

# TEMPORARY SIGN SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

## A. PLACEMENT OF SIGNS WHICH WILL REMAIN MORE THAN ONE DAY:

- 1) LATERAL PLACEMENT TO NEAREST EDGE OF SIGNS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:
  - a) ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR APPROACHING TRAFFIC (EXCEPT FOR DUAL MOUNTED SIGNS AND SIGNS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS FOR LEFT SIDE MOUNTING).
  - b) CURBED ROADWAY - MINIMUM 0.6 m BEHIND FACE OF CURB.
  - c) UNCURBED ROADWAY - 3.7 m FROM EDGE OF TRAFFIC LANE OR 1.8 m FROM EDGE OF PAVED OR USEABLE SHOULDER, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.
  - d) BEHIND GUARDRAIL OR BARRIER - PREFERABLY 0.6 m BEHIND FACE OF GUARDRAIL (MINIMUM 0.3 m) FOR SIGNS ON CLASS A SUPPORTS; 1.2 m FOR CLASS B OR C SUPPORTS; 0.3 m BEHIND FACE OF CONCRETE BARRIER UNLESS BARRIER TOP MOUNTING IS REQUIRED BY THE PLAN.
- 2) VERTICAL CLEARANCE OF SIGNS, MEASURED ABOVE ROADWAY ELEVATION; SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:
  - a) RURAL - 1.5 m WHEN PARKED CARS, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, ETC WILL NOT OBSCURE SIGN VISIBILITY.
  - b) RURAL AREAS WITH PARKED CARS OR CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT - 2.1 m
  - c) URBAN - 2.1 m
  - d) CARE SHALL BE TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT SIGNS WILL NOT BE OBSCURED BY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, TREES, WEEDS OR OTHER OBSTACLES. BRUSH, WEEDS OR GRASS WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY SHALL BE TRIMMED AS NECESSARY. SIGNS SHALL NORMALLY BE VISIBLE TO TRAFFIC 122 m TO 183 m IN ADVANCE OF THE SIGN.
- 3) SUPPORTS FOR SIGNS WHICH WILL REMAIN IN PLACE MORE THAN ONE DAY SHALL BE FIXED RATHER THAN PORTABLE EXCEPT IN SITUATIONS WHERE THE SIGN MUST REST ON PERMANENT PAVEMENT OR OTHER SURFACE WHICH WOULD BE DAMAGED BY INSERTION OF POST TYPE SUPPORTS.

## B. PLACEMENT OF SIGNS WHICH WILL REMAIN FOR ONE DAY OR LESS:

- 1) SAME AS A-1 ABOVE EXCEPT THAT SIGNS MAY BE PLACED ON THE ROADWAY ONLY IF THEY DO NOT INTRUDE INTO A TRAFFIC LANE IN USE.
- 2) MINIMUM OF 0.3 m ABOVE ROADWAY

## C. CLASSES OF SUPPORTS:

ALL TEMPORARY SIGN SUPPORTS SHALL BE OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES:

### 1) CLASS A:

SUPPORTS SHALL BE USED FOR EXPOSED LOCATIONS ON HIGHWAYS WHERE TRAFFIC APPROACH SPEEDS OF 40 MPH AND HIGHER ARE ENCOUNTERED. THEY ARE ALSO SUITABLE FOR USE IN ALL OTHER LOCATIONS.

### 2) CLASS B:

SUPPORTS SHALL BE USED FOR EXPOSED LOCATIONS ON HIGHWAYS WHERE TRAFFIC APPROACH SPEEDS OF LESS THAN 40 MPH ARE ENCOUNTERED. THEY ARE ALSO SUITABLE FOR USE IN ALL APPLICATIONS DEFINED FOR CLASS C SUPPORTS.

### 3) CLASS C:

SUPPORTS MAY ONLY BE USED WHERE FULLY PROTECTED BY GUARDRAIL, CONCRETE BARRIER AND IN LOCATIONS POSITIVELY PROTECTED FROM TRAFFIC SUCH AS ON RETAINING WALLS OR WHERE TRAFFIC APPROACH SPEEDS ARE LESS THAN 25 MPH.

## D. TRAFFIC APPROACH SPEEDS:

TRAFFIC APPROACH SPEEDS SHALL BE THE LOCALLY POSTED SPEED (NOT ADVISORY SPEED SIGNS) OR THE MEASURED ACTUAL (85TH PERCENTILE) SPEED (IF AVAILABLE) OF APPROACHING TRAFFIC, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER, ADJACENT TO THE SIGN LOCATION.

