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# **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM**

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Project Name: Impact Testing to MASH Standard for Tuff Curb and Tuff Curb XLP

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### TEST DESIGNATION AND ACTUAL TEST CONDITIONS

On January 19, 2011, Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) Proving Ground performed impact testing on the Impact Recovery Systems, Inc.'s Tuff Curb system according to specifications set forth in *MASH* for longitudinal channelizers. *MASH* recommends two tests on longitudinal channelizers. Test 3-90 involves an 1100C vehicle (2420 lb passenger car) and test 3-91 involves a 2270P vehicle (5000 lb pickup truck). In both tests, the vehicle should impact the device at a nominal impact speed 62 mi/h and an impact angle between 0 and 25 degrees. The impact angle should be determined such that it represents an increased risk for vehicle instability and/or excessive vehicle decelerations.

Both *MASH* test 3-90 and 3-91 were performed on the Impact Recovery Systems Tuff Curb and Tuff Curb XLP systems. Several traversal maneuvers were performed with the 1100C and 2270C vehicles for each test specimen as several hazardous impact angles may exist for the system. The impacts were ordered such that each traversal maneuver was performed with each vehicle type before proceeding to the next maneuver, i.e. IRS6-1 then IRS6-5; IRS6-2 then IRS6-6, etc.

<u>Test Specimen</u>	n Vehicle Test Maneuver		Test No.			
		Traversal of Curb at 25 deg	IRS6-1			
	2270P	Traversal of "V"	IRS6-2			
	2270P	Traversal of Curb at 0 deg	IRS6-3			
Tuff Curb		Lane Change Maneuver	IRS6-4			
Tun Curo		Traversal of Curb at 25 deg	IRS6-5			
	1100C	Traversal of "V"	IRS6-6			
	1100C	Traversal of Curb at 0 deg	IRS6-7			
		Lane Change Maneuver	IRS6-8			
	2270P	Traversal of "V"	IRS6-10			
	22701					
Tuff Curb XLP						
with Coupler		Traversal of Curb at 25 deg	IRS6-13			
	1100C	Traversal of Curb at 0 deg Lane Change Maneuver Traversal of Curb at 25 deg Traversal of Curb at 0 deg Lane Change Maneuver Traversal of Curb at 0 deg Lane Change Maneuver Traversal of Curb at 25 deg Traversal of Curb at 25 deg Traversal of "V" IRS6-1 Traversal of Curb at 0 deg Lane Change Maneuver IRS6-1 Traversal of Curb at 25 deg Traversal of Curb at 25 deg IRS6-1 Traversal of Curb at 25 deg IRS6-1 Traversal of Curb at 25 deg IRS6-1 Traversal of Curb at 0 deg IRS6-1 Traversal of Curb at 0 deg IRS6-1				
	11000	Traversal of Curb at 0 deg	IRS6-15			
		Lane Change Maneuver	IRS6-16			

Table 1. Impact Recovery Testing Matrix.

## TEST ARTICLE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Tests IRS6-1 through IRS6-8 were performed on a Tuff Curb installation. The Tuff Curb segments were constructed of High Density Polyethylene. Each curb segment was 40 inches long by 12 inches wide and 3.5 inches tall. Each curb segment is constructed of two smaller sections. The sections were joined at the mid-length of the curb segment. The curb was attached to the roadway surface at two bolting locations at either end of the segment. The test installation utilized two ½-inch wedge bolts to anchor each curb section. The test installation was constructed in a 30-degree "V" formation. The longer leg of the "V" was constructed using 40

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sections with no gap between segments and with 18-inch long end caps placed at each end (136 ft-4 inches). The shorter leg of the "V" was constructed using 10 segments with no gap between segments and with 18-inch long end caps place at each end (36 ft-4 inches). A single 36-inch delineator (Model: TP36FQR) with single quick release pin was installed in each segment location. For further details see detail drawings in Attachment A.

Tests IRS6-9 through IRS6-16 were performed on the Tuff Curb XLP with coupler. The Tuff Curb XLP segments were constructed of High Density Polyethylene. Each curb segment was 40 inches long by 8 inches wide and 2 inches tall. Each curb segment was constructed of a single section. The curb was attached to the roadway surface at two bolting locations at either end of the segment. The test installation utilized two ½-inch wedge bolts to anchor each curb section. A 12.3-inch long by 8-inch wide coupler was used to couple successive segments together. The test installation was constructed in a 30-degree "V" formation. The longer leg of the "V" was constructed using 40 sections and 39 couplers with no gap between segments (133 ft-4 inches). The shorter leg of the "V" was constructed using 10 segments with no gap between segments (33 ft-4 inches). A single 36-inch delineator (Model: TP36FQR) with single quick release pin was installed in each segment location. For further details see detail drawings in Attachment A.

Figure 1 shows a typical test setup for the curb installations tested. Further details of the Tuff Curb and Tuff Curb XLP are presented in Attachment A, along with the various maneuvers in which they were tested.



Figure 1. Typical setup.

#### **TEST VEHICLE**

A 2004 Kia Rio was used to perform test 3-90. The test inertial mass of the vehicle was 2310 lb and gross static mass (with live driver) was 2500 lb.

