

# QuadGuard® Elite CRASH CUSHIONS

# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION MANUAL



# QuadGuard® Elite

The QuadGuard® system has been tested pursuant to National Cooperative Highway Research Program ("NCHRP") Report 350 specifications. The QuadGuard® Elite system has been deemed eligible for federal-aid reimbursement on the National Highway System by the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA").

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Warning: The local highway authority, distributors, owners, contractors, lessors, and lessees are RESPONSIBLE for the assembly, maintenance, and repair of the QuadGuard<sup>®</sup> Elite. Failure to fulfill these RESPONSIBILITIES with respect to the assembly, maintenance, and repair of the QuadGuard<sup>®</sup> Elite could result in serious injury or death.

The instructions contained in this manual supersede all previous information and manuals. All information, illustrations, and specifications in this manual are based on the latest QuadGuard<sup>®</sup> Elite system information available to Valtir at the time of printing. We reserve the right to make changes at any time. Please contact Valtir or visit <a href="Valtir.com">Valtir.com</a> to confirm that you are referring to the most current instructions.

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## **Customer Service Contacts**

Valtir is committed to the highest level of customer service. Feedback regarding the QuadGuard® Elite system, its assembly procedures, supporting documentation, and performance is always welcome. Additional information can be obtained from the contact information below:

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## **Limitations and Warnings**

Valtir, in compliance with the National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 350 (NCHRP Report 350) "Recommended Procedures for the Safety Performance of Highway Safety Features", contracts with FHWA approved testing facilities to perform crash tests, evaluation of tests, and submittal of results to the Federal Highway Administration for review.

The QuadGuard® Elite has been approved by FHWA as meeting the requirements and guidelines of NCHRP Report 350. These tests typically evaluate product performance defined by Report 350 involving a range of vehicles on roadways, from lightweight cars (approx. 1800 lb. [820 kg]) to full size pickup trucks (approx. 4400 lb. [2000 kg]). A product can be certified for multiple Test Levels. The QuadGuard® Elite is certified to the Test Level(s) as shown below:

Test Level 2: 44 mph [70 kph]
Test Level 3: 62 mph [100 kph]

These FHWA directed tests are not intended to represent the performance of systems when impacted by every vehicle type or every impact condition existing on the roadway. This system is tested only to the test matrix criteria of NCHRP Report 350 as approved by FHWA.

Valtir expressly disclaims any warranty or liability for injury or damage to persons or property resulting from any impact, collision or harmful contact with products, other vehicles, or nearby hazards or objects by any vehicle, object or person, whether or not the products were assembled in consultation with Valtir or by third parties.

The QuadGuard® Elite is intended to be assembled, delineated, and maintained within specific state and federal guidelines. It is important for the highway authority specifying the use of a highway product to select the most appropriate product configuration for its site specifications. The customer should be careful to properly select, assemble, and maintain the product. Site lay out, vehicle population type; speed, traffic direction, and visibility are important elements that require evaluation in the selection of a highway product. For example, curbs could cause an untested effect on an impacting vehicle.

After an impact occurs, the debris from the impact should be removed from the area immediately and the specified highway product should be evaluated and restored to its original specified condition or replaced as the highway authority determines as soon as possible.

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## **System Overview**

The QuadGuard<sup>®</sup> Elite is a potentially reusable, re-directive, non-gating impact cushion for roadside obstacles ranging in width from 24" to 90" (610 mm to 2285 mm). It consists of high molecular weight, high density polyethylene (HMW/HDPE), energy-absorbing cylinders surrounded by a framework of Quad-Beam panels.

The QuadGuard® Elite utilizes two (2) types of Cylinders in a "staged" configuration to address both lighter cars and heavier, high center-of-gravity vehicles. Its modular design allows the system length to be tailored to the design speed of a site.

#### **Impact Performance**

The five (5) Bay and seven (7) Bay EC QuadGuard® Elite systems have successfully passed the requirements stipulated in NCHRP Report 350, Test Level 2 tests with both the light car and pickup at speeds of up to 43 mph [70 kph] at angles up to 15 degrees.

The eight (8) Bay and eleven (11) Bay EC QuadGuard® Elite systems have successfully passed the requirements stipulated in NCHRP Report 350, Test Level 3 tests with both the light car and pickup at speeds of up to 62 mph [100 kph] at angles up to 15 degrees.

The "EC" designation stands for "Extra Capacity" and has additional energy absorbing capacity.

The 14 Bay 24" wide QuadGuard® Elite system has been successfully tested with pickup truck at speeds up to 70 mph [115 kph].

During head-on impacts, within the applicable NCHRP Report 350 criteria, the QuadGuard<sup>®</sup> Elite has been shown to telescope rearward to absorb the energy of impact. During those same incriteria impacts, when impacted from the side, the system has been shown to redirect the vehicle back toward its original travel path and away from the roadside feature.

## **Measuring the Width**

The nominal width of the Tension Strut Backup is the width between Side Panels behind the Backup (Figure 1). The outside width of the system is approximately 6" [150 mm] to 9" [230 mm] wider than this measurement.

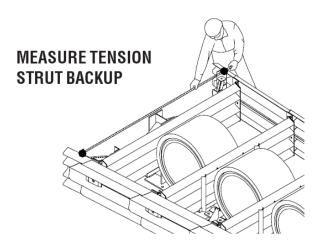


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Tension Strut Backup Width

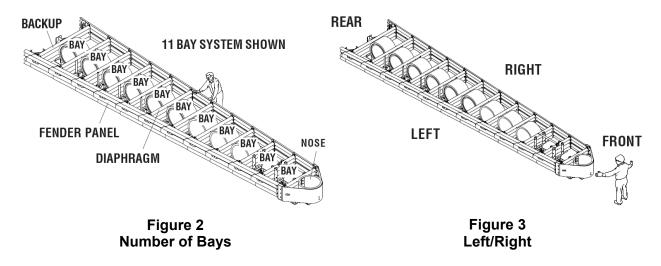
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#### **Counting the Number of Bays**

One Bay consists of one Diaphragm, two Fender Panels, etc. The Nose section is not considered a Bay (Figure 2)

## **How to Determine Left/Right**

To determine left from right when ordering parts, stand in front of the system facing the roadside feature. Your left is the system's left and your right is the system's right (Figure 3).



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## **Design Criteria**

Contact Valtir Customer Service Department if you would like input as to your specific application. Proper model selection is essential to the performance of the QuadGuard<sup>®</sup> Elite system. You will need to answer the following questions:

1) Specification of Width

The QuadGuard® Elite system is available in five nominal widths (p. 10).

- 24" [610 mm]
- 30" [760 mm]
- 36" [915 mm]
- 69" [1755 mm]
- 90" [2285 mm]

As a general rule, selection of the narrowest width that adequately shields the roadside obstacle is recommended.

2) System Length

System length is specified by the number of Bays the system includes. The number of bays required is a function of the design speed of the roadway. The system nose is not considered to be a Bay.

#### **Backup Structure**

Backup drawings are available at the back of this manual and are appropriate for use on grade or deck (p. 23 & 32-34).

#### **Establish Required System Footing**

The system must be anchored by an approved adhesive. Refer to QuadGuard<sup>®</sup> Elite Assembly manual and approved adhesive instructions for anchor specifications.

