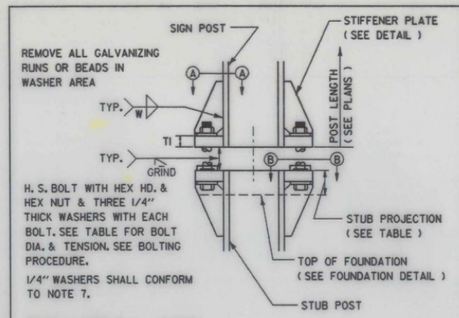

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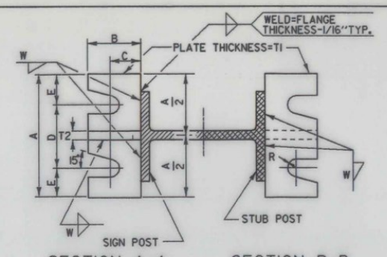


SECTION A-A SECTION B-B

(SEE TABLE FOR DIMENSIONS)

SECTIONS SHOWN ARE FOR INSTALLATIONS ON RIGHT SHOULDER AND IN GORE. PLATE SLOT BEVELS ARE OPPOSITE FOR INSTALLATIONS IN THE MEDIAN OF DIVIDED HIGHWAYS AND TWO WAY RAMPS.

SLIP BASE DETAIL
(SECTION)

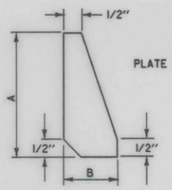
POST SIZE	BOLT SIZE	A	B	C	D	E	TI	T2	W	R
W6X9	5/8" Ø X 3 1/2" *	5"	2"	1 1/4"	2 3/4"	1 1/8"	3/4"	1/2"	1/4"	11/32"
W6X12										
W6X15										
W8X18										
W8X21	3/4" Ø X 4 1/2" **	6"	2 1/4"	1 3/8"	3 1/2"	1 1/4"	1"	3/4"	5/16"	13/32"
W10X22										
W10X26										
W12X30		7"			4"	1 1/2"				

POST SIZE	FUSE PLATE DATA TABLE F	G	H	J	K	L	N	DI	T3
W6X9	3 5/8"	2"	1 1/8"	4"	2 1/4"	7/8"	1/2"	9/16"	1/4"
W6X12									
W6X15	4 3/8"	2 1/2"	1 1/4"	6"	3 1/2"	1 1/4"	5/8"	11/16"	3/8"
W8X18	4 7/8"	2 1/2"	1 1/4"	5 1/4"	2 3/4"	1 1/4"	5/8"	11/16"	3/8"
W8X21	4 3/4"	2 1/2"	1 1/2"	5 1/4"	2 3/4"	1 1/4"	3/4"	13/16"	1/2"
W10X22	5 1/4"	3"	1 1/2"	5 3/4"	2 3/4"	1 1/2"	3/4"	13/16"	1/2"
W10X26									
W12X30	5 1/4"	3"	1 1/2"	6 1/2"	3 1/2"	1 1/2"	3/4"	13/16"	1/2"

POST SIZE	FOUNDATION DATA BOLT DIA.	BASE DIA.	BASE DEPTH	MIN. STUB LENGTH	STUB PROJ.	VOLUME OF SINGLE BASE
W6X9	1/2"	24"	6'-0"	3'-0"	2 1/2"	0.70 C.Y.
W6X12						
W6X15	5/8"					
W8X18	5/8"					
W8X21	3/4"					
W10X22	3/4"					
W10X26						
W12X30	3/4"	30"	6'-6"	3'-0"	2 1/2"	1.2 C.Y.

* 5/8" BOLTS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM THREAD LENGTH OF 2 INCHES

** 3/4" BOLTS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM THREAD LENGTH OF 2 1/4 INCHES
THESE BOLTS SHALL BE FURNISHED WITH TWO NUTS FOR EACH BOLT.



