

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, D.C. 20590

In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/B-316A

Mr. Ron Faulkenberry Gibraltar Global LLC 1208 Houston Clinton Drive Burnet, TX 78611 United States

Dear Mr. Faulkenberry:

On February 27, 2020, The Federal Highway Administration's Office of Safety issued eligibility letter B-316 for the Gibraltar Global TL-4 Cable Barrier System. The Office of Safety has recently made modifications to its eligibility letter website to be more consistent with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials'(AASHTO's) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) and the additional test matrices for cable barriers therein. These modifications have necessitated the update of certain eligibility letters including B-316. The modification for B-316 consists of adding the phrase "Level Terrain" after the original description of the device to indicate the as-tested conditions.

Please note that this updated letter B-316A will in no way affect the eligibility for the associated device as was determined on February 27, 2020. This letter will supersede the original letter B-316 in full.

#### **Decision**

The following device is eligible within the length-of-need, with details provided in the form which is attached as an integral part of this letter:

• Gibraltar Global TL-4 Cable Barrier System, Level Terrain

#### **Scope of this Letter**

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, new roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). However, the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not regulate the manufacture of roadside safety devices. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval, certification or endorsement of the device for any particular purpose or use.

This letter is not a determination by the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States Government that a vehicle crash involving the device will result in any particular outcome, nor is it a guarantee of the in-service performance of this device. Proper

manufacturing, installation, and maintenance are required in order for this device to function as tested.

This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness of the system and does not cover other structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

#### **Eligibility for Reimbursement**

Based solely on a review of crash test results and certifications submitted by the manufacturer, and the crash test laboratory, FHWA agrees that the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the AASHTO's MASH. Therefore, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program if installed under the range of tested conditions.

Name of system: Gibraltar Global TL-4 Cable Barrier System, Level Terrain

Type of system: Longitudinal Barrier Test Level: MASH Test Level 4 (TL4) Testing conducted by: KARCO Engineering

Date of request: November 02, 2018

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory on the attached form.

#### **Full Description of the Eligible Device**

The device and supporting documentation, including reports of the crash tests or other testing done, videos of any crash testing, and/or drawings of the device, are described in the attached form.

#### **Notice**

This eligibility letter is issued for the subject device as tested. Modifications made to the device are not covered by this letter. Any modifications to this device should be submitted to the user (i.e., state DOT) as per their requirements.

You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design, installation and maintenance requirements to ensure proper performance.

You are expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for review, and that it will meet the test and evaluation criteria of AASHTO's MASH.

Issuance of this letter does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. This letter is based on the premise that information and reports submitted by you are accurate and

correct. We reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter if: (1) there are any inaccuracies in the information submitted in support of your request for this letter, (2) the qualification testing was flawed, (3) in-service performance or other information reveals safety problems, (4) the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, or (5) any other information indicates that the letter was issued in error or otherwise does not reflect full and complete information about the crashworthiness of the system.

#### **Standard Provisions**

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility designated as FHWA
  control number B-316A shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter and the test
  documentation upon which it is based are public information. All such letters and
  documentation may be reviewed upon request.
- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder.
- This FHWA eligibility letter is not an expression of any Agency view, position, or determination of validity, scope, or ownership of any intellectual property rights to a specific device or design. Further, this letter does not impute any distribution or licensing rights to the requester. This FHWA eligibility letter determination is made based solely on the crash-testing information submitted by the requester. The FHWA reserves the right to review and revoke an earlier eligibility determination after receipt of subsequent information related to crash testing.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Griffith

Director, Office of Safety Technologies

Michael S. Fuffell

Office of Safety

**Enclosures** 

# Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	November 02, 2018	
	Name:	Robert Ramirez	
ter	Company:	KARCO Engineering	
Submitter	Address:	9270 Holly Rd. Adelanto, CA 92301	
Suk	Country:	United States	
	To:	Michael S. Griffith, Director FHWA, Office of Safety Technologies	

I request the following devices be considered eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

#### <u>Device & Testing Criterion</u> - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level

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System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers (Roadside, Median, Bridge Railings)	<ul><li>Physical Crash Testing</li><li>Engineering Analysis</li></ul>	Gibraltar Global TL-4 Cable Barrier System	AASHTO MASH	TL4

By submitting this request for review and evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration, I certify that the product(s) was (were) tested in conformity with the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the MASH.

