Product and Installation Manual: ArmorGuard™ Gate

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Preface

The Barrier Systems, Inc. (BSI), ArmorGuard Gate System (AGS), incorporates the newest roadside safety materials and engineering processes.

As with any roadside safety device, the AGS must be installed properly to insure proper performance. Thoroughly review and fully understand the installation instructions and product limitations before starting the installation. An instructional video is available from BSI to help explain the general installation requirements. Watch and fully understand the AGS Section Splice and Hinge / Transition Installation and Assembly Video before attempting to install the system.

Do not start the installation without the proper plans and tools required for installation. If you need additional information, or have questions about the ArmorGuard Gate System, please call the BSI Customer Service Department at (888) 800-3691 (U.S toll free) or (707) 374-6800.

Introduction

The AGS has been fully tested in accordance with the evaluation parameters in NCHRP Report 350, Test Levels 3 (100 km/hr).

The system is a heavily reinforced steel barrier that is designed for emergency openings. It is ideally suited for permanent and stationary work zone barriers where emergency vehicles, maintenance crews and emergency evacuation access may be needed and positive barrier protection is required. The system should be installed on a smooth firm surface that is capable of supporting the weight of the system. Generally a Portland Concrete Cement (PCC) surface is preferred but the system has been successfully installed and used on an Asphalitic Concrete surface. Please refer to Appendix B (Page 18).
System Overview

Longitudinal barriers are highway safety devices whose primary functions are to prevent vehicular penetration and to safely redirect an errant vehicle away from roadside or median hazards. The ArmorGuard Gate system is used as a moveable longitudinal barrier section that can be installed in openings of rigid barrier systems. The system is hinged at both ends and uses a compressed air powered jacking system or manual jack system to raise the gate section onto casters. This enables the system to be unhinged and swung open from either end, or the whole gate section can be disconnected at both ends and moved in any direction. The purpose of the system is to create a crashworthy closure for rigid longitudinal barrier openings that is capable of being opened by no more than two people in less than 5 minutes.

The system is approximately 28 inches (700 mm) wide and is 33 inches (830 mm) high. It is available in 4-metre (13') increments from 8 metres to 64 metres (26 to 210 feet) in length. The system can be quickly and easily opened or closed without expensive electrical power supplies or sophisticated control systems. Positive security can also be provided.

Required Tools

1/2" (12 mm) medium depth sockets
1/2" (12 mm) Ratchet with extensions
Rotohammer for drilling holes in concrete
Torque wrenches
Measuring tape
Safety Equipment: Glasses, Gloves
1/2" (12 mm) Air impact wrench w/ sockets

Note: The tools list is a general recommendation. Depending on the specific characteristics of the job site, different tools may be necessary.

Before Installment

Placement and use of the ArmorGuard Gate System should be accomplished in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations set forth in the “AASHTO Roadside Design Guide,” FHWA memoranda and other state and local standards.

The AGS is a highly engineered safety device made up of a relatively small number of parts. Before starting the assembly, become familiar with the basic elements that make up the system.

Depending on the size of the system ordered, the gate sections will be shipped separately and the transition parts will be shipped on pallets. Assembly of the system is typically done at the worksite. (If preferred, the system can be assembled “off-site” and set into position as one piece, with a forklift or crane.)

8 and 12 metre gates are shipped fully assembled. 16 metre gates are shipped in (2) 8-metre sections with transitions on pallets. Gates longer than 16 metres are generally shipped in multiple 8-metre sections or a combination of 8-metre and 4-metre sections depending on the overall length required.

Before beginning the assembly of the system, check the packing list to be certain that all of the system components were included in the shipment.

NOTE: It is important to determine the system’s installation position to optimize proper function and transition.
Section Splicing Instructions

Depending on the length of the system ordered, the gate sections may need to be spliced together. The first part of this manual describes the process for splicing two AGS sections together. This procedure can also be used to replace a damaged 4-meter section.

The transition to permanent concrete barrier hardware installation instructions start on page 7.

For the sake of this manual, we will assume that two sections have been delivered and laid out in this orientation with the section on the left labeled Section “A” and the one on the right as Section “B”. The Top Panel Connecting Brackets are already installed on Section “A”. This manual will show you how to splice the two sections together with the Top Panel Connecting Bracket.

Step 1

Remove the Coupling Straps from both sides of Section “A”. Use an impact wrench to remove the middle and upper Coupling Straps. Use a wrench or socket to remove the bottom coupling Strap. The bolts that attach the Side Coupling Straps screw into the Threaded Backing Plate (fig 3.) located on the inside of the assembly.

