

# **Box Culvert Design**

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# Box Culvert Design Outline

- Basics
  - Introduction to Culverts
  - Structural Model
  - Demand
  - Capacity
  - Load Rating
- Advanced Topics
  - Flexible Foundations
  - Seismic
- Eriksson Culvert Design





























Four-Sided Box Culvert









- Governing Specifications
  - AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications
  - AREMA (Railroads)
  - ASTM (C1577)





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  - AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications
    - ✓ Section 1 Introduction
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    - ✓ Section 4 Structural Analysis and Evaluation
    - ✓ Section 5 Concrete Structures
    - ✓ Section 12 Buried Structures and Tunnel Liner
  - ASTM
    - ✓ C1577 Standard Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers Designed According to AASHTO LRFD





- Governing Specifications
  - AASHTO LRFD

### $\Sigma \eta_i \gamma_i Q_i \le \phi R_n = R_r \qquad (1.3.2.1-1)$







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$$\sum \eta_i \gamma_i Q_i \le \phi R_n = R_r \qquad (1.3.2.1-1)$$

### Demand ≤ Capacity









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Per Unit Length Basis



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Haunches in the Structural Model

- Allowed, but not required
- Redistributes forces in structure
- Can use the effects of haunches in either or both the slabs and the walls







Boundary Conditions – Four-Sided Box Culvert





Boundary Conditions – Type 1 and Type 2 Culverts





Boundary Conditions – Three-Sided Culverts



Bottom Slab





- Bottom Slab
  - As per code, we can assume a linearly varying stress distribution

#### 10.6.5-Structural Design

#### C10.6.5

The structural design of footings shall comply with the requirements given in Section 5.

For structural design of an eccentrically loaded foundation, a triangular or trapezoidal contact stress distribution based on factored loads shall be used for footings bearing on all soil and rock conditions. For purposes of structural design, it is usually assumed that the bearing stress varies linearly across the bottom of the footing. This assumption results in the slightly conservative triangular or trapezoidal contact stress distribution.





- Bottom Slab
  - Implies a rigid foundation
  - Probably OK for Precast Box Culverts of typical dimensions

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- Bottom Slab
  - We could also assume a flexible foundation









### $\sum \eta_i \gamma_i Q_i \leq \phi R_n = R_r$

### Demand ≤ Capacity





- Applied Loads
  - LL + IM = Live Load + Impact
  - EV = Vertical Soil Load
  - DC = Self Weight
  - DW = Wearing Surface
  - EH = Horizontal Soil Load
  - WA = Internal Fluid Pressure
  - LS = Live Load Surcharge





- Self Weight (DC)
- Wearing Surface (DW)







Vertical Soil Load (EV)







- Vertical Soil Load (EV)
  - Embankment Installation
  - Soil-Structure Interaction



Natural Ground





- Vertical Soil Load (EV)
  - Vertical Arching Factor

#### 12.11.2.2—Modification of Earth Loads for Soil– Structure Interaction

12.11.2.2.1-Embankment and Trench Conditions

In lieu of a more refined analysis, the total unfactored earth load,  $W_E$ , acting on the culvert may be taken as:

• For embankment installations:

$$W_E = F_e \gamma_s B_c H \tag{12.11.2.2.1-1}$$

in which:

$$F_e = 1 + 0.20 \frac{H}{B_c} \tag{12.11.2.2.1-2}$$

 $F_e$  shall not exceed 1.15 for installations with compacted fill along the sides of the box section, or 1.40 for installations with uncompacted fill along the sides of the box section.





Horizontal Soil Load (EH)



EV, DC, DW, WALLS





- Horizontal Soil Load (EH)
  - Equivalent Fluid Pressure Method

 $p = k\gamma_s z$  (3.11.5.1-1)





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  - Equivalent Fluid Pressure Method

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| Soil Condition | Average 'k' values |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Active         | 1/3                |
| At-Rest        | 1/2                |
| Passive        | 3                  |





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  - Equivalent Fluid Pressure Method
  - AASHTO recommends "at-rest" pressure

#### C3.11.1

Walls that can tolerate little or no movement should be designed for at-rest earth pressure.