A 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck was used to perform test 3-91. The test inertial mass of the vehicle was 4760 lb and gross static mass (with live driver) was 4950 lb.

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Neither of the above vehicles were instrumented with accelerometers or rate gyros as it was determined that no potential for excessive vehicle deceleration or vehicle rollover was evident. Both the above vehicles were directed into the installation in the various maneuvers by a live driver. No braking inputs were employed until the vehicles were sufficiently clear of the test site.

#### **BRIEF TEST DESCRIPTION**

#### TUFF CURB:

Table 2 presents the results of MASH 3-91 and MASH 3-90 testing performed on the Tuff Curb. The vehicles remained stable throughout the testing with minimal damage to the vehicles or the test article. The same curb installation was used for all testing with no repairs to the curb performed between tests. The delineators that were dislodged during the testing were reinstalled between tests to restore the system to its original configuration.

<b>Vehicle</b>	<u>Test Maneuver</u>	Test No.	<u>Results</u>
2270P: <i>MASH</i> 3-91	Traversal of Curb at 25 deg	IRS6-1	Upstream curb section loosened at 1 curb section
	Traversal of "V"	IRS6-2	Upstream anchor bolt pulled up 1 inch in first curb on short side of "V"
	Traversal of Curb at 0 deg	IRS6-3	Several upstream bolts loosened
	Lane Change Maneuver	IRS6-4	Several anchor bolts pulled up
	Traversal of Curb at 25 deg	IRS6-5	1 reflector knocked off curb
1100C: <i>MASH</i> 3-90	Traversal of "V"	IRS6-6	Upstream anchor bolt pulled up 1 inch in first curb on short side of "V"
	Traversal of Curb at 0 deg	IRS6-7	Several upstream bolts loosened, one pulled out completely, 1 delineator broke loose
	Lane Change Maneuver	IRS6-8	Several anchor bolts pulled up

Table 2. Impact Recovery Systems Tuff Curb Testing Results.

#### TUFF CURB XLP WITH COUPLER:

Table 3 presents the results of MASH 3-91 and MASH 3-90 testing performed on the Tuff Curb XLP with Coupler. The vehicles remained stable throughout the testing with minimal damage to the vehicles and test article. The same curb installation was used for all testing with no repairs to the curb performed between tests. The delineators that were dislodged during the testing were reinstalled between tests to restore the system to its original configuration.

#### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

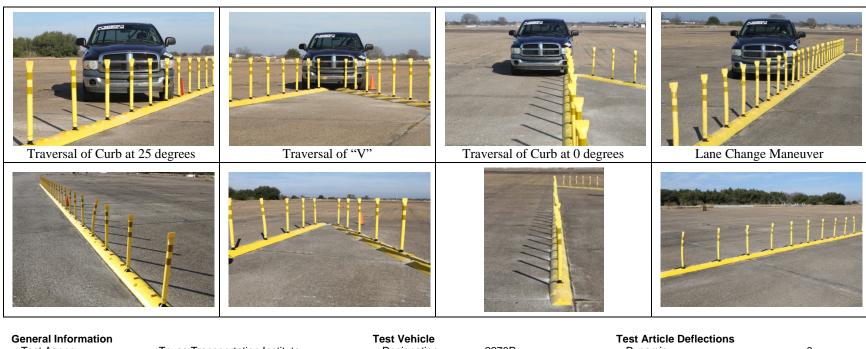
Tests 3-90 (1100C at 100 km/h) and 3-91 (2270P at 100 km/h) defined by *MASH* were both preformed at various impact angles on both the Tuff Curb and Tuff Curb XLP test installations. Tuff Curb and Tuff Curb XLP have preformed acceptably according to criteria defined in *MASH*.

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Table 3. Impact Recovery Systems Tuff Curb XLP with Coupler Testing Results.

<b>Vehicle</b>	<u>Test Maneuver</u>	Test No.	<u>Results</u>
22705	Traversal of Curb at 25 deg	IRS6-9	No apparent damage to curbs or anchor bolts
2270P: <i>MASH</i>	Traversal of "V"	IRS6-10	No apparent damage
3-91	Traversal of Curb at 0 deg	IRS6-11	Delineator # 27 pulled out
3 71	Lane Change Maneuver	IRS6-12	Two delineators pulled out
			No apparent damage to curbs, 2 delineators
11000	Traversal of Curb at 25 deg	IRS6-13	pulled out
1100C:			Upstream bolt pulled up ½ inch on #2 curb on
MASH	Traversal of "V"	IRS6-14	long side, left front tire punctured
3-90	Traversal of Curb at 0 deg	IRS6-15	No apparent damage
	Lane Change Maneuver	IRS6-16	Delineator 18, 21, 24, and 26 pulled out



General Information	Test Vehicle	Test Article Deflections	
Test Agency Texas Transportation Institute	Designation2270P	Dynamic	0
Test Standard Test No MASH 3-91	Model2003 Dodge Ram 1500	Permanent	0
Test No 400001-IRS6-1 through IRS6-4	Mass		
Date 2011-01-19	Curb4760 lb	Vehicle Damage	
	Test Inertial4760 lb	Exterior	
Test Article	Driver 190 lb	VDS	N/A
Type Curb/Longitudinal Channelizer	Gross Static4950 lb	CDC	12UDFW1
Name Tuff Curb		Max. Exterior	
Installation Length 133 ft on long leg, 33 ft on short leg	Impact Conditions	Vehicle Crush	0
Material or Key Elements High-Density Polyethylene 3.5 inches tall x	Speed62 mi/h	Interior	
12 inches wide x 40 inches long anchored	AngleVaries as above	OCDI	FS0000000
with 4-inch x 1/2-inch wedge bolts		Max. Occupant Compartment	
•		Deformation	0

Figure 2. Summary of results for *MASH* test 3-91 on the Tuff Curb.



