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Quality Control: Fabrication Procedures for Precast Elements



Program Outline and Learning Objectives

- PCI Northeast Bridge Technical Committee
 - Update on Committee Activity - Bridge Guidelines
- PCI National Updates
 - Discuss Strategic Partnership between PCI and NPCI as it relates to the certification programs.
 - QC Programs Overview
 - Discuss resources currently under development.
 - Regional QC research projects
- Examples of regional common issues for improvement
- Q/A



PCINE Bridge Technical Committee

- PCINE Technical Committee was established in 1990
- Members included State Department of Transportations Engineers from New England and New York, Consultants and Precastors
- Focus is on Updating and Developing Regional Standards for ABC Bridge Construction since 2004



PCINE Bridge Technical Committee

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Reports Developed by the Technical Committee

- NEBT Preliminary Design Charts
- NEBT Post-Tensioned Design Guidelines
- High Performance Concrete Specification
- Prestressed Concrete Girder Continuity Connection
- Precast Deck Panel Guidelines
- Full Depth Precast Concrete Deck Slabs Guidelines
- Bridge Member Repair Guidelines
- Accelerated Bridge Construction Guidelines
- NEXT Beam Details and Design Charts





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Northeast Bulbtee (NEBT)

Bridge Guideline: First Issued 1998 (Revised 2008)

[NEBT Northeast Bulb Tee - Section Properties](#) (226.1kb PDF File)

Preliminary Design charts for designing the New England Bulb Tee Girders. Charts will help you determine span capabilities, spacing and preliminary number of prestressing strands required. If a State Standard exists it will take precedence over these guidelines and details.

Bridge Guideline: 1998

[NEBT Load Charts for Northeast Bulb Tee - HS20 Load Charts](#) (90.7kb PDF File)

Preliminary Design charts for designing the New England Bulb Tee Girders. Charts will help you determine span capabilities, spacing and preliminary number of prestressing strands required. If a State

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Bridge Resources

[Northeast Bulbtee \(NEBT\)](#)



PCINE Bridge Technical Committee Focused it's work on Accelerated Bridge Construction starting in 2004.

Timeline:

- 2004 – Developed an Accelerated Bridge Guidelines Report
Completed 2006
- 2006 – Begin Development of the NEXT “F” Beam
Completed 2008 – First Bridge Built in 2010
- 2008 – Begin Development of NEXT “D” Beam
Complete 2010 – First Bridge Built in 2011
- 2011 – 2nd Ed. Full Thickness Deck Panel Report Updated
- 2012 – Developed Prefabricated Bridge Elements & Systems Guide Details – Completed and Posted June -2012
- 2012 - Develop Guidelines for Precast Approach Slabs – Completed and Posted November- 2012

Current Work

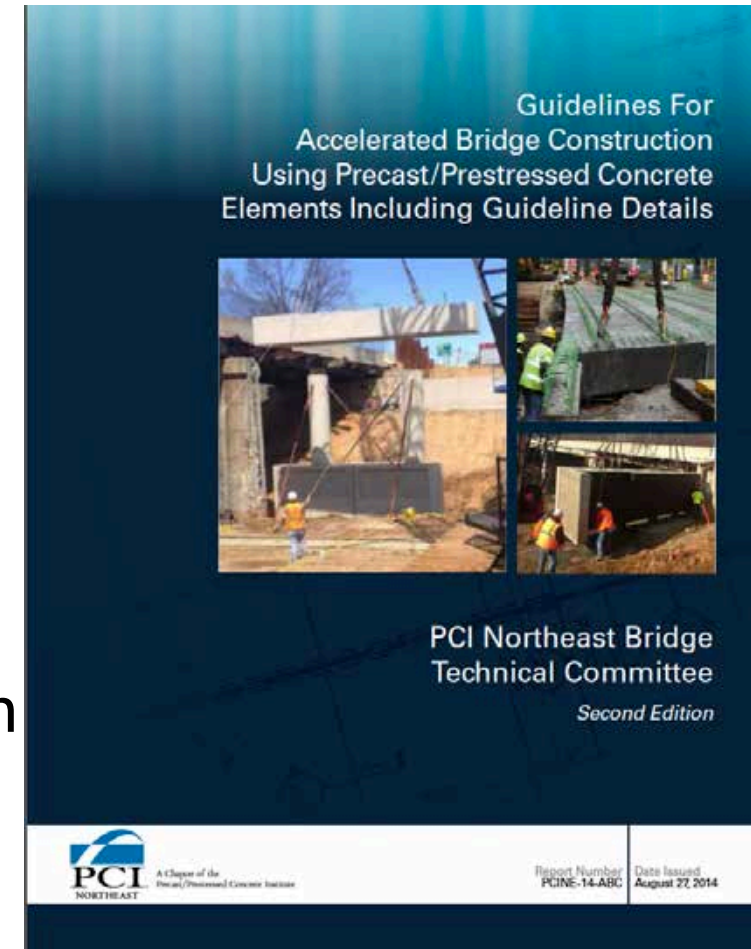
- Update the Accelerated Bridge Guideline Report
- Develop Standard Details for Deck Bulb Tees
- Development of NEXT E

Accelerated Bridge Guidelines Posted 2006

In 2004 the PCINE Committee began developing ABC Guidelines

“Guidelines for Accelerated Bridge Construction using Precast/Prestressed Concrete Components”

- Section 1: Application Overview
- Section 2: General Requirements
- Section 3: Precast Components
- Section 4: Joints
- Section 5: Grouting
- Section 6: Seismic
- Section 7: Fabrication & Construction



Section 7: Fabrication/Construction

- Lifting Devices
- Shipping And Handling
- Assembly Plan
- Tolerances
- Fabrication Tolerance
- Erection Tolerances
- Repair Of Elements

Guidelines For Accelerated Bridge Construction

7.3 Assembly Plan

This plan is created by the precaster and contractor and submitted to the owner and/or the engineer of record for approval. It provides detailed information on the contractor's means and methods for assembling the elements.

The assembly plan should at the very least, include all information required to complete the work such as:

- Engineer of record for the assembly plan.
- Shop drawings of all elements.
- Specific product names and other material requirements for all proprietary products proposed for use.
- Data on all materials that are the responsibility of the contractor.
- Details of all equipment to be used to lift elements including cranes, excavators, lifting slings, sling hooks, and jacks. Include crane locations, operation radii, and lifting calculations.
- Work area plan depicting items such as utilities overhead and below the work area, drainage inlet structures, and protective measures.
- Temporary support requirements for substructures including leveling screws and/or shims and lateral load and moment resistance requirements for vertical elements during assembly. Include methods of adjusting and securing the element after placement.
- A detailed sequence of construction and a timeline for all operations. Account for setting and cure time for grouts, grouted splice couplers, and concrete closure pours.
- Procedures for controlling tolerance limits both horizontal and vertical. Include details of any alignment jigs including bi-level templates for reinforcing anchor dowels.
- A detailed installation procedure for connecting the grouted splice couplers (if required) including pre-grout and post-grout applications.
- A list of personnel that will be responsible for the grouting of the grouted splice couplers. Include proof of completion of two successful installations within the last two years. Training of new personnel within three months of installation by a manufacturer's technical representative is an acceptable substitution for this experience. In this case, provide proof of training.

The assembly plan is one piece of a project delivery concept devised for accelerated bridge construction. This concept allows the owner to design the structure and gives the contractor the ability to decide the most suitable means to assemble the elements.

The contract drawings provide a design and standard details for joints within the structure and performance requirements for materials that are used to assemble the elements.

Good resource for installation information:

1. PCI MNL-132: *Erection Safety for Precast and Prestressed Concrete*.
2. PCI MNL-127: *Erectors Manual—Standard and Guidelines for the Erection of Precast Concrete Products*.

7.5.1 Fabrication Tolerance (Ref: PCINE Sheet SUB-11 & 12)

Guidelines For Accelerated Bridge Construction

7.5.1 Fabrication Tolerance

(Ref: PCINE Sheet SUB-11 & 12)

All precast elements are manufactured to a tolerance. Designers should include element tolerance details in the plans or specifications.

The PCI Northeast Bridge Technical Committee has developed recommended tolerance drawings for typical precast elements. Details for typical element tolerances are included on **Sheets SUB-11 & 12**.

7.5.1.1 Inserts, Voids, and Projecting Reinforcing

(Ref: PCINE Sheet SUB-11 & 12)

The erection tolerance and hardware tolerances are interconnected. If a connection involves the insertion of a reinforcing bar into a device (coupler or duct), the specification for tolerances would be based on the assumption that the bar is installed to one side (say: to the left) and the coupler installed to the opposite side (say: to the right). The combination of these two potential installation tolerances needs to be kept within the tolerance of the insertion of the bar in the device.

