

DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

C263

GUIDE POSTS

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SPECIFICATION C263 : GUIDE POSTS

GENERAL

C263.01 SCOPE

1. The work to be executed under this Specification consists of the setting out, supply of all materials and erection of guide posts at the locations shown on the Drawings or as directed by the Superintendent in areas where streetlighting is not provided.

C263.02 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

1. Documents referenced in this specification are listed in full below whilst being cited in the text in the abbreviated form or code indicated.

**Documents
Standards Test
Methods**

(a) Council Specifications

C201 - Control of Traffic

(b) Australian Standards

AS 1143 - High temperature creosote for the preservation of timber.
 AS 1580 - Paints and related materials - Methods of test.
 AS 1580.101.1 - Air drying conditions.
 AS 1580.481.1.11 Exposed to weathering - Degree of chalking.
 AS 1580.481.1.12 Exposed to weathering - Degree of colour change.
 AS 1580.483.1 - Resistance to artificial weathering (carbon-arc type instruments)
 AS 1580.602.2 - Measurement of specular gloss of non-metallic paint films at 20°, 60° and 85°.
 AS 1906.2 - Retroreflective devices (non-pavement application).
 AS 2082 - Visually stress-graded hardwood for structural purposes.

(c) RTA Test Methods

T 1550 Heat Ageing Test
 T 1551 Low Temperature Impact Test for Plastic Materials

C263.03 MATERIALS

(a) General

1. Guide Posts shall be of timber or, as an alternative, the Superintendent may approve of a flexible (driveable or non-driveable) post conforming to the requirements of this specification. The Contractor shall supply details of the proposed flexible guidepost including the manufacturer's recommended installation procedure, technical specifications and test certificates for consideration by the Superintendent.

Posts

(b) Timber Posts

1. Timber posts shall be cut from Select Grade hardwood and conform with AS 2082. All surfaces shall be smooth and free from obvious saw marks.

Quality

2. The posts shall be of rectangular cross-section having dimensions of 100mm x 50mm and shall be 1,400mm in length. The tops of the guide posts shall be sloped so that one 100mm edge is 10mm lower than the opposite edge.

Dimensions

(c) Flexible Posts

1. Flexible guide posts shall be made to a design, and from a material, which provides the properties of strength, flexibility, impact resistance and durability. The material shall be mould resistant, solvent resistant, heat resistant and fire retardant.

Properties

2. The surface of the posts shall have a gloss or semi-gloss white finish. The surface shall be smooth and easily cleaned.

Surface Finish

3. The flexible posts shall be 1400mm in length and shall have one face of 100mm width.

Dimensions

4. Flexible posts shall have the following physical properties and performance characteristics when subjected to the referenced tests:

- the composition of the posts shall not vary beyond commercially accepted limits from the composition stated by the manufacturer at the time of tendering. Testing, in accordance with AS 1580.101.1, shall be carried out under standard ambient conditions of temperature $23 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and relative humidity 45 per cent to 75 per cent.
- the mass of any individual post shall not vary more than ± 3 per cent from the mass of 20 sample posts.
- resistance to accelerated weathering - when tested in accordance with AS 1580.483.1, shall be free from crazing and blistering. The degree of chalking and colour change shall not fall below a rating of 6 when tested in accordance with AS 1580.481.1.11 and 12, and the loss of gloss shall not exceed 20 gloss units (egg shell gloss) when evaluated in accordance with AS 1580.602.2.
- resistance to heat - the post shall be conditioned at $60^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1\text{C}$ for 2 hours in an oven. The conditioned post shall be bent 180° at the midpoint four times within 2 minutes of removal from oven. The deflection of the top of the post shall be no greater than 50mm, 30 seconds after the fourth bend.
- resistance to impacts after accelerated ageing - after treatments for a period of 28 days in accordance with Test Method T 1550 the post shall show no evidence of fracture, cracking or splitting, when tested according to Test Method T 1551.
- resistance to vehicle impacts - the posts shall be manufactured from an impact resistant material and be so designed that an installed post is capable of returning to its original shape and remaining serviceable after being subjected to the following series of direct impacts by a typical passenger sedan at temperatures between 15°C and 30°C .