Soil Type and Condition...... Concrete pavement, dry

Table 4. Performance evaluation summary for *MASH* test 3-91 on the Tuff Curbr.

Test Agency: Texas Transportation Institute

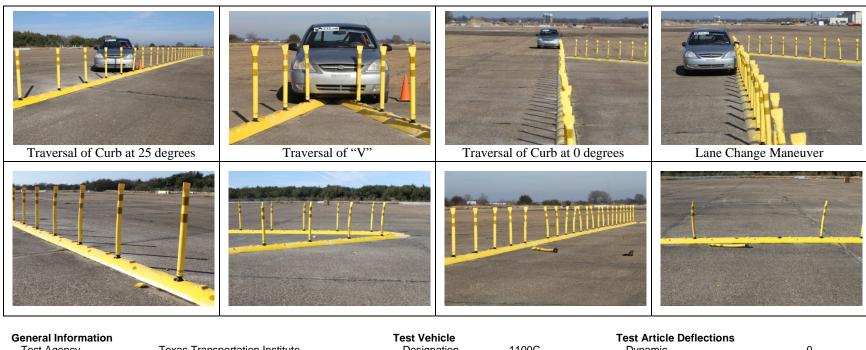
Test No.: 400001-IRS6-1 – IRS6-4

Test Date: 2011-01-19

	MASH Evaluation Criteria	Test Results	Assessment
Str	ıctural Adequacy		
C.	Acceptable test article performance may be by redirection, controlled penetration, or controlled stopping of the vehicle.	In all maneuvers, the 2270P vehicle penetrated the Tuff Curb installation.	Pass
Occ	rupant 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.	Only very small, if any, debris were present during any of the maneuvers. However, these debris did not penetrate, show potential for penetrating, nor to present undue hazard to others in the area.	Pass
	Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of MASH.	No occupant compartment deformations or intrusions occurred during any of the maneuvers with the 2270P vehicle.	Pass
E.	Detached elements, fragments, or other debris from the test article, of vehicular damage should not block the driver's vision or otherwise cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle.	No blockage of the driver's vision occurred during any of the maneuvers with the 2270P vehicle.	Pass
F.	The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision. The maximum roll and pitch angles are not to exceed 75 degrees.	The 2270P vehicle remained upright and stable during and after all maneuvers.	Pass
Н.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities should fall below the preferred value of 3.0 m/s (9.8 ft/s), or at least below the maximum allowable value of 5.0 m/s (16.4 ft/s).	The vehicle was not instrumented with accelerometers.	N/A
I.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant ridedown accelerations should fall below the preferred value of 15.0 Gs, or at least below the maximum allowable value of 20.0 Gs.	The vehicle was not instrumented with accelerometers.	N/A
Veh	nicle Trajectory		
N.	Vehicle trajectory behind the test article is acceptable.	The 2270P vehicle exited behind the installation.	Pass







General Information	Test Vehicle	Test Article Deflections	
Test Agency Texas Transportation Institute	Designation1100C	Dynamic	0
Test Standard Test No MASH 3-90	Model2004 Kia Rio	Permanent	0
Test No 400001-IRS6-5 through IRS6-8	Mass		
Date 2011-01-19	Curb2310 lb	Vehicle Damage	
	Test Inertial2310 lb	Exterior	
Test Article	Driver190 lb	VDS	N/A
Type Curb/Longitudinal Channelizer	Gross Static2500 lb	CDC	12UDFW1
Name Tuff Curb		Max. Exterior	
Installation Length	Impact Conditions	Vehicle Crush	0
Material or Key Elements High-Density Polyethylene 3.5 inches tall x	Speed62 mi/h	Interior	
12 inches wide x 40 inches long anchored with	AngleVaries as above	OCDI	FS0000000
4-inch x 1/2-inch wedge bolts		Max. Occupant Compartment	
•		Deformation	0

Figure 3. Summary of results for *MASH* test 3-90 on the Tuff Curb.



Soil Type and Condition...... Concrete pavement, dry

Table 5. Performance evaluation summary for *MASH* test 3-90 on the Tuff Curb.

