

Abutments

• Spill Through Type

— Intersect the headslopes at the cap height

— No retaining wall (backwalls) below caps

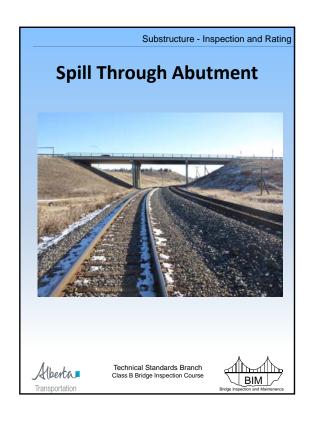
— Short wings

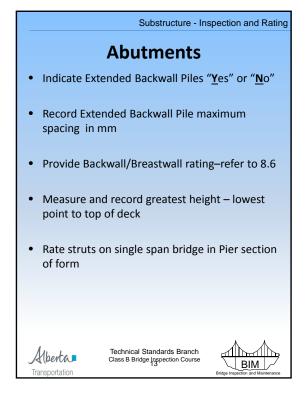
— Vulnerable to undermining if headslopes not protected with scour protection

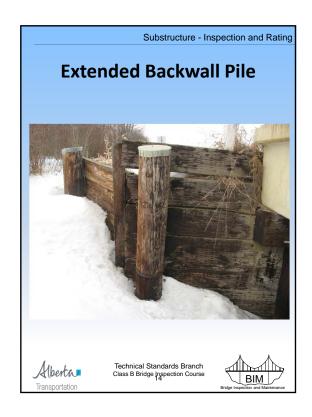
— Susceptible to slumping if headslopes too steep or scour at toe

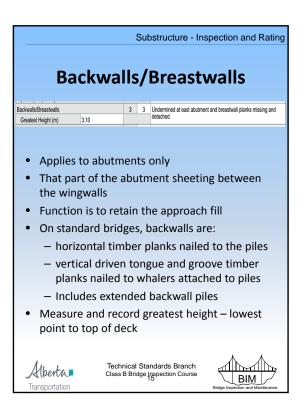
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Backwalls/Breastwalls

- On Standard bridges Breastwalls refer to planks attached to streamside of abutment piles
- Look for:
 - Defects common to timber and steel
 - Sheathing not installed low enough
 - sheeting to be set 300 mm below ground level or scour protection
 - Loss of fill material below the backwall or breastwall
 - Loose, missing, or bowing planks



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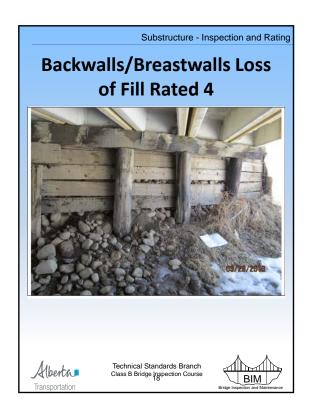
Backwalls/Breastwalls Ratings

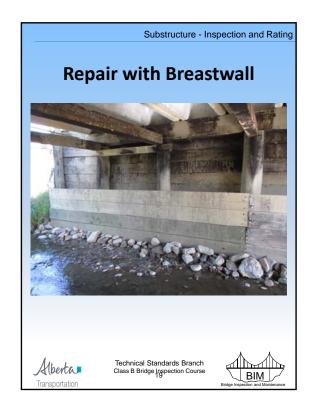
- Rate according to condition and ability to perform as designed (retaining wall)
- Sheeting bowing out from earth pressure rate 5 providing it is functioning (retaining fill).
- Loss of material under sheathing rate 4 or less
- Excessive gaps between the planks allowing infiltration rate 4 or less
- Decay, broken or missing planks rate 4 or less

