Welcome Class A Bridge Inspection Course Twin Atria, Edmonton, AB October 3 - 7, 2016

General Information

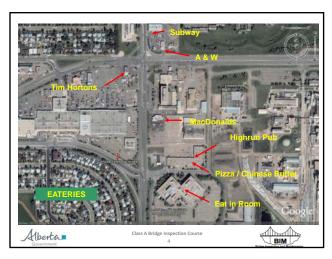
- First Aid
- Fire Extinguisher
- Room Access
 - > Opens at 7:30 am everyday
 - ➤ Locked at 5:00 pm everyday
 - ➤ Open at lunch
 - ➤ Washrooms
- Smoking
 - ➤ No smoking in building or field trip vehicles
 - ➤ Smoking allowed outside at ashtray locations



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General Information Cont'd

- Field Trip on Thursday and Friday
 - ➤ Hard Hat, Traffic Vest, Hip Waders, Boots
 - ➤ Clip board, flashlight, hammer, tape measure
 - > Transportation provided from Twin Atria
- Course Evaluation sheet must be filled in at end of course
- Questions allowed at anytime, or before lunch and at end of day



Self Introduction

- Name
- Organization
- Bridge Experience Type and Years
- Present or Proposed Involvement with Bridges and Bridge Inspections



Quizzes

- Exams are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
- Pass mark is 70%
- Marks posted daily
- If you have objections to posting marks contact lead instructor privately



Courtesies

- No cell phone or text messaging activities.
- No talking during exams leave room and talk in hall once exam is completed.
- No cheating or peeking at other peoples exams.

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Course Objective

- Learn Class A and B differences
- Detailed Concrete inspection
- Detailed Steel inspection steel girders and trusses
- Learn inspection techniques
- Learn advanced terminology
- Learn details of inspecting major bridges



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INSPECTION POLICIES AND, PROCEDURES

CLASS A CERTIFICATION REQUIREMNTS



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Inspection Policies and Procedures

Inspector's Role and Responsibilities

- Identify safety related deficiencies.
- Take appropriate action.
- Perform a thorough inspection.
- Accurately determine the condition of the bridge components.
- Rate the bridge elements in accordance with established criteria (BIM Manual).
- Identify deficiencies and recommend appropriate and timely maintenance.



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Inspector's Role and Responsibilities

- Properly document required items on the appropriate inspection form.
- Provide additional documentation to back up ratings and maintenance recommendations.
- Verify, update or collect necessary inventory information.



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Inspection Policies and Procedures

Cl. A Inspector Skills

- Able to recognize safety related deficiencies.
- Be decisive in taking appropriate action.
- Accurately determine the condition of bridge components.
- Thorough and complete understanding of the rating system.
- Know the appropriate ratings for the full range of conditions encountered.
- Able to recognize maintenance requirements and make appropriate maintenance recommendations.
- Good written communication skills to produce a high quality inspection report.





Class of Inspectors

Inspectors are classified as Class A or Class B and are certified to carry out inspections of bridge structures on public roads as follows:

Class A

- > Qualified to perform a Level 1 inspection on all major bridges, standard bridges and culverts (all structure types).
- Class B certification is a pre-requisite for Class A

Class B

> Qualified to perform a Level 1 inspection on standard bridges and culverts only.



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Class A Certification Requirements

- · Civil Engineering Degree
- · or Civil Engineering Technical Diploma
- or equivalent combination of education and experience that is acceptable to Alberta Transportation.

Certification process is 4 Stages:

Stage 1:

- Current Class B Certification and completed minimum of 75 inspections.
- Successful completion of Alberta Transportation Class A BIM Training Course (5 day course - 70% average score required).



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Class A Certification Requirements

Stage 2 - Mentorship Program:

- •Successful completion of mentorship program.
- •Mentor is Class A with minimum 6 years of certification, and approved by AT.
- •Complete min. 45 training sites under guidance of mentor.
- •Begin program by inspecting 10 different structure types together with mentor (these 10 can count toward total if complete inspections are
- •Mentor reviews and recommends training sites.
- •Minimum 60% of the 45 sites must have a maximum structural condition rating of 45% and Superstructure must be accessible.
- Variety of structure types



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Class A Certification Requirements

Stage 2 - Mentorship Program - continued:

- •Letter of Recommendation from mentor.
- Provide pdf copies of training inspections with mentor comments and other communication and feedback during mentoring program.
- •Summary spreadsheet.

