

# QuadGuard® CRASH CUSHION

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION MANUAL



## **QuadGuard®**

The QuadGuard® has been tested pursuant to National Cooperative Highway Research Program ("NCHRP") Report 350 specifications. The QuadGuard® 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>. Failure to fulfill these RESPONSIBILITIES with respect to the assembly, maintenance, and repair of the QuadGuard<sup>®</sup> 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® information available to Valtir at the time of printing. We reserve the right to make changes at any time. Please contact Valtir 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® system, its assembly procedures, supporting documentation, and performance is always welcome. Additional information can be obtained from the contact information below:

### **Valtir**

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### **Limitations and Warnings**

Valtir contracts with FHWA approved testing facilities to perform crash tests, evaluate test results, and submit results to the FHWA for review.

The QuadGuard® system has been deemed eligible for reimbursement by FHWA as meeting the requirements and guidelines of NCHRP Report 350. NCHRP Report 350 tests are designed to evaluate product performance 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. QuadGuard® is certified to the Test Level(s) as shown below:

Test Level 2: 43 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® 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.

### **System Overview**

The QuadGuard® is a potentially reusable, re-directive, non-gating crash cushion for road features ranging in width from 24" to 126" [610 mm to 3200 mm]. After those impacts observed within NCHRP Report 350 criteria, it has been observed that, potentially, the bulk of the system can be reused. The system consists of energy-absorbing Cartridges surrounded by a framework of Quad-Beam Panels. What constitutes a potentially reusable highway product should only be determined by a trained engineer, experienced in highway products, directed by the DOT, or other appropriate local highway authority.

The QuadGuard® system utilizes two types of Cartridges 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. See QuadGuard® Design Table on page 8 to determine the appropriate system length for a given speed.

### Impact Performance

The Six Bay QuadGuard® has successfully passed the requirements stipulated in NCHRP Report 350 with both the light car and pickup at speeds of up to 100 km/h [62 mph] at angles up to 20 degrees.

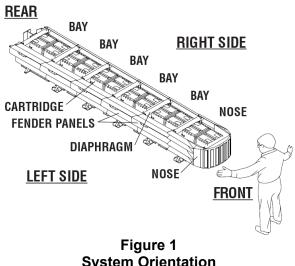
During head-on impacts, the QuadGuard® system telescopes rearward and crushes to absorb the energy of impact. When impacted from the side, within NCHRP Report 350 criteria, it has been observed to safely redirect the vehicle back toward its original travel path and away from the road feature.

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

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

### **System Bay Count**

One Bay consists of one Cartridge, one Diaphragm, two Fender Panels, etc. The Nose section is not considered a Bay, though there is a Cartridge in the Nose of each system. Note that this means there will always be one more Cartridge in the system than the number of Bays in the system. To determine number of Bays, count Fender Panels on one side (Figure 1). The Five-Bay system is shown.



System Orientation

### **Measuring the Width**

The QuadGuard® system is available in seven nominal widths:

- 24" [610 mm]
- 30" [760 mm]
- 36" [915 mm]
- 48" [1219 mm]
- 69" [1755 mm]
- 90" [2285 mm]
- 126" [3200 mm]

The nominal width of a parallel system is the width of the diaphragm (Figure 2).

The nominal width of a wide system is the width at the location shown in Figure 3.

The outside width of the system is approximately 6" [150 mm] to 9" [230 mm] wider than the nominal width. The width of the system is not the same as the width of the Backup.

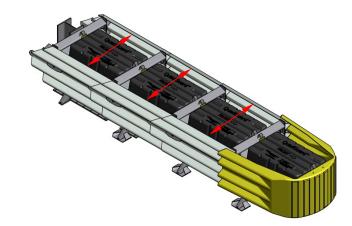


Figure 2
Parallel system

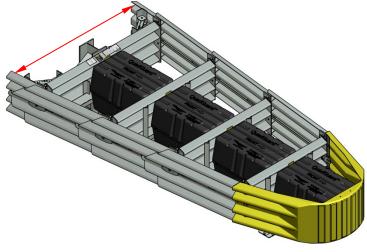


Figure 3 Wide system

### **QuadGuard® System Criteria**

Contact Valtir Customer Service Department if you would like input as to your specific application (p. 3). Proper model selection is essential to QuadGuard® performance. You will need to answer the following questions:

### 1) Width Specification

As a general rule, selection of the narrowest width that adequately shields the road feature is recommended (p. 5).

### 2) Specification of System Length

System length is specified by the number of Bays the system includes. The number of Bays required is a function of the intended speed of the roadway.

### 3) Specify Foundation

The system must be anchored. Refer to QuadGuard® Assembly Manual and approved adhesive anchoring kits for detailed instructions.

### A. Is the system to be placed on existing concrete?

**Existing concrete** – Concrete must be at least 6" [150 mm] thick, reinforced 4000psi [28 MPa] Portland cement concrete (P.C.C.), or 8" [200 mm] thick non-reinforced 4000psi [28 MPa] P.C. Concrete Roadway, 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.

**New concrete** – If existing concrete does not meet these criteria, then a new concrete pad must be placed to properly secure the system. See concrete pad details supplied with the system and Concrete Pad Reference drawings (pp. 21, 22).

### B. Is there a cross-slope at the construction site?

**Cross-slope exists** – If there is a cross-slope of more than 8% (5 degrees), or if the cross-slope varies (twists) more than 2% (1 degree) over the length of the system, a concrete leveling pad may be required (Figure 4).

**No Cross-slope** – No additional action is required.

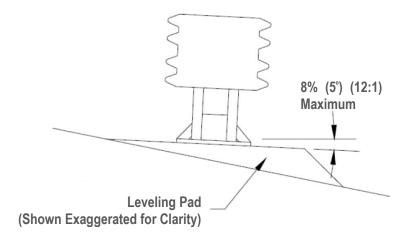


Figure 4 Cross-Slope

### 4) Specify Backup Structure

The two Backup designs available are the Tension Strut Backup and the Concrete Backup. Both types are appropriate for use on grade or deck.

### 5) Special Site Conditions

Contact Valtir Customer Service if you have any product questions (p. 3). Please have the following information available for your chosen site:

- A) Are curbs, islands, or elevated objects (delineators or signs) present at the site? What height and width are they? All curbs and elevated objects over 4" [100 mm] high should be removed. If possible, curbs taller than 4" [100 mm] high should be removed approximately 50' [15 m] in front of the QuadGuard® systems and as far back as the system's Backup. Any curbs that must remain should be 4" [100 mm] maximum and be mountable.
- B) If the construction site is a gore area (place where two roads diverge), what is the angle of divergence?
- C) What is the general geometry of the site, including the roadway for at least 500' [150 m] in front, so traffic patterns can be visualized?
- D) **Is there an existing barrier?** Where there is an existing guardrail or median barrier at the site, the QuadGuard® Backup should tie into it when possible.
- E) 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 road feature is necessary to prevent vehicle interaction (p.13).
- F) Are there any other unique features at the site that may affect positioning or performance

### 6) Other Factors that May Affect Your Deployment:

- 1. The existence of drain inlets.
- 2. Junction boxes or other appurtenances located near the hazard.
- 3. Insufficient space for the length preferred.
- 4. The location and movement of expansion joints.

If these or any other special site conditions exist, please contact Valtir Customer Service Department before proceeding with your design (p. 3).

Impact conditions which differ from those described in the NCHRP Report 350 test matrix for non-gating redirecting crash cushions, may result in different crash results than those encountered in testing.

Furthermore, impacts in excess of TL-3 impact severity, or the existence (at the site of assembly) of curbs or cross-slopes in excess of 8%, may yield performance which does not meet NCHRP Report 350 evaluation criteria relative to structural adequacy, occupant risk, and vehicle trajectory factors.

The following charts represent the modified versions of the QuadGuard® length relative to impact speed of a 4400 lb. [2000 kg] pickup truck.

QuadGuard® Design Table (Average G deceleration values)									
Bays	Effective Length	Design km/h Velocity (mph)	40 (25)	50 (31)	60 (37)	70 (44)	80 (50)	90 (56)	100 (62)
6	6.30 m (20'-8")	100 (62)					4.7	5.9	7.3 (TL-3)
5*	5.38 m (17'-8")	90 (56)				4.2	5.5	7.0	8.6
<b>4*</b>	4.47 m (14'-8")	80 (50)			3.7	5.1	6.6	8.4	10.4
3	3.56 m (11'-8")	70 (44)		3.2	4.7	6.4 (TL-2)	8.3	10.5	
2*	2.64 m (8'-8")	60 (37)	2.8	4.4 (TL-1)	6.3	8.6	11.2		
1*	1.73 m (5'-8")	40 (25)	4.3	6.7	9.6				

<sup>\*</sup>System capacity estimated through calculation.

Average G deceleration values are based upon values calculated for vehicles 1800 to 4400 lbs. (820 to 2000 kg) that stop in a distance equal to 85% of the system length.

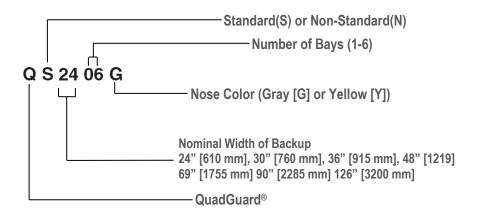


**Warning:** Shaded area denotes excessive decelerations based upon occupant risk recommendations outlined in NCHRP Report 350 for 4400 lb. [2000 kg] vehicles. Valtir does not recommend choosing systems from this area of the chart.