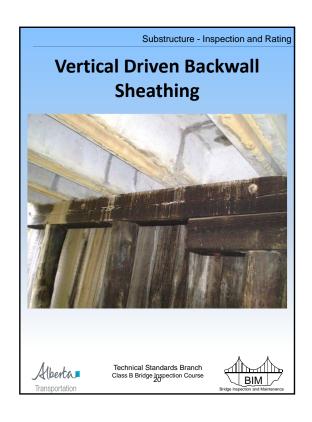


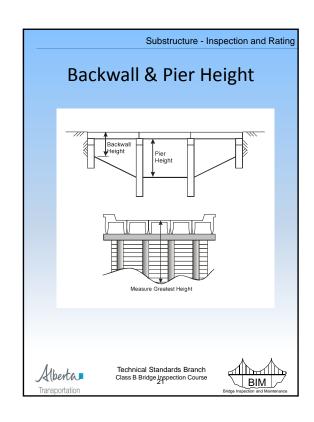
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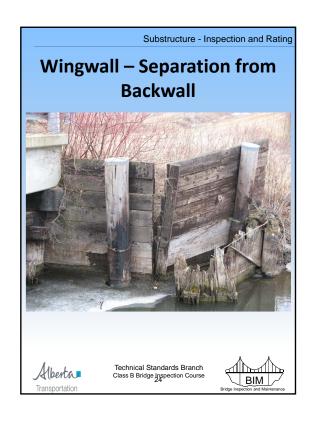


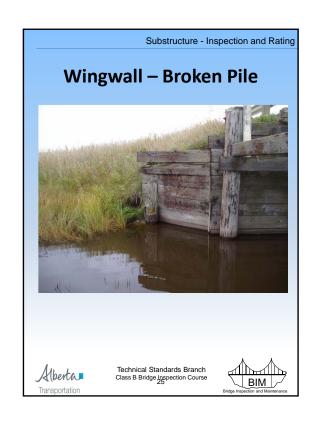


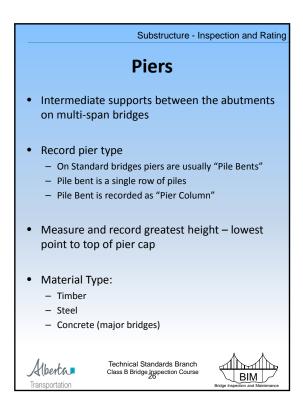


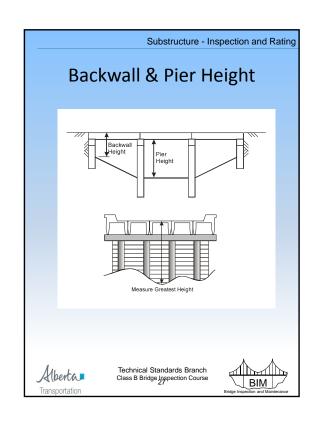
Substructure - Inspection and Rating Wingwalls Applies to abutments only Primary function is to retain fill Consist of horizontal or vertical driven sheathing attached to piles Wing piles are included in inspection and rating Stability and Scour/Erosion are rated separately Look for: Material defects Sheeting not installed low enough - sheeting to be set below the ground level or scour protection installed at the bottom Loss of fill material below the wingwall Excessive gaps between the planks allowing infiltration Sheeting or piles bowing out from earth pressure - Missing or broken planks or piles Missing or damaged tin tops on timber wing piles installed to prevent water from entering cut end and rotting interior of pile Proper attachment to backwall - loose or missing wing cleat - Broken or loose anchor tie to pile Technical Standards Branch Class B Bridge Inspection Course Alberta. BIM Transportation

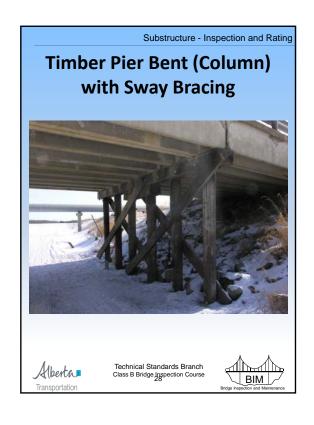
Substructure - Inspection and Rating **Wingwall Ratings** Requires repairs for aesthetics but is still functional - rate 5 or more • Requires repairs to be functional - rate 4 or less - Loss of fill material - rate 4 or less (also rate under Scour) - Sheathing or piles bowing out from earth pressure rate 5 or less depending on functionality - Missing or broken planks rate 5 or less depending on functionality - Broken or rotted piles rate 4 or less Missing or damaged tin tops on wing piles rate 4 Technical Standards Branch Class B Bridge Inspection Course Alberta. BIM Transportation