The equation for the horizontal location of the specified projecting bar location tolerance would be:

$$T_b = 1/2 * T_{id}$$

Where:

T_b = Specified bar location tolerance

T_{id} = Insertion tolerance of the bar on the device based on the requirements of the manufacturer of the device

The equation for the specified device location tolerance would be:

$$T_d = 1/2 * T_{id}$$

Where:

T_d = Specified device location tolerance

T_{id} = Insertion tolerance of the bar on the device based on the requirements of the manufacturer of the device

7.5.2 Erection Tolerances

(Ref: PCINE Sheets SUB-3 & 4)

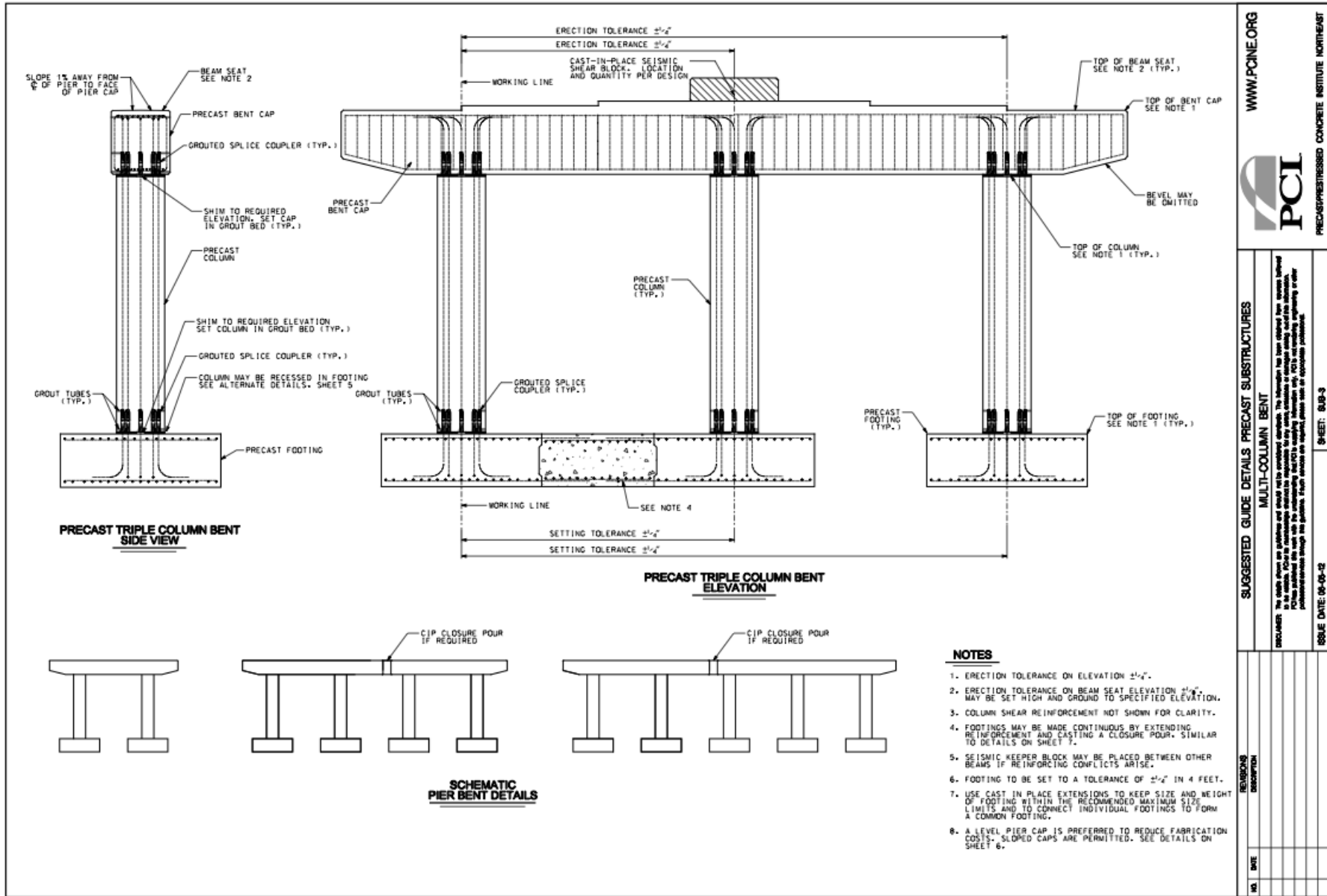
The erection and setting of heavy precast elements are controlled through the use of erection tolerances.

Designers should include element erection tolerances in the plans. Erection tolerances should be measured from a common working line that is shown on the plans.

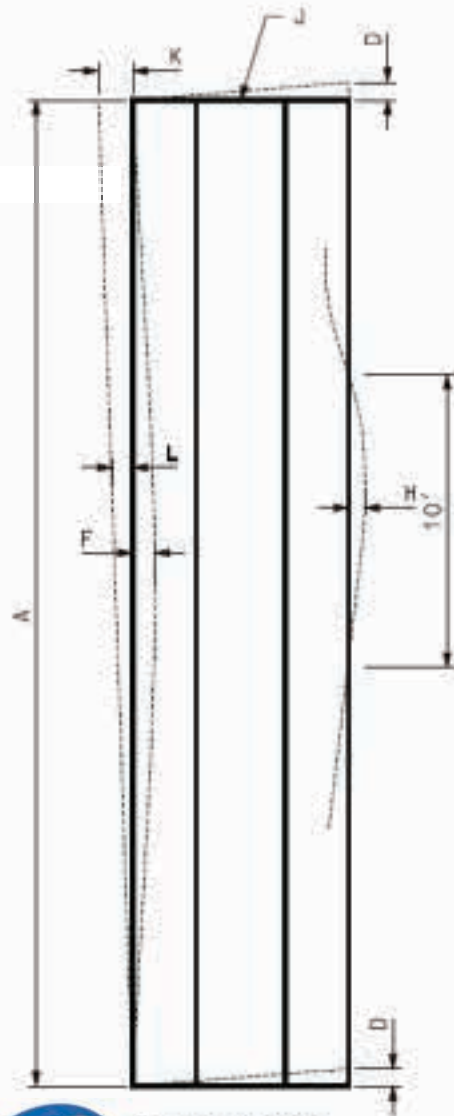
Erection of elements based on center-to-center spacing can result in a build-up of erection errors. The use of working lines is critical to prevent this build-up of errors.

PCI Northeast Guide Details posted 2012

– Based on experience in Utah and the NE region



Tolerance Details



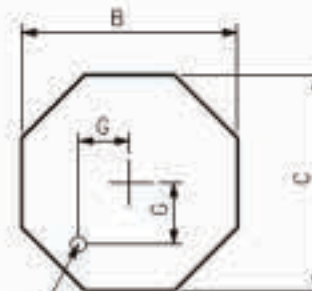
ELEVATION

COLUMN FABRICATION TOLERANCES

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| A | LENGTH | $\pm \frac{1}{2}''$ |
| B | WIDTH (OVERALL) | $\pm \frac{1}{4}''$ |
| C | DEPTH (OVERALL) | $\pm \frac{1}{4}''$ |
| D | VARIATION FROM SPECIFIED END SQUARENESS OR SKEW | $\pm \frac{1}{8}''$ PER 12 INCH WIDTH $\pm \frac{3}{8}''$ MAXIMUM |
| E | SWEEP, FOR MEMBER LENGTH: | $\pm \frac{1}{8}''$ PER 10 FEET $\pm \frac{1}{2}''$ MAXIMUM |
| F | LOCATION OF GROUTED SPLICE COUPLER MEASURED FROM A COMMON REFERENCE POINT | $\pm \frac{1}{4}''$ |
| G | LOCAL SMOOTHNESS OF ANY SURFACE | $\pm \frac{1}{4}''$ IN 10 FEET |

COLUMN ERECTION TOLERANCES

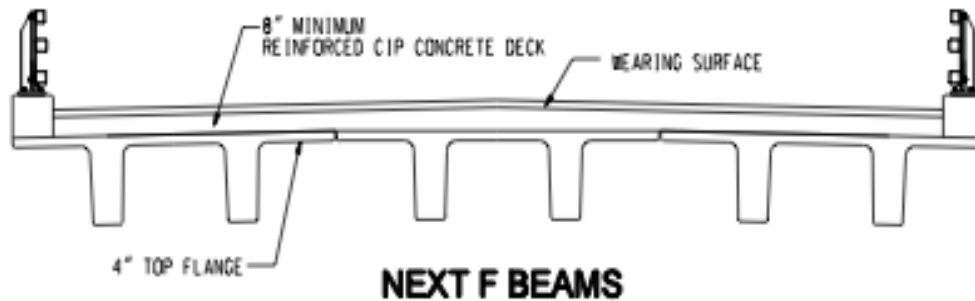
| | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| J | TOP ELEVATION FROM NOMINAL TOP ELEVATION MAXIMUM LOW MAXIMUM HIGH | $\frac{1}{2}''$ $\frac{1}{4}''$ |
| K | MAXIMUM PLUMB VARIATION OVER HEIGHT OF COLUMN | $\frac{1}{2}''$ |
| L | PLUMB IN ANY 10 FEET OF COLUMN HEIGHT | $\frac{1}{4}''$ |



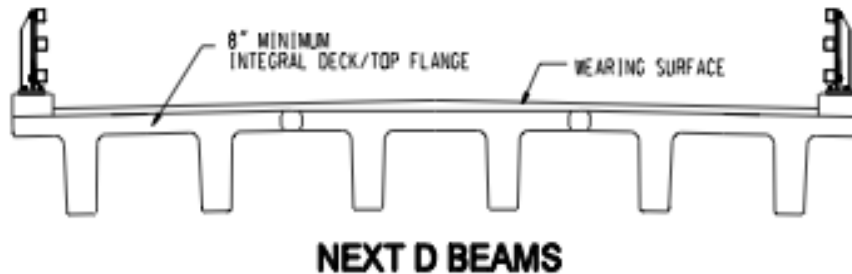
GROUTED SPLICE COUPLER

SECTION

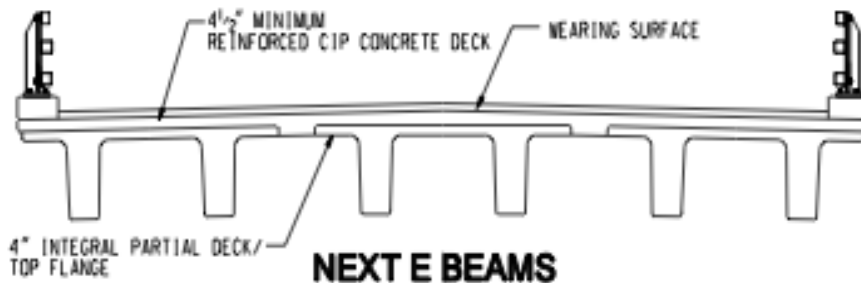
NEXT Beam Shapes



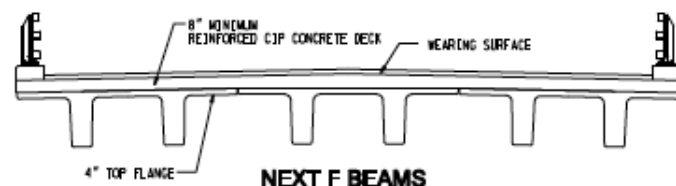
- **NEXT F plus 8" CIP Deck**
 - No Forming between Flanges
 - Easily accommodates Vertical Curves w/CIP Topping
 - Easily Handles Camber Variations between Members



