

Box Culvert Design And Detailing

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Learning Objectives

- Definition and Purpose
- Culvert Types
- ASTM standards related to box culverts
- Other Culvert Specifications
- Software
- Review of plans and information needed to design
- Production considerations



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Definition and Purpose

- A culvert is a transverse drain or waterway typically located below a roadway, railway, or taxiway embankment to carry water from one side of the embankment to another.



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Definition and Purpose

- Box Culvert is a type of culvert with a square or rectangular cross section



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Why Precast Box Culverts?

- Advantages of precast concrete for box culverts
 - Flexible sizes with spans up to 20'
 - Superior hydraulics
 - Accelerated construction
 - Quality of fabrication, structural integrity, and durability
 - NPCA Certified Plants



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Demand for Precast Box Culverts

- Significant increase in recent years due to:
 - Increase in design flows resulting in larger openings
 - More frequent failures involving other culvert types



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Precast Box Culvert Types

- Monolithic Single Cell



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Precast Box Culvert Types

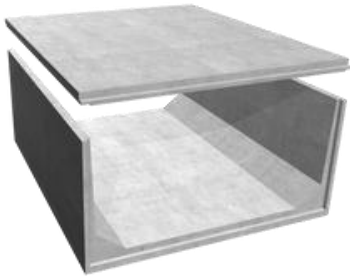
- Monolithic Multi-Cell



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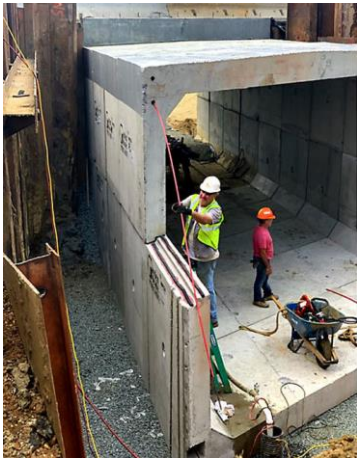
Precast Box Culvert Types

- Trench style with separate top slab



Precast Box Culvert Types

- Mid-Seam (Clam-Shell)



Precast Box Culvert Types

- 3-Sided frame with separate footings or separate invert slab



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ASTM Standards

- A little history:
- ASTM published the first standards for precast sections in the mid 70's under the jurisdiction of the C13 Committee on Concrete Pipe
 - ASTM C789 for culverts for earth fills equal to or greater than 2'
 - ASTM C890 for culverts with less than 2' of earth fill



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- Materials and manufacturing requirements
- Quality control and tolerances



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ASTM Standards

- Standard C789 and C850 were combined into ASTM C1433 in 1999
- ASTM C1577 was introduced in 2005 to address AASHTO LRFD design method
- ASTM C1786 was added in 2014 for Segmental Box Sections
- ASTM C1504 was originally approved in 2001 for 3-sided structures



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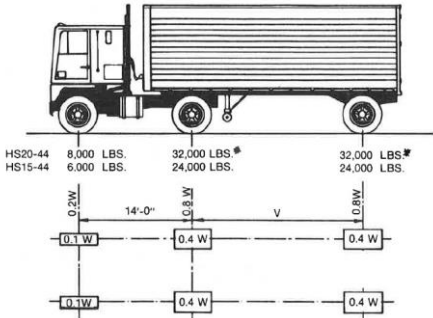
Other Specifications

- AASHTO Standard for Highway Bridges, 17th Edition
 - Covers H and HS truck loadings
 - Section 17.7 Reinforced Concrete Box, Precast



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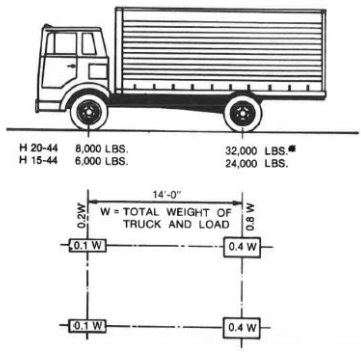
Other Specifications



HS20-44 8,000 LBS. 32,000 LBS. 32,000 LBS.
 HS15-44 6,000 LBS. 24,000 LBS. 24,000 LBS.