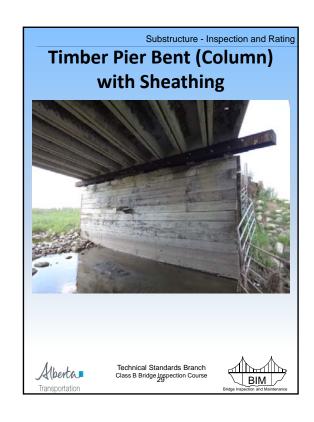


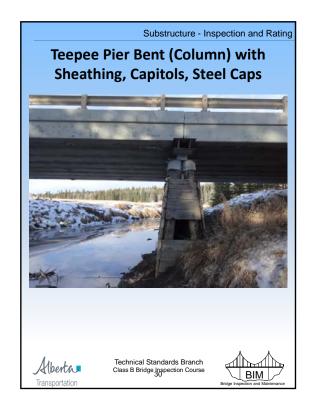


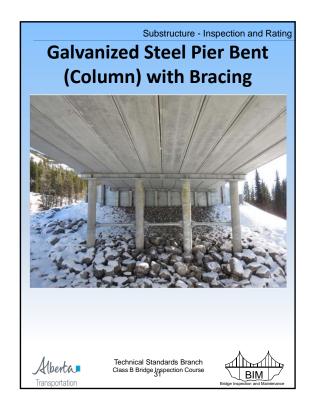












Substructure - Inspection and Rating **Bearing Seats/Caps/Corbels** ABUTMENT AND PIER BEARING SEATS / CAPS / CORBELS Bridge Compor Last Now Explanation of Co Abutments or Piers/Bent (Total Number of Caps or Corbels) N (count) 1 (count) 2 (count) 3 (count) Bearing Seats/Caps/Corbel (Type:) Applies to abutments and piers · Corbels used on major bridges only - Receive the loads from the superstructure Transfer loads to the piles · High stress concentrations in bearing areas - Under girders or timber stringers - Above piles Technical Standards Branch Alberta Class B Bridge Inspection Course ✓ BIM |

Substructure - Inspection and Rating

Abutment or Pier Caps

- Types
 - Timber found on timber pile bents
 - Concrete found on concrete or steel
 - Steel found on steel or timber pile bents
- Confirm and/or record:
- ✓ Total number of individual caps at each abut and pier (west:east or south:north) (e.g. 3:3)
- ✓ Record Detailed rating boxes for caps
 - record number of caps not visible in "N" box
 - record "0" if timber caps are rated 4 or more or if caps are not timber
- ✓ Provide cap rating refer to Section 8.5
- ✓ Record Type and size of caps if different sizes provide comment
 - Use nominal dimensions-(250, 305, 356mm)



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Abutment or Pier Caps

- Look for:
 - Concrete caps with wide cracks, delamination, spalls, corrosion of rebar, other deterioration
 - Material defects
 - Especially decay in timber
 - Check shape of timber caps (bulging/crushing)
 - Good contact between girders and caps , and between caps and piles
 - Fire damage-reduced section and strength
 - Evidence of defective connections
 - Corrosion of dowels or drift pins
 - Broken, cracked or poor welds
 - Capitals
 - proper size for pile
 - Location and installation of steel cap stiffeners
 - over pile locations
 - on both sides of web
 - Rotation or displacement
 - · Usually indicates substructure movement