Stage 3:

•Certification exam (min. 75% score required)

Stage 4:

- •Test inspections at 3 sites completed in 1 day and using blank forms.
- Sites previously benchmarked by AT representative and reviewed for acceptability by





Class A Certification Requirements

Stage 4 - continued:

- •Stage 3 and 4 can be done in reverse order
- •If failure of any stage of process then:
- > one chance to redo that stage.
- >Two failures of any stage requires process to be re-started at Stage 1.
- •Certification after all 4 stages have been successfully completed and with approval from Director of Bridge Engineering.
- •Certification is valid until next certification renewal date normally 3 years



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Class A Re-Certification Process

- <u>Active</u> involvement in BIM and acceptable performance
- In order to be re-certified, inspectors must meet one of the following criteria:
- Performed minimum average rate of 2 BIM inspections per month during previous 3 year period (50% must be major bridges) - or –
- 2) Performed a min average rate of 1 BIM inspection per month during previous 3 year period (50% must be major bridges) and have been active in management, design, or construction of bridges - or
- 3) Acted as reviewer for min average rate of 2.5 inspections per month during previous 3 years or
- 4) Acted as AT reviewer for min average rate of 5 inspections per month during previous 3 years and have been active in management, design, or construction of bridges.



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Class A Re-Certification Process

- Inspector status is reviewed by AT every 3 years
- Decision on re-certification is made by AT with assistance from Regional bridge staff as required
- Inspectors meeting requirements will be re-certified and notified by AT
- Inspectors not meeting requirements will be asked if they intend to maintain certification. If so, a 3 member AT panel will review inspector's status and make recommendation to Director of Bridge Eng.
- Panel may develop a plan for inspector typically writing re-certification exam and 5 test sites.
- Following is the link to the Certification and Re-Certification Process for bridge inspectors:

http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/4827.htm



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Levels of Inspection

- Most bridge structures can be visually inspected by a qualified inspector on a routine basis. (Level 1)
- Some structures or their components will require a specialized inspection (Level 1.5 or 2) to:
 - accurately determine their condition
 - gather additional information
 - access components that are not fully accessible during routine Level 1 inspections





Levels of Inspection

Level 1 Inspection

- > A general inspection
- > Primarily visual
- Requires completion of the Level 1 BIM inspection report
- > Use of basic tools and equipment

Level 1.5 Inspection

Level 1 inspection but within arms reach of all bridge elements using manlift or snooper



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Inspection Frequency

A Level 1 inspection must be performed on all bridge structures on a cycle not exceeding:

- •All structures located on roadways designated as Level 1 or Level 2 in accordance with the Provincial Highway Service Classification – every 21 months.
- •All structures located on roadways designated as Level 3 or Level 4 in accordance with the Provincial Highway Service Classification – every 39 months.
- •Major bridges on local roads 39 months.
- •Standard bridges and culverts on local roads 57 months.
- •All new structures as part of final construction completion.
- •After significant maintenance or rehabilitation.
- •Frequencies are intended to provide the benefit of inspecting during different seasonal conditions.



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Levels of Inspection

Level 2 Inspection

- ➤ In-depth inspection.
- Completion of the appropriate Level 2 inspection report.
- Use of specialized knowledge, equipment or procedures
- All levels of inspections must be performed by a certified inspector.
- Level 1 inspections must be done at the minimum frequency specified by policy.
- Level 1.5 and Level 2 inspections are performed on a prescribed cycle or an as required basis.



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Inspection Frequency

- In special circumstances (e.g. park roads with summer access only) Department may modify frequency.
- A shorter cycle may be appropriate depending on:
 - age of the structure.
 - traffic characteristics.
 - known deficiencies.
 - inaccessibility of a component or element.
- If a shorter cycle is necessary make recommendation in "Special Comments For Next Inspection" box.
- Reviewer will flag and notify AT if in agreement
- AT will change inspection cycle if in final agreement
- A date beyond the next standard cycle date will not be accepted by the system.
- Refer to BIM Advisory Bulletin #2 January 8, 2015 for more information:

http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/Content/docType30/Production/BIM Advisory Bulletin 1-2012.pdf





Training of Inspectors

- Technical Standards Branch manages the delivery of the BIM Class A Bridge Inspection Course
- Regions responsible for field training of Department Staff
- Non Department staff are responsible to arrange for field training/mentoring after completing 5 day BIM Class A Bridge Inspection Course by engaging appropriate mentor (Stage 2 Mentorship program described earlier)



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Responsibility for Inspection Technical Standards Branch

- Develop and manage the BIM System.
- Develop and monitor standards, policies and procedures.
- Perform audit inspections with assistance from Regions as required
- Provide technical support to Regions.
- Maintain and oversee updating of inventory databases.