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  - Equivalent Fluid Pressure Method
  - AASHTO recommends "at-rest" pressure













- Internal Fluid Pressure (WA)
  - Weight of fluid running through box







- Live Load Surcharge (LS)
  - Approaching Vehicle






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  - Approaching Vehicle
  - Boussinesq distribution







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The horizontal pressure,  $\Delta_{ph}$  in ksf, on a wall resulting from a point load may be taken as:

$$\Delta_{ph} = \frac{P}{\pi R^2} \left[ \frac{3ZX^2}{R^3} - \frac{R(1 - 2\nu)}{R + Z} \right]$$
(3.11.6.2-2)





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Equivalent heights of soil,  $h_{eq}$ , for highway loadings on abutments and retaining walls may be taken from Tables 3.11.6.4-1 and 3.11.6.4-2. Linear interpolation shall be used for intermediate wall heights.

The wall height shall be taken as the distance between the surface of the backfill and the bottom of the footing along the pressure surface being considered.

Table 3.11.6.4-1—Equivalent Height of Soil for Vehicular Loading on Abutments Perpendicular to Traffic

| Abutment Height (ft) | $h_{eq}$ (ft) |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 5.0                  | 4.0           |
| 10.0                 | 3.0           |
| ≥20.0                | 2.0           |









Live Loads (Moving Loads)







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  - Distribution through earth fills
  - LLDF (Live Load Distribution Factor or Slope Factor)







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  - For traffic parallel to the span



E = 96 +1.44 (s) ; E in inches, s in feet





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4.6.2.10—Equivalent Strip Widths for Box Culverts

4.6.2.10.1—General

This Article shall be applied to box culverts with depths of fill less than 2.0 ft.

4.6.2.10.2—Case 1: Traffic Travels Parallel to Span

When traffic travels primarily parallel to the span, culverts shall be analyzed for a single loaded lane with the single lane multiple presence factor.





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Table 4.6.2.1.3-1—Equivalent Strips

| Type of Deck |  | Direction of Primary Strip<br>Relative to Traffic | Width of Primary Strip (in.)       |  |
|--------------|--|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Concrete:    |  |   |                                    |  |
| •            | Cast-in-place  | Overhang  | 45.0 + 10.0X                       |  |
|              |  | Either Parallel or<br>Perpendicular               | +M: 26.0 + 6.6S<br>-M: 48.0 + 3.0S |  |
| ٠            | Cast-in-place with stay-in-<br>place concrete formwork | Either Parallel or<br>Perpendicular               | +M: 26.0 + 6.6S<br>-M: 48.0 + 3.0S |  |
| •            | Precast, post-tensioned                                | Either Parallel or<br>Perpendicular               | +M: 26.0 + 6.6S -M: 48.0 + 3.0S    |  |

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  - Don't forget to add distribution steel in the top slab





- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Distribution through earth fills
  - For >= 2' of fill
    - Distribution equations are basically the same regardless of traffic direction

$$A_{LL} = l_w w_w$$

(3.6.1.2.6a-1)



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3.6.1.2.6—Distribution of Wheel Load through Earth Fills

3.6.1.2.6a-General

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- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Skewed Culverts 2 cases with one subcase
  - Applicable up to 5' of soil depth





- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Skewed Culverts 2 cases with one subcase
  - Case 1 Only the exterior culvert is skewed





- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Skewed Culverts 2 cases with one subcase
  - Case 1a Straight culvert with skewed roadway





- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Skewed Culverts 2 cases with 1 subcase
  - Case 2 All culverts are skewed



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- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Effect of moving load on bottom slab
  - Two options available





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- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Truck Types
    - Design HL-93



- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Lane Loads

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- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Truck Types
    - Design HL-93
    - Permit
    - Legal





- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Multiple Presence Factor (MPF)

|                        | Multiple Presence |  |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Number of Loaded Lanes | Factors, m        |  |
| 1                      | 1.20              |  |
| 2                      | 1.00              |  |
| 3                      | 0.85              |  |
| >3                     | 0.65              |  |

| Table 3.6.1.1.2-1-Multi | ple Presence Factors, m |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|-------------------------|-------------------------|





- Live Loads (Moving Loads)
  - Multiple Presence Factor (MPF)
  - Impact Factor (IM) or Dynamic Load Allowance (DLA)

#### 3.6.2.2—Buried Components

The dynamic load allowance for culverts and other buried structures covered by Section 12, in percent, shall be taken as:

 $IM = 33(1.0 - 0.125D_E) \ge 0\%$  (3.6.2.2-1)

where:

 $D_E$  = the minimum depth of earth cover above the structure (ft)





Load Combinations



#### C12.11.2.1

- 1. Maximum vertical + maximum horizontal
- 2. Maximum vertical + minimum horizontal
- 3. Minimum vertical + maximum horizontal
- 4. Minimum vertical + minimum horizontal (not checked)





Load Combinations

#### 12.5.3—Strength Limit State

Buried structures and tunnel liners shall be investigated for construction loads and at Strength Load Combinations I and II, as specified in Table 3.4.1-1, as follows:

#### 12.5.2—Service Limit State

Buried structures shall be investigated at Service Load Combination I, as specified in Table 3.4.1-1.