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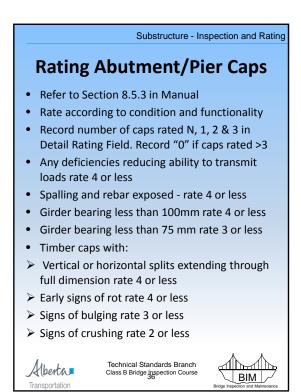
Timber Caps – Abutments or Piers

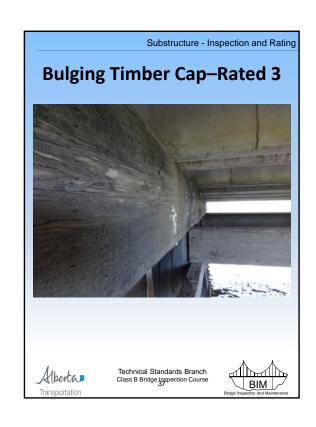
- · Decay in timber
 - check moist areas contact between girders, piles, sheeting planks
 - check cut ends, dowel, drift, and bolt holes
 - most often occurs in the cap interior while the treated surface remains sound
 - look for discoloration at bottom of caps where moisture leaches out decay by-products
 - look for crushing or bulging especially in high stress areas at piles or under girders
 - sound caps with hammer to detect hollow areas
 - Recommend Level 2 coring if any decay present or suspected based on visual clues

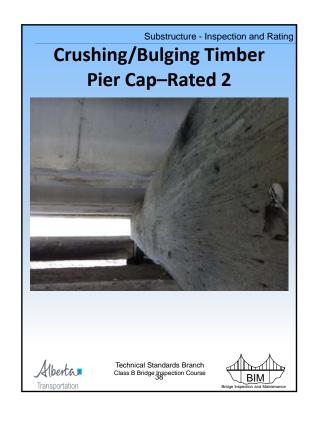


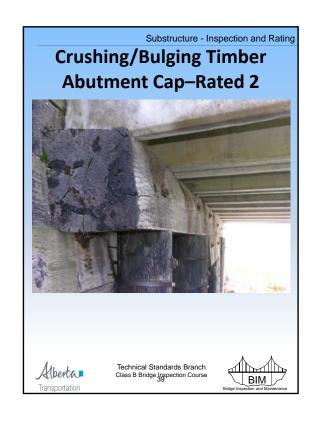
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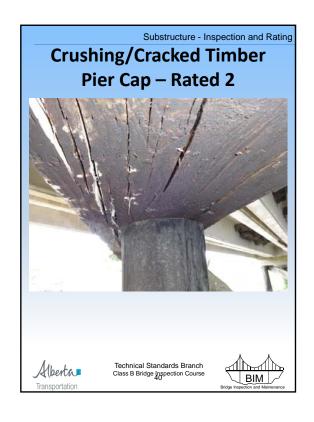


