



For Installation on Temporary Concrete Barrier or Temporary Steel Barrier



**International Version** 



MASH TL2/TL3 Temporary End Treatment

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### 1.0 Introduction

The ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> is a non-redirective, gating, crash cushion designed to meet the latest test standards defined in the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH), Second Edition, 2016. The ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> system utilises a Transition, water-filled Elements and a Nose Piece to absorb kinetic energy and safely contain or control the penetration trajectory of impacting vehicles.

The system is comprised of a Nose Piece, water-filled Elements, Pins, a Transition and mechanical anchors. All Elements are always filled with water.

ArmorBuffa is available in 2 configurations:

- **TL2** for speed zones up to 70km/h (1 yellow and 1 orange element)
- **TL3** for speed zones up to 100km/h (3 yellow and 1 orange element)

The system has a nominal 1100mm height, 525mm width, and an effective length of 5,316mm for TL-2 or 9,313mm for TL-3 when installed on a temporary concrete barrier or temporary steel barrier.

ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> is designed to protect the end of an unanchored temporary concrete barrier and temporary steel barrier.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDED TOOLS

NOTE: The list of tools, safety equipment, and traffic control is a general recommendation and should not be considered a comprehensive list. Depending on the specific characteristics of the job site and the complexity of the repair or assembly, more or less tools may be necessary.

## • Tape Measure

- Compressed Air
- Chalk Line
- 3/4" Diameter Brush
- Marking Paint
   1/2" Drive Deep Sockets
   M16, M36
- Rotary Hammer
   Impact Wrench
  - (pneumatic or electric) – 16mm x 150mm
    - (For concrete barrier installation)
- Steel Drill Bit 18mm (For temporary steel barrier installation)
- Torque Wrench
- Electric Drill

Masonry Bit

NOTE: Water source with a flexible hose (maximum 76mm diameter) and a minimum 1,400L capacity for the 2-element TL-2 system or 2,800L capacity is required for the 4 element TL-3 system.

For cold weather regions, a few typical Anti-Freeze agents are listed in Section 18.0.

**Safety Equipment** 



Steel-Capped Footwear



Safety Glasses



Hearing Protection

#### **Traffic Control**

• Traffic Control Equipment











Dust Mask

• Traffic Control Plan





## 3.0 PARTS IDENTIFICATION

#### 3.1 ArmorBuffa MASH TL3 Identification and Installation



Use only Valmont Highway parts that are specified by Valmont Highway for use with the ArmorBuffa™ System. The use of unspecified parts is prohibited and could result in severe personal injury or death.

Part #	Description	Concrete Kit	Temporary Steel Barrier Kit
10200320	ArmorBuffa Transition TL3 Concrete	1	0
10200343	ArmorBuffa Temporary Steel Barrier Transition	0	1
10200322	ArmorBuffa Element - Orange	1	1
10200323	ArmorBuffa Element - Yellow	3	3
10200324	ArmorBuffa Steel Nose Assembly	1	1
10200325	ArmorBuffa Nose Cover	1	1
10200326	ArmorBuffa Cable	1	1
10200327	ArmorBuffa Nose Pin	1	1
10200328	ArmorBuffa Asymmetric Pin	1	1
10200204	ArmorZone Pin	3	3
10200329	ArmorBuffa Transition TL3 Concrete Fixing Bolt Kit	1	0
	ArmorBuffa Transition Temporary Steel Barrier Fixing Bolt Kit	0	1
10200045	ArmorBuffa MASH TL3 Concrete Kit - Complete	1	0
10200052	ArmorBuffa MASH TL2 Concrete Kit - Complete	1	0
10200046	ArmorBuffa MASH TL3 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit - Complete	0	1
10200200	Drainage Bung	1	1
10200202	Bung Spanner	1	1





#### 3.0 PARTS IDENTIFICATION (CONTINUED)



10200320 ArmorBuffa Transition TL3 Concrete Concrete Kit: 1 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit: 0



10200343 ArmorBuffa Transition Temporary Steel Barrier Concrete Kit: 0 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit: 1



10200322 ArmorBuffa Element - Orange Concrete Kit: 1 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit: 1



10200323 ArmorBuffa Element - Yellow Concrete Kit: 3 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit: 3



10200324 ArmorBuffa Steel Nose Assembly Concrete Kit: 1 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit: 1



10200325 ArmorBuffa Nose Cover Concrete Kit: 1 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit: 1



10200326 ArmorBuffa Cable Concrete Kit: 1 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit: 1



10200327 ArmorBuffa Nose Pin Concrete Kit: 1 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit: 1



10200328 ArmorBuffa Asymmetric Pin Concrete Kit: 1 Temporary Steel Barrier Kit: 1



## 3.0 PARTS IDENTIFICATION (CONTINUED)





### 4.0 PREPARATION

#### 4.1 Foundation

The ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> system is designed to perform on a variety of foundations including concrete, asphalt, and any other surfaces capable of bearing the weight of the system.