QuadGuard® Standard System Model Numbers								
Number	Number Nominal Width							
of Bays	24" [610 mm] 30" [760 mm] 36" [915 mm] 69" [1755 mm] 90" [2285 mm]							
1	QS2401PG or Y	QS3001PG or Y	QS3601PG or Y	NA	NA			
2	QS2402PG or Y	QS3002PG or Y	QS3602PG or Y	NA	NA			
3	QS2403PG or Y	QS3003PG or Y	QS3603PG or Y	QS6903PG or Y	QS9003PG or Y			
4	QS2404PG or Y	QS3004PG or Y	QS3604PG or Y	QS6904PG or Y	QS9004PG or Y			
5	QS2405PG or Y	QS3005PG or Y	QS3605PG or Y	QS6905PG or Y	QS9005PG or Y			
6	QS2406PG or Y	QS3006PG or Y	QS3606PG or Y	QS6906PG or Y	QS9006PG or Y			

QuadGuard® Non-Standard System Model Numbers						
Number Nominal Width						
of Bays	48" [1219 mm] 126" [3200 mm]					
1	QN4801PG or Y	NA				
2	QN4802PG or Y	NA				
3	QN4803PG or Y	NA				
4	QN4804PG or Y	NA				
5	QN4805PG or Y	NA				
6	QN4806PG or Y	QN12606PG or Y				

### **Model Number Description**



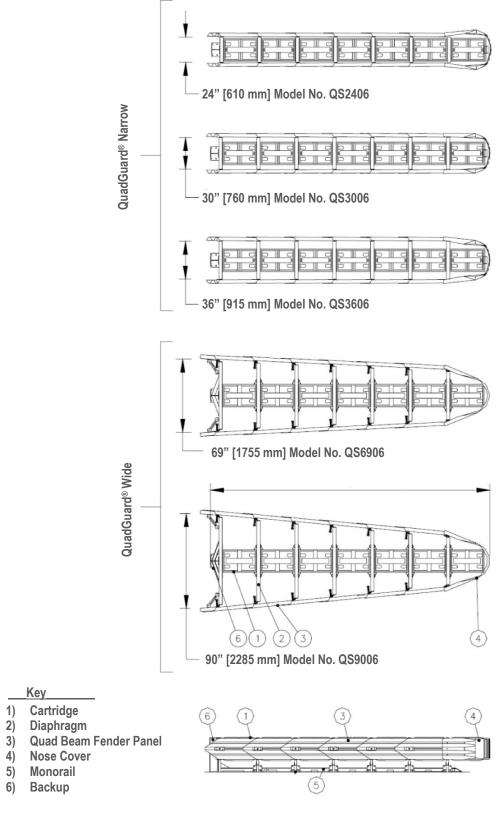


Figure 5
Plan and Elevation (Six Bay System with Tension Strut Backup Shown)

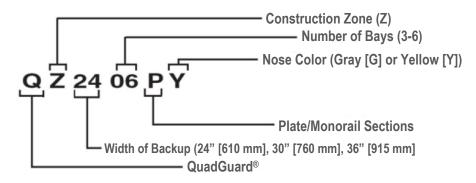
### QuadGuard® CZ Design Criteria

This portable compact crash cushion is for construction zones. The QuadGuard® CZ is available in the same narrow sizes as permanent systems. Wide systems are not available.

The QuadGuard® CZ must be properly anchored. Reference the QuadGuard® Assembly Manual (PN 115348) for the recommended anchorage for various foundations.

QuadGuard® CZ Plate Model Numbers						
Number Nominal Width						
of Bays	24" [610 mm]	36" [915 mm]				
3	QZ2403PG or Y	QZ3003PG or Y	QZ3603PG or Y			
4	QZ2404PG or Y	QZ3004PG or Y	QZ3604PG or Y			
5	QZ2405PG or Y	QZ3005PG or Y	QZ3605PG or Y			
6	QZ2406PG or Y	QZ3006PG or Y	QZ3606PG or Y			

### **Model Number Description**



QuadGuard® CZ Table (Avg. G deceleration values)							)		
Bays	Effective Length	Design mph Velocity (kph)	25 (40)	31 (50)	37 (60)	44 (70)	50 (80)	56 (90)	62 (100)
6	20'-8" (6.30 m)	62 (100)					4.7	5.9	7.3 <b>(TL-3)</b>
5*	17'-8" (5.38 m)	56 (90)				4.2	5.5	7.0	8.6
4*	14'-8" (4.47 m)	50 (80)			3.7	5.1	6.6	8.4	10.4
3	11'-8" (3.56 m)	44 (70)		3.5	4.7	6.4 <b>(TL-2)</b>	8.3	10.5	

<sup>\*</sup>System capacity estimated through calculation.

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### **Transitioning**

### **Quad-Beam End Shoe**

### **Transition Panel**

The Quad-Beam End Shoe Panel transitions the QuadGuard® to vertical faced concrete structures whether it is a concrete backup or concrete barrier wall (p.13). An Extended End Shoe is also available. In cases where the corners of the hazard are not chamfered it may be necessary to add wheel deflectors to the structure in order to prevent wheel interaction.

### **Quad-Beam to Guardrail Transition Panel (W-Beam and Thrie-Beam)**

The Quad-Beam to W-Beam and Quad-Beam to Thrie-Beam Transition Panels transition the QuadGuard® to new and existing runs of standard guardrail (p.13).

### **Quad-Beam to Safety Barrier Transition Panel**

There are several options available when transitioning the QuadGuard® system to safety shape barrier depending on the shape and position of the barrier.

When transitioning to barriers with a "New Jersey" style profile, the 4" offset transition panel is most commonly used (p.13). For transitioning to barriers that are in line with the side of the system, use transition assembly 354018L or R. For transitioning a wide system to barrier that runs parallel to the centerline of the system, transition assembly 354042L or R is used. A 9" offset transition panel is also available for transitioning to barriers that are in line with the side of the system.

When transitioning to Single Slope style barriers and parapets, 6" and 8" offset transition panels are available. For transitioning a wide system to Single Slope style barrier that runs parallel to the centerline of the system, a 6" offset Panel is available.

### How do you determine the transition panel offset?

Transition Panel Offset is determined by measuring the distance between the face of the barrier and the top edge of the backup diaphragm at 32" above ground level (Figure 6). Remember, when installing the QuadGuard® system that the correct transition panel offset must be achieved in order for the offset bracket to nest between the barrier and transition panel ensuring proper transition performance.

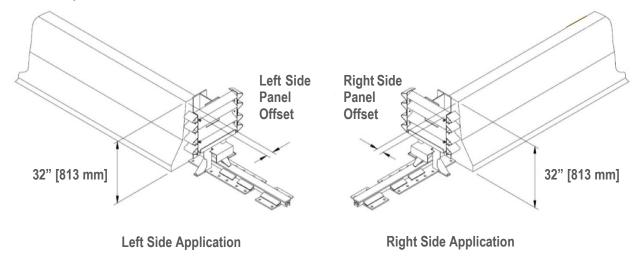
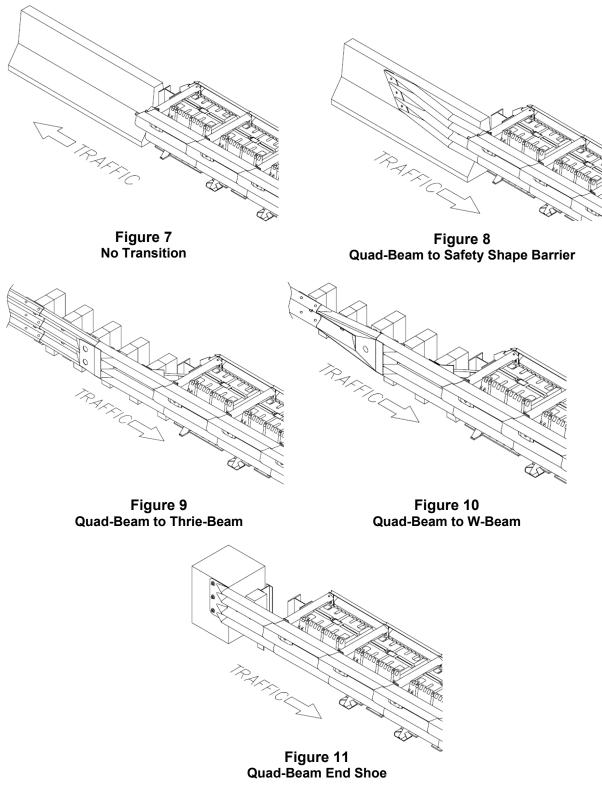
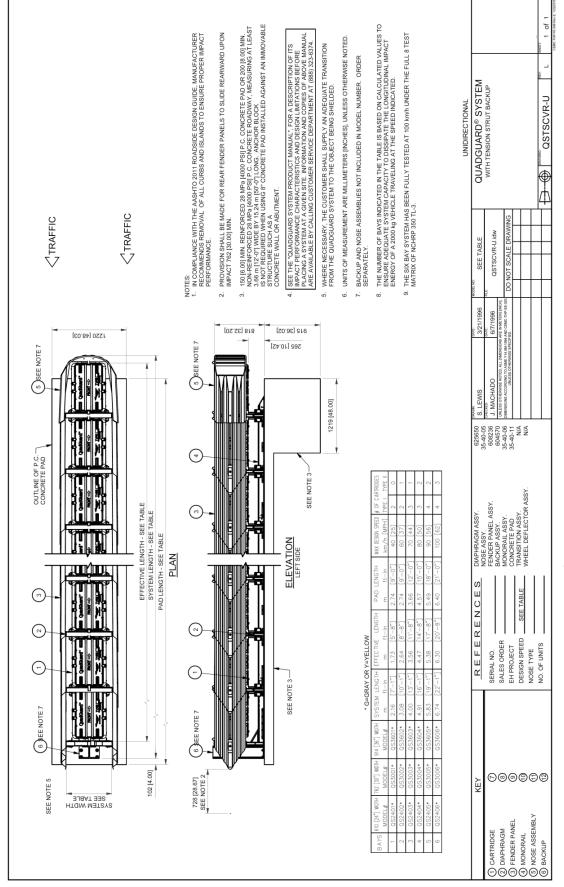


Figure 6
Transition Panel Offset

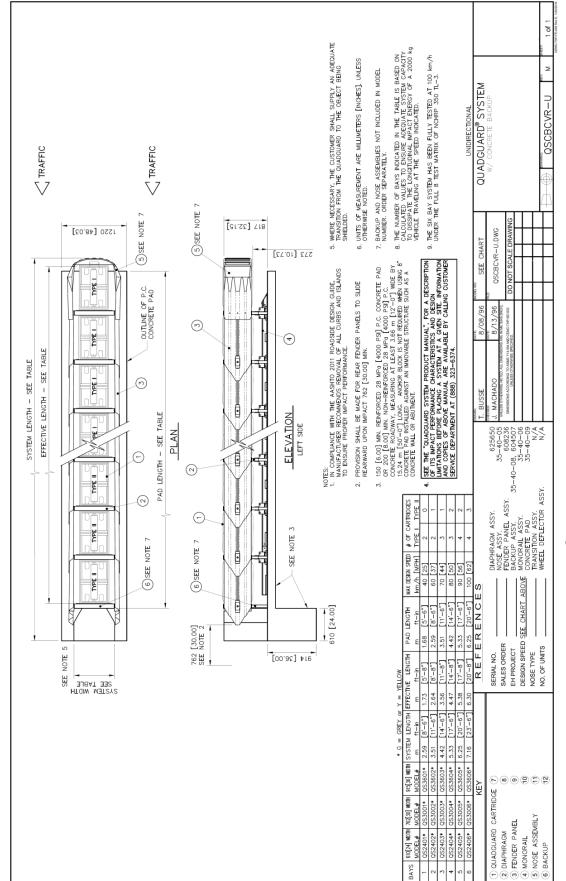
### **Transitions and Drawings**

**Note:** The proper Transition Panel or Side Panel must be used for impact performance of the system. The correct Panel(s) to use will depend on traffic direction and roadside obstacle the QuadGuard® is shielding. Contact the Customer Service Department prior to deployment if you have any questions (p. 3).