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Responsibility for Inspection Regions

- Manage inspection programs for Provincial Roads and major bridges on Local Roads through BIM inspection consultant.
- Carry out ad hoc inspections.
- Arrange for specialized inspections by others.
- Review and accept Inventory updates
- Review and accept inspection reports
- Initiate appropriate action where deficiencies are identified.
- Provide technical support to Local Road Authorities as resources permit.



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Responsibility for Inspection Local Road Authorities

- Manage BIM inspection program for Standard bridges and Culverts on local roads.
- Control and manage all bridge structures in their jurisdictions.
- Monitor all bridge structures as required.
- Report hazardous or structural element concerns (rated 2 or less) to Bridge Manager.
- Perform maintenance.





Responsibility for Inspection All Inspectors

Inspectors must follow established guidelines that define reporting procedures to ensure that:

- Proper action is initiated when safety related concerns are identified.
- Information is reported in a systematic and organized manner.
- Proper expertise is applied to inspection and maintenance.
- Follow-up is done for maintenance recommendations.



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Responsibility for Inspection All Inspectors

- Use the appropriate BIM report for inspections.
- Carry blank forms for possible structure changes
- Assign ratings according to BIM system
- Provide ratings that are consistent with explanations and supporting documentation
- Gather sufficient information and data to initiate structure change when encountered
- Verify or revise inventory data on the inspection form
- · Provide missing inventory data.



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Responsibility for Inspection All Inspectors

- Condition ratings of 4 or less the inspector must
 provide an explanation of condition.
- Condition ratings of 3 or less the inspector must
 - make appropriate recommendation for maintenance or monitoring .
 - supplement with photos also sketches, measurements if needed.
 - consider decreasing the next inspection date.
- Hazardous conditions or structural load carrying elements rated 2 or less must be reported immediately to the Bridge Manager (and LRA if on local road).
- Rating of 1 on an element critical to the safe operation of the bridge, take immediate steps to close or restrict traffic on the structure and appropriate notification.
- Report any deficient signage to the appropriate road authority as soon as possible.



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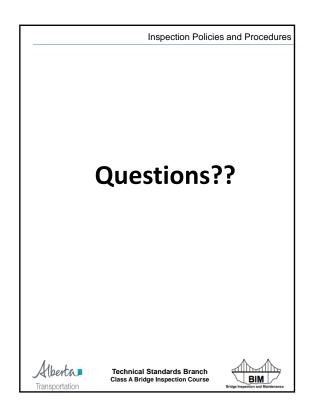
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Responsibility for Inspection All Inspectors

- Send completed inspection forms with all supporting documentation to Department's BIM consultant for review and entry of inventory updates and inspection data into BIS
- Inspection reports will be returned to the inspector if requirements are not met
- Inspector must revise report and resubmit to the BIM consultant
- Inspector should contact the BIM consultant or the Bridge Manager if there are concerns or questions about the review process







Bridge Failures in Alberta

Bridge Failures in
Alberta

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BIM

But Inspection Alberta

Introduction

Bridges are inspected for three primary reasons

> safety of bridge system

> maintenance of bridges

> management of bridge system

Inventory or management of the system can be just as important as safety and maintenance



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Bridge Failures in Alberta

Bridge Failures in Alberta

Need to Know

- Which bridges are:
 - substandard and not adequate to carry full legal loads
 - > susceptible to flooding
 - ➤ high priority for replacement



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Causes of Failure

- 70% of failures are caused by factors related to water flow
 - scouring of piers
 - > undermining of the support elements
- Structural failure
 - > element failure due to excess load or material deterioration
- Lack of knowledge or good judgment
 - Operation
 - Construction
 - > design





