



Wire Rope Safety Barrier

## Product Manual

MASH TL3 COMPLIANT



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## 1.0 Introduction

Introducing MashFlex, a member of the Safence family, the next generation wire rope safety barrier (WRSB), providing superior motorist safety and more metres of barrier for your dollar.

MashFlex is crash tested to the latest performance standard, the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) Test Level 3, making it compliant to the current AS/NZS 3845.1:2015.

The superior design and clean lines of the MashFlex WRSB have seen it become the road safety industry's preferred wire rope barrier. These design characteristics have continued in this next generation of the product, MashFlex, with an improved design and simplified assembly sequence.

With the introduction of the iRAP Star Rating for a highway's safety, critical for a 5 Star rating is the separation of oncoming vehicles and protection from roadside hazards, WRSB has become a key countermeasure in these designs. Cross-median accidents are typically violent collisions with a high probability of multiple serious injuries and death.

The straight alignment of the ropes allows for easy installation and tensioning. Post footings are typically concrete with a sleeve to form a recess. Once the anchors and footings are poured, the ropes are cut to length, stainless steel end fittings are machine swaged and the ropes are tensioned.

MashFlex is a 4-rope barrier assessed in accordance with MASH Test Level 3 (TL3).

Test Level 3 comprises two tests, the heavy vehicle impact is performed with a 2,270kg pick-up truck travelling at 100km/h and impacting the barrier at 25°, the purpose of this test is to verify the barrier's performance for impacts involving pick-up trucks and SUVs.

The small vehicle impact is performed with an 1,100kg car travelling at 100km/h and impacting the barrier at 25°, the purpose of the small car test is to evaluate the risks to the vehicle occupants when impacting a safety barrier.

## 2.0 Specification

## Material:

Steel Wire Rope: Mass – 1.21kg/m

Sigma Posts: Anchor Bracket: Swage Fittings: Plastic Parts:

**Finish:** Steel Wire Rope:

Sigma Posts:

Anchor Bracket: Dimensions:

Steel Wire Rope:

Sigma Posts:

Bottom:

Cable Heights:Top:800mm2nd from Top:780mm2nd from Bottom:670mm

570mm

Mass – 1.21kg/m Ultimate Tensile Strength – 165.5kN Material to AS/NZS 1594 Material to AS/NZS 1594 Stainless Steel, Grade 304 UV Stabilised Polypropylene

Galvanised coating Galvanised to AS/NZS 4680 Galvanised to AS/NZS 4680

Right Hand Lay, Ø19mm, 3 strands, 7 wires each (1 x 3.15mm + 6 x 3.0mm) 1230mm long

Figure 1: MashFlex TL3



## 3.0 Technical Data

## 3.1 MashFlex Performance

Wire rope safety barriers are classified as flexible barriers and consideration must be given to the expected movement of the barrier when impacted.

The design of a WRSB should include an assessment of the mass of the impacting vehicle, its speed and angle of impact. Whilst rigorous crash testing is undertaken to evaluate the performance of roadside barriers, the deflection results obtained during testing should not be considered an exact distance, but rather as a single point within the range of deflections that can be expected.

## 3.2 Working Width

The working width is the maximum width that is required to prevent an impacting vehicle from colliding with an object behind a road safety barrier system. This includes the dynamic deflection and the extra width due to the roll of an impacting vehicle. The roll of a vehicle is an important consideration in shielding a fixed object hazard such as a utility pole or bridge support. Refer to Table 2 for tested working widths and Fig. 2 for more detail.

## 3.3 Dynamic Deflection

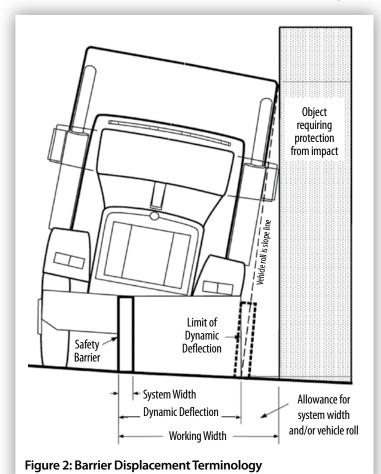
The dynamic deflection is defined as the largest transverse deflection of a road safety barrier system recorded during crash testing. Refer to Table 2 for tested deflections and Fig. 2 for more detail.

If the available space between the hazard and the barrier is not adequate, then the barrier can be stiffened in advance of, and alongside the hazard by reducing the post spacing. Other factors that can have an influence on the deflection of the barrier include tension in the wire rope cables, horizontal curvature and installation length.

## 3.4 Footing Selection

The post footing provides lateral support to the post during impact ensuring the post yields by bending near ground level. The type and size of footing is dependant upon the surrounding soil type and distance to the embankment rounding point.

Table 1 provides guidelines for the construction of concrete post footings for varying site conditions. If using the Driven Sleeve footing option, please refer to drawing WR-MF-002 and asset owner acceptance conditions prior to installation.







| Table 1: Post Footing Selection Guide       |               |       |           |       |
|---|---------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Centre of Post Footing to<br>Rounding Point | Standard Soil |       | Weak Soil |       |
|   | Dia           | Depth | Dia       | Depth |
| Less than 0.5m                              | 300           | 600   | 300       | 750   |
| Greater than 0.5m                           | 300           | 600   | 300       | 750   |

The minimum concrete compressive strength at 28 days is 32Mpa.

In the event that the soil type cannot be verified, then a post pull-over test can be conducted to validate the structural capacity of the footing.

A pull-over test is conducted by applying a load to the top of the post whilst positioned in the proposed footing design. The footing is required to remain stable until the post yields. Once the post yields, the footing has been subjected to its maximum potential load.

For locations where the typical 600mm deep post foundation cannot be installed, a strip footing with post on baseplates is an alternative option, refer drawing WR-MF-003 for further detail.

## 3.5 Minimum Length

There are two geometric methods used to determine the likely trajectory of a vehicle that leaves the road in the vicinity of a roadside hazard and the minimum length of barrier required to protect from this hazard. The most common method is the run-out length method and an alternative is a method based on angle of departure.

Prior to design or installation, designers should consult the relevant road controlling authority to establish the local jurisdictional practice as the methods may result in different lengths. Both methods are detailed in the Austroads Guide to Road Design – Part 6.3.

For instances where geometric constraints limit the installation of the recommended length under the above design methods, the absolute minimum length of minimum length of need for a run of MashFlex is 70m, this includes a TL3 Terminal on both ends. These installations should be considered within the requirements of the road controlling authority's Extended Design Domain.

## 3.6 Maximum Length

The recommended maximum run length of a MashFlex installation is 1200m.

## 3.7 Point-of-Need

MashFlex is designed to contain and redirect errant vehicles away from road side hazards. The location along the barrier system that redirection occurs is known as the point-of-need.