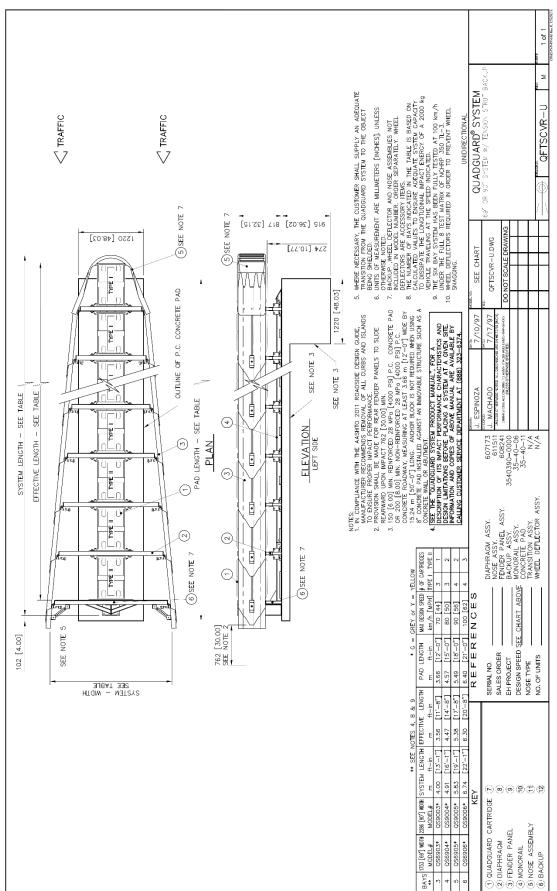




QuadGuard<sup>®</sup> w/ Tension Strut Backup QSTSCVR-U

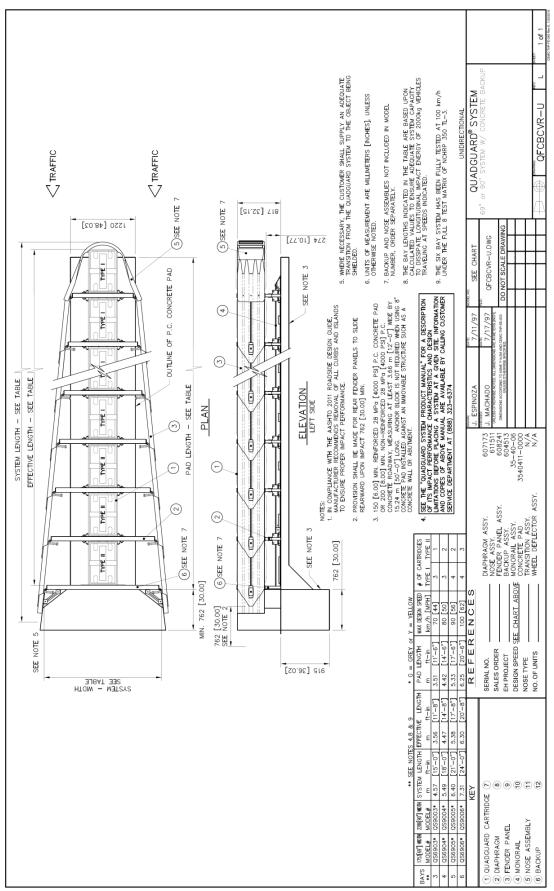


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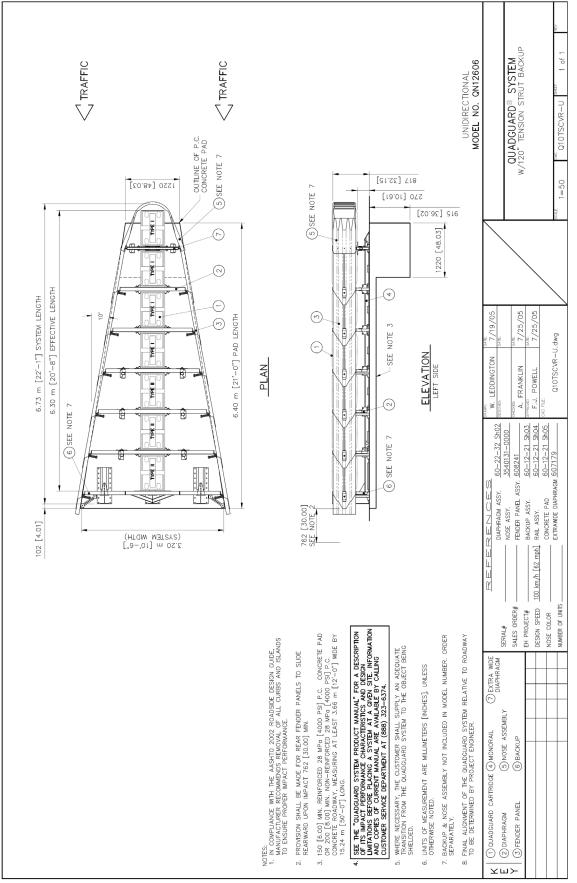
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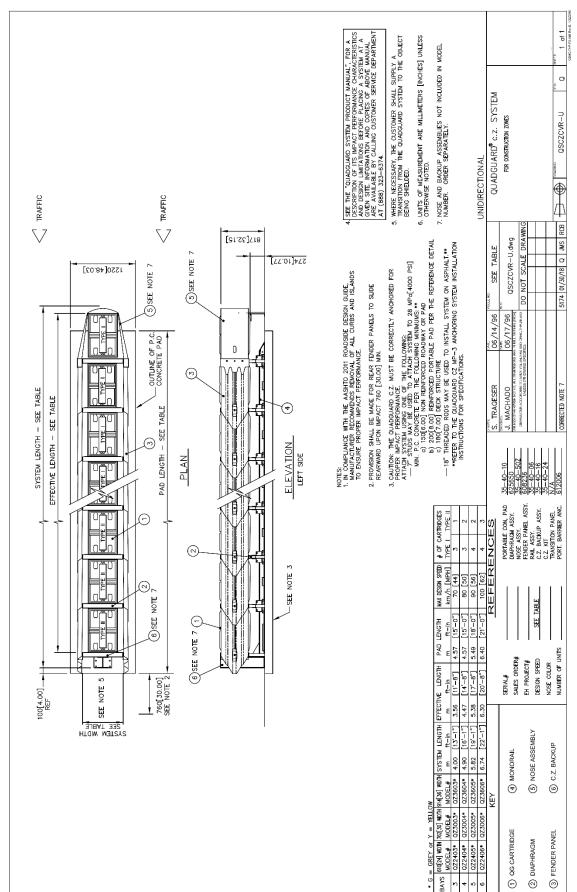
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69 or 90 System w/ Concrete Backup



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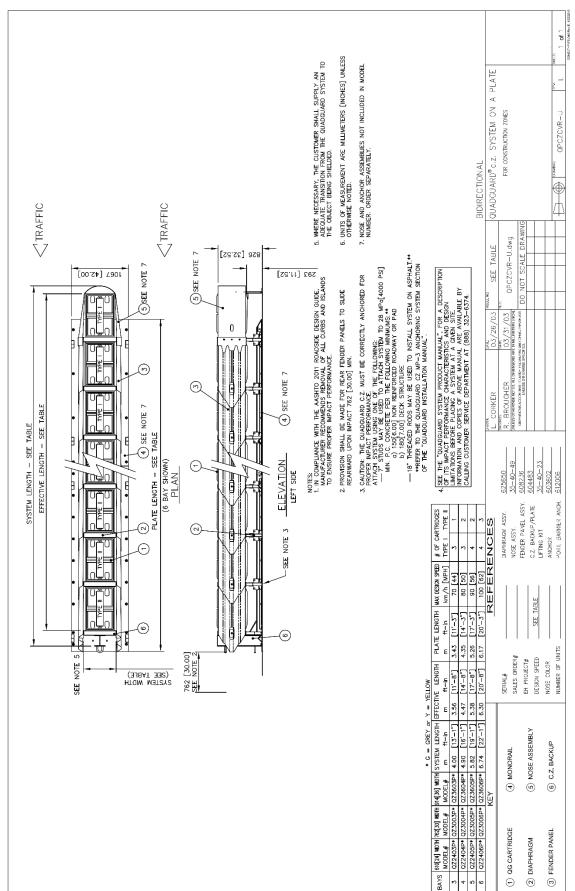
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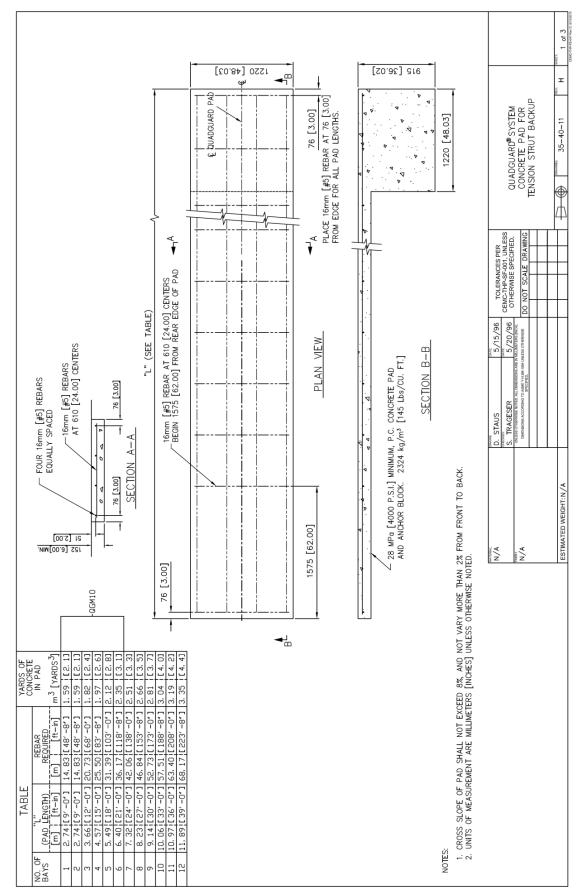