Posts shall be capable of withstanding a series of 10 bumper bar impacts at 60km/h and 5 bumper bar impacts at 100km/h directed at 90° to the front face of the guidepost. The impacting vehicle shall suffer little or no damage during the impact test series.

The posts to be tested shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer, and shall be furnished complete with attached delineators.

(d) Delineators

1. Corner-cubed delineators, conforming to AS 1906.2 shall be attached to each post.
2. The delineators shall be neither less than 80mm nor more than 85mm diameter.

Standard**Diameter****CONSTRUCTION****C263.04 GENERAL**

1. The Contractor shall at all times conform to the requirements of the Specification for CONTROL OF TRAFFIC.

Traffic Control

2. Where the shoulder is in embankment or at natural surface level, the guide posts shall be placed near the outer edge of the shoulder and at a uniform distance from the pavement edge. Where the shoulder is located in a cutting, the guide posts shall be placed on the outer side of the table drain in such a manner as not to impede the flow of water in the drain.

Positioning

3. Guide posts shall be erected at the locations shown on the Drawings or as directed by the Superintendent.

Location**C263.05 PROTECTIVE TREATMENT OF TIMBER GUIDE POSTS**

1. The portion of the guide post below ground level shall be dipped in creosote, conforming to AS 1143, heated to 90°C for a minimum period of one hour.

Creosote

2. All timber above ground level shall be painted with pink primer and any holes, cracks, or other surface imperfections in the timber, shall be stopped with white putty. This work shall be followed by painting with a white undercoat and a white enamel finishing coat.

Painting

3. Painted surfaces shall be thoroughly dry before a further coat is applied. Paints shall be handled and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

Dry Surfaces

4. All paints shall be of the best quality.

Paint Quality**C263.06 ERECTION OF GUIDE POSTS**

1. Guide posts shall be set vertically in the ground to a depth of approximately 500mm. In order to offset shoulder irregularities this depth shall be varied so as to give uniform display of guide posts to a height of approximately 900mm above ground level, with the tops evenly graded. Each guide post shall be erected with the 100mm axis at right angles to the centre line of the road.

Details

2. Allowance shall be made in the height of guide posts above the ground for the effects of superelevation and other road geometry in order to keep the guide posts within the range of the beam of vehicle headlights.

Vertical Alignment

3. Backfilling shall be compacted in layers of depth not more than 150mm for the full depth of the guide posts up to ground level. The density of the compacted backfilling shall not be less than that of the adjacent undisturbed ground. Guide posts shall be firm in the ground to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.

Backfilling

4. Flexible guideposts, when installed in the ground in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer, shall resist overturning, twisting and displacement from wind and impact forces.

Flexible Guideposts

5. All necessary steps shall be taken to prevent people and stock from stepping into

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the post holes during the erection of the guide posts.

Responsibility

C263.07 DELINEATORS

1. 'Corner Cubed' delineators, complying with AS 1906.2, shall be attached to each guide post using one way, anti-theft screws. In the case of Flexible posts, the delineators shall be glued or otherwise fastened to the post in such a manner that they are not dislodged or rendered inactive under vehicular impact.

Fixing

2. The delineators shall be mounted so that the top of the reflector is 50mm below the top of the guide post.

Position

3. The delineators shall be so arranged that drivers approaching from either direction will see only red delineators on their left side and white delineators on their right side.

Arrangement

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

C263.08 RESERVED

C263.09 RESERVED

C263.10 RESERVED

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

C263.11 PAY ITEMS

1. Payment shall be made for all activities associated with completing the work detailed in this Specification in accordance with Pay Item C263(a).

2. A lump sum price shall not be accepted.

Pay Item C263(a) GUIDE POSTS

1. The unit of measurement shall be 'each' guide post.

2. The schedule rate shall cover all costs associated with the erection of each post, including supply of post, erection, painting (if applicable), and supply and fixing of corner-cubed delineators.

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