Notice (Fig 4.) that the Bottom Coupling Straps are different from the Side Coupling Straps as the areas around the holes are cut out so that the Strap can be installed flush over the panel mounting nuts.
Step 2
Remove any bolts in the Top Panel of Section “B”. Insert a pry bar into adjacent holes to move the panels around so that the bolts can be easily removed.

NOTE: Before pushing on the end of Section “B”, place a spacer block on the hinge assembly (figure 7). This will prevent the forklift or other pushing device from contacting and possibly damaging the hinge bars.

Step 3
Once all of the bolts on the Section “B” Top Panel are removed, you are ready to insert the Top Panel Connecting Bracket under the top panels of Section “B”. Use a pry-bar (figure 6) to make sure that the unit is aligned and that the top panel on Section “B” will go over the connecting hardware.

Step 4
Push on the end of Section “B” moving the Top Panels over the Top Panel Connecting Bracket on Section “A”. (figure 8.)


**Step 5**

Use a pry bar to align the side panels so that the Bottom Coupling Strap can be re-installed. Make sure that the Bottom Coupling Strap is used and that the cutouts fit over the nut heads on the outside of the unit. Install the washers and nuts and tighten to 70 ft-lbs (95 N-m).

**Step 6**

Install the Side Coupling Straps. One person must hold the Threaded Backing Plate on the inside on the unit, while the other person threads the bolt thru the Side Coupling Strap, the End Cap, and then into the Coupling Strap Nut.

**Step 7**

Use a pry bar to align the holes on the Top Panel and reinstall the bolts (figure 11.). Refer to drawing #D010343 in the Appendix B (Page 17) to determine the position of the round head bolts and the hex head bolts.

**Step 8**

Occasionally after the top bolts have been installed on the Top Panel, the side of the Top Panel will pull away from the assembly. Use a longer hex bolt to temporarily pull the side of the panel in. Install the hex bolt. Keep the holes aligned with the pry bar while tightening (figure 12).
Step 9
Replace the rest of the side bolts. When all of the side bolts have been replaced, remove the hex bolt and replace it with a Round Head bolt. The Round Head bolts will eliminate any vehicle snagging if the system is impacted.

Step 10
Finish attaching the top panel by installing the bolts on the bottom side of the Top Panel.

Step 11
Use and impact wrench to tighten all of the side Coupling Strap bolts (figure 15).

Step 12
Next, install the Middle Panel Connecting Rods (figure 16). These rods connect the Middle Panels of adjacent 4-meter sections. Install the washer and nut, and tighten with an impact wrench.
Step 13
Once the Middle Panel Connecting Rods have been installed, the Coupling Shear Plate can be installed. The Coupling Shear Plate attaches across the tops of the two sections (figure 17) Tighten all of the bolts with an impact wrench.
Transisition Installation Instructions

The transition hardware for the ArmorGuard Gate System (AGS) will be delivered on pallets along with the gate. When requested, and shipping conditions allow, the transition will be shipped partially assembled.

These are the procedures for installing a AGS transition to a permanent concrete safety shaped barrier. The transition hardware consists of a number of parts that must be installed onto the permanent barrier in a particular sequence.

This is a view of the major components that make up the AGS transition to permanent concrete barrier. The components are shown above and to the right.
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**Step 1**
Slide the Transition Housing over the end of the permanent barrier. A pry bar should easily move the part into place. A forklift could also be used to push the part into place. Center the Gate and transitions within the predetermined opening, as described in Drawing B011025 (page 21).

**Step 2**
Use the holes in the Transition Housing as a template for marking the position of the anchor holes that will be drilled. Also, mark the holes at the base of the Transition Housing.

**Step 3**
Drill the holes for the Transition Housing side and bottom (Figure 28).

**Step 4**
Insert the enclosed threaded rods into the holes and epoxy in place as directed by instructions enclosed with the epoxy.
Step 5
After the anchor epoxy has properly cured, place the washer and nuts on the Housings and tighten. Torque to 120 ft/lbs.

Step 6
Install the Adapter Mount assembly over the Housings coming up through the top of the Spacer Plate and against the Transition Housing. Make sure that the Housings that come up through the Spacer Plate are aligned so that they come up through the bottom plate of the Adapter Mount.

Step 7
Install the bolts that hold the Adapter Plate against the Transition Housing by inserting the washers and bolts. Use the access holes on the side of the Transition Housing to install the nuts and lock washers on the bolts. Use the access hole to hold a back-up on the nuts while the bolts are tightened with an impact wrench.
Step 8
Install the nuts and washers onto the Housings that come up through the Spacer Plate and through the bottom of the Adapter Plate.