Uneven surfaces should be flattened, and large debris removed from the foundation prior to installation.

Cross slopes of up to 8% (5° or 1:12 slope) can be accommodated with the standard hardware and the instructions provided in this manual. For slopes in excess of 8%, contact Valmont Highway.

#### 4.2 Transition

ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> is designed to accommodate a temporary concrete barrier and temporary steel barrier.

Placement and installation of the ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> system must be accomplished in accordance with the local Road Authority Design Guide and other state and local standards.

Before installing the ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> system, ensure that all the materials required for the system are on site and have been identified.

## 5.0 DOCUMENTATION

Prior to installation and assembly of the ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> system, ensure you have read and understand the installation and assembly instructions as described in this product manual.

- ArmorBuffa Product Manual (check for current revision posted at www.valmonthighway.com).
- System Drawings (check www.valmonthighway.com for current revision, located in installation manual).

#### 6.0 IMPORTANT NOTES

- Sign Convention The term Front = At the Nose Plate The term Rear = At the Transition
- This manual follows installation steps for a complete ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> system that is installed on site or relocated to another location.

See Page 19 for water filling instructions.



If soil conditions on site do not meet or exceed the required strength detailed in this manual, site specific foundations must be designed by a local geotechnical engineer.

Failure to do so will result in improper performance of the system and may cause serious bodily injury.

Care should be taken to ensure that appropriate Anti -Freeze solutions are used in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements. A few typical Anti-Freeze solutions are listed in section 17.0.

## 7.0 ANCHORING SPECIFICATIONS

The ArmorBuffa<sup>TM</sup> system uses M16 x 150mm Excalibur<sup>TM</sup> Screw Bolts or equivalent for anchoring to temporary concrete barrier. 3 x M16 8.8 threaded rod is used to attach the transition to a temporary steel barrier.







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				8 ARM	ORBUFFA ASYMMETRIC PIN		10200328	1
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				10 ARMO	ORBUFFA TRANSITION F-TYPE	CONCRETE FIXING BOLT KIT	10200329	1
				11 ARMO	ORBUFFA SIDE FRAME ASSEME	BLY	10200332	2
				12 ARMO	ORBUFFA TOP BENT PLATE		10200336	1
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## 8.2 ARMORBUFFA MASH TL-3 CONCRETE KIT



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#### 9.0 INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

## STEP 1A

## Transition Fixing to Concrete Barrier



## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Slide transition over the end of the temporary concrete barrier, ensuring it is pushed on as far as possible flush up against the end of the barrier. Then mark the location of the 6 holes.
- 2. Remove the transition and drill 6 x 0.25" (16mm) x6" (150mm) holes as marked. If a hole cannot be drilled due to encountering rebar, then the use of 2 screw bolts per side is permitted.
- 3. Slide the transition back into place and then screw in the 3 Excalibur<sup>™</sup> bolts per side, firmly fastening the transition to the barrier.



Wear proper PPE when clearing debris. This operation produces concrete dust.





## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Slide temporary steel barrier transition over the anchored temporary steel barrier terminal end.
- 2. Mark the location of the 6 fixing holes on the temporary steel barrier (3 on either side), then remove the transition.
- 3. Drill 6 x 0.7" (18mm) holes into the temporary steel barrier barrier as marked.
- 4. Slide the temporary steel barrier transition onto the end of the temporary steel barrier barrier and insert the M16 threaded rod through each hole, add nuts and washers as shown.
- 5. Tighten the 6 nuts to 36.9 ft-lbf (50Nm).





4. Slide the 3 yellow elements into position.







<sup>2.</sup> The the asymmetric pin must be used to connect the yellow elements 1 and 2.



## STEP 4

## ArmorBuffa Nose Plate Assembly



2. Tighten nuts and bolts to 36.9 ft-lbf (50Nm).



## STEP 5

## ArmorBuffa Steel Nose Assembly



## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Fit the cable through the nose pin as shown in Note A.
- 2. Slide the yellow plastic nose cover into position and insert the nose pin through the nose cover into the steel nose assembly as shown in Note B. Ensuring the pin engages the cable loop.





