

# ENGINEERING FOR STABILITY DURING CONSTRUCTION

## A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER'S PERSPECTIVE

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# Presentation Overview

- Contractors and the 3-C's
- Constructibility of Superstructures
- Design Loads for Temporary Structures
- Bridge Demolition and/or Re-decking
- Conclusions/Suggestions



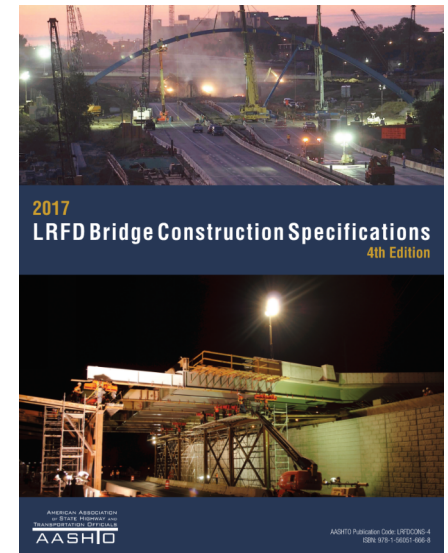
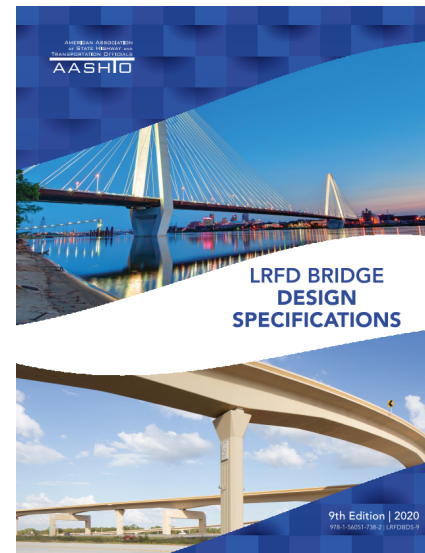
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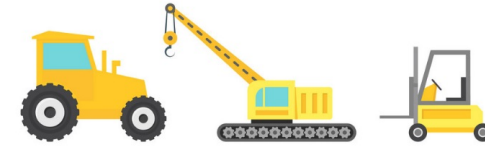
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- **Constructibility of Superstructures**
  - Review of AASHTO Expectations
  - Review of Minimum Checks
  - Steel Girder Erection
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- **Bridge Demolition and/or Re-decking**
  - Stability of girders with equipment removing concrete decks
  - Most Demos/Re-decking for Bridges Designed with ASD
  - How will LRFD designed bridges hold up?
- Conclusions/Suggestions



Sarah Long Demolition, Portsmouth, NH



I-75 Deck Replacement, Detroit, MI



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Owners  
Designer Engineers

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Construction Engineers  
Contractors

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- Definitions
- Who is Responsible, and for What and When?
- Resources available
- Deeper dive into what AASHTO says
- Compare other resources
- Steel Girder Erection



# Age old question...

## Constructibility

### 6.10.3—Constructibility

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## Constructability

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Guidelines to Design for Constructability



American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials  
National Steel Bridge Alliance  
AASHTO/NSBA Steel Bridge Collaboration

Constructibility:

~~Constructibility~~ being constructible.

Project Management technique to  
“Review the construction process.”

or

“Use of ~~Constructibility~~” can also use

the phrase “Constructability review”

“It has more benefits for checking to see if it’s  
constructible”



# Who is responsible for what and when?

TYPICAL DESIGN BID BUILD



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## TYPICAL DESIGN BID BUILD



**We need a bridge**

**Has to be:**

- **Affordable**
- **Safe**
- **Durable**

**Don't want any  
unforeseen issues in  
construction**



# Who is responsible for what and when?

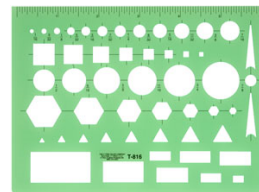
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We need a bridge

**Best design option**

**Number of steel girders spans.  
Needs to have an 800-ft Radius  
Expansion Joints? Etc...**



# Who is responsible for what and when?

## TYPICAL DESIGN BID BUILD



We need a bridge

Best design option

**This is how I would build it.  
It's Going to cost you this much**



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- **Contract Plans = Defines responsibilities of all parties (bidding / fabricating / erecting structure)**

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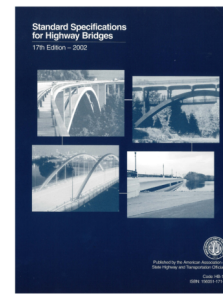
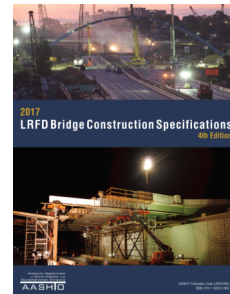
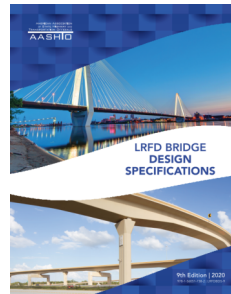
- When is a bridge so complex that special engineering is required to ensure constructibility or stability during erection?
- When should a Department of Transportation (DOT) / Engineer of Record (EOR) make Contractors aware of limitations during construction?
- When does the DOT / EOR owe a Contractor a suggested erection sequence?
- What do the AASHTO Specifications say?



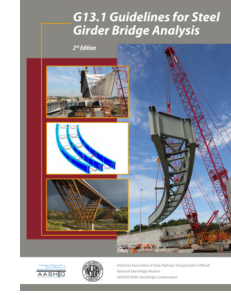
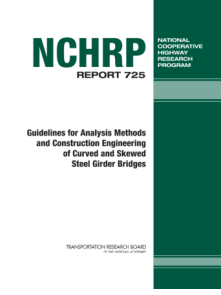
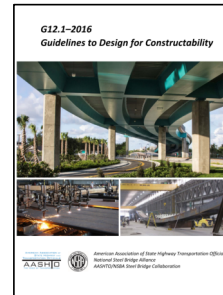
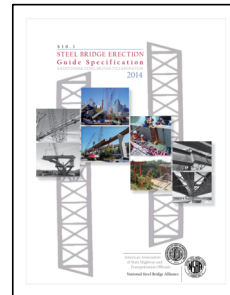
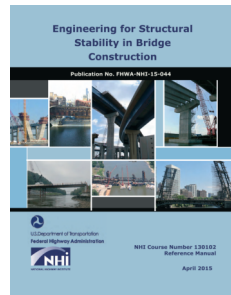


# Construction Engineer's Literature Review

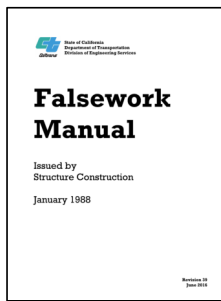
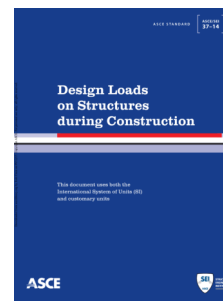
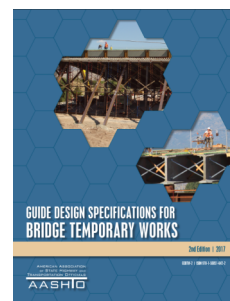
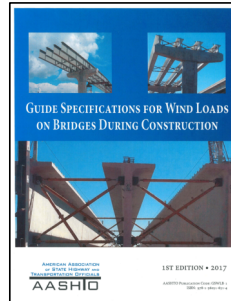
## Design Specifications



## Erection Guides/Specifications

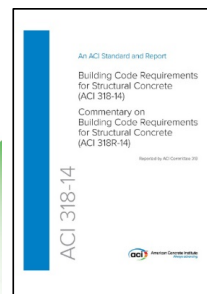
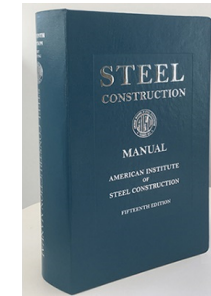
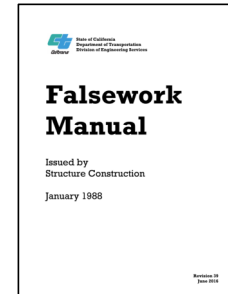
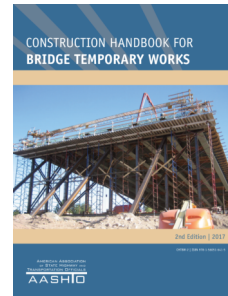


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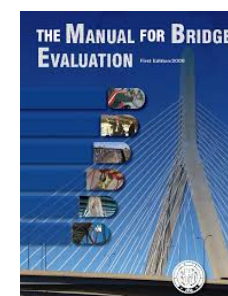
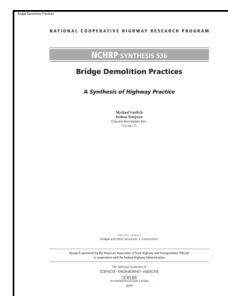
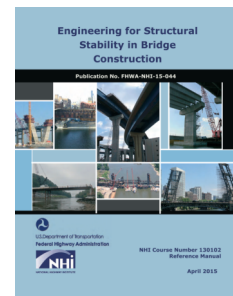
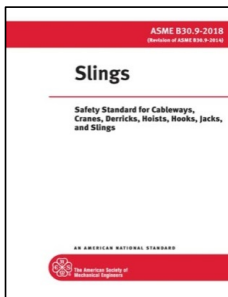
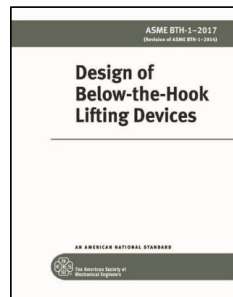


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## Temporary Works



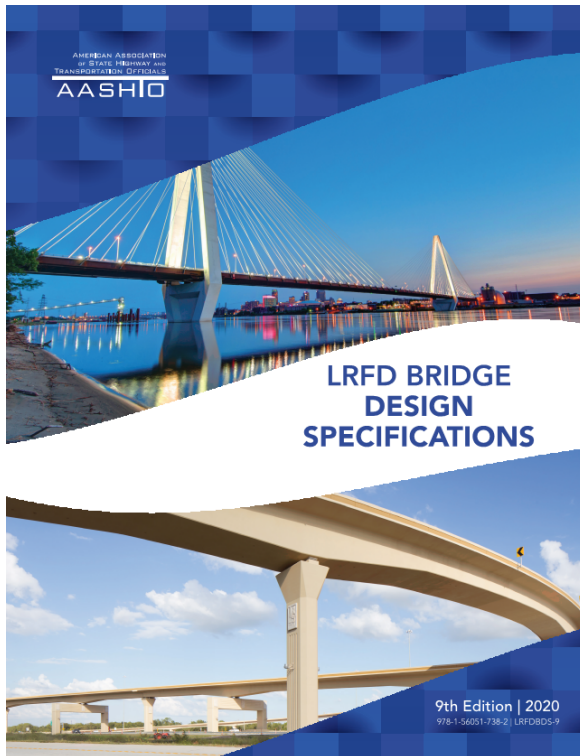
## Rigging Hardware



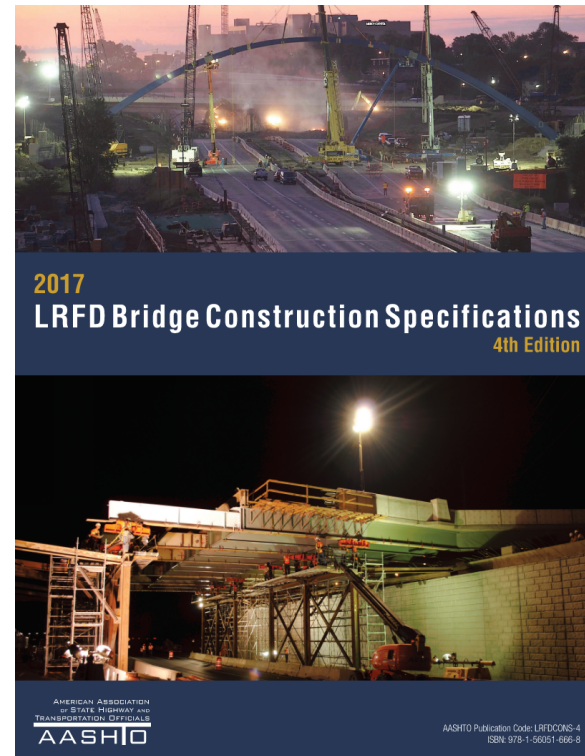
## Demolition Guides



# AASHTO Specifications



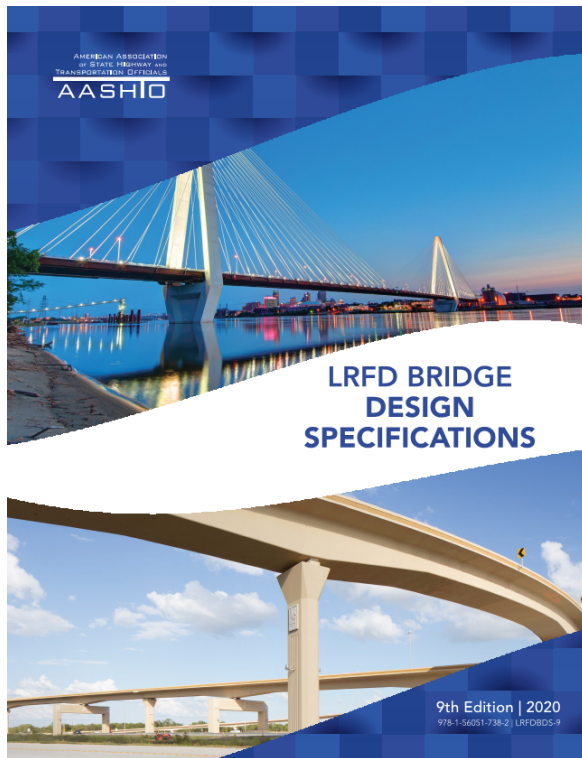
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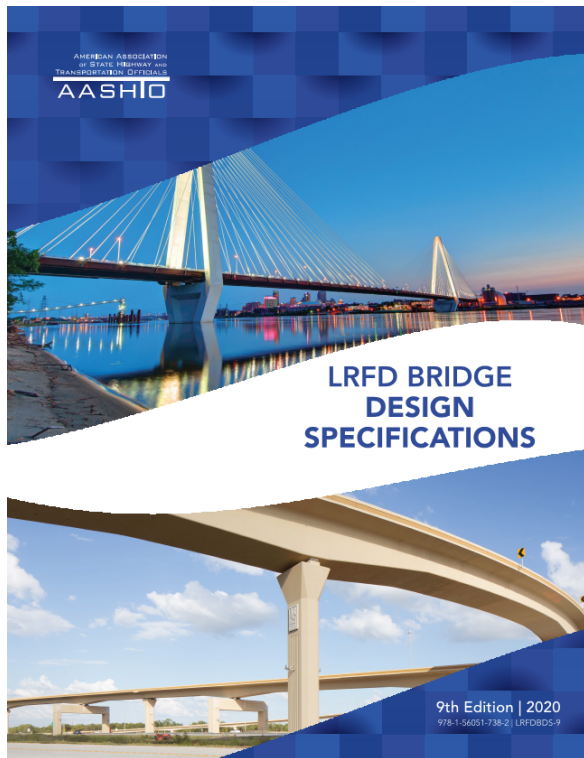
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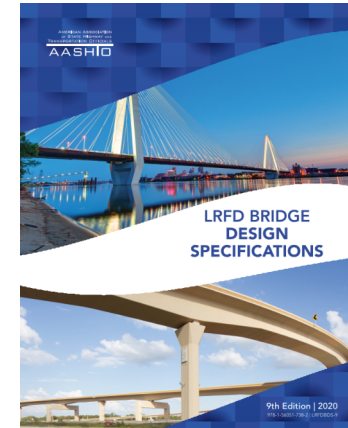
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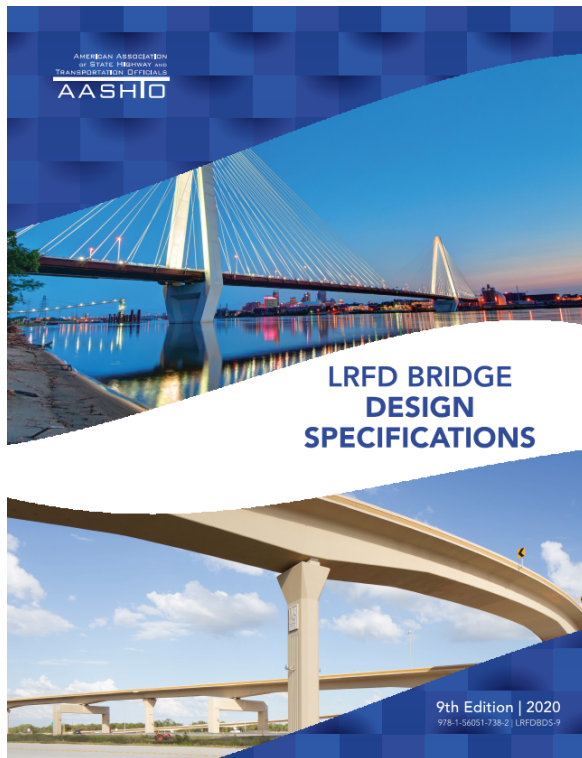


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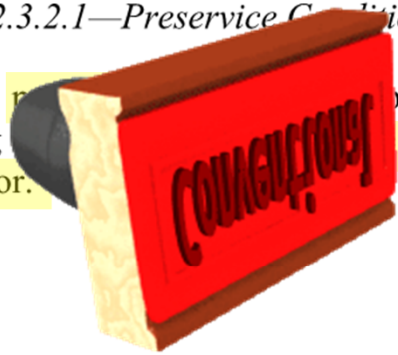


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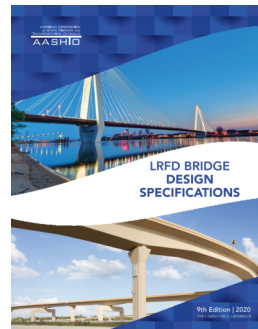
## 5.12.3.2—Precast Beams

### 5.12.3.2.1—Preservice Conditions

The manufacturer of prestressed girders for shipping and handling is the responsibility of the contractor.



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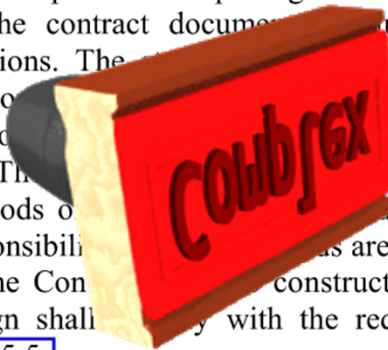


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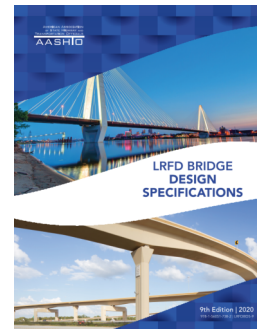
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The method of construction assumed for the design shall be shown in the contract documents. All supports required prior to the splicing of the girder shall be shown on the contract documents, including elevations and reactions. The construction sequence during which the temporary supports shall also be shown on the contract documents.

The contractor shall indicate alternative methods of construction and the Contractor's responsibility for any changes. Any changes by the Contractor to the construction method or to the design shall be in accordance with the requirements of Article 5.12.5.5.



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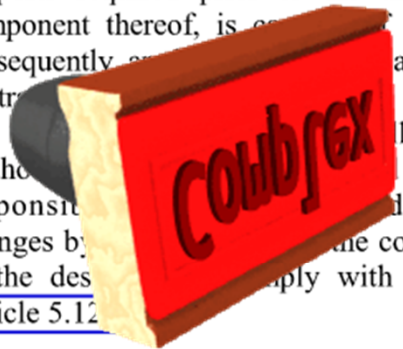


# Segmental Concrete Bridges

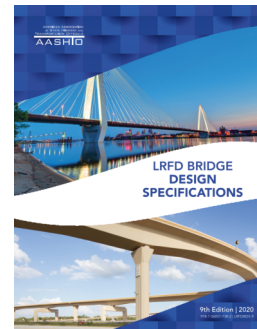
## 5.12.5—Segmental Concrete Bridges

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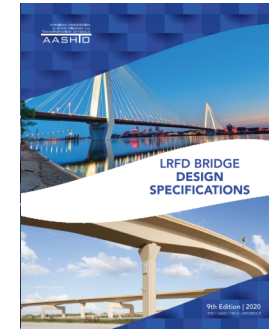
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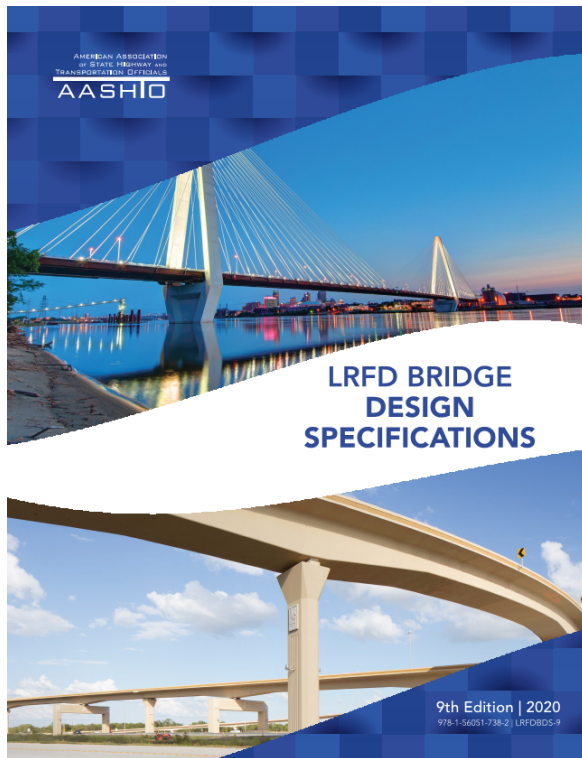
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Table 5.12.5.3.3-1—Load Factors and Tensile Stress Limits for Construction Load Combinations

Load Combination	LOAD FACTORS															STRESS LIMITS				See Note
	Dead Load			Live Load			Wind Load			Other Loads				Earth Loads		Flexural Tension		Principal Tension		
	<i>DC</i> <i>DW</i>	<i>DIFF</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>CEQ</i> <i>CLL</i>	<i>IE</i>	<i>CLE</i>	<i>WS</i>	<i>WUP</i>	<i>WE</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>SH</i>	<i>TU</i>	<i>TG</i>	<i>A</i> <i>AI</i> <i>WA</i>	<i>EH</i> <i>EV</i> <i>ES</i>	Excluding "Other Loads"	Including "Other Loads"	Excluding "Other Loads"	Including "Other Loads"	
a	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TC}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	—
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c	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TC}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	—
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e	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TC}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	2
f	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TC}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	3



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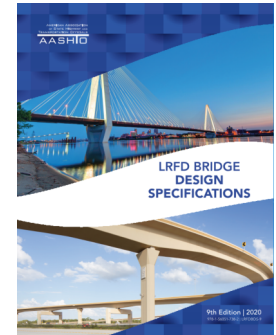
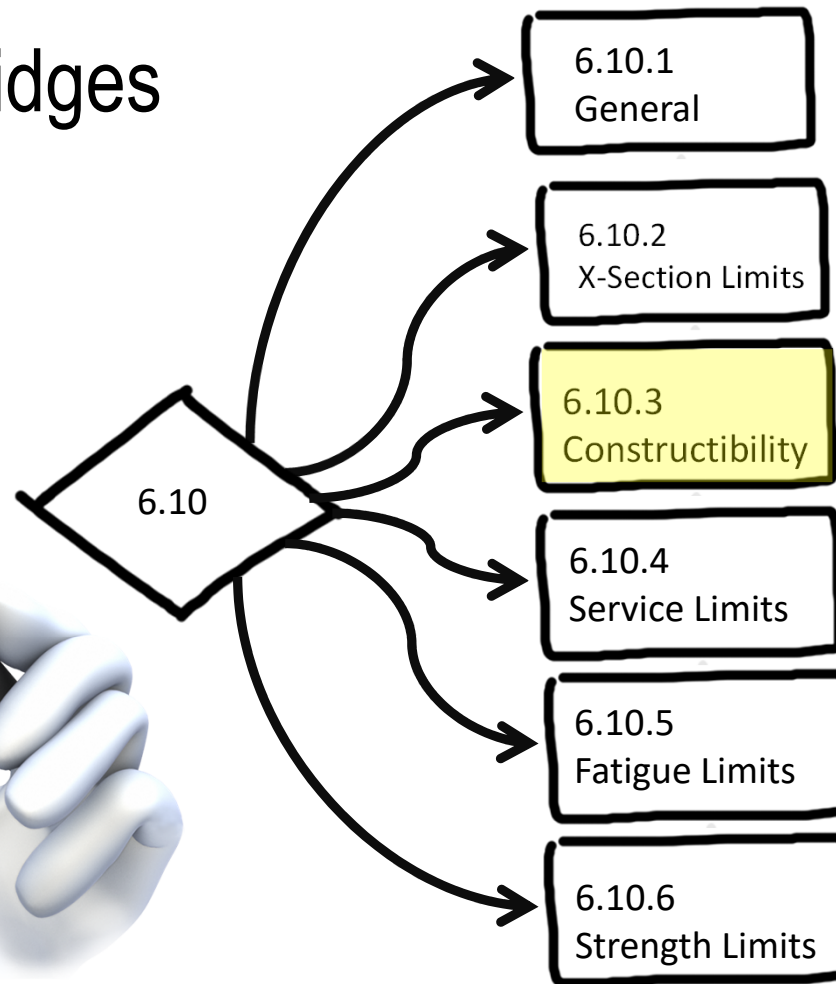
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# Steel I-Girder Bridges



# Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility

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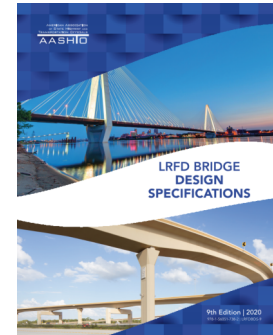
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# Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility

## 6.10.3.2.1—Discretely Braced Flanges in Compression

For critical stages of construction, each of the following requirements shall be satisfied. For sections with slender webs, Eq. 6.10.3.2.1-1 shall not be checked when  $f_\ell$  is equal to zero. For sections with compact or noncompact webs, Eq. 6.10.3.2.1-3 shall not be checked.

$$f_{bu} + f_\ell \leq \phi_f R_h F_{yc}$$

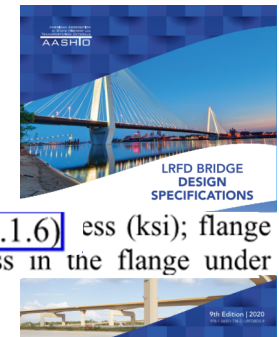
$\bar{F}_{crw}$  = nominal web bend-buckling resistance (ksi) [6.10.1.9.1]  $f_\ell$  (ksi) [6.10.1.6] stress (ksi); flange lateral bending stress due to the service II loads (ksi); lateral bending stress in the flange under

$$f_{bu} + \frac{1}{3} f_\ell \leq \phi_f F_{nc} \quad (6.10.3.2.1-2)$$

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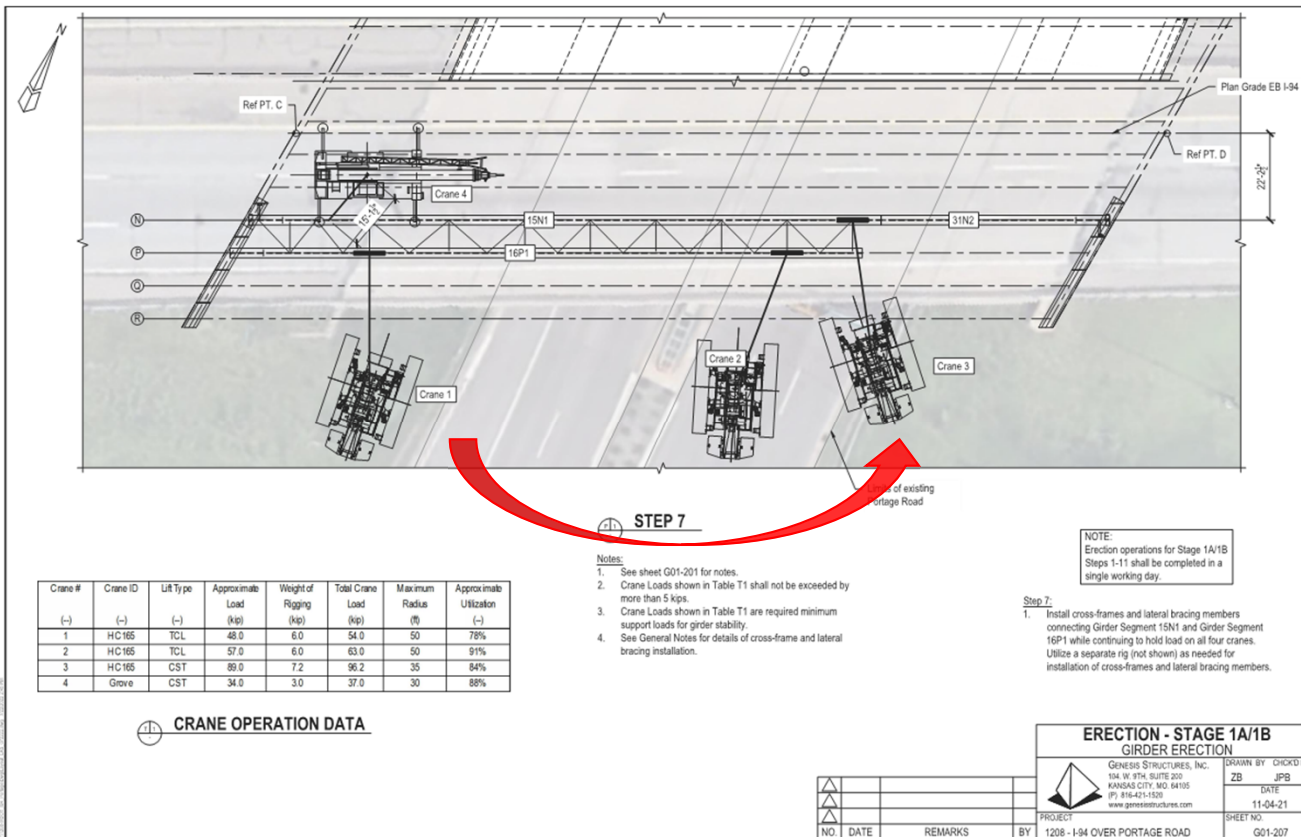
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**New term - What are construction?**



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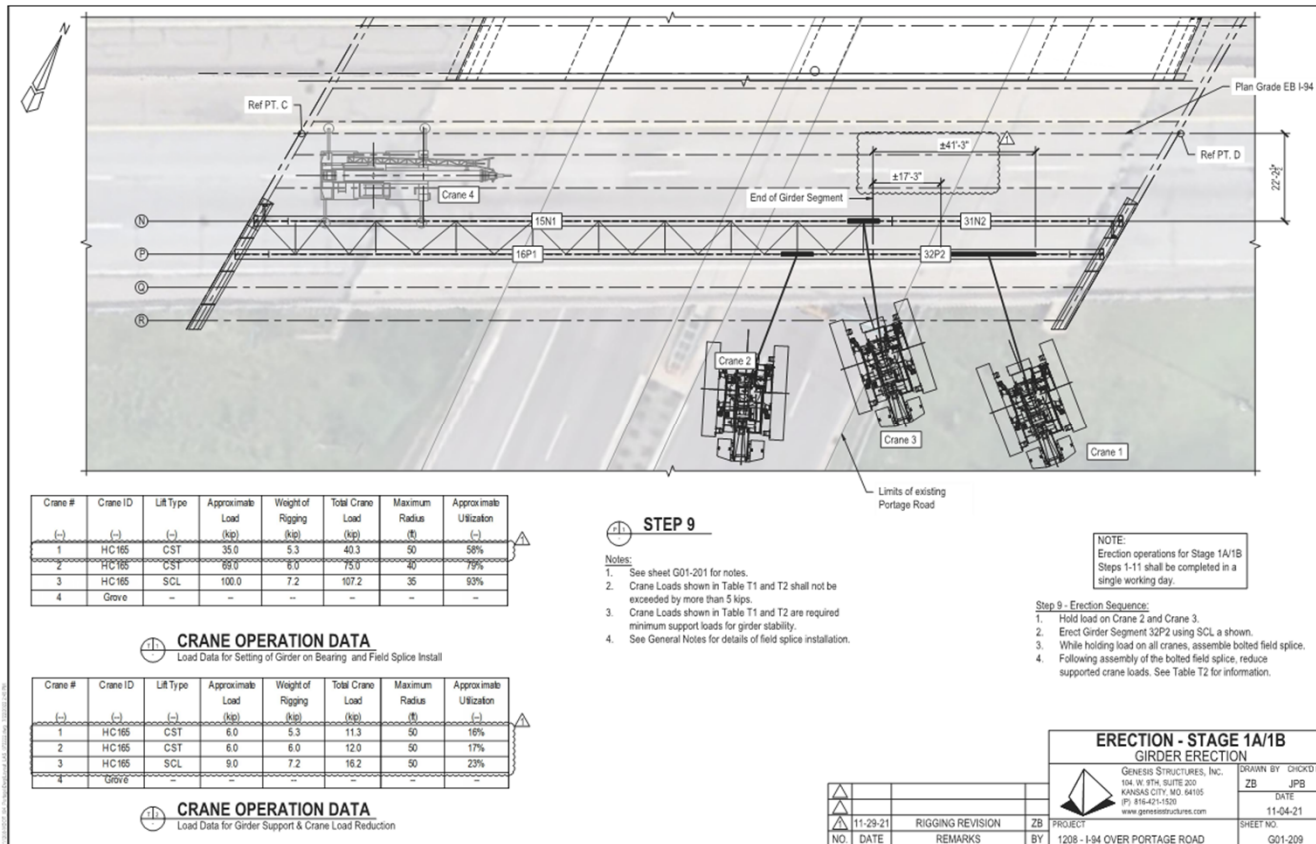
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# Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility

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We generally consider all stages as critical stages.



# Steel I-Girder – Deck Placement

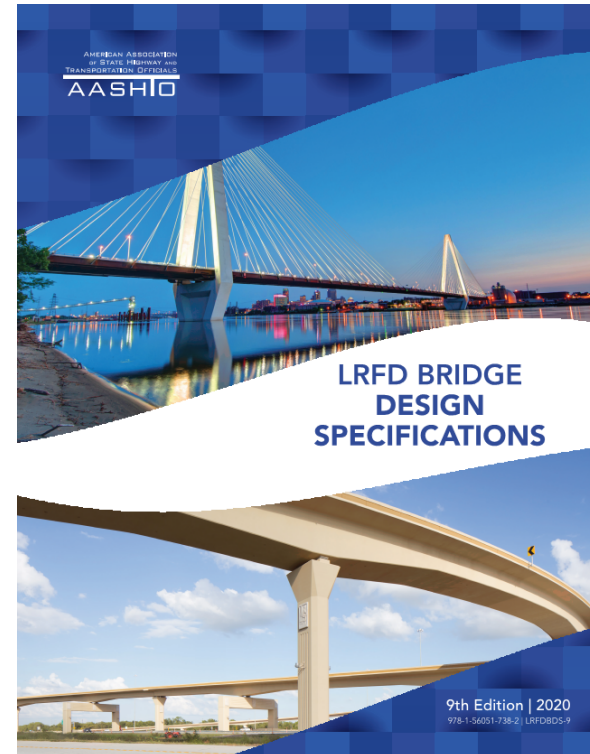
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Sections in positive flexure that are composite in the final condition, but are noncomposite during construction, shall be investigated for flexure according to the provisions of [Article 6.10.3.2](#) during the various stages of the deck placement.

Geometric properties, bracing lengths and stresses used in calculating the nominal flexural resistance shall be for the steel section only. Changes in load, stiffness and bracing during the various stages of the deck placement shall be considered.

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# Steel I-Girder – Deck Pour Sequence

## 6.10.3.4—Deck Placement

### 6.10.3.4.1—General

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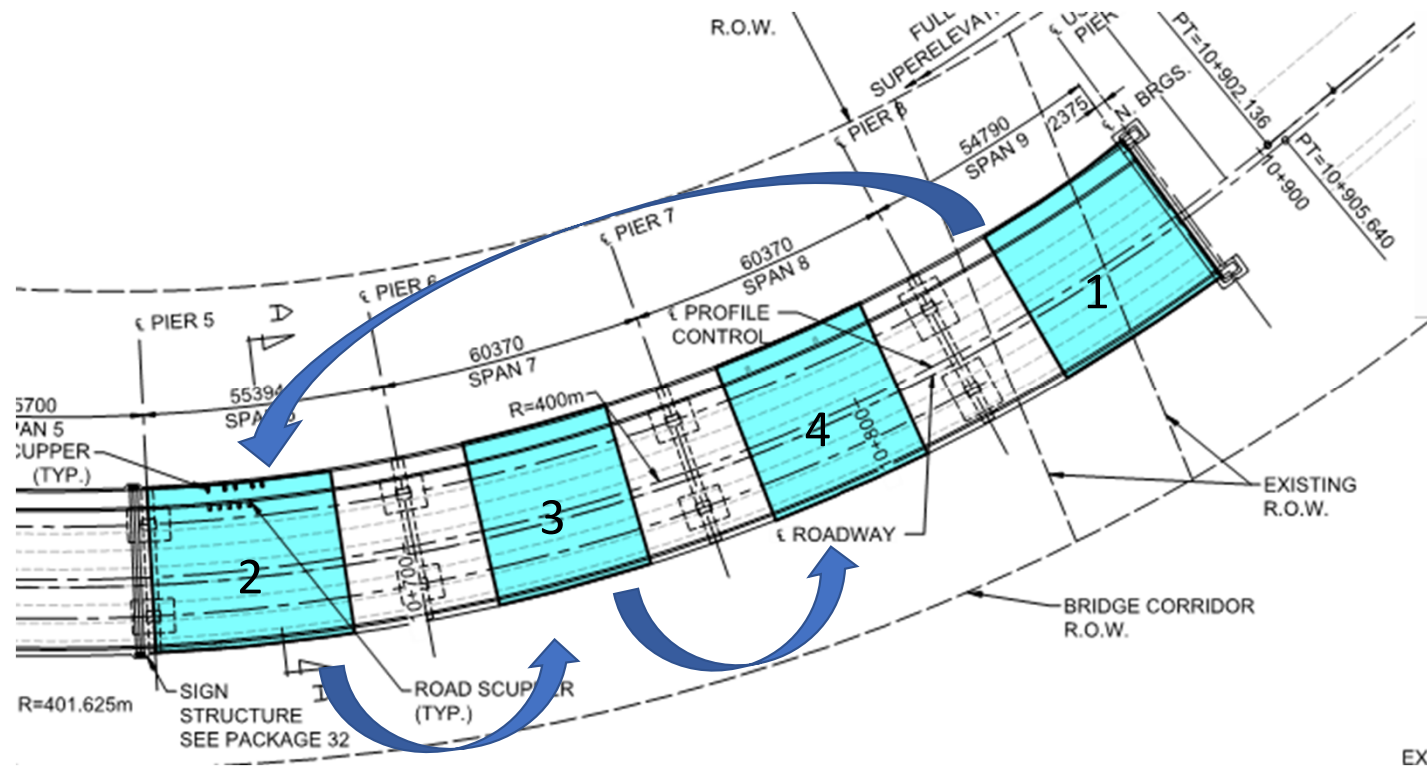
**Following pour sequence is important!**



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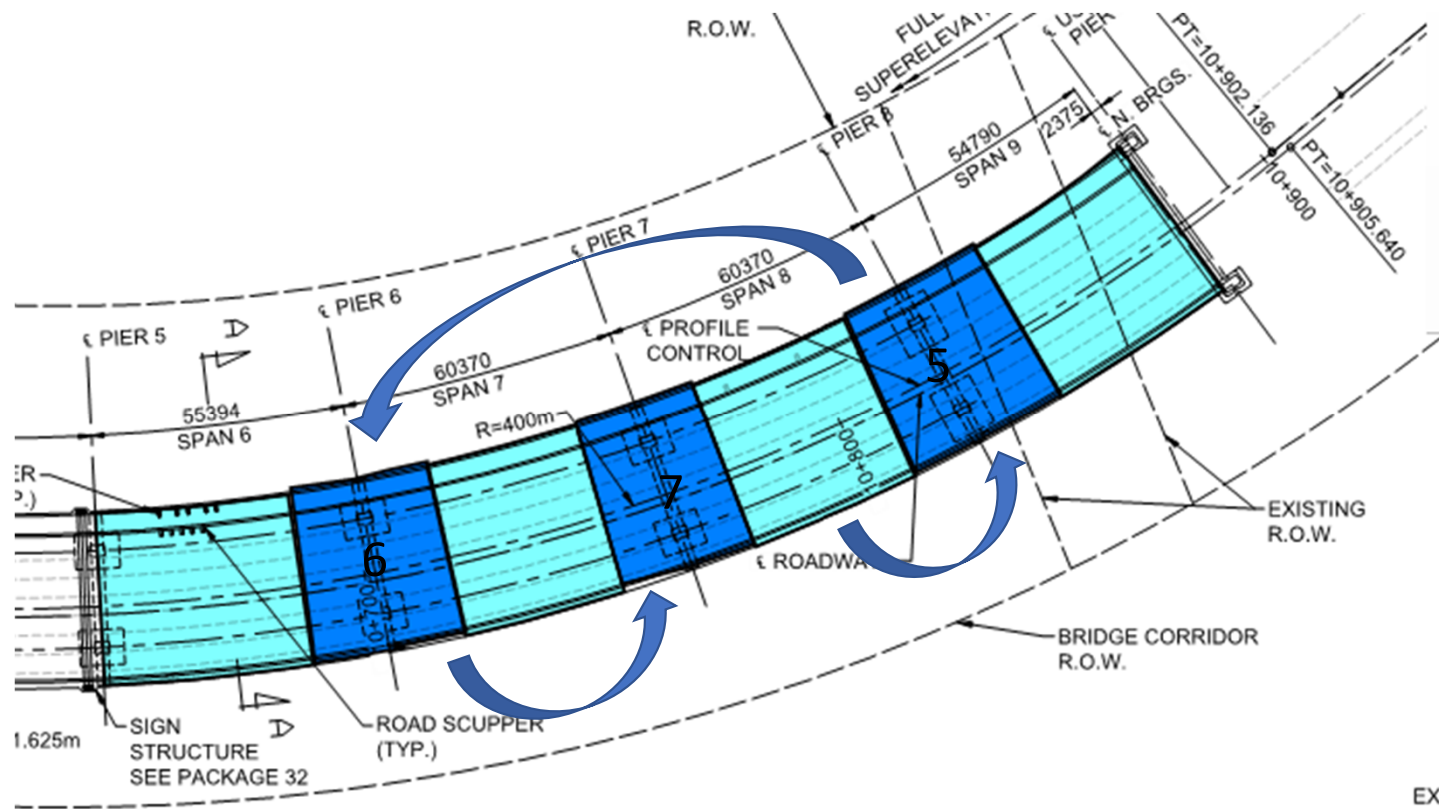
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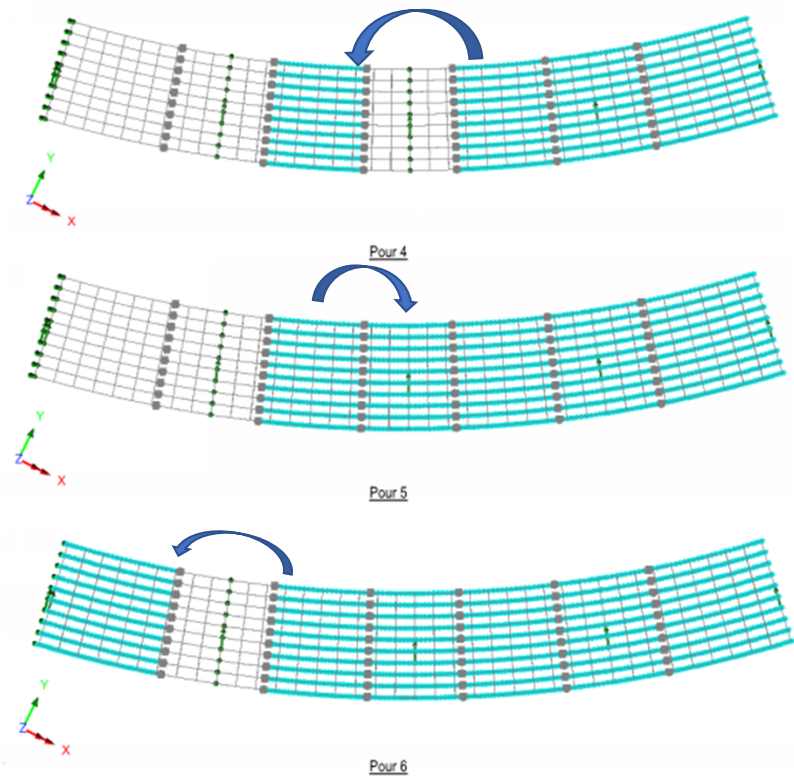
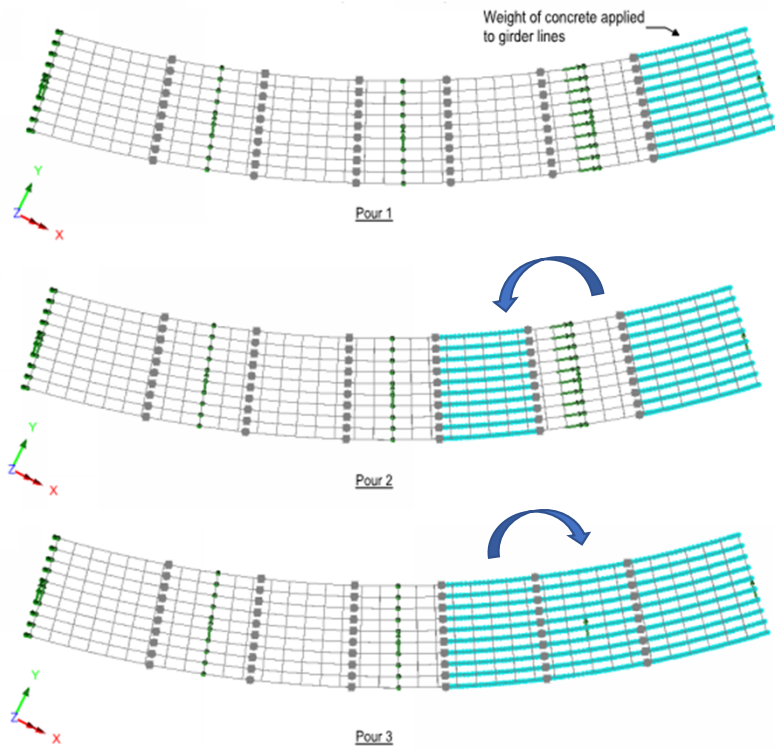
# Steel I-Girder – Deck Placement



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# Steel I-Girder – Contractor Preferred



# Steel I-Girder – Deck Pour Overhang Effects

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Images Courtesy of: <https://www.gamcoform.com/overhang-bracket>

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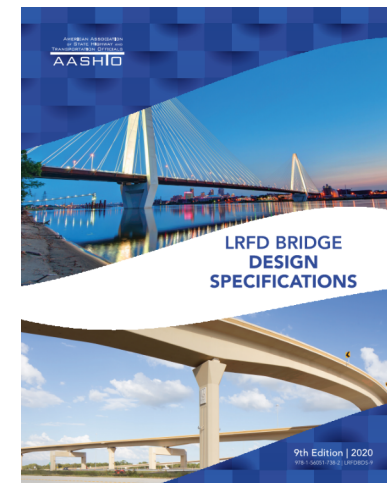
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**Overhang torsional analysis guidance included in commentary. C**

### C6.10.3.4.1

During construction of steel girder bridges, concrete deck overhang loads are typically supported by cantilever forming brackets typically placed at 3.0 to 4.0 ft spacings along the exterior members. The eccentricity of the deck weight and other loads acting on the overhang brackets creates applied torsional moments on the exterior members. As a result, the following issues must be considered in the design of the exterior members:

- The applied torsional moments bend the exterior girder top flanges outward. The resulting flange lateral bending stresses tend to be largest at the brace points at one or both ends of the unbraced length. The lateral bending stress in the top flange is tensile at the brace points on the side of the flange opposite from the brackets. These lateral bending stresses should be considered in the design of the flanges.
- The horizontal components of the reactions on the cantilever-forming brackets are often transmitted directly onto the exterior girder web. The girder web may exhibit significant plate bending deformations due to these loads. The effect of these deformations on the vertical deflections at the outside edge of the deck should be considered. The effect of the reactions from the brackets on the cross-frame forces should also be considered.
- Excessive deformation of the web or top flange may lead to excessive deflection of the bracket supports causing the deck finish to be problematic.

