

In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/ WZ-350

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE

Washington, D.C. 20590

Administration September 6, 2017

Henry A. Ross, Director Government Relations Plasticade 7700 N. Austin Avenue Skokie, IL 60077

Dear Mr. Ross:

This letter is in response to your April 7, 2017 request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety device, hardware, or system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. This FHWA letter of eligibility is assigned FHWA control number WZ-350 and is valid until a subsequent letter is issued by FHWA that expressly references this device.

Decision

The following devices are eligible, with details provided in the form which is attached as an integral part of this letter:

• Plasticade SS100/SS105 Sign Stand System with 48" x 48" x ⁵/₈" MDF Wood Sign Substrate

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 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (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: Plasticade SS100/SS105 Sign Stand System

Type of system: Work Zone Traffic Control Devices

Test Level: MASH Test Level 3 Testing conducted by: E-Tech Date of request: April 7, 2017

Date of completed package: June 7, 2017

FHWA concurs with recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory as stated within the attached form on determination of eligibility for the sign substrate that was physically tested (48"x48" 5/8" MDF Wood). This determination of eligibility does not apply to the proposed lighter weight sign substrates not physically tested, but recommended by the laboratory. If an eligibility letter is requested on these other sign substrates, this will require successful physical crash testing as per 2016 AASHTO MASH.

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 and will need to be tested in accordance with all recommended tests in AASHTO's MASH as part of a new and separate submittal.

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 WZ-350 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.
- If the subject device is a patented product it may be considered to be proprietary. If proprietary systems are specified by a highway agency for use on Federal-aid projects: (a) they must be supplied through competitive bidding with equally suitable unpatented items; (b) the highway agency must certify that they are essential for synchronization with the existing highway facilities or that no equally suitable alternative exists; or (c) they must be used for research or for a distinctive type of construction on relatively short sections of road for experimental purposes. Our regulations concerning proprietary products are contained in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 635.411.

Sincerely,

Robert Ritter

Acting Director, Office of Safety

Technologies Office of Safety

Enclosures

Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

Submitter	Date of Request:	February 16, 2017	New	○ Resubmission	
	Name:	lenry A. Ross			
	Company:	Plasticade			
	Address:	7700 N. Austin Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077			
	Country:	USA			
	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.

Device Name / Variant

Plasticade SS100/SS105

Sign Stand System

Device & Testing Criterion - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level

Submission Type

Physical Crash Testing

C Engineering Analysis

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Testing Criterion	Test Level	
AASHTO MASH	TL3	

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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:

System Type

'WZ': Crash Worthy Work Zone Traffic Control Devices

Contact Name:	Henry A. Ross	Same as Submitter 🔀		
Company Name:	Plasticade	Same as Submitter 🔀		
Address:	7700 N. Austin Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077	Same as Submitter 🔀		
Country:	USA	Same as Submitter 🔀		
Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA `Federal-Aid Reimbursement				
Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.				