#### Load Combinations

#### • Achieved through use of AASHTO max/min load factors

Table 3.4.1-2-Load Factors for Permanent Loads, yp

| Type of Load, Foundation Type, and                    |   | Load Factor |         |
|---|---|-------------|---------|
|   | Method Used to Calculate Downdrag                                 | Maximum     | Minimur |
| DC: Component and Attachments<br>DC: Strength IV only |   | 1.25        | 0.90    |
|   |   | 1.50        | 0.90    |
| DD: Downdrag  | Piles, α Tomlinson Method   | 1.40        | 0.25    |
|   | Piles, $\lambda$ Method   | 1.05        | 0.30    |
|   | Drilled shafts, O'Neill and Reese (2010) Method                   | 1.25        | 0.35    |
| DW: Wearing Surfa                                     | ces and Utilities   | 1.50        | 0.65    |
| EH: Horizontal Ear                                    | th Pressure   |             | 1000    |
| <ul> <li>Active</li> </ul>                            |   | 1.50        | 0.90    |
| <ul> <li>At-Rest</li> </ul>                           |   | 1.35        | 0.90    |
| <ul> <li>AEP for anchor</li> </ul>                    | red walls   | 1.35        | N/A     |
| EL: Locked-in Construction Stresses                   |   | 1.00        | 1.00    |
| EV: Vertical Earth I                                  | Pressure  | 1.000       |         |
| <ul> <li>Overall and Co</li> </ul>                    | mpound Stability  | 1.00        | N/A     |
| <ul> <li>Retaining</li> </ul>                         | Walls and Abutments   | 1.35        | 1.00    |
| <ul> <li>MSE wall</li> </ul>                          | internal stability soil reinforcement loads                       |             |         |
| <ul> <li>Stiffness I</li> </ul>                       | Method  |             |         |
| <ul> <li>Reinf</li> </ul>                             | forcement and connection rupture                                  | 1 35        | N/A     |
| <ul> <li>Soil f</li> </ul>                            | ailure – geosynthetics (Service I)                                | 1.20        | N/A     |
| <ul> <li>Coherent</li> </ul>                          | Gravity Method  | 1 35        | N/A     |
| <ul> <li>Rigid Buried S</li> </ul>                    | tructure  | 1 30        | 0.90    |
| <ul> <li>Rigid Frames</li> </ul>                      |   | 1.35        | 0.90    |
| <ul> <li>Flexible Buried</li> </ul>                   | Structures  |             | 2000.0  |
| <ul> <li>Metal Bo</li> </ul>                          | x Culverts, Structural Plate Culverts with Deep Corrugations, and |             |         |
| Fiberglass  | s Culverts  | 1.50        | 0.90    |
| <ul> <li>Thermoph</li> </ul>                          | astic Culverts  | 1.30        | 0.90    |
| <ul> <li>All others</li> </ul>                        |   | 1.95        | 0.90    |
| <ul> <li>Internal and Co</li> </ul>                   | mpound Stability for Soil Failure in Soil Nail Walls              | 1.00        | N/A     |
| ES: Earth Surcharge                                   |   | 1.50        | 0.75    |



- Load Combinations
  - Special case for lateral earth loads on culverts

#### 3.11.7—Reduction Due to Earth Pressure

For culverts and bridges and their components where earth pressure may reduce effects caused by other loads and forces, such reduction shall be limited to the extent earth pressure can be expected to be permanently present. In lieu of more precise information, a 50 percent reduction may be used, but need not be combined with the minimum load factor specified in Table 3.4.1-2.





- Load Combinations
  - Fatigue

5.5.3—Fatigue Limit State

5.5.3.1—General

Fatigue need not be investigated for concrete deck slabs in multigirder applications or reinforced-concrete box culverts.