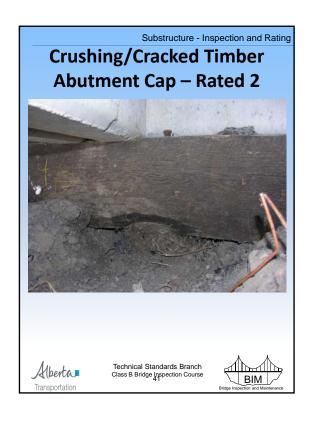


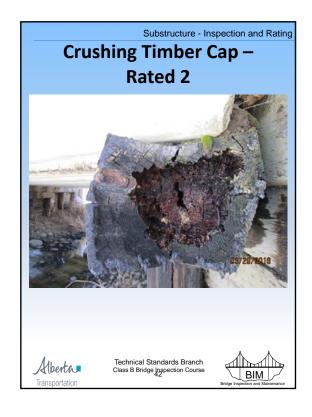


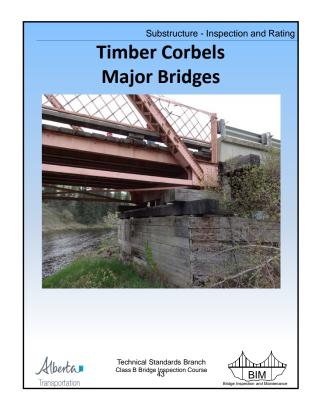


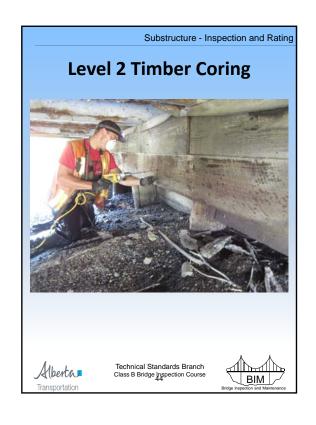


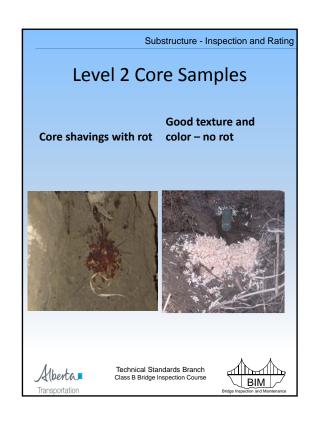


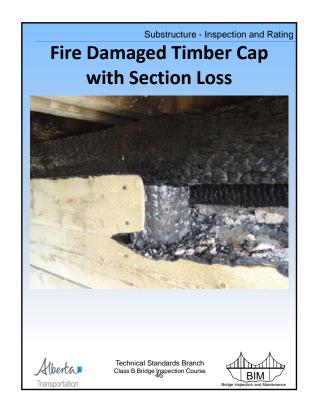


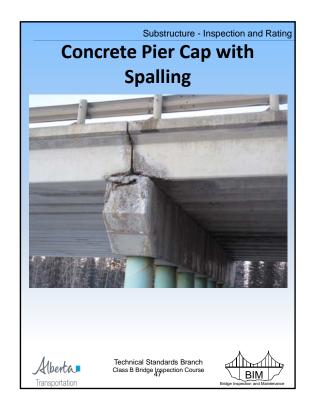


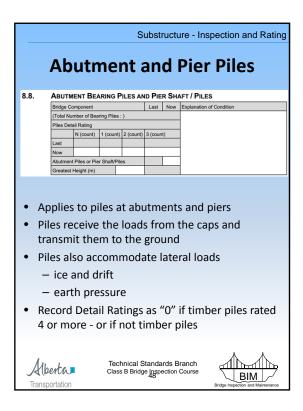


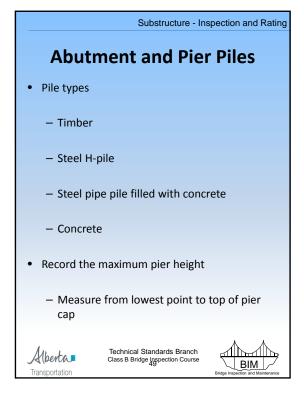


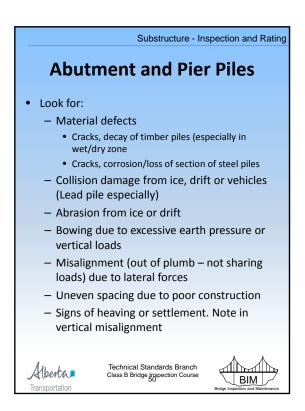












Abutment and Pier Piles

• Confirm and/or record:

✓ Total number of bearing piles at each abutment and pier (west:east or south:north)

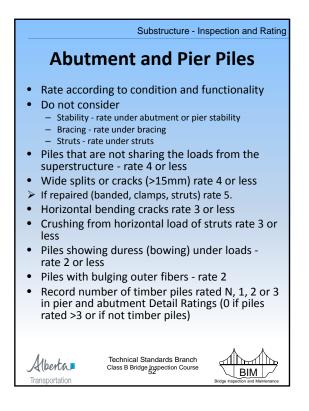
✓ Example 8:7 (numbers may be different)