Step 9
Install the End Support over the Adapter Mount. The End Support will slide over and around the adapter.

Step 10
At this point, start attaching the side transition panels that run back from the Hinge back onto the concrete barrier. Install the bottom panel first. One person has to hold the panel in place while another person installs the Bottom Coupling Strap. The bolts thread directly into the sides of the End Support.

Step 11
Follow the same steps to install the middle panel. (The middle panel is different from the bottom panel in that it has an insert. The insert will be used to connect a thrurod later in the process).
Step 12
Finally the top rail is installed. It is easiest if two people hold the top rail in place while the third person installs the bolts.

Figure 39.

Step 13
Install the two Round Head bolts in the top side of the Top Panel and hand tighten the nuts.

Figure 40.

Step 14
Install the Top Coupling Strap between the middle and top panel. DON'T TIGHTEN any of the coupling Strap bolts at this time.

Figure 41.

Step 15
Next install the Hinge Assembly. Slide the tabs on the Hinge Assembly inside the Coupling Straps (see Fig. 41 and 42)

Figure 42.
Step 16
Install and tighten the bolts that attach the lower, (Figure 42) middle and top (Figure 43) coupling Straps to the Hinge Assembly.

Step 17
Thread the Middle Panel Thru Rod into the Middle Transition Panel until 2 nut lengths of thread extend beyond the flange of the Hinge Assembly. Install the nut and washer and tighten with a torque wrench.

Step 18
Drill the holes through the transition panels into the permanent concrete barrier. Insert the Housings into the holes and epoxy in place. After the epoxy has properly cured, install the nuts and washers and torque to 120 ftlbs (160 N-m).
Limitations and Warnings

The ArmorGuard Gate system has been rigorously tested and evaluated per the recommendations in the NCHRP Report 350 Guidelines for Test Level 3 (TL-3) longitudinal barriers. The impact conditions recommended in NCHRP 350 are intended to address typical in-service collisions.

When the ArmorGuard Gate system is properly installed and maintained, the system is capable of redirecting impacting vehicles in a predictable and safe manner under the NCHRP 350 impact conditions of:

> Vehicles: Pickup (2000P) and small car (820C)
> Mass: 4400 lbs. (2000 kg) & 1800 lbs. (820 kg)
> Speed: 62 mph (100 km/hr)
> Angle: 25 degrees for pickup and 20 degrees for small car

Vehicle impacts that vary from the NCHRP 350 impact conditions described for longitudinal barriers may result in significantly different results than those experienced in testing. Vehicle impact characteristics different than or in excess of those encountered in NCHRP 350 testing (speed and angle) may result in system performance that may not meet the NCHRP 350 evaluation criteria.
APPENDIX A

Anchoring Material Options

The anchoring package supplied with the ArmorGuard Gate system contains the necessary threaded rods and epoxy needed to install the system. (Fosroc Anchortite Polyester Epoxy and galvanized or stainless steel threaded rods ¼” (20 mm) cut to length.) The epoxy has the following physical properties:

> **Compressive Strength, ASTM C-109 (7 days):**
  14,000 psi (97 MPa)

> **Tensile Strength, ASTM C-307 (7 days):**
  2,000 psi (14 MPa)

> **Heat Distortion, Temperature, ASTM D-648:**
  233°F (112°C)

> **Coefficient of Linear Expansion:**
  2.55 x 105/°C

The proper ratio of filler/hardener to resin is two parts of filler/hardener to one part resin by volume.

Anchor bolt holes should be drilled using air-flushed or water-flushed rotary percussive drilling equipment. If diamond core or non-percussive drills are used, the hole must be thoroughly scoured using a coarse wire flue brush.

Other anchoring materials can be used if they comply with the following specifications: epoxy should meet the ASTM C307 tensile strength of 2,000 psi (14 MPa) and compressive strength of 10,000 psi (70 MPa) per ASTM C109 or C579. The anchoring compound (epoxy) should provide a pull out strength of 20,000 lb. (9070 kg) minimum in 4,000 psi (28 MPa) concrete. Products such as HILTI HIT HY150 injection Adhesive Anchor or HVA Adhesive Anchoring System fit this criteria.

If mechanical expansion anchors are provided with the P.C.B. anchoring package, they can be replaced with any corrosion resistant mechanical or chemical anchor that provides a shear capacity of at least 30,000 lb. (13607 KG) and a tensile capacity of at least 20,000 lb. (9070 KG), in 4,000 psi (28MPa) concrete. Appropriate sized threaded rod and specified epoxy can also be substituted.