The point-of need for the MashFlex system is 11.73m from the anchor point when using the MASH TL3 End Terminal.





| Table 2: Crash Te | st Performance |              |              |              |            |               |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Containment Level | Vehicle Weight | Impact Speed | Impact Angle | Post Spacing | Deflection | Working Width |
| MASH TL3          | 2270 kg        | 100 km/h     | 25°          | 2.5m         | 2.19m      | 2.19m         |
| MASH TL3          | 2270 kg        | 100 km/h     | 25°          | 3m           | 2.68m      | 2.73m         |

## 4.0 List of Components

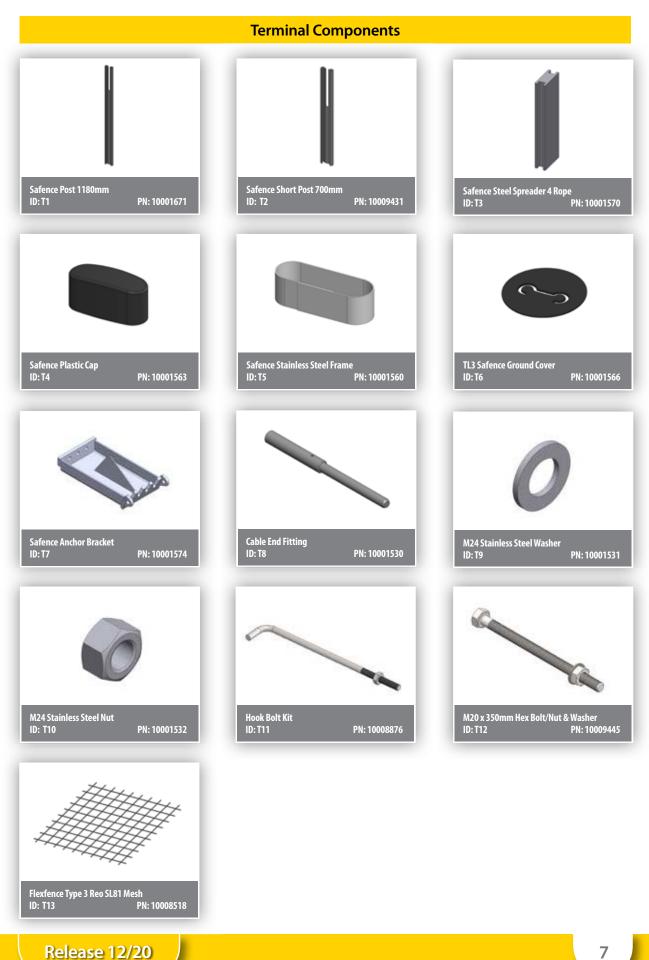
| ID  | COMPONENT                                    | PN       |  |  |
|-----|--|----------|--|--|
|     | MashFlex System Components                   |          |  |  |
| А   | MashFlex Post 1230mm                         | 10009358 |  |  |
| В   | MashFlex Cap                                 | 10009397 |  |  |
| С   | MashFlex Plug                                | 10009421 |  |  |
| D   | MashFlex Plastic Sleeve                      | 10009420 |  |  |
| E   | Post Ground Cover                            | 10006740 |  |  |
| F   | Stainless Steel Tension Fitting              | 10001534 |  |  |
| G   | Reo Ring                                     | 10001580 |  |  |
|     | Terminal Components                          |          |  |  |
| T1  | Safence Post 1180mm                          | 10001671 |  |  |
| T2  | Safence Short Post 700mm                     | 10009431 |  |  |
| T3  | Safence Steel Spreader 4 Rope                | 10001570 |  |  |
| T4  | Safence Plastic Cap                          | 10001563 |  |  |
| T5  | Safence Stainless Steel Frame                | 10001560 |  |  |
| T6  | TL3 Safence Ground Cover                     | 10001566 |  |  |
| T7  | Safence Anchor Bracket                       | 10001574 |  |  |
| T8  | Cable End Fitting                            | 10001530 |  |  |
| Т9  | M24 Stainless Steel Washer                   | 10001531 |  |  |
| T10 | M24 Stainless Steel Nut                      | 10001532 |  |  |
| T11 | Hook Bolt Kit                                | 10008876 |  |  |
| T12 | M20 x 350mm Hex Bolt/Nut & Washer            | 10009445 |  |  |
| T13 | Flexfence Type 3 Reo SL81 Mesh (default)     | 10008518 |  |  |
| T14 | Flexfence Type 1 Reo SL81 Mesh (alternative) | 10001581 |  |  |
|     | Alternative Configurations Components        |          |  |  |
| ZA  | MashFlex Driven Sleeve                       | 10007593 |  |  |
| ZB  | MashFlex Post on Baseplate                   | 10009425 |  |  |



|  | MashFlex System Components                    |  |
|--|---|--|
|  |   |  |
| MashFlex Post 1230mm<br>ID: A PN: 10009358               | MashFlex Cap<br>ID: B PN: 10009397            | MashFlex Plug<br>ID: C PN: 10009421                      |
| MashFlex Plastic Sleeve         ID: D       PN: 10009420 | Post Ground Cover<br>ID: E PN: 10006740       | Stainless Steel Turnbuckle         ID: F    PN: 10001354 |
| Reo Ring<br>ID: G PN: 10001580                           | MashFlex Driven Sleeve<br>ID: ZA PN: 10007593 | MashFlex Post on Baseplate<br>ID: ZB PN: 10009425        |

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## 5.0 End Terminals

End terminals are used to anchor the system and provide a soft gating impact to prevent vehicles from launching or snagging upon impact with MashFlex.

## 5.1 MASH TL3 Terminal

The TL3 Terminal has been crash tested to meet the requirements of MASH TL3. It can be used on all new installations or retrofitted to existing MashFlex or Safence installations.

The TL3 Terminal gradually tapers the cables from full height to an anchor bracket located at ground level over 10m. Refer drawing WR-MF-050 general arrangement and point of redirection.

The TL3 Terminal has demonstrated an ability to provide a soft, gating impact without releasing the cables from the anchor point. This non-release feature allows the system to remain anchored following design impacts.

This important feature contrasts terminals that are designed to release the cables for end-on impacts. Once these terminals release the cables their ability to provide continued containment and redirection for errant vehicles is compromised.

## 5.2 Standard Terminal

The Standard Terminal is designed to provide the necessary cable anchoring to redirect errant vehicles that impact the wire rope barrier within the length-of-need section. Use of this terminal is limited to locations where geometric constraints limit the use of the TL3 Terminal and it should only be used where it is shielded behind another barrier and cannot be impacted.



## Table 3: Length and Curve Correction Factors

## 6.0 Installation

The following written instructions should be read in conjunction with the MashFlex drawings.

A Safe Work Method Statement is available upon request to assist in the safe assembly of MashFlex.