Test Agency: Texas Transportation Institute

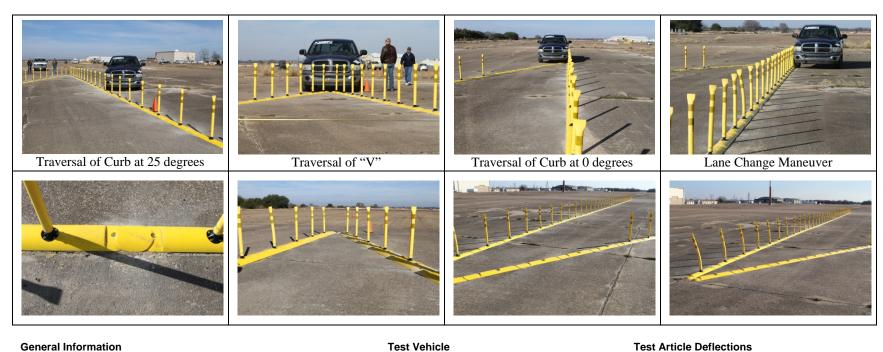
Test No.: 400001-IRS6-5 – IRS6-8

Test Date: 2011-01-19

	MASH Evaluation Criteria	Test Results	Assessment
Str	ıctural Adequacy		
C.	Acceptable test article performance may be by redirection, controlled penetration, or controlled stopping of the vehicle.	In all maneuvers, the 1100C vehicle penetrated the Tuff Curb installation.	Pass
Occ	rupant 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.	Only very small, if any, debris were present during any of the maneuvers. However, these debris did not penetrate, show potential for penetrating, nor to present undue hazard to others in the area.	Pass
	Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of MASH.	No occupant compartment deformations or intrusions occurred during any of the maneuvers with the 1100C vehicle.	Pass
E.	Detached elements, fragments, or other debris from the test article, of vehicular damage should not block the driver's vision or otherwise cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle.	No blockage of the driver's vision occurred during any of the maneuvers with the 1100C vehicle.	Pass
F.	The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision. The maximum roll and pitch angles are not to exceed 75 degrees.	The 1100C vehicle remained upright and stable during and after all maneuvers.	Pass
Н.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities should fall below the preferred value of 3.0 m/s (9.8 ft/s), or at least below the maximum allowable value of 5.0 m/s (16.4 ft/s).	The vehicle was not instrumented with accelerometers.	N/A
I.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant ridedown accelerations should fall below the preferred value of 15.0 Gs, or at least below the maximum allowable value of 20.0 Gs.	The vehicle was not instrumented with accelerometers.	N/A
Vel	nicle Trajectory		
N.	Vehicle trajectory behind the test article is acceptable.	The 1100C vehicle exited behind the installation.	Pass







General Information		Test Vehicle	Test Article Deflections	
Test Agency	Texas Transportation Institute	Designation2270P	Dynamic0	
Test Standard Test No	MASH 3-91	Model2003 Dodge Ram 1500	Permanent0	
Test No	400001-IRS6-9 through IRS6-12	Mass		
Date	2011-01-19	Curb4760 lb	Vehicle Damage	
		Test Inertial4760 lb	Exterior	
Test Article		Driver 190 lb	VDSN/A	
Type	Curb/Longitudinal Channelizer	Gross Static4950 lb	CDC12UDFW1	i
Name	Tuff Curb XLP with Coupler		Max. Exterior	
Installation Length	140 ft on long leg, 35 ft on short leg	Impact Conditions	Vehicle Crush0	
Material or Key Elements	High-Density Polyethylene 2 inches tall x	Speed62 mi/h	Interior	
	8 inches wide x 40 inches long anchored	AngleVaries as above	OCDIFS000000	)()
	with 4-inch x 1/2-inch wedge bolts		Max. Occupant Compartment	
			Deformation0	
Soil Type and Condition	Concrete pavement, dry			

Figure 4. Summary of results for MASH test 3-91 on the Tuff Curb XLP with Coupler.



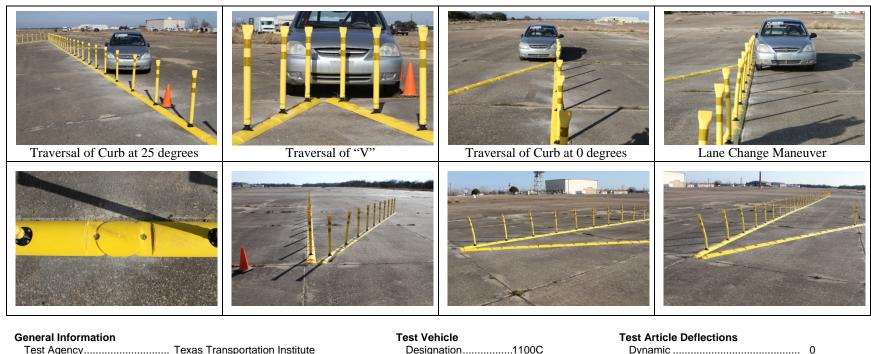
Table 6. Performance evaluation summary for MASH test 3-91 on the Tuff Curb XLP with Coupler.