Load Modifiers

1.3.2.1—General

For loads for which a maximum value of  $\gamma_i$  is appropriate:

 $\eta_i = \eta_D \eta_R \eta_I \ge 0.95 \tag{1.3.2.1-2}$ 

For loads for which a minimum value of  $\gamma_i$  is appropriate:

$$\eta_i = \frac{1}{\eta_D \eta_R \eta_I} \le 1.0 \tag{1.3.2.1-3}$$





Final Demand





Capacity Side

#### $\sum \eta_i \gamma_i Q_i \leq \phi R_n = R_r$

#### Demand ≤ Capacity




- Critical Sections
  - Flexure
    - Typically checked at three places per member
    - Determines amount of reinforcement
  - Shear
    - Typically checked at two places per member
    - Determines member thickness







#### Critical Sections for Flexure (3 Locations)



Haunches not included





Capacity Side

#### Critical Sections for Flexure (3 Locations)











Critical Sections for Shear (2 Locations)



Haunches not included





Critical Sections for Shear (2 Locations)



Haunches not included





Haunches Included and Critical Section Extended



 $\succ$  Calculation of d<sub>v</sub>



Figure C5.7.3.5-1—Forces Assumed in Resistance Model Caused by Moment and Shear





Resistance Factors

#### 1.3.2.1—General

 $\phi$  = resistance factor: a statistically based multiplier applied to nominal resistance, as specified in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12







Tension Zones









Tension Zones











- Flexural Capacity Methods
  - Two methods available





- Flexural Capacity Methods
  - P-M Diagrams
  - Include axial loads in capacity





Flexural Capacity Methods

• Also allowed to use Section 12.10.4.2.4a

#### 12.11.3—Strength Limit State

The provisions of Article 12.10.4.2.4a may be applied to the flexural strength design of slabs and walls of reinforced concrete cast-in-place and precast box culverts and reinforced cast-in-place arches.





- Flexural Capacity Methods
  - Also allowed to use Section 12.10.4.2.4a
  - Which send us to this equation (commonly referred to as the Pipe Equation)

12.10.4.2.4—Flexural Resistance at the Strength Limit State

12.10.4.2.4a—Circumferential Reinforcement

Reinforcement for flexural resistance provided in a length, *b*, usually taken as 12.0 in., shall satisfy:

$$A_{s} \geq \frac{g\phi d - N_{u} - \sqrt{g\left[g(\phi d)^{2} - N_{u}\left(2\phi d - h\right) - 2M_{u}\right]}}{f_{y}}$$
(12.10.4.2.4)

(12.10.4.2.4a-1)



|   | Reinforced Concrete Precast Box Structure | 2S 1.00 |
|---|---|---------|
| • | Flexure                                   | 1.00    |
| • | Shear                                     | 0.90    |



- Flexural Capacity Methods
  - Maximum reinforcement ratio
    - For reinforcing steel in compression:

$$A_{smax} \leq \frac{\left[\left(\frac{55g'\phi d}{87+f_y}\right) - 0.75N_u\right]}{f_y}$$
(12.10.4.2.4c-2)





- Shear Capacity Methods
  - Several methods available





- Shear Capacity Methods
  - Basic Shear Equation

$$V_c = 0.0316\beta\lambda\sqrt{f'_c} \ b_v d_v \qquad (5.7.3.3-3)$$





#### Shear Capacity Methods

• Constant Beta (b) b = 2.0

#### 5.7.3.4.1—Simplified Procedure for Nonprestressed Sections

For concrete footings in which the distance from point of zero shear to the face of the column, pier, or wall is less than  $3d_v$  with or without transverse reinforcement, and for other nonprestressed concrete sections not subjected to axial tension and containing at least the minimum amount of transverse reinforcement specified in Article 5.7.2.5, or having an overall depth of less than 16.0 in., the following values may be used:

 $\beta = 2.0$ 





- Shear Capacity Methods
  - Interactive Beta (Modified Compression Field Theory)
  - Direct Beta (Modified Compression Field Theory)





- Shear Capacity Methods
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- Shear Capacity Methods
  - Interactive Beta (Modified Compression Field Theory)
  - Direct Beta (Modified Compression Field Theory)

$$\beta = \frac{4.8}{(1+750\varepsilon_s)} \frac{51}{(39+s_{xe})}$$

(5.7.3.4.2-2)





