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## Introduction

The aim of this document is to provide rules for the design and construction of relatively short span prestressed concrete box girder bridges. This document is developed for countries that do not have existing national standards on this subject and to offer to local regulatory authorities an alternative for the design of relatively small bridges that abound in urban overpasses and over creeks and rivers everywhere. This document may not be used in place of a national standard unless specifically considered and accepted by the national standards body or other appropriate regulatory organization. The design rules are based in simplified worldwide-accepted strength design models. This document is self-contained; therefore, loads, simplified analysis procedures and design specifications are included, as well as minimum acceptable construction practice guidelines.

The minimum dimensional guidelines contained in this document are intended to account for undesirable side effects that require more sophisticated analysis and design procedures. Material and construction guidelines are aimed at site-mixed concrete as well as ready-mixed concrete, and steel of the minimum available strength grades.

The earthquake resistance guidelines are included to account for the numerous regions of the world which lie in earthquake prone areas. The earthquake resistance for zones with high seismic hazard is based on the employment of structural concrete walls (shear walls) that limit the lateral deformations of the structure and provide for its lateral strength, in place of piers or frames that can be used in zones with intermediate, low or no significant earthquake hazard.

This document contains provisions that can be modified by the national standards body due to local design and construction requirements and practices. The specifications that can be modified are included using ["boxed values"]. The national standards body is expected to review the "boxed values" and may substitute alternative definitive values for these elements for use in the national application of this document.

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# Simplified design of prestressed concrete bridges —

## Part 2: Box-girder bridges

### 1 Scope

This document provides information to perform the design of the prestressed concrete box girder bridge for road that complies with the limitations established in 6.1. The rules of design as set forth in the document are simplifications of more elaborate requirements. Among several erection methods of box girder bridges, the provisions of this document are mainly applicable to full staging method (FSM).

Designs and details for new road bridges address structural integrity by considering the following:

- the use of continuity and redundancy to provide one or more alternate paths;
- structural members and bearing seat widths that are resistant to damage or instability; and
- external protection systems to minimize the effects of reasonably conceived severe loads.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 28842, *Guidelines for simplified design of reinforced concrete bridges*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **admixture**

material other than water, aggregate, or hydraulic cement, used as an ingredient of concrete and added to concrete before or during its mixing to modify its properties

#### 3.2

##### **anchorage**

device used to anchor a non-structural element to the structural framing

#### 3.3

##### **B-region**

portion of a member in which it is reasonable to assume that strains due to flexure vary linearly through section

3.4

**beam**

horizontal, or nearly horizontal, structural member supported at one (such as a cantilever) or more points, but not throughout its length, transversely supporting a load, and subjected primarily to flexure

3.5

**clearance**

distance by which one thing clears another; the space between them

3.6

**compression reinforcement**

reinforcement provided to resist compression stresses induced by flexural moments acting on the member section

3.7

**specified compressive strength of concrete**

compressive cylinder strength of concrete used in design and evaluated in accordance with the appropriate ISO standard, expressed in megapascals (MPa)

Note 1 to entry: Whenever the quantity  $f_c'$  is under a radical sign ( $\sqrt{f_c'}$ ), the positive square root of numerical value only is intended, and the result has units of megapascals (MPa).

3.8

**corrosion**

gradual removal or weakening of metal from its surface that requires the presence of humidity and oxygen, and is helped by the presence of other materials

3.9

**cover**

thickness of concrete between surface of any reinforcing bar and the nearest face of the concrete member

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3.10

**crosstie**

continuous reinforcing bar having a 135° hook at one end and a hook not less than 90° at least a six-diameter extension at the other end

Note 1 to entry: The hooks should engage peripheral longitudinal bars. The 90° hooks of two successive crossties engaging the same longitudinal bars should be alternated end for end.

3.11

**D-region**

portion of a member with a force discontinuity or a geometric discontinuity

3.12

**deformed reinforcement**

steel reinforcement that has deformations in its surface to increase its bond to the concrete.

Note 1 to entry: The following steel reinforcement should be considered deformed reinforcement according to this document: deformed reinforcing bars, deformed wire, welded plain wire fabric, and welded deformed wire fabric conforming to the appropriate ISO standards.

3.13

**design strength**

product of the nominal strength multiplied by a strength reduction factor

3.14

**development length**

length of embedded reinforcement required to develop the design strength of reinforcement at a critical section

**3.15****diaphragm**

transverse stiffener which is provided between girders in order to maintain section geometry, to resist lateral forces, and to transfer loads to support

**3.16****duct**

material creating a conduit in a concrete member to accommodate the prestressing steel of a post-tensioning tendon

**3.17****durability**

characteristic of a structure to resist gradual degradation of its serviceability in a given environment for the design service life

**3.18****effective depth**

distance measured from extreme compression fibre to centroid of tension reinforcement

**3.19****factored load**

specified nominal load multiplied by the load factors prescribed in this document

**3.20****girder**

main horizontal support beam, usually supporting other beams

**3.21****hook**

bend at the end of a reinforcing bar

Note 1 to entry: They are defined by the angle that the bend forms with the bar as either 90°, 180° or 135° hooks.