The installation of MashFlex requires specific tooling for the swaging of the end fittings onto the cables, and also for applying the appropriate tension at the end of the installation. This equipment is known as the Safence Tension Unit and Safence Swaging Unit. Please contact your nearest Ingal representative for the safe operating instructions for this equipment.

## 6.1 Site Preparation

The approach terrain to the barrier should be level, otherwise a maximum grading of 1V:10H is permitted. Steeper slopes may result in the vehicle impacting the barrier at other than the design height.

## 6.2 Horizontal and Vertical Alignment Criteria

The length and/or horizontal curvature of an installation of wire rope barrier may increase the dynamic deflection of the barrier. In addition, horizontal curves may place more lateral load on the post foundations. Horizontal curve of less than 200m radius and not recommended.

To calculate the effect of a curve on the deflection, multiply the deflections as detailed on the system arrangement drawings by the curve correction factor in Table 3, the length column is the total length of the run. These correction factors only apply to convex curves

The minimum allowable sag vertical curve for wire rope barriers is  $\ge$  30m. (K = length of VC in metres divided by the change in grade expressed as a percentage). There is no K value limit for crest curves.

## 6.3 End Anchor Site Preparation

The site should be inspected for the presence of underground utilities prior to any excavation. The site should be prepared free of obstructing vegetation and other hazards that may interfere with the installation or operational performance of the system. Some sites may require minor grading if installed beyond the edge of the pavement shoulder.

| Longth (m) | Convex Curve Radius (m) |         |         |      |
|------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|------|
| Length (m) | 200-299                 | 300-449 | 450-749 | 750+ |
| 0-100      | 1.4                     | 1.3     | 1.1     | 1.0  |
| 101-200    | 1.6                     | 1.4     | 1.2     | 1.0  |
| 201-300    | 1.6                     | 1.5     | 1.3     | 1.1  |
| 301-500    | 1.7                     | 1.5     | 1.3     | 1.2  |
| 501-1000   | 1.8                     | 1.6     | 1.4     | 1.2  |

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Vehicles impacting the end of the terminals will normally continue behind and beyond the barrier and may encounter non-traversable terrain or other roadside hazards. It is recommended that the guidelines as stated in AS/NZS 3845 for the installation of gating safety barrier end terminals be observed.

AS/NZS3845 requires that a Hazard Free Zone 'immediately behind the terminal... should be reasonably traversable and free from fixed object hazards. If a clear runout is not possible, this area should be similar in character to adjacent unshielded roadside areas.

#### 6.4 **Construction of Anchor Blocks**

MashFlex is available with a variety of anchor block designs. These include;

- 1. Default block Type 3 WR-STD-64
- 2. Poor soil conditions Type 1 WR-STD-62
- 3. Spacial limitations Pier WR-STD-82

The selection of a suitable design will depend upon soil type, refer anchor drawings for minimum conditions.

Typically, the alignment of the anchor block will follow the same alignment as the length of need section. If site conditions require the anchor block to be offset to the length of need section, a 200m radius can be introduced upstream from the end anchor until the desired offset angle is achieved. The fence can then be tapered at a constant rate to achieve the required offset distance.

The construction sequence is as follows;

- 1. Excavate the anchor hole in accordance with the chosen anchor block drawing.
- 2. If installing the rectangular anchor block, clip out several grids of the reomesh square to fit over the anchor bracket as shown in Ingal drawing WR-STD-62.



3. Attach 3 off M20 x 550mm hook bolts to the base of the anchor bracket using 2 off M20 nuts per hook bolt. One M20 nut is used either side of the anchor bracket to secure each hook bolt.

4. Using formwork, suspend the anchor bracket and reomesh, ensuring the anchor bracket levelling plate is at the same longitudinal grade as the roadway. The position of the anchor bracket is to be in accordance with the anchor block drawing.



- 5. To prevent flotation or dislodgement during the concrete pour, drive a shortened star picket into the base or side of the excavation and use tie wire to secure the bracket.
- 6 Pour concrete into the excavation and vibrate Ensure that the anchor bracket has remained secure.
- 7. Trowel the surface of the anchor block and shape to provide fall way from the anchor bracket.



#### **Construction of Concrete Post Footings** 6.5

1. Establish post spacing in accordance with expected dynamic deflections and excavate postholes to the dimensions in accordance with Table 1. Note that the height of the footing must be within 20mm of the design reference height.

If the sides of the postholes are seen to fall away into the hole upon coring/excavation, creating a 'coning' or tapering of the hole, the hole depth should be increased to 750mm.

2. Pour concrete into each hole.





- 3. Insert the post footing reinforcement ring to a depth providing 50mm of cover.
- 4. Insert the MashFlex post into the plastic HDPE sleeve and push the plastic sleeve into the wet concrete so that the top of the plastic sleeve is at ground level. The posts are orientated so that the smooth face is towards the traffic face.
- 5. Trowel the surface of the post footings and shape to provide a slight fall away from the post sleeve. Any doming should not exceed 20mm in height.

#### 6.6 Driven Sleeve Post Footings

The Driven Sleeve Footings are driven directly into the ground and should be vertical. The sleeve installation process shall not cause damage to the sleeve, such that it reduces the design life, or introduces sharp edges.

Ensure the area has been inspected for underground hazards and services prior to installation. Sleeves should be driven to a depth appropriate for the finished cable heights, as per drawing WR-MF-001.

#### 6.7 Post on Baseplate Installation

Posts should be anchored to a suitable concrete foundation via four M20 G5.8 studs, chemically anchored using Hilti HY-200R, refer drawings WR-MF-003 and WR-MF-083.

#### Post Assembly Sequence 6.8

- 1. Slide the ground covers over each terminal and longitudinal barrier post (figure 10).
- 2. Starting at the leading or high end of the fence, connect the bottom cable to the anchor using a temporary anchor connection and run out the cable through the post slots to the far anchor and cut the rope to length. Bottom cable should be inserted into anchor bracket slot nearest the traffic. When a reel is depleted, attach the end to the next reel via a tension bay, refer section 6.9.
- 3. Insert steel cable spreader into terminal posts 1 and 2.
- 4. Assemble MashFlex cap onto longitudinal barrier posts with particular attention to orientation of cap, refer embossed post profile on top of cap (figure 8).

5. Starting at the leading end of the fence, connect the second wire rope to the anchor bracket, with second cable in second anchor bracket slot from traffic, and run out the wire through the post slots up to the first MashFlex post.