- 1. **Existing concrete** Concrete must be at least 6" [150 mm] thick, reinforced 4000 psi [28 MPa] Portland cement concrete (P.C.C.), or 8" [200 mm] thick non-reinforced measuring at least 12' 0" [3.66 m] wide by 50' 0" [15.24 m] long. The concrete should be in good condition and be free of major cracks.
- 2. **New concrete** If existing concrete does not meet these criteria, a new concrete foundation must be placed to properly secure the system.
- 3. **Cross-slope** if there is a cross-slope of more than 8% (5 deg.), or if the cross-slope varies (twists) more than 2% (1 deg.) over the length of the system, a concrete leveling foundation may be required (Figure 4).
- 4. **No Cross-slope** If the cross-slope is within the range described above, the leveling foundation is not required:
  - Transversal slope ≤ 8%
  - Longitudinal slope ≤ 2%

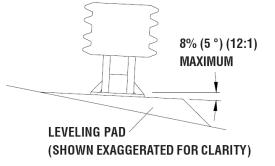


Figure 4 Cross-Slope

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## **Special Site Conditions**

Contact the Valtir Customer Service Department if you are a representative of the highway authority and would like input with your application. You will need to answer the following questions:

- 1. Are curbs, islands, or elevated objects (delineators or signs) present at the site? What height and width are they? All curbs and elevated objects 4" [100 mm] high should be removed. If possible, curbs less than 4" [100 mm] high should be removed approximately 50' [15 m] in front of the QuadGuard® Elite and as far back as the system's backup. Any curbs that must remain should be 4" [100 mm] maximum and be mountable.
- 2. If the deployment site is a gore area, (place where two roads diverge), what is the angle of divergence?
- 3. What is the general geometry of the site? Include the roadway for 500' [150 m] in front of highway feature so traffic patterns can be visualized.
- 4. Is there an existing guardrail or median barrier at the site? The backup of the QuadGuard® Elite should tie into guardrail when possible.
- 5. Will there be traffic approaching from the rear of the system? Is the system in a two-way traffic situation, with traffic going in opposite directions on either side of the system? Or, is the system on the side of the road in a location where crossover traffic is a concern? If so, a transition from the back of the system to the fixed object is necessary to prevent vehicle snagging (p. 10).
- 6. See next section if there are any other unique features at the site that may affect positioning or performance of the QuadGuard® Elite system?
- 7. Is the QuadGuard Elite to be used in a construction zone? A Tension-Strut Backup system can be temporarily installed on asphalt.



**Caution:** The potentially restorable nature of the cylinders could provide for possible rebounding of an impacting vehicle into pathways beyond the reserve area under certain impact conditions. Consideration of a system for a particular site should include an assessment of this factor.

## Other Factors That May Affect Your Design:

- 1. The existence of drain inlets.
- 2. Junction boxes or other appurtenances located near the roadside feature.
- 3. Insufficient space for the length preferred.
- 4. The location and movement of expansion joints. Contact Valtir Customer Service Department before proceeding with your design (p. 3).

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### **Transition Panel Types**

If a system is placed in a location where traffic will be approaching from the rear, a Transition Panel is necessary. Figures 5, 6 & 7 show the standard panel types. There are variations for each panel type. The specific Panel needed will depend on system and site conditions. Therefore, it is important to send site specific data to the customer service department for a recommendation for exact Panel needed for your application.

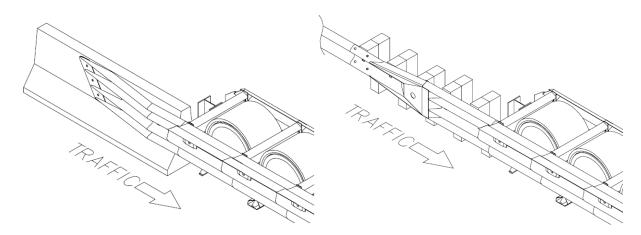


Figure 5
Quad-Beam to Safety Shape Barrier
Transition Panel

Figure 6
Quad-Beam to W-Beam Transition Panel

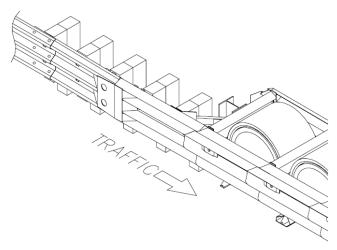


Figure 7

Quad-Beam to Thrie-Beam Transition Panel

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## Foundation/Anchoring



**Warning:** Ensure that this assembly conforms with the guidance provided by the AASHTO Roadside Design Guide, including, but not limited to, those regarding placement on or adjacent to curbs.

#### **Concrete Installations**

The QuadGuard® Elite can only be installed on an existing or freshly placed and cured concrete base (4000 psi [28 MPa] minimum). Orientation of the concrete base and the attenuator must comply with the project plans or as otherwise determined by the resident project engineer or appropriate highway authority.

Recommended dimension and reinforcement specifications for new concrete pads can be found on the standard drawings.

The QuadGuard® Elite may be installed on any of the following foundations using the specified anchorage:

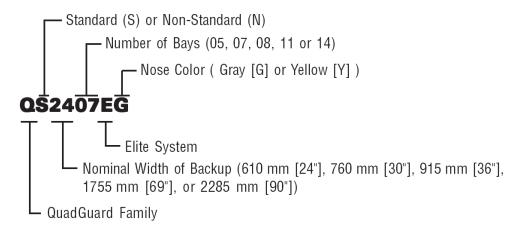
Reinforced Concrete Pad or Roadway: 6" [150 mm] minimum depth P.C.C.

Anchorage: Approved adhesive with 7" [180 mm] studs 5 1/2" [140 mm] embedment

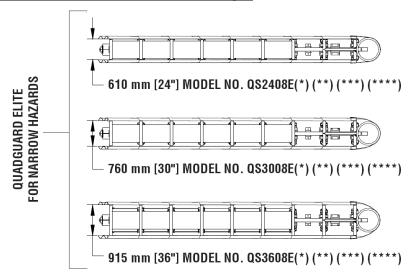
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30" [760 mm]	QS3005E	QS3007E	QS3008E	QS3011E
36" [915 mm]	QS3605E	QS3607E	QS3608E	QS3611E
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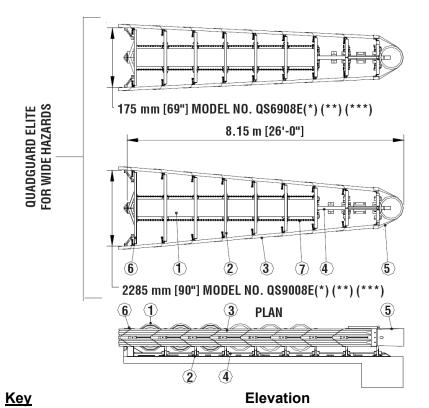
Figure 8
QuadGuard® Elite System Model Numbers