#### Individual or Organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	Ron Faulkenberry	Same as Submitter			
Company Name:	Gibraltar Global LLC	Same as Submitter			
Address:	1208 Houston Clinton Drive, Burnet, TX 78611	Same as Submitter			
Country:	United States	Same as Submitter			
Enter below all disc	Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA `Federal-Aid Reimbursement				
Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.					
All MASH testing was conducted at Karco Engineering in Adelanto, CA. Karco Engineering was compensated for conducting the tests but has no financial nor patent interests in any of Gibraltar's products.					

Same as Submitter

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

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By signature below, the Engineer	r affiliated with the testing laboratory,	agrees in support of this submission that
all of the critical and relevant cra	sh tests for this device listed above we	ere conducted to meet the MASH test
criteria. The Engineer has detern	nined that no other crash tests are nec	essary to determine the device meets
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the MASH criteria.		
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Engineer Name:	Robert Ramirez	
	D I . D .	Digitally signed by Robert Ramirez
Engineer Signature:	Robert Ramirez	DN: cn=Robert Ramirez, o=KARCO Engineering, ou=Project Engineer,
Engineer signature.	NODELL MAITINEZ	email=rramirez@karco.com, c=US
		Date: 2018.11.01 15:54:48 -07'00'
Address:	9270 Holly Rd. Adelanto, CA 92301	Same as Submitter

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

United States

Country:

Required Test	Narrative	Evaluation
Number	Description	Results
4-10 (1100C)	KARCO Engineering Project number P37379-01 was conducted with an 1100C test vehicle impacting the system midspan between posts at a nominal velocity and angle of 62 mph and 25 degrees, respectively. As recommend by MASH 2016 the narrowest allowable post spacing of 7.0 ft. (2.1 m) was used. The test vehicle, a 2011 Kia Rio weighing 2,427.2 lbs (1,101.0 kg) impacted the system at a speed and angle of 62.38 mph (100.39 km/h) and 25.1 degrees, respectively. The system redirected the vehicle and had a maximum working width of 7.6 ft. (2.3 m). The test vehicle sustained moderate damage. There was no potential for the article to penetrate the vehicle and the occupant compartment deformation limits were not exceeded. The Occupant Impact Velocities (OIV) and ridedown accelerations are within the recommended limits.	PASS

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Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
4-11 (2270P)	As recommend by MASH 2016 the narrowest allowable post spacing of 7.0 ft. (2.1 m) and the widest allowable post spacing of 21.0 ft. (6.4 m) was tested with the 2270P test vehicle. KARCO Engineering Project number P37358-01 was conducted with a 2270P test vehicle impacting the system 1.0 ft. (0.3 m) upstream of a post with the narrowest allowable post spacing of 7.0 ft. (2.1 m) at a nominal velocity and angle of 62 mph and 25 degrees, respectively. The test vehicle, a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado weighing 5,011.0 lbs (2,273.0 kg) impacted the system at a speed and angle of 60.93 mph (98.06 km/h) and 25.3 degrees, respectively. The system redirected the vehicle and had a maximum working width of 7.9 ft. (2.4 m). The test vehicle sustained moderate damage. There was no potential for the article to penetrate the vehicle and the occupant compartment deformation limits were not exceeded. The Occupant Impact Velocities (OIV) and ridedown accelerations are within the recommended limits. KARCO Engineering Project number P37359-01 was conducted with a 2270P test vehicle impacting the system 1.0 ft. (0.3 m) upstream of a post with the widest allowable post spacing of 21.0 ft (6.4 m) at a nominal velocity and angle of 62 mph and 25 degrees, respectively. The test vehicle, a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado weighing 5,028.7 lbs (2,281.0 kg) impacted the system at a speed and angle of 61.78 mph (99.43 km/h) and 25.1 degrees, respectively. The system redirected the vehicle and had a maximum working width of 13.8 ft. (4.2 m). The test vehicle sustained moderate damage. There was no potential for the article to penetrate the vehicle and the occupant compartment deformation limits were not exceeded. The Occupant Impact Velocities (OIV) and ridedown accelerations are within the recommended limits.	PASS