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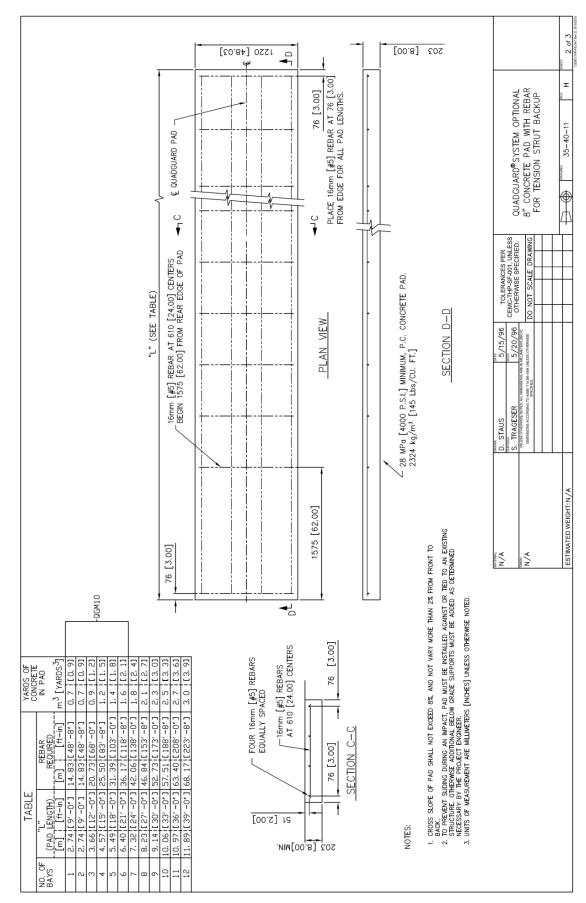


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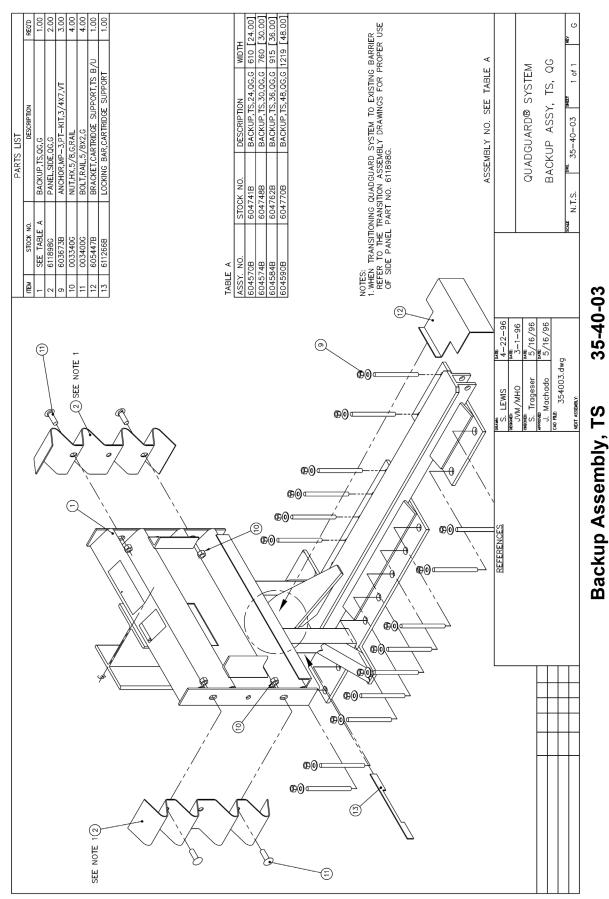