#### **Model Number Description**



## Plan and Elevation View / Drawings

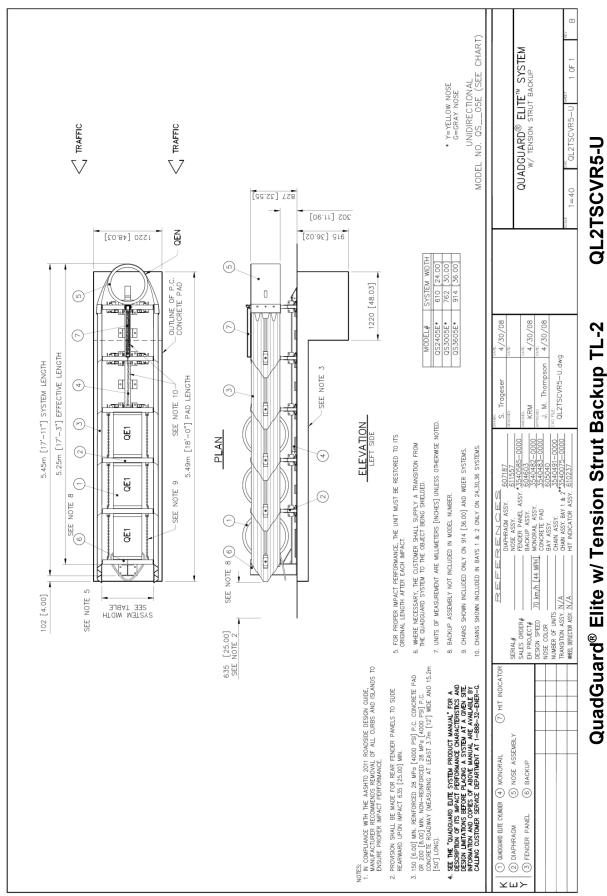




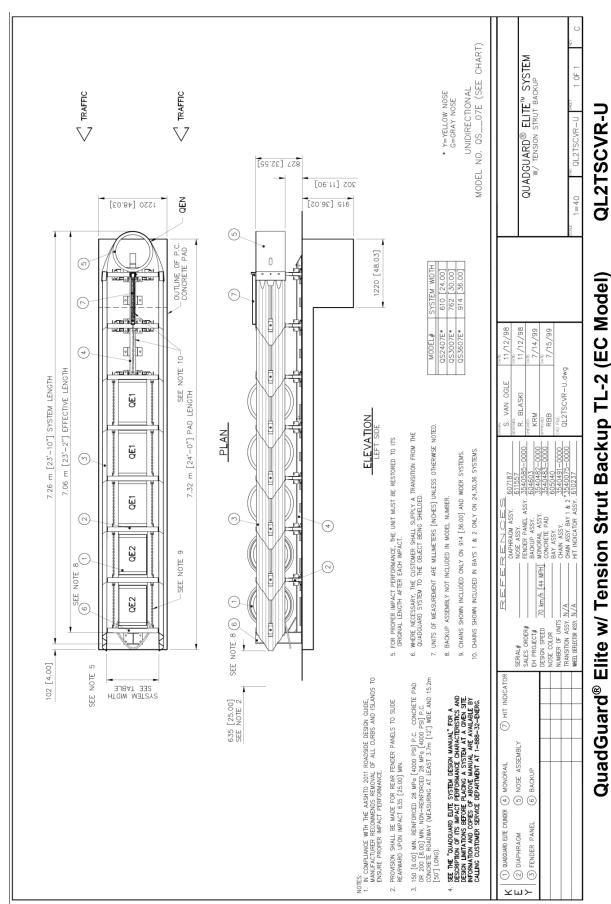
- 1) Energy-Absorbing Cylinder
- 2) Diaphragm
- 3) Quad-Beam Fender Panel
- 4) Monorail
- 5) Nose Cover
- 6) Backup
- 7) Chain Assembly

- Also Available in 5 Bay Lengths
- \*\* Also Available in 7 Bay Lengths (EC Model)
- \*\* Also Available in 11 Bay Lengths (EC Model)

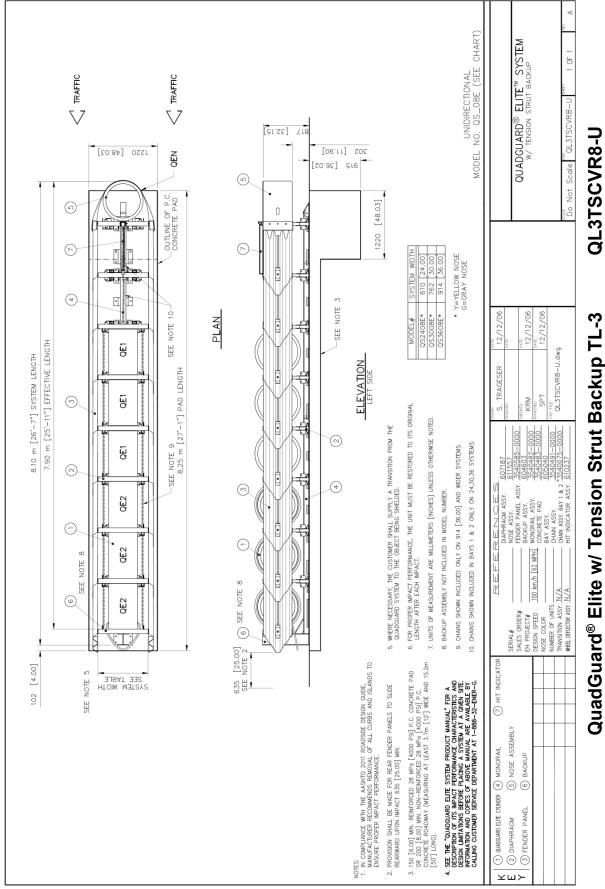
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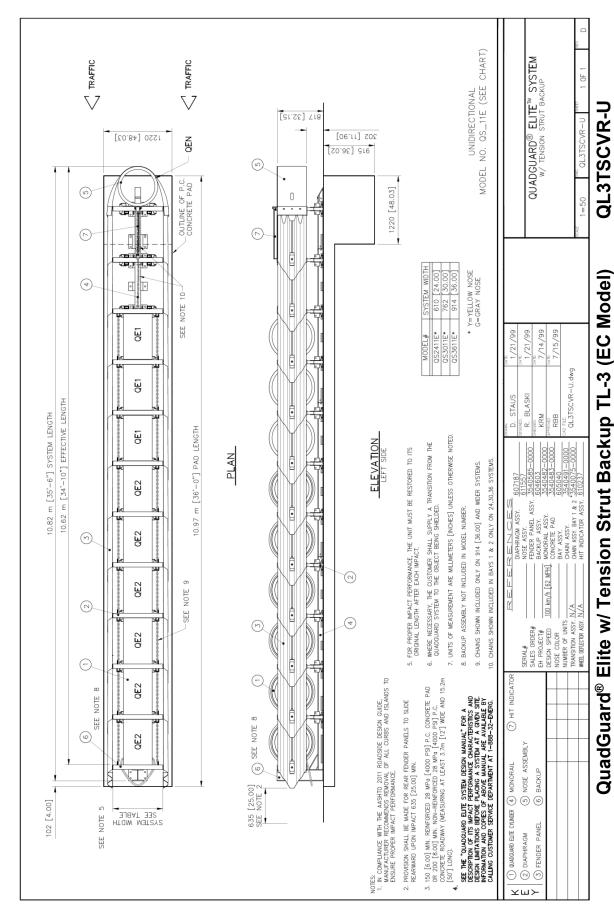
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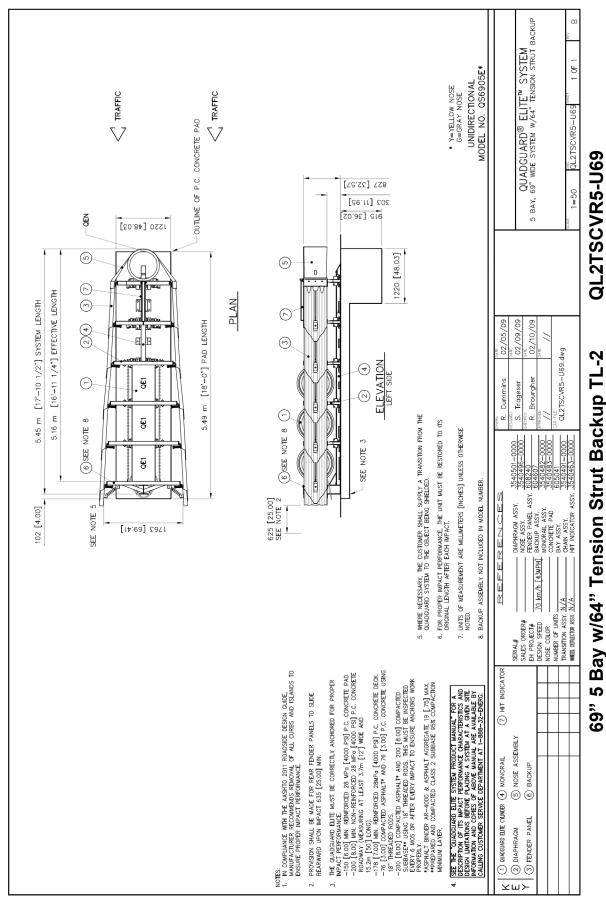
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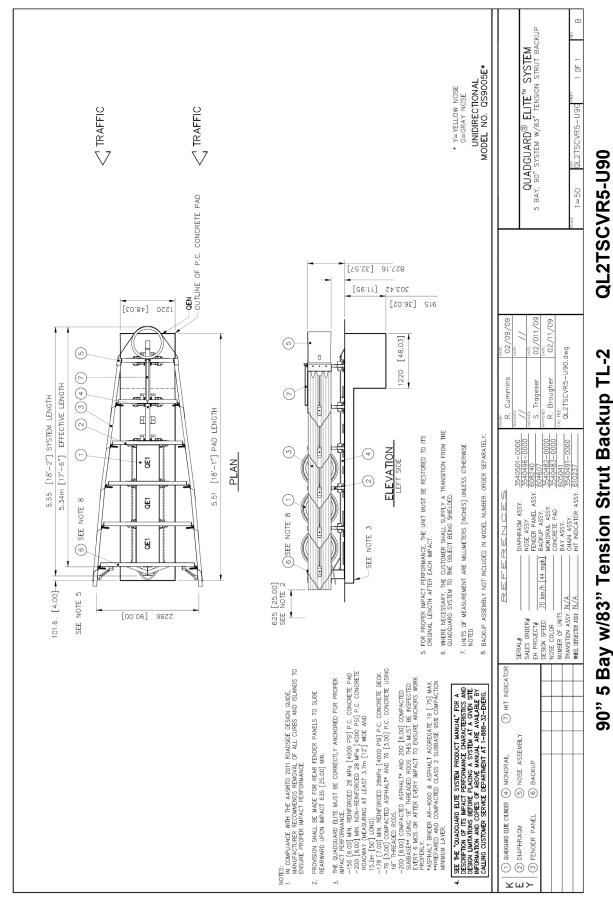
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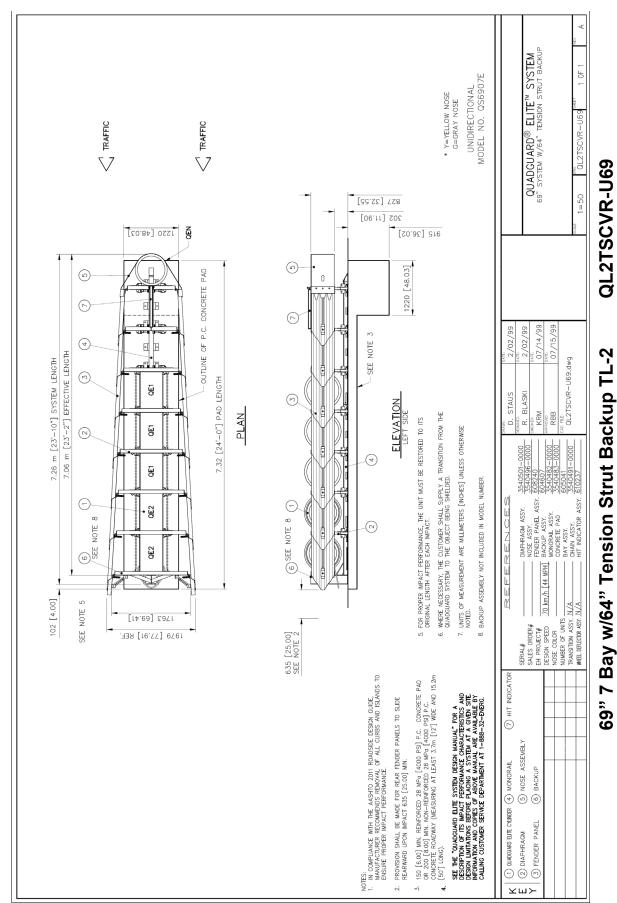