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4-12 (10000S)	KARCO Engineering Project number P37320-01 was conducted with an 10000S test vehicle impacting the system 1.0 ft. (0.3 m) upstream of a post at a nominal velocity and angle of 56 mph and 15 degrees, respectively. The largest allowable post spacing of 21.0 ft. (6.4 m) was tested to increase the loading on the splices. The test vehicle, a 2007 Ford F650 weighing 22,641.1 lbs (10,270.0 kg) impacted the system at a speed and angle of 54.39 mph (87.54 km/h) and 14.9 degrees, respectively. The system redirected the vehicle and had a maximum working width of 17.4 ft. (5.3 m). The maximum test debris was approximately 25 ft. laterally to the non-traffic side of the barrier. The test vehicle sustained moderate damage. There was no potential for the article to penetrate the vehicle and the occupant compartment deformation limits were not exceeded.	PASS
4-20 (1100C)	Test 4-20 is not applicable for this type of system.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-21 (2270P)	Test 4-21 is not applicable for this type of system.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-22 (10000S)	Test 4-22 is not applicable for this type of system.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted

Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with MASH by the following accredited crash test laboratory (cite the laboratory's accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports.):

Laboratory Name: Applus IDIADA KARCO Engineering			
Laboratory Signature:	AZ	Digitally signed by Alex Bo DN: cn=Alex Beltran, o=Ko email=abeltran@karco.co Date: 2018.11.01 15:51:22	ARCO Engineering, ou=Testing Laboratory, m, c=US
Address:	9270 Holly Rd. Adelanto CA. 92301		Same as Submitter
Country:	United States		Same as Submitter
Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period :	TL-371 valid up to July 1, 2019		. ,

Submitter Signature\*: Robert Ramirez

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**Submit Form** 

#### Attach to this form:

- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- 2) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 3) A drawing or drawings of the device(s) that conform to the Task Force-13 Drawing Specifications [Hardware Guide Drawing Standards]. For proprietary products, a single isometric line drawing is usually acceptable to illustrate the product, with detailed specifications, intended use, and contact information provided on the reverse. Additional drawings (not in TF-13 format) showing details that are relevant to understanding the dimensions and performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

#### FHWA Official Business Only:

Eligibility Letter		
Number	Date	Key Words

# **MASH Test 4-10 Summary**











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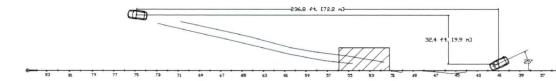
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GENERAL INFORMATION	
Test Agency	KARCO Engineering, LLC.
KARCO Test No	P3791-01
Test Designation	4-10
Test Date	12/06/17
TEST ARTICLE	
Name / Model	TL-4 Cable Barrier System
Туре	Longitudinal Barrier
Installation Length	597.7 ft. (182.2 m)
Post Spacing	7.0 ft. (2.1 m)
Key Elements	Cable, Hair Pins, Lock Plates
Road Surface	Concrete and Soil
Type / Designation	1100C
Year, Make, and Model	2011 Kia Rio
Curb Mass	2,489.0 lbs (1,129.0 kg)
Test Inertial Mass	2,427.2 lbs (1,101.0 kg)
Gross Static Mass	2,621.3 lbs (1,189.0 kg)