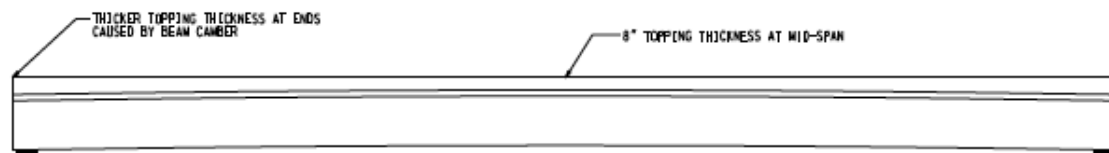
- **NEXT D no CIP Deck**
 - No CIP Topping/Deck
 - Best Section For ABC
 - Special Concrete for Flange Conn
 - Harder to match adjacent members Skew/Design



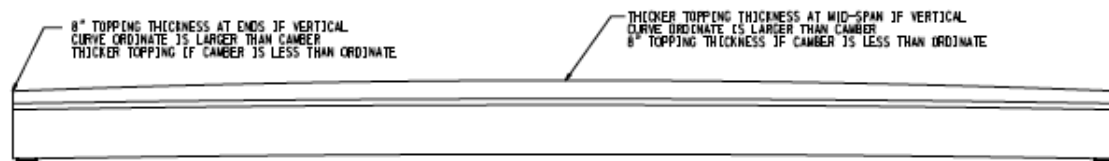
- **NEXT E plus 4" CIP Deck**
 - Uses Less Topping & Reinforcement
 - Flange Connection Made with CIP
 - Easily Accommodates Vertical Curve
 - Easily Accommodates Camber Variations between members

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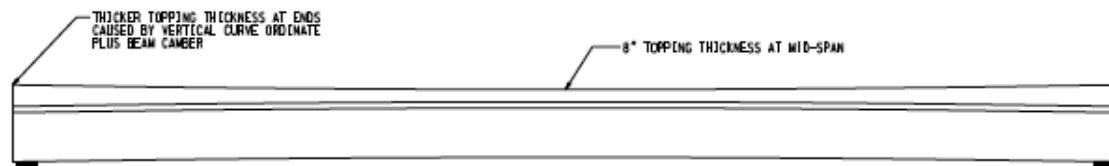
NEXT F BEAMS



NEXT F BEAMS - TANGENT PROFILE



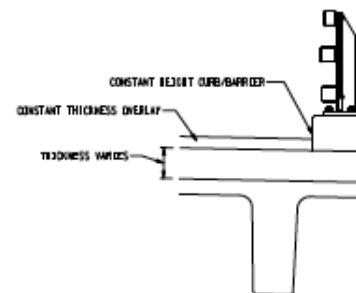
NEXT F BEAMS - CREST VERTICAL CURVE PROFILE



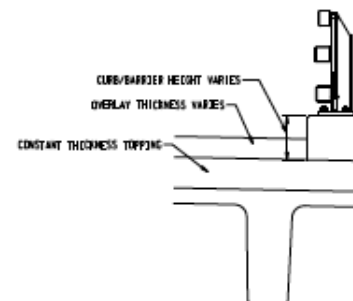
NEXT F BEAMS - SAG VERTICAL CURVE PROFILE

NOTES

1. THE DETAILS SHOULD DETAIL VARYING THE THICKNESS OF THE CONCRETE TYPICAL. A MINIMUM DETAIL IS TO BE GIVEN THE THICKNESS OF THE DECK. NOTE THAT THE HEIGHT OF THE CURB OR PARAPET WILL STILL VARY.
2. CRITICAL CURVES: IF THE CAMBER IS LESS THAN THE CURVE DEVIATE, THE DETAILS WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE TANGENT PROFILE DETAILS.
3. THE ENGINEER SHOULD DETAIL THE UNCONTROLLED VARIABLE EFFECTS OF THE DRAINING OF THE SURFACE PLANS BASED ON THE UNCONTROLLED CAMBER. THE PLANS SHOULD INCLUDE NOTES REGARDING SURVEY OF THE BEAMS AFTER ERECTION. ADJUSTMENT OF THE TYPICAL THICKNESS WILL BE REQUIRED. THE SAME APPLIES TO THE TYPICAL CURB DETAIL.



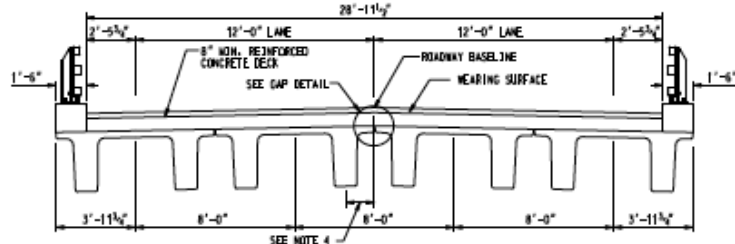
OPTION 1: VARY TOPPING THICKNESS



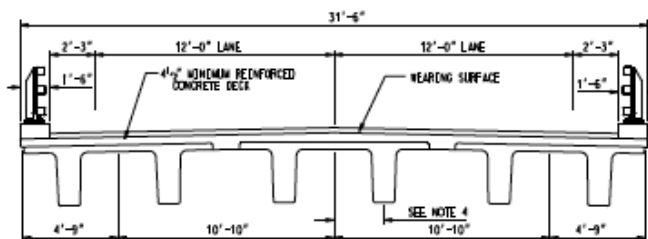
OPTION 2: VARY OVERLAY THICKNESS

Diagram illustrating the cross-section of a bridge deck. The total width is 32'-11 1/2". The deck is divided into two 12'-0" lanes, with 4'-5 1/2" shoulders on each side. The deck is 9" non-reinforced concrete. The roadway baseline and wearing surface are indicated. The diagram also shows the deck supported by multiple piers. Dimensions for the deck width and lane width are clearly marked.

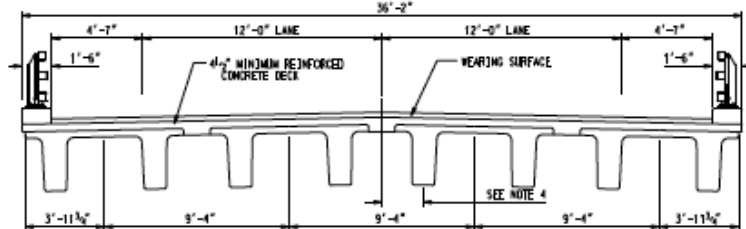
MAXIMUM SPAN = APPROX. 74 FEET (1' C = 8 KS)



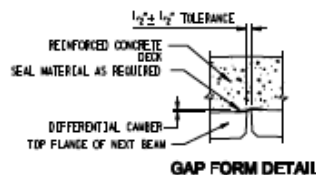
MAXIMUM SPAN DESIGN - NEXT 36"x36"
MAXIMUM SPAN = APPROX. 85 FEET (F.C. = 8 KS)



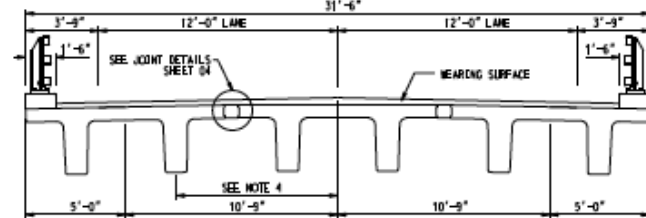
MAXIMUM SPAN DESIGN - NEXT 36"x144"
MAXIMUM SPAN - APPROX. XX FEET (f'c = 8 KSI)



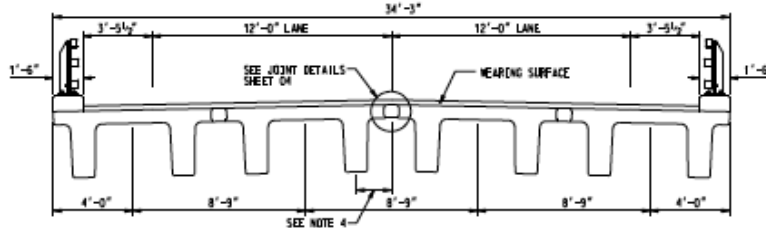
MAXIMUM SPAN = APPROX. XX FEET (F'G = 8 KSI)



1. THE TWO BRIDGE SECTIONS DEPICTED REPRESENT THE TYPICAL USE OF THE MAXIMUM WIDTH AND MAXIMUM WIDTH BEAMS.
2. THESE SECTIONS WERE USED TO DEVELOP THE BEAM SPAN TABLES DEPICTED WITHIN THESE SHEETS. THE SPAN TABLES ARE FOR THREE DIFFERENT COMPRESSIVE STRENGTHS: 4" = 10 KSI, 8 KSI, AND 6 KSI. THE SPAN TABLES ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY. ALTERNATE BRIDGE CONFIGURATIONS WITH DIFFERENT PARAPETS AND OVERLAYS WILL RESULT IN DIFFERENT MAXIMUM SPAN LENGTHS AND STRIDES.
3. ON SPECIAL CASES, A HALF WIDTH BEAM SECTION CAN BE USED TO ACCOMMODATE UNUSUAL SHIPMENTS. THIS SECTION IS NOT TO BE USED FOR THE REGULAR CASE TRAFFIC AND FREIGHT SECTIONS. THIS OPTION SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS AND WITH APPROVAL FROM THE OWNER. IN THE CASE OF THIS OPTION, THE DESIGNER CAN CONSIDER THE USE OF WIDENED BEAMS TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL SHIPMENTS. HOWEVER, THIS WILL INCREASE THE TRAFFIC SECTION. THIS OPTION WILL RESOLVE SPECIAL SHIPPING CONSIDERATIONS, WHICH WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN SHIPPING COSTS.
4. OFFSET THE BEARING SUPPORT LOCATIONS FROM THE ROADWAY BASELINE ACCOUNTING FOR THE CROSS SLOPE AND ROTATION OF THE BEAMS RELATIVE TO THE LONGITUDINAL AXES OF THE BRIDGE. THE DIMENSIONS OF ALL BEARING LOCATIONS ON THE PLANS SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR THIS ROTATIONAL OFFSET.