STIFFENER PLATE
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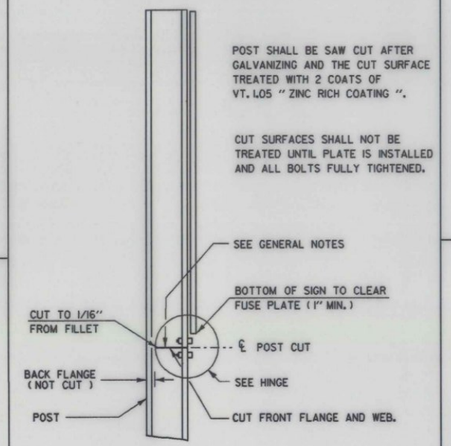
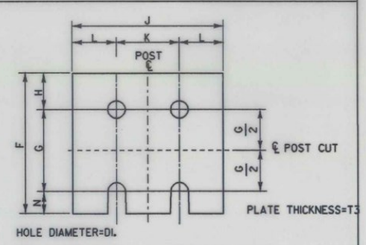
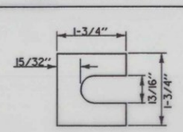


FUSE PLATE-POST DETAIL



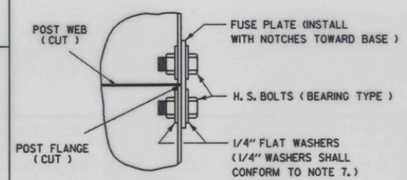
USE H. S. BOLTS WITH HEX. HD. AND HEX. NUTS, ONE 1/4" THICK FLAT WASHERS UNDER EACH BOLT HEAD, AND ONE 1/4" THICK WASHER UNDER NUT.
1/4" WASHERS SHALL CONFORM TO NOTE 7.

FUSE PLATE
(SEE TABLE FOR DIMENSIONS)



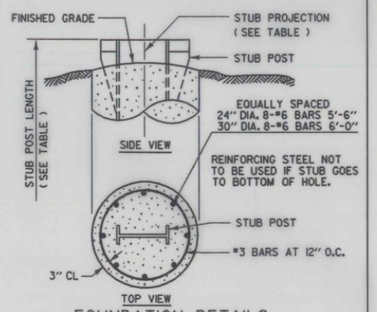
FURNISH TWO .012"± THICK AND TWO .032" ± THICK SHIMS PER POST. SHIMS SHALL BE FABRICATED FROM BRASS SHIM STOCK OR STRIP CONFORMING TO A.S.T.M. B-36.

SHIM DETAIL



FUSE PLATE "HINGE" DETAIL
(SEE NOTE 11)

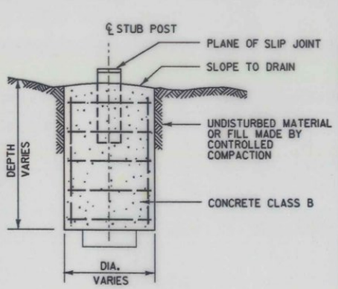
FLANGE HOLES FOR HINGE SHALL BE DRILLED



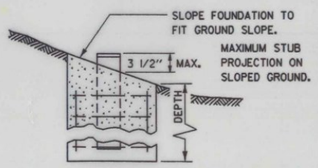
FOUNDATION DETAILS

PROCEDURE FOR ASSEMBLY OF BASE CONNECTION

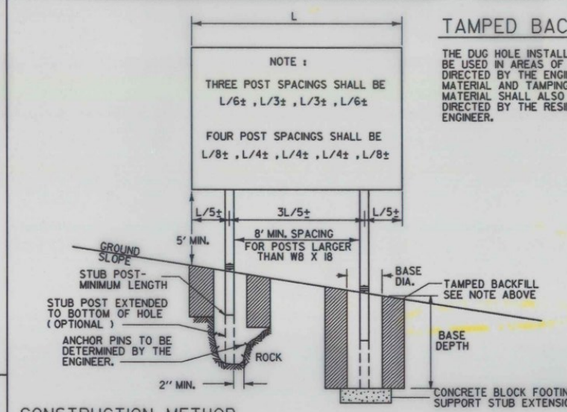
1. MAKE SURE ALL BOLTS ARE FROM THE SAME STOCK.
2. TRY NUTS ON BOLT THREADS MAKING SURE THEY TURN EASILY.
3. PLACE (3) BOLTS IN " SKIDMORE - WILHELM " DEVICE. TORQUE TO PROPER TENSION IN DEVICE. CALIBRATE TORQUE WRENCH BY CHECKING TORQUE ON THESE THREE BOLTS WHEN UNDER PROPER TENSION IN DEVICE.
4. USE THE AVERAGE OF THE THREE TORQUES ON SIMILAR BOLTS IN THE REAL SUPPORT.
5. ASSEMBLE POSTS TO STUB WITH BOLTS AND WITH THREE 1/4" FLAT WASHERS. (ONE EACH; UNDER HEAD OF BOLT, BETWEEN PLATES, AND UNDER NUT.)
6. SHIM AS REQUIRED TO PLUMB POST.
7. TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE WITH A 12" TO 15" WRENCH TO BED WASHERS AND SHIMS AND TO CLEAN BOLT THREADS. THEN LOOSEN EACH BOLT IN TURN AND RETIGHTEN IN A SYSTEMATIC ORDER TO THE PRESCRIBED TENSION.
8. THE BASE PLATE BOLTS WILL BE TORQUED TO PRESCRIBED BOLT TENSION SHOWN BELOW. AFTER THE INITIAL TORQUING USE A SECOND NUT TO INSURE THAT THE FIRST NUT WILL NOT BACK OFF. THE CONTRACTOR WITH THE AGENCY INSPECTOR WILL RETURN TO THE SIGN TWO MORE TIMES AT INTERVALS OF 30 DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHECKING AND REESTABLISHING THE PRESCRIBED TORQUE. THE SECOND NUT SHALL REMAIN AS A LOCK NUT.
9. THE " SKIDMORE - WILHELM " DEVICE IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE V.A.O.T. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION.