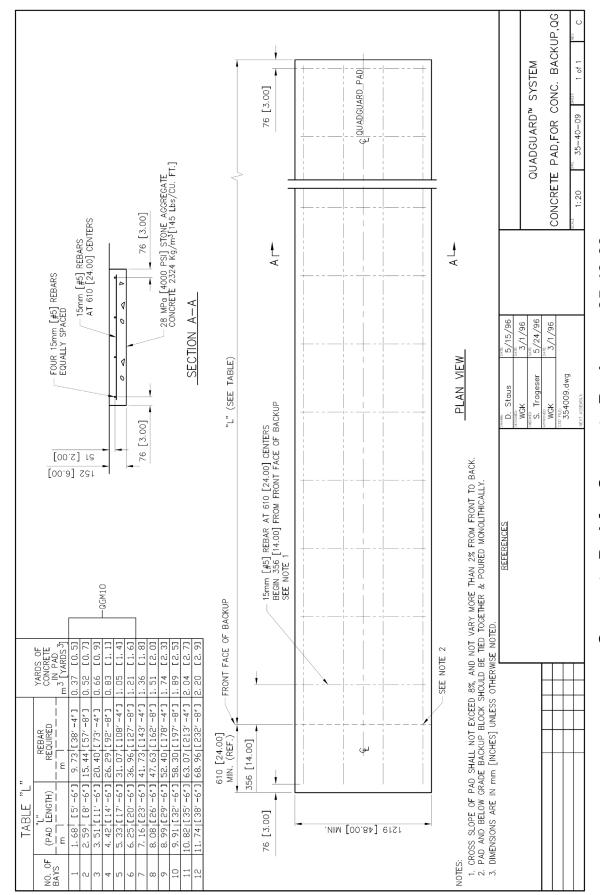
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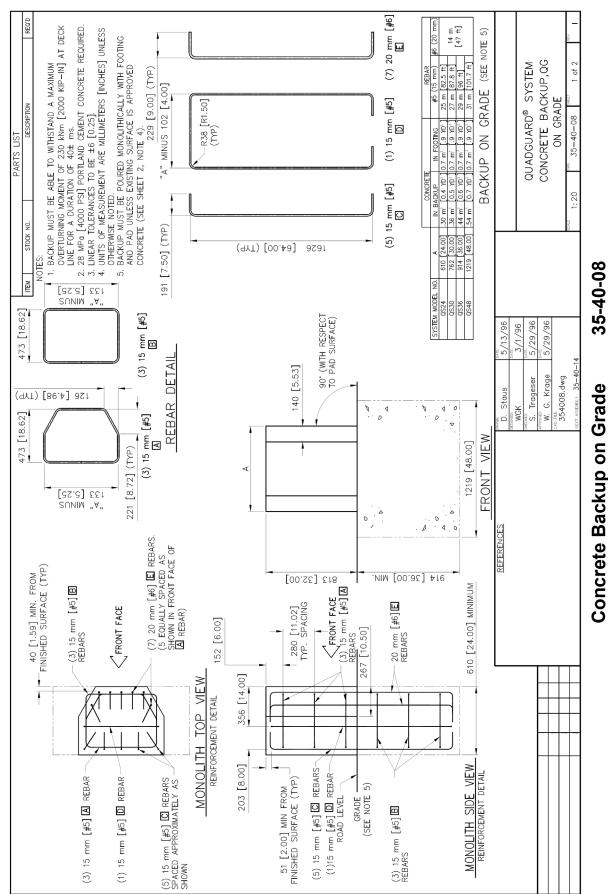
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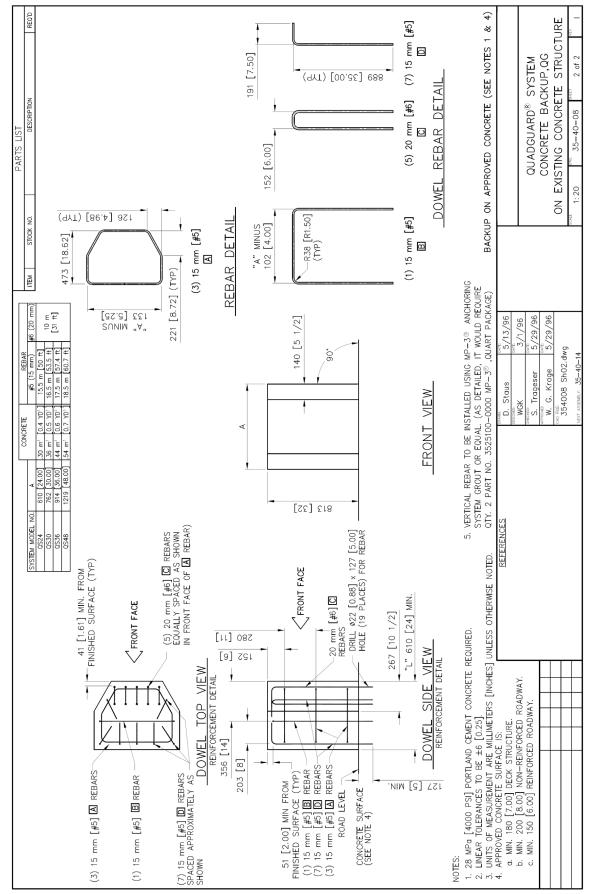
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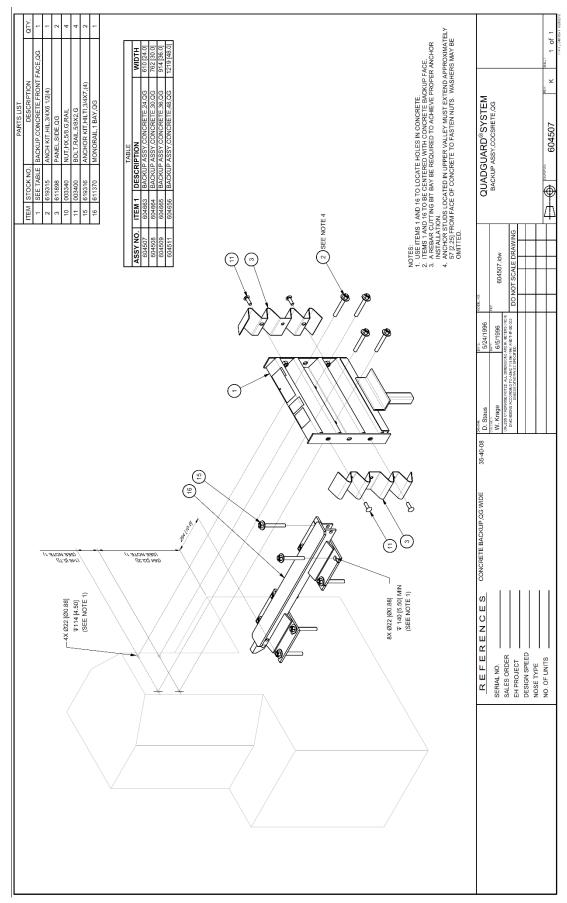
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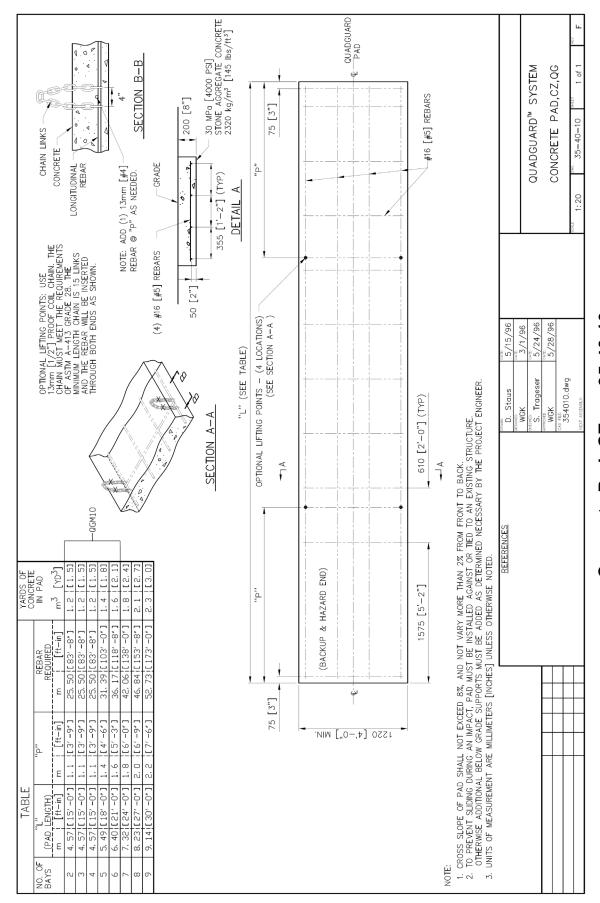
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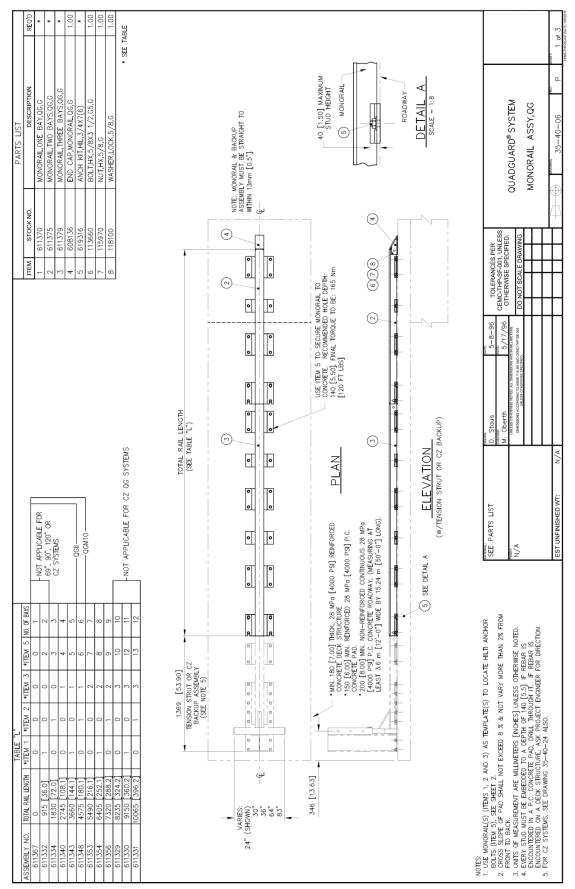
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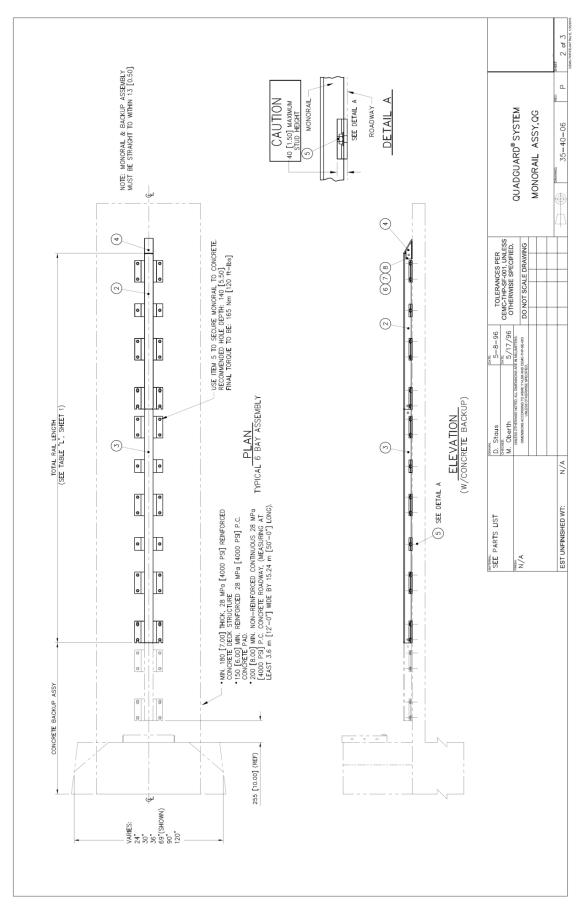
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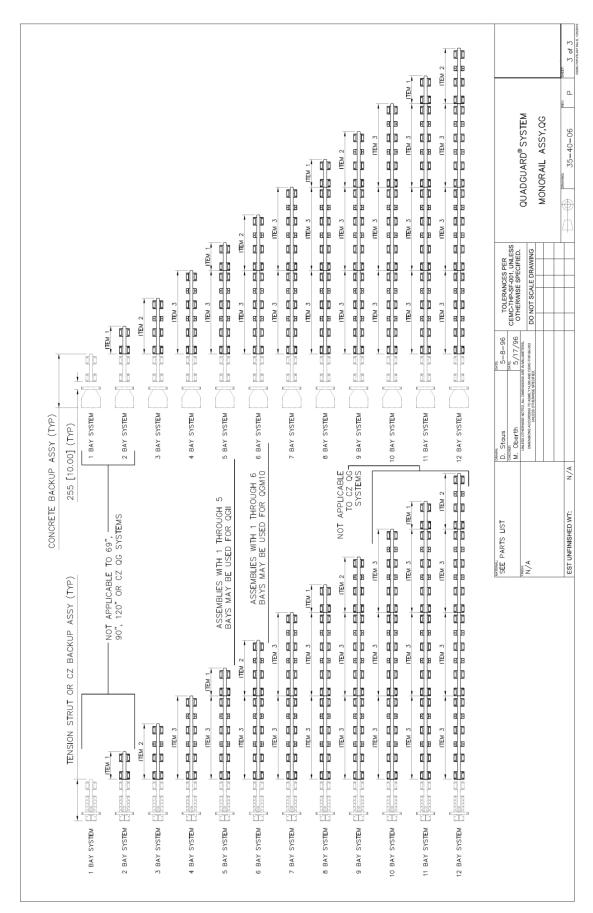


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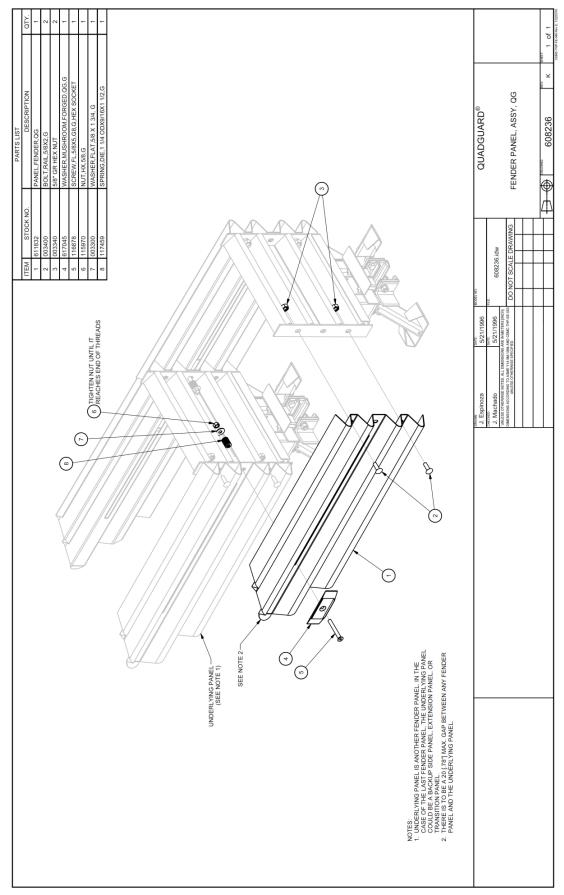
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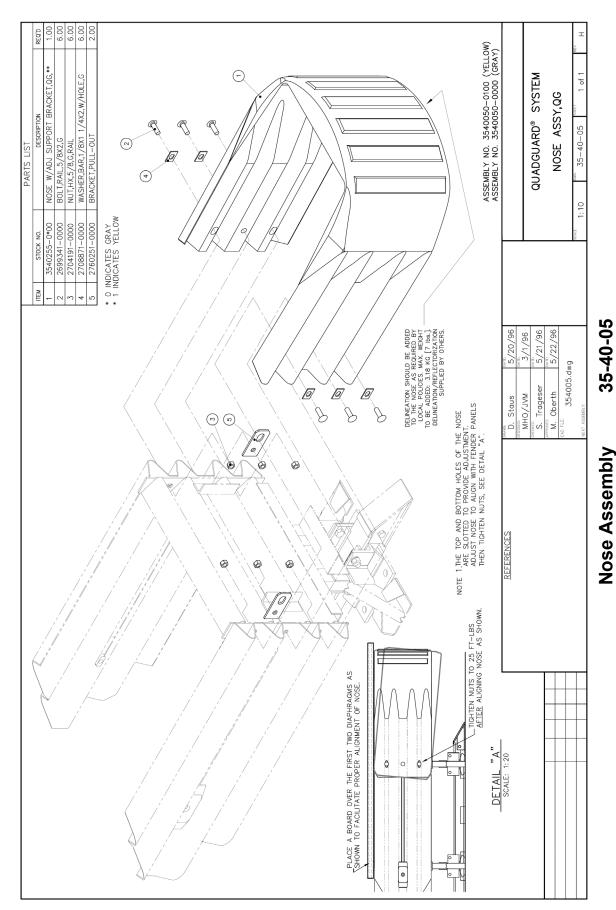


