforced, permanent New Jersey safety shape concrete barrier, as shown in Figures 5 through 8. The 36.58-m (120-ft) long half-section New Jersey shape barrier was 381 mm and 152 mm (15 in. and 6 in.) wide at the base and at the top, respectively, with an 813-mm (32-in.) top mounting height, as measured from the top of the concrete tarmac to the top of the barrier. The corresponding English-unit drawings are shown in Appendix A. Photographs of the test installation are shown in Figures 9 through 11.

The concrete used for the barrier consisted of Nebraska 47-BD Mix Type 3, with a minimum 28-day concrete compressive strength of 31.03 MPa (4,500 psi). The 21-day concrete compressive strength for the barrier, as determined from concrete cylinder testing, was found to be approximately 32.22 MPa (4,673 psi). A minimum concrete cover of 38 mm (1.5 in.) was used along the front and back sides of the barrier. A minimum concrete cover of 51 mm (2 in.) was used along the top of the vertical stirrups within the barrier. All the steel reinforcement in the barrier was ASTM A615 Grade 60 rebar. The barrier reinforcement details are shown in Figures 5 through 9.

Barrier reinforcement consisted of No. 4 longitudinal bars and No. 5 bars for both the vertical stirrups and the barrier-to-tarmac angled and straight bars. Each of the eight longitudinal rebar measured 36.50 m (199 ft - 9 in.) long with minimum 305-mm (12-in.) long laps along each one. The vertical spacings of the lower, lower middle, upper middle, and upper longitudinal bars were 210 mm (8.25 in.), 387 mm (15.25 in.), 565 m (22.25 in.), and 743 mm (29.25 in.) from the ground to their centers, respectively. The vertical stirrups measured 1,422 mm (56 in.) long and were bent into a U-shape. Their longitudinal spacings were 203 mm (8 in.) on center, as shown in Figure 7. The barrier-to-tarmac attachment utilized straight bars and angled bars, which were bent into the

shape of the lower front face of the barrier, as shown in Figures 6 and 8. The straight bars utilized on the back face were 711 mm (28 in.) long, while the angled bars utilized on the front face were 787 mm (31 in.) long. The longitudinal spacing of these bars was also 203 mm (8 in.) on center, as shown in Figure 7. The transverse spacing of the straight and angled bars was 289 mm (11.375 in.) on center, as shown in Figure 6. The barrier-to-tarmac attachment bars were epoxied into the concrete to an embedment depth of 254 mm (10 in.), as shown in Figure 6. The epoxy used was the Fast Set Formula Power-Fast High Strength Epoxy Anchorage System.



















Figure 9. Permanent New Jersey Safety Shape Barrier System Reinforcement



Figure 10. Permanent New Jersey Safety Shape Barrier System Construction







Figure 11. Permanent New Jersey Safety Shape Barrier System

#### **5 CRASH TEST**

#### 5.1 Test 2214NJ-2

The 9,999-kg (22,045-lb) single unit truck impacted the permanent New Jersey shape barrier system at a speed of 90.9 km/h (56.5 mph) and at an angle of 16.2 degrees. A summary of the test results and sequential photographs are shown in Figure 12. The summary of the test results and sequential photographs in English units are shown in Appendix B. Additional sequential photographs are shown in Figures 13 through 15. Documentary photographs of the crash test are shown in Figures 16 and 17.

#### **5.2 Test Description**

Initial vehicle impact was to occur 6.10 m (20 ft) downstream from the upstream end of the barrier, as shown in Figure 18. Actual vehicle impact occurred at the targeted impact. At 0.064 sec after impact, the vehicle began to redirect. At 0.084 sec, the right-front corner of the vehicle protruded over the top of the barrier. At 0.120 sec, the cab portion of the vehicle encountered counter-clockwise (CCW) roll away from the barrier. At this same time, the right side of the cab rode on top of the barrier and the box contacted the barrier. At 0.140 sec, the cab and box twisted while the box rolled clockwise (CW) toward the barrier. At 0.220 sec, the rear of the box redirected into the barrier as the cab continued to slide along the top of the barrier. At 0.410 sec, the left-rear tire was airborne. At 0.470 sec, the entire truck rolled CW over the top of the barrier. At 0.526 sec, the left-front tire became airborne. At 0.758 sec, the front axle disengaged from the truck. At 0.850 sec, all tires were airborne. At 1.202 sec, the right side of the right side being parallel to the ground. At 1.342 sec, the right side of the vehicle contacted the ground behind