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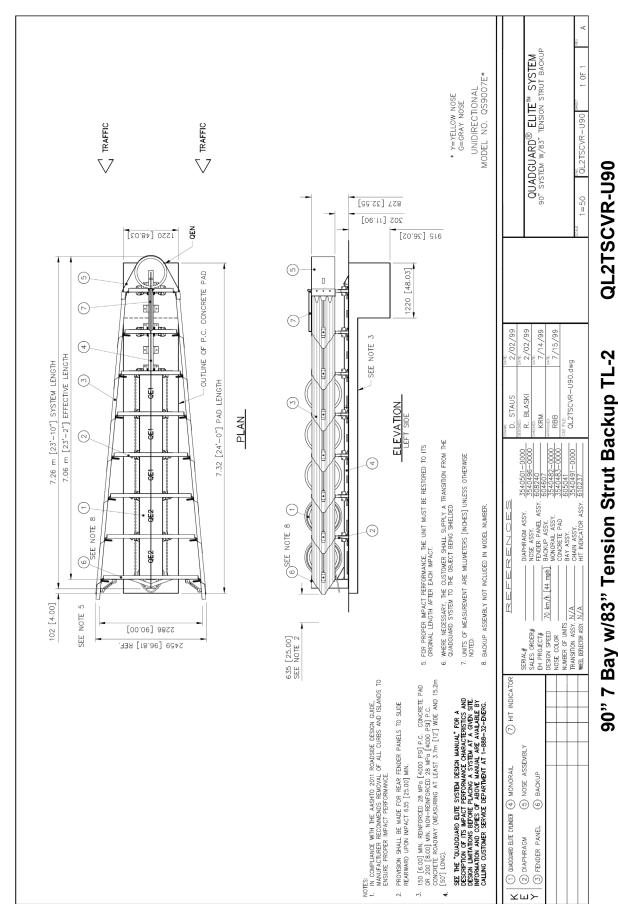


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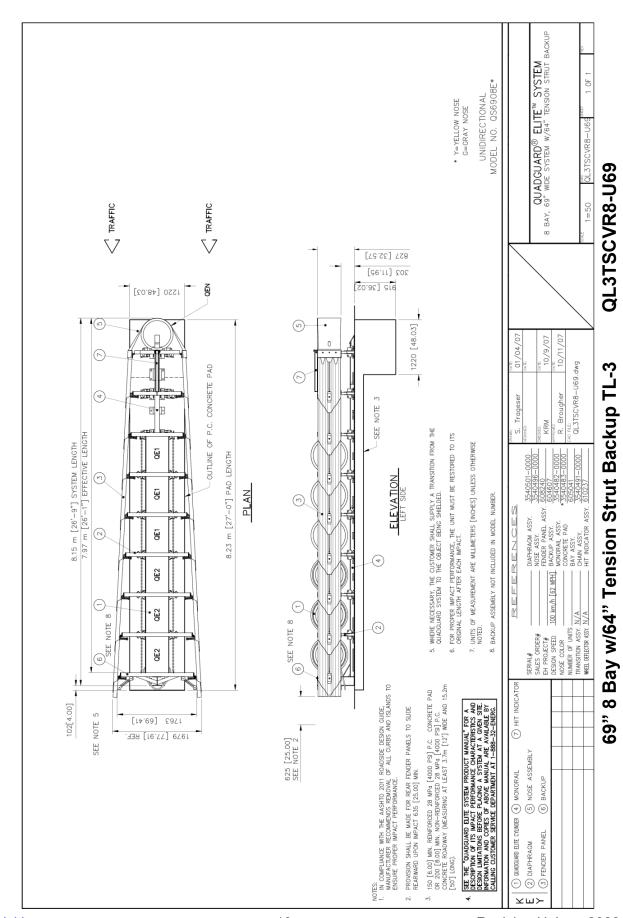