The Plasticade SS100/SS105 Sign Stand System is the commercial embodiment of intellectual property that is not protected by patents. Plasticade does not pay royalties for sales of the Plasticade SS100/SS105 Sign Stand System. The Plasticade SS100/SS105 Sign Stand System was designed and developed by engineers at Plasticade. Plasticade sponsored certain crash tests of the Plasticade SS100/SS105 Sign Stand System; such tests were conducted by E-Tech Testing Services, an independent, wholly-owned subsidiary of Trinity Highway. E-Tech Testing Services is an International Standards Organization (ISO) 17025 accredited laboratory with American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) Mechanical Testing certificate 989.01. Full-scale crash testing on the Plasticade SS100/SS105 Sign Stand System was performed in accordance with testing criteria, as set forth by the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH), 2009.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Country:	United States		Same as Submitter		
Address:	3617B Cincinnati Ave, Rocklin, CA 9576	5	Same as Submitter 🗌		
Engineer Signature: Paul Kruse Digitally signed by Paul Kruse Dix conPaul Kruse, om Trinity Highway, our E-TECH Testing Services, emiling paul Kruse (emiling paul Kruse) Date 2017/02/27 (6:0152-0800) Adobe Acrobat Coversion: 2015 023-20006					
Engineer Name:	Paul Kruse		я		
all of the critical and relevant cra	r affiliated with the testing laboratory, as sh tests for this device listed above were nined that no other crash tests are neces	conducted to	meet the MASH test		
	CRASH TESTING				
and advise road users to traverse of a steel tripod frame with comp various substrates. Crash tests we additional lighter weight substrate above grade. The SS100 is powd differences between the two sig wooden handles using the supp	n Stand System is a work-zone traffic cone a section of highway or street in the proponents specifically to secure industry stere conducted with plywood signs; eligitates. The fixed mounting height of the siter coated while the SS105 is galvanized in stands are negligible. The test articles lied flag holder hardware. Test article were governed in Applications of the stands are contained in Applications.	oper manner. Tandard 1.22 m bility request i gn measures a for corrosion r were fitted wit sight without s	The sign stand consists a x 1.22 m signs of s for plywood and pproximately 0.36 m esistance; the physical h three fabric flags with		
New Hardware or Significant Modification	Modification to Existing Hardware				

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

Required Test	Narrative	Evaluation
Number	Description	Results
3-70 (1100C)	Test 3-70 was omitted as MASH says it is optional for test articles that weigh less than 100 kg (220 lbs.)	Non-Critical, not conducted

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Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
3-71 (1100C)	E-TECH Test 76-0438-001 was conducted using an 1100C vehicle at 100 km/hr. at 0 degrees. Vehicle final test inertial mass was 1100 kg. The center of the vehicle bumper was aligned with the vertical centerline of the test article. The vehicle impacted the front legs of the sign stand; the legs deformed and the sign contacted the hood. The sign detached from the stand and rotated towards the windshield and roof of the vehicle. The sign continued back across the roof and was no longer in contact with the vehicle. The vehicle hood released and interfered with the 90 degree test, which was then conducted separately. Damage to the vehicle bumper, hood, and roof was significant. The windshield was moderately damaged by direct contact with the sign. There was no penetration of the passenger compartment and no damage to any part of the undercarriage of the vehicle. E-TECH Test 76-0438-002 was conducted using an 1100C vehicle at 100 km/hr. at 90 degrees. Vehicle final test inertial mass was 1104 kg. The center of the vehicle bumper was aligned with the vertical centerline of the test article. The front bumper impacted the left leg of the sign stand and the lower left section of the sign. Both sign stand and sign rotated towards the vehicle; the sign released from the stand and impacted the hood. The sign elevated over the roof without contact; the sign stand lightly struck the roof and trunk. Both impacts showed negligible damage. Damage to the vehicle bumper, hood, and roof from the test was negligible and part of the undercarriage of the vehicle. The device was judged to have successfully met all MASH evaluation criteria for Test 3-71 for work zone traffic control devices in both normal and perpendicular orientations.	PASS

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3-72 (2270P)	E-TECH Test 76-0438-003 was conducted using a 2270P vehicle at 100 km/hr. at 0 degrees and at 90 degrees. Vehicle final test inertial mass was 2226 kg. The center of the vehicle bumper was aligned with the vertical centerline of the test article. For the 0 degree test, the front bumper impacted the front legs and base of the wood sign simultaneously; the wood sign flexed around the hood, fractured, and the upper section landed on the hood. The sign stand and lower section of the sign elevated above the vehicle without making direct contact. For the 90 degree test, the test article was impacted and the sign detached from the stand. Both components elevated in front of the vehicle's windshield and then pushed towards the driver's side and then came to rest. The vehicle sustained moderate damage to the bumper and hood. There was no damage to the windshield. There was no damage or penetration to the passenger components of the vehicle. The device was judged to have successfully met all MASH evaluation criteria for Test 3-72 for work zone traffic control devices in both normal and perpendicular orientations.	PASS	