the barrier. At The vehicle came to rest on its side 74.33 m (245 ft - 9 in.) downstream from impact and 1.88 m (2 ft - 1 in.) laterally behind the concrete barrier system. The trajectory and final position of the single unit truck are shown in Figures 12 and 19.

#### **5.3 Barrier Damage**

Damage to the barrier was minimal, as shown in Figures 20 through 22. Barrier damage consisted of contact and gouge marks. The length of vehicle contact along the concrete barrier system was approximately 31.29 m (102 ft - 8 in.), which spanned from 5,283 mm (208 in.) downstream from the upstream end of the barrier through the downstream end of the barrier.

A 368-mm (14.5-in.) long tire mark was found on the lower face of the barrier. Another tire mark began 9.14 m (30 ft) upstream from the downstream end of the barrier. A 279-mm (11-in.) wide by 229-mm (9-in.) high by 13-mm (0.5-in.) deep wheel gouge began at the targeted impact point. The center of a 406-mm (16-in.) wide by 203-mm (8-in.) high by 6-mm (0.25-in.) deep wheel gouge was located at 635 mm (25 in.) downstream from the targeted impact point. The center of a 356-mm (14-in.) wide by 229-mm (9-in.) high by 13-mm (0.5-in.) deep wheel gouge was located at 635 mm (25 in.) downstream from the targeted impact point. The center of a 356-mm (14-in.) wide by 229-mm (9-in.) high by 13-mm (0.5-in.) deep wheel gouge was located at 1,245 mm (49 in.) downstream from the targeted impact point. Spalling on the back side of the barrier began 6.71 m (22 ft) downstream from the impact point and continued to the end of the barrier. Minor spalling was located on the top front side of the barrier at 7.62 m (25 ft) downstream from the targeted impact point. The front side of the barrier also encountered spalling which began 6.10 m (20 ft) upstream from the downstream end of the barrier and continued through the end of the barrier. The permanent set of the barrier system was negligible.

#### 5.4 Vehicle Damage

Exterior vehicle damage was extensive, as shown in Figures 23 through 26. Occupant compartment deformations to the right side and center of the floorboard were judged insufficient to cause serious injury to the vehicle occupants. Complete occupant compartment deformations and the corresponding locations are provided in Appendix C.

Damage was concentrated on the right side of the vehicle. The right-front quarter panel was deformed inward toward the engine compartment. The right side of the front bumper was flattened and bent back toward the engine compartment. The left side of the front bumper was also deformed inward toward the engine compartment. The right-front fuel tank was severely dented. The right-front exhaust disengaged from the truck and was dented. The bracket attaching the right-right front exhaust disengaged from the truck and was dented. The bracket attaching the right-right front exhaust was bent backward 90 degrees. The right side of the frame buckled at the front flange and was bent and twisted near the rear end. The front axle and drive shaft disengaged from the truck. Scratches and contact marks were found along the entire right side. The hood deformed slightly. The third and fourth U-bolts attaching the cargo box to the frame fractured. The cargo box frame at the rear axle was bent backward. The top rear of the cargo box encountered minor buckling. Contact marks were found on the bottom of the cargo box and the steel cross beams were deformed. The right leaf spring disengage at the front of the rear tire. The right-rear inside tire encountered a severe gouge. The right-front mirror was broken. All window glass remained undamaged.

#### **5.5 Occupant Risk Values**

The longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities were determined to be -1.99 m/s (-6.53 ft/s) and -4.15 m/s (-13.62 ft/s), respectively. The maximum 0.010-sec average occupant ridedown decelerations in the longitudinal and lateral directions were -22.39 Gs and -8.84 Gs,

respectively. The results of the occupant risk, as determined from the accelerometer data, are summarized in Figure 12. Results are shown graphically in Appendix D. The results from the rate transducer are shown graphically in Appendix D.