W = COMBINED WEIGHT ON THE FIRST TWO AXLES WHICH IS THE SAME AS FOR THE CORRESPONDING H TRUCK.
 V = VARIABLE SPACING - 14 FEET TO 30 FEET INCLUSIVE. SPACING TO BE USED IS THAT WHICH PRODUCES MAXIMUM STRESSES.

AASHTO HS Truck



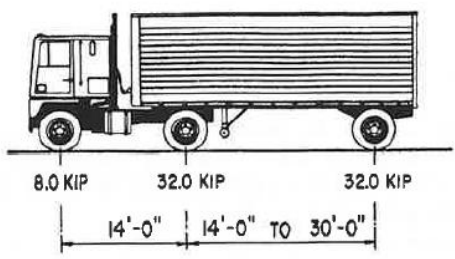
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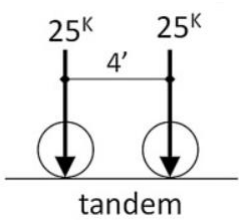


Other Specifications

- AASHTO LRFD Design Specification, 9th Ed. most current
 - HL93 loadings - Standard truck, tandem axle and lane load
 - Buried structures are covered in Chapter 12



AASHTO HL93 Truck



Other Specifications

- American Railway Engineering Manual, AREMA
 - Cooper Railroad Loading (E80)

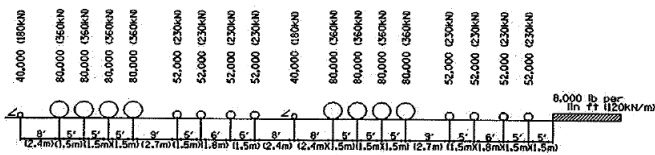


Figure 8-2-1. Cooper E 80 (EM 360) Axle Load Diagram

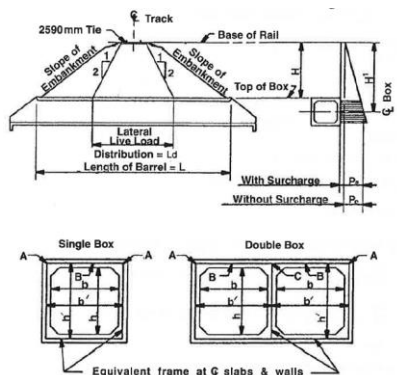


Figure 8-16-2. Dead Load



Other Specifications

- AASHTO Material Specifications
 - M259 (Same as ASTM C789)
 - M273 (Same as ASTM C850)



Other Specifications

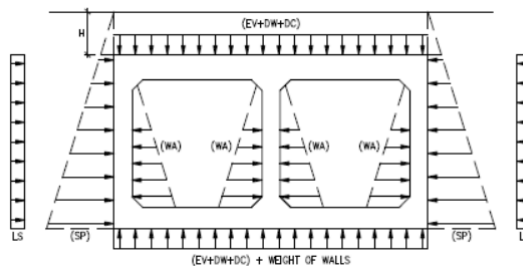
- State Specifications
 - Many state DOTs have their specifications that may differ from ASTM
 - Load rating vehicles (several states)
 - Maine adds 25% to HL93 standard truck load
 - PennDOT – PHL93 and special LR vehicles. All culverts are post-tensioned
 - NYSDOT – Load ratings for all culvert $\geq 5'$ span, Min 1.2 Inventory rating
 - Some states have requirements for:
 - Minimum slab & wall thickness
 - Bar cover
 - Epoxy bar requirements



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Design Software

- The structural analysis of a rigid frame is somewhat complicated and does not lend itself to hand calculations



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Design Software

- **BOXCAR** –First released in 1982 under sponsorship of ACPA
 - Latest Version 3.1 uses AASHTO Standard or LRFD
 - Program no longer supported by ACPA
 - Does not comply with latest LRFD specifications
 - Single cell monolithic box only



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Design Software

- **BRASS Culvert** – Wyoming DOT
 - AASHTO Standard or LRFD 9th Edition
 - User defined truck loadings for design and load ratings
 - Multi-cell culverts