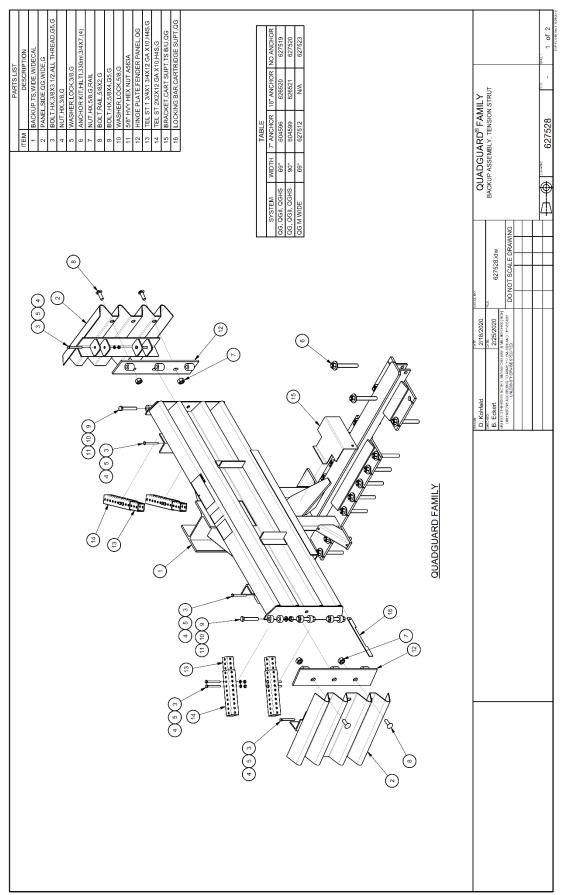
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Diaphragm Assembly

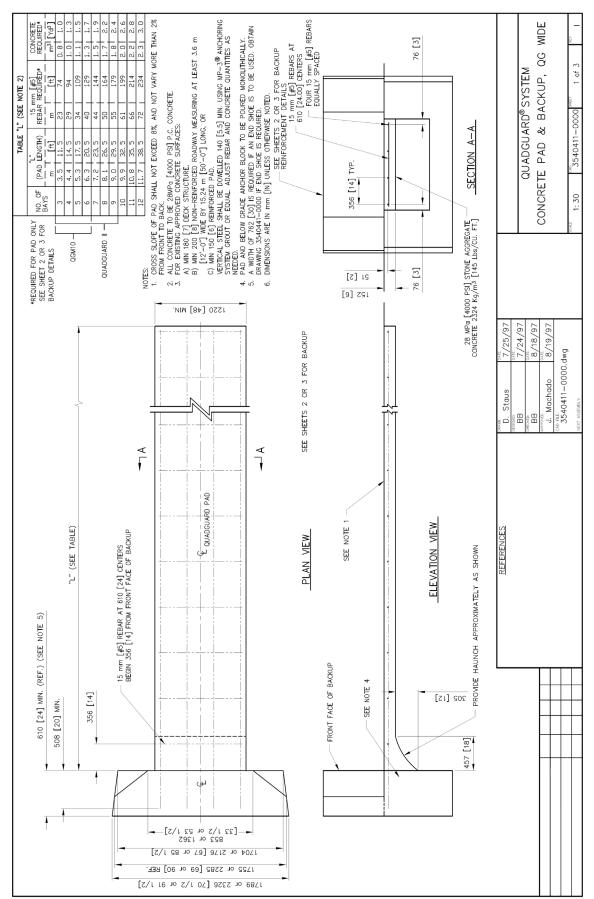


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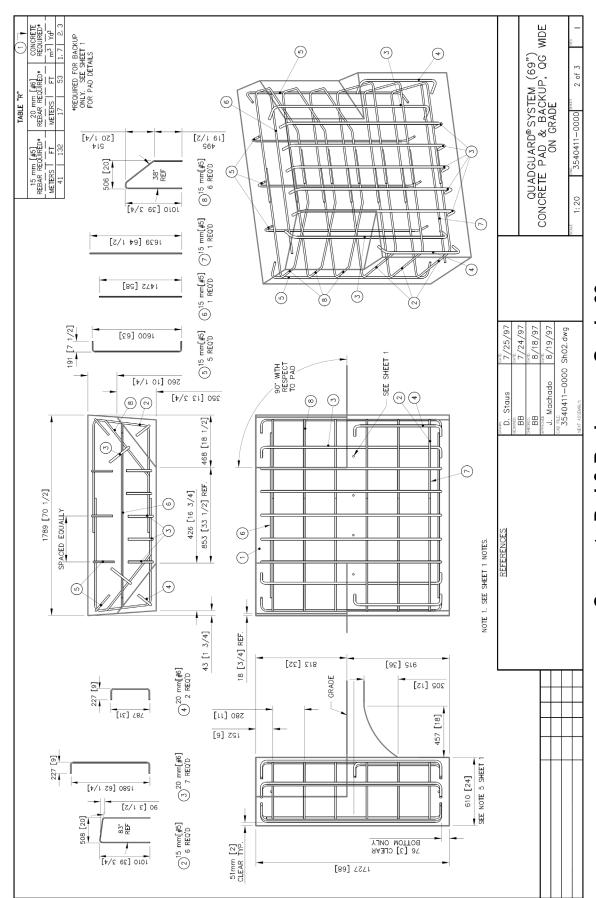




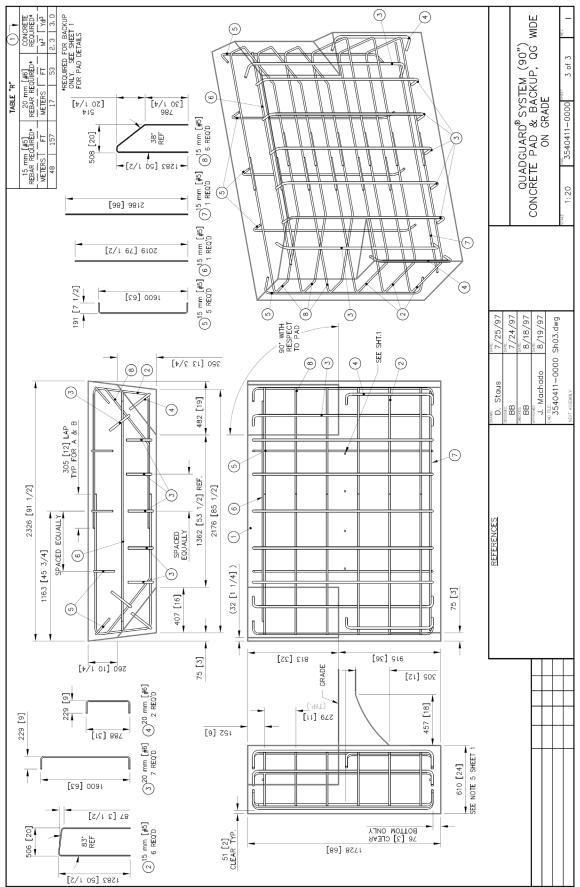
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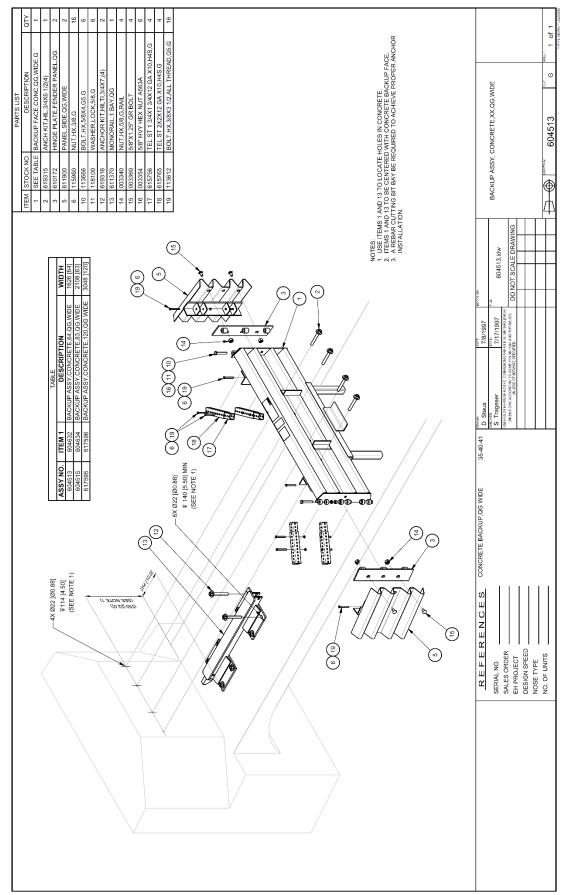