#### **5.6 Discussion**

The analysis of the test results for test no. 2214NJ-2 showed that the permanent New Jersey safety shape concrete barrier system impacted with the 10000S vehicle of the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350 did not adequately contain the vehicle on the traffic-side face of the barrier system. It also did not safely redirect the vehicle since the vehicle did not remain upright after collision with the barrier. There were no detached elements nor fragments which showed potential for penetrating the occupant compartment nor presented undue hazard to other traffic. Deformations of, or intrusion into, the occupant compartment that could have caused serious injury did not occur. After collision, the vehicle did not exit the barrier as it rolled over the top of the barrier. Therefore, test no. 2214NJ-2 conducted on the permanent New Jersey safety shape concrete barrier system was determined to be unacceptable according to the TL-4 safety performance criteria found in Update to NCHRP Report No. 350 due to vehicle penetration and rollover the top of the barrier.


Figure 12. Summary of Test Results and Sequential Photographs, Test 2214NJ-2

1-RFQ-5 & 1-RD-6 Extensive (rollover)

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Vehicle Damage .....

Impact Location ......... 6.10 m downstream from upstream end

Speed ..... NA Angle ..... NA Exit Box Criterion ..... Fail

Angle ..

Exit Conditions

..... CDC<sup>6</sup> .....

1-RDAS9

Maximum Deformation

NA



0.000 sec



0.282 sec



0.482 sec



0.702 sec



1.042 sec



1.242 sec



0.000 sec



0.154 sec



0.310 sec



0.590 sec



1.070 sec



1.390 sec

Figure 13. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test 2214NJ-2



0.000 sec



0.208 sec



0.430 sec







1.028 sec



0.000 sec



0.300 sec



0.501 sec



0.801 sec



1.435 sec

Figure 14. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test 2214NJ-2



0.000 sec



0.267 sec



0.434 sec







1.101 sec



0.000 sec



0.234 sec



0.400 sec



0.667 sec



0.801 sec

Figure 15. Additional Sequential Photographs, Test 2214NJ-2



Figure 16. Documentary Photographs, Test 2214NJ-2



Figure 17. Documentary Photographs, Test 2214NJ-2







Figure 18. Impact Location, Test 2214NJ-2



Figure 19. Vehicle Final Position and Trajectory Marks, Test 2214NJ-2









Figure 21. Permanent New Jersey Safety Shape Barrier Damage, Test 2214NJ-2











Figure 24. Vehicle Damage, Test 2214NJ-2



Figure 25. Vehicle Undercarriage Damage, Test 2214NJ-2









Figure 26. Vehicle Cargo Box Interior Damage, Test 2214NJ-2

### **6 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

A permanent New Jersey safety shape barrier was constructed and full-scale vehicle crash tested. One full-scale vehicle crash test, using a single unit truck, was performed on the longitudinal barrier system and was determined to be unacceptable according to the TL-4 safety performance criteria presented in the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350. During the 10000S crash test, the vehicle rolled over the top of the barrier and came to rest on its side behind the barrier. A summary of the safety performance evaluation is provided in Table 3.

Evaluation Factors	Evaluation Criteria	Test 2214NJ-2
Structural Adequacy	A. Test article should contain and redirect the vehicle or bring the vehicle to a controlled stop; the vehicle should not penetrate, underride, or override the installation although controlled lateral deflection of the test article is acceptable.	U
Occupant Risk	D. Detached elements, fragments or other debris from the test article should not penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present an undue hazard to other traffic, pedestrians, or personnel in a work zone. Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of the Update to NCHRP Report No. 350.	S
	G. It is preferable, although not essential, that the vehicle remain upright during and after collision.	U
Vehicle Trajectory	M. After impact, the vehicle shall exit the barrier within the exit box.	U