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Design Software

- CANDE – Culvert Design and Analysis
 - Developed in 1976 under sponsorship of FHWA
 - Primarily used for soil-structure interaction- Arches
 - Not user friendly



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Design Software

- Eriksson Culvert – Previously ETCulvert
 - Developed by Eriksson Software
 - Single and multi-cell culverts
 - 3-Sided Frames
 - Segmental Boxes
 - Wingwalls
 - AASHTO Standard and LRFD 9th Edition
 - AREMA and CSA
 - Several state DOT agency recommended settings
 - Design, analysis, and load ratings



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Information Needed to Design

- Controlling Specification
- Clear span and clear rise
- Min & Max earth fill over top of culvert
 - Measure earth fill within the roadway limit
- Design loads (Vehicles)
- Direction of traffic (skew)
 - Parallel to main reinforcing
 - Perpendicular to main reinforcing



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Analysis vs Design

- Design Mode
 - Enter span, rise, fill depth, bar cover, design spec, and loading
 - Program performs iterations to determine slab/wall thickness and reinforcing
- Analysis Mode
 - Enter all above information plus member thickness and reinforcing
 - Program checks for strength and serviceability against specification requirements



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Culvert Layout

- Determine individual section lay length
 - Considerations:
 - Form limits – typically 8'
 - Max weight – may be determined by contractor
 - Hook height within the plant
 - Shipping



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Culvert Layout

- Determine individual section lay length
 - Uniform section length = overall length/# sections
 - Example $L = 42' \div 6 \text{ Sections} = 7' / \text{section}$
 - Adjust section length for joint gap
 - Joint gap = $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 - $L = 42' \times 12" - \frac{1}{2}" \times 5 \text{ joints} \div 6 \text{ Sections} = 83.5833" \sim 6' - 11 \frac{9}{16}"$
 - Do all 6 sections need to be equal length?



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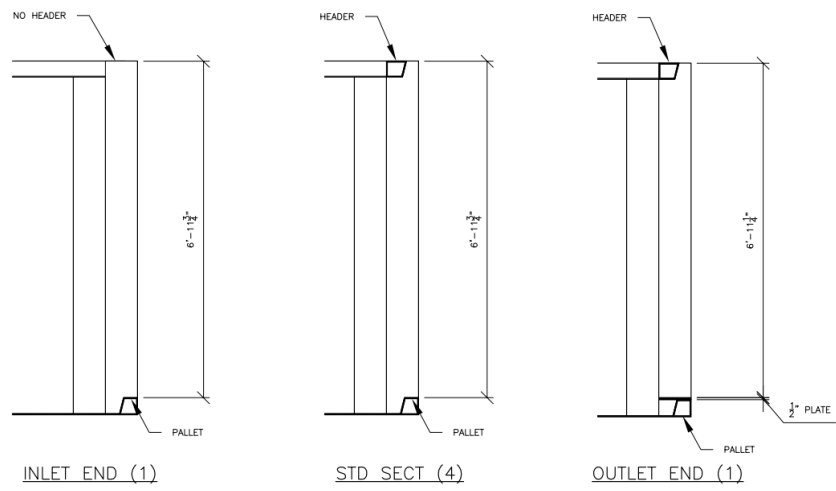
Culvert Layout

- Let's make the outlet end a little shorter
 - Inlet end and standard section L = 83 3/4" (6'-11 3/4")
 - Length with joints = 5 x 83.75" x 5 joints x 1/2" = 421.25" = 35'-1 1/4"
 - Outlet end
 - L = 42' x 12 - 421.25 = 82.75" = 6'-11 1/4"
 - Make up the 1/2" difference with a plate over the pallet



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Culvert Layout



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Joint Design

- ASTM C1433 Section 9.1
 - “The precast reinforced concrete box sections shall be produced with tongue and groove ends. The ends shall be of such design and the ends of the box sections so formed that the sections can be laid together to make a continuous line of box sections..”
 - Primarily for proper alignment
 - NOT for load transfer across the joint
 - Annular space is needed for installation and to prevent load transfer



