King County Roads Division Seattle Washington

Proof Load Testing

Short Span Precast Channel Beam Bridges



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King County Bridge Distribution









Girder Section

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BRIDGE RATING SUMMARY



		ridge	Clough Creek Brid	Bridge Name:
			909B	Bridge Number:
	Brider	rete Multiple Wet	Reinforced Concr	Span Types:
		feet	15.75	Bridge Length:
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	The second s	1.	1228/37	ADT/ADTT:
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			11/9/2015	Date:
			TTZ 112 ZZ 12 11/9/2015	Rating by: Checked by: Date:

Inspect. Report Date	6/16/2015	Substructure Condition	6
Rating Method	LRFR	Deck Condition	5
Overlay Thickness	5.5	Superstructure Condition	5

Truck	RF	Tons	Y	Impact	Controlling Point
AASHTO 1 (Type 3)	0.91	23	1.30	0.33	Girder Shear
AASHTO 2 (Type 3S2)	1.04	38	1.30	0.33	Girder Shear
AASHTO 3 (Type 3-3)	1.20	48	1.30	0.33	Girder Shear
NRL	0.79	32	1.30	0.33	Girder Shear
SU-4	0.79	21	1.30	0.33	Girder Shear
SU-5	0.79	24	1.30	0.33	Girder Shear
SU-6	0.79	27	1.30	0.33	Girder Shear
SU-7	0.79	31	1.30	0.33	Girder Shear
OL-1	0.72	35	1.20	0.33	Girder Shear
OL-2	0.61	64	1.20	0.33	Girder Shear
UBIT-30	1.50	23	1.20	0.33	Girder Mid-Span Flexure
UBIT-60	0.97	32	1.20	0.33	Girder Shear
NBI Rating					
Truck	RF	Tons	γ	Impact	Controlling Point
Inventory (HL-93)	0.28	10	1.75	0.33	Girder Shear
Operating (HL-93)	0.41	15	1.35	0.33	Girder Shear

Note: Inventory and Operating tonnages are based on the rating factors multiply 36 tons (HS-20 Truck)

Load Rating Toolbox

Analytical Load Ratings

(MBE § 6, Part A/Part B)

- Analysis using design values and conventional assumptions.
- Can be enhanced with material testing

Diagnostic Load Testing

(MBE § 8.8.2)

- Nondestructive testing to improve the engineers understanding of the bridge behavior.
- Typically uses gauges and other measuring devices to measure the behavior of the bridge.
- Analytical model used for final load rating built off the data created during testing.



Proof Load Testing

(MBE § 8.8.3)

 Field load testing and observation used to determine if the bridge can carry specific loads without damage.





SAMPLE NAME GIRDER NAME SAMPLE ORDER NOMINAL DIAMETER

DIST FROM END

DIST FROM

Material Testing

Concrete Strength Testing

- 2.75" Ø core through girder flange
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Results

- Resulting Concrete Strength =F'c = 4.5 ksi
- Resulting Steel Strength =
 - Fy = 55 ksi
 - Fu = 86 ksi





Why Proof Load Testing??

- The results of analytical methods and material testing did not show sufficient capacity.
- Diagnostic load testing was cost prohibitive.
- Routine inspections indicated the channel girders were in fair to satisfactory condition.
- Access to beams from decommissioned bridges we could test in our maintenance yard.





Selecting a Test Method



Selecting a Testing Method

Truck/Axle Loads









Selecting a Testing Method

Why Self Perform?

Pros

- Lowest cost
- Most control over schedule and process

Cons

- Fewer data collection opportunities
- Limited monitoring
- Limited load capacity



Determine the Proof Load



Proof Load Tests (MBE §8.8.3)

- Approach
 - Determine critical load demands on structure
 - Select a Target Proof Load
 - Apply Target Proof Load
 - Apply load in stages
 - Closely monitor structure at each stage of loading.
 - Incremental loading should continue until desired load is reached or bridge exhibits visible signs of distress.

Selecting a Target Proof Load



Consideration	Adjustment
One-Lane Load Controls	+15%
Nonredundant Structure	+10%
Fracture-Critical Details Present	+10%
Bridges in Poor Condition	+10%
In-Depth Inspection Performed	-5%
Rateable, Existing $RF \ge 1.0$	-5%
$ADTT \le 1,000$	-10%
$ADTT \le 100$	-15%



Proof Load Tests (MBE §8.8.3)

- Example Target Proof Load
- Shear near support from NRL
 - L_R = 20 Kip
 - X_p=1.4
 - $X_{pA} = X_p (1 + \frac{\Sigma\%}{100}) = 1.4 (1 + \frac{15\%}{100}) = 1.61$
 - $L_T = X_{pA} L_R (1 + IM) = 1.61 \times 20 \times (1.33) = 43 \text{ Kip}$
 - Capacity and Rating