Test Agency: Texas Transportation Institute Test No.: 400001-IRS6-9 -- IRS 6-12 Date: 2011-01-19

	MASH Evaluation Criteria	Test Results	Assessment
Str	uctural Adequacy		
C.	Acceptable test article performance may be by redirection, controlled penetration, or controlled stopping of the vehicle.	In all maneuvers, the 2270P vehicle penetrated the Tuff Curb XLP installation.	Pass
Occ	cupant 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.	Only very small, if any, debris were present during any of the maneuvers. However, these debris did not penetrate, show potential for penetrating, nor to present undue hazard to others in the area.	Pass
	Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of MASH.	No occupant compartment deformations or intrusions occurred during any of the maneuvers with the 2270P vehicle.	Pass
E.	Detached elements, fragments, or other debris from the test article, of vehicular damage should not block the driver's vision or otherwise cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle.	No blockage of the driver's vision occurred during any of the maneuvers with the 2270P vehicle.	Pass
F.	The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision. The maximum roll and pitch angles are not to exceed 75 degrees.	The 2270P vehicle remained upright and stable during and after all maneuvers.	Pass
Н.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities should fall below the preferred value of 3.0 m/s (9.8 ft/s), or at least below the maximum allowable value of 5.0 m/s (16.4 ft/s).	The vehicle was not instrumented with accelerometers.	N/A
I.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant ridedown accelerations should fall below the preferred value of 15.0 Gs, or at least below the maximum allowable value of 20.0 Gs.	The vehicle was not instrumented with accelerometers.	N/A
Veh	nicle Trajectory		
N.	Vehicle trajectory behind the test article is acceptable.	The 2270P vehicle exited behind the installation.	Pass







General Information	Test Vehicle	Test Article Deflections	
Test Agency Texas Transportation Institute	Designation1100C	Dynamic	0
Test Standard Test No MASH 3-90	Model2004 Kia Rio	Permanent	0
Test No 400001-IRS6-13 through IRS6-16	Mass		
Date 2011-01-19	Curb2310 lb	Vehicle Damage	
	Test Inertial2310 lb	Exterior	
Test Article	Driver190 lb	VDS	N/A
Type Curb/Longitudinal Channelizer	Gross Static2500 lb	CDC	12UDFW1
Name Tuff Curb XLP with Coupler		Max. Exterior	
Installation Length 140 ft on long leg, 35 ft on short leg	Impact Conditions	Vehicle Crush	0
Material or Key Elements High-Density Polyethylene 2 inches tall	x Speed62 mi/h	Interior	
8 inches wide x 40 inches long anchored	d with AngleVaries as above	OCDI	FS0000000
4-inch x 1/2-inch wedge bolts		Max. Occupant Compartment	
		Deformation	0
Soil Type and Condition Concrete pavement, dry			

Figure 3. Summary of results for MASH test 3-90 on the Tuff Curb XLP with Coupler.



Table 7. Performance evaluation summary for MASH test 3-90 on the Tuff Curb XLP with Coupler.

Test Agency: Texas Transportation Institute Test No.: 400001-IRS13—IRS16 Test Date: 2011-01-19

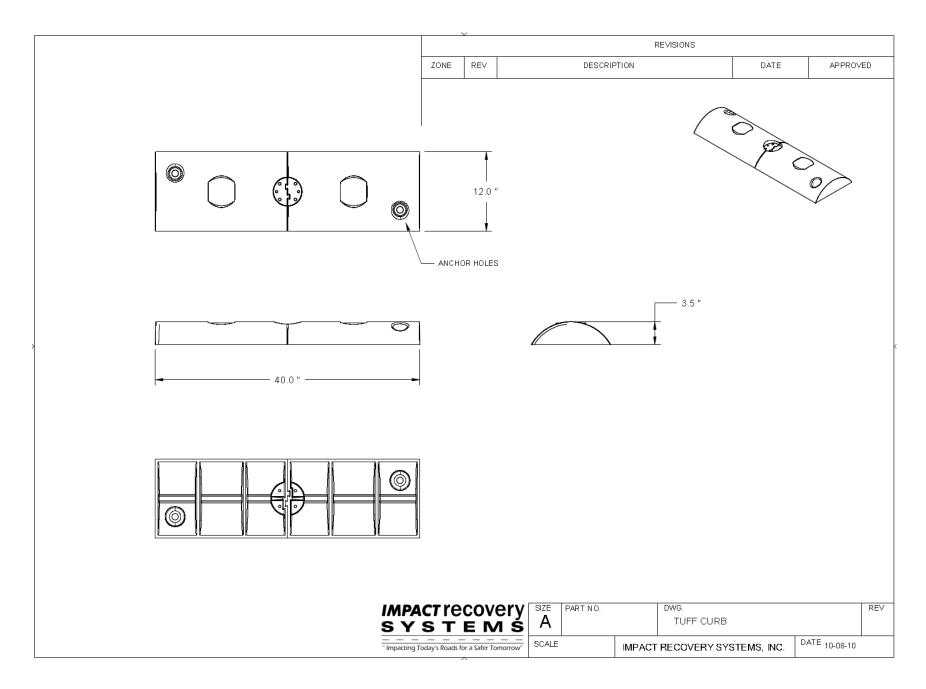
	MASH Evaluation Criteria	Test Results	Assessment
Str	uctural Adequacy		
C.	Acceptable test article performance may be by redirection, controlled penetration, or controlled stopping of the vehicle.	In all maneuvers, the 1100C vehicle penetrated the Tuff Curb XLP installation.	Pass
Occ	cupant Risk		
D.	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.	Only very small, if any, debris were present during any of the maneuvers. However, these debris did not penetrate, show potential for penetrating, nor to present undue hazard to others in the area.	Pass
	Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.3 and Appendix E of MASH.	No occupant compartment deformations or intrusions occurred during any of the maneuvers with the 1100C vehicle.	Pass
E.	Detached elements, fragments, or other debris from the test article, of vehicular damage should not block the driver's vision or otherwise cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle.	No blockage of the driver's vision occurred during any of the maneuvers with the 1100C vehicle.	Pass
F.	The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision. The maximum roll and pitch angles are not to exceed 75 degrees.	The 1100C vehicle remained upright and stable during and after all maneuvers.	Pass
Н.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant impact velocities should fall below the preferred value of 3.0 m/s (9.8 ft/s), or at least below the maximum allowable value of 5.0 m/s (16.4 ft/s).	The vehicle was not instrumented with accelerometers.	N/A
I.	Longitudinal and lateral occupant ridedown accelerations should fall below the preferred value of 15.0 Gs, or at least below the maximum allowable value of 20.0 Gs.	The vehicle was not instrumented with accelerometers.	N/A
Vel	nicle Trajectory		
N.	Vehicle trajectory behind the test article is acceptable.	The 1100C vehicle exited behind the installation.	Pass