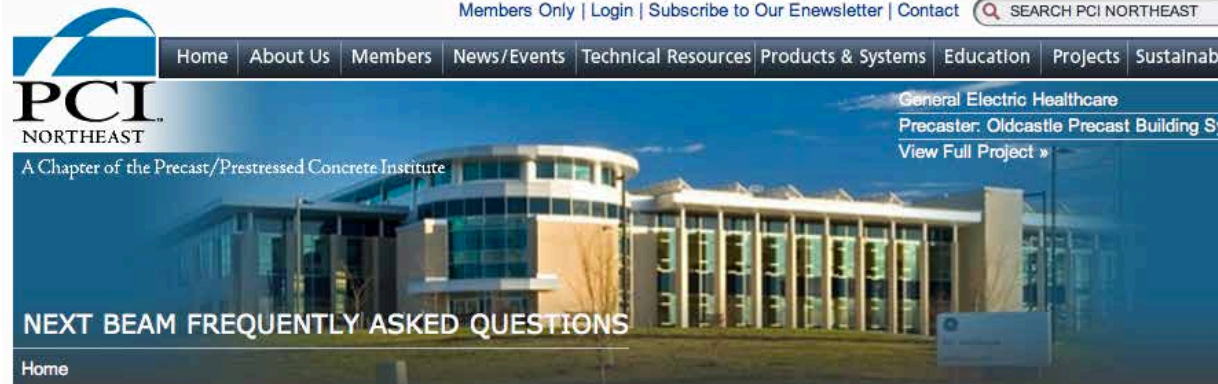


MAXIMUM SPAN = APPROX. 80 FEET ($f'_c = 8 \text{ KSI}$)



MAXIMUM SPAN = APPROX. 90 FEET (1" C = 8 BSC)

- FAQ
- Design Assumptions



1. Why is the NEXT Beam more economical than other bridge systems?

2. Is the NEXT Beam acceptable to bridge owners?

3. When should I consider using the NEXT Beam?

4. What are the span lengths and widths?

5. What is the difference between the D and F Beam?

6. What bridge software can be used to design a NEXT Beam bridge?

7. What is the construction sequence for the NEXT F beams?

8. Are diaphragms required?

9. Can I cut back the Top Flange of the NEXT beam to accommodate casting the of the end diaphragms?

10. How do you seal the longitudinal joints between beams?

11. What is the recommended bearing?

12. How are parapets handled?

13. What is the live load distribution factor?

The AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications are not clear when it comes to the calculation of live load distribution factors for a double tee beam with a composite concrete deck. The PCI Northeast Bridge Technical Committee has contacted the original authors of the specification and found that this type of structure was not specifically investigated during the development of the code. In lieu of more precise information, the following approach for calculation of live load distribution factors was suggested.

Please reference, AASHTO LRFD 4.6.3.1 Distribution of Live Loads Per Lane for Moment in Interior Beams. For the calculation of NEXT Beam F Interior Distribution Factor use Cross Section Type K – Precast Concrete I or Bulb-Tee Sections (AASHTO LRFD Table 4.6.2.2.2b-1) with the following modifications, 'One Design Lane' and 'Two or More Design Lanes':

1. Treat each stem as an individual beam and calculate Distribution Factors for each stem based

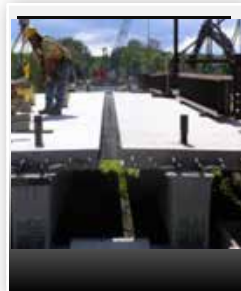
TIMELINE NEXT Beam Developed in 2008



**First
NEXT
Beam
Cast**

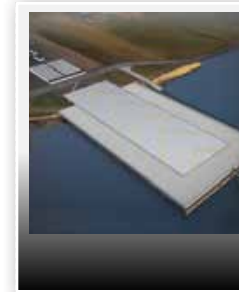
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7 Bridges



**First NEXT D
bridges are
Built in Maine
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MA and NY
Build first
Bridges**

2011



**Logan Airport
uses NEXT
beams for
Runway
Extension
and new
Airport
Viaduct**

2011-12

2010



**First
NEXT F
Bridges Built
York ME and
Kittery ME**

2 Bridges

2012



**First Curved
Flange
Project**

**NJ and RI
build their
first projects**

18 Bridges

2013



**NY built
First Lateral
Slide**

25+ Projects

NEXT Beam Acceptance - States with NEXT Beams

Massachusetts DOT

Vermont AOT

Maine DOT

Rhode Island DOT

New Hampshire DOT

New York State DOT and New York City DOT

New Jersey DOT

Delaware DOT

Pennsylvania DOT

Virginia DOT

States with NEXT Beam in Design/Construction:

Connecticut DOT

New Brunswick has also adopted the new shape for Canada

States using Accelerated Construction

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Chapter 1: Precast Abutments
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| 1.1.4 | Stub Abutment - Vertical Section | | | June-13 | |
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MassDOT Released Part III of their bridge design manual – Prefabricated Bridge Elements

Easthampton MA Deck Bulb Tee



Eight – 1220 mm NEBT 5' wide 95' long Deck Bulb
Tees 8000 psi Concrete – UHPC Joint

Deck Bulb Tee Guidelines

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SUGGESTED GUIDE DETAILS FOR DECK BULB TEE BEAMS

FLANGE CONNECTION DETAILS

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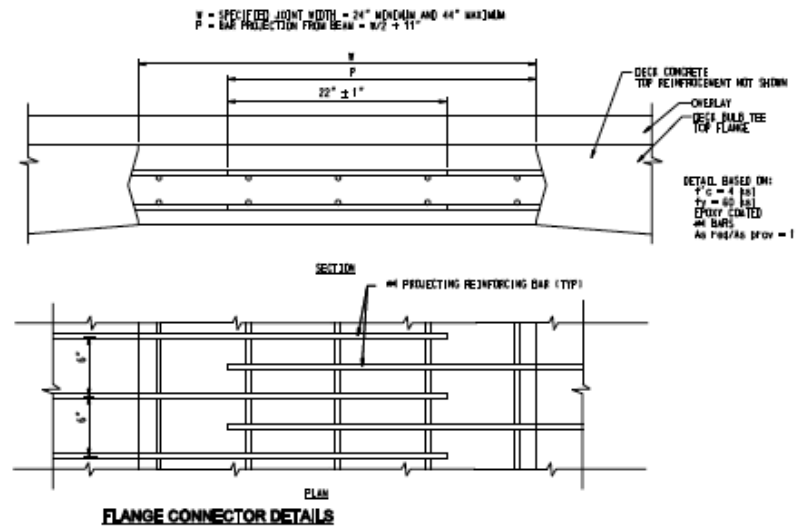
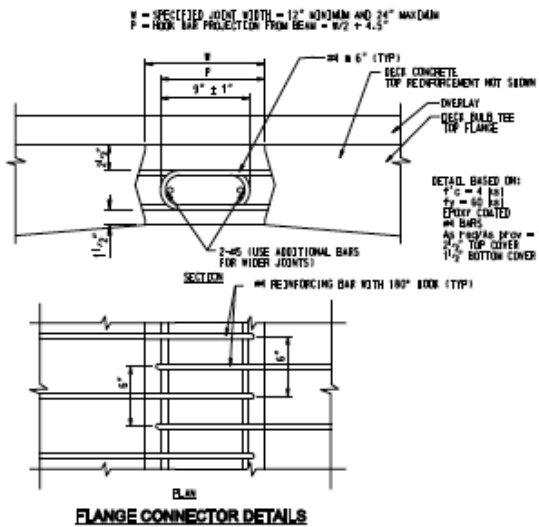
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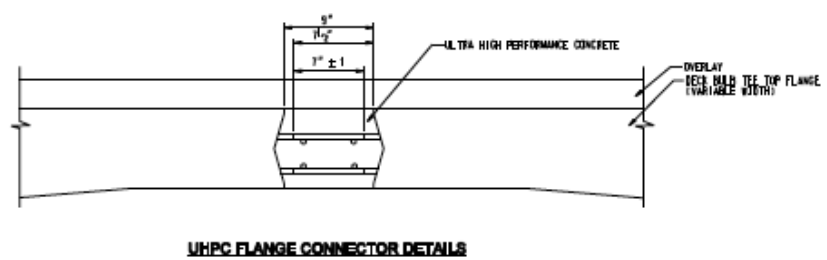
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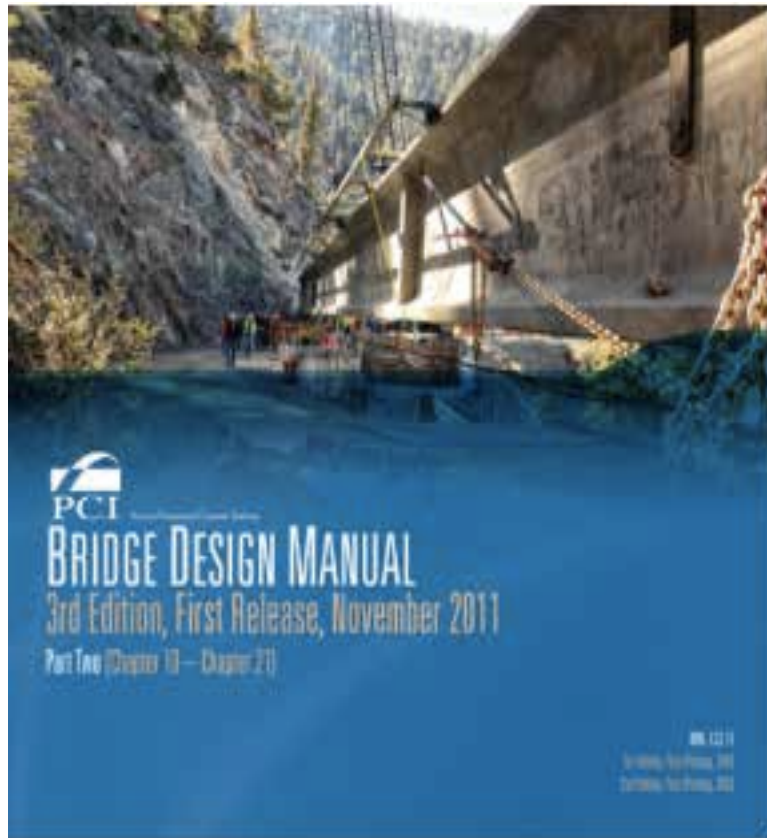