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Reached Target Load	1.00
Reached Distress Level	0.88

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Flexure Proof Load

Test Load	TL Magnitude	Total Moment	Notes
Proof Load (k-in	2495	2890	Target Shear load
Stage 1	623.75	1019	0.25*proof load
Stage 2	1247.5	1643	0.5*proof load
Stage 3	1871.25	2266	0.75*proof load
Stage 4	2183.125	2578	0.875*proof load
Stage 5	2495	2890	target proof load
Stage 6	2744.5	3140	1.1*proof load
Stage 7	2994	3389	1.2*proof load
Stage 8	3243.5	3639	1.3*proof load
Stage 9	3628	4023	1.4*proof load

Shear Proof Load

Test Load	TL Magnitude	Total Shear	Load	
Proof Load (kip)	42	48	Target Shear load	
Stage 1	10.5	16	0.25*proof load	
Stage 2	21	27	0.5*proof load	
Stage 3	31.5	37	0.75*proof load	
Stage 4	36.75	42	0.875*proof load	
Stage 5	42	48	target proof load	
Stage 6	46.2	52	1.1*proof load	
Stage 7	50.4	56	1.2*proof load	
Stage 8	Stage 8 54.6		1.3*proof load	
Stage 9	56.8	62	1.4*proof load	



















Mn = 2868 k-ir Specimen #: 20-B Vn = 53.6 kip Span Length: 20'-0" M_{proof} = 2495 k-in Protocol: Flexure Proof Load V_{proof} = 42 kip Stage: 1 (25% of Flexure Proof Load) blocks: 4 blocks Applied Weight: 17 k Total Weight 24 k Max Moment: 711.3 k-in Approx shear @ dv: 9.3k













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Total Weight 24 k	
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Specimen #: 20-Bvn = 53.6 kipSpan Length: 20'-0" $M_{proof} = 2495 k \cdot in$ Protocol: Flexure Proof Load $v_{proof} = 42 kip$ Stage: 4 (87.5% of Flexure Proof Load)blocks:blocks:15 blocksApplied Weight:50 kTotal Weight:57 kMax Moment:2107.8 k - inApprox shear @ dv:27.8k

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Specimen #:20-BVn = 53.6 kipSpan Length:20'-0"Mproof = 2495 k-inProtocol:Flexure Proof LoadVproof = 42 kipStage:6 (110% of Flexure Proof Load)blocks:blocks:19 blocksApplied Weight:64 kTotal Weight:71 kMax Moment:2677.9 k-inApprox shear @ dv:35.k













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Unloaded Specimen

- Notes:
 - Smalls vertical cracks near midspan during high loads
 - Small diagonal cracks near end of applied loads
 - All crack closed upon uploading.
 - Minor residual deformation (within measurement precision)











Results Summary

- All 4 tests exceeded the proof load four flexure and shear
- No test resulted in a failed beam
- No test was terminated due to distress in the beam.
- The resulting load factors for the tested beams area above 1.0

Table 6 Maximum Applied Proof Loads

Test number	Girder Length	Target Proof Load	Max Applied	Max Applied
			Flexure	Shear
#20B	20'-0"	2,495 k-in, 42 kip	3,610 k-in	52.17 k
#20D	20'-0"	2,495 k-in, 42 kip	3,528 k-in	46.25 k
#16A	15'-9"	1,694 k-in, 33 kip	2,730 k-in	43.8 k
#16B	15'-9"	1,694 k-in, 33 kip	2,765 k-in	43.2 k

Capacity and Rating $OP = \frac{k_0 L_p}{X_{pA}} = \frac{(1.0)(52.17)}{1.61} = 32.40$ kip

$$RF_0 = \frac{OP}{L_R(1+IM)} = \frac{k_o L_p}{X_{pA}(1+IM)} = \frac{32.40}{20*(1.33)} = 1.22$$

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Bridges in Poor Condition	+10%
In-Depth Inspection Performed	-5%
Rateable, Existing $RF \ge 1.0$	-5%
$ADTT \le 1,000$	-10%
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Table 8.8.3.3.1-1-Adjustments to Xe

- Application to wider bridge inventory?
 - Channel bridges were all built within a 20 month window
 - Performance of these bridges over their lifespan has been adequate and bridges remain in fair to satisfactory condition.
 - Rating factors for in-service bridges were adjusted from proof load tests based on the following factors.
 - 0.9 proof load uncertainty factor
 - Variations in HMA overlay depth (field measured vs design)
 - Superstructure condition

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Compression Strut vs Sectional Analysis



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