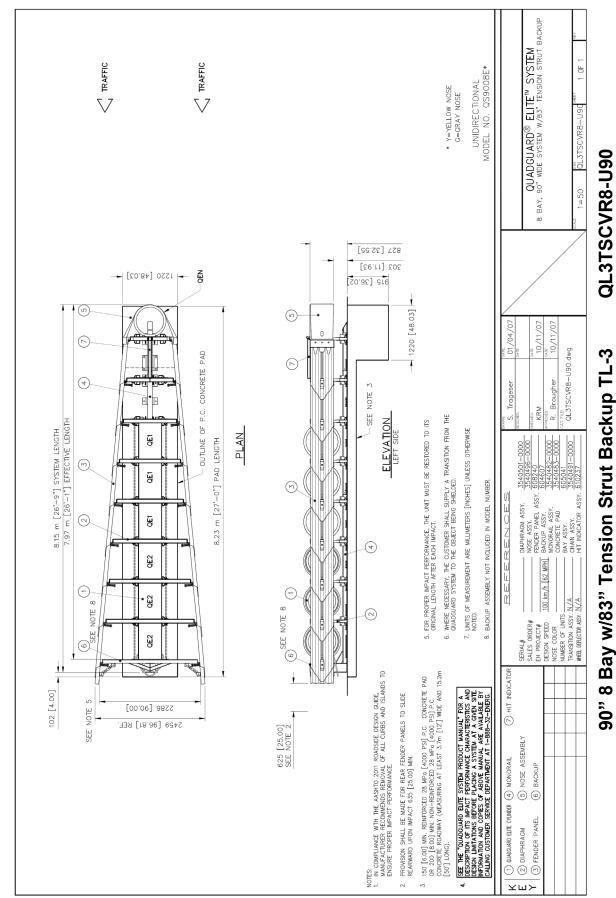


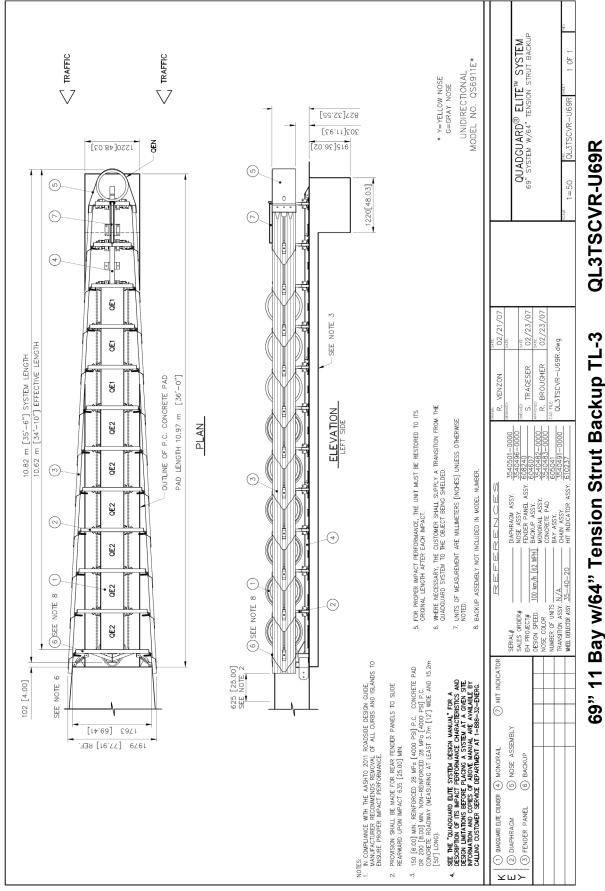
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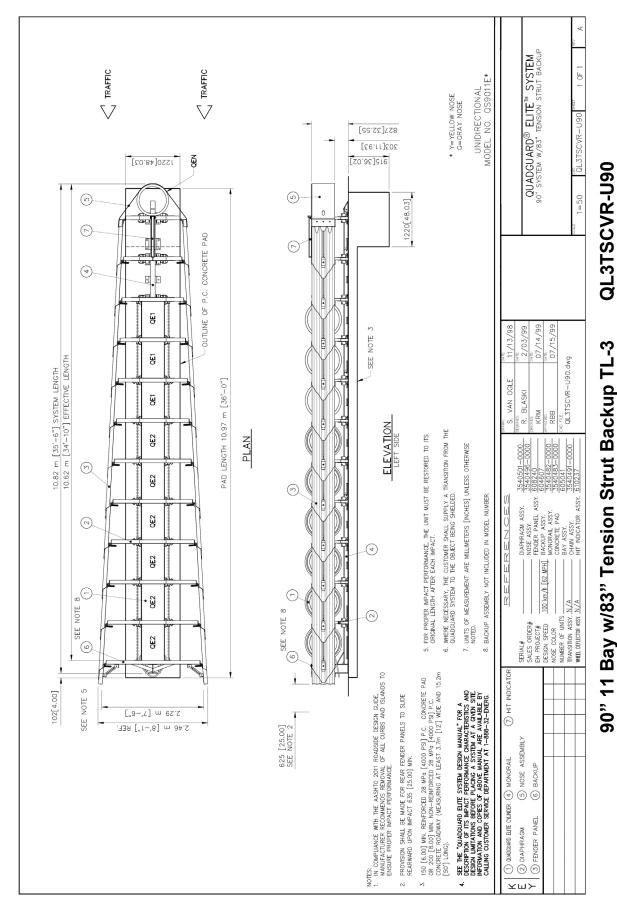
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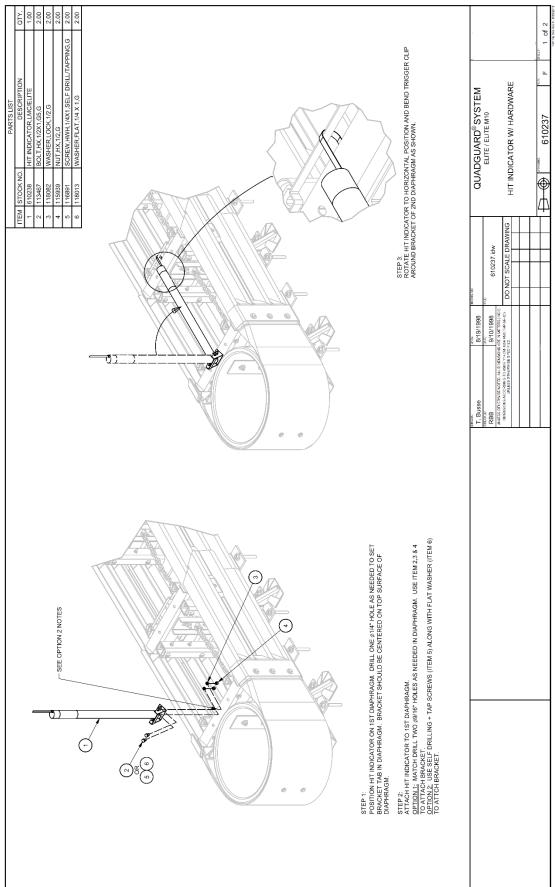
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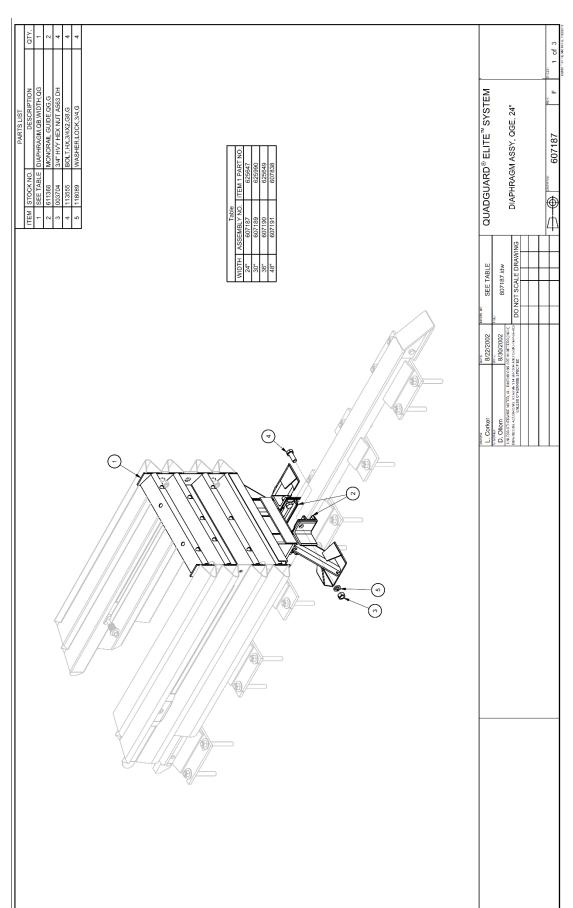
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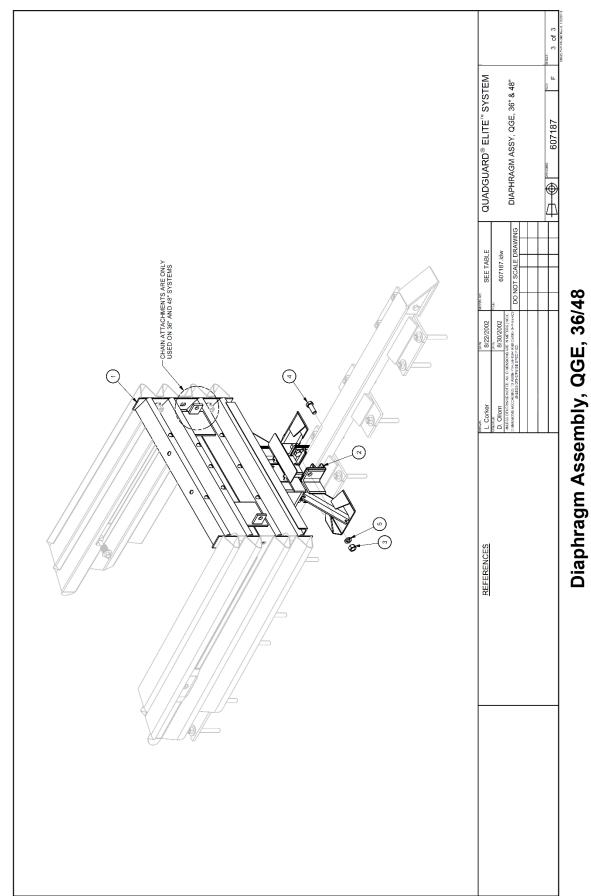
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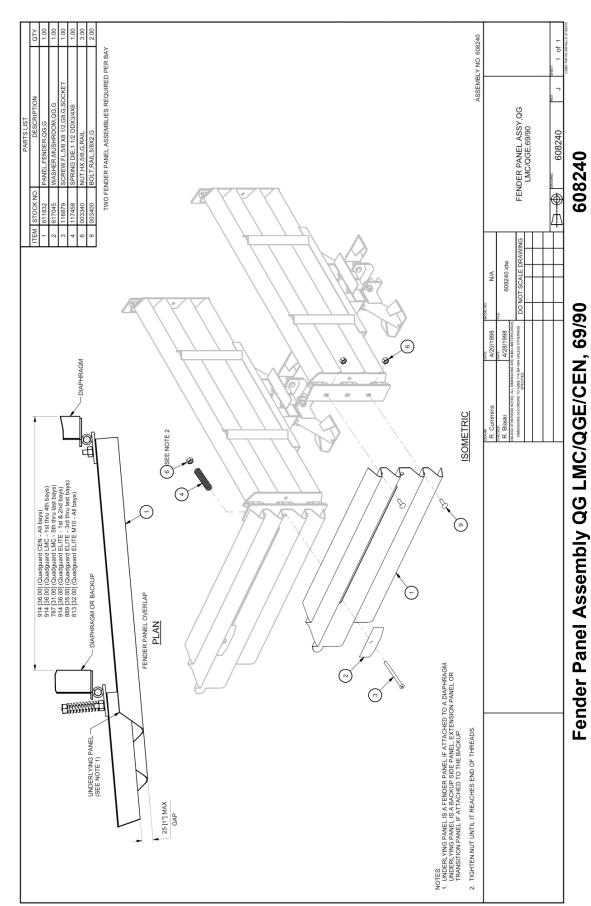