- NOTES:
1. HOOK REINFORCING TO BE PLACED ALONG THE ENTIRE SPAN WITH 6" SPACING.
 2. FOR SKEWER BRIDGES, FLANGE CONNECTOR REINFORCING PERPENDICULAR TO BEAM EDGE. BEND CONNECTOR REINFORCING WITHIN THE FLANGE IN ACUTE CORNERS TO PRODUCE A SQUARE PROJECTION.
 3. METHOD OF FORMING CLOSURE PEAR TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CONTRACTOR. THE FORMS NEEDS TO BE REMOVABLE AND ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE DIFFERENTIAL CAMBER. FORM SUPPORTS SHOULD NOT PENETRATE THROUGH TOP OF PORE UNLESS APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER. GALVANIZED OR STAINLESS STEEL INSERTS CAST DOW THE UNDERSIDE OF THE BEAM MAY BE USED WITH PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.
 4. DESIGNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VERIFICATION OF THE DESIGN OF THIS JOINT. THE BASIS OF THE DESIGN IS THAT THE MINIMUM DEVELOPMENT LENGTH AS SPECIFIED ON AASHTO FOR HOOKED BARS, IS EQUIVALENT TO A TENSION LAP SPLICE.
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 6. THE LOCATION OF THE BAR IS SET TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM CONCRETE BOTTOM COVER OF 1 1/2" AND A TOP COVER OF 2 1/2". LARGER COVER MAY REQUIRE A THICKER TOPPING POUR IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE HOOK DIMENSIONS.



Resources

Precast Prestressed Concrete Institute www.pci.org



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Precast Prestressed Concrete Institute Northeast www.pcine.org

Quality Control Plant



Quality Control Field



PCI and NPCA Strategic Partnership

As of June 30, 2014



- NPCA is no longer offering certification of prestressed product.
- Plants can maintain dual PCI and NPCA certifications.
- Ross Bryan Associates will Audit PCI and NPCA Plants
- Precast Substructures fall under BI PCI Certification



Quality Control Plant

Plants

PCI's Plant Certification Program ensures that each plant has developed and documented an in-depth, in-house quality system based on time-tested, national industry standards.

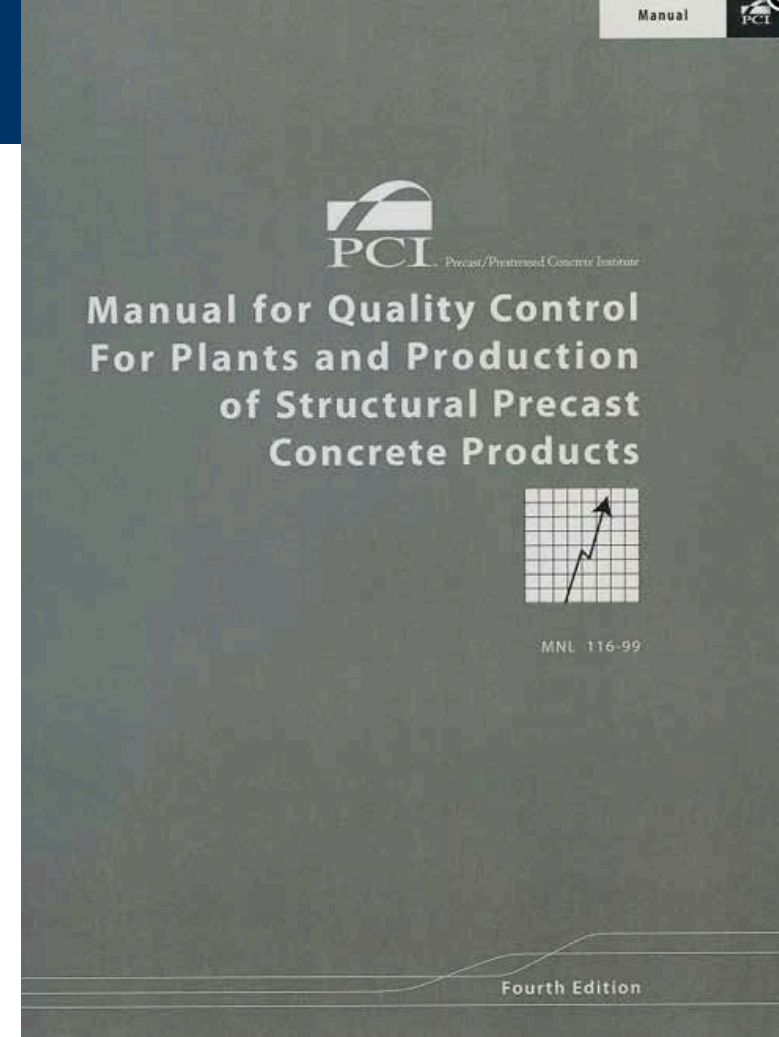
Personnel

Three Levels of instruction and evaluation for certified quality-control personnel.



Plant Quality Control Manual

- B1 – Precast Bridge Products (No Prestressed Reinforcement)**
- B2 – Prestressed Miscellaneous Bridge Products (Non-Superstructure)**
- B3 – Prestressed Straight-Strand Bridge Beams (Superstructure)**
- B4 – Prestressed Deflected-Strand Bridge Beams (Superstructure)**
- BA – Bridge Products with an Architectural**



**Manual for Quality Control for
Plants and Production of
Structural Precast Concrete
Products, 4th Edition - (MNL-
116)**

Plant Quality Control Technicians Level I, II, & III

Training Manual 101 (TM-101)



Recertification every 5 yrs

Continuously certified for 15 years will no longer have to meet the examination requirement.

Training Manual 103 (TM-103)



The concepts are advanced and require considerable experience in a precast plant or an advance CE or technology

Recertification every 5 yrs.

Expired Level III certification will require re-examination.

Plant Quality Control Technicians

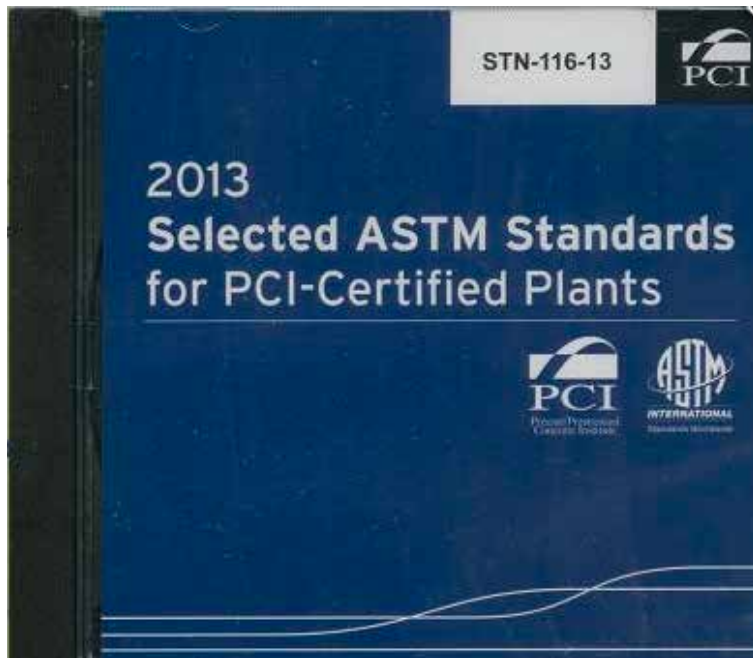
2014 Registration PCI Plant Quality Control Schools
Holiday Inn Express Downtown Nashville
November 17 - 22, 2014

- Level I & II: November 17- 19, 2014
- Level III: Nov 19 – 22, 2014
- Regional Workshops can be arranged
- NETTCP also offers Level I and II next year



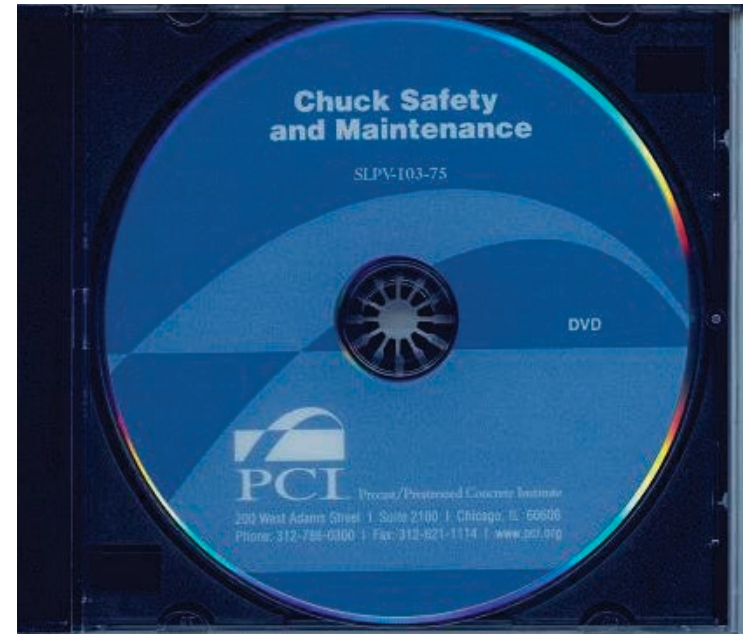
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ASTM Standards for PCI Certified Plants, 1st Edition - CD - (STN-116)