Contributing Factors

- Structural engineering is a science
 - > applied truckloads are known
 - > material behavior is known and can be accurately predicted
 - > everything can be accurately calculated and predicted
- River engineering is more of an art
 - > the effects of a flood cannot simply be calculated
 - > the effects of Mother Nature are not easily predicted
 - > the velocity and angle of flow, the duration of flooding,



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Bridge Failures in Alberta

Bear Creek on 84 Ave in Grande Prairie

- SPCSP HE 5.5 x9m
- Installed in 1973
- Total collapse of structure in 1988
- No inspection after installation



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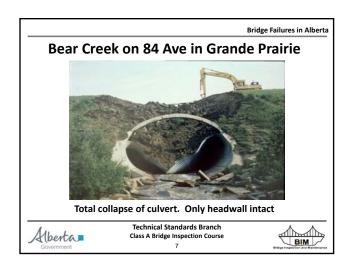


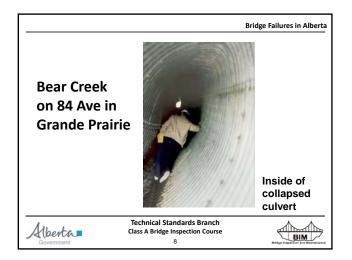
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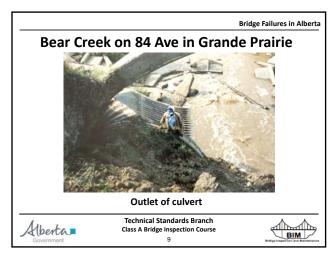
Structure on 84 Avenue in Grande Prairie

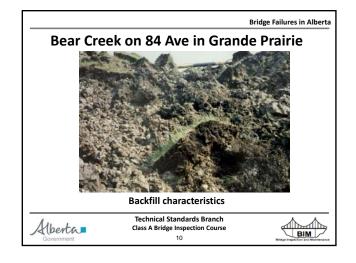
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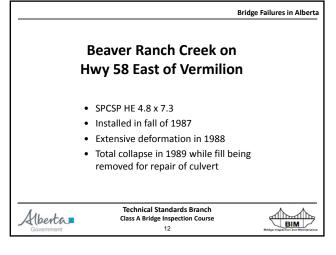