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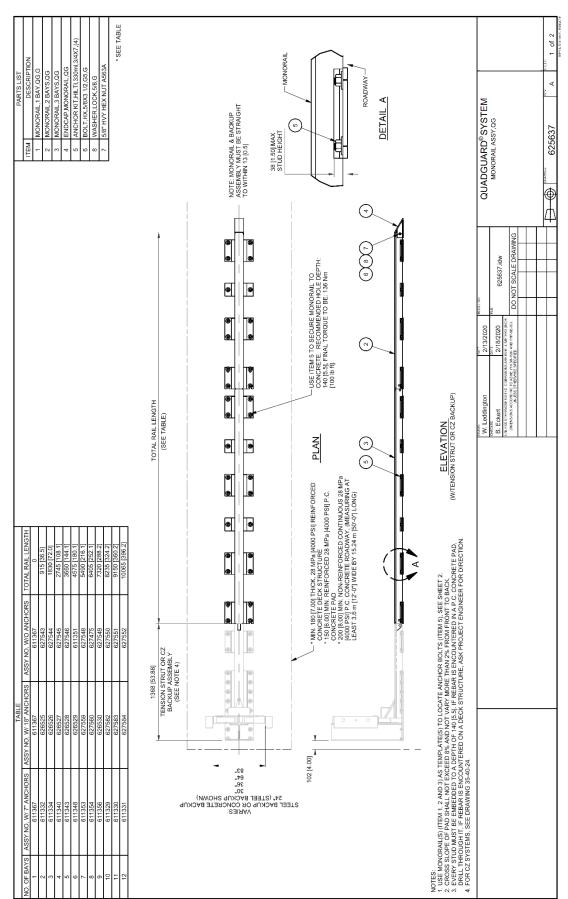


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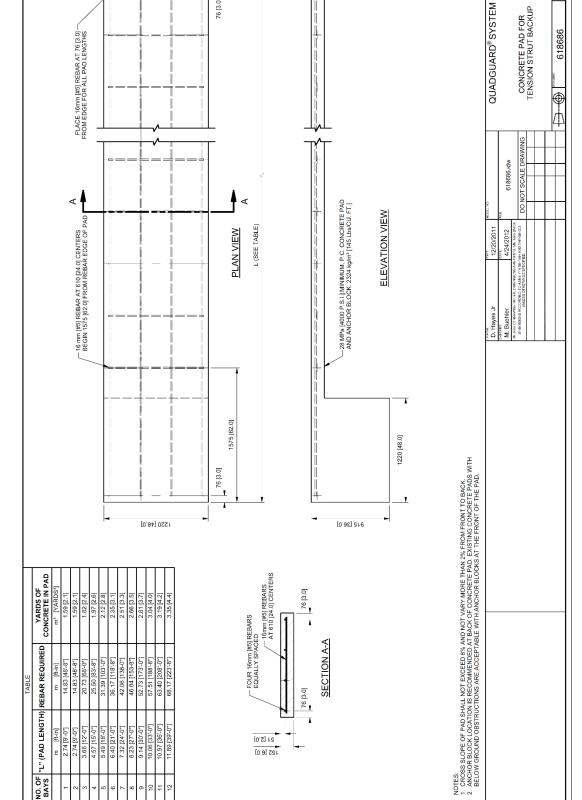




