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Task Force 13 Designator: SGR44  
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Enclosures
## Test Summary

**Test No.** 102350.97.05.1.5.2  
**Holmes Solutions Limited, New Zealand**  
**11 January 2010**

### Test Article
- **Longitudinal Guard Rail:** Ezy-Guard Heavy Duty

### Key Elements - Barrier
- **Description:** W-Beam/steel post/carriage/dams
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- **Rail Height:** 730 mm (29")
- **Post Spacing:** 2.0 m nominal

### Test Vehicle
- **Designation:** 1100C
- **Make/Model:** Kia Rio Liftback LS
- **Dimensions (lwh):** 4280 x 1640 x 2440 mm
- **Curb Wt.:** 1106 kg
- **Test Inertial Wt.:** 1110 kg
- **Gross Static Wt.:** 1185 kg

### Impact Conditions
- **Speed:** 100.8 kph
- **Angle:** 25°
- **Impact Point:** 1.0 m upstream of line post 11

### Exit Conditions
- **Exit Speed:** 66.3 kph
- **Exit Angle:** 10°

### Vehicle Damage - Exterior
- **VDS:** 11 - LFO - 3
- **CDC:** 11LFE2
- **Max. Deformation:** 260 mm

### Post Impact Vehicle Behaviour
- **Vehicle Stability:** Good
- **Stopping Distance:** 30 m
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- **Roll Angle Max.:** 12.8°
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- **Yaw Angle Max.:** -34.5°

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- **Vehicle Pocketing:** None

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- **Longitudinal:** 7.4 m/s
- **Lateral (optional):** 4.5 m/s
- **ASI (Acceleration Severity Index):** 0.73

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- **x-direction:** -6.6 g (0.2040 - 0.2140 s)
- **y-direction:** -7.6 g (0.1701 - 0.1801 s)
- **THIV (optional):** 30.0 kph @ 0.1391 s @ interior RHS (8.3 m/s)
- **PHD (optional):** 8.7 g (01696 - 0.1796 s)

### Test Article Deflections
- **Dynamic:** 0.96 m
- **Permanent:** 0.75 m
- **Working Width:** 1.16 m

### Test Article Damage
- **Moderate**

**Issue:** 12042011
**Test Article**
Ingal W-beam longitudinal barrier with U-section post

**Test Level**
NCHRP Report 350
Test 3-10

Overall length: 90.5 metres (297')
Length of need: 60 metres (197')
Rail Height: 790 mm (31') to top
Post Centres: 2.0 m (78')
Soil Type: AASHTO M147-65 Standard soil

**Test Vehicle**
Designation: 820C - Small Car
Make/Model: Toyota Starlet EP91
Dimensions (lwh): 3730 x 1560 x 1425
Gross Weight: 906 kg

**CIP**
0.95 metres upstream of line post 11

**Impact Conditions**
Impact Speed: 101.7 kph
Impact Angle: 20 degrees
Exit Speed: 61.5 kph
Exit Angle: 6.2 degrees

**Test Article Deflections (metres)**
Test Article Damage: Severe
Dynamic: 1.02 metres
Permanent: 0.49 metres
Working Width: 1.02 metres

**Vehicle Damage - Exterior**
VDS: 11-LPQ-3
CDC: 11-FYEE-2
Max Deformation: 200 mm to front

**Vehicle Damage - Interior**
ODC: AS00000000
Max. Deformation: 20.0 mm

**Post Impact Behaviour**
Vehicle Stability: Satisfactory
Stopping Distance: 65.5 metres from CIP
Max. Roll angle: 19.8 degrees at 0.8132 sec
Max. Pitch angle: 18.2 degrees at 0.4557 sec
Max. Yaw angle: 87.7 degrees at 5.2777 sec

**Occupant Risk Values**

**Impact Velocity (m/s - right of interior)**
x-direction: -5.4 m/s at 0.1523 sec
y-direction: 4.4 m/s at 0.1523 sec
THV: 7.9 m/s at 0.1615 sec

**Ride Down Decelerations (a)**
x-direction: 9.9 at 4.4988 - 4.5088 sec
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ASI: 0.63 at 0.1016 - 0.1516 sec