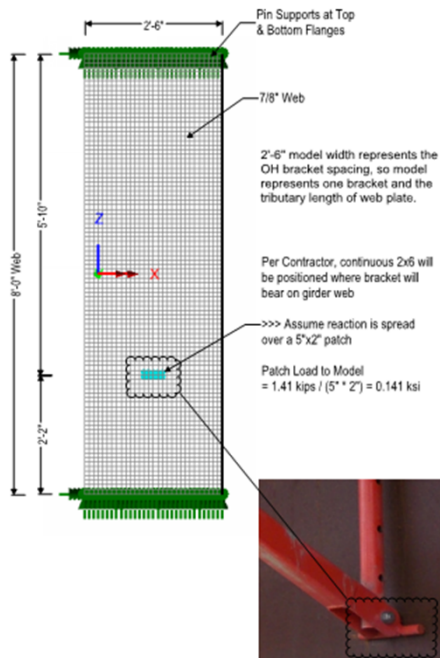




# Steel I-Girder – Deck Pour Overhang Effects

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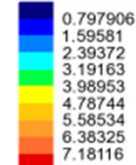
Girder Web Model Summary:



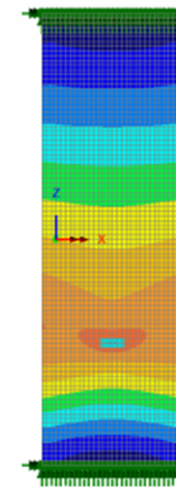
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Girder Web Stress Summary:

Analysis: Analysis 1  
 Loadcase: 1: Loadcase 1  
 Results file: Bracket-Analysis 1.mys  
 Entity: Stress (top) - Thick Shell  
 Component: SE (Units: kip/in<sup>2</sup>)



Maximum 7.22799 at node 822  
 Minimum 0.0468289 at node 2992



**These stresses are combined with global bending stresses to evaluate the combined effects.**

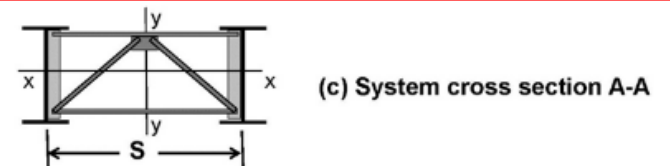
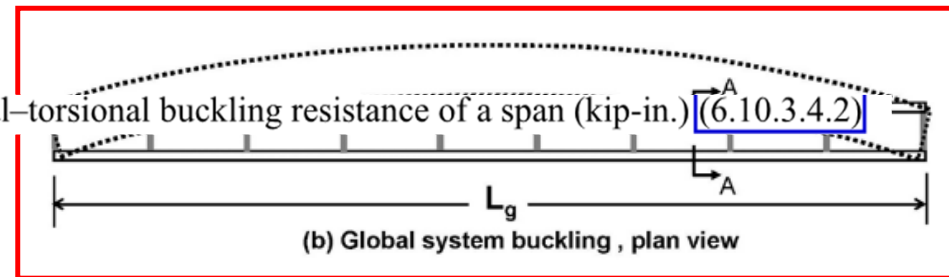
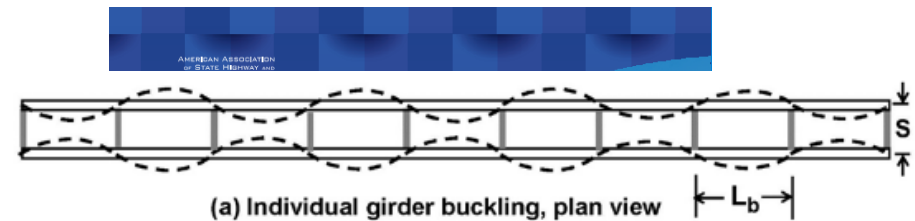
# Steel I-Girder – System Stability During Deck Pour

## 6.10.3.4.2—Global Displacement Amplification in Narrow I-Girder Bridge Units


$$M_{gs} = C_{bs} \frac{\pi^2 w_g E}{L^2} \sqrt{I_{eff} I_x} \quad (6.10.3.4.2-1)$$

$M_{gs}$  = elastic global lateral-torsional buckling resistance of a span (kip-in.) (6.10.3.4.2)

- AASHTO check of narrow 2 or 3 girder system stability during deck pouring
- If Mult > 0.7  $M_{gs}$  design has following options:
  - Add flange lateral bracing
  - Increase system stiffness
  - Verify with owner that second order displacements are within acceptable tolerances



# NYSDOT - Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility

	<b>Department of Transportation</b>	<b>ENGINEERING INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>EI 21-004</b>
Title: NYSDOT LRFD BRIDGE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS - 2021			
Revised: 2-2-21		Date: 2-2-21	
James Flynn III, PE Deputy Chief Engineer (Structures)			

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:**

- This Engineering Instruction (EI) is effective beginning with projects submitted for the letting of September 1, 2021.
- This EI supersedes EI 19-001 "NYSDOT LRFD BRIDGE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS - 2019".
- Disposition of Issued Materials: The technical information transmitted by this EI will be incorporated into the next revision of the NYSDOT Bridge Manual.

**PURPOSE:** This EI officially adopts the NYSDOT LRFD Bridge Design Specifications - 2021 for use in New York State and announces the availability of "NYSDOT LRFD Blue Pages" dated January 2021.

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:** The AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications - 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2010, together with the "NYSDOT LRFD Blue Pages" dated January 2021 constitute the NYSDOT LRFD Bridge Design Specifications.

- The LRFD specifications will continue to be used for the design of all new and replacement bridges for NYSDOT. This includes both superstructure designs and substructure designs. This EI does not discontinue use of the NYSDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges - 2003. Both specifications will continue to be used until further notice. The existing NYSDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges - 2003 will be used when necessary for the repair and rehabilitation of structures. The NYSDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges - 2003 consists of the AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges - 17<sup>th</sup> Edition plus the "NYSDOT Blue Pages", issued by ES 00-038 and ES 05-016.
- The NYSDOT Design Permit Vehicle has been removed from the NYSDOT LRFD Blue Pages.
- Currently, NYSDOT overload permitting and bridge posting policies require that new and replacement bridges be load rated using the Load Factor Design (LFD) or Allowable Stress Design (ASD) methods. For this reason, load ratings will continue to be computed by the LFD or ASD method and shown on the contract plans. Also, load rating factors for all new, replacement, and rehabilitated bridges will be computed by the Load and Resistance Factor Rating (LRFR) method and shown on the contract plans. LRFR ratings shall be shown at the Inventory and Operating levels as rating factors of the AASHTO H<sub>10-80</sub> live load. Once overload permitting and bridge posting policies are revised to accommodate LRFR, load ratings using the LFD and ASD methods will be discontinued.

## Designer shall check:

- Splice Locations
- Shipping Length
- Shipping Width
- Stability during erection
- Web slenderness
- LTB resistance

### 6.10.3.1a Stability During Erection

The designer shall check all girders for stability during erection. To make this check, the designer shall specify and design splice locations when girders need to be erected in multiple segments. The maximum shipping length of steel girder segments is ordinarily limited to 140 ft. The maximum shipping width of steel girder segments is ordinarily limited to 16 ft., however any width greater than 12 ft. will require an escort. Shipping widths instead of lengths may control the location of splices for steel curved girders. Further guidance on splice locations and shipping lengths can be found in Section 8 of NYSDOT Bridge Manual.

Girder segments shall be checked for all conditions where they are simply supported. The fully assembled girder shall also be checked for stability for its full length under dead load only. This condition will exist when the first fully assembled girder is erected in one piece without the use of any falsework and before any bracing is in place.

If the girder segment or fully assembled girder meets the provisions of Article 6.10.6.2.3 for web slenderness, the check shall be made according to Article A6.3.3 Lateral Torsional Buckling Resistance. If it does not meet these provisions, the check will be made according to Article 6.10.8.2.3.

In making the stability check, the load factor for the weight of the girder shall be taken as 1.25 in accordance with Article 3.4.2, Load Factors for Construction Loads.

If the girder segment or fully assembled girder does not meet the stability check, the designer shall either:

- Increase the girder size to meet the stability check.
- Place Steel Erection Note #A1 on the plans

### 6.10.3.1a (continued)

This choice shall be based on an economic analysis comparing the cost of providing additional steel versus the cost of providing additional bracing, falsework, or holding cranes. Site conditions will need to be investigated to determine the feasibility of various erection methods.

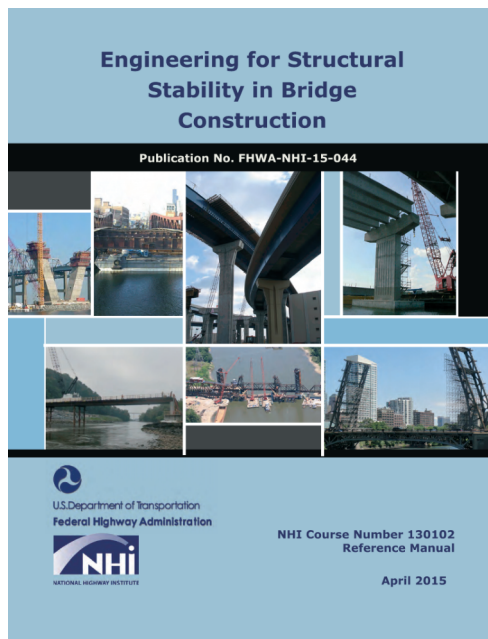
#### Steel Erection Notes

**A1.** The Contractor shall provide for the stability of structural steel during all phases of erection and construction, as provided in Subsection 204 of the New York State Steel Construction Manual (SCM). The girders on this bridge shall be stabilized during erection by use of falsework, temporary bracing, compression flange stiffening trusses, choosing alternate picking points, or by use of a holding crane until a sufficient number of girders have been erected and cross frames installed. The methods used by the contractor shall be documented on the erection drawings with all supporting stability calculations submitted and stamped by a licensed New York State Professional Engineer and submitted to the DCES in accordance with the SCM.

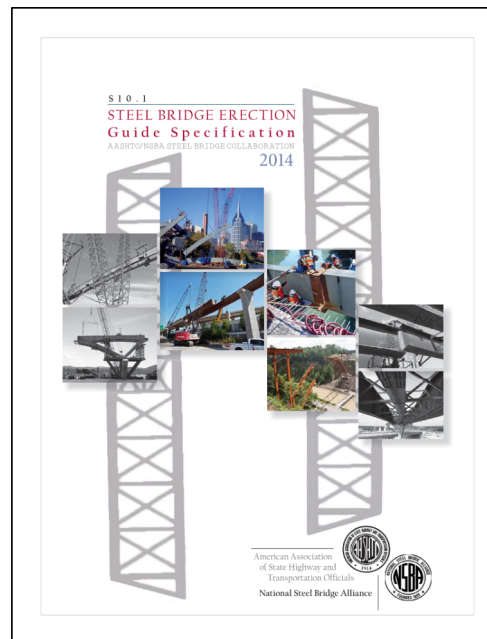
If the girder segments and fully assembled girders meet the stability check, then Steel Erection Note #A2 shall be placed on the plans.

**A2.** The contractor shall provide for the stability of structural steel during all phases of erection and construction, as provided in Subsection 204 of the New York State Steel Construction Manual (SCM). The methods used by the contractor shall be documented on the erection drawings with all supporting stability calculations submitted and stamped by a licensed New York State Professional Engineer and submitted to the DCES in accordance with the SCM.

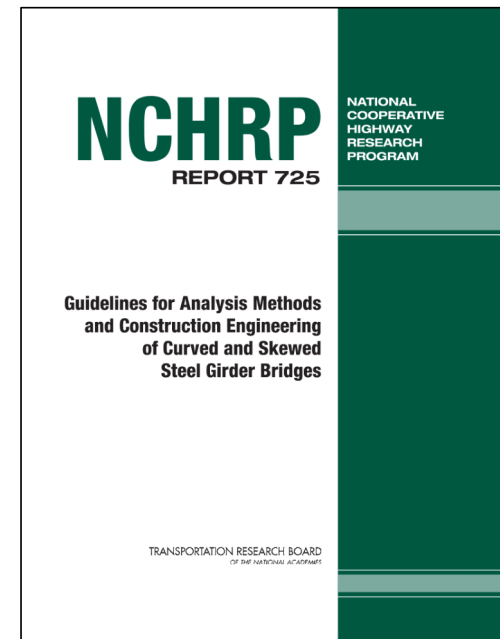
# Useful Resources – System Stability



**FHWA-NHI-15-044**  
**ALL MATERIAL TYPES**



**NSBA / AASHTO S10.1**



**NCHRP Report 725**

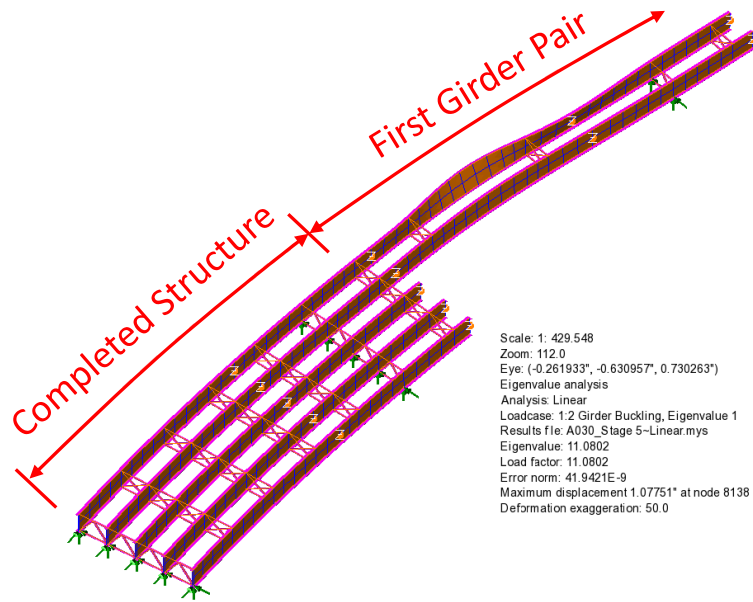
**STEEL BRIDGE  
SPECIFIC GUIDES**



# Steel I-Girder Bridges - System Stability



$$M_{crG} = C_b \frac{\pi^2 sE}{L_s^2} \sqrt{I_{ye} I_x} \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$



**NCHRP**  
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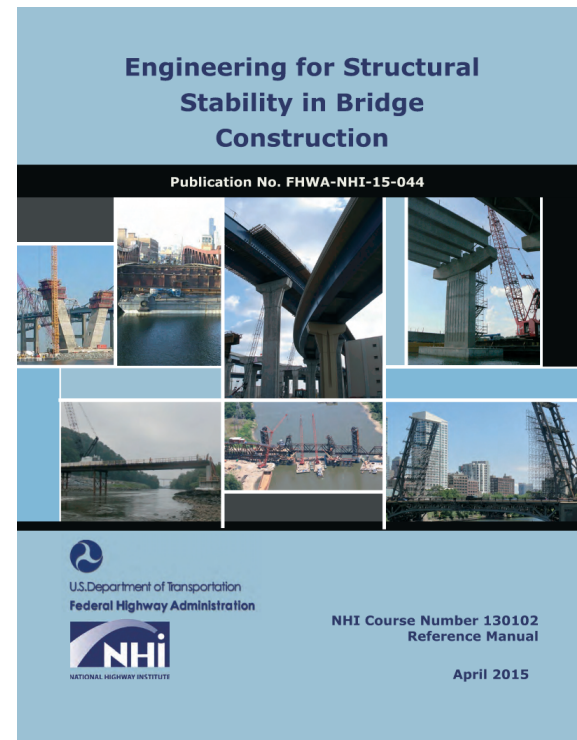


# Steel I-Girder Bridges - System Stability



$$M_{gs} = \frac{\pi^2 SE}{L_g^2} \sqrt{I_y I_x}$$

**Equation 5-12**



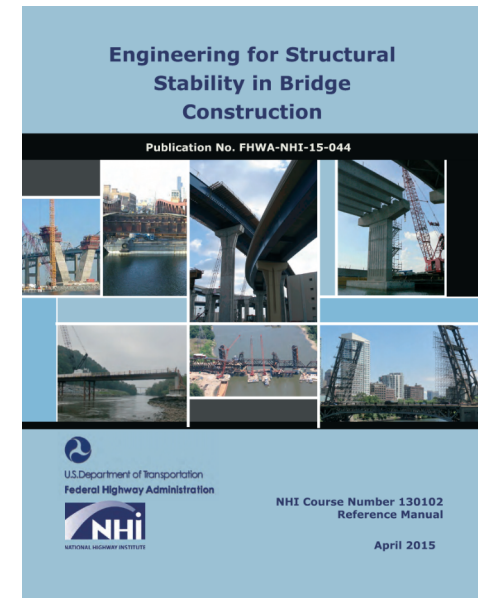
# Critical Stages of Construction



## 7.2.2 Critical Erection Stages

The erection plan and supporting engineering calculations must address both strength and stability at each stage of erection. Deformations associated with each stage should also be evaluated. Critical erection stages for the girder bridge structure during construction normally consist of at least the following:

- Lifting of girders/members **Contractor / Construction Engineer**
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Fulbright Expressway, Fayetteville, AR





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Gateway Interchange Flyovers, Johnson County, KS



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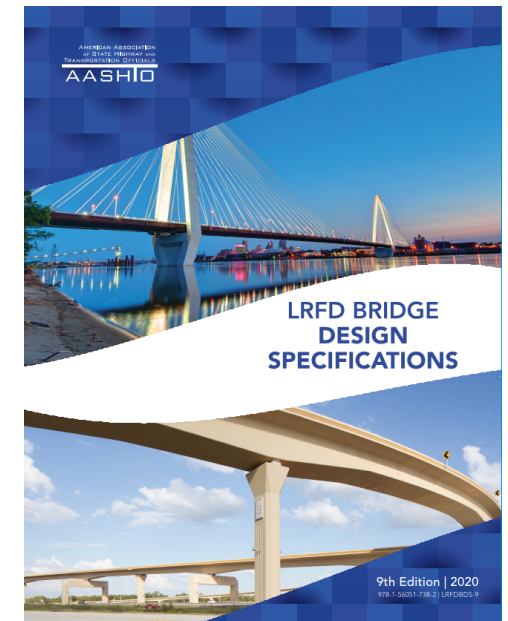
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AASHTO dictates these stages shall be considered by Design Engineer

Should be considered by Design Engineer  
What design reference should a designer use to evaluate?



# Wind on Completed Bridge Prior to Deck Pour



- AASHTO design specifications currently do not include section on winds on a completed structure prior to pouring deck
- Designer could use “AASHTO Guide Specifications for Wind Loads on Bridges During Construction”
- Other state specific references are available

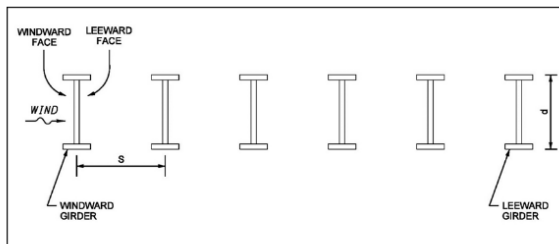
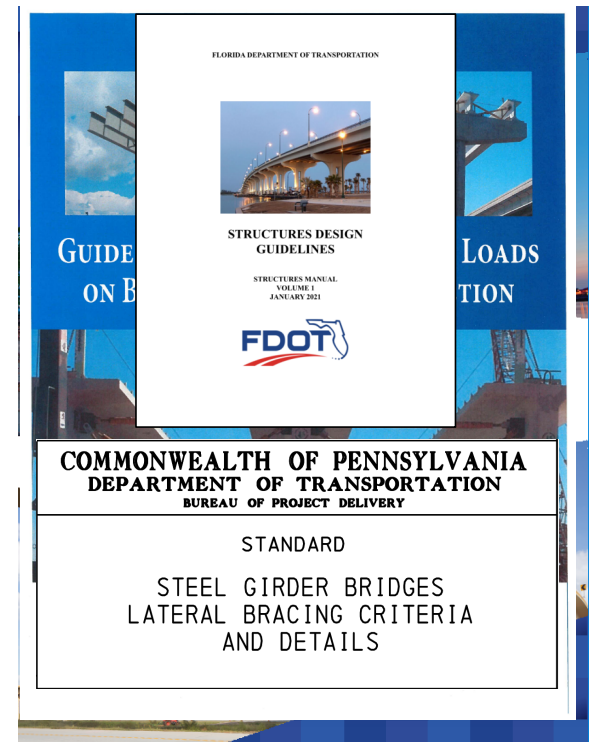
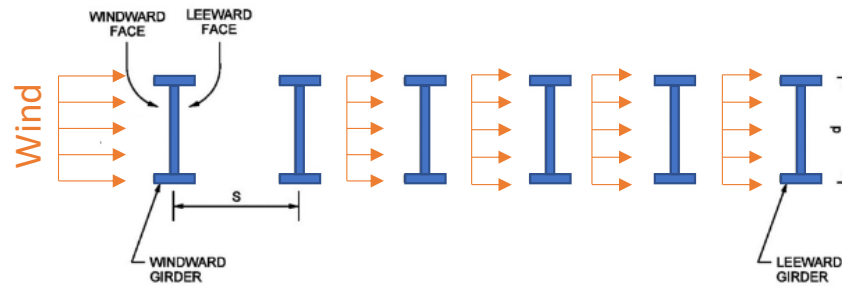
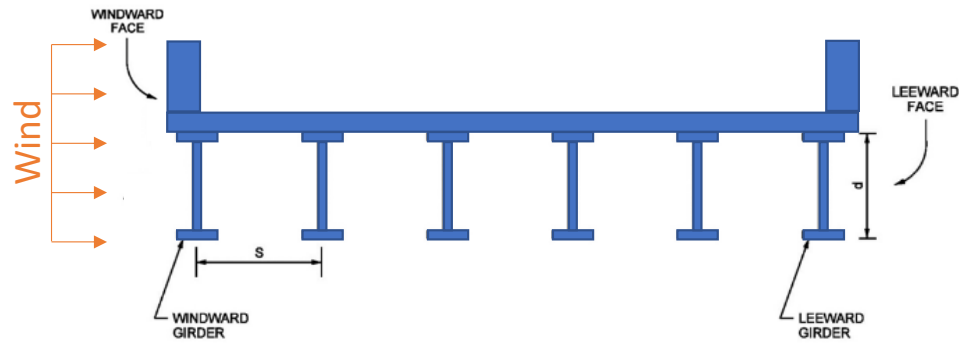
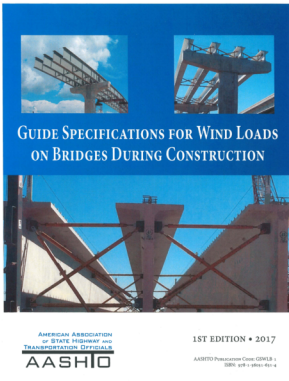
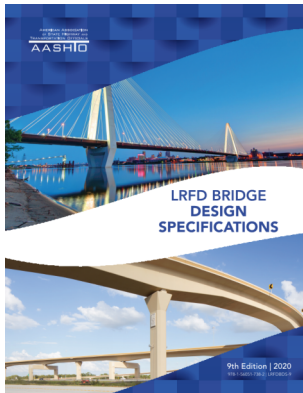


Figure 7-12 Girder Wind Load Terminology

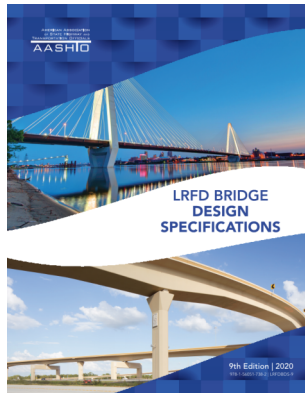
COMPONENT TYPE	CONSTRUCTION CONDITION	FORCE COEFFICIENT (C <sub>s</sub> )
I-Shaped Girder Superstructure	Deck forms not in place	2.2 (1)
	Deck forms in place	1.1
U-Shaped and Box-Girder Superstructure	Deck forms not in place	1.5
	Deck forms in place	1.1
Flat Slab or Segmental Box-Girder Superstructure	Any	1.1



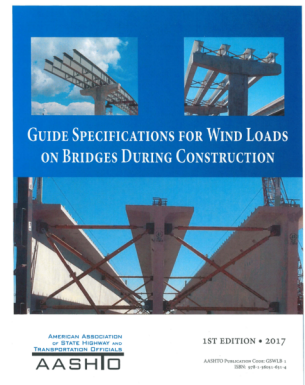
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$$P_Z = 2.56 \times 10^{-6} V^2 K_z G C_D$$