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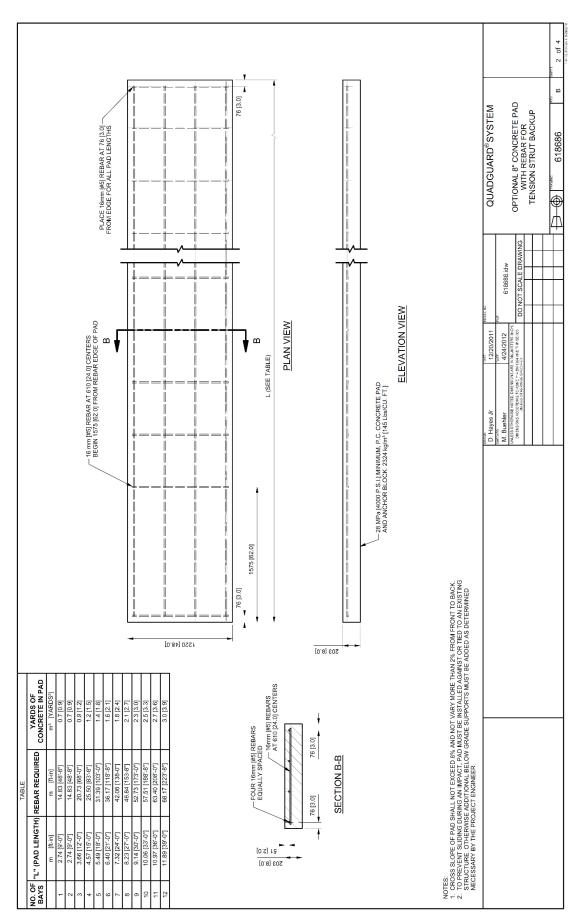
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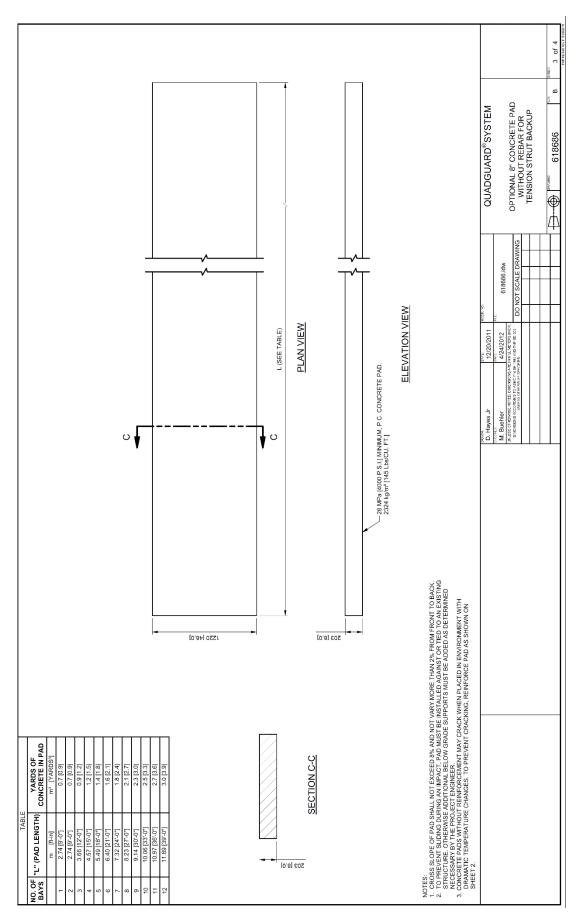
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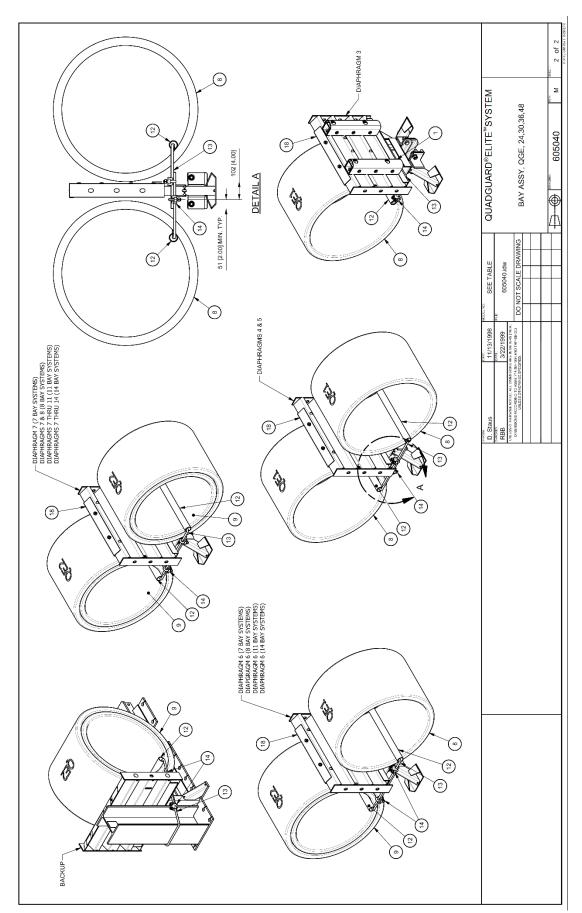


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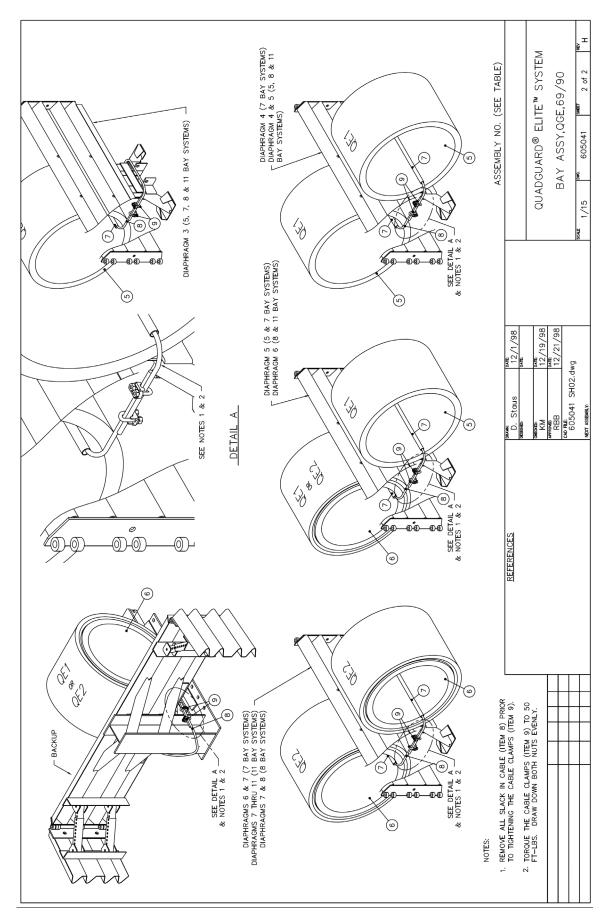
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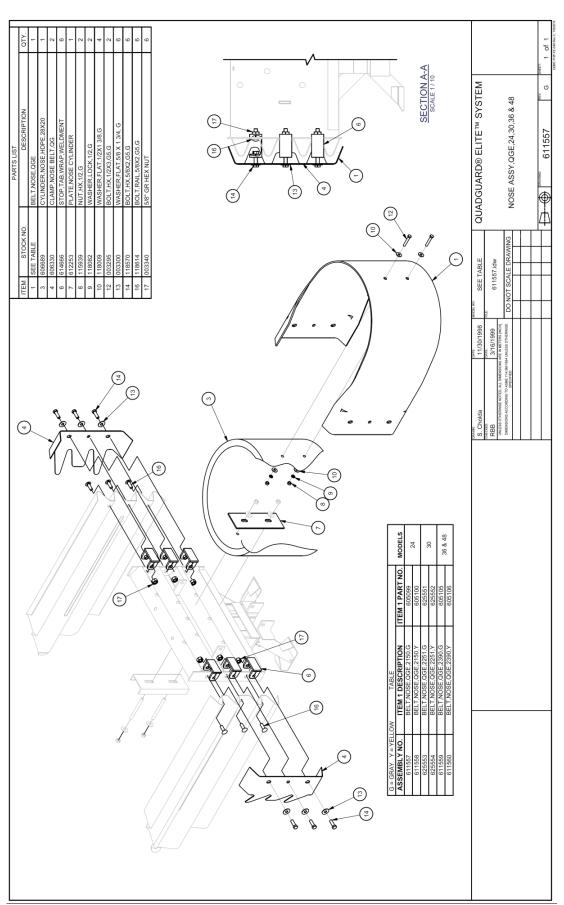




