

# The World's Only Speed-Dependent Crash Attenuators



NCHRP 350 Approved





Work Area Protection Corp.

# **SMART CUSHION INNOVATIONS®**

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The Smart Cushion® crash attenuator is a revolutionary, speed-dependent product that varies stopping resistance during an impact. The Smart Cushion® crash attenuator allows lighter and slower-moving vehicles to have longer ridedown distances and lower ridedown g-forces. Unlike fixed-resistance attenuators, the Smart Cushion® attenuator does not reach maximum stopping resistance unless a vehicle is traveling at the maximum design speed. This fully re-directive, non-gating, bidirectional, impact attenuator was designed for maximum safety and reusability, as well as outstanding durability before, during and after an impact.

The Smart Cushion<sup>®</sup> is the only attenuator with a reverse-tapered design to eliminate side panel stress during a collapse. It also has an extremely low angle of exit on side impacts (<1°) to keep vehicles from rebounding back into traffic and causing secondary accidents. This is the lowest angle of exit for any re-directive attenuator on the market.



#### **How It Works**

The hydraulic porting of the attenuator ensures that the proper resistance is used to stop the vehicle before it reaches the end of the cushion's usable length. The Smart Cushion<sup>®</sup> was specifically designed for durability and resetability to enable resets to be performed in less than 30 minutes. Side impacts within NCHRP 350 specifications do not damage the attenuator.

After an impact, the cushion requires a dual-stage pull-out with the replacement of two 1/4" shear bolts. The crash attenuator requires a minimal inventory of spare parts because of the new side panels' durability and the normal requirement of only two shear bolts on the frontal impact reset. Minimal damage means quick resetting and reduced worker exposure to traffic, as well as lower costs for traffic control, replacement parts and labor.





#### **Ready To Install**

Smart Cushion<sup>®</sup> attenuators come fully assembled for a pick-and-set install. A typical installation can be performed in less than 90 minutes. The Smart Cushion<sup>®</sup> is self-supporting and requires no additional support for permanent or temporary construction applications.

#### **NCHRP 350 Test Results**

All NCHRP 350 tests were performed on the same unit over four consecutive days. All tests showed outstanding results for ridedown g-forces and low angle of exit. There were no replacement parts required prior to the next test except for shear bolts.

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## **Repair Costs**

Based on NCHRP 350 test results, the SCI100GM required the following parts and labor:

#### **NCHRP 350 TEST LEVEL 3 REPAIR RESULTS**

#3-31 2000 kg vehicle 0 degree frontal impact at 102 km/h
#3-32 820 kg vehicle 15 degree frontal impact at 101 km/h
#3-33 2000 kg vehicle 15 degree frontal impact at 101 km/h
#3-37 2000 kg vehicle 20 degree side impact at 99 km/h
#3-39 2000 kg vehicle 20 degree rev. side impact at 99 km/h

Part Names	Cost	Repair Hrs.	COST	lotal Cost
2 - Shear Bolts	\$1	2 man hours	\$80	\$81
2 - Shear Bolts	\$1	2 man hours	\$80	\$81
2 - Shear Bolts	\$1	2 man hours	\$80	\$81
0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0
0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0

## **Test Levels Available**

The SCI70GM is a Test Level 2 (45 MPH) attenuator and the SCI100GM is a Test Level 3 (62 MPH) attenuator. Both attenuators can protect a wide range of hazards including but not limited to bridges, median barriers and highway signs.





Support Gussets Gussets located behind the panels reduce gap formation and deformation to prevent snagging on reverse side impacts.



**Stronger Side Panel** 

The panel is over 90% stronger than curved profiles. The profile allows the edges to be beveled, reducing the potential for snagging and damage on reversedirection impacts. The panel also smoothly redirects vehicles on side impacts. The side panel is fabricated from 10-gauge, 60-ksi, minimum-yield steel with an ASTM A123 galvanized coating.



Cable & Cylinder System This system allows longer ridedown distances for smaller vehicles, as well as smoother ridedown with lower g-forces for all vehicles. The cylinder's hydraulic porting assures a controlled ridedown by applying the necessary resistance required based on the speed and mass of the vehicle.



Side Guide Design This revolutionary design withstands side impacts with no damage.



Front Rollers The roller guide design on the front sled produces a smooth, aligned collapse by reducing friction and binding.

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Weights are for attenuators only

# SMART CUSHION INNOVATIONS® Highlights



### **About Work Area Protection Corporation**

Work Area Protection Corporation is the international leader in traffic control devices and work zone safety products. Since 1969, we have been meeting customer needs and exceeding quality standards with a wide range of highway and construction safety products. We back these products with knowledgeable, personalized customer service and strong distributor support.

Part No.	Description	Weight
Attenuators		
9400	SCI100GM Attenuator 24" wide w/Concrete Anchors Test Level 3	3500 lbs.
9450	SCI100GM Attenuator 24" wide w/Asphalt Anchors Test Level 3	3575 lbs.
9451	SCI70GM Attenuator 24" wide w/Concrete Anchors Test Level 2	2500 lbs.
9452	SCI70GM Attenuator 24" wide w/Asphalt Anchors Test Level 2	2550 lbs.
Anchor Kits		
9401	Concrete Anchor Kit for SCI100GM - requires #9515 Epoxy Kit	
9402	Asphalt Anchor Kit for SCI100GM - requires #9516 Epoxy Kit	
9453	Concrete Anchor Kit for SCI70GM - requires #9517 Epoxy Kit	
9454	Asphalt Anchor Kit for SCI70GM - requires #9518 Epoxy Kit	
Accessories		
9406	Shear Bolt	
9424	Delineator Panel Yellow Test Level 3	
9456	Delineator Panel Yellow Test Level 2	
9488	Reset Parts Kit Test Level 3	
9489	Reset Parts Kit Test Level 2	
Transitions		
9431	Transition 24" Jersey Barrier - Right (viewed from front)	
9432	Transition 24" Jersey Barrier - Left (viewed from front)	Transition 24" Jersey Barrie
9433	Transition 24" Concrete - Left & Right	Transition 24 Jersey Barne
Transitions available f	or 30", 36", wide gores, various shaped barriers and guardrails	

Transition 24" Concrete

#### Disclaimer

This product is only intended for use as a re-directive impact attenuator. Installations must be performed strictly according to manufacturer's specifications. Improper installation, modification, or unintended use may create a hazardous condition that can cause personal injury, property damage or death. Any modification or unintended use of this product shall immediately void all manufacturer's warranties. SCI Products Inc. disclaims all liability for injuries to persons or property resulting from any modifications to, unintended use of, or installation of, this product other than in strict accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

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