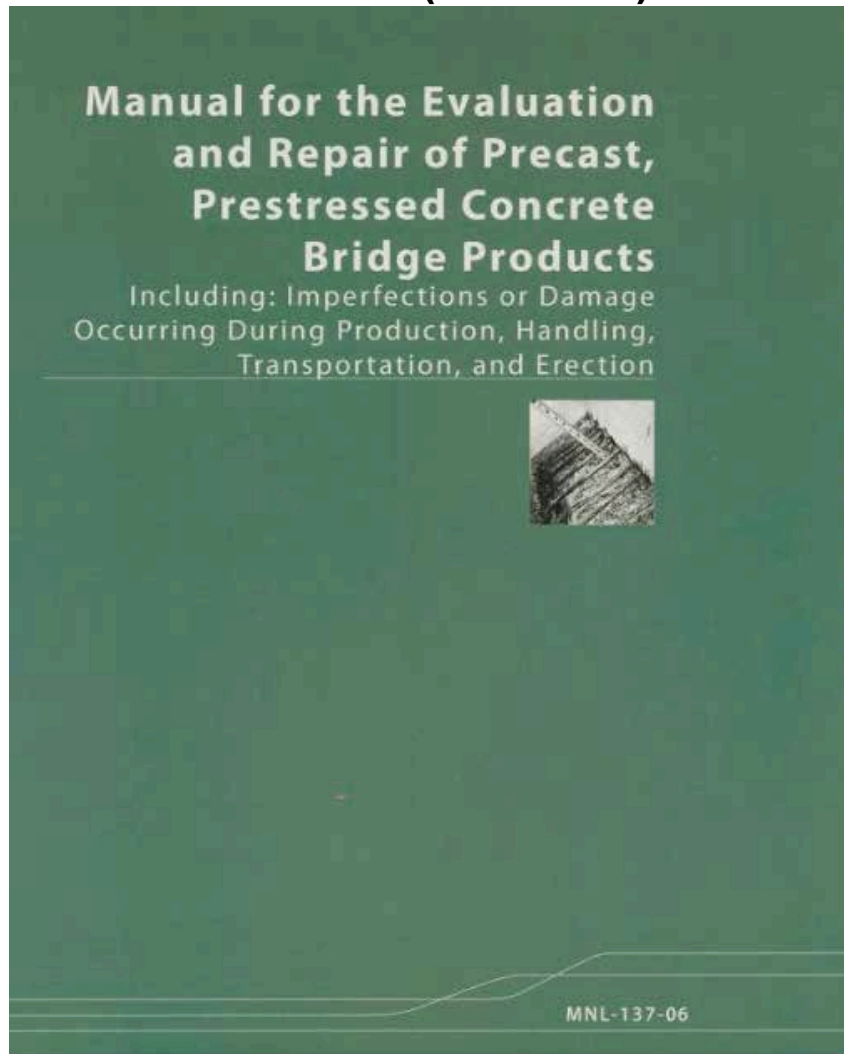
75 ASTM specifications referenced in PCI Quality Control Manuals 116 and 117.

Chuck Safety & Maintenance DVD



Beam Quality Control - Repair

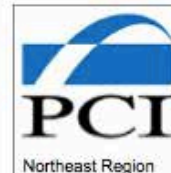
Manual for the Evaluation and Repair of Precast, Prestressed Concrete Bridge Products, 1st Edition - (MNL-137)



Bridge Member Repair Guidelines By PCI Northeast PCINER-01-MBRG

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| Report No: PCINER-01-BMRG | |
| Title: Bridge Member Repair Guidelines | |
| Developing Organization: Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute Northeast Region Technical Committee Phone – 888-700-5670 Email – contact@pcine.org | |
| Report Date: October 2001 | Revision Dates: July 2002, Nov. 2002, Jan. 2003, Oct. 2012 |
| Status of Report: Final | |
| Abstract: <p>This report is intended to serve as a guide to identify defects that may occur during the fabrication and handling of bridge elements. The report gives guidance on possible cause and prevention. It will help determine the consequences of the defects and assist in making a judgment as to acceptance/repair or rejection.</p> <p>This report can be utilized by State Inspectors, Designers, Plant Production Managers, Plant Quality Control Inspectors and Plant Engineers.</p> | |
| Number of Pages: 49 | |

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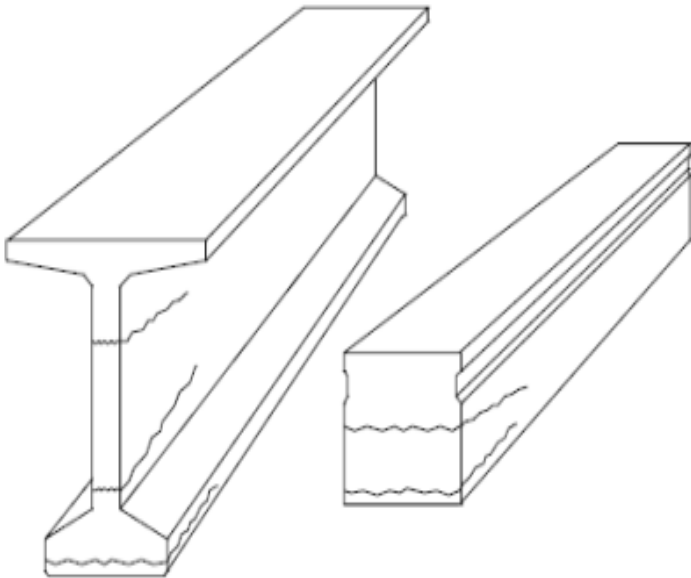


Bridge Member Repair Guidelines

Report Number PCINER-01-BMRG

Bridge Member Repair Guidelines

- For Newly Cast Precast
- 14 Common Crack and Repair Procedures



Bridge Member Repair Guidelines

- Cause
- Prevention

TS #4

TROUBLE SHOOTING HORIZONTAL END CRACKS IN WEBS AND FLANGES

Description – This crack usually begins at the end of the beam and extends across the end of the beam and is visible on both sides.

CAUSE

A. Detensioning

1. Improper procedures for detensioning strands
2. Improper detensioning sequence

B. Design

1. Low release strength specified
2. Inadequate end vertical reinforcing
3. Excessive prestress force or concentration of force
4. Excessive number of debonded strands in the bottom plane and/or lack of confining stirrups
5. Excessive vertical force from deflected strands

C. Production

1. Concrete binding in forms
2. Bottom plates, sleeves or inserts at end of beam
3. Shrinkage and curing
4. Improper removal of header or strand caught in header
5. Settlement of wet concrete below a concentration of strand or mild reinforcing near the top at beam end
6. For box beams, delayed web pours causing a cold joint

PREVENTION

A. Proper Release Procedure

1. Heat strand to allow slow elongation (annealing) and avoid sudden release
2. Keep prestress forces balanced using a pre-established procedure¹

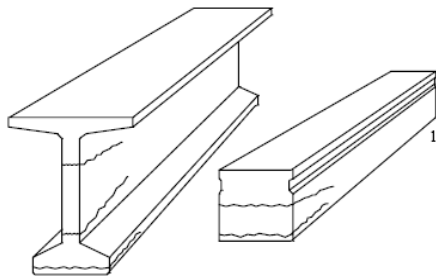
B. Improve Design

1. Establish adequate release strength
2. Use adequate anchorage zone end reinforcement to control width and length of cracks
3. Properly space and distribute strand at beam ends
4. Debonding strands for a short distance is effective in reducing stress concentrations. Debonding of an entire row of strand or debonding the outer strand in a layer are not recommended. Provide confinement reinforcement near beam ends
5. Fan out deflected strands or combine debonding and deflecting strand

C. Improve Production Technique

1. Keep forms well oiled
2. Assure forms will not interfere with hardware if forms expand or during detensioning
3. Provide uniform heat and humidity during curing
4. Separate header from forms before lifting
5. Improve vibration techniques
6. Pour webs prior to set of bottom slab of box beams

1. Balancing of prestress force is key to minimizing the potential for horizontal cracks. See "Release Methodology of Prestress Strands", Kannel J., French C. and Stolarski, H., PCI Journal Vol. 42, No. 1, Jan-Feb. 1997, pp. 42-55



- Engineering Effects
- Repair Considerations

TS #4

TROUBLE SHOOTING HORIZONTAL END CRACKS IN WEBS AND FLANGES

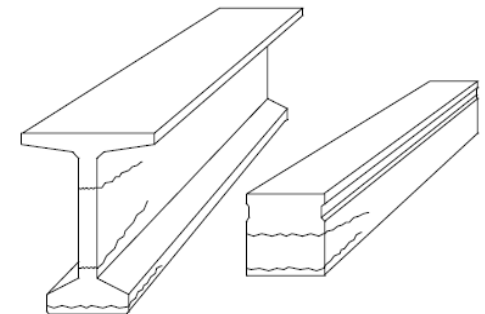
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ENGINEERING EFFECTS

1. Cracks not intercepting strand are not of structural consequence, provided the area of vertical shear reinforcement in the webs meets horizontal shear requirements. After installation of the beams, the cracks would not be expected to grow, given adequate reinforcement against horizontal shear, since the dead load weight of the slab and other dead loads will induce vertical compression in the beams ends.
2. For cracks that intercept or are co-linear with strands, the shear and moment capacity will require recomputation due to a change in location of transfer length of affected strands.
3. Cracks in beam ends under expansion joints, should be considered for epoxy injection to avoid future deterioration from water and salt intrusion. Cracks in box beams, in side-by-side (battered) configurations should be epoxy injected in any case due to potential leakage through grouted joints.
4. In deciding whether to inject cracks or leave them unfilled, ACI Committee 224 report "Control of Cracking in Concrete Structures" states that tolerable crack widths are 0.006-in. for concrete exposed to seawater spray with wetting and drying, 0.007-in. for concrete subject to de-icing chemicals and 0.012-in. for concrete exposed to humidity.

REPAIR CONSIDERATIONS

1. No repairs to beams used in composite construction in accordance with the discussion in ENGINEERING EFFECTS 1.
2. For cracks discussed in ENGINEERING EFFECTS 2:
 - a. Cracks that have been verified by the owner to not have diminished the beam capacity below acceptable levels should be injected, in accordance with Standard Repair Procedure #10.
 - b. Beams verified by the engineer to have capacity reduced to unacceptable levels will be rejected.
3. Durability concerns, discussed in ENGINEERING EFFECTS 3 and 4 may favor epoxy injection, in accordance with Standard Repair Procedure #10. The surface of cracks narrower than 0.006-inches should be sealed. See Repair Procedure #14.