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:	aboratory Name: E-Tech Testing Services, Inc.		
Laboratory Signature:	Paul Kruse	Digitally signed by Paul Kru DN: cn=Paul Kruse, o=Trini email—paul kruse@etechte Date: 2017.02.27 06:14:24 Adobe Acrobat DC version	ity Highway, ou=E-TECH Testing Services, sting.com, c=US -08'00'
Address:	3617B Cincinnati Avenue, Rocklin, CA 95765		Same as Submitter
Country:	USA		Same as Submitter
Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period :	ISO/IEC 17025-2005 Accredited Mechanical #0989-01 (Certification dated November 20, 2015 thru November 30, 2017)		

Submitter Signature*: Henry A. Ross Objectable signature and Signature a

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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	



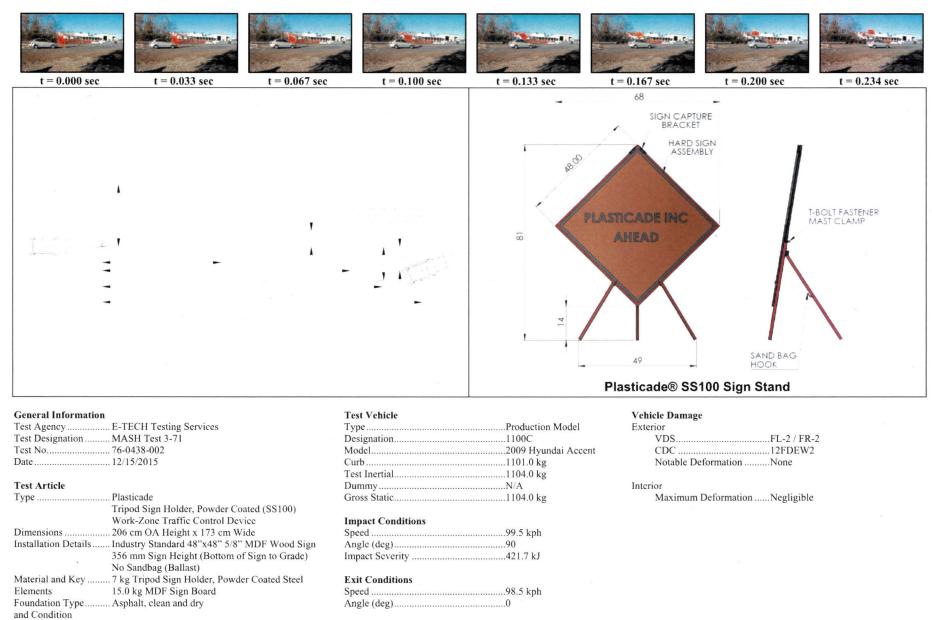


Figure 6 - Summary of Results - Plasticade® SS100 Sign Stand Test 76-0438-002



APPENDICES

Appendix A - Details of Test Article

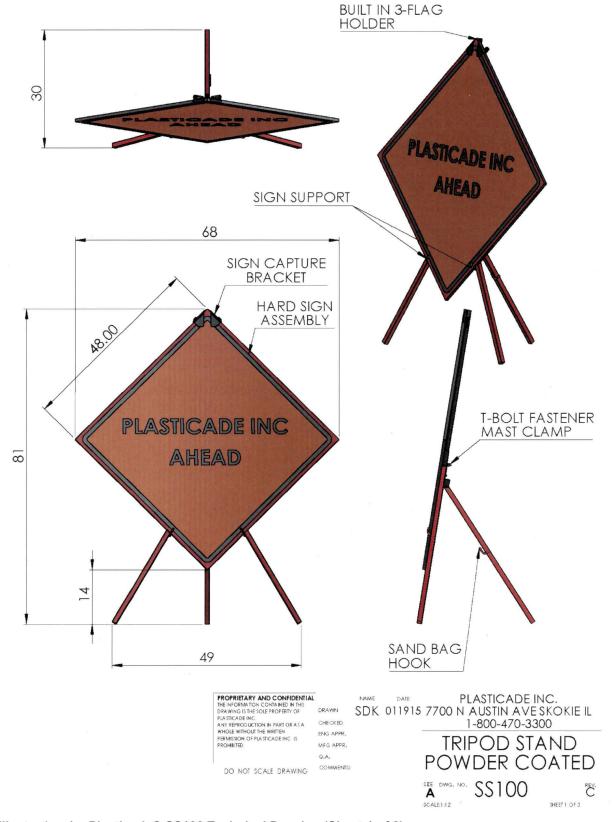


Illustration 1 - Plasticade® SS100 Technical Drawing (Sheet 1 of 3)



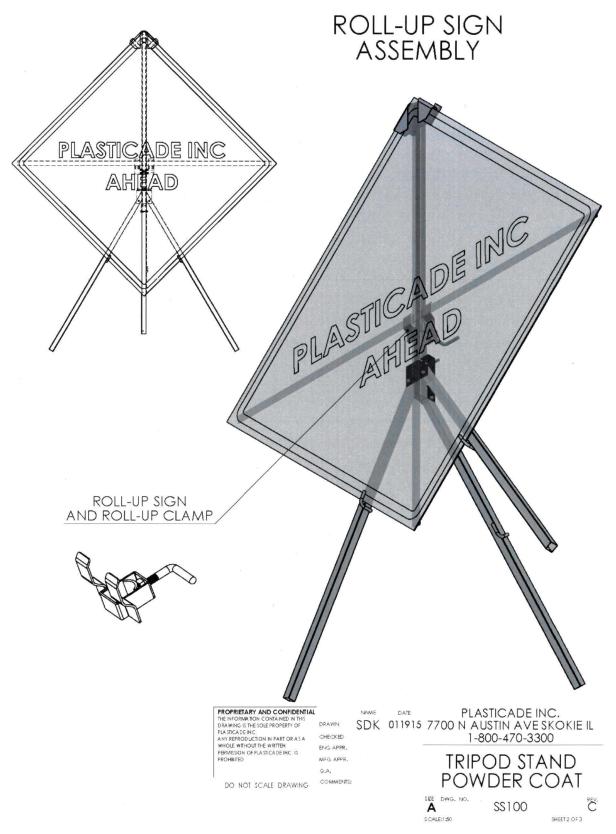


Illustration 2 - Plasticade® SS100 Technical Drawing (Sheet 2 of 3)



SS100	10000	10000 STAND ASSEMBLY	RSM10000-150119			