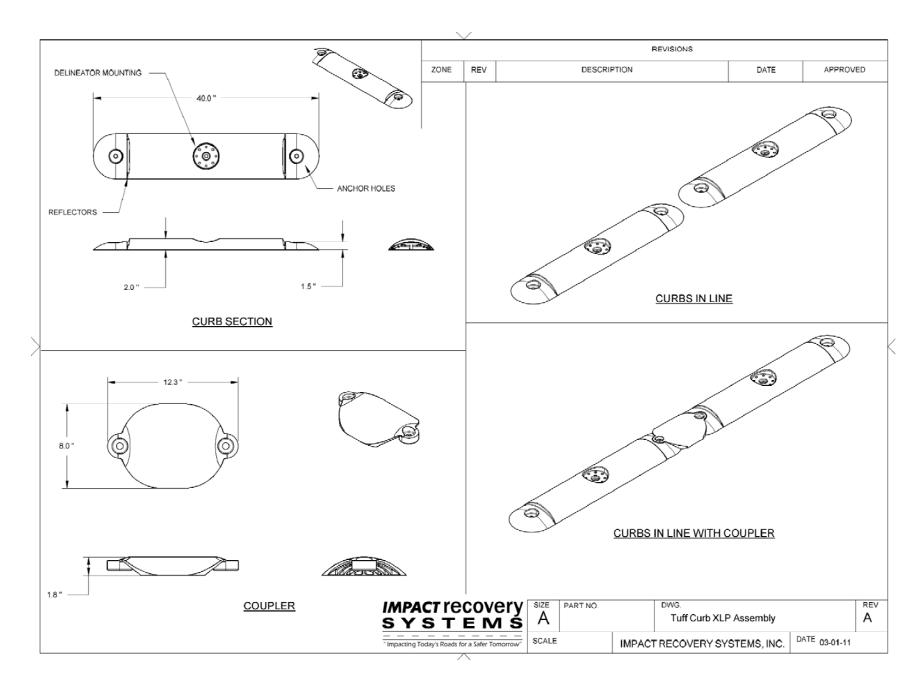
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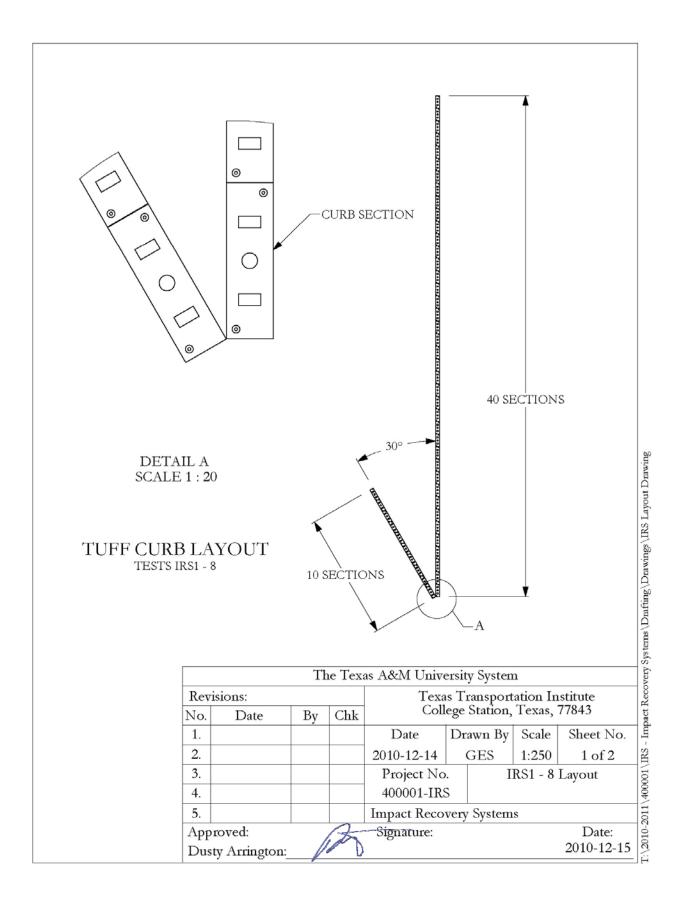