NEXT Beam Quality Control Repair

TS #12

TROUBLE SHOOTING PARTIALLY CRACKED TOP FLANGES – NEXT BEAMS

Description – Crack running parallel to beam centerline along inside face of stem.

This crack is expected in obtuse corners of skewed beams adjacent to the interior face of the stem, but can occur in any beam.

CAUSE

A. Detensioning

1. Release stresses brought on by skew effects. Uneven lift-off of beam stems brought on by skew.

2. Release stresses due to uneven detensioning sequence between beam stems.
3. Binding in forms during stripping

B. Shrinkage

1. Shrinkage of top flange concrete restricted by the fixed 2 stem form.

PREVENTION

A. Adjust Reinforcement and detensioning sequence

1. Place additional transverse steel reinforcement in flange to intercept and minimize crack width. The bars should be located as close to the bottom of the top flange as allowed by state specifications for deck reinforcement (1" is recommended).

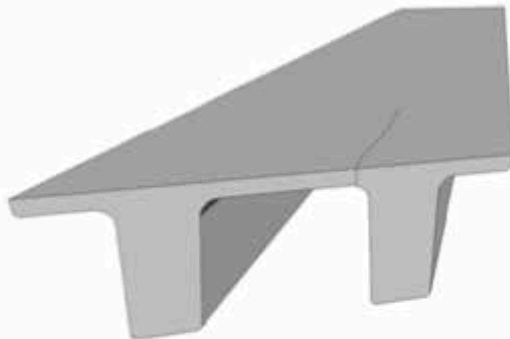
Consider adding FRP reinforcement along inside radius with minimal (1/2") cover to intercept crack near surface of concrete.

Note: The reinforcement described above was added to the typical details on October 25, 2012.

2. Release one strand at a time alternating from stem to stem.
3. Keep forms clean and well oiled. Keep forms in good repair, free of dents and dimples.

B. Modify Fabrication Methods

1. Avoid rapid cooling, after curing has stopped and until beam is removed from form.
2. Place additional transverse reinforcement in flange to intercept and minimize crack width.



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ENGINEERING EFFECT

1. For beams that will be topped with a composite concrete slab (NEXT F), there are no concerns. These cracks will be covered by the slab in composite construction.
2. For beams whose top flange is to be used as the riding surface of the completed bridge (NEXT D), cracks in the top flange can affect durability, if not repaired

REPAIR CONSIDERATIONS

1. Where a composite concrete deck is embedded in concrete in the finished structure (integral abutment), no structural repairs are needed.
2. NEXT F: If the crack is exposed on the underside of the finished structure and the bridge is in a corrosive environment.
 - Cracks less than 0.006 inch wide should be ignored (See Note).
 - Cracks greater than or equal to 0.006 inch wide and less than 0.016 inch wide should be sealed with epoxy paste. See Repair Procedure #14.
 - Cracks greater than or equal to 0.016" wide should be sealed using epoxy injection by the pressure injection method. See Repair Procedure #10.
3. NEXT D: Where the top flange will be the riding surface and the crack width is greater than 0.006 inches, the crack at the top surface of the deck can be sealed with a low viscosity epoxy or methylmethacrylate product. See Standard Repair Procedure 14.

Note: The AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications limits crack widths in Class 2 exposure conditions (bridge decks) to 0.0085 inches (Article 5.7.3.4). Therefore these recommendations are conservative.



Bridge Member Repair Guidelines

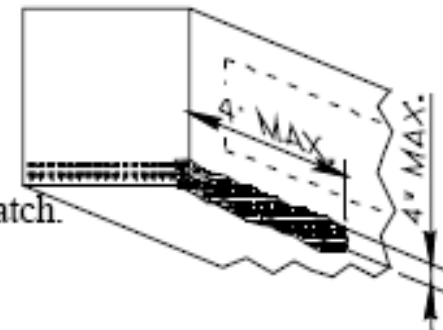
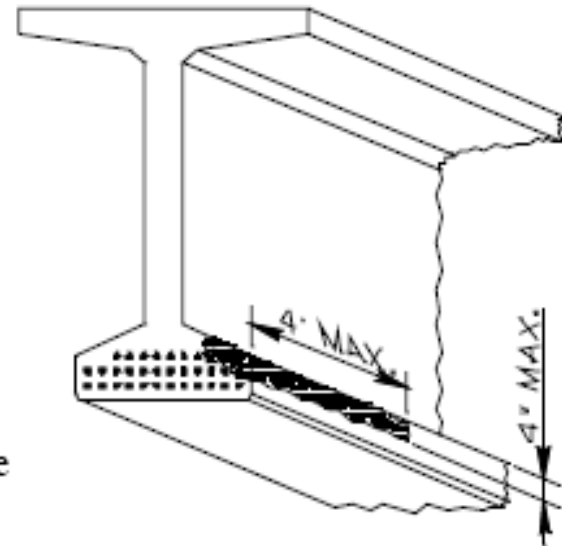
FOR SPALLS AND VOIDS IN THE BOTTOM FLANGE THAT EXPOSE PRESTRESSING STRAND

NOTE: This repair applies only to those voids which do not exceed 4 inches in depth, 4 feet in length and expose no more than 2 strands, and when no more than one spall or void appears in a given section of the girder. A section is defined as $\frac{1}{4}$ the length of the girder. No two such spalls or voids shall have their closest dimensions nearer than two beam depth apart. With the prior approval of the owner/engineer, this repair may be made, in the presence of the owners inspector without submitting the repair for formal approval.

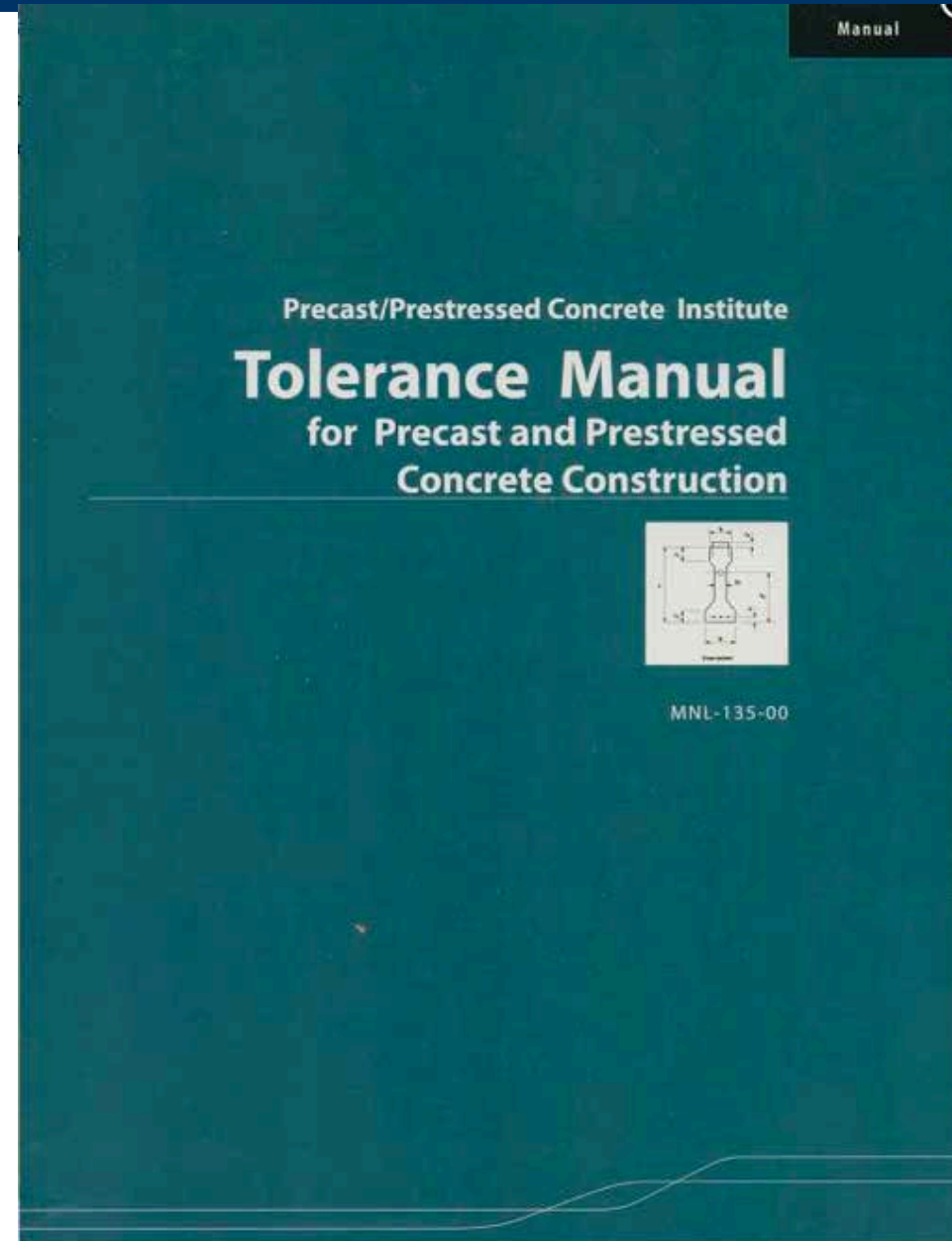
Repairs at beam ends should be made after detensioning because any repairs made prior to detensioning will most likely fail due to high transfer stresses.