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Joint Design

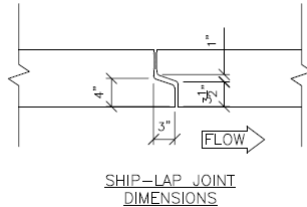
- ASTM C1433 Section 9.2
 - “Joints may conform to the requirements of Specification C990, Specification C1677, or other established joint type as approved by the owner including, but not limited to, mortar, sealant, or fabric-wrapped joints...”
 - C990 – Preformed Flexible Joint Sealants (Butyl)
 - C1677 – Rubber Gaskets
 - Unless the joint is required to be watertight (silt-tight is typically acceptable), recommend closed cell neoprene gasket conforming to ASTM D1056, Grade #2A1 or #2A2



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Joint Design

- Male end of joint should point downstream



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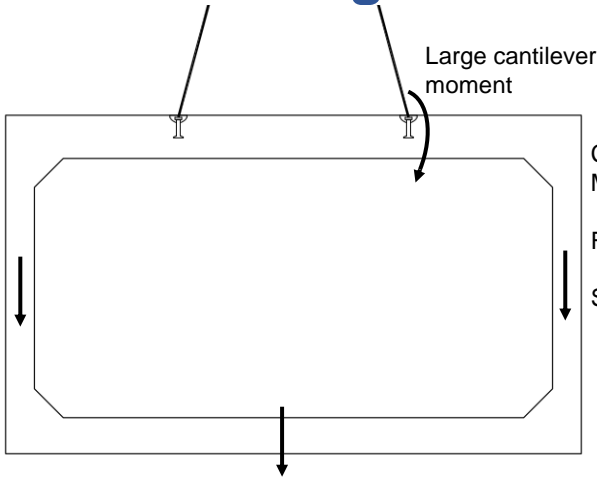
Lifting and Handling

- Lifter type and placement considerations
 - Position and orientation of culvert sections for casting, yard storage, shipping, and installation
 - Weight of section being lifted
 - Center-of-gravity
 - Rigging and overturning
 - Lifter orientation will switch from shear to tension
 - Handling Stress
 - Local stress – lifter breakout
 - Global stress – Cracking moment



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Lifting and Handling



Cracking moment
 $M_{cr} = f_r \times S$

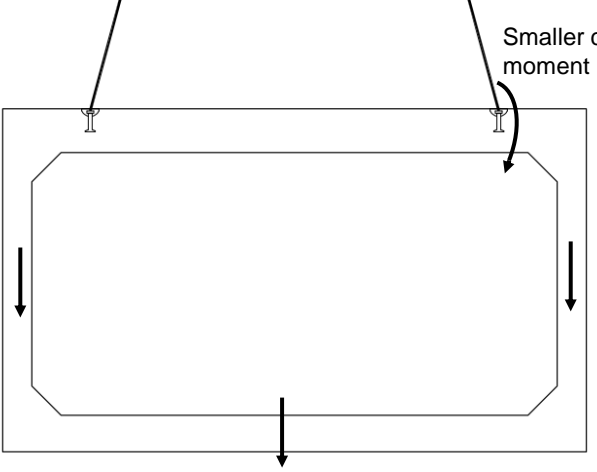
f_r = Modulus of rupture
 $= 5\sqrt{f_c}$

S = Section Modulus
 $= b \times h^2/6$



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Reinforcing

- Rebar – ASTM A615
- Weldable Bar – ASTM A706
- Welded Wire Reinforcing – A1064
 - Smooth or deformed
- Fibers – Synthetic and non-synthetic may only be used as a nonstructural material, i.e. crack control
- Bar cover – Unless otherwise specified, 1” all locations and 2” in top of top slab if earth fill < 2’