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Component	Drag Coefficient, $C_D$	
	Windward	Leeward
I-Girder and Box-Girder Bridge Superstructures	1.3	N/A
Trusses, Columns, and Arches	Sharp-Edged Member	1.0
	Round Member	0.5
Bridge Substructure	1.6	N/A
Sound Barriers	1.2	N/A

	$R$
0-6 weeks	0.65
6 weeks to 1 year	0.73
>1-2 years	0.75
>2-3 years	0.77
>3-years	0.84

Rolled I-Beams	2.2
Concrete I-Beams	2.0
Closed and Open Box-Girders	2.1
Round Members	1.0



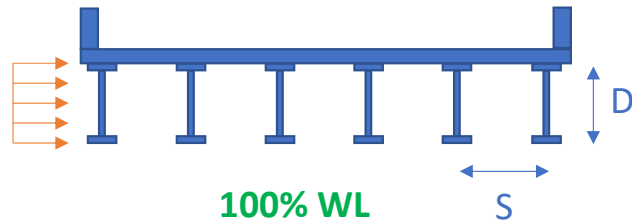
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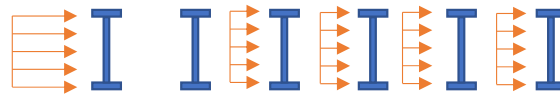
Final Structure  
 $S/D = 1.0 < 3$



88% WL



96% WL



112% WL

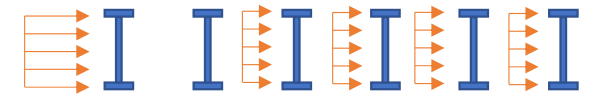
Construction (0 to 6 weeks)  
 $R = 0.65$



111% WL



121% WL



141% WL

Construction (6 weeks to 1 year)  
 $R = 0.73$





# FDOT – Wind During Erection

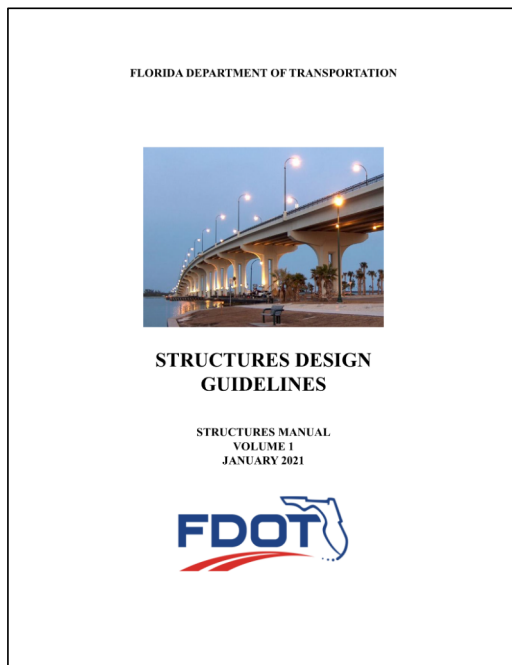
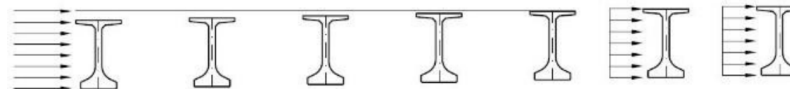


Table 2.4.3-2 Drag Coefficient During Construction

Component Type	Drag Coefficient ( $C_D$ )					
	$S/D \leq 3$		$S/D > 3$			
	Beams/ Girders 1-5	Beam/ Girder 6+	Beam/ Girder 1	Beam/ Girder 2	Beam/ Girder 3+	
Superstructure	I-Shaped Steel Girder	2.2	1.1	2.5	0	1.1
	I-Shaped Concrete Beam/Girder	2.0	1.0	2.0	0	1.0
	U-Shaped Beam/Girder or Steel Box Girder	2.2				
	Flat Slab or Segmental Box Girder	1.5				
Substructure	1.6					

- Based on research at University of Florida, Funded by FDOT
- Drag Coefficients and Gust Factors vary from AASHTO w/ AASHTO being more conservative



# PennDOT – Wind Prior to Deck Pour

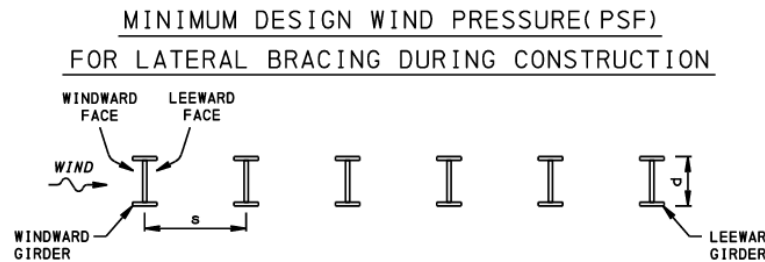


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STANDARD

STEEL GIRDER BRIDGES  
 LATERAL BRACING CRITERIA  
 AND DETAILS



CONSTRUCTION DURATION	0-6 WEEKS		6 WEEKS-1 YEAR		1-2 YEARS	
SUPERSTRUCTURE HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND LEVEL (FT.)	$s/d \leq 2$	$2 < s/d \leq 4$	$s/d \leq 2$	$2 < s/d \leq 4$	$s/d \leq 2$	$2 < s/d \leq 4$
0-15	19	21	26	28	29	32
20	20	22	27	30	31	34
25	21	23	28	31	32	35
30	22	24	30	32	34	37
40	24	26	31	34	36	39
50	25	27	33	36	38	41
60	26	28	34	37	39	42
70	27	29	35	39	40	44
80	28	30	37	40	42	45
90	28	31	38	41	43	47
100	29	31	38	42	43	47

- Guidance for wind on completed structure prior deck placement
- Not meant for staged construction analysis
- Provides general rules for designer



# PennDOT – Wind Prior to Deck Pour



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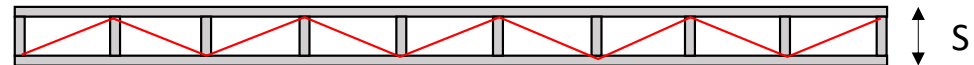
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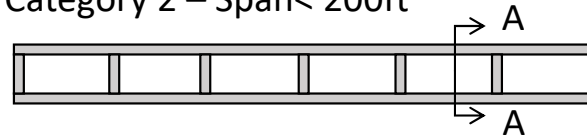
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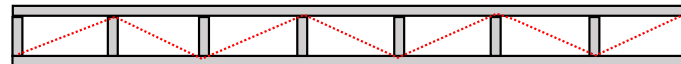
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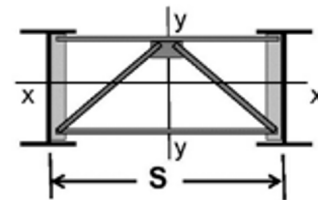


**No Lateral Bracing Required**

Category 3 – 200 ft < Span < 300ft



**Evaluate Need Based on Lateral Deflection**



Section A-A



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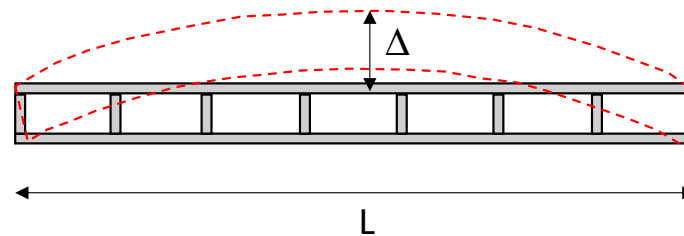
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STEEL GIRDER BRIDGES  
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## Lateral Bracing Requirements Based on Span Length (Cont.)

Category 3 –  $200 \text{ ft} < \text{Span} < 300\text{ft}$

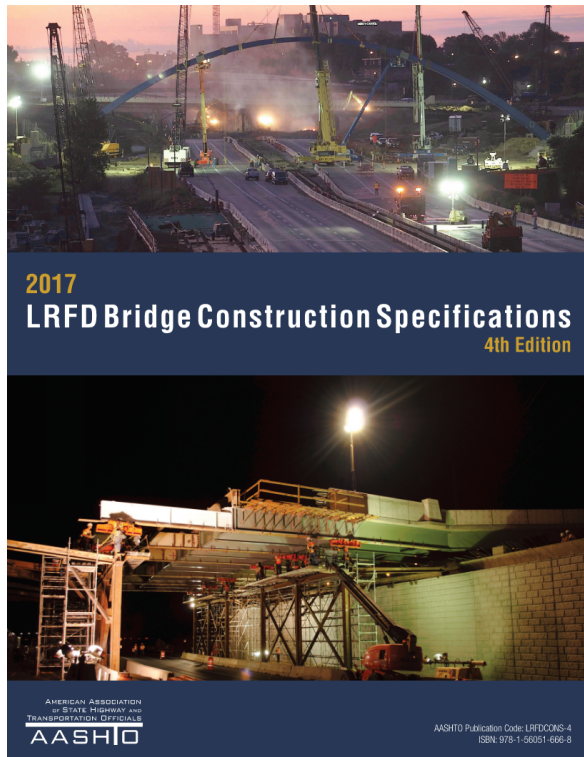


$\Delta$  - Displacement Wind no Deck < Must be less than  $L/150$

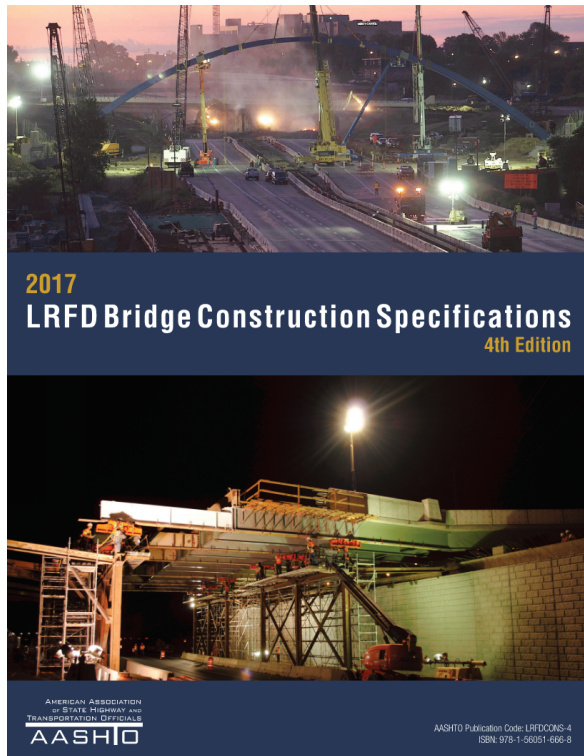
Otherwise lateral bracing required



# AASHTO Bridge Construction Specifications



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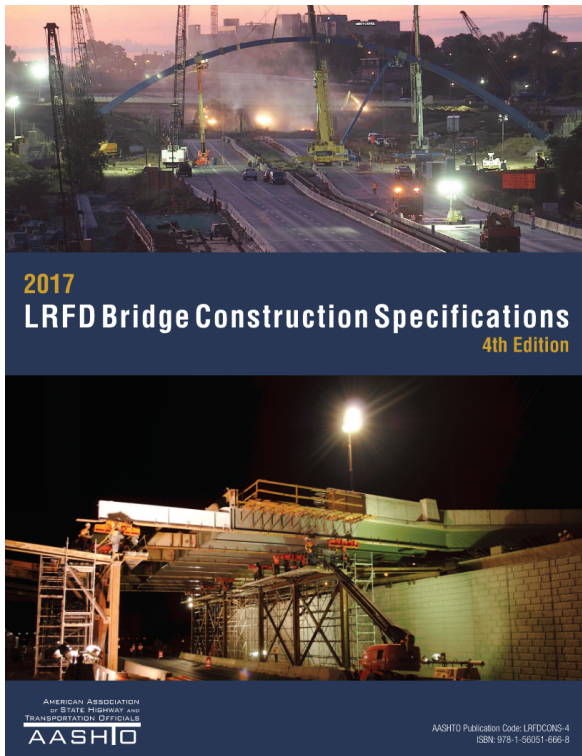
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- 8.16 – Special Provisions for Segmental Bridges



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### Chapter 11 Steel Structures

- 11.2 – Erection Drawings
- 11.8 – Additional Provisions for Curved Girders



# Steel Girder Bridges Erection Requirements

## 11.2.2—Erection Drawings

The Contractor shall submit drawings illustrating fully the proposed method of erection. The drawings shall show details of all falsework bents, bracing, guys, dead-men, lifting devices, and attachments to the bridge members: sequence of erection, location of cranes and barges, crane capacities, location of lifting points on the bridge members, and weights of the members. The drawings shall be complete in detail for all anticipated phases and conditions during erection. Calculations may be required to demonstrate that factored resistances are not exceeded and that member capacities and final geometry will be correct.



Comm. Ave Bridge, Boston, MA



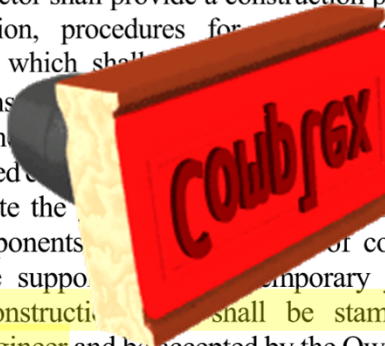


# Curved Steel Girder Bridges

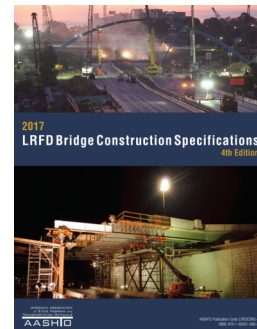
## 11.8—ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR CURVED STEEL GIRDERS

### 11.8.2—Contractor's Construction Plan for Curved Girder Bridges

The Contractor shall provide a construction plan which details fabrication, procedures for erection and deck placement, and which shall be approved in advance by the Engineer. If the Contractor's construction plan is based on the plan shown in the drawings, or if the Contractor provides, or may be developed by the Contractor, an alternative plan, it shall demonstrate the sequence of construction and individual components of the bridge structure, including while supported by temporary jacks. The Contractor's construction plan shall be stamped by a Professional Engineer and be accepted by the Owner.

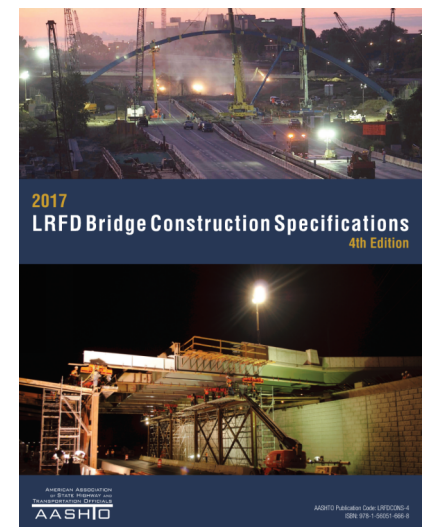
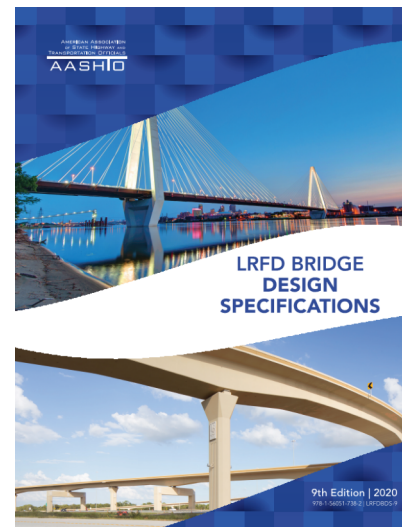


Gateway Interchange Flyovers, Johnson County, KS

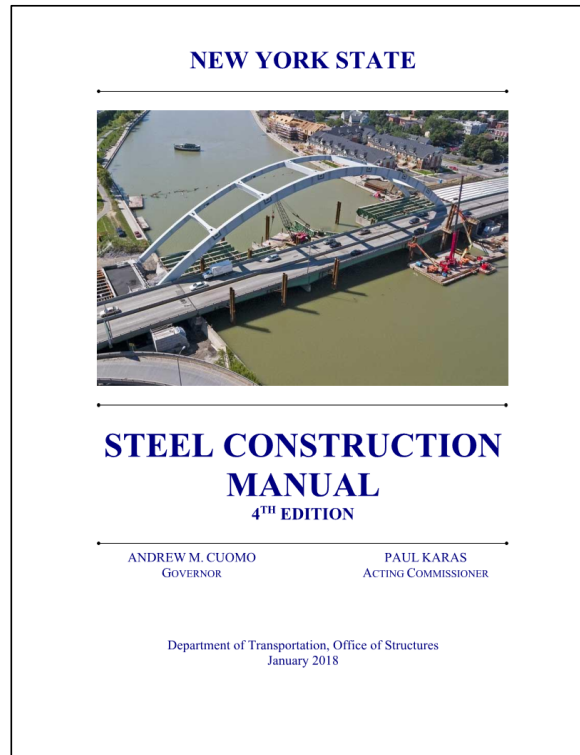
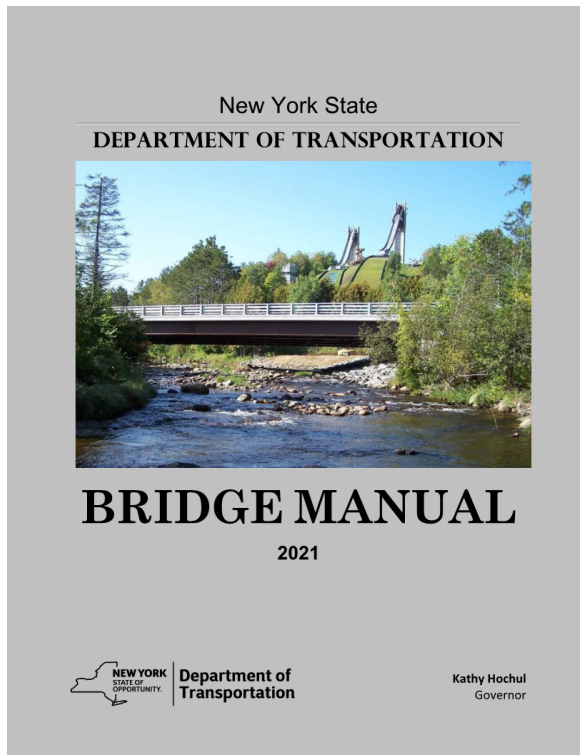


# Constructability Summary

- AASHTO Specifications clearly distinguish between complex and conventional for concrete girder bridges ...**Mostly out of necessity**
- AASHTO Specifications are not as clear for steel girder bridges (I-Girder / Box Girder)
- DOT guides have made effort to address



# NYSDOT - Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility



 <b>NEW YORK</b> <small>STATE OF OPPORTUNITY</small>	<b>Department of Transportation</b>	<b>ENGINEERING INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>EI 21-004</b>
<b>Title: NYSDOT LRFD BRIDGE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS - 2021</b>			
		Approved: James Flynn III, PE Deputy Chief Engineer (Structures)	2-2-21 Date

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:**

- This Engineering Instruction (EI) is effective beginning with projects submitted for the letting of September 1, 2021
- This EI supersedes EI 19-001 "NYSDOT LRFD BRIDGE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS - 2019"
- Disposition of Issued Materials: The technical information transmitted by this EI will be incorporated into the next revision of the NYSDOT Bridge Manual

**PURPOSE:** This EI officially adopts the NYSDOT LRFD Bridge Design Specifications – 2021 for use in New York State and announces the availability of "NYSDOT LRFD Blue Pages" dated January 2021.

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:** The AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications - 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2020, together with the "NYSDOT LRFD Blue Pages" dated January 2021 constitute the NYSDOT LRFD Bridge Design Specifications.

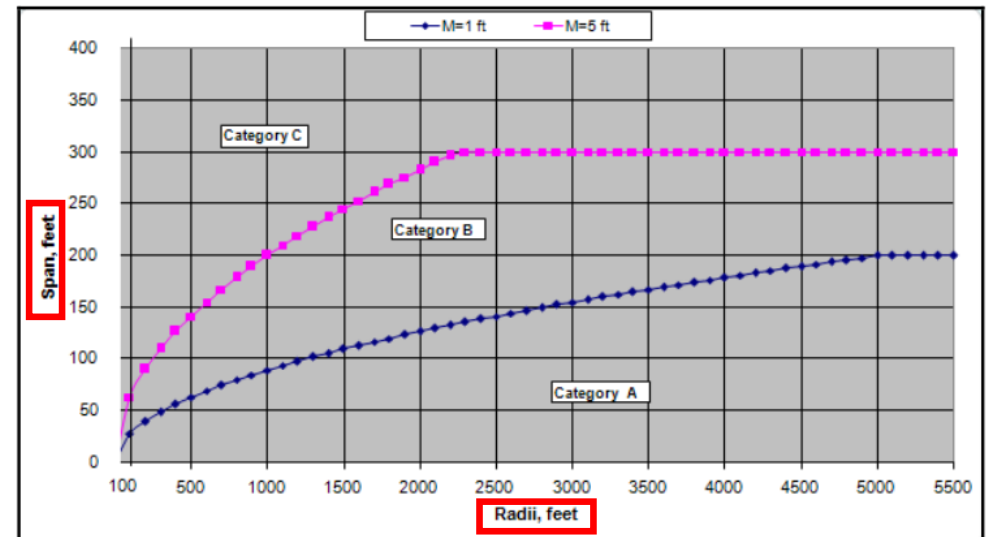
- The LRFD specifications will continue to be used for the design of all new and replacement bridges for NYSDOT. This includes both superstructure designs and substructure designs. This EI does not discontinue use of the NYSDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges – 2003. Both specifications will continue to be used until further notice. The existing NYSDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges - 2003 will be used when necessary for the repair and rehabilitation of structures. The NYSDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges – 2003 consists of the AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges - 17<sup>th</sup> Edition plus the "NYSDOT Blue Pages", issued by EB 02-038 and EB 03-016.
- The NYSDOT Design Permit Vehicle has been removed from the NYSDOT LRFD Blue Pages.
- Currently, NYSDOT overload permitting and bridge posting policies require that new and replacement bridges be load rated using the Load Factor Design (LFD) or Allowable Stress Design (ASD) methods. For this reason, load ratings will continue to be computed by the LFD or ASD method and shown on the contract plans. Also, load rating factors for all new, replacement, and rehabilitated bridges will be computed by the Load and Resistance Factor Rating (LRFR) method and shown on the contract plans. LRFR ratings shall be shown at the Inventory and Operating levels as rating factors of the AASHTO HL-93 live load. Once overload permitting and bridge posting policies are revised to accommodate LRFR, load ratings using the LFD and ASD methods will be discontinued.

LRFD Blue Pages



# Alternate Erection Classification Example - KDOT

- KDOT Section 737 provides erection category system based on complexity
- Accounts for span length, skew and curvature
- Based on category, which designer can indicate on Contract Plans, the level of erection considerations may be required.
- Everyone is on even playing field during bid phase



**FIGURE 736-1**  
**Special Requirements for Bridge Designers to Designate Erection Plan Categories**  
The initial Category is based on the chart which considers the length of the longest span, the curvature of the bridge and the skew angle.  
**If skew is greater than 30°, move up one Category (A to B or B to C).**  
If a structure crosses traffic or a railroad, require Category B as a minimum.  
If the Contractor uses falsework bents or strong-backs for the field erection, Category C Erection Plans are required.  
The designer may elevate a structure to the necessary Category based upon engineering judgment and unique circumstances.

