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About Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance

The Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance (SSSBA) is a group of bridge and culvert industry leaders - including steel manufacturers, fabricators, service centers, coaters, researchers, and representatives of related associations and government organizations - who have joined together to provide educational information on the design and construction of short span steel bridges in installations up to 140 feet in length.

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Design Support

The Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance offers complimentary design support for questions relating to bridge and culvert design. Design support is offered by the following organizations (to submit an inquiry, please visit www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org and click on the “Bridge Technology Center” link on the homepage):

Standard Design and Details of Short Span Bridges (Plate Girder & Rolled Beam Bridges)

The Bridge Technology Center is a complimentary resource available for questions specific to standard design and detail solutions of short span steel bridges (refer to the section of this Solutions Book on plate girder and rolled beam standards, if applicable). It is a resource provided by West Virginia University and the University of Wyoming.

Standard Design and Details of Corrugated Steel Pipe and Structural Plate

The National Corrugated Steel Pipe Association provides complimentary design support for questions pertaining specifically to standard design and detail solutions of corrugated steel pipe and corrugated structural plate (refer to the section of this Solutions Book on corrugated steel pipe and corrugated structural plate standards, if applicable).

Manufactured Steel Solutions

For questions pertaining to a specific manufacturer’s solution (refer to section on Manufacturer’s Steel Solutions of this Solutions Book), it is recommended that you directly contact the manufacturer by utilizing the contact information listed with the solution.
Disclaimer

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Notes

- Short span standards for rolled beam solutions are only available for input lengths between 40 and 100 feet and skew angles under 20 degrees.*
- Short span standards for homogeneous plate girder solutions are only available for input lengths between 60 and 140 feet and skew angles under 20 degrees.*
- Short span standards for hybrid plate girder solutions are only available for input lengths between 80 and 140 feet and skew angles under 20 degrees.*
- Design standards for rolled beam and plate girder solutions are rounded in five (5) foot increments.
- Corrugated steel pipe and structural plate standards are only available for input lengths under 85 feet.*
- Customized prefabricated manufacture solutions are available for all lengths and skew angles.

* For bridges/ culverts outside of this range, standard designs will not appear in your solutions book.
Standard Design and Details of Short Span Steel Bridge Solutions
COMPOSITE ROLLED BEAM WITH PARTIALLY STIFFENED WEB - 4 GIRDERS AT 8' 10" GIRDER SPACING, LIGHTTEST WEIGHT

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NOTES:

1. All CJP welds to be ground and tested per state specifications.

2. Fit to bearing is to be 50% in contact with flange and within 1/16" for remainder.

3. MT 1’ of every 10’ (extents of mag particle inspection for fillet welds) -OR- see state specs.
NOTES:
1. Slope diaphragm and keep holes vertical in stiffener at constant dimensions (to keep all stiffeners the same) and cut ends of diaphragm square.
2. At expansion joint, orient channel flanges away from joint opening.
3. Minimum radius as per AASHTO/NSBA fabrication S2.1 table 4.3.2-1. Per section 4.3.2, if the bend is parallel to direction of rolling, multiply the minimum radii by 1.5.
4. All holes to be 15/16” ø for 7/8” ø HS bolts, ASTM A325 type 3 w/ F436-3 washers (RCT).
5. Threads excluded from shear plane.
NOTES:
1. Superstructure may sit on existing bridge seats. Contractor to verify spacing in field.
2. Design will accommodate skews up to 20° from ⊥, but are intended to be parallel.
3. Station line is intended to be on a tangent alignment.
4. Max grade at bearing is ± 5%.
5. Orient toes of channel diaphragm down grade.
6. Diaphragms may be placed on either side of connection plate at the contractor’s discretion.
7. Keep diaphragm lines parallel to bearing lines.
8. Int. stiffeners are required on one side of web only. On fascia girders, orient stiffeners to the inside of the girder. On interior girders, stiffeners should alternate sides. See Girder Elevations for spacing.
NOTES:

1. For shear stud spacing, see Girder Elevations.

2. Parapets per state DOT requirements, if cast in place, provide 2'-0" lap with transverse bars.
NOTES:

1. Forming brackets must extend to bottom flange.
Standard Design and Details of Corrugated Steel Pipe and Structural Plate Solutions
Single-Radius Arch 15x5.5

MINIMUM COVER
For specific details on minimum height of cover requirements for this gauge, profile, and shape, please contact the NCSPA.

