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Structural Calculations For Residential Cable Guardrail System Stainless Railing Solutions

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Scope of Work

JHI Engineering, Inc. (JHI) has provided structural calculations for the termination posts, intermediate posts, corner posts, cables, connections for guardrails and handrails, and attachment to the base material (decking or concrete).

Building Codes:

- 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code
- 20010 Washington State Building Code
- 2010 California Building Code
 All state codes based on the 2009 International Building Code (IBC)

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Materials:

Stainless

A554 Stainless Steel Grade 304

F_y = 40 ksi per mill certification provided by Stainless Railing Solutions (attached herein) 308L-16 stainless steel covered electrode

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F_y = 64 ksi
Type 316 Stainless Steel Wire Rope
1x19 Strand Core

1/8" dia. with breaking strength = 1,869-lbs 3/16" dia. with breaking strength = 4,183-lbs 7x7 Strand Core 1/8" dia. with breaking strength = 1,566-lbs

3/16" dia. with breaking strength = 3,293-lbs

Guardrail Loading Conditions

- Manufacturer recommended cable prestressing of 275-lbs per cable
- Uniform Load: Per 2009 IBC §16017.7.1, 50 plf applied to the handrail in any direction is applicable *only* to commercial projects with public access. Uniform loading not applicable to residential guardrails.
- Concentrated Load: Per IBC § 1607.7.1.1, 200-lb concentrated load applied to the handrail in any direction
- Per IBC § 1607.7.1.2, components including the cables shall be designed for 50-lbs applied on an area A=1 ft².

Guardrail System Summary

Post Height:

40.5", including base plate

End Posts:

UTP39: 2" Sq. x 0.25" wall thickness

Corner Posts:

UTP39: 2" Sq. x 0.25" wall thickness

Intermediate Posts:

UIP39: 2" Sq. x 0.138" wall thickness

Intermediate Post Spacing: 6'-0" o.c.

Maximum Termination

Post spacing:

80 feet o.c.

Base Plate:

5'' Sq. x 5/16'' thick with 1/8'' fillet weld at post

Picket:

1" Sq. x 0.062" wall thickness stainless steel tube centered

in between guardrail posts

Top Rail:

3.5" x 5/4" wood with 20 Gauge 304 SS skin, blocking

between posts for direct bearing against posts to resist cable

pretensioning

Sub Rail Blocking:

able Solutions Ic

Cable Prestressing:

275-lbs

Cable Spacing:

3"

Base plate and anchorage:

Concrete slab: ITW 3/8" diameter Trubolt wedge anchor

with 2-5/8" embedment, spacing = 3-3/8" o.c.,

PL $5/16'' \times 5''$ Sq., minimum concrete edge distance = 5'',

minimum concrete thickness = 5''.

Wood Deck: 3/8" diameter through bolts with blocking.

Attachment of the base plate to the supporting structure is highly variable in nature. Conditions outside of those shown in the analysis must be performed by a qualified engineer.