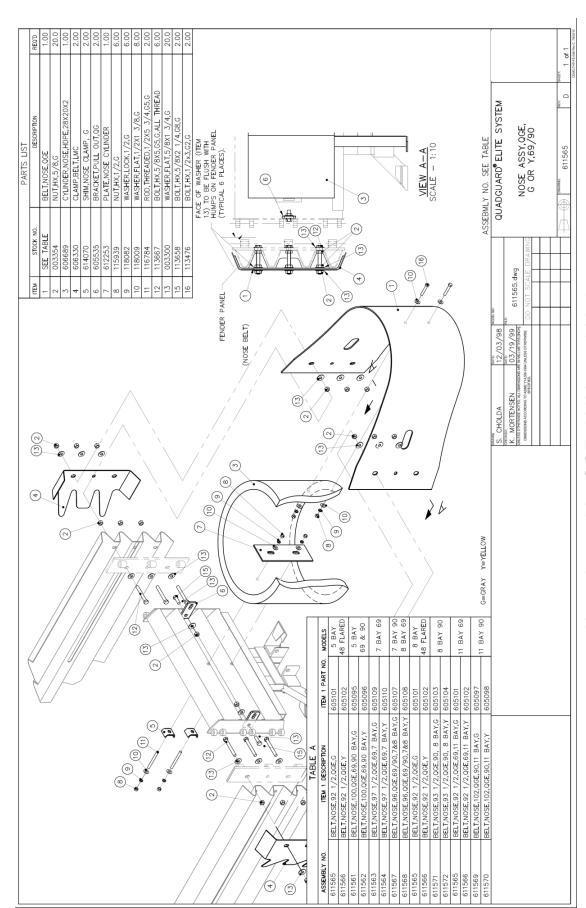
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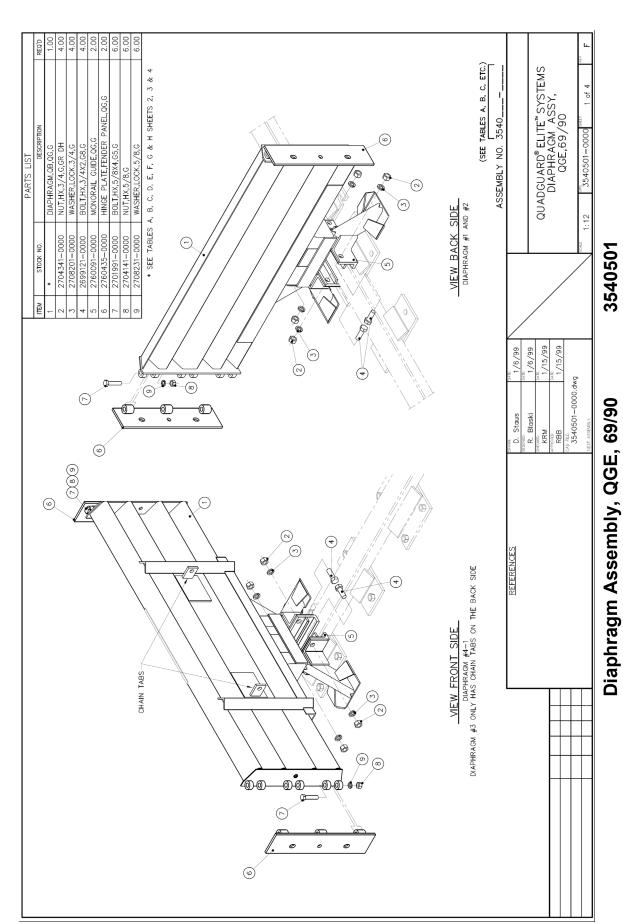


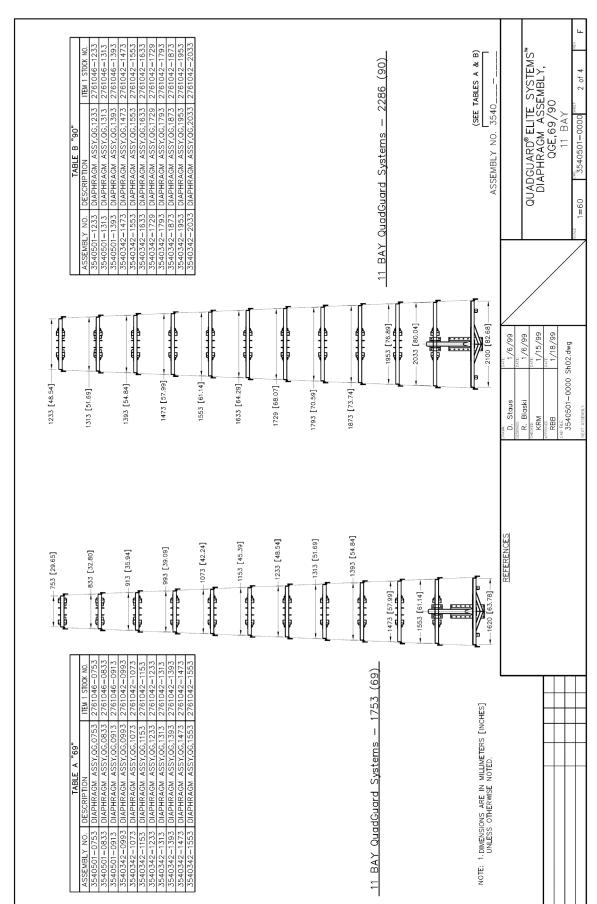




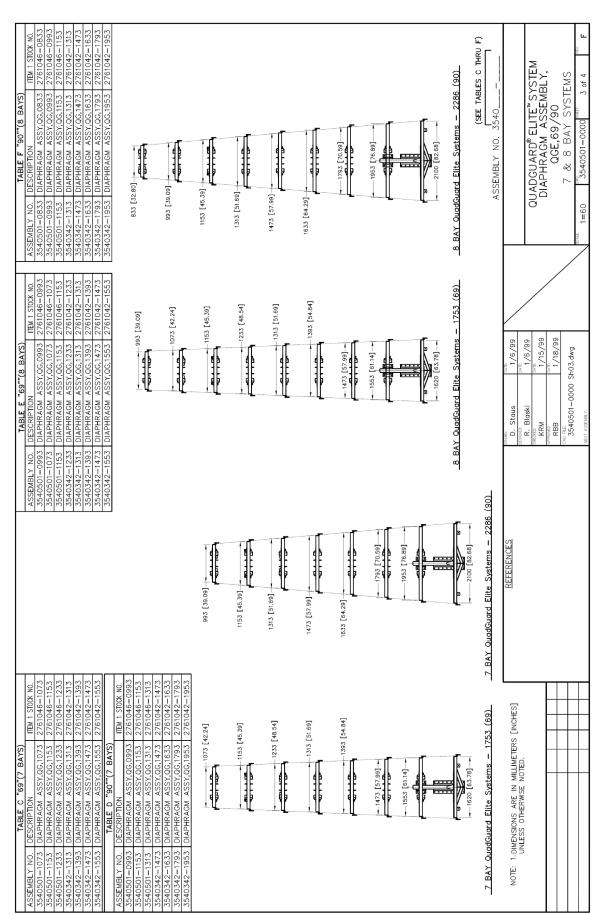
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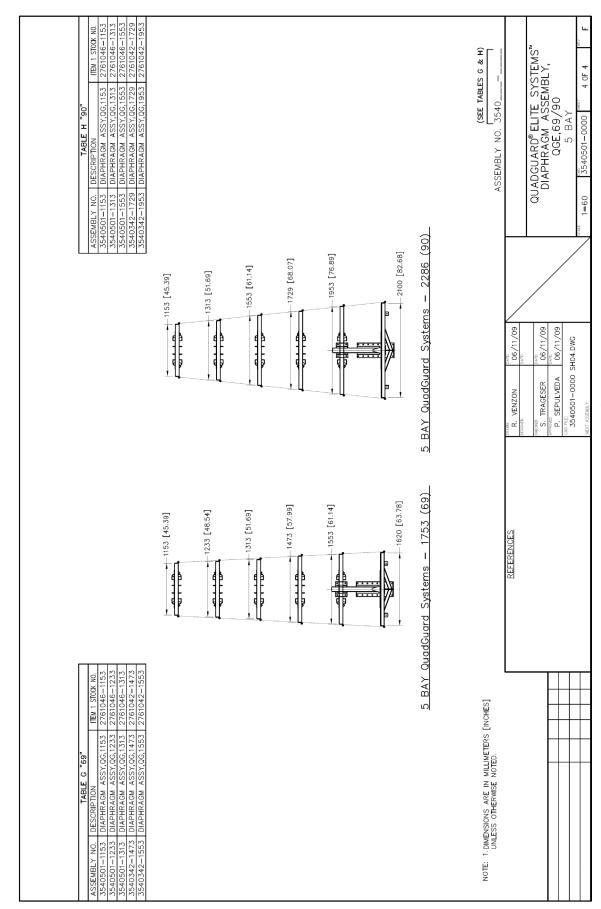




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