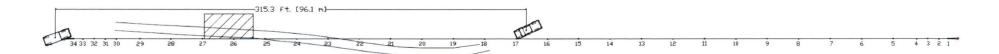
Impact Velocity 62.38 mph (100.39 km/h)
Impact Angle25.1°
Location / Orientation 3.5 ft. (1.1 m) upstream of Post 4
Impact Severity 56.8 kip-ft (77.0 kJ)
Exit Conditions
Exit Velocity 50.2 mph (80.8 km/h)
Exit Angle7.1°
Final Vehicle Position 236.8 ft. (72.2 m ) Downstream
32.4 ft. (9.9 m) Right
Exit Box Criterion Exited within exit box
Vehicle Snagging Satisfactory
Vehicle Pocketing Satisfactory
Maximum Roll Angle23.4°
Maximum Pitch Angle 8.3°
Maximum Yaw Angle30.0°

Occupant Risk	
Longitudinal OIV	15.7 ft/s (4.8 m/s)
Lateral OIV	
Longitudinal RA	-3.8 g
Lateral RA	5.2 g
THIV	
PHD	5.5 g
ASI	0.50
Test Article Deflections	
Static	. N/A
Dynamic	.78.5 in. (2.0 m)
Working Width	
Debris Field	
	Field Side
Vehicle Damage	
Vehicle Damage Scale	.11LFQ6
CDC	. 11LYAK8
Maximum Intrusion	. 1.0 in. (25 mm)

Figure 3 Summary of Test 4-10

## **MASH Test 4-11 Summary**





GENERAL IN	FORMATION	
Test Agency	<i>.</i>	Applus IDIADA KARCO
KARCO Tes	t No	P37359-01
Test Design	ation	4-11
Test Date		12/07/18
TEST ARTICL	E	
		TL-4 Cable Barrier System
Туре		Longitudinal Barrier
Installation I	ength	597.7 ft. (182.2 m)
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	ts	
	e	Concrete and Soil
TEST VEHICL		
Type / Design	nation	.2270P
		2013 Chevrolet Silverado 1500
		5,067.2 lbs (2,298.5 kg)
		. 5,028.7 lbs (2,281.0 kg)
Gross Statio	Mass	5,028.7 lbs (2,281.0 kg)

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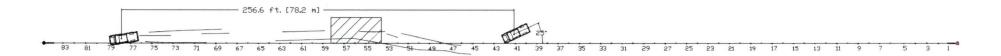
Impact Conditions
Impact Velocity 61.78 mph (99.43 km/h)
Impact Angle25.1°
Location / Orientation 11.5 in. (292 mm) upstream from post 17
Impact Severity115.5 kip-ft (156.5 kJ)
Exit Conditions
Exit Velocity
Exit Angle2.4°
Final Vehicle Position 315.3 ft. (96.1 m ) Downstream
0.7 ft. (0.2 m) Traffic side
Exit Box Criteria Met Yes
Vehicle Snagging Satisfactory
Vehicle Pocketing Satisfactory
Maximum Roll Angle3.1 °
Maximum Pitch Angle2.9 °
Maximum Yaw Angle25.7 °

Occupant Risk	
Longitudinal OIV	8.5 ft/s (2.6 m/s)
Lateral OIV	9.5 ft/s (2.9 m/s)
Longitudinal RA	-2.6 g
Lateral RA	3.4 g
THIV	13.1 ft/s (4.0 m/s)
PHD	3.7 g
ASI	0.31
Test Article Deflections	
Static	N/A
Dynamic	13.8 ft. (4.2 m)
DynamicWorking Width	
	13.8 ft. (4.2 m)
Working Width	13.8 ft. (4.2 m)
Working Width Debris (lateral)	13.8 ft. (4.2 m) 14.5 ft. (4.4 m)
Working Width Debris (lateral) Vehicle Damage*	13.8 ft. (4.2 m) 14.5 ft. (4.4 m) 11-LFQ-3

<sup>\*</sup>Vehicle damaged assessed before secondary impact.

