Safety Barrier Technical Conditions for Use

ABSORB-M Plastic Crash Cushion - Temporary



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These conditions take precedence over any instructions in the Product Manual.

This document is a summary of the Austroads Safety Barrier Assessment Panel's assessment of the technical performance of the product against AS/NZS 3845 Parts 1 or 2 only. It does not consider procurement practices by individual Road Agencies.

The Austroads Safety Assessment Panel may at any time, withdraw or modify this Technical Conditions for Use without notice.

These acceptance conditions should be read in conjunction with the Product Manual and Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 6: Roadside Design, Safety and Barriers.

Acceptance of this product does not place any obligation on the Northern Territory Government or its contractors, to purchase or use the product.

Status	Recommended for Acceptance		
	ABSORB-M Plastic Crash Cushion		
Product accepted	<u>Variants</u>		
	Variants that are NOT listed above are NOT recommended for acceptance.		
Accepted Speed	80 km/h		
Product Manual reviewed	P/N 1620596 (ECN 60083)		
Product Manual	https://www.safedirection.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Installation-Manual-ABSORB-M-Plastic-Crash-Cushion.pdf		

Design Requirements

Containment Level	Point of Redirection		Tested Article	Anchor/Post	
	Leading (m)	Trailing (m)	Length (m)	Spacing (m)	Notes
MASH TL2	Non-redirective		5.29	Freestanding	Permitted on freestanding barrier systems. Speed restricted product to 60km/h on anchored steel barrier systems. Exhibits behaviour similar to a gating terminal
MASH TL3	Non-redirective		7.22	Freestanding	Speed restricted product to 80km/h Exhibits behaviour similar to a gating terminal



Approved Connections

An accepted end treatment must be provided at both ends of all barrier installations					
Public Domain Products					
W-Beam Guardrail	Not permitted				
Thrie-Beam Guardrail	Not permitted				
Concrete	Permitted – freestanding only				
Proprietary Products					
	Refer to Safety Barrier Technical Conditions for Use for approved proprietary connections				

Design Guidance

Minimum installation length	TL2 - 5.29 (2 units) TL3 - 7.22 (3 units)		
System width (m)	0.67		
Slope limit	10%		
Systems conditions	 A 18.5 metre x 6 metre clear run-out area is required, measured from the connection to the longitudinal barrier. 		
	Installation on top of a kerb is not recommended		
Gore area use	Permitted		
Pedestrian area use	Permitted		
Cycleway use	Permitted		
Frequent impact likely	Permitted		
Remote location	Permitted		
Median use	Permitted		

Foundation Pavement Conditions							
Pavement Type	Use	Max Accepted Impact Speed (km/h)	Post/Pin Spacing (m)	Post/Pin Type	Pavement Construction		
Concrete	Permitted	80					
Deep lift asphaltic concrete			Freestanding Foundation pavement conditions must be smooth and free of snag points, kerbs or obstructions that my interfere with the operation of the product				
Asphaltic concrete over granular pavement							
Flush seal over granular pavement							
Unsealed compacted formation							

Note: Installation in pavement conditions not permitted above have not been justified to the Panel's satisfaction.