- 6. Lift MashFlex cap halfway and insert cable into second slot until the cable can slide down post centre slot. Repeat to end of run (figures 10 and 11).
- 7. Repeat these steps for cables 3 and 4 with both cables inserted in top slot of MashFlex cap, in accordance with drawing WR-MF-001 and figures 12 through 14. Prior to installing the top cable, ensure the stainless steel collar is installed between the top two cables of the terminal posts only.
- 8. When all cables have been installed, fit the plastic cap to the two terminal posts.
- 9. Ensure MashFlex cap is fully pushed down on post and insert MashFlex Plug into hole on side of cap, the plug is an interference fit and may require some light force from a rubber mallet. Before inserting plug, ensure the cable order is consistent and there are no twists in the pattern, i.e. the third cable is consistently in the third position for the entirety of the run. to the two terminal posts (figures 15 and 16).
- 10. Insert the locking bolt into the cable anchor bracket, refer figure 18.



**Figure 9: Driven Sleeve Installation** 

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### 6.9 Installation of Tension Bays

Tension bays are located at 300m centres and not more than 150m from either anchor point.

This section is to be read in conjunction with drawing WR-MF-059.

## For fences less than 600m:

1. Swage the stainless steel end fittings onto all the cables and attach to the anchor bracket. The procedure for swaging is contained in the Safence Swaging Unit Safe Operating Procedure Manual. The bottom rope is located nearest to the approaching traffic face. Each end fitting is secured at the anchor with one washer and two nuts. If using the standard terminal, ensure safety check ropes are attached before swaging.

Note: An inspection hole is drilled into each stainless steel end fitting to ensure the wire rope cables are properly inserted into the end fittings before swaging.

- 2. Pull the slack out of the wire ropes toward the other anchor. This can be achieved by hand or by using a sling equipped with a lever claw clamp.
- 3. At locations where the wire rope reels have been temporarily joined, swage the end fittings onto the cables and install a tension fitting. End fittings should be positioned so that the end of the fitting is a minimum distance of 100mm from the post.
- 4. After the slack has been removed from the fence, attach the check ropes (if required), machine swage the end fittings and attach to the trailing or low-end anchor.
- 5. Identify the tension bay location(s).
- 6. Mark and cut out an 800mm section from bottom, second from bottom and top cables. Move past the adjacent post and cut the 800mm section from the third from bottom cable. This offsetting of the tension bay for this cable will help expedite the tensioning process. It may be necessary to attach temporary clamps one post back from the tension bay location prior to cutting in order to prevent the cables from retracting. End fittings should be positioned so that the end of the fitting is a minimum distance of 100mm from the post. Refer drawing WR-MF-059 and figure 18.
- 7. Swage the end fittings to each cable and attach the tension fittings. The procedure for swaging is contained in the Safence Swaging Unit Safe Operating Procedure Manual.
- 8. Attach the tensioning rig to the bottom cable and tension from the bottom up. The procedure for Tensioning is contained in the Safence Tension Unit

Safe Operating Procedure Manual. Each rope is tensioned in accordance with Table 5.

### For fences greater than 600m:

- 1. Attach the safety check ropes (if required) and machine swage the cables at the leading or high-end anchor tand attach to the anchor bracket.
- 2. Pull the slack out of the wire ropes towards the 1st tension bay location. This can be achieved by hand or by using a sling equipped with a lever claw clamp.
- 3. At the 1st tension bay location clamp the wire rope cable to a post. Repeat process for each cable, clamping each cable to a different post.
- 4. Cut the cables on the un-tensioned side of clamps and machine swage fittings. Assemble the tension fittings.
- 5. Relocate to the 2nd tension bay and repeat the above process. Continue until all the tension bays are completed.
- 6. Once the slack has been removed from the fence, attach the check ropes (if required), swage the end fittings and attach to the trailing or low-end anchor.
- 7. Once the cables are attached at the anchor bracket, relocate to the centre tension bay.
- 8. Attach the tensioning rig and tension in accordance with Table 5 from the bottom up.
- 9. Relocate from the centre bay outwards repeating the tension process.
- 10. Once complete, relocate to the centre bay and repeat tensioning in this bay only.

**Note:** Upon completion, the tension bays shall not be more than 90% (40mm gap) of their full extent so as to allow for further adjustment. There should also be a min 40mm exposed thread beyond each nut.

It is recommended that concrete used for the construction of anchor blocks and post footings be cured for a period of 7 days prior to tensioning.



Figure 18: Anchor bracket with locking bolt





| Table 4: Construction Toleran | ices                  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Description                   | Recommended Tolerance |
| Rope Height                   | -10mm /+30 mm         |
| Post Spacing                  | ±30mm                 |
| Post Footing Dimensions       | - 10mm                |
| Anchor Block Dimensions       | - 20mm                |
| Cable Tension                 | - 1kN / +2kN          |
|                               |                       |



## Table 5: Tension Unit Pressure Requirements

| Ambient Temperature °C | TL3 System (Bar) | TL4 System (Bar) |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| - 5                    | (24kN) 263       | (36kN) 386       |
| 0                      | (23kN) 247       | (34kN) 363       |
| 5                      | (21kN) 231       | (32kN) 340       |
| 10                     | (20kN) 215       | (29kN) 316       |
| 15                     | (18kN) 200       | (27kN) 293       |
| 20                     | (17kN) 184       | (25kN) 270       |
| 25                     | (16kN) 168       | (23kN) 247       |
| 30                     | (14kN) 152       | (21kN) 224       |
| 35                     | (13kN) 137       | (19kN) 201       |
| 40                     | (11kN) 121       | (17kN) 177       |

## 6.10 Clean-up and Waste Materials

Recycle, reuse or dispose of all surplus material, rubbish and other debris in accordance with the requirements of the local state based environmental protection specification. Generally all components can be recycled. Posts and cables are made from a galvanised steel. Post caps are Nylon.





## 7.0 MashFlex Maintenance

MashFlex is a low maintenance roadside safety barrier. Except for repairs due to impacts, there is virtually no maintenance required for the system. It is recommended that regular drive-by inspections be performed to ensure the following;

- 1. Post caps have not dislodged from terminal posts. Delineation stickers are attached to the post caps and a loss of numerous caps could result in poor delineation.
- 2. Debris has not accumulated around the system. A clear zone, free of hazards should exist immediately behind the fence to accommodate for the expected dynamic deflection.
- 3. Safety check ropes should be secured to the anchor Standard Terminal only. Refer WR-MF-55.
- 4. Ropes have not dislodged from the posts as a result of minor impacts.

## 7.1 Cable Tension

MashFlex is supplied with pre-stretched wire rope. The pre-stretching process removes the constructional stretch in the wires as they 'bed-down'. Wire rope is essentially an elastic member and will not require retensioning after most impacts. For fences subjected to regular vehicle impacts or large seasonal temperature variations, it may be necessary to evaluate the rope tension annually. This can be undertaken using the Safence Tension Unit.

## 7.2 Bush Fire Damage <sup>1</sup>

The performance of galvanized coatings when subjected to bushfire depends on a number of factors, such as flame duration, intensity and the characteristics of the galvanized coating and the technology with which it is applied.

