Chapter 13 - Beams and Girders

- Steel Girders
- Prestressed Concrete Girders
- Precast Concrete Deck Structures



Fabrication

Shop fabricated from approved shop drawings

Shop must be AISC certified in major bridge

DOT Shop inspector present during fabrication







 Transportation, Handling and Storage

Check for damage of steel surfaces (cracks, bends, kinks, warpage) and paint during transportation

Store such that it will be free of damage and clean - keep off the ground

Keep girders upright - will be damaged if tipped over, dropped, etc.











Bearings

Fixed or expansion bearings

Grout Pads

Smooth and level surface at correct elevation Grout - 5 1/2 gallons water + 285 lbs sand + one bag of cement

Strength of 2000 psi before girder placement



Anchor Bolts

Set in plastic concrete or block out hole and grout in later

Set for specified temperature - may have to adjust location of anchor bolts depending upon the temperature at time of erection of girders





Steel Girders

Common Types of Bearings

Sliding Plate Bearings
Rocker Bearings
Elastomeric Bearings
Pot Bearings
Cylindrical Bearings
Spherical Bearings

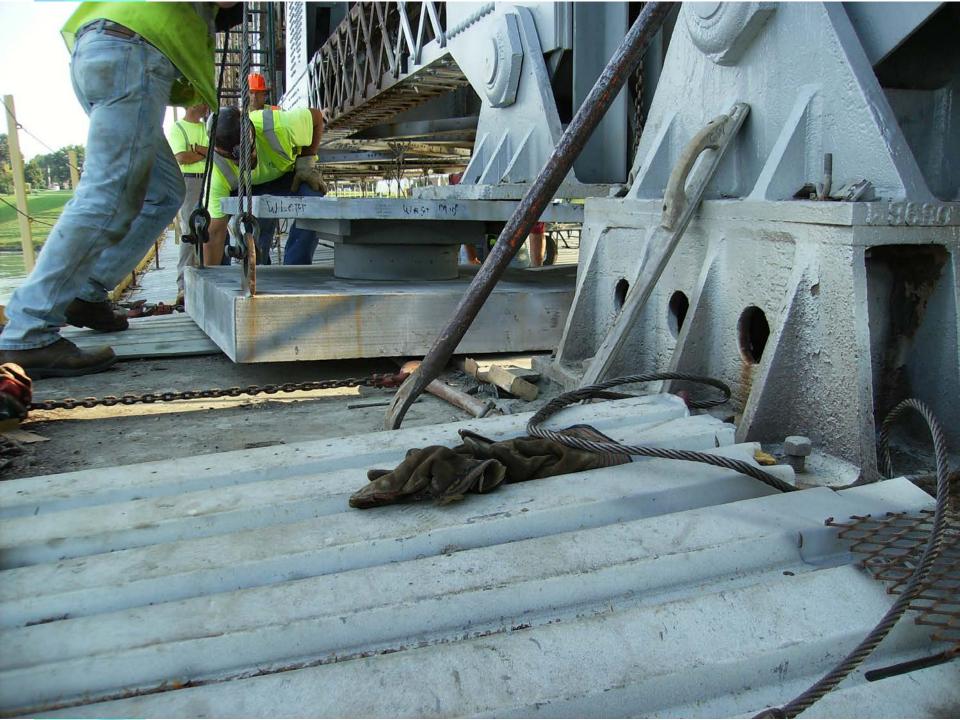














Erection

Bearings are set - Preformed fabric pad first, then bearing plate

Girders are set - Girders are match marked, therefore, make sure girders are set in right direction and location