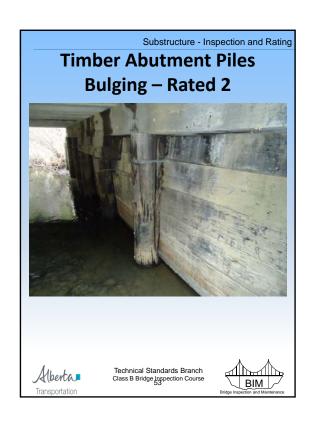
✓ Record Detailed Rating boxes for piles

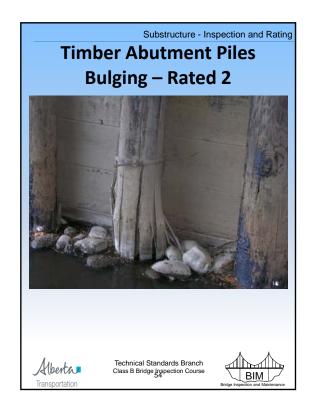
- record total number of abut/pier piles not visible ("N")

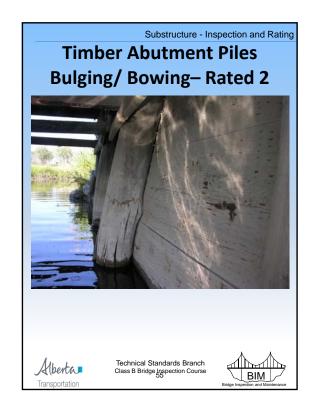
- record "0" if timber piles caps are rated 4 or more or if piles are not timber

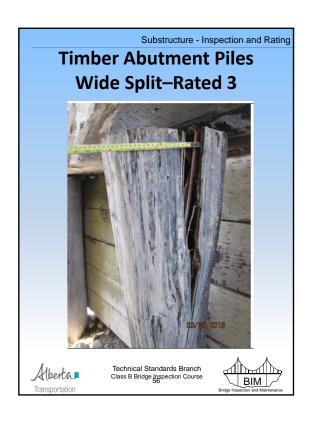
✓ Provide rating for abut and pier piles - refer to Section 8.8