Typical bushfire conditions may expose steel structures to air temperature of 800°C for periods of up to 120 seconds, however zinc coatings are generally reflective and will not absorb heat at the same rate as an uncoated steel surface. Depending on the section thickness of the steel, the actual steel surface temperatures may not exceed 350°C.

Typically, the bushfire flame duration and intensity are not high enough to compromise the structural strength of the steel. The hot dip galvanized coating will thus remain largely unaffected through a bushfire event. If the bushfire causes damage to the galvanized surface, then the item(s) shall be replaced.

## 7.3 Damage Assessment

In the event of a vehicle impact, damage to the barrier is to be assessed in accordance with Table 6. In the event that the ropes are to be cut, they are NOT to be cut under tension.

A Safe Work Method Statement is available upon request to assist in the safe repair of MashFlex.

<sup>1</sup>Information based upon testing conducted on behalf of BlueScope Steel by the CSIRO Manufacturing and Infrastructure Technology Bushfire CRC in 2005.

| Table 6: Damage                          |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Type of Defect                           | Description of the Defect  | Action to be Taken   |
| Galvanizing damage on Posts.             | The sum total of the damaged or uncoated areas does not exceed 10cm <sup>2</sup> (0.5% of the total surface area).                       | An organic zinc rich epoxy paint, complying with AS/NZS 3750.9, is to be applied to the repair areas in two coats.                                       |
|  | The sum total of the damaged or uncoated areas exceeds $10 \text{ cm}^2$ (0.5% of the total surface area).                               | The post is to be replaced.  |
| Galvanizing Damage on<br>Wire Rope Cable | The wire rope is nicked or gouged to less than 10% depth.<br>The wire rope is nicked or gouged greater than 10% depth.                   | An organic zinc rich epoxy paint, complying with AS/NZS 3750.9, is to be applied to the repair areas in two coats.                                       |
|  |  | The wire rope section is to be replaced.   |
| Mechanical Damage                        | Any rope length containing more than 1 broken wire.  | The rope section is to be replaced.  |
| on Wire Rope Cable<br>(Refer drawing     | Any rope where the diameter is reduced by more than 10% by abrasion.   | The rope section is to be replaced   |
| WR-STD-59)                               | Any rope which has been crushed or flattened by more than 10% of its nominal diameter.   | The rope section is to be replaced.  |
| Mechanical damage on Posts.              | The post is distorted.   | The post is to be replaced.  |
| Damaged End Fitting                      | There is damage to the thread of the fitting, however tension can be maintained in the wire rope system without relying on the fitting.  | There is no requirement for immediate replacement. The location of the fitting should be noted and scheduled for replacement during routine maintenance. |
|  | There is damage to the thread of the fitting and tension cannot be<br>maintained in the wire rope system without relying on the fitting. | The fitting is to be replaced.   |
|  | The fitting is cracked.  | The fitting is to be replaced.   |
|  | The body of the fitting is distorted.  | The fitting is to be replaced.   |
| Damaged Tension                          | The fitting is cracked.  | The fitting is to be replaced.   |
| Fitting                                  | The body of the fitting is distorted.  | The fitting is to be replaced.   |



### 7.4 Emergency Dismantling

Due to the dynamic nature of a traffic accident, safety barriers may inhibit access of rescue personnel to the vehicle, or crash site, and may need to be moved. Interfering with the WRSB at a crash site may be hazardous due to the potential latent tension in the cables and all de-tensioning should be conducted by trained personnel at the tension bays.

In an emergency situation, where waiting for a trained WRSB install crew is not viable, cutting the cables may be deemed absolutely necessary. Please note, this can be a very dangerous task and a thorough risk assessment should be conducted before the cutting commences. If the cables are under tension, any interference may cause them to release.

There are two options to cut the cable, the preferred option is to cut the turnbuckle on each cable. Turnbuckles should be located every 300m approximately. Alternatively, the cables can be cut with a disc grinder.

Before commencing any cutting:

- Ensure all personnel are in a safe location.
- Do not stand on the concave side of restrained cables.
- Do no cut in close proximity to the crash scene.

A video demonstration of how to work with, and around, high tension WRSB can be viewed at the following location:

https://www.ingalcivil.co.nz/wrsb-emergency-cut.

Notes:



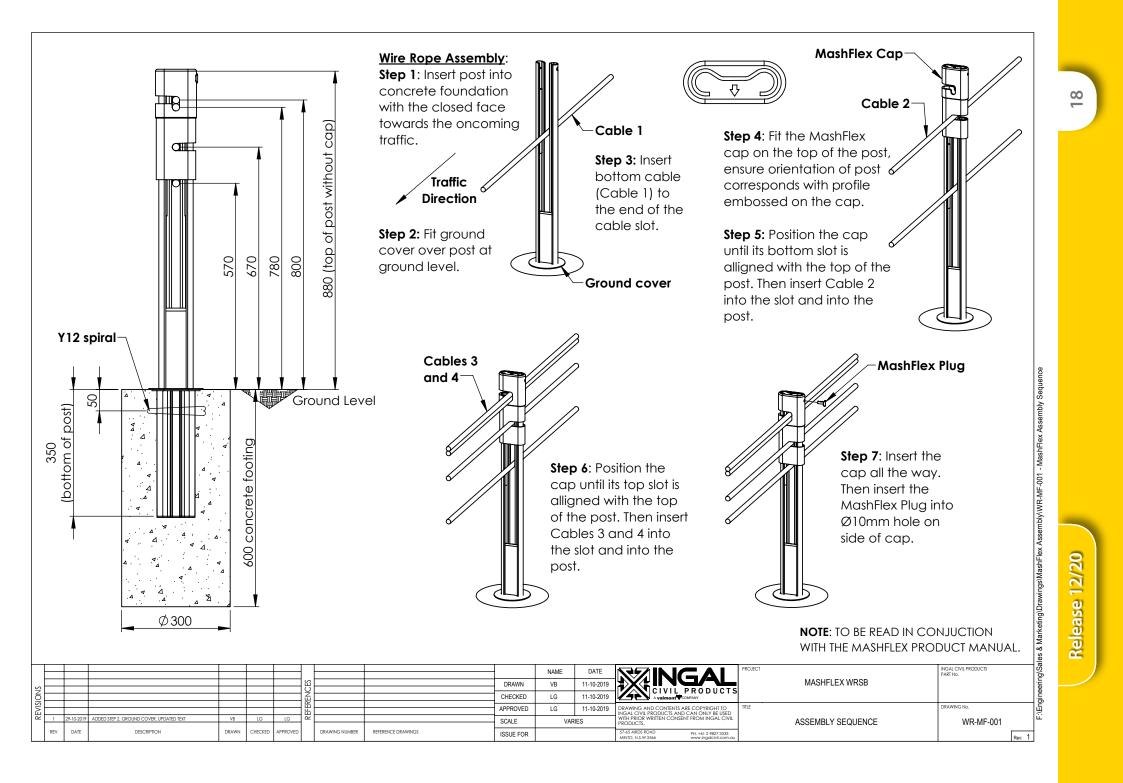
## **MashFlex Tensioning Report And Checklist**

