MASH (effective 12/31/18) - The AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) is the new state of the practice for the crash testing of safety hardware devices for use on the National Highway System (NHS). It updates and replaces NCHRP Report 350. Impact Attenuator Units from manufacturers not listed on the QPL must not be incorporated into any MaineDOT work without prior approval.

MASH (effective 12/31/18) and/or NCHRP 350 Crash Test Criteria
Maine Department of Transportation, Highway Program Design Guidance, Title: Crash Cushions.
Additional Information:
- Test Level 2 – for use at design speeds < 45 mph
- Test Level 3 – for use at all design speeds
- NCHRP Report 350

MaineDOT Standard Specifications (2014) Section(s): 652

PRODUCT CONFORMITY: At the discretion of MaineDOT, any shipment of product to a MaineDOT location may be tested, such as by infrared or gas chromatography, for compliance with the SDS and uniformity with the formulation of the approved product (where applicable).

NOTE: MaineDOT may require a field evaluation before final acceptance and inclusion on the Qualified Products List (QPL).

A vendor who wishes to have products preapproved for future use should contact MaineDOT’s Product Evaluation Coordinator via email at NewProducts.MaineDOT@maine.gov or by calling (207)624-3268.

Product submittals shall include: a completed New Product Evaluation form, a copy of the technical data sheet, current Safety Data Sheet (SDS), and third party, independent test results (or NTPEP test reports where applicable). Any incomplete submittals will not be evaluated for inclusion on MaineDOT’s Product Lists.

All reports shall be issued and signed by an authorized laboratory representative. The report shall also include the physical and/or chemical requirements stated herein.

Any change in a product, such as formulation, shall require re-testing (through NTPEP if required) and resubmission of an independent analytical laboratory report (or NTPEP testing report) prior to purchase by MaineDOT.

MaineDOT requires re-certification by all manufacturers every five years (except for electrodes used for field welding which are recertified every year) to ensure that product names and formulations have remained the same since the product was originally placed on this list and that products are still relevant and in production. This shall include the most recent NTPEP testing. NTPEP provides for retesting of this product category on a 5-year basis. A lapse of NTPEP test results may result in disqualification of the product.
The Department continues to evaluate its Acceptance Criteria and reserves the right to revise the criteria and/or withdraw product qualification at any time for any reason without notice. Furthermore, the ability of a product to meet these requirements does not necessarily guarantee addition to the Qualified Products List. Reminder that, products once placed on the Qualified Products List are to be considered prequalified for use only, meaning that they have undergone preliminary review for compliance with MaineDOT, and AASHTO specifications. As with all products, final approval rests with the Designer, Project Manager, Supplier and/or Resident to determine if a product best suits the need of a particular project.

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