Table 3. Summary of Safety Performance Evaluation Results

S - Satisfactory U - Unsatisfactory NA - Not Available

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# **8 APPENDICES**

### APPENDIX A

## **English-Unit System Drawings**

- Figure A-1. Layout of Permanent New Jersey Safety Shape Barrier (English)
- Figure A-2. Permanent New Jersey Safety Shape Barrier Design Details (English)
- Figure A-3. Permanent New Jersey Safety Shape Barrier Details (English)
- Figure A-4. Permanent New Jersey Safety Shape Barrier Bill of Bars (English)

















# **APPENDIX B**

# Test Summary Sheet in English Units

Figure B-1. Summary of Test Results and Sequential Photographs (English), Test 2214NJ-2



## **APPENDIX C**

# **Occupant Compartment Deformation Data, Test 2214NJ-2**

Figure C-1. Occupant Compartment Deformation Index (OCDI), Test 2214NJ-2

#### Occupant Compartment Deformation Index (OCDI)

Test No. 2214NJ-2 Vehicle Type: 10000s (Ford F-800)

#### OCDI = XXABCDEFGHI

XX = location of occupant compartment deformation

A = distance between the dashboard and a reference point at the rear of the occupant compartment, such as the top of the rear seat or the rear of the cab on a pickup

B = distance between the roof and the floor panel

C = distance between a reference point at the rear of the occupant compartment and the motor panel

D = distance between the lower dashboard and the floor panel

E = interior width

F = distance between the lower edge of right window and the upper edge of left window

G = distance between the lower edge of left window and the upper edge of right window

H= distance between bottom front corner and top rear corner of the passenger side window

I= distance between bottom front corner and top rear corner of the driver side window

#### Severity Indices

- 0 if the reduction is less than 3%
- 1 if the reduction is greater than 3% and less than or equal to 10 %
- 2 if the reduction is greater than 10% and less than or equal to 20 % 3 if the reduction is greater than 20% and less than or equal to 30 %
- 4 if the reduction is greater than 30% and less than or equal to 40 %



where.

1 = Passenger Side

2 = Middle 3 = Driver Side

#### Location:

Measurement	Pre-Test (in.)	Post-Test (in.)	Change (in.)	% Difference	Severity Index
A1	40.00	40.25	0.25	0.63	0
A2	40.00	39.75	-0.25	-0.63	0
A3	42.50	42.00	-0.50	-1.18	0
B1	49.00	48.50	-0.50	-1.02	0
B2	44.75	45.00	0.25	0.56	0
B3	48.50	50.50	2.00	4.12	1
C1	53.75	53.75	0.00	0.00	0
C2	44.00	44.50	0.50	1.14	0
C3	50.75	50.25	-0.50	-0.99	0
D1	17.25	17.25	0.00	0.00	0
D2	9.25	9.75	0.50	5.41	1
D3	18.00	17.75	-0.25	-1.39	0
E1	61.25	63.00	1.75	2.86	0
E3	67.00	67.00	0.00	0.00	0
F	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0
G	58.50	58.50	0.00	0.00	0
Н	38.00	37.75	-0.25	-0.66	0
	39.25	39.00	-0.25	-0.64	0

Note: Maximum sevrity index for each variable (A-I) is used for determination of final OCDI value

RFABCDEFGHI Final OCDI: 010100000



### **APPENDIX D**

### Accelerometer and Rate Transducer Data Analysis, Test 2214NJ-2

- Figure D-1. Graph of Longitudinal Deceleration, Test 2214NJ-2
- Figure D-2. Graph of Longitudinal Occupant Impact Velocity, Test 2214NJ-2
- Figure D-3. Graph of Longitudinal Occupant Displacement, Test 2214NJ-2
- Figure D-4. Graph of Lateral Deceleration, Test 2214NJ-2
- Figure D-5. Graph of Lateral Occupant Impact Velocity, Test 2214NJ-2
- Figure D-6. Graph of Lateral Occupant Displacement, Test 2214NJ-2
- Figure D-7. Graph of Roll, Pitch, and Yaw Angular Displacements, Test 2214NJ-2















Figure D-4. Graph of Lateral Deceleration, Test 2214NJ-2











Figure D-7. Graph of Roll, Pitch, and Yaw Angular Displacements, Test 2214NJ-2