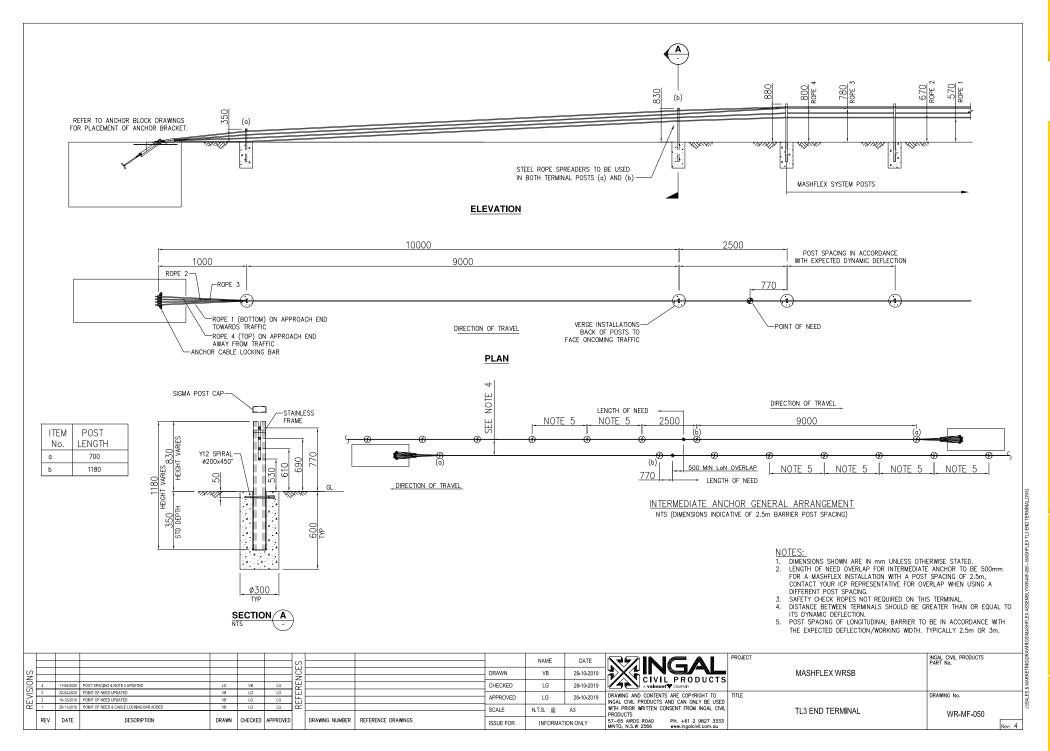
| Customer:            |
|----------------------|
| Project:             |
| Fence ID:            |
| Fence Length:        |
| Ambient Temperature: |
| Tensioning Force:    |
| Checked By:          |
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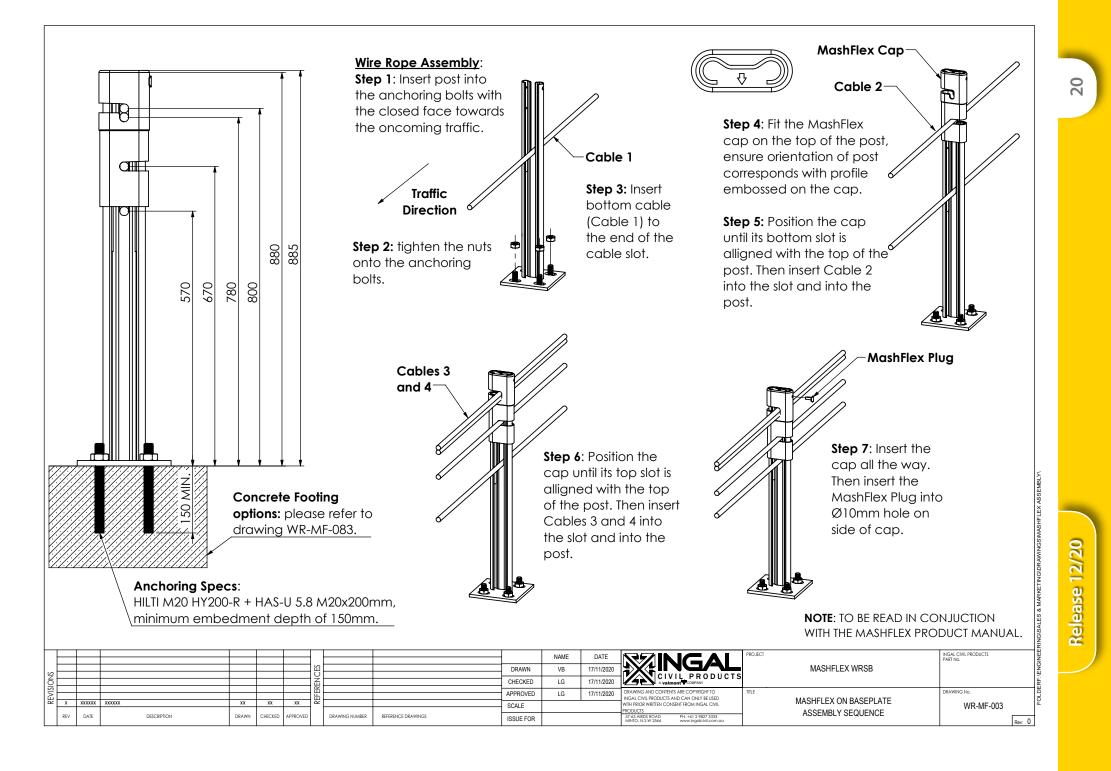
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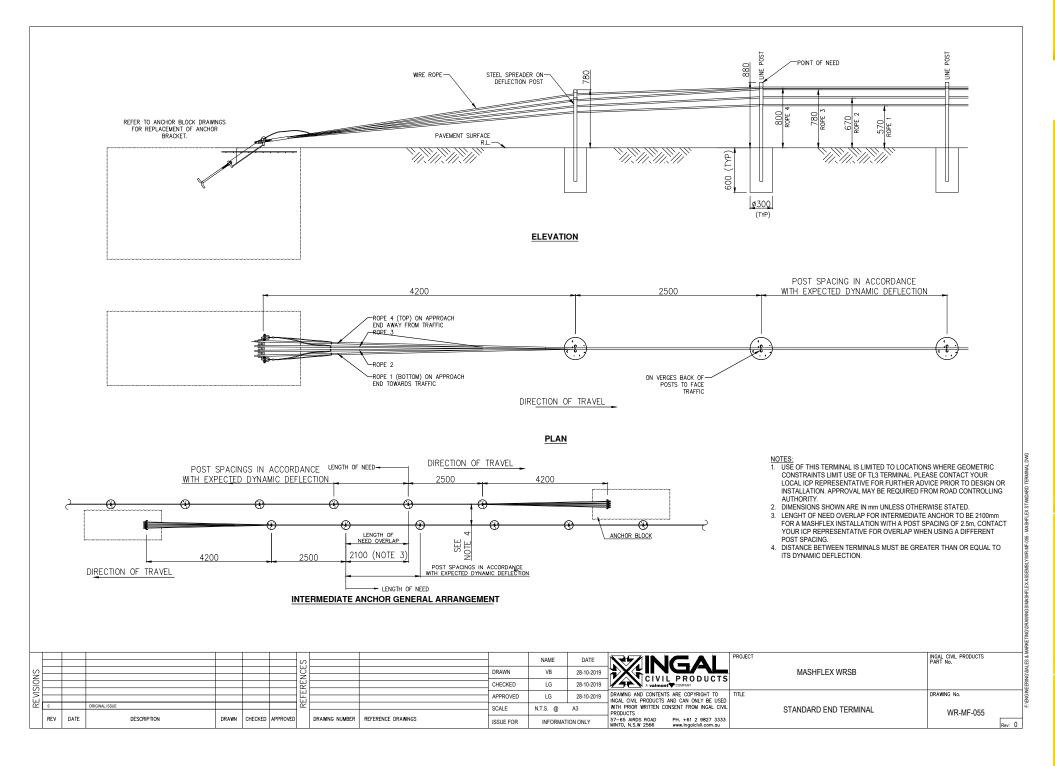
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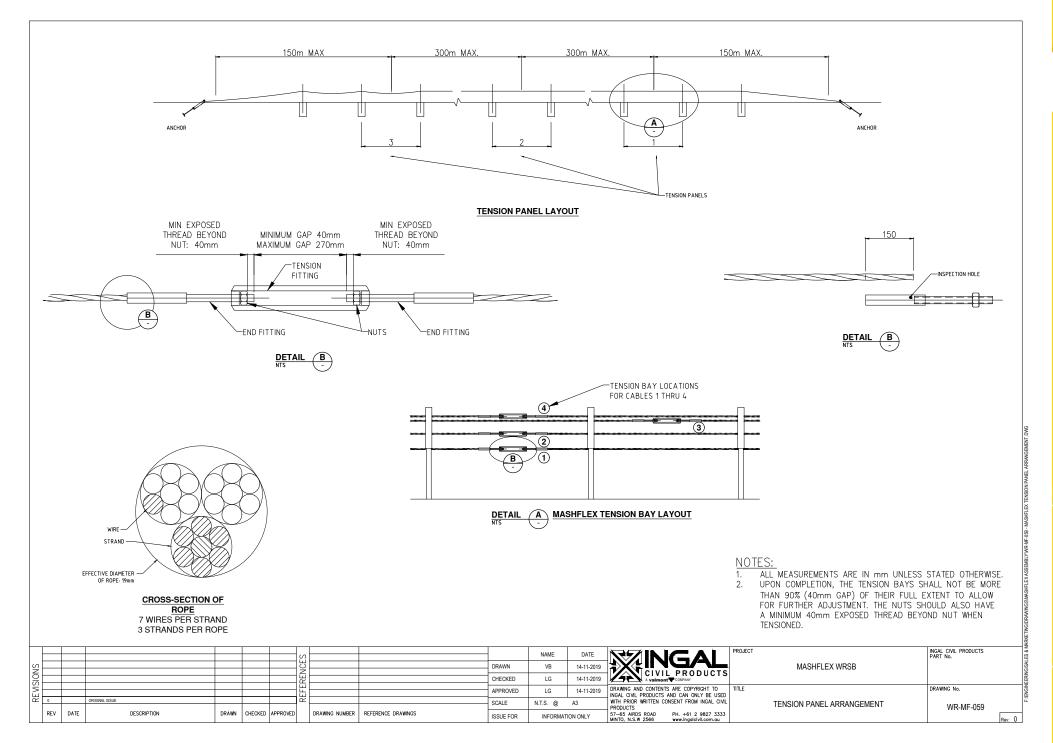
| End Terminals  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| Is the anchor block dimensions in accordance with the chosen anchor block drawing                            | Yes | No |
| Has the anchor bracket been installed with the levelling plate at the same longitudinal grade as the roadway | Yes | No |
| Have check ropes been attached to the cables and anchor bracket (drawing WR-MF-55 only)                      | Yes | No |
| Have steel cable spreaders been used in both terminal posts  | Yes | No |
| Has each end fitting been secured with one washer and two nuts   | Yes | No |
| Has the stainless frame been inserted between the top and second from top cable                              | Yes | No |
| Have post caps been attached to the posts  | Yes | No |
| Has the anchor cable locking bolt been installed with nuts tightened to snug                                 | Yes | No |
| Longitudinal Barrier Posts   |     |    |
| Have the posts been installed at the correct spacing   | Yes | No |
| Have the posts been installed with the correct orientation towards approaching traffic                       | Yes | No |
| Have ground covers been installed on each post   | Yes | No |
| Has delineation been attached to the post caps   | Yes | No |
| Is the cable order consistent throughout the run   | Yes | No |
| Has a MashFlex plug been inserted into each cap  | Yes | No |
| Has any minor damage been repaired using two coats of an organic zinc rich paint                             | Yes | No |
| Tension Bays   |     |    |
| Have tension bays been installed at not more than 150m from the end anchors                                  | Yes | No |
| Have tension Bays been installed at not more than 300m apart   | Yes | No |