Concrete Pad & Backup on Grade 69

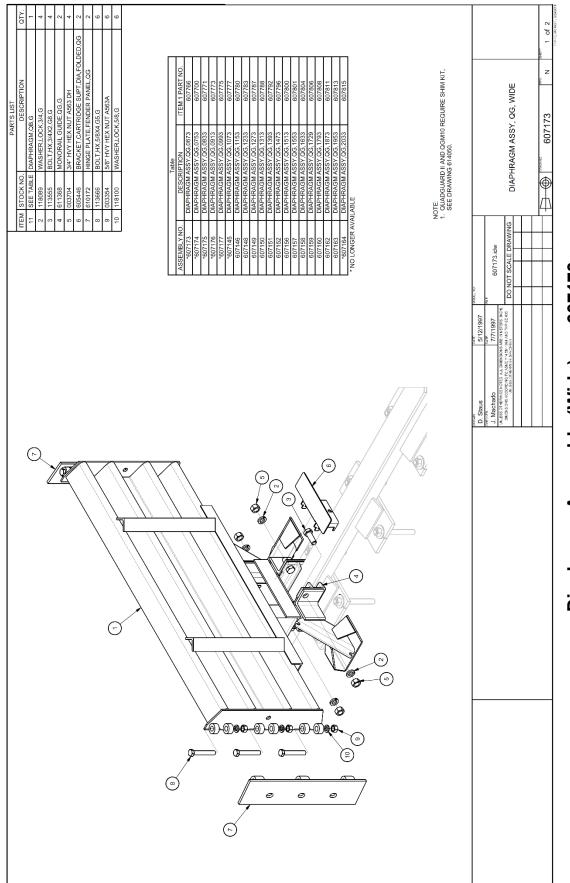


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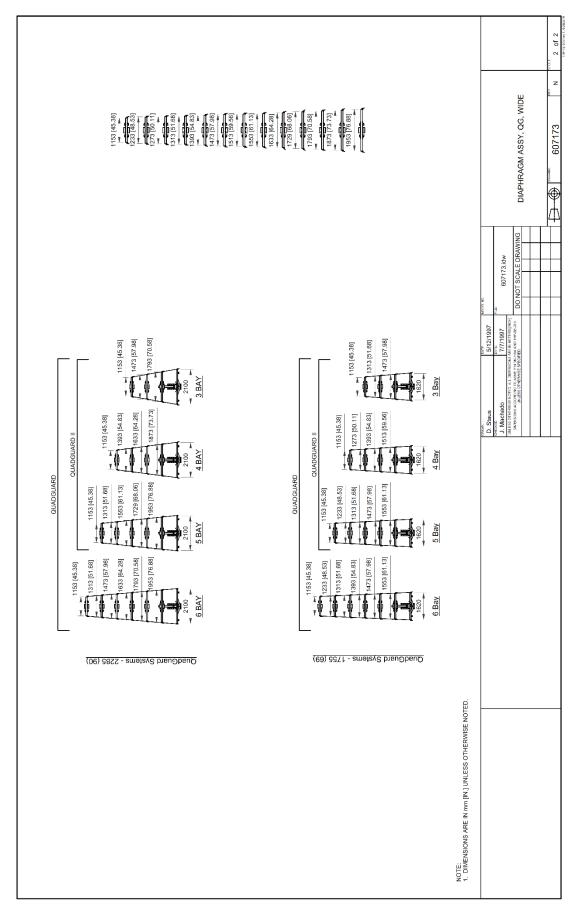
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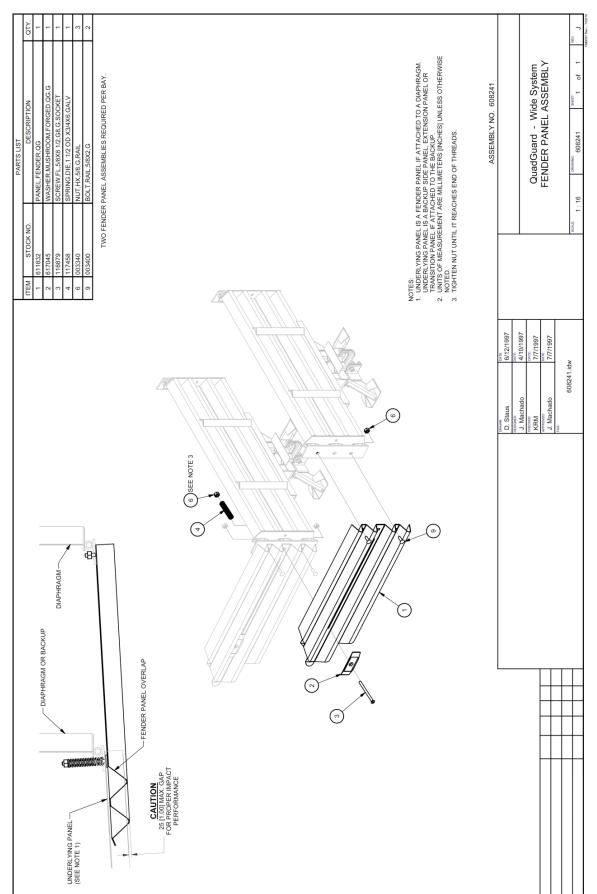


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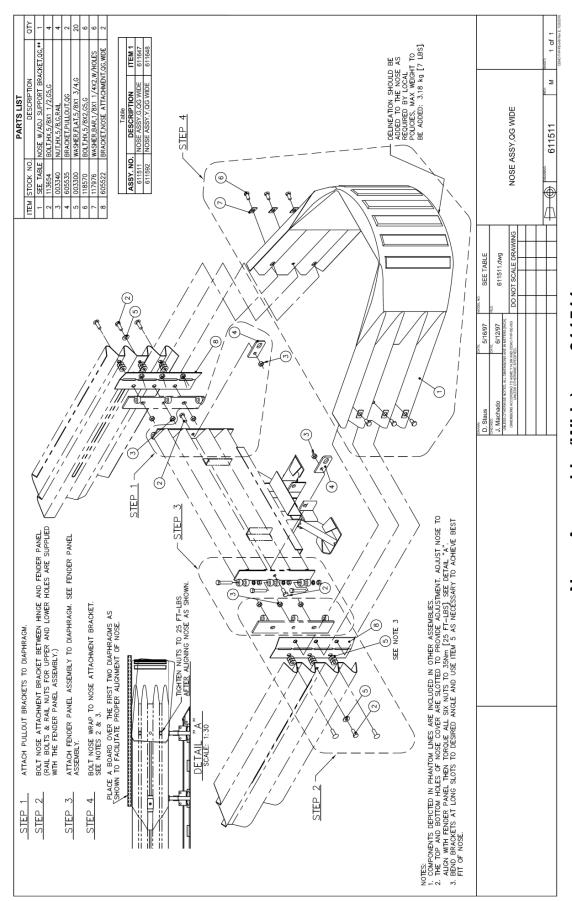


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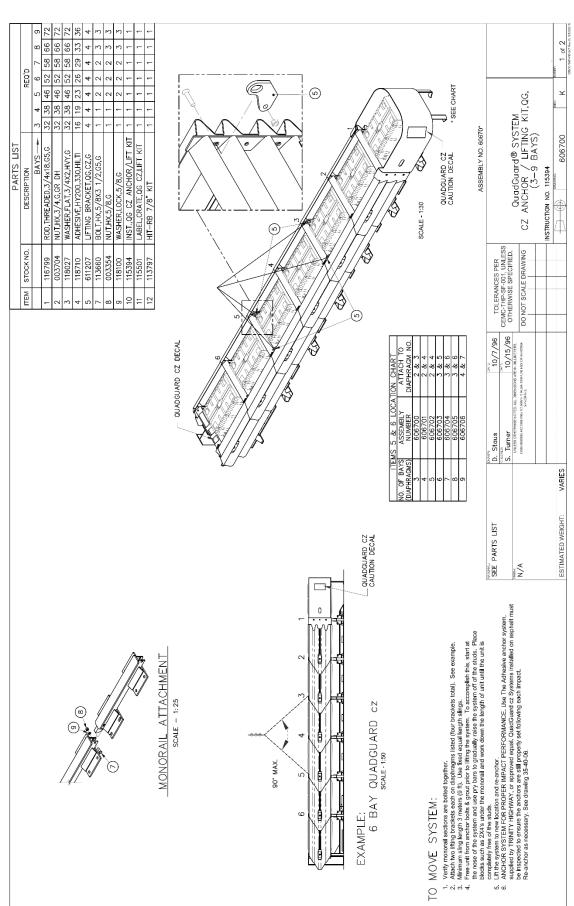
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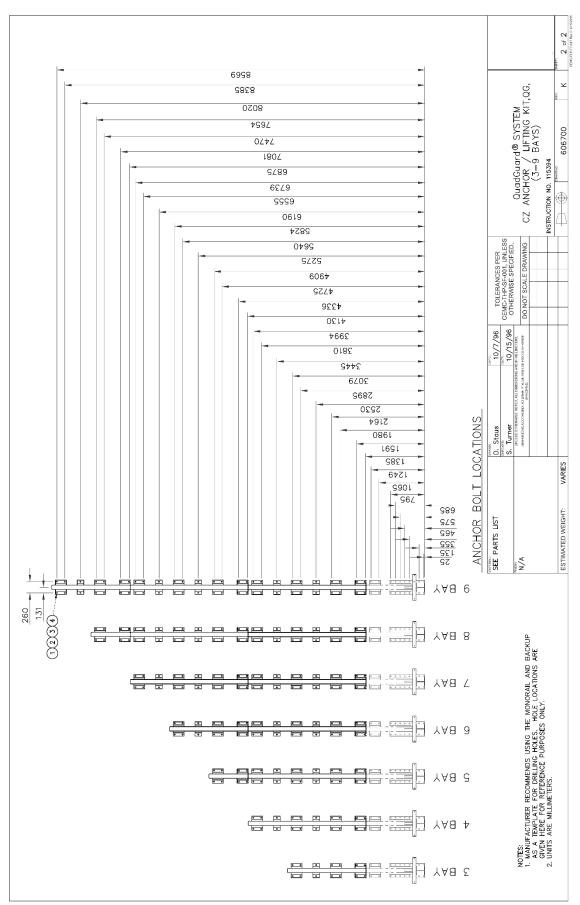