FLAT GROUND
FOUNDATION DETAILS



SLOPING GROUND
FOUNDATION DETAILS



TAMPED BACKFILL

THE DUG HOLE INSTALLATION SHALL BE USED IN AREAS OF POOR SOIL AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER. BACKFILL MATERIAL AND TAMPING OF THE MATERIAL SHALL ALSO BE AS DIRECTED BY THE RESIDENT ENGINEER.

CONSTRUCTION METHOD

HOLES FOR POST FOOTINGS MAY BE AUGERED OR DUG. THE HOLES MAY BE LEFT WITH EARTH SIDES, IF THE MATERIAL IS FIRM, AND ALL DISTRUBED SOIL AROUND THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE AUGERED HOLE IS REMOVED. IF NOT, A SUITABLE FORM APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER SHALL BE USED. CORRUGATED METAL CULVERT PIPE OR PAPER FORMS MANUFACTURED FOR USE AS CONCRETE COLUMN FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE. IF THE STUB IS EXTENDED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE, A CONCRETE BLOCK FOOTING SHALL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE POST AND THE POST SHALL BE HELD SECURELY IN PLACE AT THE BOTTOM. THIS MAY BE DONE BY EMBEDDING THE POST AND CONCRETE BLOCK FOOTING IN WET CONCRETE AND ALLOWING TO SET WITH THE POST SECURED IN POSITION, PLUMBED AND PROPERLY BRACED, THE REMAINING FOOTING MAY BE POURED. THE TIME BETWEEN POURS FOR THE CURING OF THE CONCRETE SHALL BE AS DETERMINED BY THE ENGINEER. THE FORM SHALL BE LEFT IN PLACE AND THE HOLE BACKFILLED. AND COMPACTED AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER. NO PART OF THE FORM SHALL SHOW ABOVE THE GROUND LINE WHEN THE WORK IS COMPLETED.