- 1. Inspect installed system ensuring the correct pins are in the correct locations and that the steel cable is engaged through each pin.
- 2. Fill all 4 elements (1 x orange and 3 x yellow for TL-3 configuration, or for a TL-2 configuration both elements, 1 x orange and 1 x yellow) with water to capacity (within 25mm of the top) using the filling port, 184.9 US Gallons (700 litres) per element.
- 3. Ensure the Water Fill Level Indicators are raised above the top of the element, indicating the element is full of water.
- 4. Check there are no leaks in the elements or around the drain bungs.



In regions where the water filled elements could become frozen, appropriate anti-freeze solutions should be used. Failure to do so will result in improper performance of the system and may cause serious bodily injury.

Care should be taken to ensure that appropriate Anti-Freeze solutions are used in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements. A few typical Anti-Freeze solutions are listed in section 17.0.





## STEP 7

## **Disassembly and Relocation**



## **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Drain elements by removing the bungs and then disassemble in the reverse order of assembly.



Do not stack full elements! Do not lift or move full elements!

Note: The transition can be left on the end of the temporary barrier for transportation and relocation, as can the steel nose assembly be left on the plastic Element No. 1.



## 10.0 ARMORBUFFA ELEMENT CAPACITY

Liquid Capacity US Gallons	Liquid Capacity Litres
184.9 US Gallons	700 Litres

## 11.0 TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE

When empty, Elements are designed to be transported and stored in strapped bundles of 2, as shown below, and can be lifted via the forklift pockets shown in Note A.

The Transition Piece, Steel Nose Assembly and Nose Cover are to be strapped to pallets for transportation.







## 12.0 INSPECTOR CHECKLIST

Confirm all items in the checklist have been properly completed and hardware installed properly.

Installation Checklist						
Item	Date	Initial				
Nose Piece is firmly attached to Element No. 1.						
The cable assembly is linked through each of the five (5) connector pins for TL3 configuration, or three (3) connector pins for TL2 configuration.						
All Elements and Nose Cover are connected with the correct pin (refer to diagrams on pages 8 thru 12).						
Concrete transition is secured to the Transition Barrier with three (3) M16 Anchors on each side, or for temporary steel barriers three (3) M16 threaded rods.						
Anchors torqued to 36.9 ft-lbf (50Nm).						
All Element(s) full of water, or suitable anti-freeze solution and the Water Fill Level Indicators are raised above the top of the element.						
Plug at drain ports fully seated and secure with no sign of leakage.						
Cold Weather Applications Only						
Anti-Freeze solution applied in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.						
Inspector signature: Date:						

## **13.0 MAINTENANCE INSPECTION**

Crash cushions, like all roadside safety hardware, require inspection to ensure they are in acceptable working condition. Regular inspections of the ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> system is recommended and shall be made by the local highway authority. Frequency of the inspections shall be made based on site conditions, traffic volumes, and crash history. The water level in all elements must be checked regularly. This can be done by checking that the Water Fill Level Indicators are raised above the top of the elements. Please follow the Local guidelines for frequency of inspections to ensure adequate repairs are made to the system. Walk-up inspections are recommended at least twice a year.



## 14.0 WALK-UP INSPECTIONS

#### **Recommended Frequency – Twice a Year**

Before performing walk-up inspections, ensure traffic control is deployed in accordance with local guidelines.

Check for:

- Water level is within 1.0" (25mm) of the top of the Element's fill ports (verified by the Water Fill Level Indicators being raised above the top of the elements).
- Damage caused by vehicle impacts
- Damage caused by impacts from roadside maintenance equipment
- Misalignment
- Missing components
- Vandalism
- Clear and dispose of any debris in and around the system

After inspection is complete, ensure all items identified during the inspection process are corrected. The ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> system shall be returned to proper condition as outlined in the installation instructions.