## MASH Test 4-11 Summary





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	GENERAL INFORMATION Test AgencyKARCO Test NoTest DesignationTest Date	Applus IDIADA KARCO P37358-01 4-11 12/07/18
	TEST ARTICLE	
I	Name / Model	TL-4 Cable Barrier System
١	Туре	Longitudinal Barrier
١	Installation Length	597.7 ft. (182.2 m)
١	Post Spacing	. 7.0 ft (2.1 m)
١		Cable, Hair Pins, Lock Plates
١	Road Surface	Concrete and soil
ı	TEST VEHICLE	
١	Type / Designation	2270P
١	Year, Make, and Model	ACTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE
١	Curb Mass	5,261.2 lbs (2,386.5 kg)
١	Test Inertial Mass	
1	Gross Static Mass	5.011.0 lbs (2.273.0 kg)

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-	Impact Conditions
ı	Impact Velocity 60.93 mph (98.06 km/h)
ı	Impact Angle25.3°
ı	Location / Orientation 1.5 in. upstream from Post 42
ı	Impact Severity113.6 kip-ft (154.0 kJ)
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١	Exit Conditions
ı	Exit Velocity 36.7 mph (59.1 km/h)
ı	Exit Angle 6.2°
١	Final Vehicle Position 256.6 ft. (78.2 m ) Downstrear
ı	3.1 ft. (0.9 m) Right
١	Exit Box Criterion Exited within exit box
ı	Vehicle Snagging None
I	Vehicle PocketingNone
١	Maximum Roll Angle 5.4 °
١	Maximum Pitch Angle 3.6 °
١	Maximum Yaw Angle26.3 °

Occupant Risk	
Longitudinal OIV	9.2 ft/s (2.8 m/s)
Lateral OIV	12.1 ft/s (3.7 m/s)
Longitudinal RA	-4.0 g
Lateral RA	
THIV	
PHD	
ASI	
Test Article Deflections	
Static	0.5 ft. (0.2 m)
Dynamic	
Working Width	
Debris Field	10.0 ft. (3.0 m) Field
	side
Vehicle Damage	
Vehicle Damage Scale	11-LFQ-3
CDC	
Maximum Intrusion	

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Figure 3 Summary of Test 4-11

## MASH Test 4-12 Summary











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**GENERAL INFORMATION** 

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Applus IDIADA KARCO

Test Agency...... Applus IDI/ KARCO Test No...... P37320-01

TEST ARTICLE

Key Elements...... Cable, Hair Pins, Lock Plates

Road Surface...... Concrete and Soil

TEST VEHICLE

Type / Designation...... 10000S

Impact Conditions

Impact Velocity...... 54.39 mph (87.53 km/h)

Impact Angle......14.9°

Location / Orientation....... 1.0. ft. Upstream of Post Impact Severity............ 148.0 kip-ft (200.7 kJ)

Exit Conditions

Final Vehicle Position...... 326.0 ft. (99.4 m ) downstream

Exit Box Criteria Met....... N/A

Vehicle Snagging......None
Vehicle Pocketing....None

Maximum Roll Angle...... N/A
Maximum Pitch Angle...... N/A

Maximum Yaw Angle...... N/A

Occupant Risk

Test Article Deflections

Static...... 5.0 ft. (1.5 m)

Dynamic.....N/A\*

Working Width..... 17.4 ft. (5.3 m)

Vehicle Damage

Vehicle Damage Scale...... 12-FL-2 CDC......12FLDW1

Maximum Intrusion...... No measureable deformation

\*Cable wrapped around vehicle. Measurement unable to be taken.

Figure 3 Summary of Test 4-12