MAXIMUM COVER
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Multi-Radius Arch 15x5.5 - Solution 1

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Steel Stringer Vehicle Bridges utilizing Transvers

Treated timber deck panels provide a versatile option as prefabricated bridge components. The deck panels are a good compliment to steel stringer superstructures. The combination results in a complete bridge kit. All components are shop fabricated ready for installation. The deck panels can be designed for all loading conditions (ie. HS20, HS25, HL93, U80, U102). The panel thickness is based on loading condition and stringer spacing. The deck panels are custom detailed to the specific application. Individual deck laminae are fabricated and pressure treated before being assembled into the panels. This enhances the long term durability of the deck system. Multiple attachment systems can be used to connect the panels to the steel stringers. As they are installed the panels are interconnected to provide load transfer improving the performance of an asphalt overlay wear surface. Crash-tested timber railing kits attach directly to the deck panels. Pedestrian railings are available.

Advantages:
Shipped as a kit
Components are largely preassembled and sized for easy handling
Shop fabricated to control quality
Speeds installation at the site
Accepts traffic immediately after installation
Not temperature sensitive, no curing time
Ideal for remote sites
Treatment is water resistant, not susceptible to damage from road salt
Multiple wear surface options including asphalt
Compatible with crash-tested railing system

Wheeler provides complete superstructure plans for all projects supplied. All hardware is included. Foundation designs are available depending on site conditions.

Contact us for project specific pricing and application advice.

Set your project apart with a bridge from Wheeler.

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Durability Solutions
Hot-Dip Galvanizing

The Process

Hot-dip galvanizing (HDG) is the process whereby fabricated steel, structural steel, or small parts, including fasteners, are immersed in a kettle or vat of molten zinc, resulting in a metallurgically bonded alloy coating that protects the steel from corrosion. Galvanizing forms a metallurgical bond between the zinc and the underlying steel or iron, creating a barrier that is part of the metal itself. During galvanizing, the molten zinc reacts with the surface of the steel or iron article to form a series of zinc/iron alloy layers actually harder than the substrate steel it is protecting. The galvanizing process naturally produces coatings that are at least as thick at the corners and edges as the coating on the rest of the article. Because the galvanizing process involves total immersion of the material, all surfaces are coated.

How Hot-Dip Galvanizing Works

Galvanizing takes place in a factory regardless of weather or humidity conditions and is available 24/7/365 in close proximity to most new bridge locations. Freshly galvanized steel progresses through a natural weathering process to develop a corrosion resistant patina made up of zinc-oxide, zinc-hydroxide, and zinc carbonate. Typically, it takes approximately 6-12 months to fully develop. Because the corrosion rate of zinc is approximately 20 times less than that for black steel, the HDG coating has durability beyond the intended life of most steel structures. The chart below shows the typical time to first maintenance for bridges located in five different environmental exposures.

Economics and Life-cycle Cost

HDG is typically very similar and often lower in initial cost than most other corrosion protection systems considered for steel bridges and because it requires zero maintenance for 75 years or more, the life-cycle cost is typically 4 to 8 times less.

Natural and Sustainable Zinc

Zinc is found everywhere in daily life: in every cell of the human body, in the earth, in food and in products consumer products (sunblock, automobiles, cosmetics, airplanes, appliances, surgical tools, zinc lozenges). Children need zinc for growth and adults need zinc for reproduction and good health.

The U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance is 15 milligrams of zinc. Zinc is 100% recyclable and over 80% of the zinc available for recycling is currently recycled. For more information, click on http://www.galvanizeit.org/about-hot-dip-galvanizing/is-hdg-sustainable/

Bridge Projects

HDG is commonly used on short-span bridges, especially when the bridge will be located in relatively corrosive environments such as above rivers and streams and in humid climates. To view examples of bridges utilizing HDG steel, click on http://galvanizeit.org/project-gallery/gallery (and select "sector" and then "Bridge & Highway").