ITEM	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DRAWING NUMBER	MATERIAL	FINISH	Quantity
1	TS-LFA-4-002	SQUARE TUBE ASSEMBLY	RSMT105-140331		POWDER COAT	1
2	TS-LFA-1	TRIPOD LEG FRAME	RSMT101-140331	STEEL Q235	POWDER COAT	1
3	TS-LFA-2	TRIPOD STAND FRAME-2	RSMT102-140331	STEEL Q235	POWDER COAT	1
4	TS-LFA-4	30MM O.D. SQUARE TUBE	RSMT103-140331	STEEL Q215	POWDER COAT	1
5	TS-NUT	TRIPOD STAND NUT	RSMT104-140331	STEEL	POWDER COAT	1
6	TS-SHA	TRIPOD STAND TOP PART	RSMT114-150119			
7	TS-SHA-1	28MM O.D. SQUARE TUBE	RSMT113-140331	STEEL Q215	POWDER COAT	1
8	TS-SHA-2	23MM O.D. TUBE	RSMT112-140331	STEEL Q215	POWDER COAT	1
9	TS-SHA-3	TRIPOD STAND TOP	RSMT111-140331	STEEL Q235	POWDER COAT	1
10	TS-LEGR	TRIPOD STAND REAR LEG	RSMT110-140515	STEEL Q215	POWDER COAT	1
11	TS-HOOK	TRIPOD STAND HOOK	RSMT109-140331	STEEL	POWDER COAT	1
12	TS-LEGF	TRIPOD STAND FRONT LEG	RSMT107-140331	STEEL Q215	POWDER COAT	1
13	TS-HOOK	TRIPOD STAND HOOK	RSMT109-140331	STEEL	POWDER COAT	1
14	TS-LEGF-02	TRIPOD FRONT LEG	RSMT108-140331	STEEL Q215	POWDER COAT	1
15	TS-HOOK	TRIPOD STAND HOOK	RSMT109-140331	STEEL	POWDER COAT	1
16	HARDWARE					8
17	TS-LFA-3	TRIPOD STAND HANDLE BAR	RSMT106-140331	STEEL	ZINC PLATE	1
18	TS-BOLT	BOLT HEX CAP 1/4-20 X 1-3/4	BOLT/NUT SHEET	STEEL GRADE 5	ZINC PLATE	3
19	TS-NLN	NUT NYLON LOCK 1/4-20	BOLT/NUT SHEET	STEEL	ZINC PLATE	3