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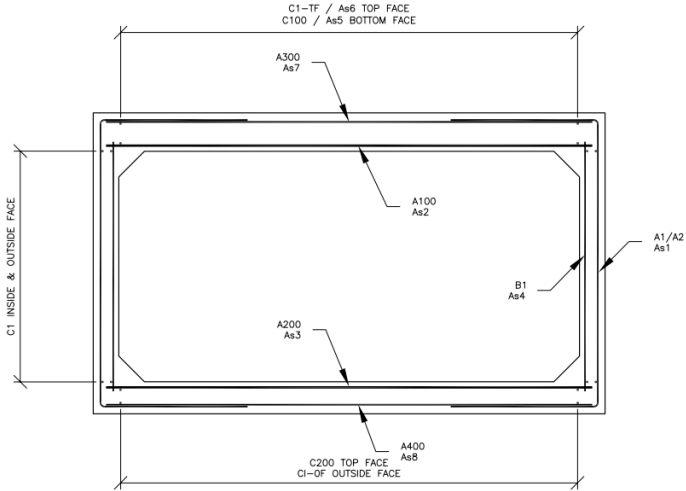
Reinforcing Cover

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 - Smooth or deformed



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Reinforcing Designations

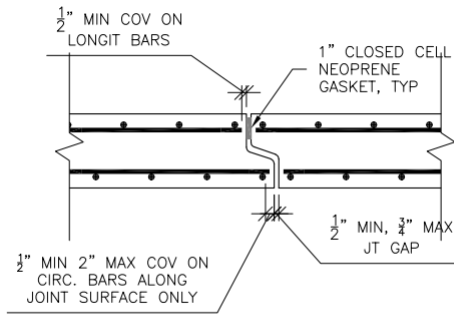


MK#	ASTM	Location
A100	As2	Top slab inside
A200	As3	Bottom slab inside
A300	As7	Top slab outside
A400	As8	Bottom slab outside
A1	As1	Wall outside
B1	As4	Wal inside
C100	As5	Top slab longit. Inside
C200		Bottom slab longit inside
C1-TF	As6	Top slab longit. outside
C1		Wall longitudinal



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Joint Reinforcing



JOINT REINFORCING



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Case Study

**New York State Department of Transportation
Contract #D264902
Culvert Replacement on NY Route 2 and Moses Road
Town of Petersburg, NY**



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NYSDOT Culvert C140138

- Design Parameters
 - Clear Span = 8'-0"
 - Frame Rise = 8'-4"
 - Length = 57'-0"
 - Minimum Fill Depth = 3'
 - Maximum Fill Depth = 5'
 - Skew Angle = 26.60°
 - Design Load = AASHTO HL93
 - Culvert Type – 3-Sided Frame w/Invert Slab



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Section Length and Skewed End Dimensions

Span	8 ft	Top Slab	10.00 in	Wash	1.00 in	
Frame Rise	8.33 ft	Bottom Slab	0.00 in			
Length	57 ft	Walls	8.00 in			
Keyway	4 in	Haunch	10.00 in			
Clear Rise	8.00 ft					
Length along centerline	57 ft	Standard Section Length	6.667 ft	80 in		
	684 in	Array Spacing (Length + Jt)		80.5 in		
End Sect Skew Angle	26.60 deg	No of Std Sections	7			
Outside culvert width	9.333 ft	Length with joints	46.92 ft	563		
Number of Sections	9	Number of Skewed Ends	2	1 ft		
Number of Joints	8	CL Dim of Skewed Ends	5 ft	60 in		
Joint Spacing	0.5 in	Add to outlet	0 in	5 ft	60 in	
		Max length	7.337 ft	88.04 in		
		Min Length	2.663 ft	31.96 in		
		Subtract for Inlet	0 in	5 ft	60 in	
		Max length	7.337 ft	88.04 in		
		Min Length	2.663	31.96 in		
					Slope	
		Inlet		Outlet		
Top-of-Footing Elev	799.180		794.530		8.16%	
Top-of-Concrete Elev	808.095		803.445			
	Upstream	WW-2	WW-1	Downstream	WW-3	WW-4
Headwall Elevations	811.000	811.700	806.800	807.400		
Headwall Height (ft)	2.91 ft	3.61 ft	3.36 ft	3.96 ft		



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Invert Slab Length and Cut-off Wall Depth