# Constructability Summary

<b>Structure Classification</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Structure Type</b>
Conventional	Concrete	Precast Beams
	Steel	Shorter Straight Spans (< 200-ft)
Complex	Concrete	Spliced Prestressed Beams / Segmental
	Steel	Long Spans (> 200-ft) / Curved / High Skew

# Constructability Summary

			EOR Responsibility
Structure Classification	Material	Structure Type	Suggested Construction Plan
Conventional	Concrete	Precast Beams	No
	Steel	Shorter Straight Spans ( $< 200$ -ft)	No
Complex	Concrete	Spliced Prestressed Beams / Segmental	Yes
	Steel	Long Spans ( $> 200$ -ft) / Curved / High Skew	Sometimes

# Constructability Summary

			EOR Responsibility	Contractor Responsibility	
Structure Classification	Material	Structure Type	Suggested Construction Plan	Erection Plan Required?	Engineering Required?
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	Steel	Shorter Straight Spans (< 200-ft)	No	Yes	DOT Dependent
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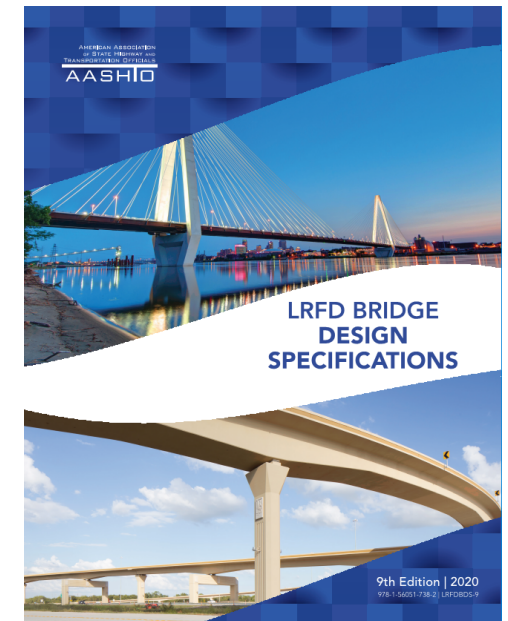
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## 7.2.2 Critical Erection Stages

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- Lifting of girders/members
- Placement of the initial girder and any associated temporary bracing used to hold the girder in place
- First pair of girders set with permanent bracing installed
- All girders and bracing installed prior to the deck placement *[total structure stable in wind]*
- All girders and bracing installed during the deck placement
- Application of the deck overhang bracket loads to the fascia girders during the deck placement

AASHTO (Industry) should clarify that all girder systems should be evaluated by the Design Engineer for wind loading prior to slab pour





# AASHTO T-14 Addition

20 Add the following new Article C4.6.2.7.3:

SI C4.6.2.7.3

TJ The provisions of Articles 4.6.2.7.1 and 4.6.2.7.2 were developed for girder bridges after the deck is placed. The  
C6 response of these structures to wind loads during construction before the deck placement is completed is significantly  
different from that of the completed bridge. The flow of wind around the structure and the resulting wind pressure  
acting on the individual girders is different. Another significant difference between bridges during construction and  
bridges in service is the short length of time expected between the erection of the girders and the placement of the  
deck. For the same probability of exceedance, the design wind speed decreases with the decrease in the time between  
the girder erection and the deck placement.

The AASHTO Guide Specifications for Wind Loads on Bridges During Construction modify the preceding wind-  
load provisions to account for these differences between completed bridges and bridges during construction. To  
determine if any wind bracing is necessary, the Guide Specifications may be used to perform an investigation of the  
inactive work zone wind load case between the completed erection of the girders and the placement of the concrete  
deck assuming no wind bracing is provided in the plane of either flange. These Specifications may also be used to  
perform an investigation of the active work zone wind load case during the placement of the deck, if desired.

Article 4.2.2.1 of the Guide Specifications provides an approximate approach for calculating the lateral wind load



# AASHTO T-14 Addition

## ANTICIPATED EFFECT ON BRIDGES:

The proposed addition of Commentary Article C4.6.2.7.3 alerts designers to consider using the *AASHTO Guide Specifications for Wind Loads on Bridges During Construction* to evaluate the need for wind bracing in I- and box-section bridges during construction in lieu of the provisions of Articles 4.6.2.7.1 and 4.6.2.7.2, which were developed for girder bridges after the deck is placed. The Guide Specifications allow for a more rational evaluation of the inactive work zone wind load case between the completed erection of the girders and the placement of the concrete deck assuming no wind bracing is provided in the plane of either flange and also the active wind load case during the deck placement, if desired, to determine if there is a need for any lateral wind bracing. The designer is also alerted to consider using the *PCI Recommended Practice for Lateral Stability of Precast, Prestressed Concrete Bridge Girders* to evaluate the stability of precast, prestressed concrete bridge girders seated on bearing pads and subject to wind loads during construction.

Does not address deflection limit states



# **Steel Girder Erection**

**Through the Eyes of a Construction Engineer**

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# Steel Girder Erection

- Compression Flange Slenderness Requirements
- Picking Girders
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# Compression Flange Requirements

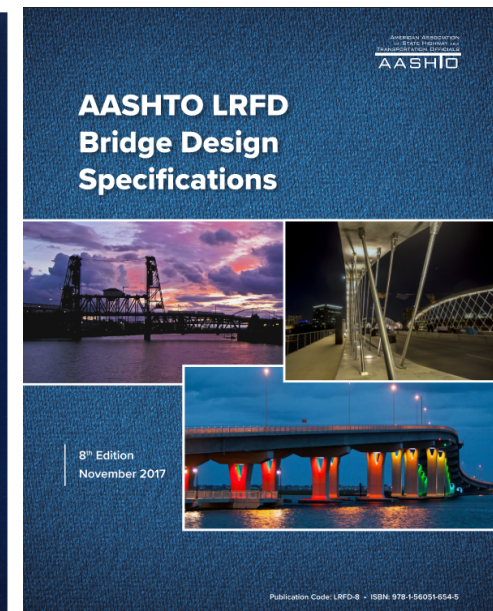
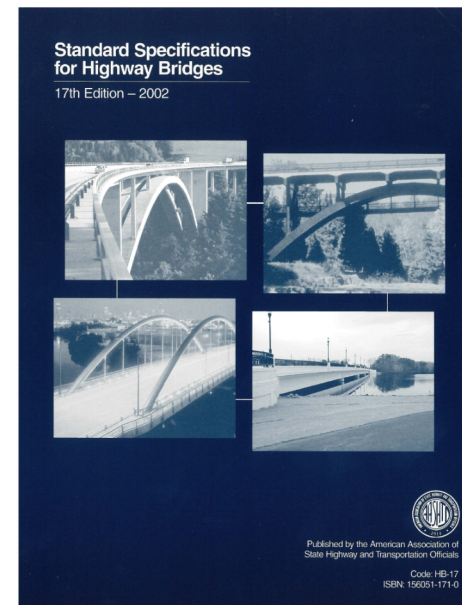
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- Compression flange slenderness ( $b/t$ ) has a major impact on plate girder constructability.
  - Stability of Girders while Hoisting Typically not considered by designers
  - Stability of Partially Constructed Girder Systems
- Prior to deck pour, the flanges provide the only means of stiffness between cross-frames.
- Changes to AASHTO requirements have allowed compression flanges to be more “optimized”

# AASHTO History



- ASD (Allowable Stress Design)
- LFD (Load Factor Design)
- LRFD (Load Resistance Factor Design)



### ASD (Allowable Stress Design)

$$\sigma_{\text{allowable}} \geq \sigma_{\text{demand}}$$

1930's



### LFD (Load Factor Design)

$$R_n \geq \text{effects of } \sum \gamma_i Q_i$$

1970's



### LRFD (Load Resistance Factor Design)

$$\phi R_n \geq \text{effects of } \sum \gamma_i Q_i$$

1994



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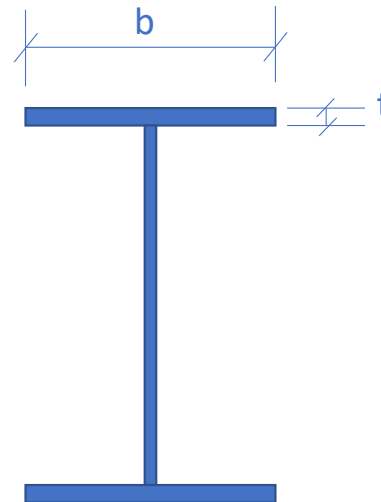
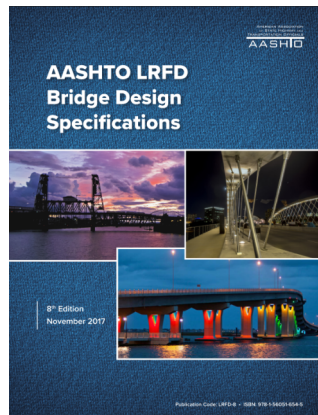
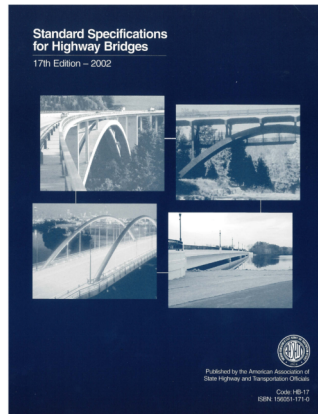
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# Compression Flange Requirements



- ASD
- LFD
- LRFD



## Golden Rule



Flange Proportion Limit  
 $b/t \leq 24$





# ASD - Compression Flange Requirements

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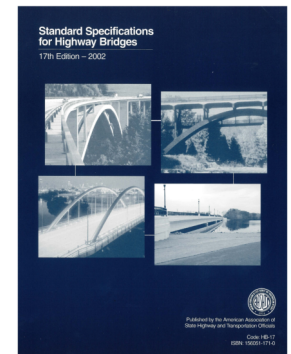
10.34.2.1.3 The ratio of compression flange plate width to thickness shall not exceed the value determined by the formula

$$\frac{b}{t} = \frac{3,250}{\sqrt{f_b}} \quad \text{but in no case shall } b/t \text{ exceed } 24 \quad (10-19)$$

10.34.2.1.4 Where the calculated compressive bending stress equals .55  $F_y$  the (b/t) ratios for the various grades of steel shall not exceed the following:

36,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 23  
50,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 20  
70,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 17  
90,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 15  
100,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 14

- b/t limit is function of applied stress ( $f_b$ )
- Defines maximum flange width to thickness limits when  $f_b = 0.55f_y$



# LFD - Compression Flange Requirements

b/t RATIO

**10.48.1.1** Compact sections shall meet the following requirements: (For certain frequently used steels these requirements are listed in Table 10.48.1.2A.)

(a) Compression flange

$$\frac{b}{t} \leq \frac{4,110}{\sqrt{F_y}} \quad (10-93)$$

**TABLE 10.48.1.2A** Limitations for Compact Sections

F <sub>y</sub> (psi)	36,000	50,000	70,000
b/t	21.7	18.4	15.5
D/t <sub>w</sub>	101	86	72
L <sub>t</sub> /r <sub>y</sub> (M <sub>y</sub> /M <sub>u</sub> = 0*)	100	72	51
L <sub>t</sub> /r <sub>y</sub> (M <sub>y</sub> /M <sub>u</sub> = 1*)	39	28	20

\* For values of M<sub>y</sub>/M<sub>u</sub> other than 0 and 1, use Equation (10-96).

**TABLE 10.48.2.1A** Limitations for Braced Noncompact Sections

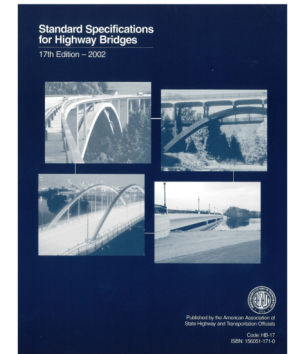
F <sub>y</sub> (psi)	36,000	50,000	70,000	90,000	100,000
b/t *	23.2	19.7	16.6	14.7	13.9
$\frac{L_b d}{A_r}$	556	400	286	222	200
D/t <sub>w</sub>	Refer to Articles 10.48.5.1, 10.48.6.1, 10.49.2, or 10.49.3, as applicable. For unstiffened webs, the limit is 150.				

\* Limits shown are for F<sub>cr</sub> = F<sub>y</sub>. Refer also to Articles 10.48.2 and 10.48.2.1(a).

**10.48.2.1** The above equations are applicable to sections meeting the following requirements:

(a) Compression flange

$$\frac{b}{t} \leq 24 \quad (10-100)$$



# LRFD - Compression Flange Requirements

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## 6.10.2.2—Flange Proportions

Compression and tension flanges shall be proportioned such that:

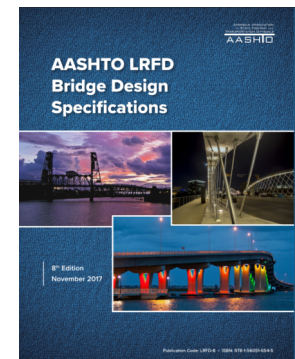
$$\frac{b_f}{2t_f} \leq 12.0, \quad \rightarrow \quad bf / tf < 24 \quad (6.10.2.2-1)$$

$$b_f \geq D/6, \quad (6.10.2.2-2)$$

$$t_f \geq 1.1t_w, \quad (6.10.2.2-3)$$

and:

$$0.1 \leq \frac{I_{yc}}{I_{yt}} \leq 10 \quad (6.10.2.2-4)$$



# LRFD - Compression Flange Requirements

b/t RATIO

## 6.10.8.2.2—Local Buckling Resistance

The local buckling resistance of the compression flange shall be taken as:

- If  $\lambda_f \leq \lambda_{pf}$ , then:

$$F_{nc} = R_b R_h F_{yc} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-1)$$

- Otherwise:

$$F_{nc} = \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{F_{yr}}{R_h F_{yc}} \right) \left( \frac{\lambda_f - \lambda_{pf}}{\lambda_{rf} - \lambda_{pf}} \right) \right] R_b R_h F_{yc} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-2)$$

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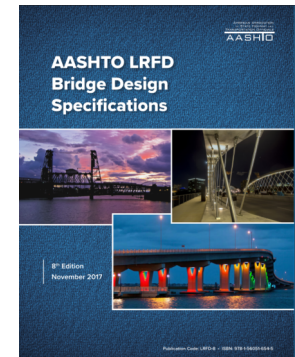
$$\begin{aligned} bf / 2tf &< \lambda_{pf} \\ bf / tf &< 2\lambda_{pf} \end{aligned}$$

in which:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_f &= \text{slenderness ratio for the compression flange} \\ &= \frac{b_{fc}}{2t_{fc}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{pf} &= \text{limiting slenderness ratio for a compact flange} \\ &= 0.38 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_{yc}}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{rf} &= \text{limiting slenderness ratio for a noncompact flange} \\ &= 0.56 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_{yr}}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-5)$$



# Compression Flange Requirements



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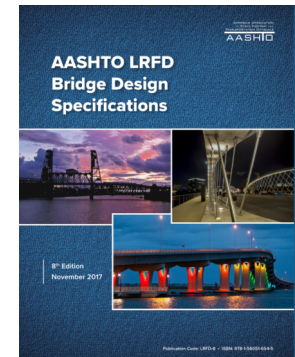
- ASD / LFD / LRFD

$$\frac{b}{t} \leq 24$$

$f_y$ (ksi)	ASD or LFD Non-Compact	LFD Compact	LRFD
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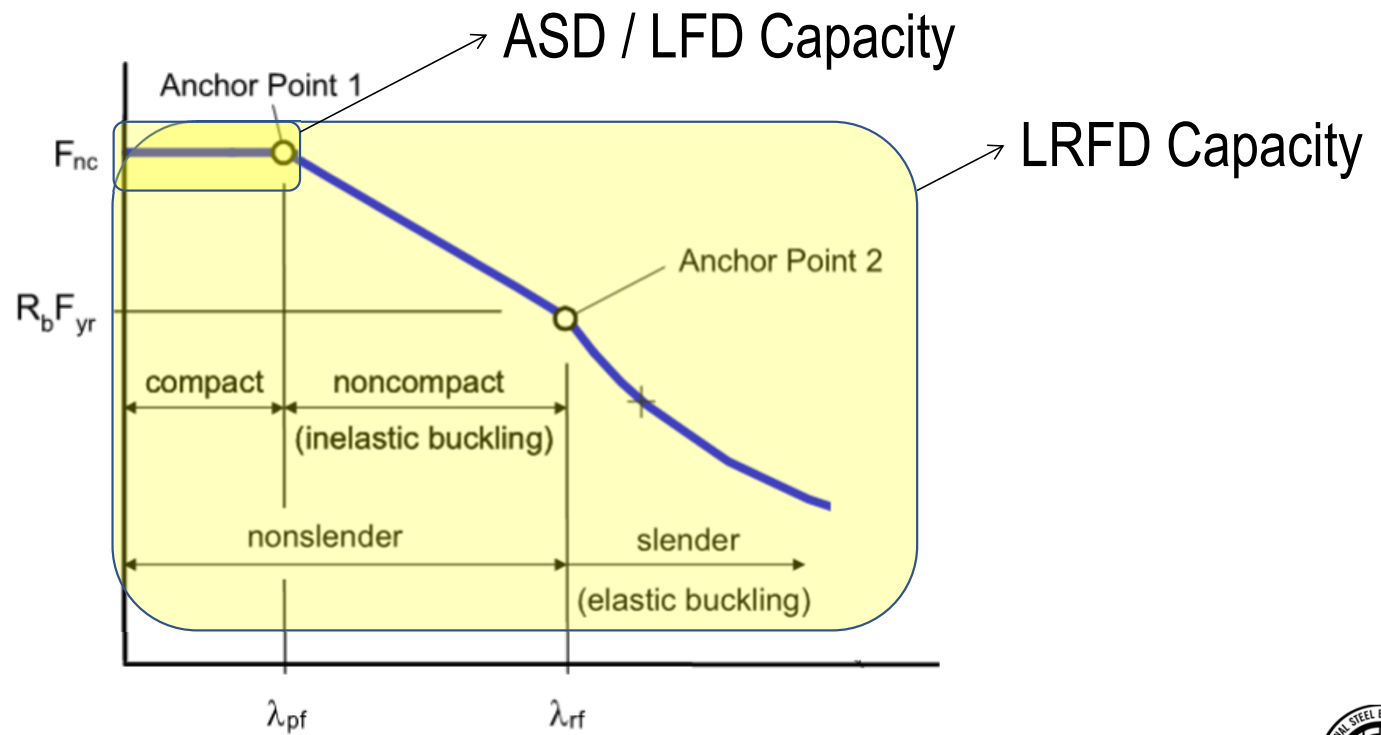
ASD & LFD  
Hard Limit

LRFD Limit for when LB  
must be considered



# Compression Flange Requirements

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# Compression Flange Requirements

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- Governing codes have become more refined (& complicated) in the calculation of both member capacity and load demands.
- Computer power allows for more refined analysis.
- This has in turn allowed for more “efficient” structures.
- Results in potentially larger compression flange b/t ratios.
  - Final bridge condition may be adequate
  - More difficult to erect.
- More “efficient” structures do NOT always result in project cost savings.



# Steel Girder Erection

PICKING

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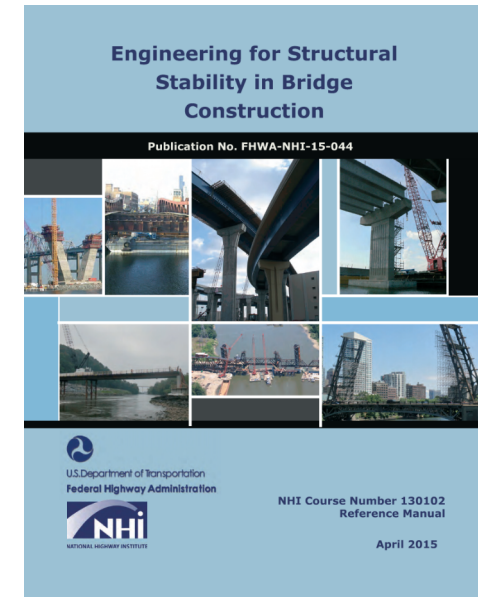
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# Single vs. Paired Girder Pick

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# Single Girder Pick Advantages

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- Smaller Crane
  - Lighter pick load
- Larger Radius
  - Site constraints may dictate
- Simpler Rigging
  - No transverse spreaders
- Expedited Installation
  - One field splice connection



Comm. Ave Bridge, Boston, MA



# Paired Girder Pick Advantages

PICKING

- More Ground Assembly
  - Cross frame connections
- More Stable while Hoisted
  - Reduced lateral torsional buckling concerns
- But....
  - More complicated rigging
  - More difficult fitup of splices



KY 152 over Herrington Lake, Mercer and Garrard Counties, KY

# Curved Girder Pick

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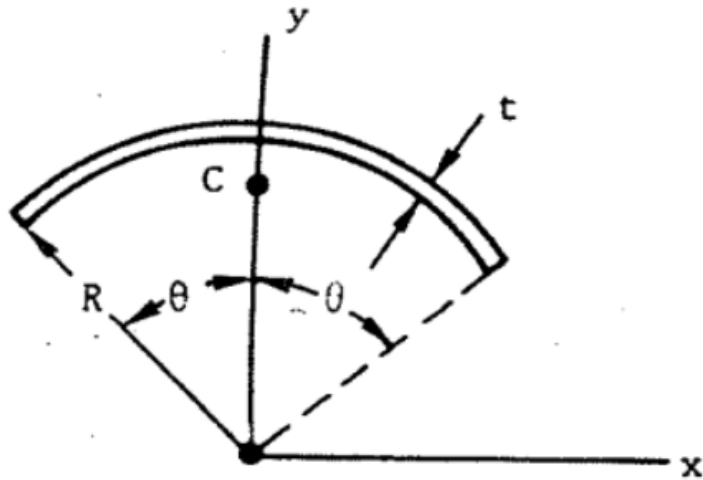
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# Curved Girder Pick

## Girder Center of Gravity

### 28. Sector of Thin Annulus



$$x_C = 0$$

$$y_C = R \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$$

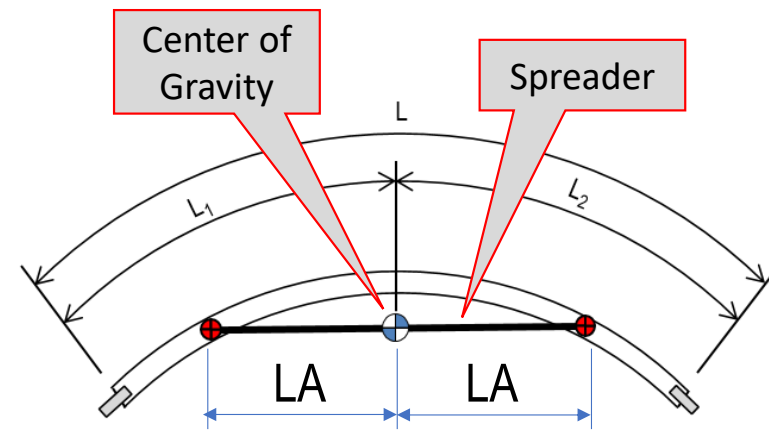
# Curved Girder Pick

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Girder Center of Gravity for fabricated steel

- Span Lengths
- Changing Girder Cross Section
  - Shop Splices
- Field Splices
  - Installed or not installed
- Cross Frames
  - Installed or not installed

Ideal Spreader Length



⊕ : Center of Gravity

⊕ : Pick Point, typ.

▭ : Field Splice, typ.