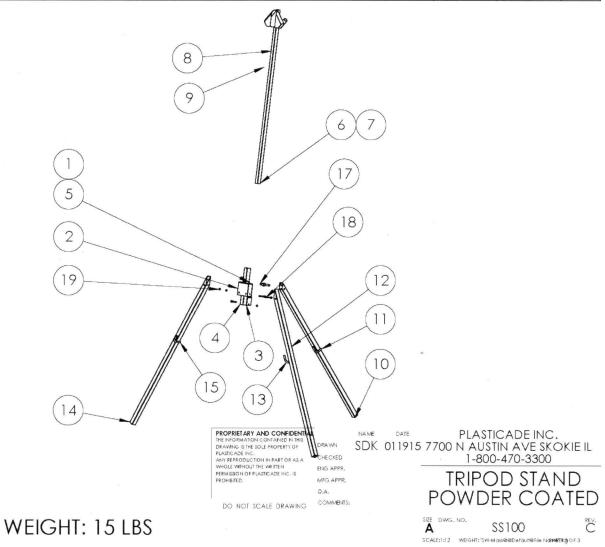
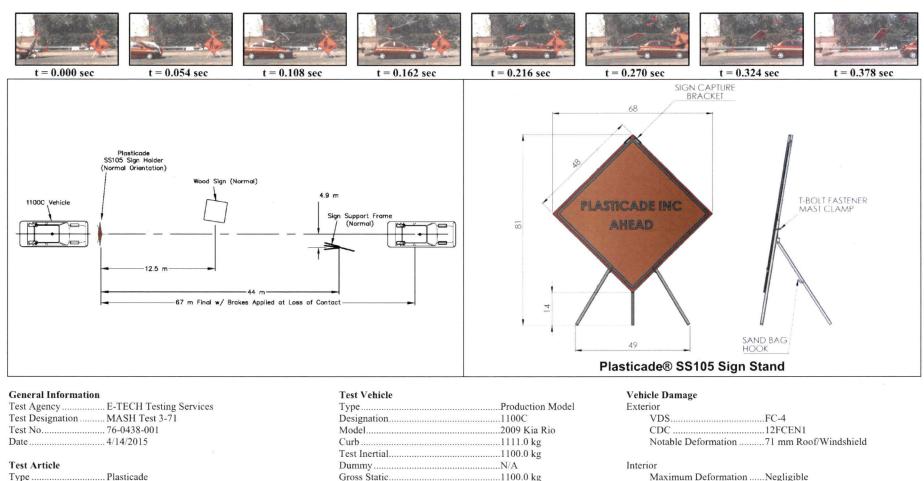


Illustration 3 - Plasticade® SS100 Technical Drawing (Sheet 3 of 3)