## TABLE

APPROACH SPEED (MPH)	COMPLETELY PROTECTED BY GUARDRAIL OR BARRIER	PARTLY PROTECTED BY GUARDRAIL OR BARRIER *	GREATER THAN 9 m FROM EDGE OF PAVEMENT	WITHIN 9 m FROM EDGE OF PAVEMENT
40 AND HIGHER	A, B OR C	A OR B	A OR B **	A ONLY
26 TO 39	A, B OR C	A OR B	A OR B	A OR B
0 TO 25	A, B OR C	A, B OR C	A, B OR C	A, B OR C

\* IF SUPPORTS ARE BEHIND GUARDRAIL BUT NOT FULLY 1.7 m BEHIND FACE OF RAIL OR IF SIGN IS NOT 0.3 m BEHIND FACE OF CONCRETE BARRIER.

\*\* 9 m CRITERION IS BASED UPON STRAIGHT ROADWAY AND A SLOPE OF 6 TO 1 OR FLATTER. SUPPORTS ON THE OUTSIDE OF CURVES OR LOCATED DOWN A SLOPE (STEEPER THAN 6 : 1) WILL REQUIRE USE OF CLASS A SUPPORTS.

## E. BALLASTING

BALLASTING OF PORTABLE SUPPORTS SHALL BE WITH SANDBAGS PLACED WITHIN 0.3 m OF THE GROUND. IN NO CASE SHALL HARD OBJECTS BE USED FOR BALLAST.

## F. STRENGTH OF SIGN SUPPORTS

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CHOOSE SIGN SUPPORTS OF ADEQUATE STRENGTH AND WITH ADEQUATE FOUNDATIONS AND ANCHORAGE TO SUPPORT THE SIGN SIZES ERECTED. PROPRIETARY DEVICES SHALL NOT BE LOADED BEYOND THE LIMITS RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER. SLIP BASE TYPE BREAKAWAY BEAM CONNECTIONS SHALL BE AT LEAST PARTIALLY EMBEDDED IN CONCRETE CONSISTING OF A 0.3 m DEEP BY 0.3 m DIAMETER COLLAR. SIGN SUPPORTS WHICH FAIL UNDER TYPICAL WIND LOAD CONDITIONS SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY MODIFIED OR REPLACED WITH A SUPPORT OF ADEQUATE STRENGTH.

## G. PROHIBITED SUPPORTS

THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT TYPES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED ON PROJECTS:

- 1) SUPPORTS FABRICATED FROM AUTOMOTIVE AXLE DIFFERENTIAL ASSEMBLIES AND SIMILARLY HEAVY ASSEMBLIES WHICH CANNOT BE CONSIDERED BREAKAWAY TYPE.
- 2) SUPPORTS CONSISTING OF VERTICAL POSTS WITH ANGLED BRACES MADE FROM DRIVEPOST OR OTHER RIGID ELEMENTS.

# CLASS A SUPPORTS

## FIXED SUPPORTS

- 1) ALL #2 AND #3 POST WHEN INSTALLED SINGLY OR IN PAIRS (SIDE BY SIDE) ACCORDING TO THE DETAILS OF TC-41.20M. THE NUMBER OF SUPPORTS SHALL BE AS SHOWN ON TC-52.10M AND TC-52.20M.
- 2) THE FOLLOWING POST TYPES, WHEN INSTALLED SINGLY, BY IMBEDMENT OR DRIVING INTO EARTH TO A DEPTH OF ABOUT 1.1 m.
  - a) - UP TO 102 X 102 mm WOOD.
  - b) - UP TO 51 mm DIAMETER SCHEDULE 40 STEEL PIPE.
  - c) - UP TO 76 mm DIAMETER SCHEDULE 40 ALUMINUM PIPE.
  - d) - UP TO 56.4 mm SQUARE, 12 GAUGE WALL, PUNCHED STEEL POST.
  - e) - UP TO 152 X 203 mm WOOD WITH BREAKAWAY HOLES SHOWN BELOW.
- 3) THE FOLLOWING POST TYPES WHEN INSTALLED IN PAIRS (SIDE BY SIDE) WITH LESS THAN 2 m BETWEEN POSTS, BY IMBEDMENT OR DRIVING INTO EARTH TO A DEPTH OF ABOUT 1.1 m:
  - a) - UP TO 102 X 102 mm WOOD.
  - b) - UP TO 51 mm DIAMETER SCHEDULE 40 STEEL PIPE.
  - c) - UP TO 76 mm DIAMETER SCHEDULE 40 ALUMINUM PIPE.
  - d) - UP TO 51 mm SQUARE, 14 GAUGE WALL, PUNCHED STEEL POST.
- 4) FIXED TYPE III BARRICADES:
- 5) ALL BREAKAWAY CONNECTION BEAM SUPPORTS, WHEN INSTALLED ACCORDING TO THE PROPER DETAILS SHOWN ON TC-41.10M WITH A MINIMUM CLEAR DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPORTS OF 2.1 m FOR SUPPORTS LARGER THAN W6 X 9.
- 6) ANY BREAKAWAY POST OR POST AND CONNECTION WHICH HAS BEEN CRASH TESTED AND APPROVED BY THE FHWA AS SATISFYING THE BREAKAWAY CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN 630.06.

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