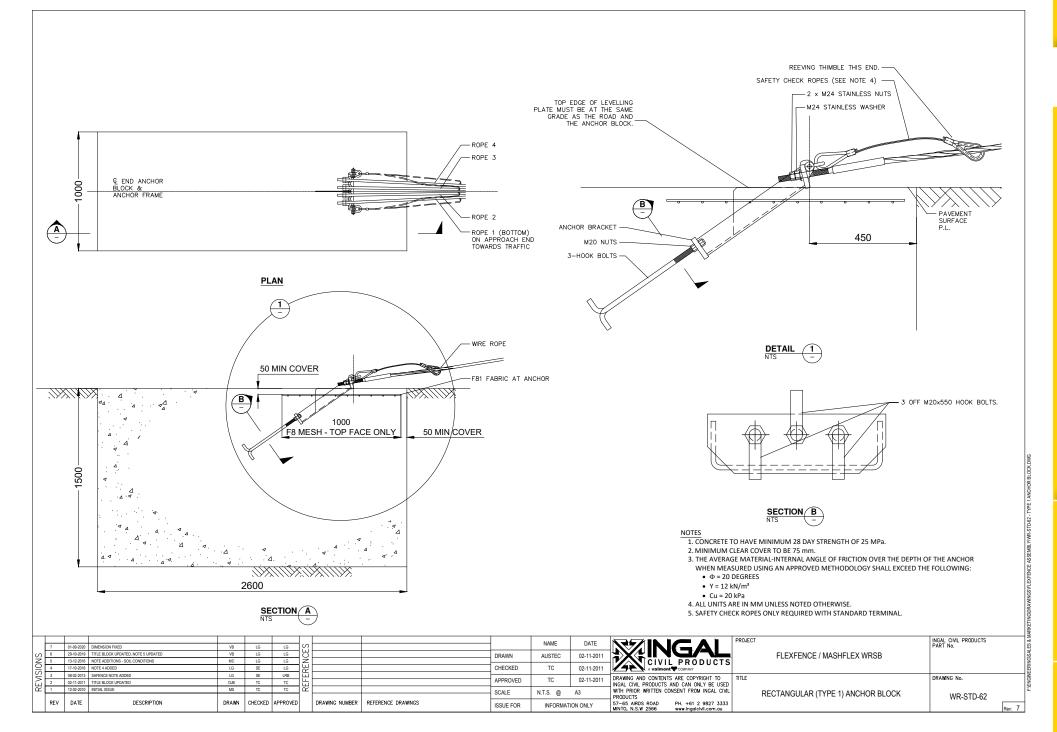


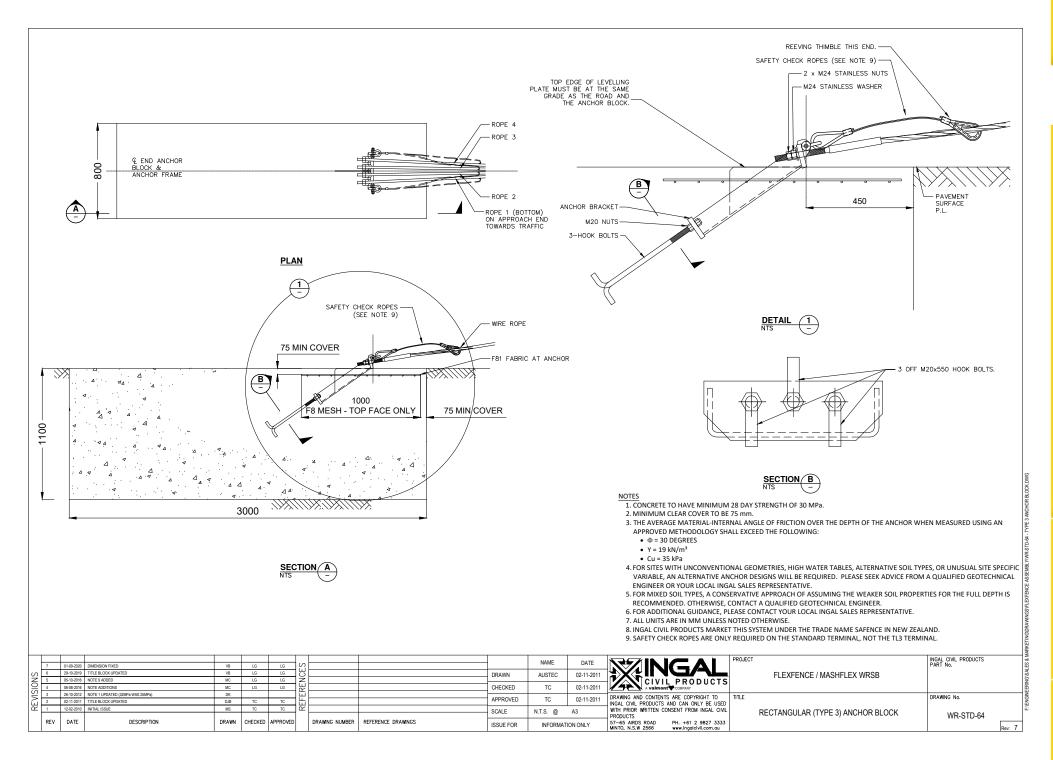


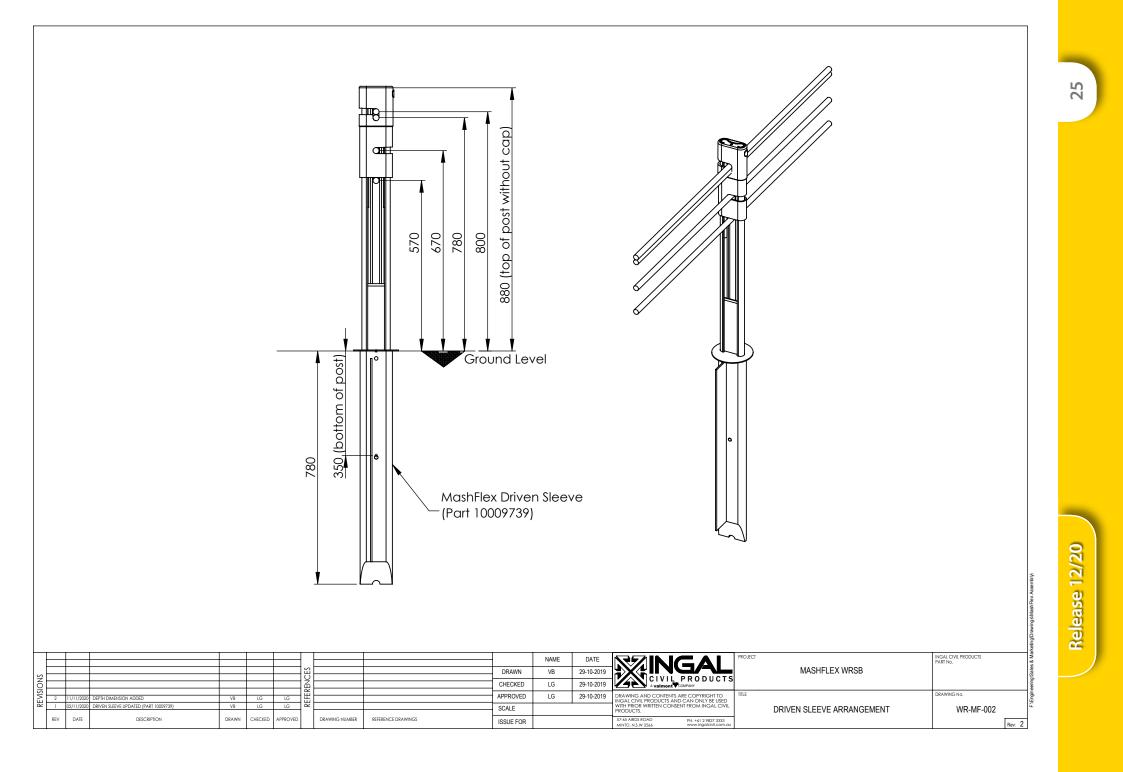
















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