Impact Conditions

Exit Conditions

Impact Severity429.4 kJ

Angle (deg)......0

Angle (deg)......0

Figure 2 - Summary of Results	 Plasticade® SS105 	Sign Stand	Test 76-0438-001
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Tripod Sign Holder, Galvanized (SS105) Work-Zone Traffic Control Device

15.9 kg Sandbag (Ballast) Hanging from

356 mm Sign Height (Bottom of Sign to Grade)

Foundation Type...... Asphalt, clean and dry

Elements

and Condition

Installation Details...... Industry Standard 48"x48" 5/8" MDF Wood Sign

Integrated Sand Bag Hook

15.0 kg MDF Sign Board

15.9 kg Sandbag (Ballast)

Material and Key 7 kg Tripod Sign Holder, Galvanized Steel



Type

Elements

and Condition

... Plasticade

Foundation Type...... Asphalt, clean and dry

Installation Details...... Industry Standard 48"x48" 3/4" MDF Wood Sign

17.0 kg MDF Sign Board

No Sandbag (Ballast)

Material and Key 7 kg Tripod Sign Holder, Galvanized Steel

Tripod Sign Holder, Galvanized (SS105) Work-Zone Traffic Control Device

356 mm Sign Height (Bottom of Sign to Grade)

Normal (0 deg) Orientation Perpendicular (90 deg) Orientation t = 0.000 sect = 0.059 sect = 0.000 sect = 0.098 sect = 0.118 sect = 0.177 sect = 0.049 sect = 0.171 secT-BOLT FASTENER MAST CLAMP PLASTICADE INC AHEAD SAND BAG Plasticade® SS105 Sign Stand **General Information Test Vehicle** Vehicle Damage Test Agency E-TECH Testing Services TypeProduction Model Exterior Test Designation MASH Test 3-72 VDS.....FC-2 Designation..... .2270P ...12FCEN1 Model..... ..2010 Dodge Ram ..2202.0 kg Notable DeformationNone ..2226.0 kg Test Inertial..... **Test Article** Dummy..... ...N/A Interior

Gross Static.....

Speed (Normal Orientation).....

Angle (deg).....

Speed (Perpendicular Orientation)......98.1 kph

Impact Severity (Normal Orientation)..860.5 kJ

Impact Severity (Perp. Orientation).....826.5 kJ

Speed (Normal Orientation)......98.1 kph Speed (Perpendicular Orientation)......96.1 kph Angle (deg).......0

Impact Conditions

Exit Conditions

..2226.0 kg

Figure 10 - Summary of Results - Plasticade® SS105 Sign Stand Test 76-0438-003

Maximum Deformation Negligible

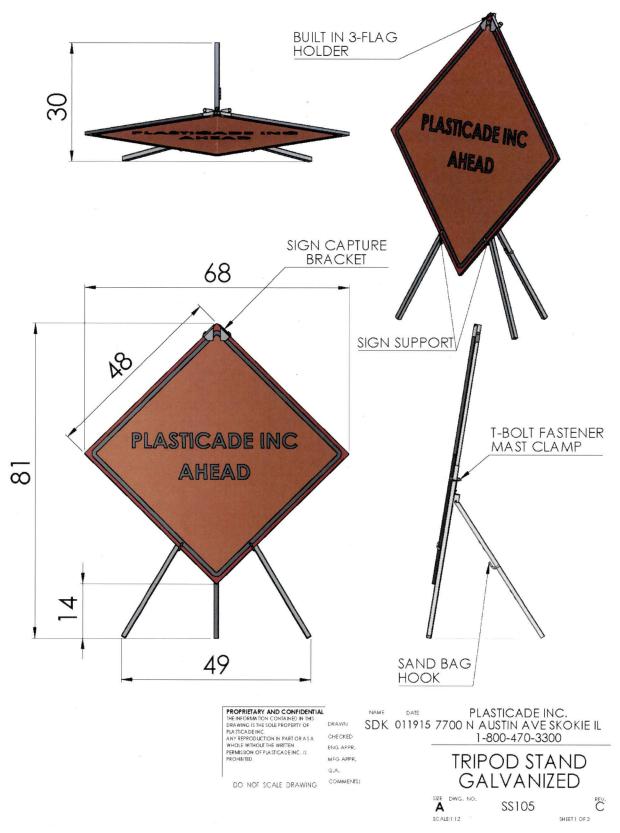


Illustration 4 - Plasticade® SS105 Technical Drawing (Sheet 1 of 3)