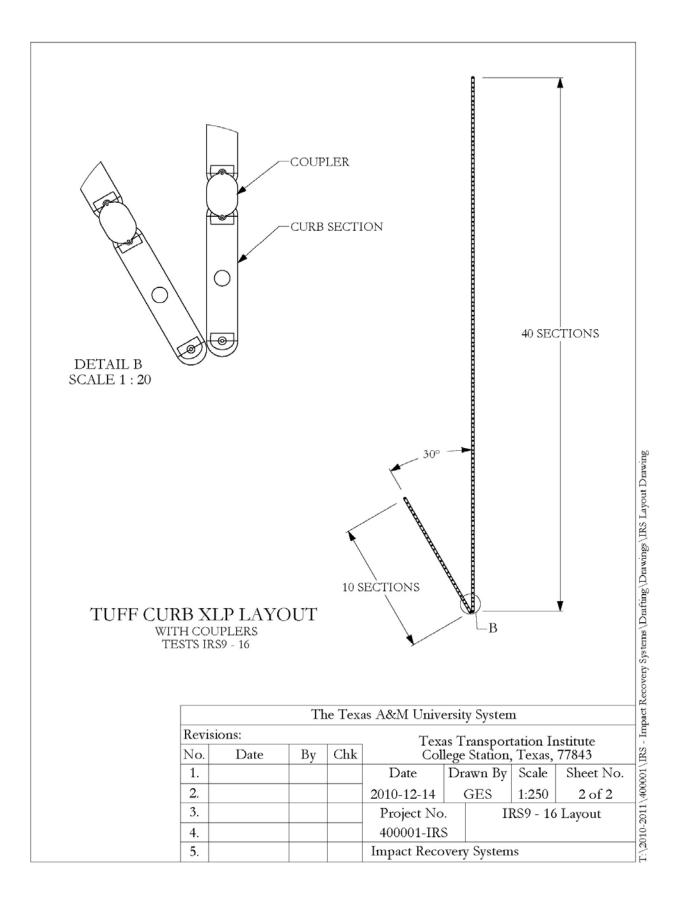
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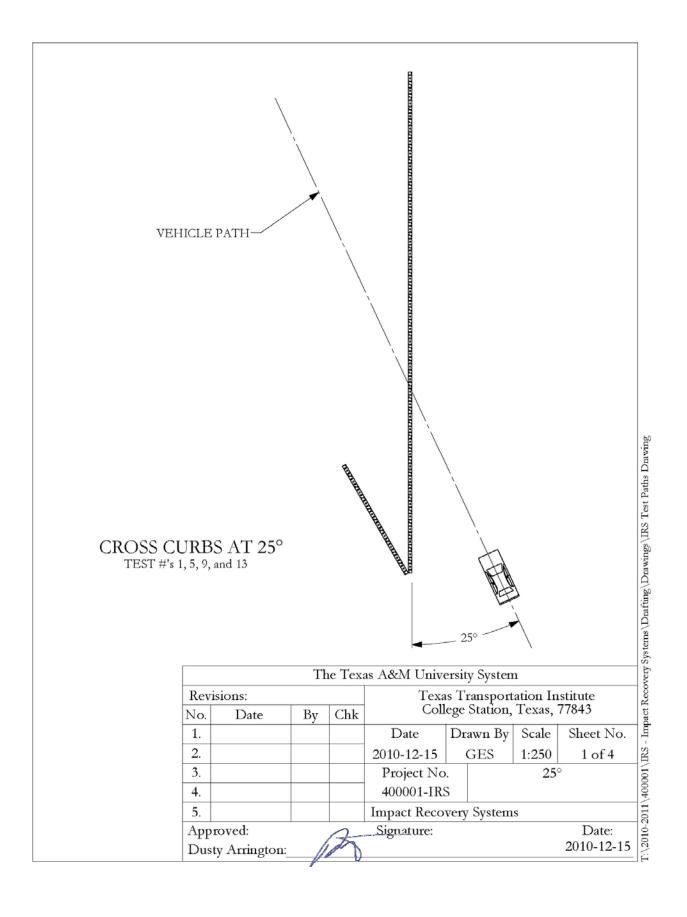