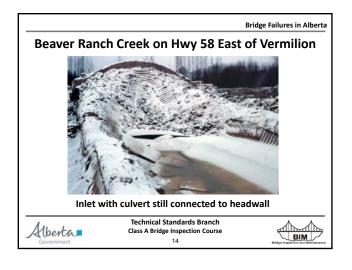




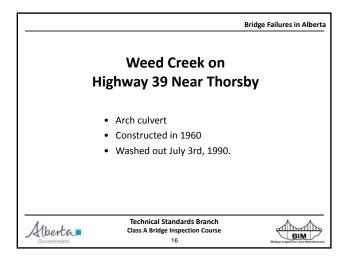


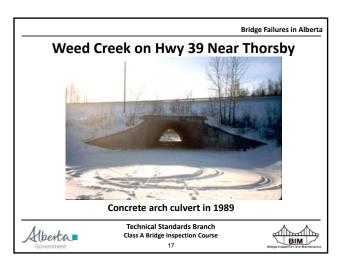


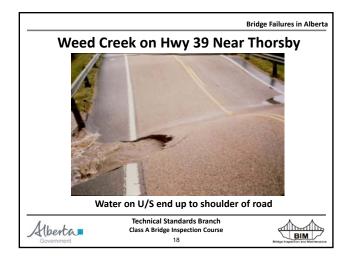


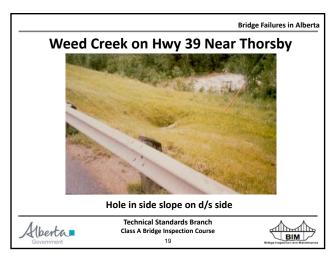




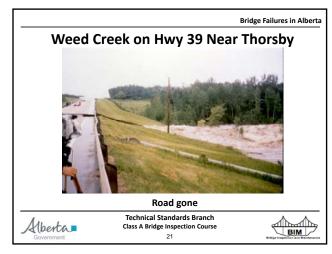


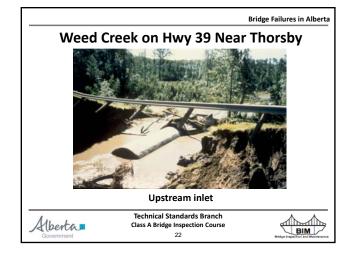


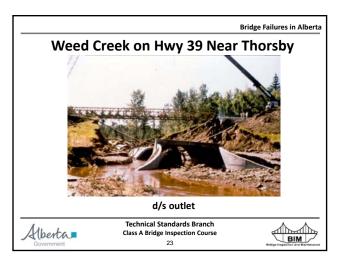


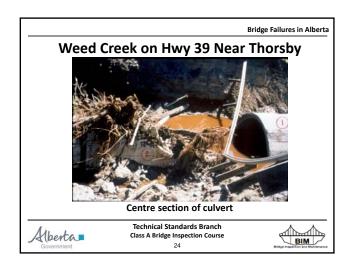


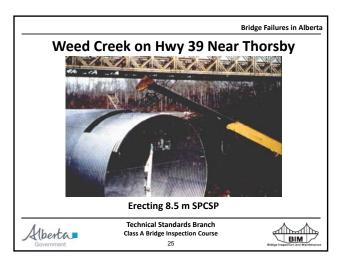


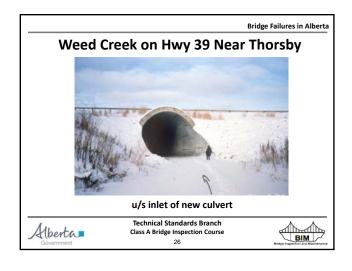












BF 77496 – Hwy. 40 over Lineham
Creek in Kananaskis

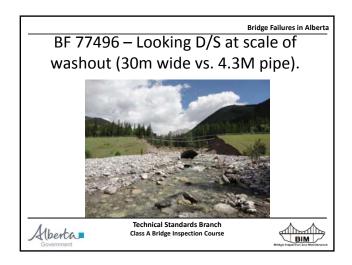
4.3M diameter Structural Plate Ellipse (SPE) culvert installed in 1983.

53M invert length.

9.1M road to streambed height.

Washed out during 2013 flood event.

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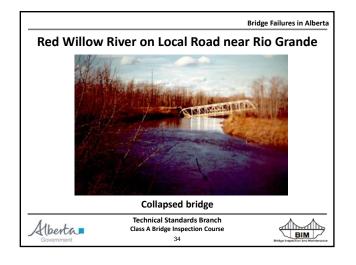


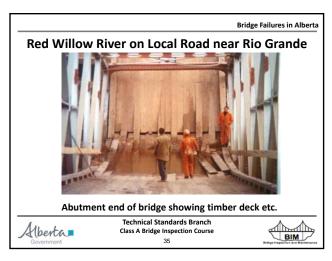
Red Willow River on Local Road near Rio Grande

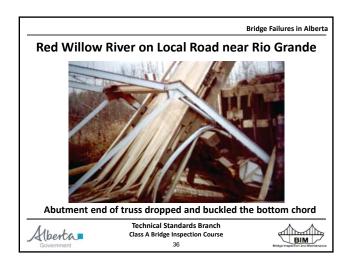
- 150' through truss built in 1927
- Bridge posted for 17 tons
- Bridge collapsed 1977
- Failure of rotten abutment corbel









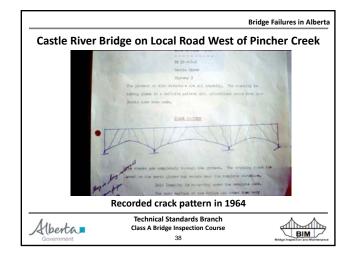


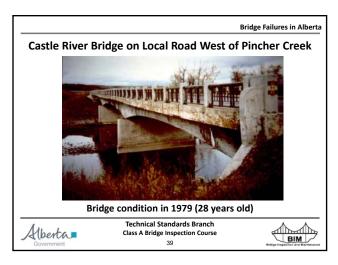
Castle River Bridge on Local Road West of Pincher Creek

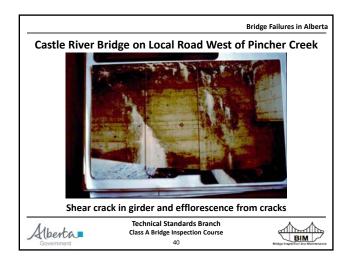
- built in 1951 designed by consultant in Toronto
- Concrete T girder poor condition in 1961
- replaced in 1981