- Shear Capacity Methods
  - Interactive Beta (Modified Compression Field Theory)
  - Direct Beta (Modified Compression Field Theory)

$$\beta = \frac{4.8}{(1+750\varepsilon_s)} \frac{51}{(39+s_{xe})}$$
(5.7.3.4.2-2)

$$s_{xe} = s_x \frac{1.38}{a_g + 0.63} \tag{5.7.3.4.2-7}$$

 $s_x$  = crack spacing parameter, taken as the lesser of either  $d_v$  or the maximum distance between layers of longitudinal crack control reinforcement, where the area of the reinforcement in each layer is not less than  $0.003b_v s_x$ , as shown in Figure 5.7.3.4.2-3 (in.)





- Shear Capacity Methods
  - Interactive Beta (Modified Compression Field Theory)
  - Direct Beta (Modified Compression Field Theory)

$$\varepsilon_{s} = \frac{\left(\frac{|M_{u}|}{d_{v}} + 0.5N_{u} + |V_{u} - V_{p}| - A_{ps}f_{po}\right)}{E_{s}A_{s} + E_{p}A_{ps}}$$
(5.7.3.4.2-4)

$$\beta = \frac{4.8}{(1+750\varepsilon_s)} \frac{51}{(39+s_{xe})}$$
(5.7.3.4.2-2)

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 $s_x = \text{crack spacing parameter, taken as the lesser of either } d_v$  or the maximum distance between layers of longitudinal crack control reinforcement, where the area of the reinforcement in each layer is not less than  $0.003b_v s_x$ , as shown in Figure 5.7.3.4.2-3 (in.)





#### Shear Capacity Methods

• Special Provision for Box Culverts (Beta = 3.0)

#### 5.12.7.3—Design for Shear in Slabs of Box Culverts

The provisions of Article 5.7 apply unless modified herein. For slabs of box culverts under 2.0 ft or more fill, nominal shear resistance  $V_c$  may be determined as the lesser of the following:

$$V_{c} = \left(0.0676 \lambda \sqrt{f_{c}'} + 4.6 \frac{A_{s}}{bd_{e}} \frac{V_{u}d_{e}}{M_{u}}\right) bd_{e} \quad (5.12.7.3-1)$$

$$V_c \le 0.126\lambda \sqrt{f_c'} bd_e \tag{5.12.7.3-2}$$

For single-cell box culverts only,  $V_c$  for slabs monolithic with walls need not be taken to be less than  $0.0948\lambda\sqrt{f'_cbd_e}$ , and  $V_c$  for slabs simply supported need





Shear Reinforcement

$$V_n = V_c + V_s \tag{5.7.3.3-1}$$

$$V_{s} = \frac{A_{v}f_{y}d_{v}\left(\cot\theta + \cot\alpha\right)\sin\alpha}{s}\lambda_{duct} \qquad (5.7.3.3-4)$$

Where 
$$\alpha = 90$$
 degrees, Eq. 5.7.3.3-4 reduces to:

$$V_s = \frac{A_v f_y d_v \cot \theta}{s} \lambda_{duct}$$
(C5.7.3.3-1)





- Shear Reinforcement
  - Stirrup spacing is important





- Serviceability
  - Crack Control







- Serviceability
  - Crack Control Basic Equation

5.6.7—Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

$$s \leq \frac{700\gamma_e}{\beta_s f_{ss}} - 2d_c \qquad (5.6.7-1)$$





- Serviceability
  - Crack Control **b**<sub>s</sub> Term







- Serviceability
  - Crack Control Stress Limits in Reinforcement

$$f_{s} = \frac{M_{s} + N_{s} \left(d - \frac{h}{2}\right)}{(A_{s} jid)}$$
(C12.11.4-1)

 $f_{ss}$  = calculated tensile stress in nonprestressed reinforcement at the service limit state not to exceed 0.60  $f_y$  (ksi)





- Serviceability
  - Crack Control Exposure Factor

#### 5.6.7—Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

- $\gamma_e = \text{exposure factor}$ 
  - = 1.00 for Class 1 exposure condition
  - = 0.75 for Class 2 exposure condition





- Serviceability
  - Top Slab Deflection

#### 12.14—PRECAST REINFORCED CONCRETE THREE-SIDED STRUCTURES

#### 12.14.5.9—Deflection Control at the Service Limit State

The deflection limits for concrete structures specified in Article 2.5.2.6.2 shall be taken as mandatory and pedestrian usage as limited to urban areas.