**3.22****jacking force**

<prestressed concrete> temporary force exerted by the device that introduces tension into the tendons

**3.23****joist**

T-shaped beam used in parallel series directly supporting deck loads, and supported in turn by larger girders, beams, or bearing structural concrete walls

**3.24****lap splice**

splice between two reinforcing bars obtained by overlapping them for a specified length

**3.25****limit state**

condition beyond which a structure or member becomes unfit for service and is judged either to be no longer useful for its intended function (serviceability limit state) or to be unsafe (strength limit state)

**3.26****live load**

static and dynamic effect, in terms of forces applied on the structure, produced by the use of the bridge by pedestrians and/or vehicles and not including construction or environmental loads

**3.27****load effect**

force and deformation produced in structural members by the applied loads

**3.28**

**load combination**

combination of factored loads and forces as specified in this document

**3.29**

**load factor**

factor that accounts for deviations of the actual load from the nominal load, for uncertainties in the analysis that transforms the load into a load effect, and for the probability that more than one extreme load will occur simultaneously

**3.30**

**load**

force or other action that results from the weight of all bridge materials, pedestrians, vehicles, environmental effects, differential movement, and restrained dimensional changes

**3.31**

**longitudinal reinforcement**

reinforcement that is laid parallel to the longitudinal axis of the element, generally to account for flexural effects

**3.32**

**mesh wire**

welded-wire fabric reinforcement

**3.33**

**nominal load**

magnitude of the loads specified in this document (dead, live, soil, wind, snow, rain, flood, and earthquake)

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**3.34**

**nominal strength**

capacity of a structure or member to resist the effects of loads, as determined by computations using specified material strengths and dimensions and the Formulae set forth in this document

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Note 1 to entry: Specified material strengths are derived from accepted principles of structural mechanics or by field tests or laboratory tests of scaled models, allowing for modelling effects and differences between laboratory and field conditions.

**3.35**

**permanent load**

load in which variations over time are rare or of small magnitude

Note 1 to entry: All other loads are variable loads (see also 3.39).

**3.36**

**post-tensioning**

method of prestressing reinforced concrete in which tendons are tensioned after the concrete has attained a specified minimum strength or a specified minimum age

**3.37**

**prestressing steel**

high-strength steel elements such as wire, bar, or strands used to impart prestress forces to concrete

**3.38**

**pretensioning**

method of prestressing in which prestressing steel is tensioned before the concrete is placed

**3.39**

**required factored strength**

strength of a member or cross-section required to resist factored loads or related internal moments and forces in such combinations as are stipulated by this document

### 3.40 service load

load specified by this document (without load factors)

### 3.41 shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

reinforcement normal to flexural reinforcement provided for shrinkage and temperature stresses in structural solid slabs and footings where flexural reinforcement extends in one direction only

### 3.42 skew

difference or deviation from an expected or optimal value; in the case of bridges, deviation of the longitudinal axis of the deck with respect to a line perpendicular to the length of the abutments

### 3.43 slab

deck

upper flat part of a reinforced concrete deck carried by supporting joists or beams or girders

### 3.44 spiral reinforcement

continuously wound reinforcement in the form of a cylindrical helix

### 3.45 stirrup

reinforcement used to resist shear and torsion stresses in a structural member

Note 1 to entry: Typically bars, wires, or welded wire fabric (plain or deformed) either single leg or bent into L, U, or rectangular shapes and located perpendicular to or at an angle to longitudinal reinforcement. (The term "stirrups" is usually applied to lateral reinforcement in girders, beams, and joists; the term "ties" to those in columns and walls, perhaps because they are intended also as confinement for the longitudinal reinforcement.) See also 3.53.

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### 3.46 strength reduction factor

coefficient that accounts for deviations of the actual strength from the nominal strength, according to the manner and consequences of failure

Note 1 to entry: Including the probability of understrength members due to variations in material strengths and dimensions, approximations in the design Formulae, to reflect the degree of ductility and required reliability on the member under the load effects being considered, and to reflect the importance of the element in the structure.

### 3.47 tendon

an assembly consisting of a tensioned element (such as a wire, bar, rod, strand, or a bundle of these elements) used to impart compressive stress in concrete, along with any associated components used to enclose and anchor the tensioned element

### 3.48 tie

loop of reinforcing bar or wire enclosing longitudinal reinforcement

Note 1 to entry: A continuously wound bar or wire in the form of a circle, rectangle, or other polygon shape without re-entrant corners is acceptable.

### 3.49 transfer length

the length from the end of the member where the tendon stress is zero to the point along the tendon where the prestress is fully effective