GENERAL NOTES

1. DESIGN CONFORMS WITH AASHTO STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR STRUCTURAL SUPPORTS FOR HIGHWAY SIGNS, LUMINAIRES AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS.
2. MATERIAL AND FABRICATION SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD SHEETS AND SPECIFICATIONS.
3. ALL STRUCTURAL STEEL SHALL CONFORM TO A.S.T.M. A-36.
4. ALL STRUCTURAL STEEL, BOLTS, NUTS AND WASHERS SHALL BE GALVANIZED AS PER A.S.T.M. A-153 EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW.
5. ALL HIGH STRENGTH BOLTS, NUTS AND WASHERS SHALL BE GALVANIZED AS PER A.S.T.M. A-123. THE POST CUT SHALL BE A SAW CUT ONLY. ALL OTHER CUTS EXCLUDING POST CUTS MAY BE FLAME CUT PROVIDED ALL EDGES ARE GROUND SMOOTH. METAL PROJECTING BEYOND THE PLATE FACE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. ALL POST HOLES SHALL BE DRILLED.
6. ALL HIGH STRENGTH BOLTS AND NUTS SHALL CONFORM TO A.S.T.M. A-325
7. ALL 1/4" FLAT WASHERS SHALL CONFORM TO THE HARDNESS REQUIREMENTS FOR A.S.T.M. A-325 WASHERS.
8. PAINT FOR SAW CUT SHALL BE A SINGLE COMPONENT ZINC-RICH COMPOUND YIELDING A DRIED FILM OF AT LEAST 85% PURE ZINC. IT SHALL MEET OR EXCEED THE REQUIREMENT OF VT. LO5 "ZINC RICH COATING".
9. MAIN SIGNS SHALL BE ERECTED A MINIMUM OF 7 FEET ABOVE EDGE OF PAVEMENT AND A MINIMUM OF 5 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. IF AUXILIARY PANELS ARE ATTACHED BELOW THE MAIN SIGN, THE MINIMUM FOR THE MAIN SIGN ABOVE THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT SHALL BE 8 FEET AND THE MINIMUM FOR THE AUXILIARY PANELS SHALL BE 5 FEET. THE 5 FOOT MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE SHALL ALSO APPLY TO AUXILIARY PANELS.
10. EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO KEEP THE SLIP JOINT FREE OF ANY FOREIGN MATERIAL, EITHER BY WRAPPING THE JOINT OR THOROUGH CLEANING IMMEDIATELY AFTER POURING OF CONCRETE.
11. ALL FUSE PLATE BOLTS SHALL BE TIGHTENED BY THE FABRICATOR TO THE PRESCRIBED BOLT TENSION SHOWN BELOW. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE TO CHECK AND CERTIFY THAT THE REQUIRED RESIDUAL TENSIONS ARE OBTAINED.
12. NO MORE THAN 600 LBS. OF POST WILL BE ALLOWED BELOW THE FUSE PLATE.
13. THE AMOUNT OF TORQUE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE PROPER BOLT TENSION FOR BOTH THE "FUSE PLATE" AND THE "SLIP BASE" SHALL BE DETERMINED BY USE OF A SUITABLE TORQUE WRENCH CALIBRATED IN A "SKIDMORE-WILHELM" DEVICE. THE PROCEDURE FOR CALIBRATING THE WRENCH IS OUTLINED IN THE "PROCEDURE FOR ASSEMBLY OF BASE CONNECTION" ON THIS SHEET.
14. DUE TO THE VARIABILITY OF THE GALVANIZATION ON THE BOLTS, NUTS AND WASHERS ETC., NO FORMULA OR TABLES SHALL BE USED TO CALCULATE THE REQUIRED CONVERSION FROM BOLT TENSION TO APPLIED TORQUE, UNLESS APPROVED BY THE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY DIVISION.
15. THE INSPECTION OF THE "FUSE PLATE BOLTS" SHALL BE AS OUTLINED IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF AASTHO "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAY BRIDGES", SECTION 10.17.5 "INSPECTION OF CONNECTIONS USING HIGH STRENGTH BOLTS."
16. INSPECTION OF THE "SLIP BASE BOLTS" SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS; USING A TORQUE WRENCH, WHICH HAS BEEN CALIBRATED IN THE "SKIDMORE-WILHELM" DEVICE WITH THREE BOLTS OF THE SAME GRADE, SIZE AND CONDITION AS THOSE UNDER INSPECTION, THE INSPECTOR SHALL SET THE WRENCH FOR THE MAXIMUM SETTING SHOWN BELOW FOR "SLIP BASE BOLTS" AND TEST ALL "SLIP BASE BOLTS" IN EACH ASSEMBLY.
    A) IF THE BOLT BEING TESTED TURNS MORE THAN 5° UPON APPLICATION OF THE WRENCH SET TO THE MAXIMUM, THE INSPECTOR SHALL SET THE WRENCH TO THE MINIMUM AND RETEST THE BOLT. IF THE BOLT TURNS LESS THAN 5° UPON APPLICATION OF THE WRENCH SET TO MINIMUM, IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE. IF THE BOLT TURNS MORE THAN 5° UPON APPLICATION OF THE WRENCH SET TO MINIMUM, IT SHALL BE TIGHTENED AT LEAST TO THE MINIMUM.
    B) IF THE BOLT BEING TESTED TURNS LESS THAN 5° UPON APPLICATION OF THE WRENCH SET TO MAXIMUM, IT SHALL BE LOOSENED AND RETIGHTENED SO THAT IT FALLS WITHIN THE RANGE SPECIFIED AND REINSPECTED AS OUTLINED ABOVE.
17. BOLT TENSIONS

FUSE PLATE BOLTS

BOLT SIZE	MIN. BOLT TENSION	MAX. BOLT TENSION
1/2" DIA.	12000 LBS.	15000 LBS.
5/8" DIA.	19200 LBS.	24500 LBS.
3/4" DIA.	28400 LBS.	36000 LBS.

SLIP BASE BOLTS

BOLT SIZE	MIN. BOLT TENSION	MAX. BOLT TENSION
5/8" DIA.	1740 LBS.	2660 LBS.
3/4" DIA.	2400 LBS.	3600 LBS.

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