Diaphragms are installed



Steel Girders





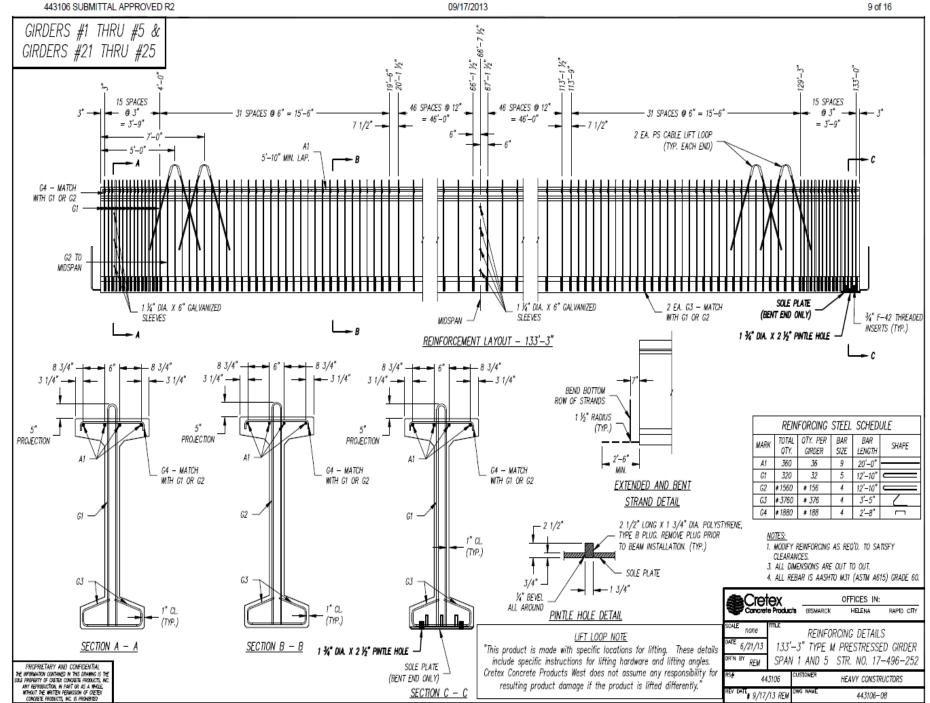




Fabrication

Fabricated at a precast concrete supplier's fabrication yard from approved shop drawings

DOT inspector present during fabrication









 Transportation, Handling and Storage

Check for damage of concrete beams (cracks, pieces broken off, bent steel)

Keep girders upright

Pick up and support at designated points only

Maximum slope for pickup cable - 1 1/2 to 1







Bearings

Elastomeric Bearing Pads

Grout Pads

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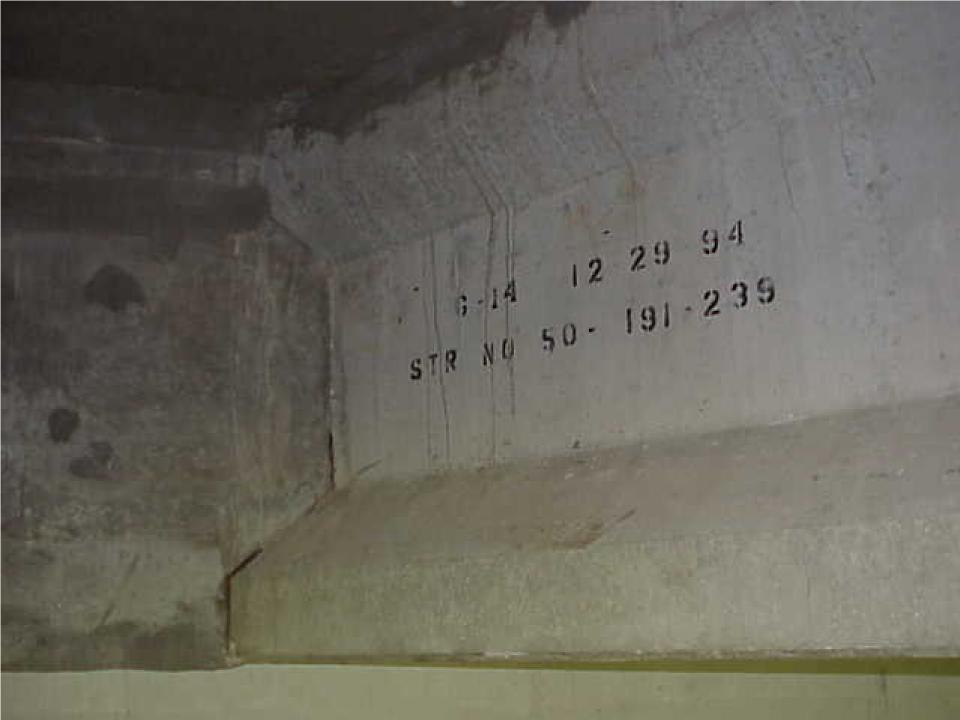
Girder Erection

ID Marking on girders for correct location placement

Diaphragms

Bent diaphragms

Intermediate diaphragms









Girder Age

Girders gain camber with age

All girders cast within 8 day period per span or at least 6 weeks old



- Structure used on County Secondary Roads
- Double T's Bulb T's
- Joints are grouted with non-shrink grout
- Check differential camber





