

Description

The Frangible Safety Post is a novel glass and carbon fibre reinforced, composite, cylindrical post that is intended for the installation of vertical traffic signs and other devices installed adjacent to the roadway. This post is not recommended for uses where an access panel is cut into it.

The product is strong and stiff and is of uniform diameter and wall thickness. The post has the following dimensions and physical characteristics:

Physical Properties

Outside diameter:	219.1mm
Wall thickness:	8.7mm
Unit Weight:	10.3 kg / metre
Standard colour:	Mouse grey RAL 7005

Note: A range of colour options and anti fly poster coatings are available on request.

Structural Characteristics

Except where noted, properties were determined by physical measurement. Test methods and physical properties have been verified by an independent chartered engineer. The declared values below are minimums for each characteristic.

Structural Properties

Max bending moment, Mu:	72.0	kNm
Stiffness for bending, EI:	939.0	kNm ²
Max moment for torsion*, Tu:	39.1	kNm
Stiffness for torsion, Glu:	203.9	kNm ²
Shear capacity*, V:	310.6	kN
Shear capacity (measured**), V:	>52.4	kN

* calculated value

** test equipment unable to safely apply greater force

The structural characteristics of the Frangible Safety Post, above, are used to calculate the sign carrying capacity given the load requirements of BS EN 12899-1 or BS EN 1991-1-4.

These calculations may be done using proprietary or off the shelf software packages that have included the structural details of this product.

Testing/Approvals

The Frangible Safety Post range has been independently tested to BS EN 12767 by MIRA. The overall rating for the 219mm post is NE:2. The product range has been tested in soil and concrete foundations at mounting heights of 1500mm and above. An illuminated sign has also been successfully tested. The individual speed ratings are:

Impact Speed(kph)	Sign	Rating	ASI	THIV
100	on a single post	NE:2	0.8	22
35	on a single post*	NE:2	0.7	23
100	on 2 posts, 1 hit**	NE:2	0.7	14

* EN 12767 does not allow for energy ratings in the 35kph test. When tested at 35kph, the post collapsed in a way consistent with an NE rating.

** The posts were installed at >1.6m separation

General Performance Considerations

The intended use of the Frangible Safety Post is for the mounting of appropriately sized, vertical traffic signs and other roadside devices. Other uses (i.e. where access holes are created low on the pole) have not been investigated and are not recommended.

It is the responsibility of the road authority to specify Frangible Safety Posts in locations appropriate for NE rated products.

When specifying / installing signs on multiple posts equal loading of each post is recommended to maximise wind load carrying capacity for that installation. When multiple 219mm Frangible Safety Posts are used for a sign they may be installed as close as 1600mm apart.

Health & Safety

Please follow all safety information contained in this product bulletin when using the Frangible Safety Post. Refer to this and/or other documentation for health, safety, and handling information on the products referenced in this bulletin.

Product Handling

The posts have been specifically designed to be frangible on impact. Care should be taken when handling the posts not to impart any undue impact (such as dropping the posts on the ground from height) as this may detrimentally affect the structural performance of the product.

Mounting another sign on installed posts

A post and foundation suitable to support a particular sign may not be sufficient to carry another in that location. Any substitution of signs or unplanned additions of supplemental plates to an existing installation should only be done after confirming that the post / foundation are not taken beyond its maximum wind load design capacity.



Post uses standard fixings.

Effect of vehicle impact

Frangible Safety Posts tend to collapse when hit by a car. Depending on the speed of impact the sign may fall with the post (very slow impact) or slide off post and fall behind the car that hit it and near the post installation spot (medium or high speed impact). In the unlikely event that a post is bumped by a vehicle but not knocked down it may still be damaged and be unable to continue to carry the sign. Replacement of any Frangible Safety Post which has been involved in a vehicle impact is recommended.

When damaged by a vehicle, the Frangible post fragments generated may have some ragged edges and fibrous residue.

Warning: Ensure that personnel use personal protective equipment appropriate for clear up activities.

Frangible Safety Posts Ltd. reserve the right to investigate any Frangible Safety Post reported to have failed inappropriately.

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