# Curved Girder Pick



Spreader Shorter Than Ideal Length

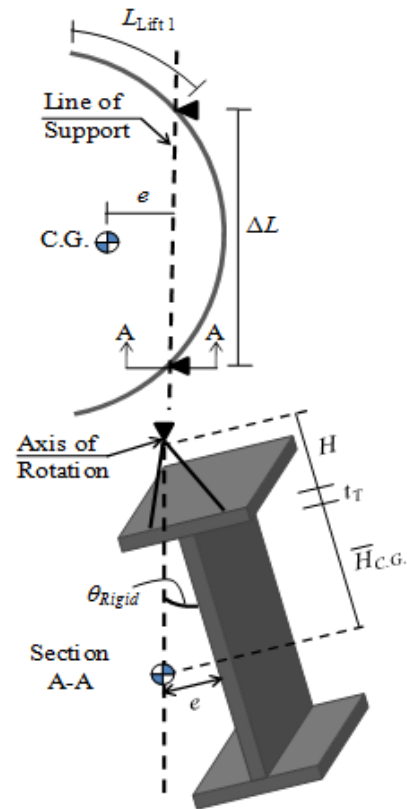
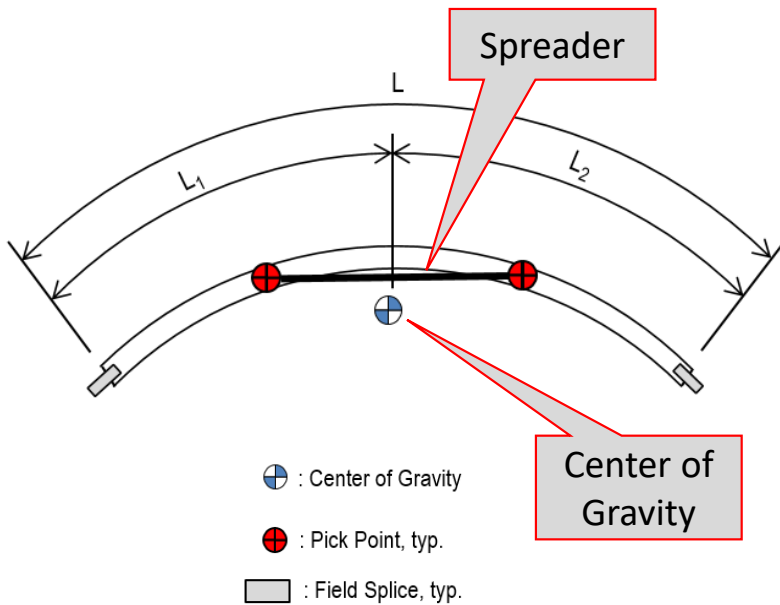


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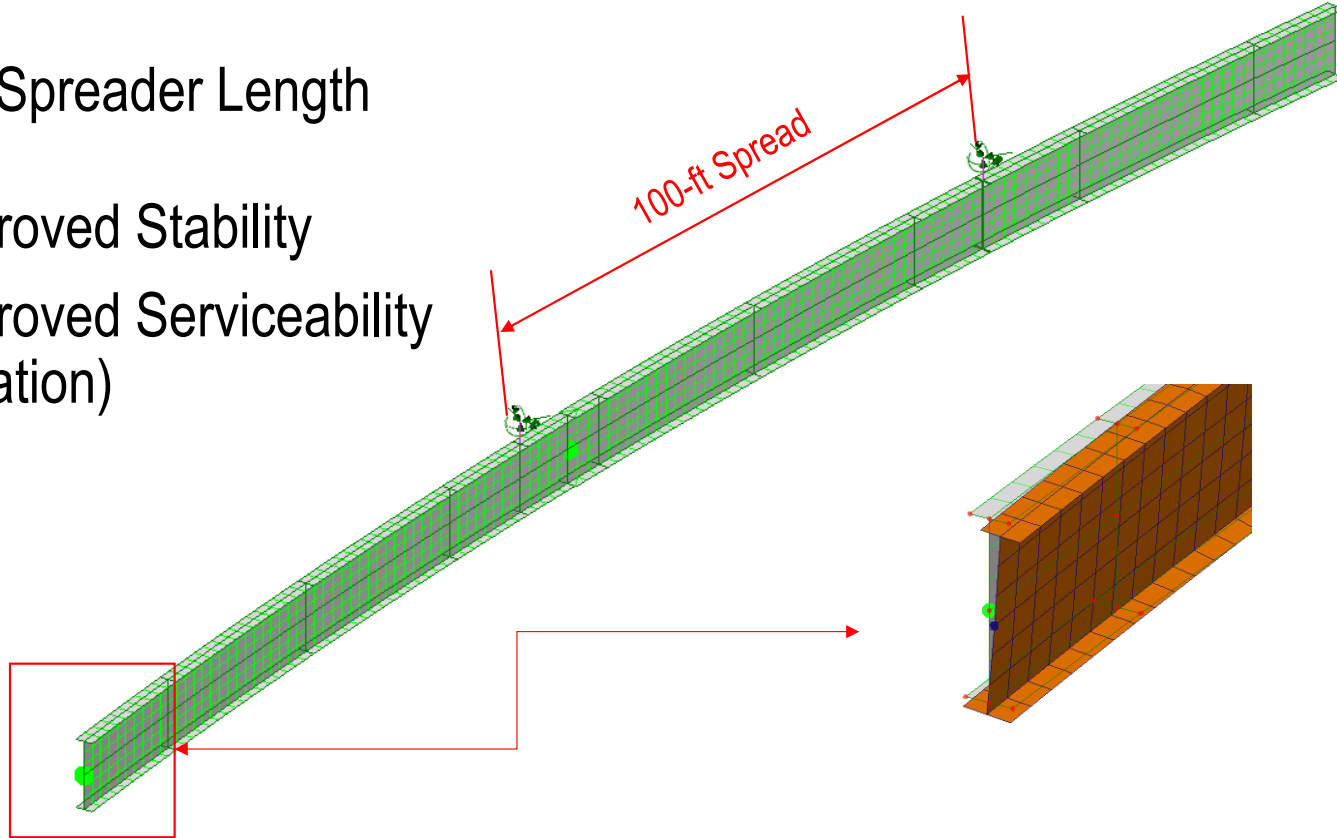


# Curved Girder Pick



Ideal Spreader Length

- Improved Stability
- Improved Serviceability (rotation)



9" Lateral Displacement

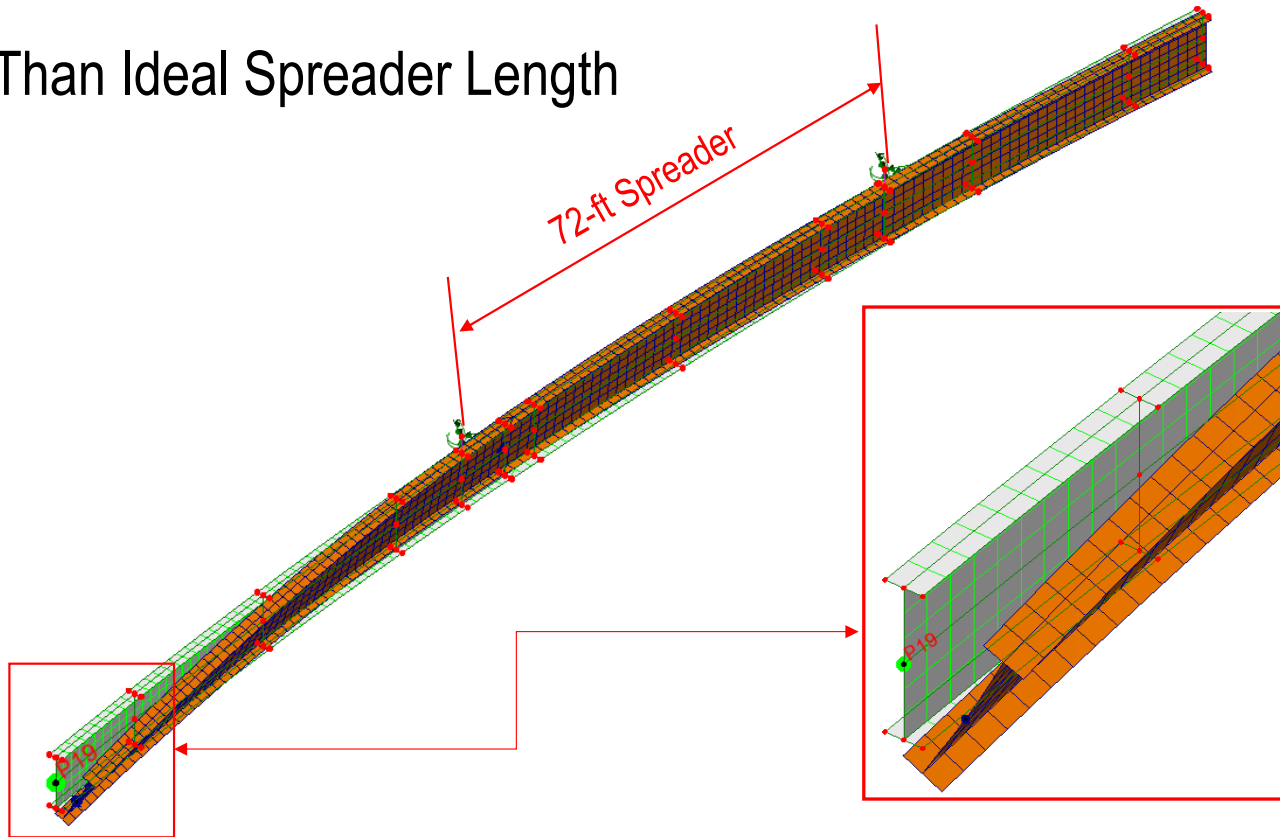


# Curved Girder Pick

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Shorter Than Ideal Spreader Length



20" Lateral Displacement




# Curved Girder Pick – UT Lift

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- UT Lift Software used for curved girder hoisting analysis

**UT Lift 1.2**  
**Users Guide**  
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- **Input:**
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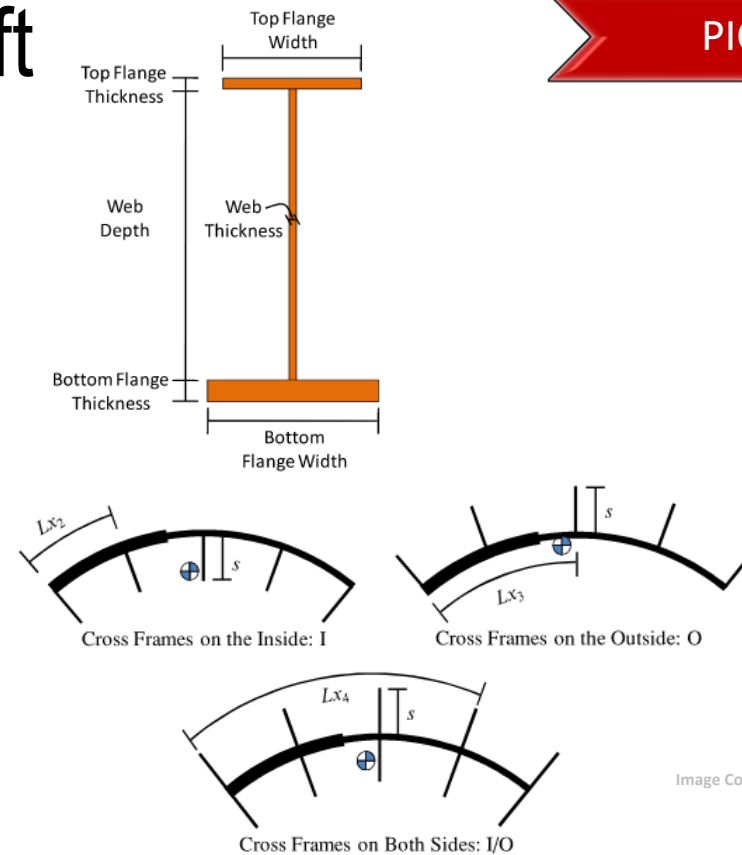


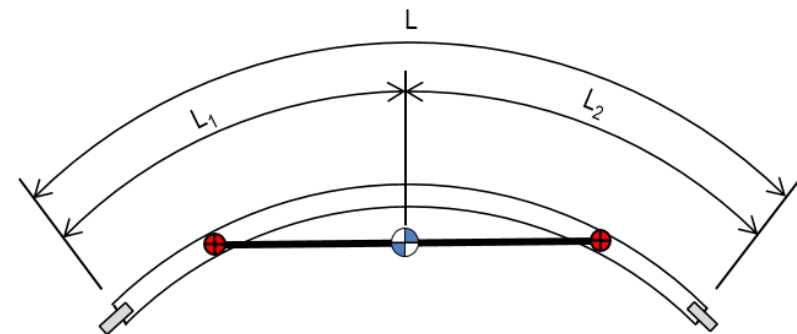
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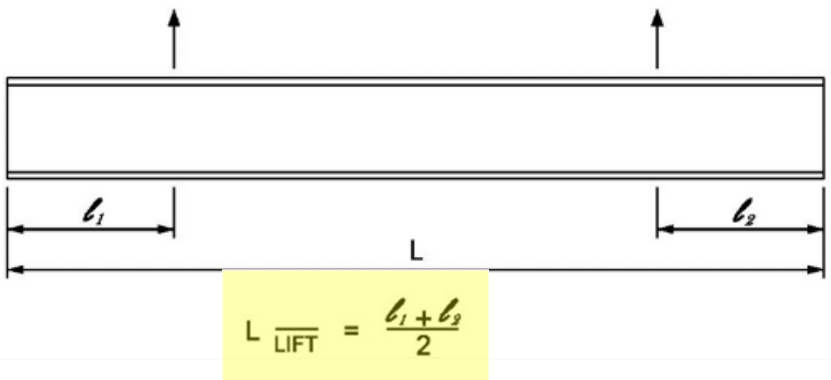
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# Curved Girder Pick – UT Lift



$$M_u < \phi_b M_{cr} = \phi_b C_{bL} \frac{\pi}{L_b} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + E^2 I_y C_w \left( \frac{\pi^2}{L_b^2} \right)}$$

Equation 7-7

$L_b$  = Unbraced length = L (total length of girder segment)

$$C_{bL} = 2.0 \text{ for } \frac{L_{LIFT}}{L} \leq 0.225$$

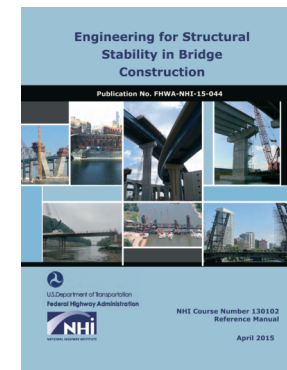
$$C_{bL} = 6.0 \text{ for } 0.225 < \frac{L_{LIFT}}{L} < 0.3$$

$$C_{bL} = 4.0 \text{ for } \frac{L_{LIFT}}{L} \geq 0.3$$

Equation 7-8

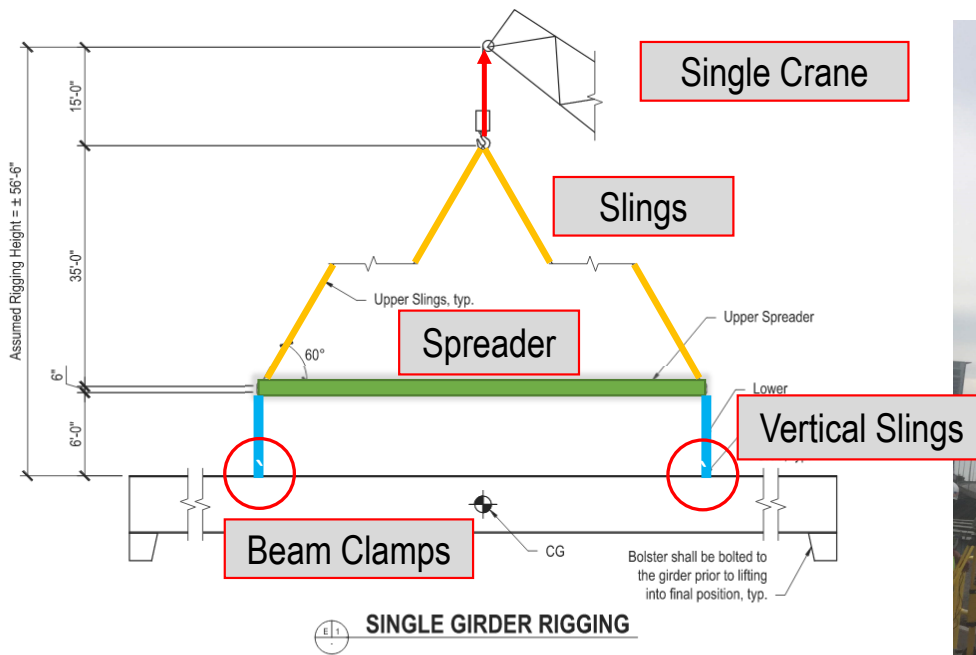
Equation 7-9

Equation 7-10



# Rigging – Single Girder Spreader

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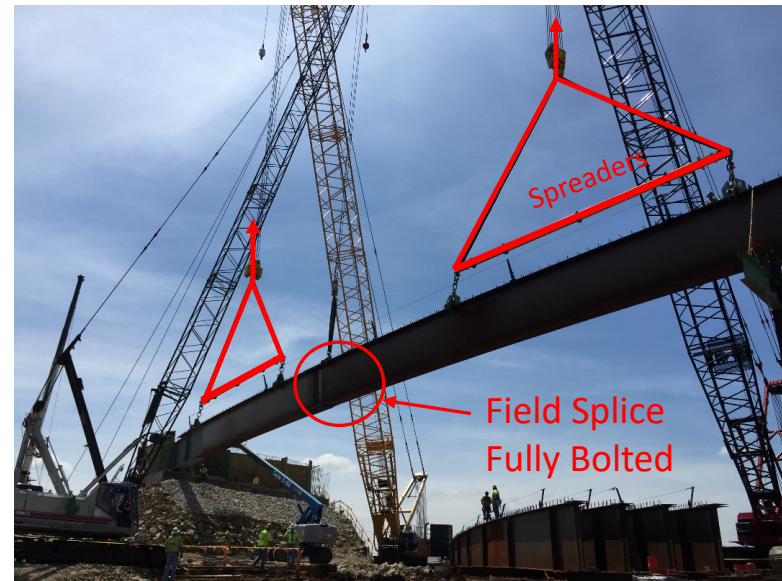
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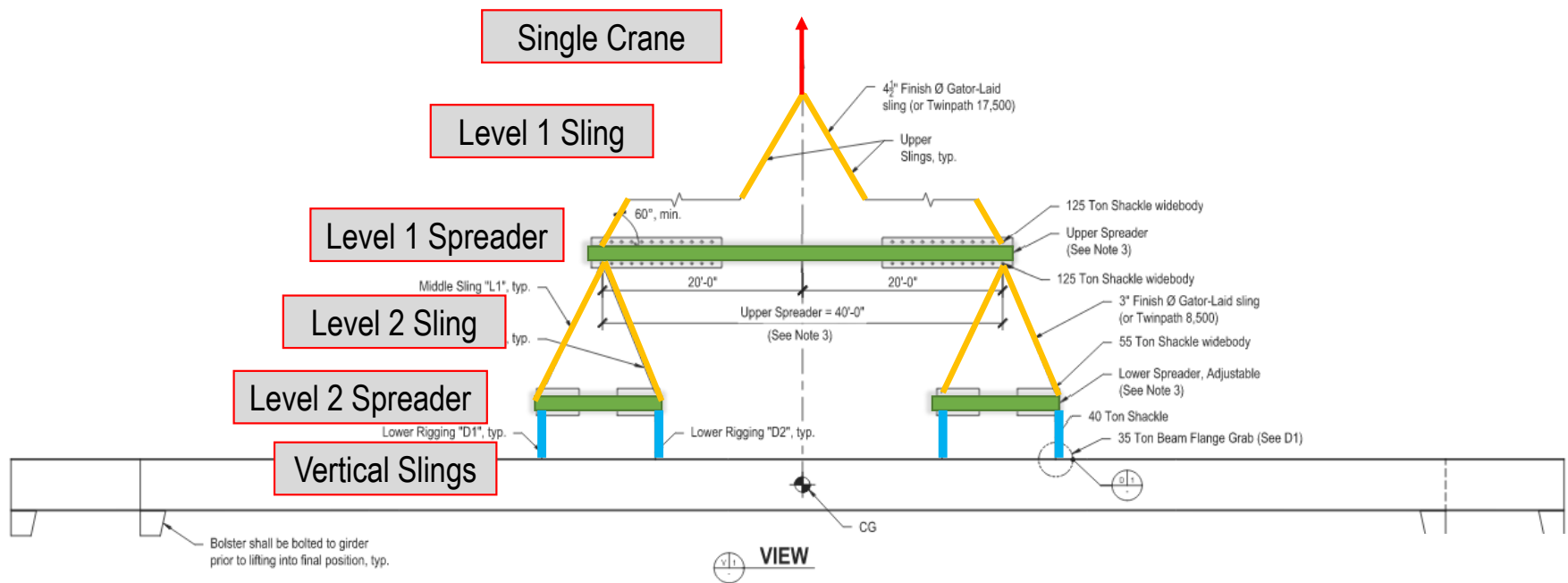
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# Rigging – Multi-Level Spreaders

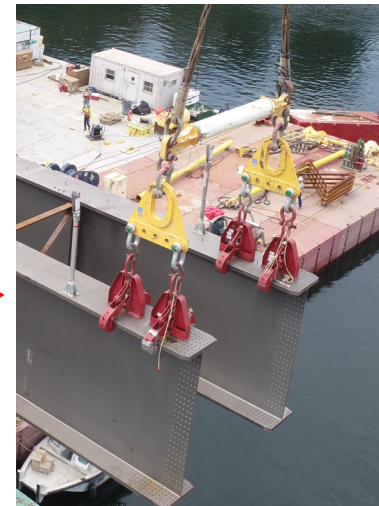


# Load Equalizers – Lifting Triangles

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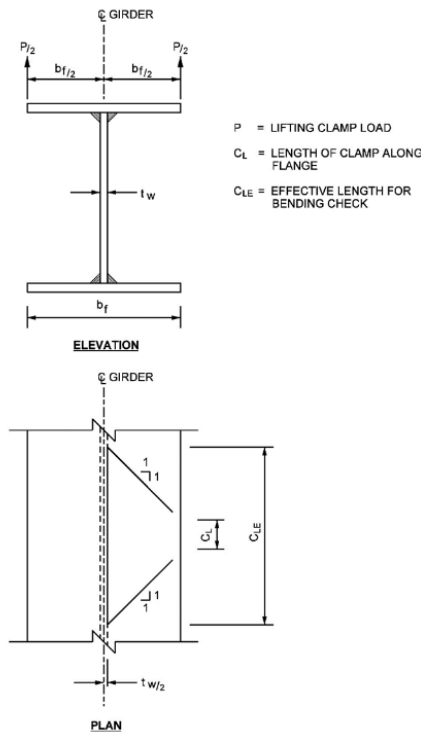
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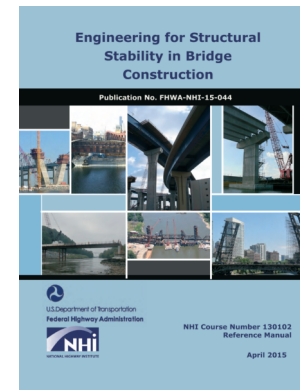


$$f_{ib} = \frac{R_c k}{(b_f + C_L)(t_f)^2 / 6}$$

$$f_{ib} \leq 0.75 F_{yf}$$

Where:

- $R_c$  = service level concentrated force at each flange edge (kip)
- $F_{yf}$  = specified minimum flange yield stress (ksi)
- $b_f$  = flange width (in)
- $t_f$  = flange thickness (in)
- $C_L$  = length of clamp along flange (in)
- $k$  = distance from outer face of flange to web toe of fillet (in)



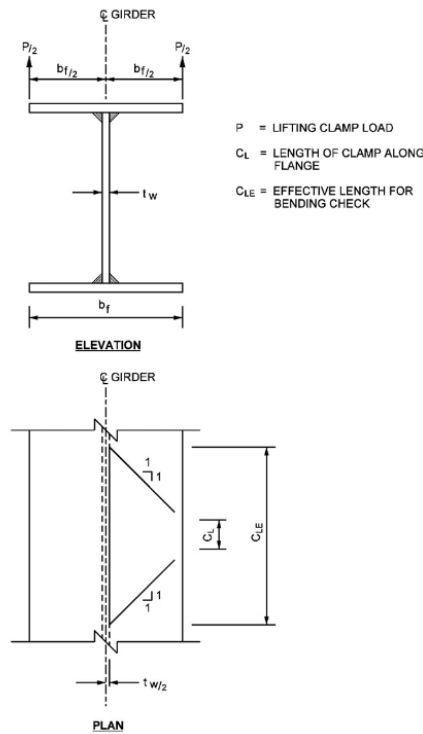
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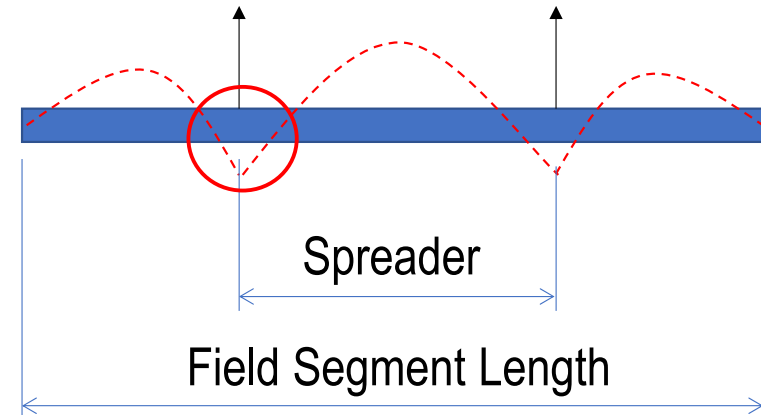


# Beam Clamps

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## Global Strong Axis Bending Moment



# Steel Girder Erection

- Compression Flange Slenderness Requirements
- Picking Girders
- Staged Construction Evaluation
  - Check for critical stages of stability concerns
  - Check stage specific demands with stage specific capacity
  - Perform detailed finite element model buckling analysis
- Temporary Works

