

**SECTION 507 - RAILINGS**

**507.01 Description.** This section describes furnishing and installing concrete railings, zinc-coated iron pipe railings, steel bridge railings, and aluminum railings for bridges, wingwalls, retaining walls, or other locations indicated in the contract documents.

**507.02 Materials.**

Structural Concrete (Class A Concrete)	601
Reinforcing Steel	602
Aluminum Bridge Railing	710.09
Steel Bridge Railing	710.10
Steel Pipe for Railing	710.11
Aluminum	715.01
Contacts with Dissimilar Material	715.02

**507.03 Construction.** Before constructing railings, release structure centering or falsework and place required backfills.

Submit detailed shop drawings required for metal fabrications in accordance with Subsection 501.03(A) - Shop Plans.

Construct railings true to line and grade in accordance with details indicated in the contract documents. Allowance for camber may be included in each span, but unevenness in superstructure shall not be followed. Unless otherwise indicated in the contract documents, construct bridge railings vertically, whether super-elevated or not.

**(A) Concrete Railing.** When ordered by the Engineer, adjust height of concrete railings to compensate for camber and dead load deflection of superstructure. The Engineer will determine amount of adjustment and will order adjustment before concrete is placed.

Construct cast-in-place portion of railing or parapet in accordance with Section 503 - Concrete Structures and this subsection.

Construct expansion joints before finishing concrete. Provide Class 2 concrete finish for railing surfaces in accordance with Subsection 503.03(M)(2) - Class 2 Rubbed Finish. After completing other work, carefully

48 remove with a sharp chisel, loose or thin shells of mortar likely to spall under  
49 expansion joint movement.

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51 Concrete parapet under metal bridge railing and end posts shall be  
52 considered concrete railing and shall conform to requirements of this section.

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54 **(B) Zinc-Coated Iron Pipe Railings.** Weld and grind joints smooth.  
55 Welding shall comply with Subsection 501.03(D) - Shop Work and  
56 Fabrication. Provide vent holes for iron pipe galvanizing and show them in  
57 shop drawings.

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59 Repair damaged zinc-coated surfaces in accordance with Subsection  
60 501.03(G)(2) - Repairing Damaged Zinc-Coated Surfaces.

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62 **(C) Metal Bridge Railings.**

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64 **(1) Storage of Materials.** Store metal bridge railing materials at  
65 work site acceptable to the Engineer, on platforms, pallets or other  
66 aboveground supports. Keep railing materials free from grease and  
67 dirt and protected from moisture until railings are installed. Prevent  
68 aluminum railing materials from coming in contact with dissimilar  
69 metals.

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71 **(2) Condition of Materials.** Rolled railing material, before being  
72 laid out or worked, shall be straight. If necessary, straighten material  
73 by methods that will not produce fracture or otherwise damage the  
74 metal. Material with sharp kinks or bends, or both, will be rejected.

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76 Provide commercial finish for portions of work exposed to view.

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78 **(3) Layout.** Space posts as indicated in the contract documents.  
79 If required, furnish and install full-sized shims to cover entire post  
80 base.

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82 **(4) Fabrication and Erection.**

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84 **(a) General.** Join materials as indicated in the contract  
85 documents. Match-mark sections to ensure that they will be  
86 erected in same position in which they were fabricated. Adjust  
87 railings to ensure the following: proper matching at abutting  
88 joints; and correct alignment, curvature, and camber  
89 throughout their lengths. Fabricate railings on curves or return  
90 bends by shop bending rails to fit curvature, forming smooth  
91 curve throughout their lengths. Cover exposed ends of bridge  
92 rails with terminal caps or seals acceptable to the Engineer.  
93 Installed railings shall have smooth, uniform appearance.

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95 Shims required for aligning aluminum posts shall  
96 conform to Subsection 715.01(E) - Aluminum Shims. Where  
97 aluminum alloys come in contact with dissimilar materials, coat  
98 interface surfaces in accordance with Subsection  
99 715.02 - Contacts With Dissimilar Material.