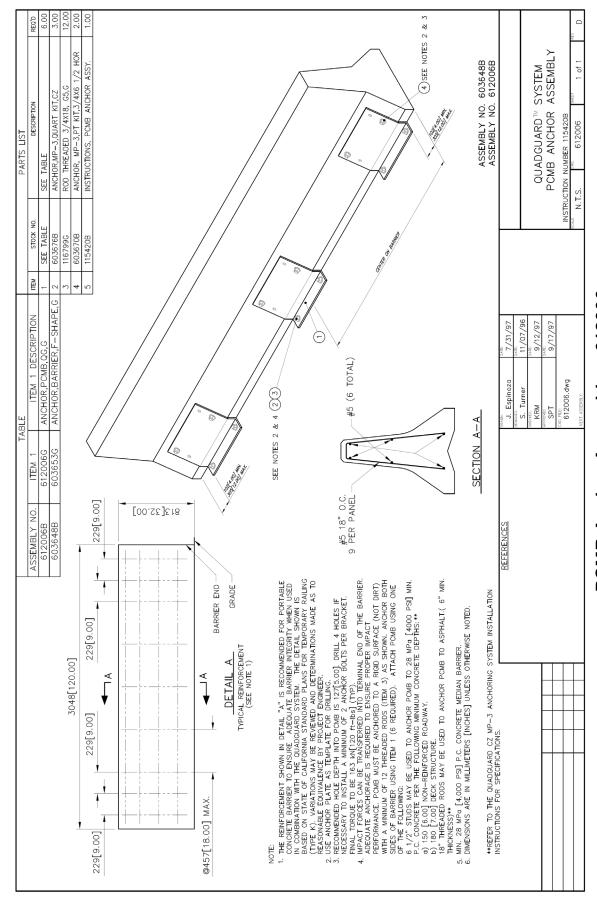
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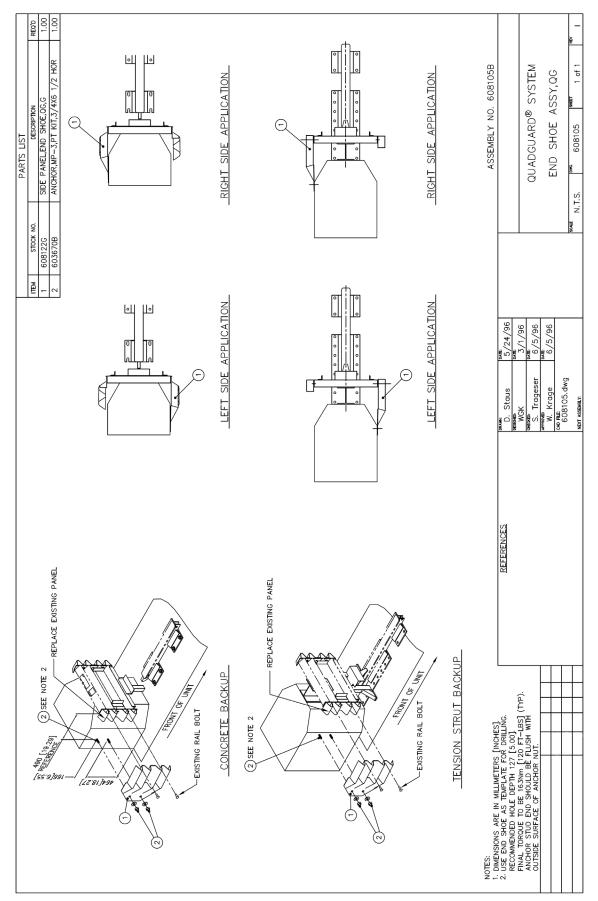
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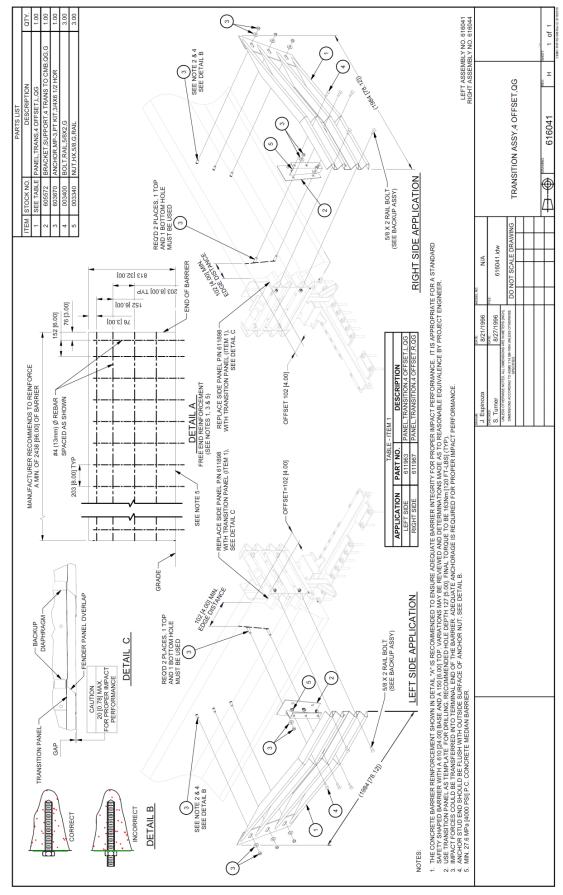




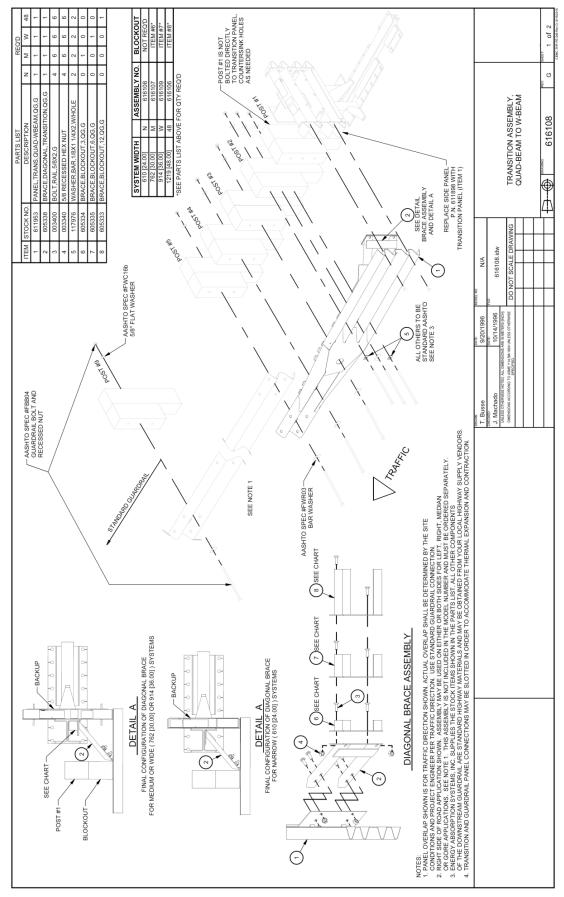
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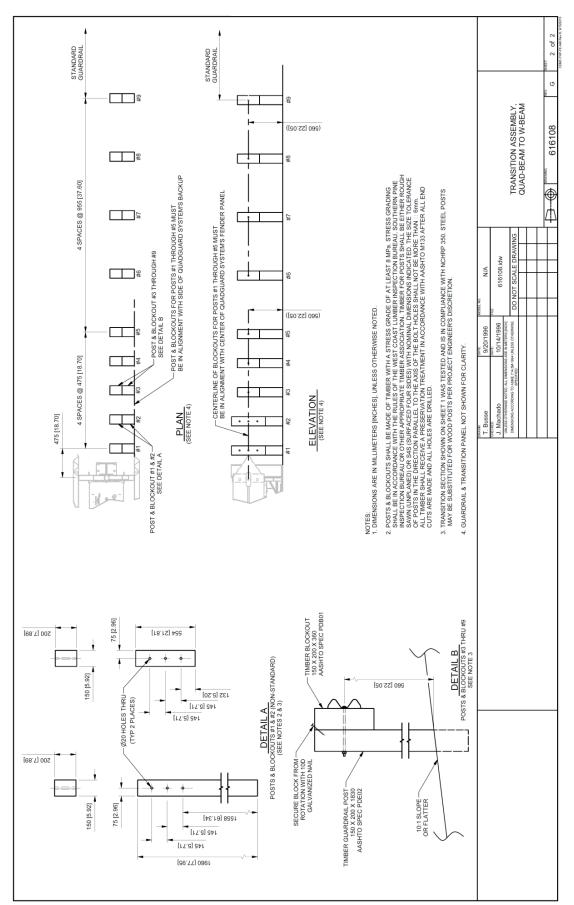
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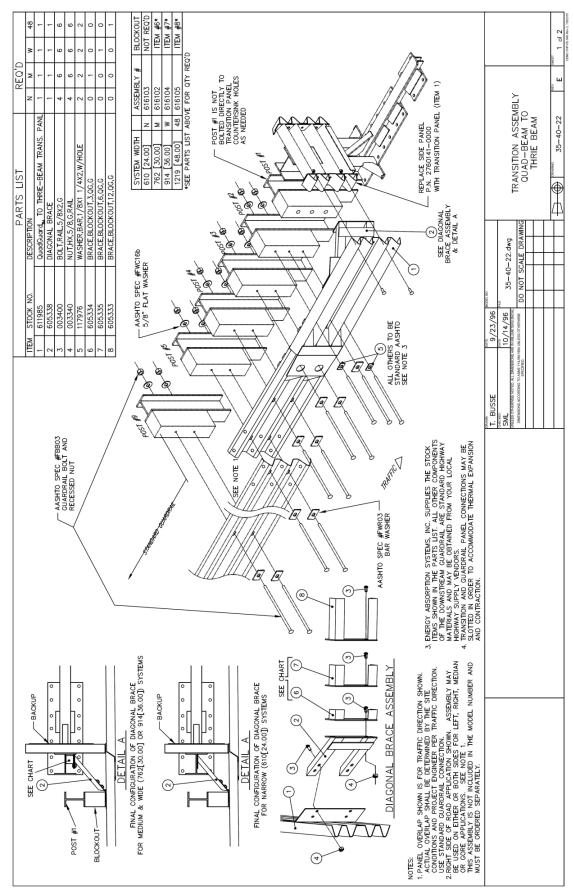


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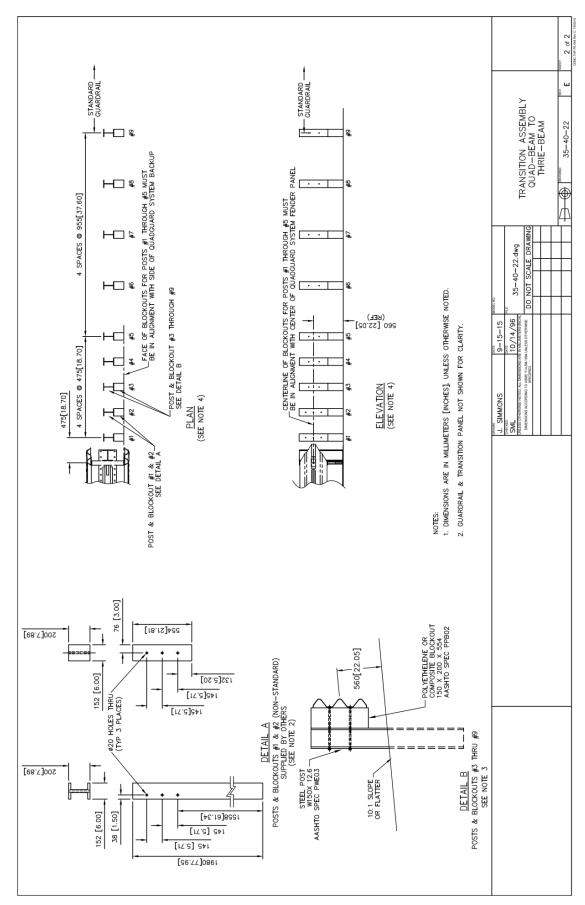
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