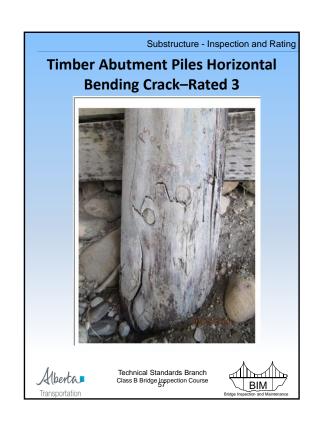


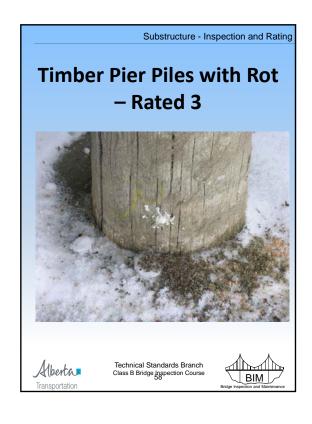


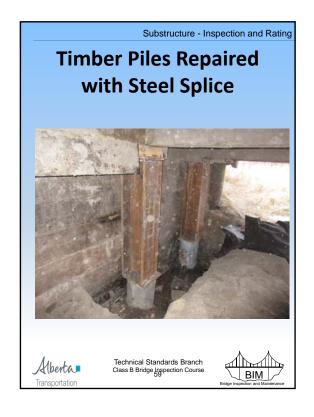


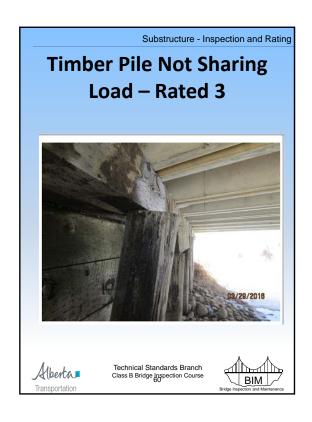


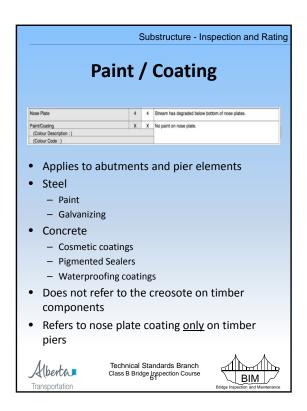












Paint / Coating

• No coating on treated timber substructures therefore rate X.

- unless there is a nose plate then rate plate coating

• Check areas exposed to moisture and or salt

- under leaking joints

- water line

- ground line

• Check areas that are difficult to coat

- edges and corners

- bolts and connections

- areas with poor access

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• Rate according to condition and ability to protect the underlying element

• Top coat deteriorating but prime coat intact - rate 5

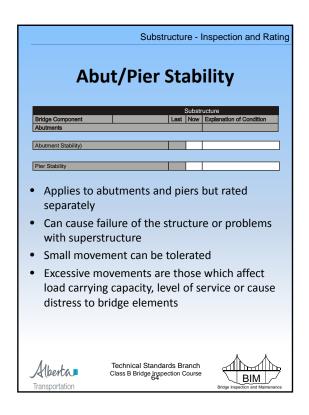
• Pitting or loss of section of underlying element - rate 4 or less

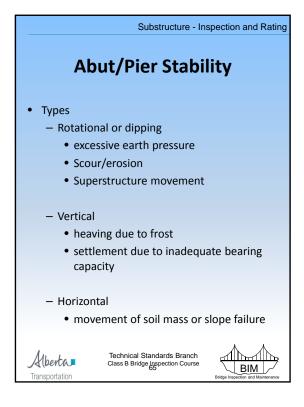
• Coatings for aesthetics only (cosmetic coatings on concrete) - rate 3 or more

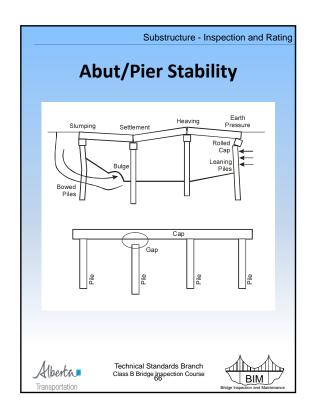
• If no coating on steel elements and there is corrosion, rate 4 or less.

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Abut/Pier Stability

• Span alignment problems detected in superstructure inspection may indicate substructure instability

• Rotational Movement - look for:

— mis-alignment of caps with backwalls or piles (rotating or rolling)

— damage to connections at bearing areas

— damage to anchoring system

— signs of embankment movement

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Abut/Pier Stability

- Lateral Movement look for:
 - uneven bearing areas
 - horizontal misalignment between spans
 - separation between backwall and wingwalls
 - signs of embankment movement
 - out of plumb piles
 - bowed struts
 - broken backwall scab/anchor pile connections



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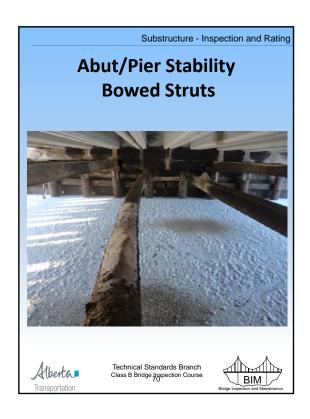
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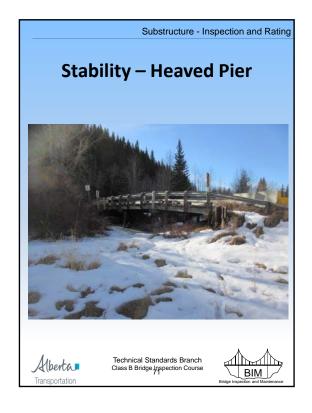
- Vertical Movement look for:
 - unevenness in superstructure
 - gaps between piles and caps
 - misalignment of structural elements
- Can have serious scour without affecting stability
- Movement that requires monitoring rate 4 or loss.
- Movement causing damage to any bridge element - rate 4 or less