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Appendix B

Anchoring Foundation and Barrier Cutout

Placement and installation of the ArmorGuard Gate system must be accomplished in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations set forth in the “AASHTO Roadside Design Guide,” FHWA memoranda and other state and local standards.

Foundation Detail,
Transition to New Jersey Shaped P.C.B.
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APPENDIX C

System Assembly Drawings

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16-Meter Manual Assembly
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12-Meter Manual Assembly
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8-Meter Manual Assembly
Drawing # D010323 ................................................................. Page 23

16-Meter Pneumatic Assembly
Drawing # D020703 ................................................................. Page 24

12-Meter Pneumatic Assembly
Drawing # D020837 ................................................................. Page 25

8-Meter Pneumatic Assembly
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Hinge Mount Set
Drawing # B010342 ................................................................. Page 27

Coupling Set
Drawing # B010343 ................................................................. Page 28

Transition to New Jersey Shaped Barrier Assembly
Drawing # B010406 ................................................................. Page 29

Assembled Transition .............................................................. Page 30

Note - For drawings of gates longer than 16m, please contact ACP.

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NOTES:

1. NEW JERSEY SHAPED CONCRETE BARRIER.

2. USED WITH HINGE MOUNTING KIT, B010342.
ASSEMBLED TRANSITION INSTALLATION PROCEDURE:

1.) SLIDE ASSEMBLY OVER EXISTING SAFETY SHAPED CONCRETE BARRIER. TRANSITION HOUSING MUST OVERLAP BARRIER AT LEAST 6" (150 mm). PLACE BOTH TRANSITION ASSEMBLIES IN PLACE.

2.) POSITION GATE ASSEMBLY BETWEEN THE TRANSITIONS PLACED ON CONCRETE BARRIERS.

3.) ALIGN THE HINGES ON THE GATE WITH THE TRANSITIONS AND CENTER THE MASTER PIN IN THE SLOTS ON THE HINGE WELDMENTS. THE TRANSITIONS ARE ADJUSTED BY SLIDING THEM LONGITUALLY ON THE CONCRETE BARRIER. MAKE SURE THE PINS ALIGN VERTICALLY ALSO.

4.) ANCHOR ALL OF THE TRANSITION PANELS AS SHOWN WITH THE ANCHORING PACKAGE PROVIDED. ANCHOR THE TRANSITION HOUSING TO THE FOUNDATION AND TO THE CONCRETE BARRIER. ONLY TWO ANCHORS ARE NECESSARY FOR ANCHORING THE TRANSITION HOUSING TO THE CONCRETE BARRIER PER SIDE.

5.) THE HINGE ATTACHMENT HARDWARE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS AFTER THE TRANSITION IS ANCHORED IF NECESSARY.
Appendix D

Anchoring Material Options

Periodic Maintenance
The ArmorGuard Gate System has been designed to minimize the need for periodic maintenance. The only periodic maintenance items that need to be addressed are as follows:

> Apply grease (Chevron EP NLGI 2 grease or equivalent) to the zerk fittings on the caster wheels at least annually.

> If the system is supplied with an onboard air tank, the air pressure should be checked at least monthly to ensure that adequate pressure is available to operate the system.

General Inspection and Maintenance

Drive-by Inspection
Drive-by type inspections should be performed at least monthly. The purpose of the drive-by inspection is to observe for the following characteristics:

> Any evidence of vehicle impacts.

> Structural damage.

> Loose or out of place components.

> Excessive debris build-up that would not allow the system to be operated.

If any of these conditions are observed, a walkup inspection is required.

Walk-up Inspections
Walk-up inspections should be conducted at least annually and whenever deemed appropriate from a drive-by inspection. A walk-up inspection should consist of the following items:

> Structural components – Conduct an inspection of all structural assemblies to ensure that all components are structurally sound, properly connected and there are no loose fasteners or damaged components. The hinge pins should be in position and free to move and the hinge covers properly fitted and connected. Any components observed to be non-conforming to the manufacturer’s drawings should be replaced or repaired.

> Operating systems – Raise, hold, and lower the system in accordance with the operating instructions and ensure that the hinge covers, hinge pins, valves, pneumatic system, casters and other functional components operate in the proper manner. Any components observed to be deficient should be repaired or replaced in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

> General cleaning – The area around and within the internal and external operating area should be kept free of debris that could affect either the impact performance or restrict the ability to open or close the system when needed.

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