Walk-Up Inspection							
Item	Comment						
Water level is within 1.0" (25mm) of the top (check the Water Fill Level Indicators are raised above the top of the element).							
Damage caused by vehicle impacts							
Minor damage caused by impacts from roadside maintenance equipment	nt						
Misalignment							
Missing components							
Vandalism							
Clear and dispose of any debris in and around the system							
Grading around system							
Fill Lids are fully seated. (Step 6, Page 19)							
Inspector Signature: Date:							
Print Name: Location:							

#### 15.0 DESIGN LIFE

The design life of the ArmorBuffa MASH TL2/TL3 End Treatment is 20 years. This is based on the properties and performance of the UV stabilised HDPE and MDPE plastic and also the hot dip galvanizing of the connector pins, steel transition and steel nose assembly. Please note each plastic element has a unique serial number to enable manufacturing traceability.



## 16.0 MAINTENANCE

ArmorBuffa<sup>TM</sup> MASH is a maintenance free system but it is recommended that inspections are carried out periodically to ensure that the system is installed as required.

Over a long period of time in extreme conditions it may be possible for evaporation to take place and it is imperative that all the elements remain filled to the correct level.

## 17.0 RECYCLING

The ArmorBuffa<sup>™</sup> MASH End Treatment is manufactured from UV stabilised HDPE and MDPE and therefore the material in any units damaged beyond repair can be recycled. The connector pins, nosepiece and transition are manufactured from steel and can also be recycled.

#### 18.0 ANTI-FREEZE SOLUTIONS

In regions where the water filled ArmorBuffa Element(s) could become frozen, proper Anti-Freeze agents should be used. Care should be taken to ensure that proper Anti-Freeze agents are used in accordance with local regulations, environmental concerns and ensuring that any post impact liquid on the road surface does not constitute an undue hazard to adjacent motorists.

The information outlined in this document is intended to provide a general guide to choosing, calculating, and applying Anti-Freeze solutions. The actual method and implementation of an Anti-Freezing solution should be determined by federal, state and local standards and in accordance with the specific manufacturer's instructions.

Considerations for choosing an Anti-Freeze should include environmental impact on local vegetation and waterways, corrosion of existing structures, and the effect on concrete or asphalt roadways. Transportation, installation, and handling of the material should also be considered. The examples listed below are products commonly used on highways as de-icing road and bridge conditioners and for dust control. Specific information pertaining to these products regarding said considerations should be readily available from the product supplier or manufacturer.

The correct mixture of Anti-Freeze and water is critical to insure proper ice prevention and performance of the ArmorBuffa crash cushion. The freezing capacity depends on the particular chemical and the solution concentrate by percent weight of the solution.

Both too little and too much solution will result in diminished freezing capacity. The ideal solution concentration for maximum capacity is specific to the chemical chosen. It may be desirable to reduce the concentration for cost savings if the maximum capacity is not necessary.

Depending on the form the chemical is provided; such as a fluid, powder, or pellet; the actual amount of the desired chemical may not constitute 100% of the material by weight.

It is important to account for the actual weight of the deicing chemical when mixing the solution.

Typical solution concentrations are listed in the table below. Some of the following are available as a fluid solution of definite concentration or pellets and flakes in various sized bags. If purchased in flake or pellet form, care must be taken in dissolving it in water.

Also, the concentrate must be calculated from the actual Anti-Freeze agent content. For example, if the flake/pellet agent purchased has a Calcium Chloride content of 80% and a 29% solution by weight is desired, the quantity added must account for the impurity of the agent. These principles apply to many various Anti-Freezing chemicals.

#### 18.1 Table of Typical Anti-Freeze Solutions

Anti-Freeze Agent	Concentration %	Operating Temp, °F (°C)
Calcium Chloride (CaCl2)	29%	-51°F (-60°C)
Liquid CMA (Calcium Magnesium Acetate)	33%	-28°F (-18°C)
Magnesium Chloride (MgCL2)	22%	-33°F (-28°C)
Sodium Chloride (NaCl)	23%	-21°F (-6°C)
Liquid Potassium Acetate (KAc)	49%	-60°F (-76°C)

#### **18.2 Single Element Capacity**

Liquid Capacity, US Gal (L)	Water Weight, lb (Kg)
184.9 (700 L)	1,543 (946 Kg)

#### **18.3 Anti-Freeze Chemical Companies**

The following companies are manufacturers of deicing chemicals. These are just a few examples. These companies or their local distributors should be able to supply further information and options for your application.

- Dow Chemical Company USA or Canada (800)-447-4369 Worldwide (989)-832-1466 www.dow.com
- Cargill Salt (888)-385-7258
   Highway and Specialty Deicing Customer Service (800)-600-7258
   www.cargillsalt.com
- Cryotech Deicing Technology Main Office and Plant – Iowa (800)-346-7237 www.cryotech.com





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