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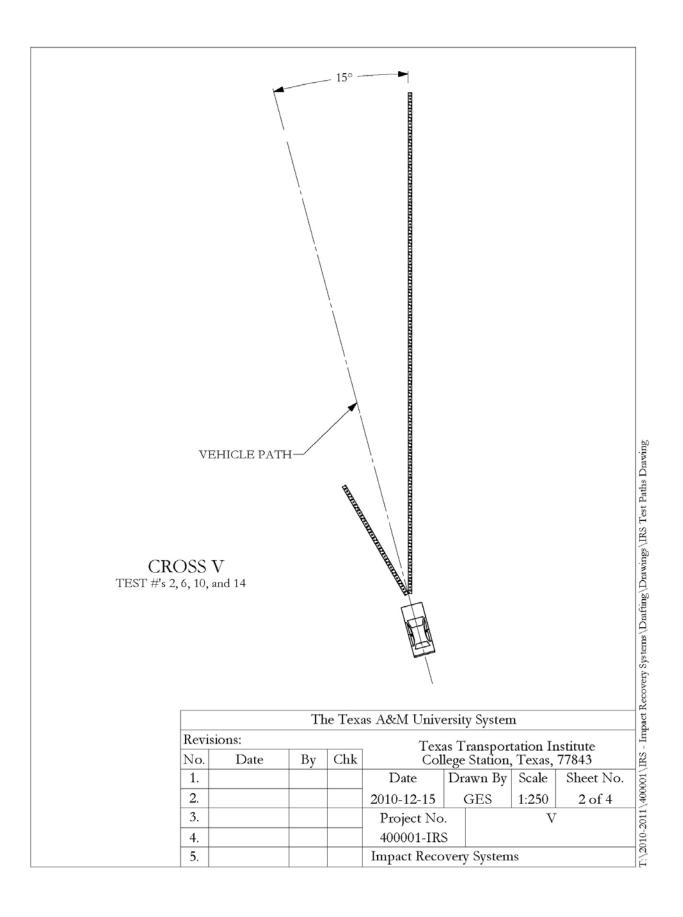




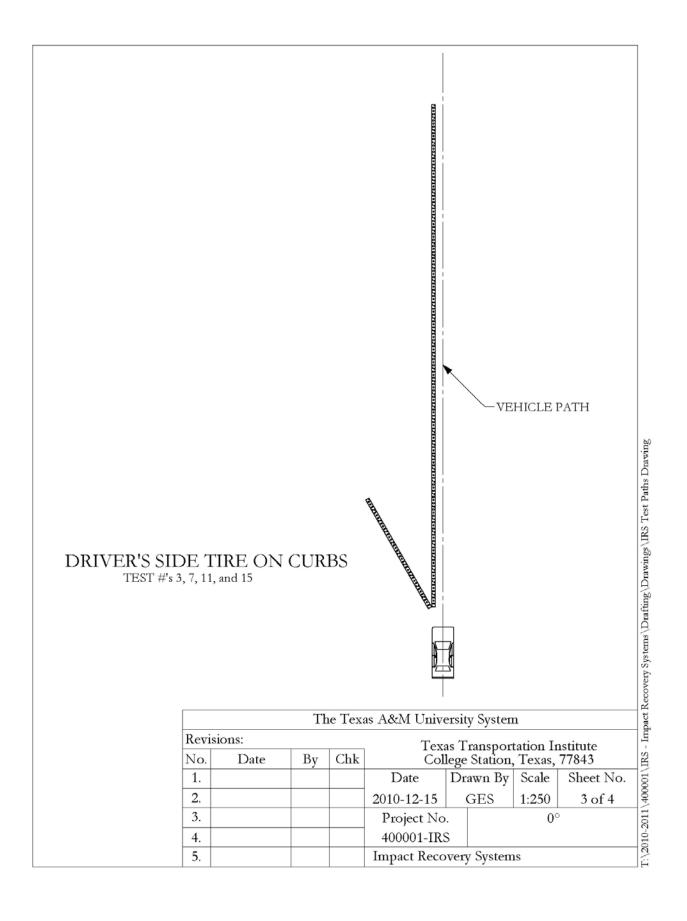
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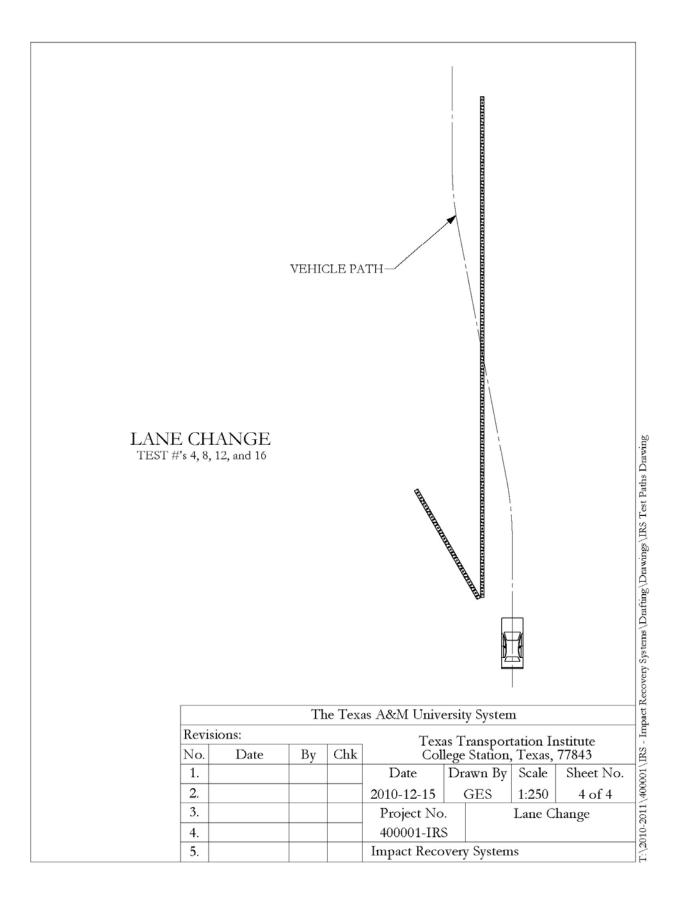


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