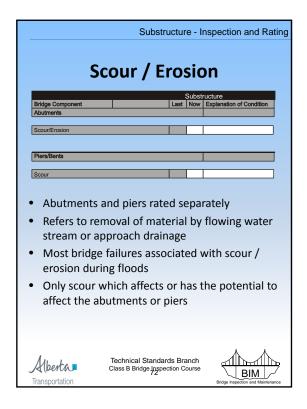


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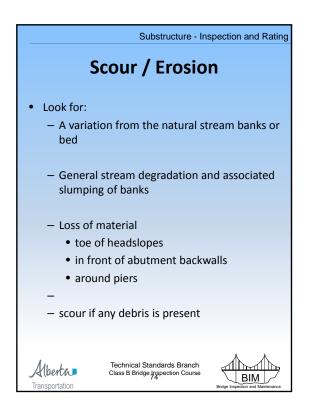








Substructure - Inspection and Rating Scour / Erosion Definition - refer to 16.2 • Scour – Removal of streambed material due to increased velocities caused by obstruction or constrictions Erosion – general removal of material on stream banks, drainage ditches etc. by flowing water Factors - stream geometry - type of material in stream banks and bed obstructions • ice, drift, piers, abutments, river training works alignment of piers and abutments - degree or constriction at bridge severity of flood Technical Standards Branch Alberta Class B Bridge Inspection Course



Scour / Erosion

Determine the extent of the scour / erosion and probable cause

Approach road drainage that is also causing abutment erosion rated in Abut Scour/Erosion

Scour or erosion causing loss of fill material from below or behind backwall rate 4 or less

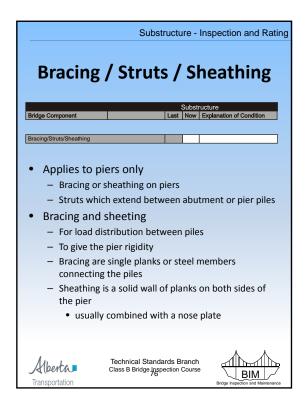
If stability of structure threatened rate 3 or less

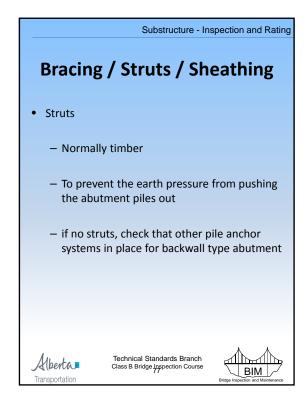
If vertical bank at the abutment rate 3 or less

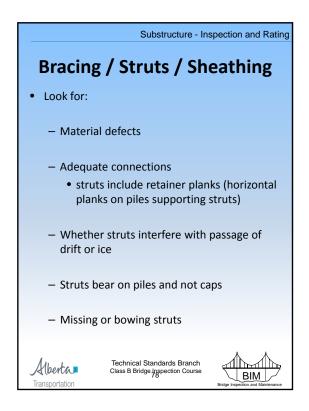
If loss of fill is safety concern resulting in a hazard, rate 2 or less

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Bracing / Struts / Sheathing

Rate according to condition and functionality

All elements a single rating - use the "Explanation of Condition" to identify details

If struts are bowed, missing, or bear on caps instead of piles

- significant abutment movement has not occurred rate 4

- Significant movement, rate 3 or less.

If sheeting on pier does not extend to waterline or above high water level rate 4

Loose/missing sheathing rate 4 or less

Cracked/broken bracing rate 4 or less