Span	8.947 ft	Top Slab	0.00 in	
Frame Rise	0.00 ft	Invert Slab	12.00 in	
Length	57 ft	Walls	8.95 in	
Keyway	3 in	Haunch	0.00 in	
Slab Width	11.93 ft			
Length along centerline	57 ft	Standard Section Length	9.5 ft	114 in
	684 in	Array Spacing (Length + Jt)		114 in
End Sect Skew Angle	0 deg	No of Std Sections	6	
Outside culvert width	10.44 ft	Length with joints	57 ft	684
Number of Sections	6	Add 1 for outlet end	0	0 ft
Number of Joints	5	Outlet End Length	0 ft	0 in
Joint Spacing	0 in			
		Inlet		Outlet
Invert Elevation	799.180		794.530	
Cut-Off Wall Elevations	794.800		790.300	
Cut-Off Wall Depth	3.38 ft		3.23 ft	



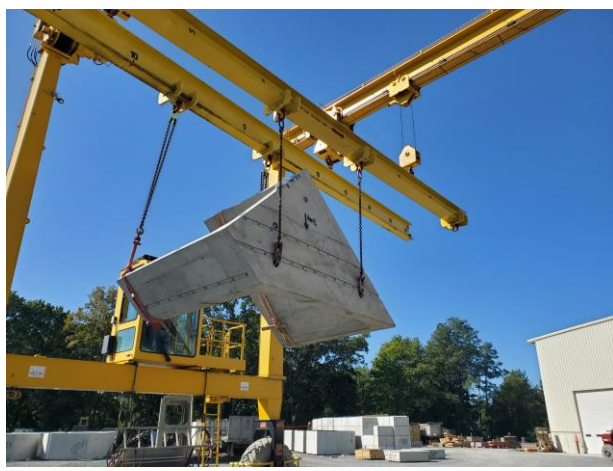
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Case Study

**New York State Department of Transportation
Contract #D264939
NY Route 41 Over Wilkens Brook
Town of Coventry, NY**



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NYS DOT Culvert C920116

- Design Parameters
 - Clear Span = 10'-0"
 - Clear Rise = 6'-0"
 - Length = 58'-2"
 - Minimum Fill Depth = 2'
 - Maximum Fill Depth = 3.8'
 - Direction of Traffic – Parallel to Main Reinforcing
 - Design Load = AASHTO HL93
 - Culvert Type – 4-Sided Sing-Cell Monolithic



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Section Lengths

Span	10.00 ft	Top Slab	12.00 in	Wash	0.00 in
Rise	6.00 ft	Bottom Slab	10.00 in	V-Bottom	0.00 in Min 0.00 in Max
Length	58.17 ft	Walls	8.00 in	Joint Depth	4.00 in
		Haunch	10.00 in		
Length along centerline	58.167 ft	Standard Section Length	5.792 ft		69.5 in
	698.004 in	Array Spacing (Length + Jt)			70 in
End Sect Skew Angle	0 deg	No of Std Sections	9	(includes inlet end)	
Outside culvert width	11.333 ft	Length with joints	52.46 ft	629.5 in	
Number of Sections	10	Add 1 for outlet end	1	1 ft	
Number of Joints	9	Outlet End Length	5.667 ft	68.00 in	
Joint Spacing	0.500 in				

	Inlet		Outlet		Slope	
Invert Elevations	1393.020		1392.870		0.26%	
Top-of-Concrete	1400.020		1399.870			
	Upstream	EL A4	EL A3	Downstream	EL A2	EL A1
Headwall Elevations	1402.450	1400.700	1402.550	1401.100	Precast	
Headwall Height (ft)	2.43 ft	0.68 ft	2.68 ft	1.23 ft		
Cut-Off Wall Elevations	1389.020		1388.870		Precast	
Cut-Off Wall Depth	3.17 ft		3.17 ft			
Grade Elevation at CL	1403.490 +/-	From Box Culvert Design Data		Adjusted		
Earth Fill at Centerline	3.55 ft +/-	Min Fill	2.00 ft	2.00 ft		
		Max Fill	3.80 ft	3.88 ft		
		Top Slab Thickness	13 in	12 in		



