



AASHTO Product Evaluation & Audit Solutions

2026 Audit Fee Schedule for Guardrail/Guiderail (GRL) Manufacturers

Each participant of the GRL Audit Program will be responsible for paying the following fees in 2026:

Audit Fee - \$5722.00

The audit consists of a walkthrough of the manufacturing/storage process, review of AASHTO/ASTM specifications as well as GRL audit program standards and work plan, traceability of final product back to its required documentation. Review of facility documents (Quality Manual, Standard Specifications, Training and Competency Evaluation Records, Equipment Calibration Records, Certificates of Analysis, Physical Test and Raw Material Test Results, etc.) to ensure your facility is in compliance with the approved work plan for GRL.

Fee includes: Website maintenance and administrative documentation updates, document uploads (includes final Audit Report, Comparison Sample Test Reports, Quality Manual, Compliance Certificate, and National Compliance List for GRL manufacturers) as well as any additional system enhancements.

Quality Management System Desktop Review Fee - \$600.00 (If Applicable)

This comprehensive QMS review is completed prior to the initial facility audit, and every 5 years thereafter. If a facility becomes Non-Compliant or decides to stop participating in the GRL program, a new Desktop Review would be required for the facility to obtain Compliance.

Fee includes: Comprehensive review of Quality Management System policies via e-mail to ensure compliance with Standard Practice SP01. This review is completed prior to the on-site audit, including any QMS revisions to become compliant. Deficiencies not resolved prior to the audit will result in findings in the Audit Report.

Compliance Sample Testing - \$1353.00

This fee covers the program's Designated Laboratory's fees for testing a sampled piece of coil steel according to the GRL Work Plan. Additional fees will apply if testing failures result in new samples being tested.