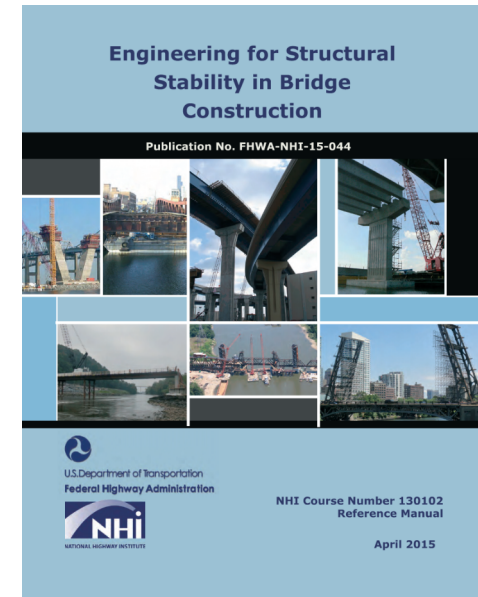
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# Critical Stages of Construction

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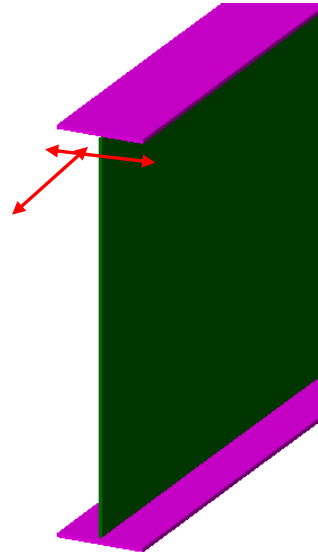
For critical stages of construction, each of the following requirements shall be satisfied. For sections with slender webs, Eq. 6.10.3.2.1-1 shall not be checked when  $f_c$  is equal to zero. For sections with compact or noncompact webs, Eq. 6.10.3.2.1-3 shall not be checked.

$$f_{bu} + f_c \leq \phi_f R_h F_{yc}, \quad (6.10.3.2.1-1)$$

$$f_{bu} + \frac{1}{3} f_c \leq \phi_f F_{nc}, \quad (6.10.3.2.1-2)$$

and

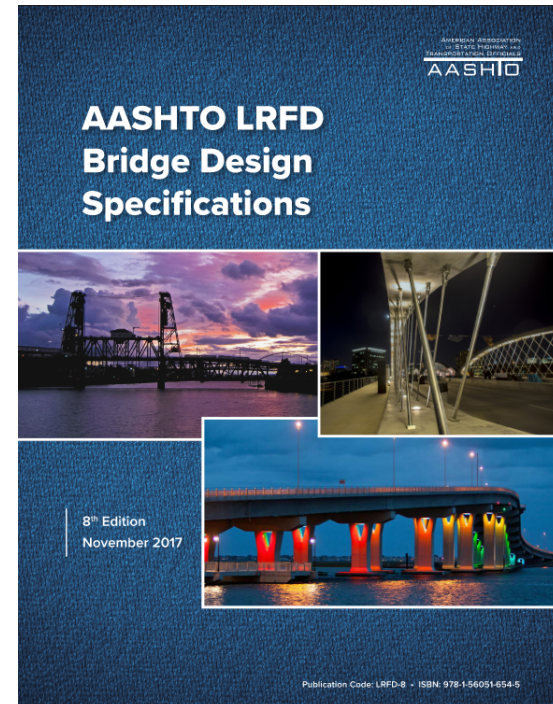
$$f_{bu} \leq \phi_f F_{crw} \quad (6.10.3.2.1-3)$$



## 6.10.3.2.2—Discretely Braced Flanges in Tension

For critical stages of construction, the following requirement shall be satisfied:

$$f_{bu} + f_c \leq \phi_f R_h F_{yt} \quad (6.10.3.2.2-1)$$





# Critical Stages of Construction

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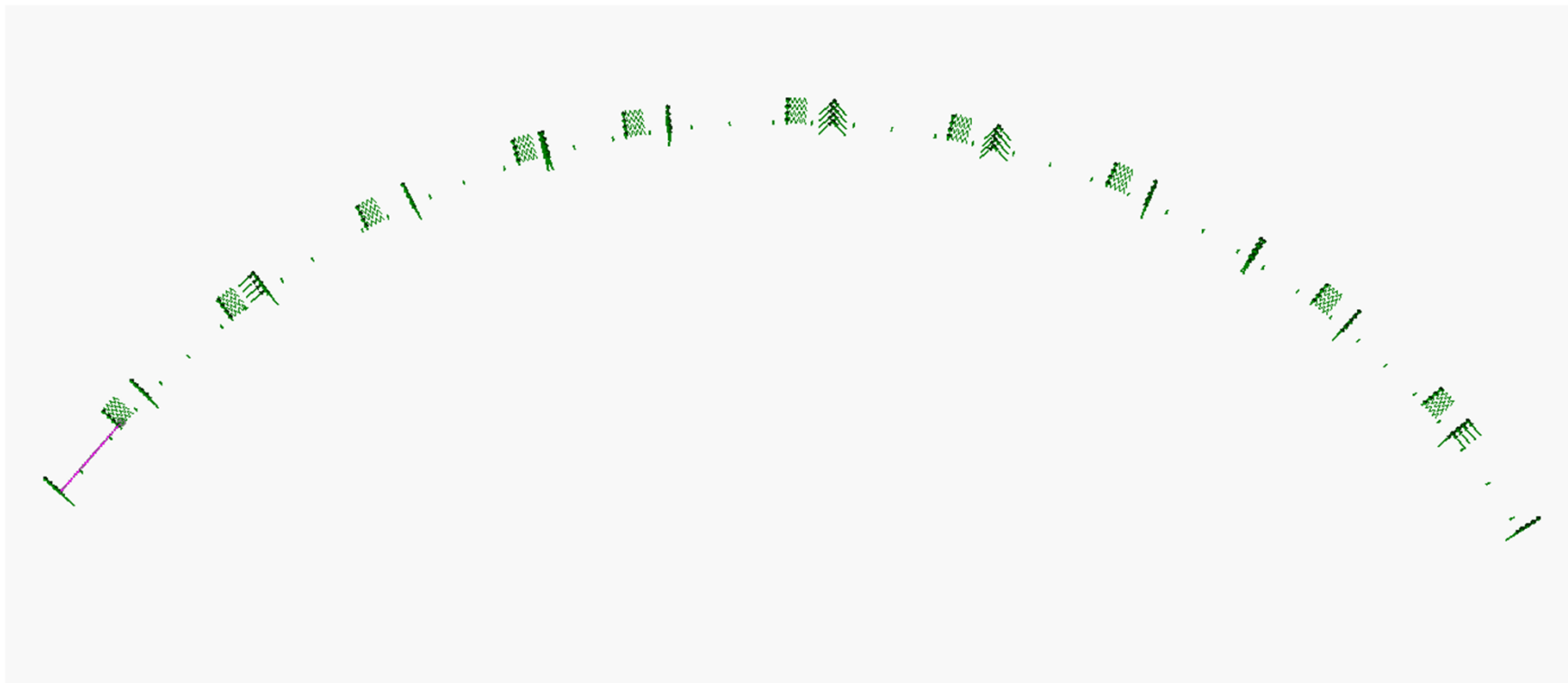


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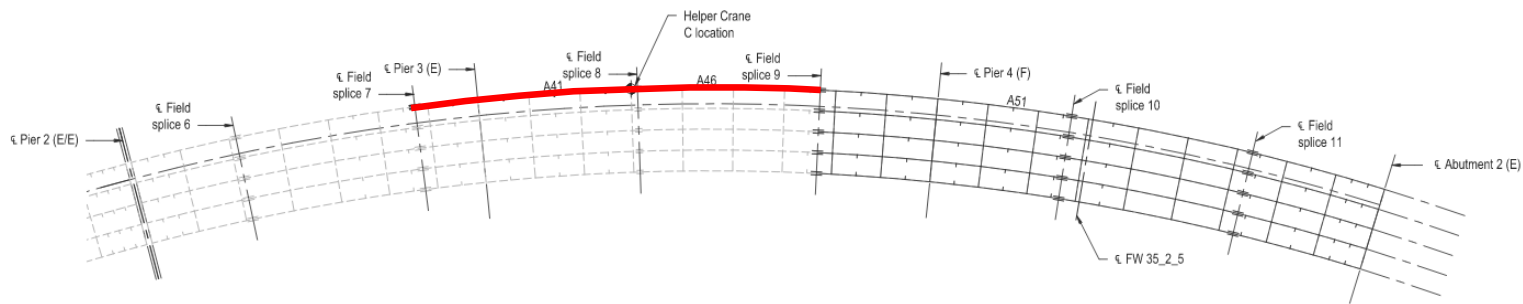
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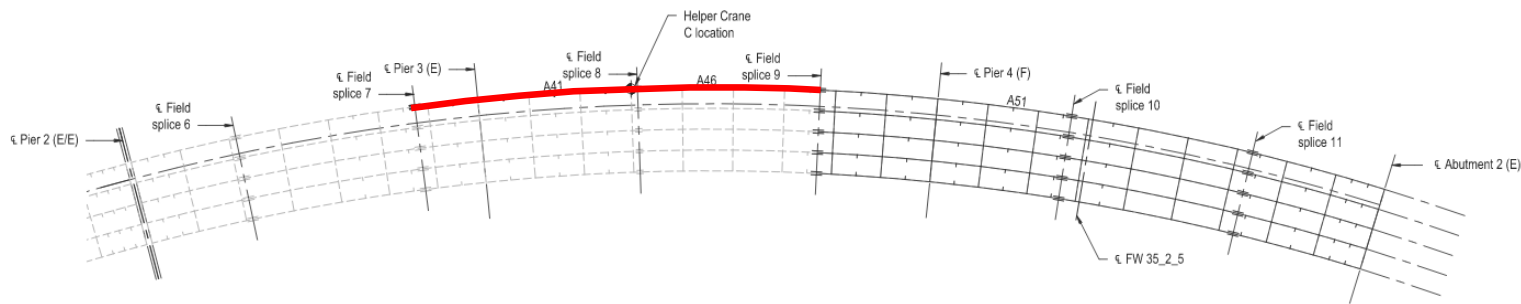
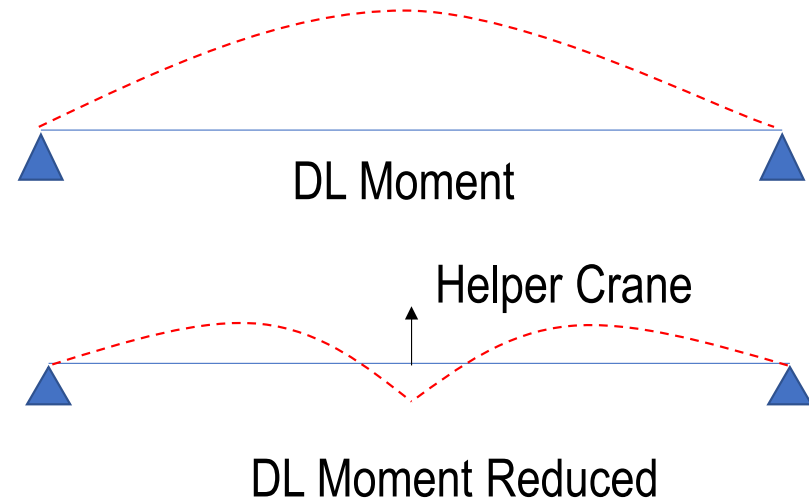
# Single Girder Stability

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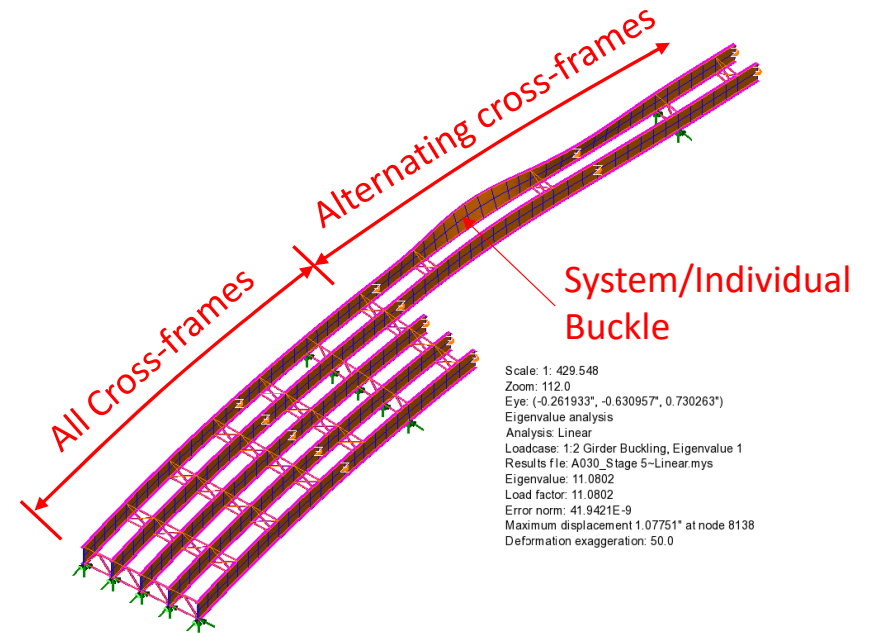
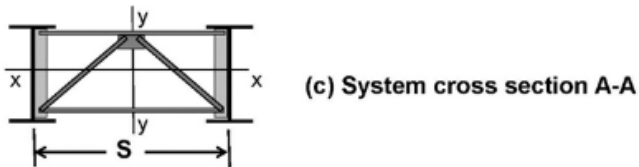
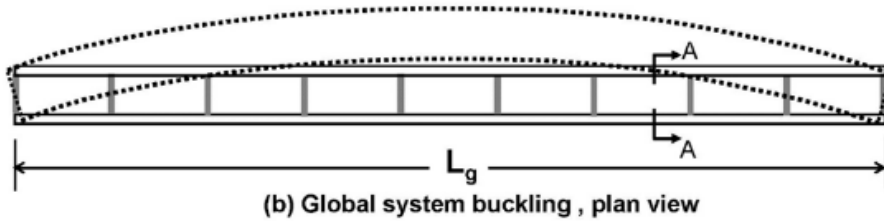
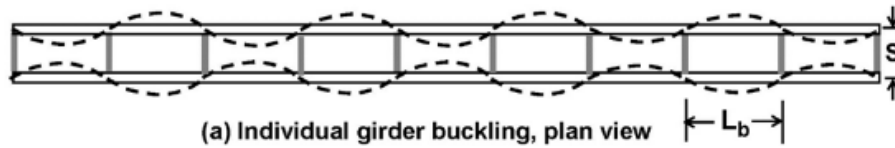


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# Girder System Stability



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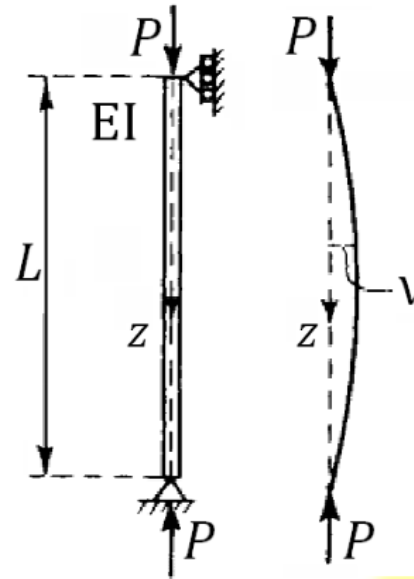
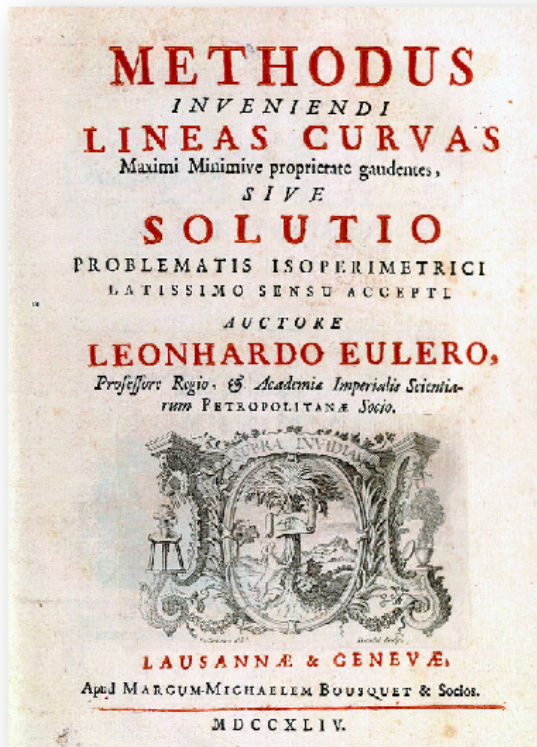


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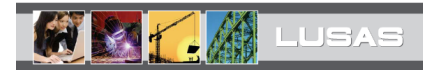
# Eigenvalue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis

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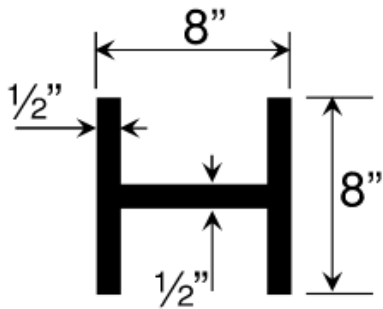


$$P_e = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

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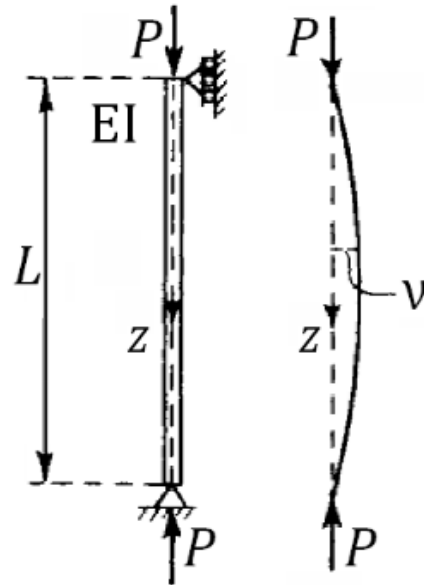


# Eigenvalue Analysis



$A_g = 11.5 \text{ in}^2$   
 $I_{zz} = 42.74 \text{ in}^4$   
 $L = 18'$   
 $E = 29,000 \text{ ksi}$

$$P_e = \frac{\pi^2 \times 29,000 \times 42.74}{(18 \times 12)^2} = 262 \text{ kip}$$



$P = 262 \text{ kip}$



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Reference:



$P = 1 \text{ kip}$   
 Eigenvalue = 262  
 FOS = 262

$P = 262 \text{ kip}$   
 Eigenvalue = 1  
 FOS = 1



# Eigenvalue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis

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$$AF_G = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{M_{\max G}}{M_{crG}}}$$

- $AF_G$  = Amplification Factor = System Stability Indicator
- $M_{\max G}$  = Maximum Total Moment support by bridge unit
- $M_{crG}$  = Elastic global buckling moment of the bridge
- $M_{crG} / M_{\max G} = \text{Eigenvalue}$
- Equation uses  $M_{\max G} / M_{crG} = 1/\text{Eigenvalue}$



# Eigenvalue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis

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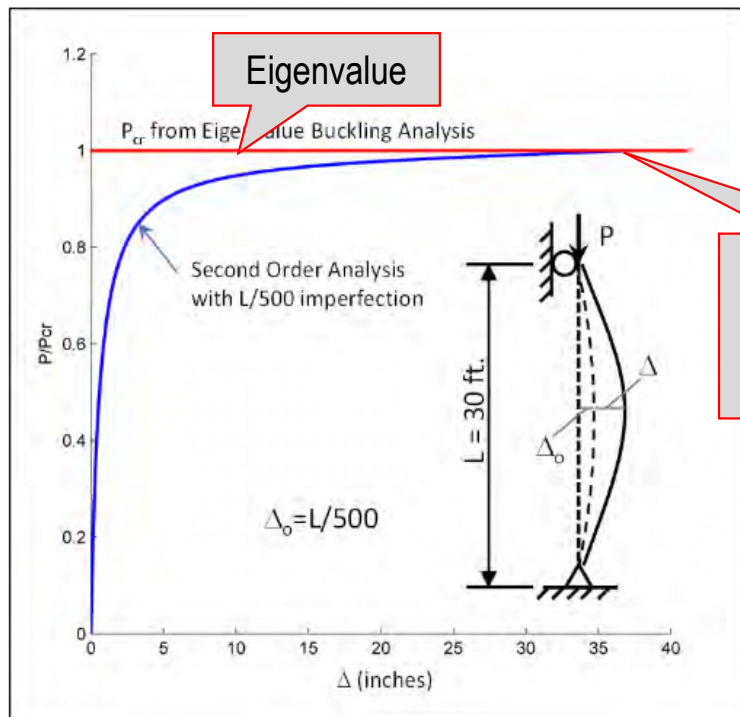
$$AF_G = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{M_{\max G}}{M_{crG}}}$$

- Second order effects may be neglected
  - $AF_G < 1.10$
  - Eigenvalue  $> 11$
- Second order 3D FEM recommended
  - $AF_G > 1.25$
  - Eigenvalue  $< 5$



# Eigenvalue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis

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- Incremental application of load
- Updating of stiffnesses
- Iteration

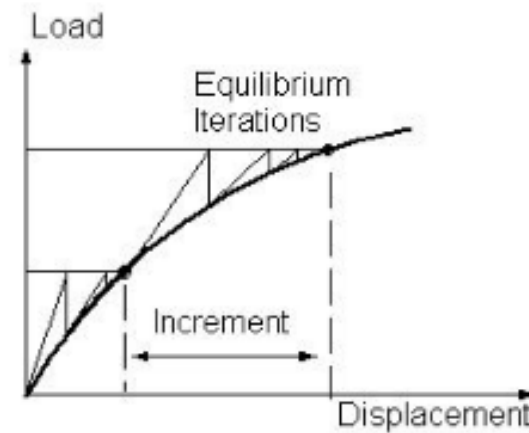


Figure 6-10 Second Order Analysis on Column with Initial Imperfection

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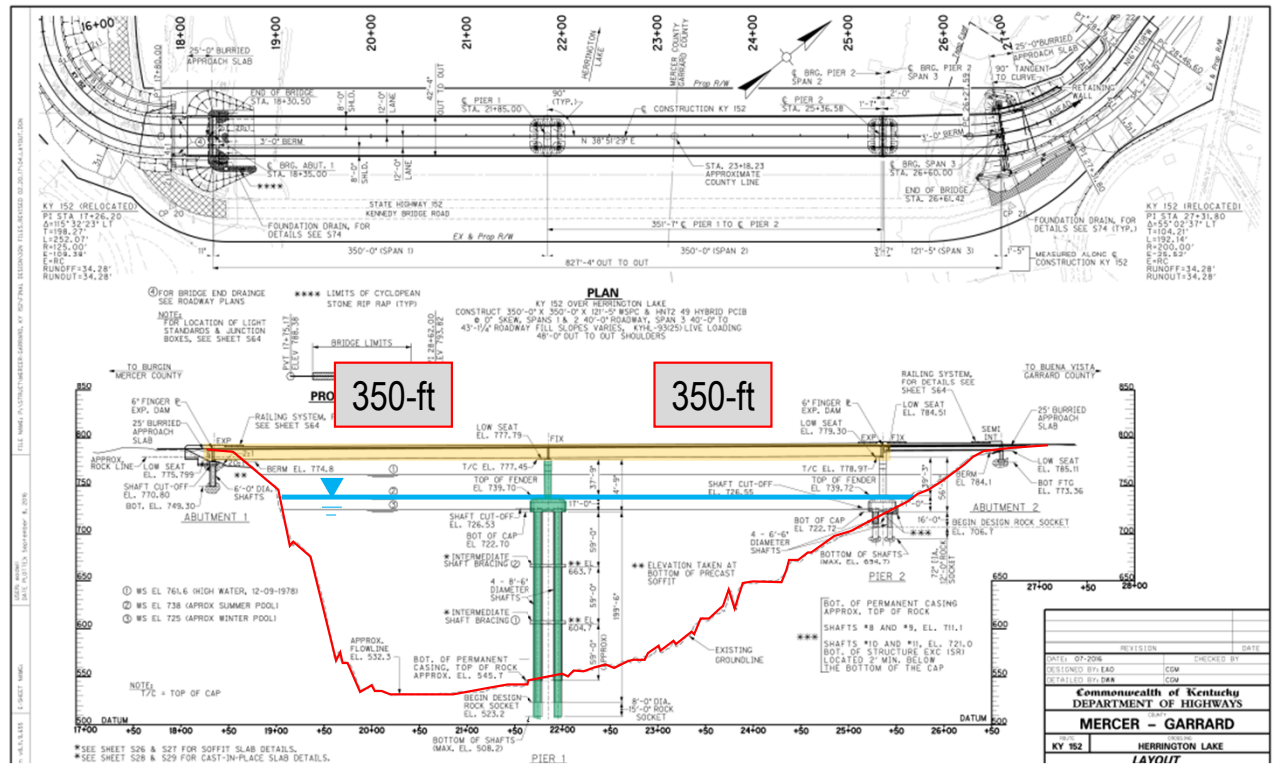
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# System Buckling Case Study