Repairs away from beam ends should be made prior to detensioning so that precompression stresses are induced in the patch material

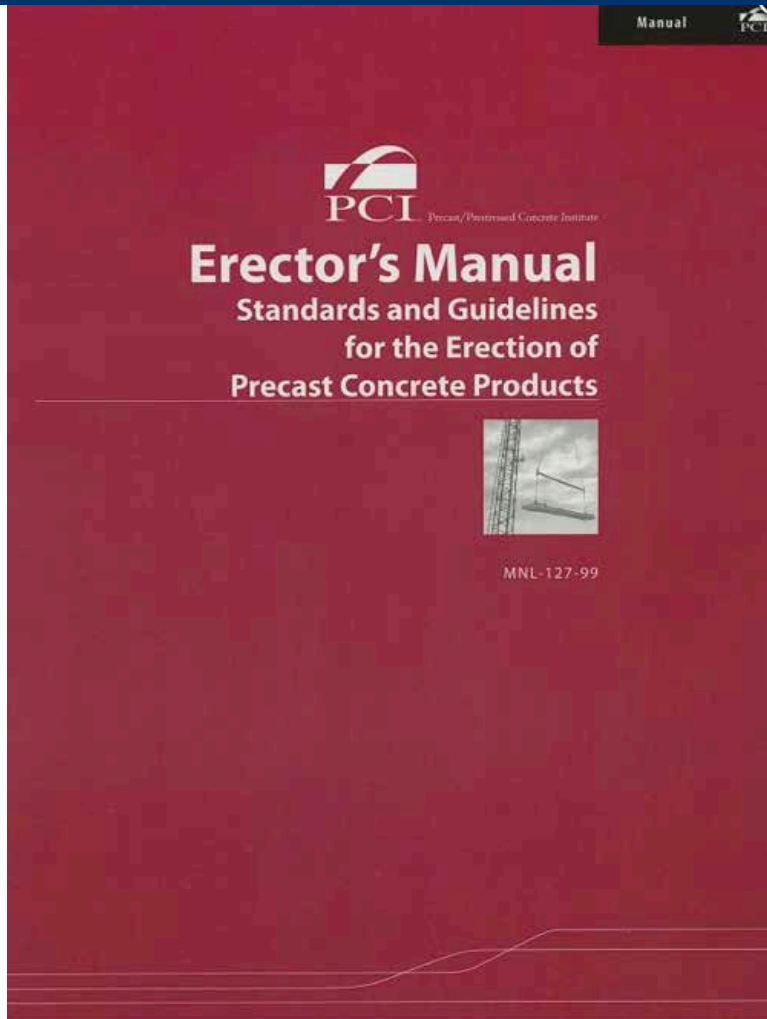
- A. Remove all loose concrete.
- B. Square interfaces with existing concrete to be in contact with the patch.
- C. Clean the excavated area, blowing away dust.



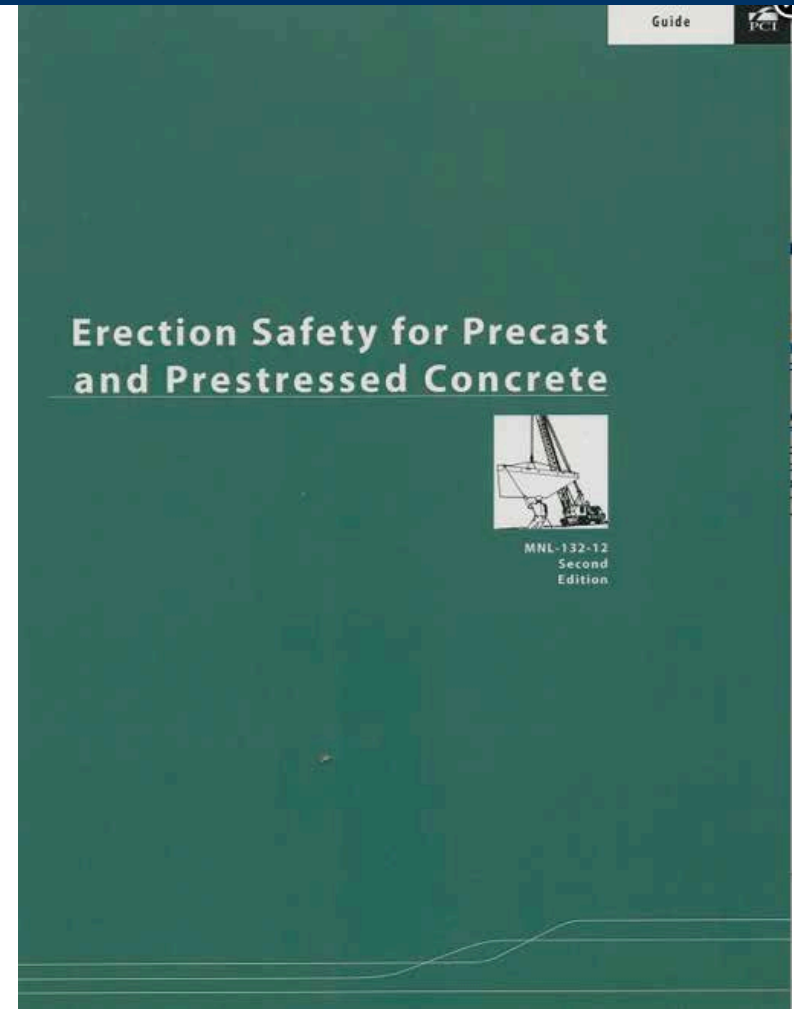
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Erector Manuals



Erector's Manual - Standards and Guidelines for the Erection of Precast Concrete Products - (MNL-127)



Erection Safety for Precast and Prestressed Concrete (MNL-132)

The PCI-Certified Erector Program

- Audited 2/yr by a PCI-Certified Field Auditor.
- Items Audited
 - Safety Procedures
 - Erection Procedures
 - Personnel Qualification records
 - Project Files
 - Equipment Management records
- Category S1-Simple Structural Systems
 - Horizontal decking members
- Category S2- Complex Structural Systems
 - Total precast concrete systems, multi-product structures (those that combine vertical and horizontal members), architectural finishes.
- Category A- Architectural Systems



Project Sponsor: New England Transportation Consortium (NETC)

Project Title: Development of High Early-Strength Concrete for Accelerated Bridge Construction Closure Pour Connections – # NETC – 31

Conducted by: University of Mass; Amherst, MA - Sergio F. Breña

Status: Just under way

Project Duration/Funding: 24 months/\$174,923

Scope:

- Develop & validate non-proprietary high early concrete mixtures .
- Intended for use in closure pours in accelerated bridge construction projects in New England.



PCINE Bridge Technical Committee supported project in an advisory role.

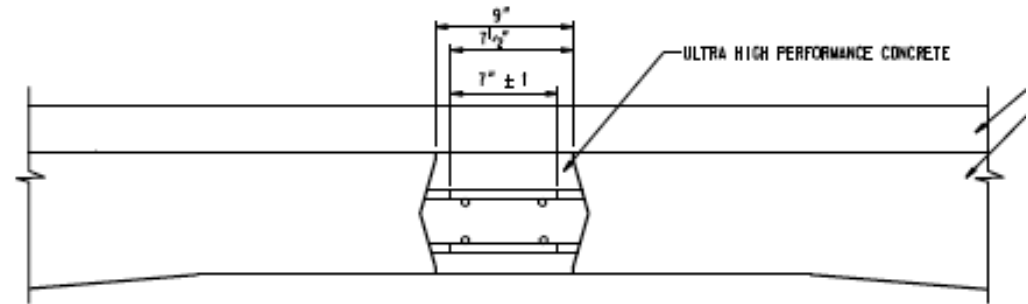
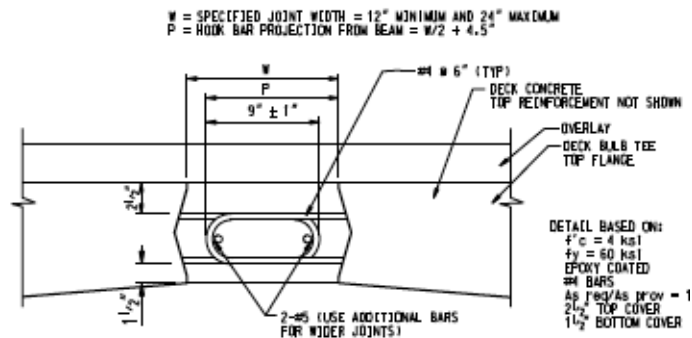
- Task 1: Literature Review
 - Databases/journals
 - Survey Concrete mixtures from DOTs
- Task 2 – Develop Mixture Design Specification
 - Specification requirements?
- Task 3 – Develop Mix Design
 - Trial batches tested for strength
 - Select mixture(s) for wider array of tests
- Task 4 – Test Mixture
 - Large number of short-term and long-term tests

Development of High Early-Strength Concrete for Accelerated Bridge Construction Closure Pour Connections – # NETC – 31

| Concrete Property | Performance Category | Applicable Standard(s) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Set time | Workability | AASHTO T197 / ASTM C403 |
| Air Content (pressure method) | Durability | AASHTO T152 / ASTM C231 |
| Slump | Workability | AASHTO T119 / ASTM C143 |
| Compressive strength | Strength | AASHTO T22 / ASTM C39 |
| Bar Pullout | Strength | AASHTO NA / ASTM A944 |
| Confined Shrinkage (Ring test) | Serviceability | AASHTO T334 / ASTM C1581 |
| Freeze-Thaw Resistance | Durability | AASHTO T161 / ASTM C666 |
| Chloride Permeability | Durability | AASHTO T259, T260 / ASTM C1543, C672 |
| Alkali Silica Reactivity | Durability | AASHTO T303 / ASTM C1260 |

Precast Joints for Closure Pours

PCINE Bridge Committee is developing two types of joints
Deck NEXT Beams – Beck Bulb Tees – Deck Panels



Normal Concrete



UHPC Concrete



Ultra High Performance Concrete Connections for Prefabricated Bridge Element Connections

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The interactive symposium will provide a platform to share knowledge about material and structural design, application examples and opportunities, to identify knowledge gaps and to grow the UHPC family dedicated to truly work together to achieve similar goals.




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Research Projects

Title: NETC 13-3: Improved Regionalization of Quality Assurance (QA) Functions

- Sponsor: New England Transportation Consortium
- Conducted by: University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
- Status: Just under way
- Scope:
- Develop common acceptance standards for the PCE/PSE for New England State Transportation Agencies
- Cost-sharing mechanism for use of resources from one agency for conducting QA on behalf of another agency.

Developing Regional Acceptance Standards

Example of why do we need to change?

Producer works in 14 states & has 72 mix designs approved

- Concrete Strength – 6 – 8 - 10 ksi

Specifications

Shrinkage

- ASR
- Freeze Thaw
- Chloride Penetration
- Material Testing



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