## UNIVERSAL TAU II Steel Crash Cushion

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### Status

**Accepted** – May be used on the classified road network.

These acceptance conditions should be read in conjunction with the Product Manual and Roads and Maritime Specification R132 – Safety Barrier Systems.

These acceptance conditions take precedence over any instructions in the Product Manual.

Roads and Maritime Services may withdraw or modify this acceptance at any time without notice. Users should refer to the Roads and Maritime Services website to ensure they have the latest version of the conditions related to this product.

### Product accepted

UNIVERSAL TAU-II Steel Rail Crash Cushion

**Variants**
- Wide configuration
- Parallel configuration
- Combination configuration

**Variants NOT accepted**
- Units with more than one cartridge at the leading edge of the system.
- Variants that are not on the list above are not accepted.
- Variants accepted in other jurisdictions, but not accepted in the local jurisdiction, are NOT permitted.

### Speed limit (km/h)

110 km/h

### Tested containment

- NCHRP 350 Test Level 2 (820kg at 70km/h and 0°)
- NCHRP 350 Test Level 2 (820kg at 70km/h and 15°)
- NCHRP 350 Test Level 2 (2000kg at 70km/h and 0°)
- NCHRP 350 Test Level 3 (820kg at 100km/h and 0°)
- NCHRP 350 Test Level 3 (820kg at 100km/h and 15°)
- NCHRP 350 Test Level 3 (2000kg at 100km/h and 0°)
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### Accepted dynamic deflection

- All speeds
- Not specified. Refer to manufacturers recommendations

Note: the accepted deflections are those measured in crash tests performed under controlled conditions. Crash tests represent an approximation of what is likely to be seen in the field. The use of interpolated/extrapolated deflection values is not accepted.
**System conditions**

1. **UNIVERSAL TAU II Steel Rail Crash Cushion** is non-gating, full redirective, bi-directional and energy absorbing.
2. **UNIVERSAL TAU II** is available in varying configurations for speed limits varying from 50km/h to 110km/h.
3. Colour of nose piece to be determined by local Road Agency.
4. Installation on top of a kerb is not recommended, however if installed on top of a kerb, all system components must be free to operate.

**Approved connections**

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**Gore area use**

Permitted

**Pedestrian area use**

Permitted – consider potential for snagging and deflection

**Cycleway use**

Permitted – consider potential for snagging and deflection

**Median use**

Permitted

**Slope limit**

Side slope limit: 12 Horizontal to 1 Vertical (8%)

**Foundation pavement conditions**

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Foundation pavement conditions must be smooth and free of snag points, kerbs or obstructions that may interfere with the operation of the product.

**Attachments and screens**

In accordance with the requirements of Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 3845, road furniture such as headlight screens, signs, lighting posts and fences for pedestrians, visual screens, debris screens, platforms for workers and other non-product hardware **must not be attached** to the product.

Screens may be placed adjacent to the side of the product not exposed to traffic. The distance between the screen and the product shall be determined by a site specific risk assessment that considers the deflection distance.

Screens must not have horizontal members that present a risk of impaling errant vehicles that impact the product.

Acceptance of this product does not place any obligation on Roads and Maritime Services, or its contractors, to purchase or use the product.