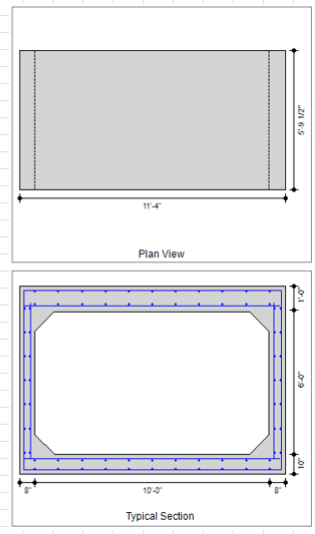
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Culvert Design

DESIGN CRITERIA		Member Thickness
1 Live Load	HL-93	Roof 12 in
2 Design Span	40.00 ft	Wall 8 in
3 Design Rise	6.00 ft	Base 10 in
4 Earth Fill, Min	2.00 ft	Haunch 10 in
5 Earth Fill, Max	3.88 ft	
6 Overall Length	58.2 ft	
7 Section Length	6.792 ft	
8 Concrete Strength, Fc	5000 psi	Concrete Vol 1.12 cy/ft
9 Design Skew	15.84 Deg	Weight 2.26 Ton/ft
		6.47 cy/sect
		13.10 Ton/sect

Location	Type	Cover	Bar Size	Spacing	As Prov	Length	Horiz	Vert	Qty	Wgt. (lbs)
AE100	Str	2.00in	#7	@ 8.00	in	0.90 in ²		10.83 ft	9	199
AE200	Str	2.00in	#7	@ 7.00	in	1.03 in ²		10.83 ft	10	221
AE300	Str	2.00in	#4	@ 12.00	in	0.20 in ²		10.83 ft	6	43
AE400	Str	2.00in	#4	@ 12.00	in	0.20 in ²		10.83 ft	6	43
AE1	"U"	2.00in	#5	@ 8.00	in	0.47 in ²	3.00	13.50 ft	7.50	18 253
BE1	Str	2.00in	#4	@ 12.00	in	0.20 in ²		6.50 ft		12 52
CE100	Str		#4	@ 12.00	in	0.20 in ²		5.92 ft		11 43
CE200	Str		#4	@ 12.00	in	0.20 in ²		5.92 ft		11 43
CE1-TF	Str		#4	@ 12.00	in	0.20 in ²		5.58 ft		12 45
CE1-F	Str		#4	@ 12.00	in	0.20 in ²		5.92 ft		14 55
CE1-OF	Str		#4	@ 12.00	in	0.20 in ²		5.58 ft		26 97
Total										1097

- ETC ASTM**
- MK# MK# Bar Locations
 - AE100 As2 Top Slab Inside
 - AE200 As3 Bottom Slab Inside
 - AE300 As7 Top Slab Outside
 - AE400 As8 Bottom Slab Outside
 - BE1 As1 Wall Outside
 - CE100 As5 Top Slab Longht Ins.
 - CE200 As6 Bot Slab Longht Ins.
 - CE1-TF As8 Top Slab Longht Out
 - CE1-F As6 Wall Inside Longht
 - CE1-OF As6 Wall & Base Outside