**Max. D.050 Second Average (a)**
x-direction: 6.7 at 4.4870 - 4.5370 sec
y-direction: -4.5 at 0.1420 - 0.1920 sec
z-direction: 2.8 at 0.1648 - 0.2148 sec
Test Summary
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- Test Article
  Longitudinal Guard Rail: Ezy-Guard Heavy Duty
- Total Length
  90.0 m
- Key Elements - Barrier
  - Description: W-Beam/steel post/carriage/Dams
  - Length: 60.0 m LON
  - Rail Height: 730 mm (29°)
  - Post Spacing: 2.0 m nominal
- Test Vehicle
  - Designation: 2270P
  - Make/Model: Dodge Ram 1500
  - Dimensions (lwh): 5660 x 2000 x 1900 mm
  - Curb weight: 2245 kg
  - Test Inertial Wt: 2273 kg
  - Gross Static Wt: 2273 kg
- Impact Conditions
  - Speed: 99.0 kph
  - Angle: 25°
  - Impact Point: 1.0 m upstream of Post 11
- Exit Conditions
  - Exit Speed: 68.4 kph
  - Exit Angle: 0°
- Vehicle Damage - Exterior
  - VDS: 11-LFQ-3
  - CDC: 11FLEE2
  - Max. Deformation: 100mm
- Post Impact Vehicle Behaviour
  - Vehicle Stability: Good
  - Stopping Distance: 39.5 m
  - Initial Contact Length: 11 m
  - Roll Angle Max: -13.3°
  - Pitch Angle Max: -12.3°
  - Yaw Angle Max: -34.4°
- Vehicle Snagging: None
- Vehicle Pocketing: None
- Occupant Impact Velocity
  - Longitudinal: 4.4 m/s
  - Lateral (optional): 4.6 m/s
  - ASI (acceleration Severity Index): 0.58
- Occupant Ride down Deceleration
  - x-direction: -7.7 g (0.5582-0.5682 s)
  - y-direction: -5.7 g (0.2996-0.3096 s)
  - THIV (optional): 21.9 kph (6.1 m/s) at 0.1504 s
  - PHD (optional): 7.7 g (0.5582-0.5682 s)
- Test Article Deflections
  - Dynamic: 1.28 m
  - Permanent: 1.00 m
  - Working Width: 1.38 m
- Test Article Damage: Moderate

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**Test Article**
Ingal W-Beam longitudinal barrier with U-section post

**Test Level**
- NCHRP 350 Update
- Test 3-11

**Overall Length**
90.5 m (297)

**Length of Need**
60.0 m (197)

**Rail Height**
790 mm (31") to top

**Post Centres**
2.0 m (78")

**Soil Type**
- AASHTO M147-65
- Standard soil

**Test Vehicle**
- Designation: 2270P Pick-up Truck
- Make/Model: Dodge Ram 1500
- Dimensions (lwh): 5770 x 2015 x 1915 mm
- Test Inertial Weight: 2258 kg

**CIP**
1.48 m (58") upstream of line post 11

**Impact Conditions**
- Impact Speed: 99.7 kph
- Impact Angle: 25 degrees
- Exit Speed: 60.0 kph
- Exit Angle: 6.5 degrees

**Test Article Deflections (metres)**
- Test Article Damage: Severe
- Dynamic: 1.67 m
- Permanent: 1.18 m
- Working Width: 1.67 m

**Vehicle Damage - Exterior**
- VDS: 11-LFQ-3
- CDC: 11-FLE-2
- Max Deformation: 150 mm (LF bumper)

**Vehicle Damage - Interior**
- OCDI: AS 00000000
- Max. Deformation: 30 mm

**Post Impact Behaviour**
- Vehicle Stability: Satisfactory
- Stopping Distance: 43.9 metres from CIP
- Max. Roll angle: 18.0 degrees at 3.468 sec
- Max. Pitch angle: 16.0 degrees at 3.076 sec
- Max. Yaw angle: 33.4 degrees at 0.488 sec

**Occupant Risk Values**
- Impact Velocity (V): Right of interior
  - x-direction: -1.3 m/s at 0.1331 sec
  - y-direction: 4.9 m/s at 0.1331 sec
  - THIV: 5.2 m/s at 0.1337 sec

**RideDown Decelerations (g)**
- x-direction: 4.4 at 0.6265 - 0.6765 sec
- y-direction: -6.4 at 0.3062 - 0.3162 sec
- PHD: 6.8 at 0.2905 - 0.3085 sec
- ASI: 0.58 at 0.2110 - 0.2610 sec

**Max. 0.05G Second Average (a)**
- x-direction: 2.5 at 0.0709 - 0.1209 sec
- y-direction: -5.1 at 0.2110 - 0.2610 sec
- z-direction: -2.4 at 0.3105 - 0.3605 sec