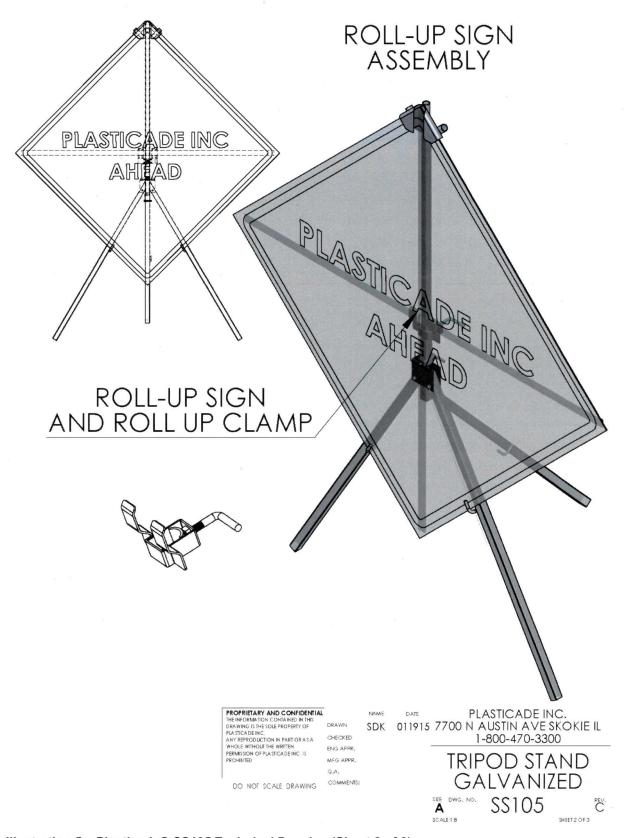


Illustration 5 - Plasticade® SS105 Technical Drawing (Sheet 2 of 3)

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1	TS-LFA-4-002	SQUARE TUBE ASSEMBLY	RSMT105-140331		GALVANIZED	1
2	TS-LFA-1	TRIPOD LEG FRAME	RSMT101-140331	STEEL Q235	GALVANIZED	1
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6	TS-SHA	TRIPOD STAND TOP PART	RSMT114-150119		1	
7	TS-SHA-1	28MM O.D. SQUARE TUBE	RSMT113-140331	STEEL Q215	GALVANIZED	1
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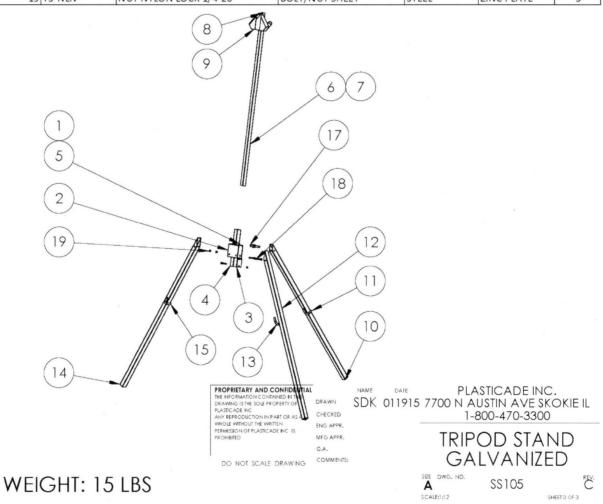


Illustration 6 – Plasticade® SS105 Technical Drawing (Sheet 3 of 3)