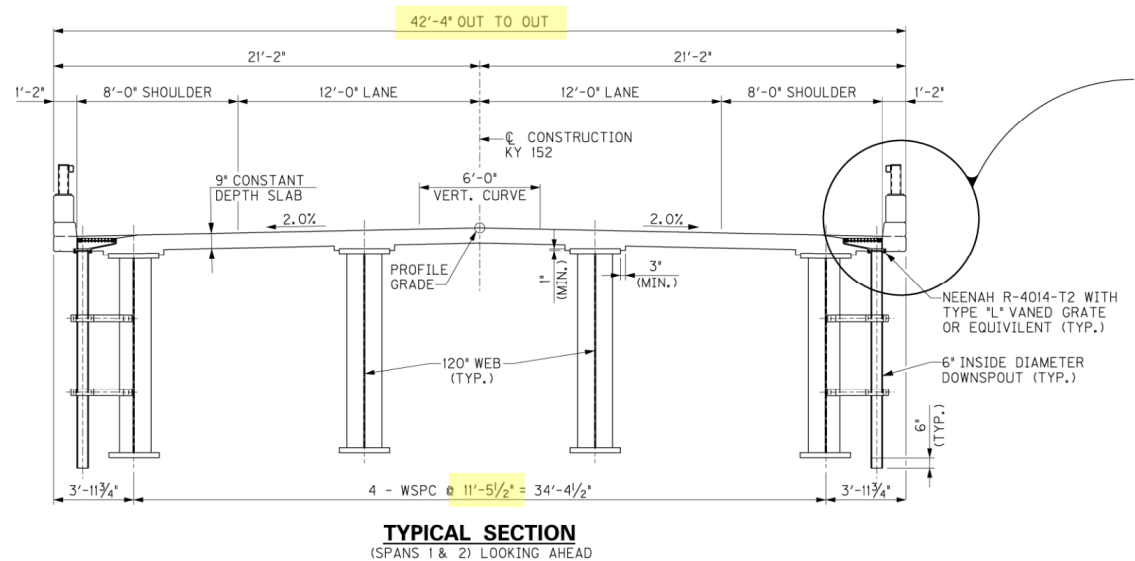
- Two Span Continuous Steel Plate Girder Bridge
- Span Length = 350'



# System Buckling Case Study

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- Two Span Continuous Steel Plate Girder Bridge
- Span Length = 350'
- Girder Spa = 11'-5 1/2"
- Bridge Width = 42'-4"
- Very Long & Narrow

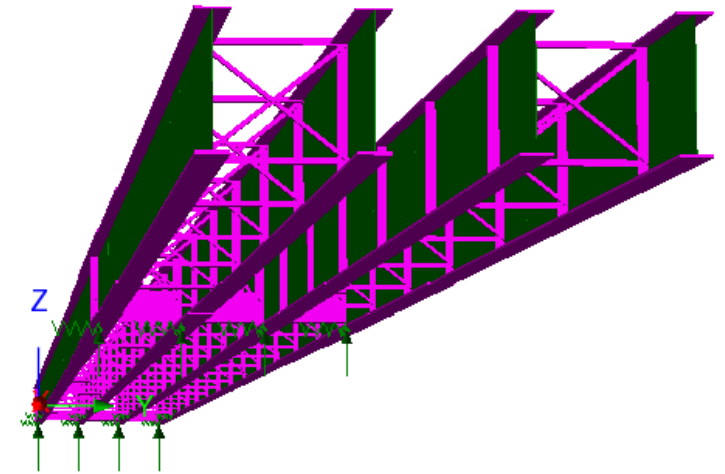


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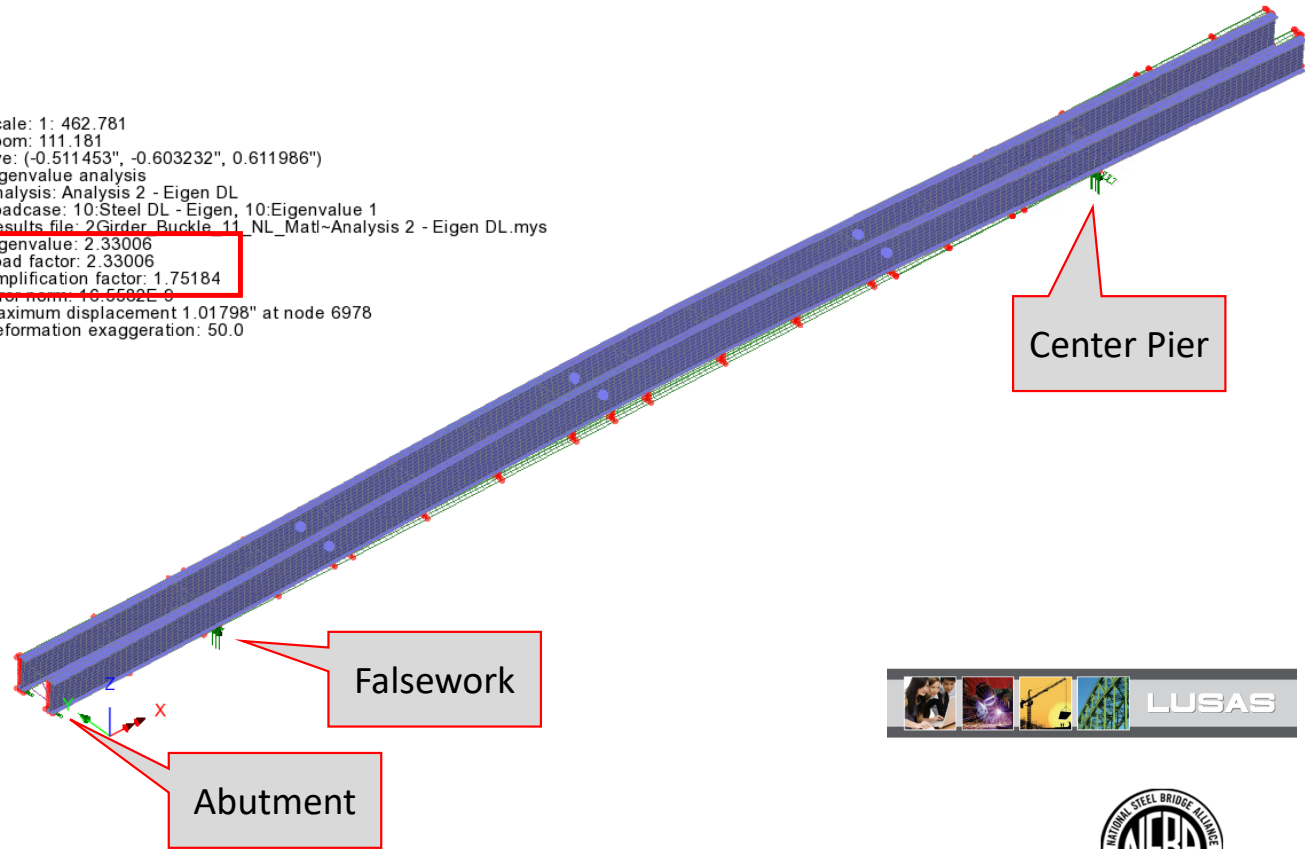
- Eigenvalue Analysis

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Loadcase: 10:Steel DL - Eigen, 10:Eigenvalue 1  
Results file: 2Girder\_Buckle\_11\_NL\_Mat-Analysis 2 - Eigen DL.mys  
Eigenvalue: 2.33006  
Load factor: 2.33006  
Amplification factor: 1.75184  
Err. norm: 1.6592E-6  
Maximum displacement 1.01798" at node 6978  
Deformation exaggeration: 50.0

Eigenvalue = 2.33

$$AF_G = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2.33}} = 1.75 > 1.25$$

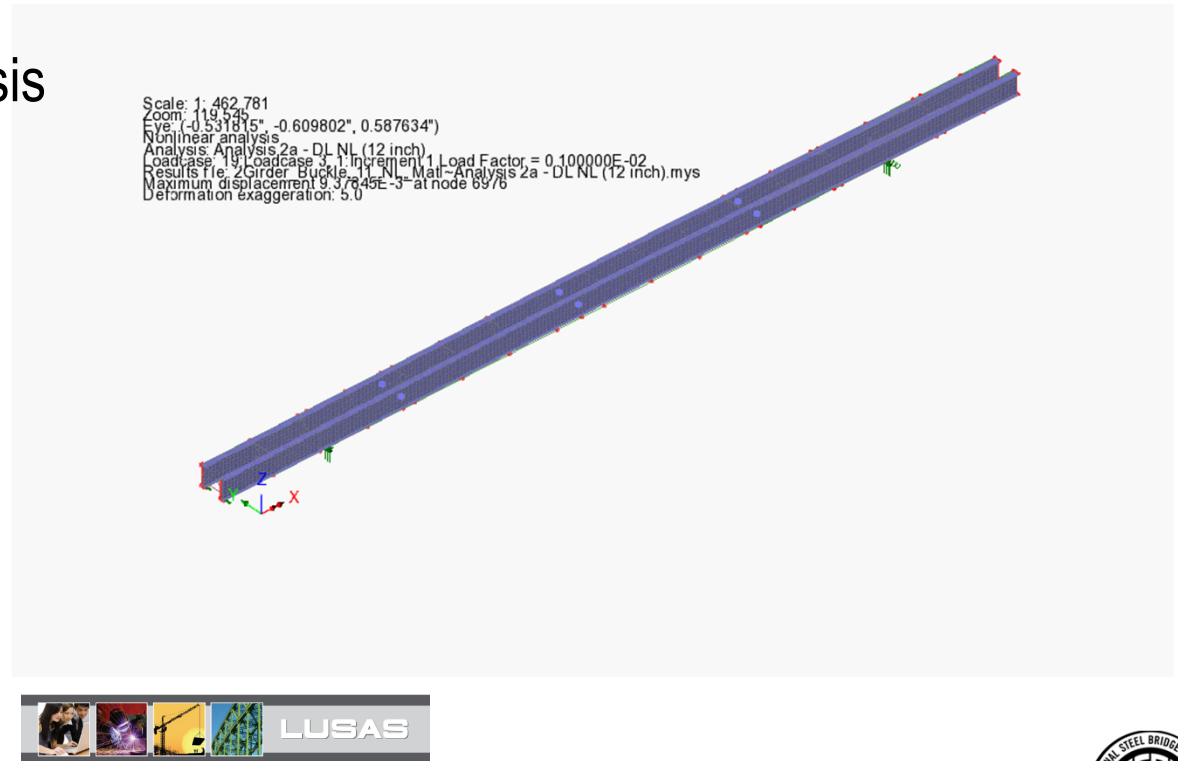
Second Order Analysis Req'd



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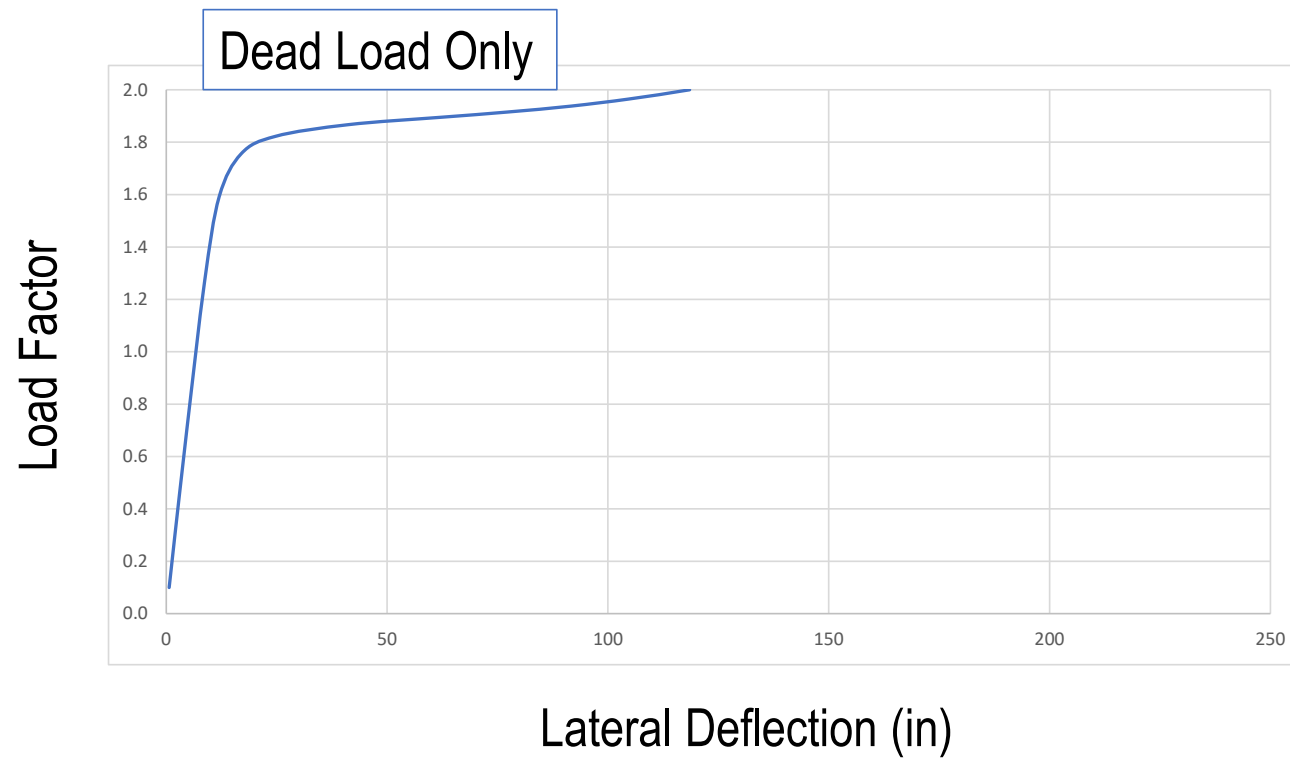
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis
  - Increasing Load Factor
  - Key Point Deflection





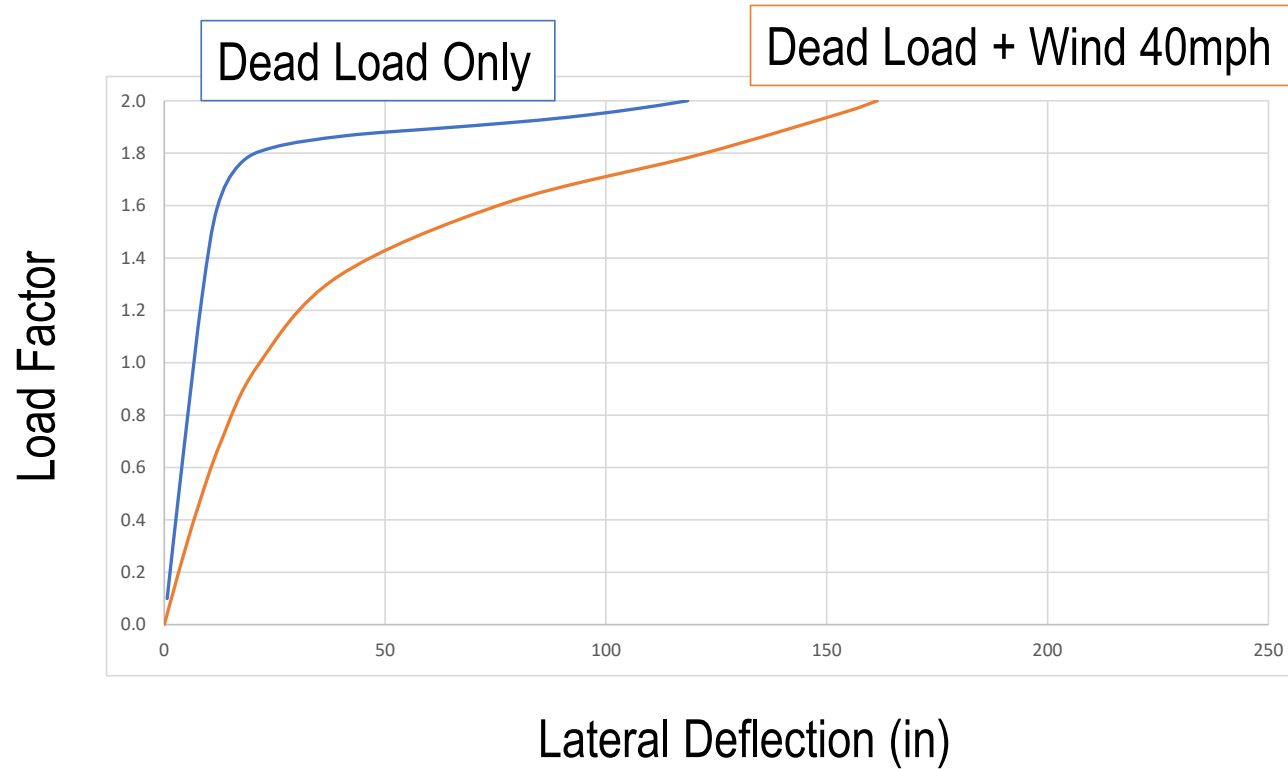
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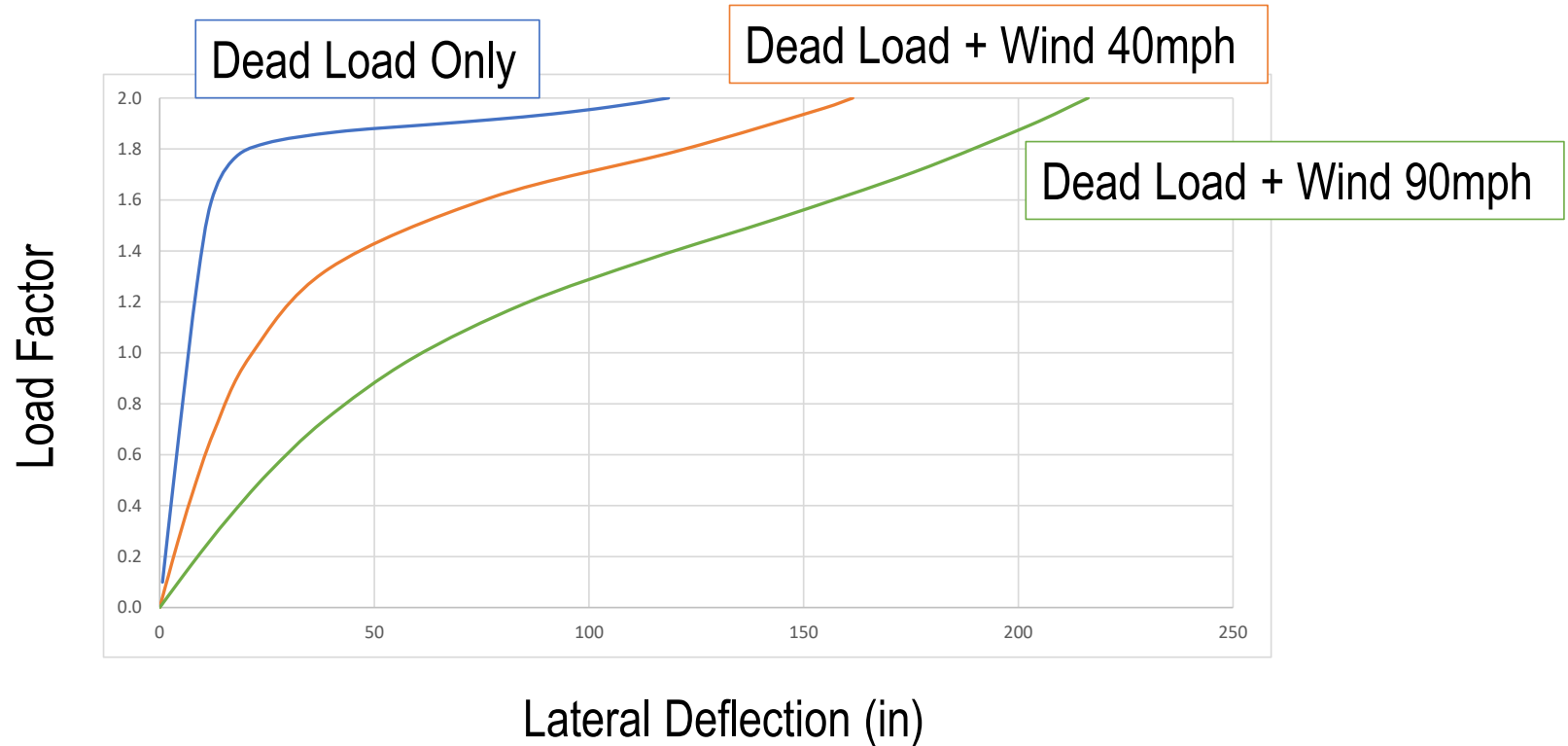
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# Steel Girder Erection

- Compression Flange Slenderness Requirements
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  - Falsework Towers
  - Geometry Control Studies
  - Girder Stiffening Truss

# Falsework Towers



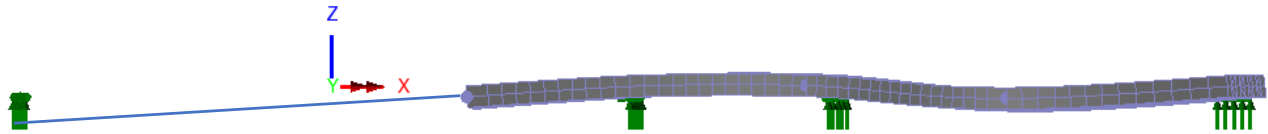
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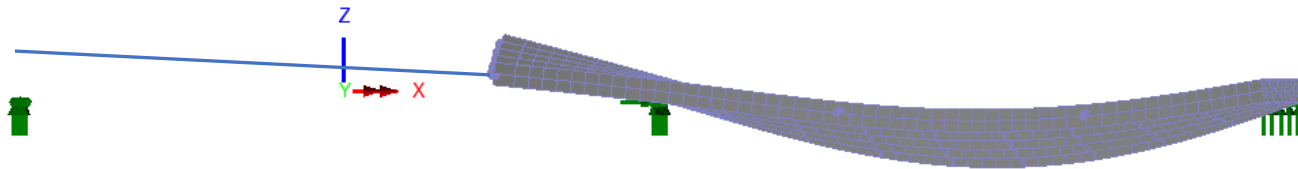
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# Geometry Control Studies

Negative Tip Deflection:



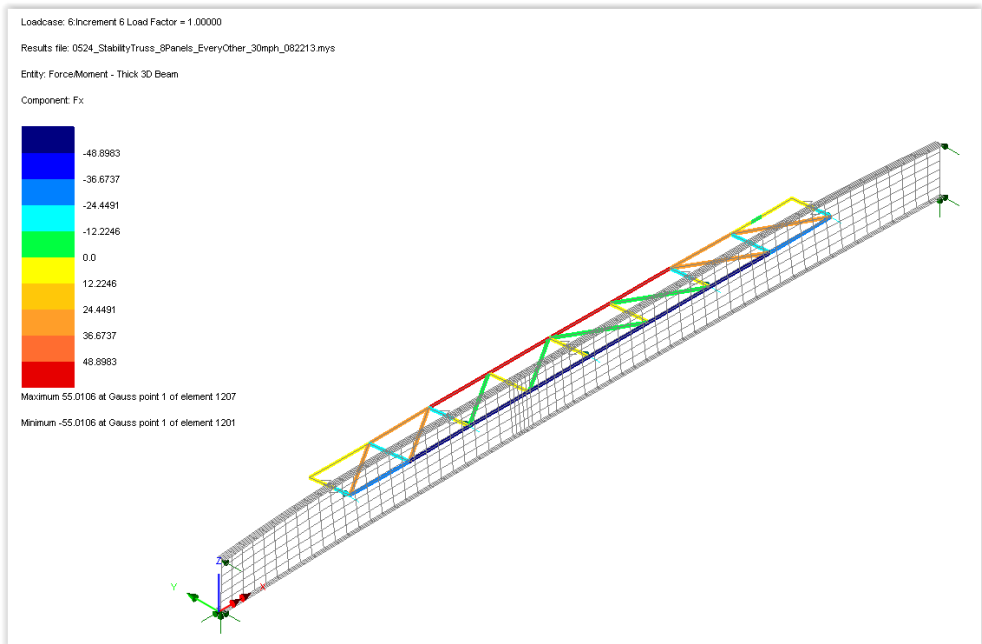
Positive Tip Deflection:



# Girder Stiffening Truss



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# Questions?



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