Minimum Reinforcement





- Minimum Reinforcement
  - Temperature and Shrinkage Steel

12.11.5.3.2—Precast Box Structures

Where the fabricated length exceeds 16.0 ft, the minimum reinforcement shall also meet the requirements of Article 5.10.6.





- Minimum Reinforcement
  - Temperature and Shrinkage Steel
  - Circumferential Reinforcement

12.11.5.3.2—Precast Box Structures

At all box culvert cross-sections subjected to flexural tension, the minimum reinforcement area shall be not less than 0.002 times the gross concrete area.





- Minimum Reinforcement
  - Temperature and Shrinkage Steel
  - Circumferential Reinforcement
  - Distribution Reinforcement

12.11.5.3.2—Precast Box Structures

For top slabs of box culverts having less than 2.0 ft of cover, the bottom longitudinal reinforcement area shall be the greater of the distribution reinforcement required per Article 9.7.3.2 or 0.002 times the gross concrete area.




#### Capacity Side

- Minimum Reinforcement
  - Temperature and Shrinkage Steel
  - Circumferential Reinforcement
  - Distribution Reinforcement
  - Longitudinal Reinforcement

12.11.5.3.2—Precast Box Structures

For all other longitudinal reinforcement, the minimum longitudinal reinforcement area shall not be less than  $0.03 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$  at each face.





#### Capacity Side

- > Maximums
  - Steel yields
  - Concrete Strengths

#### 12.4.2.7—Steel Reinforcement

The nominal yield strength shall be the minimum as specified for the grade of steel selected, but shall not exceed 80 ksi.

#### 5.4.2.1—Compressive Strength

Design concrete compressive strengths above 10.0 ksi for normal weight concrete shall be used only when allowed by specific articles or when physical tests are made to establish the relationships between the concrete strength and other properties. Concrete with







> What is a Load Rating?







- ➢ What is a Load Rating?
  - "Units of live load that can be supported by a bridge or structure before that structure reaches a defined limit state"







> What is a Limit State?







- What is a Limit State?
  - (from LRFD) "A condition beyond which the bridge or component ceases to satisfy the provisions for which it was designed."



















Where are Load Ratings defined?









- > In simple terms, the rating equation is:
  - RF = (C-DL) / LL
  - C = Capacity of the bridge element
  - DL = Dead Load Effects (all non-live load)
  - LL = Live Load Effects (based on 1' unit of LL)





- $\succ$  In actuality, the rating equation is:
  - RF = (C-DL) / LL

$$RF = \frac{C \pm \gamma_{DC} DC \pm \gamma_{DW} DW \pm \gamma_{EV} EV \pm \gamma_{EH} EH \pm \gamma_{ES} ES}{(\gamma_{LL})(LL + IM) \pm (\gamma_{LS})(LS)}$$
(6A.5.12.4-1)





- > What control do you have?
  - Flexure and shear critical sections (C)
  - Flexure and Shear capacities (C)
  - Rating Factors (applied to LL force effects)
  - Load Factors (applied to DL force effects)





- Flexible Foundation
  - Replace pin-roller with springs







- Flexible Foundation
  - Loads on the bottom slab are removed





- Flexible Foundation
  - Spring stiffness based on soil subgrade modulus
  - Must account for the weight of the bottom slab



Spring Stiffness = k \* s \* b



- Seismic Analysis
  - Base document from FHWA



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- Seismic Analysis
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  - Horizontal and Vertical Components



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  - Horizontal component is a racking analysis





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  - Vertical Component is much simpler
  - EQ = (EV + DC) \* 2/3 \* PGA





- Seismic Analysis
  - Both horizontal and vertical components are reduced based on the depth of the structure



| Table 13-1 Ground Motion Attenuation with Depth |   |
|---|---|
| Tunnel Depth (m)                                | Ratio Of Ground Motion At Tunnel Depth To |
|   | Motion At Ground Surface                  |
| $\leq 6$  | 1.0                                       |
| 6 -15   | 0.9                                       |
| 15 -30  | 0.8                                       |
| $\geq 30$                                       | 0.7                                       |



# Eriksson Culvert Design Example

- Box Culvert Design Requirements
  - Single Cell Box Culvert
  - 10' Span x 10' Rise
  - 2' 5' fill over box culvert
  - HL93 Live Load





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