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101 **(b) Bending.** To ease bending, aluminum may be heated  
102 to no more than 400 degrees F for a period not exceeding 30  
103 minutes. Steel may be heated to no more than 1200  
104 degrees F. Monitor induced temperatures with temperature-  
105 indicating crayons, liquids, bimetal thermometers, or other  
106 means acceptable to the Engineer.

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108 **(c) Cutting.** Shear, saw, or mill material of 1/2-inch  
109 thickness or less. Cut edges shall be true, smooth, and free  
110 from burrs or ragged breaks. Fillet re-entrant cuts by drilling  
111 before cutting. Torch or flame cutting will not be allowed.

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113 **(d) Drilling and Punching Holes.** Drill or punch bolt holes  
114 to finished size; sub-punch and ream to finished size; or sub-  
115 drill and ream to finished size. Punching holes to finished size  
116 or sub-punching and reaming to finished size will be allowed for  
117 material 3/4 inch or less in thickness. For material more than  
118 3/4 inch in thickness, drill to finished size or sub-drill and ream  
119 to finished size.

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121 Die diameter shall not exceed punch diameter by more  
122 than 3/32 inch.

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124 Sub-punched or sub-drilled holes shall be smaller than  
125 finished size holes by 1/4 inch. Unless otherwise indicated in  
126 the contract documents, finished holes shall be cylindrical,  
127 perpendicular to plane of connection, and not more than 1/16  
128 inch larger than nominal bolt diameter.

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130 Slotted bolt holes shall have length not more than two  
131 and one-half times nominal bolt diameter, and width not more  
132 than 1/16 inch larger than nominal bolt diameter.

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134 Finished holes shall be clean-cut, without torn or ragged  
135 edges. Remove burrs, fins, sharp edges, and hole  
136 irregularities that would prevent solid seating of parts. Poorly  
137 matched holes will be rejected.

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139 Ream and drill with twist drills, twist reamers, or  
140 rotobroach cutters, guided mechanically, where practicable. If  
141 required, separate assembled parts for removal of burrs  
142 caused by drilling. Assemble connecting parts and hold

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143 securely together while reaming or drilling. Match-mark  
144 connecting parts.

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146 **(e) Accuracy of Holes.** Punched, subpunched, and sub-  
147 drilled holes shall meet the following accuracy standard. After  
148 assembling (before reaming), at least 75 percent of contiguous  
149 holes in same plane shall permit cylindrical pin 1/8 inch smaller  
150 in diameter than nominal size of punched, sub-punched, and  
151 sub-drilled holes, to pass through at right angles to face of  
152 member, without drifting. All holes shall permit passage of pin  
153 3/16 inch smaller in diameter than nominal size of punched,  
154 sub-punched, and sub-drilled holes. Connection pieces that  
155 fail to meet specified accuracy standard will be rejected.

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157 When holes are reamed or drilled, at least 85 percent of  
158 contiguous holes in same plane shall show no offset greater  
159 than 1/32 inch between adjacent thicknesses of metal.

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161 **(f) Drifting.** Drifting during assembly will be allowed only to  
162 the extent that is required to bring parts into position. Drifting  
163 shall not enlarge holes or distort metal.

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165 **(g) Bolting.** During concrete placement, protect exposed  
166 portions of anchor bolts above finish line of concrete by  
167 wrappings, grease, or heavy oil. Draw heads and nuts tight  
168 against work. Use beveled washers on beveled surfaces to  
169 ensure full bearing to both head and nut.

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171 **507.04 Measurement.** Railing will be paid on a lump sum basis. Measurement  
172 for payment will not apply.

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174 **507.05 Payment.** The Engineer will pay for accepted railing on a contract lump  
175 sum basis. Payment will be full compensation for work prescribed in this section  
176 and the contract documents.

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178 The Engineer will pay for the following pay item when included in the proposal  
179 schedule:

181 Pay Item	182 Pay Unit
183 _____ Railing	184 Lump Sum

185 The Engineer will pay for portions of railing bars that extend into slabs or  
186 beams in accordance with and under Section 602 - Reinforcing Steel.

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**END OF SECTION 507**