Shop Drawings

GENERAL NOTES

- CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS SHOWN SPECIFICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS, WITHOUT OFFICE OF ENGINEERING, DATED JANUARY 1, 2023 WITH CURRENT ADDENDUMS AND MODIFICATIONS.
- MINIMUM CONCRETE STRENGTH, Fc = 5000 PSI 28 DAYS FOR CULVERTS AND 3000 PSI FOR ALL OTHER COMPONENTS, REQUIRED LIFTING STRENGTH SHALL BE NO LESS THAN 60% OF DESIGN STRENGTH (IF DESIGN).
- AIR CONTENT SHALL BE 5.0% MIN TO 9.0% MAX.
- CURING SHALL CONFORM TO THE MASTERS METHOD OF SPECIFICATION SECTION 704-03 USING CLEAR MEMBRANE CURING COMPOUND WITH SLUICKS LITE. DO NOT APPLY CURING COMPOUND TO SURFACES RECEIVING SECONDARY POUR.
- REINFORCING STEEL SHALL BE GR60 80 PER SPECIFICATION SECTIONS 708-01 AND 708-04 FOR EPOXY BAR.
- DETAIL FOR KEYWAYS SHALL CONFORM TO SPECIFICATION SECTION 701-04.
- REINFORCING MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURING SHALL CONFORM TO SPECIFICATION SECTION 708-17.
- QUALITY CONTROL TESTING PROCEDURES, INCLUDING AIR CONTENT, SLUMP SPREAD, TEMPERATURE, UNIT WEIGHT, COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH, AND AGGREGATE SIEVE ANALYSIS, SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT PRODUCTION AIR CONTENT SHALL BE DETERMINED FOR EVERY BATCH.
- STRUCTURES SHALL ONLY BE HANDLED USING THE LIFTING DEVICES SHOWN ON THE SHOP DRAWINGS. FLEET ANGLE FOR LIFTING SHALL BE NO LESS THAN 80° AND ALL LIFTING PROCEDURES SHALL CONFORM TO OSHA REGULATIONS.
- ALL EXPOSED EDGES SHALL HAVE A 1" CHAMFER.
- PLASTIC CURING COVERS SHALL BE USED TO ENSURE PROPER BAY CLEARANCE.
- JOIST BRIDGE MATERIAL SHALL CONFORM TO ASTM D1068 GRADE #301 OR #302.
- MECHANICAL CONNECTIONS BY DESIGN SUBMITTER FOR REINFORCED BAR BRACES SHALL CONFORM TO SPECIFICATION SECTION 708-10. CONNECTIONS TO BE SECURED TO FORM WORK BY THE USE OF A 3"x2" WOOD MOUNTING STRIP.

DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES

- 1.1. ±.04"
- 1.2. ±.04" & ±.05"
- 1.3. ±.06"
2. WALL AND SLAB THICKNESS
- 2.1. ±.10"
- 2.2. ±.10"
3. DESIGN LAP LENGTH ±.1"
4. VARIATION IN LAP LENGTH OF OPPOSITE SIDES
- 4.1. SPAN/RISE GRA ±.2"
- 4.2. SPAN/RISE 3/4" ±.2"
5. REINFORCING
- 5.1. UNIFORM BAR SPACING ±2" (NOT CUMULATIVE)
- 5.2. BAR COVER ±.1"
- 5.3. COUPLER LOCATION ±.1" (NOT CUMULATIVE)
- 5.4. FABRICATION TOLERANCES FOR AD 117 SECTION 2.1
- 5.5. ELEVATION AND LAP LENGTH TOLERANCE PER AD 117 SECTION 2.2.2
6. SURFACE IRREGULARITIES ON MATCH SURFACE OR JOINT
- 6.1. ±.12" WHEN CHECKED WITH A 3" STRAIGHT EDGE.
7. LIFTER AND DRAW PLATE LOCATIONS 6.4"
- 7.1. LIFTER USE SHALL MEET LIFTER MANUFACTURERS SPECIFICATIONS.

DRAWING SCHEDULE

Sheet Number	Sheet Title
1	COVER SHEET
2	MISC TABLES
3	CULVERT PLAN
4	ELEVATION VIEW
5	INLET END PLAN
6	INLET END ELEVATION
7	OUTLET END PLAN
8	OUTLET END ELEVATION
9	TYPICAL CULVERT SECTION
10	TYPICAL WINDOWALL SECTIONS
11	CULVERT REINFORCING DETAILS
12	WING WALL REINFORCING
13	CUP-OFF WALL DETAIL
14	WING WALL DETAILS
15	REINFORCING SCHEDULES 1
16	REINFORCING SCHEDULES 2
17	MISC DETAILS

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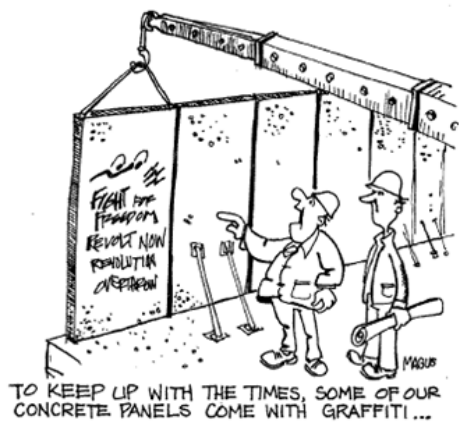
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