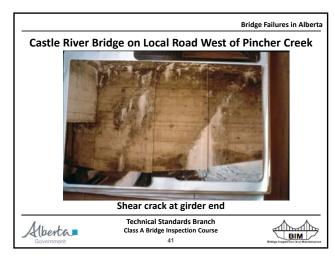


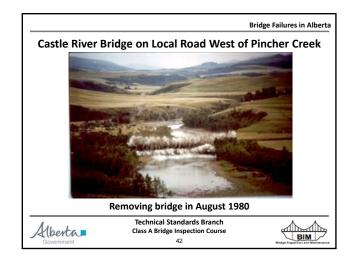


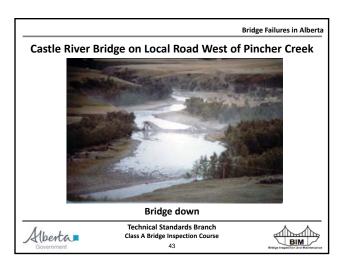


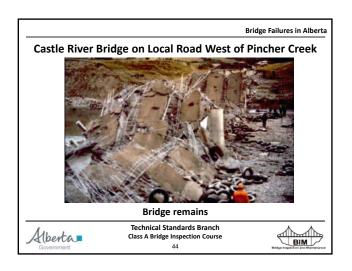












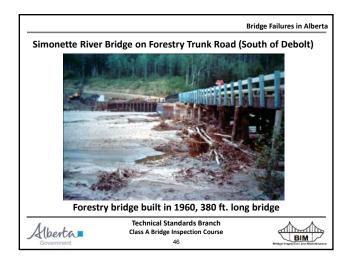
Simonette River Bridge on Forestry Trunk Road (South of Debolt)

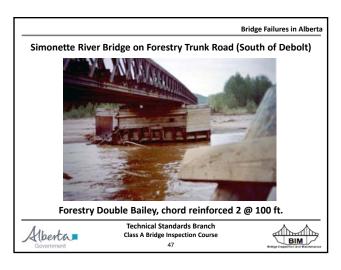
- Timber and Bailey built in 1960 deck to s/b 3m
- 1982, 2 through trusses 60.96m 9m deck to s/b
- Washed out in 1987 (Tornado Flood)
- Rebuilt in 1988

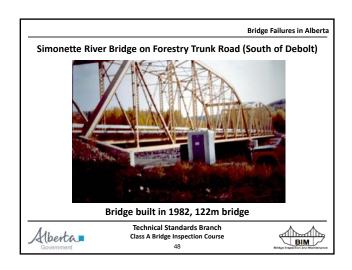


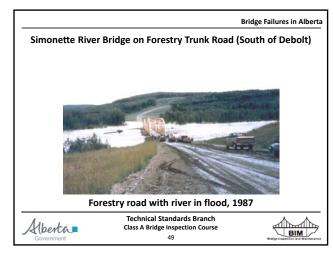
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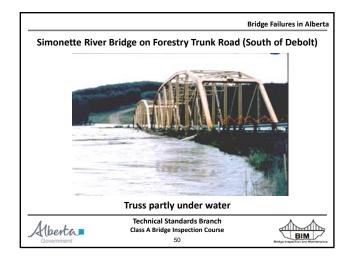
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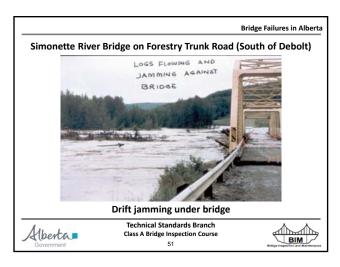


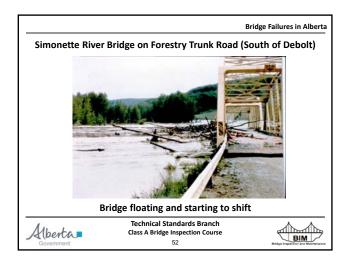




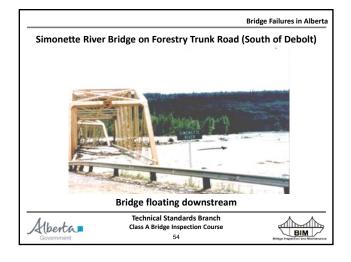


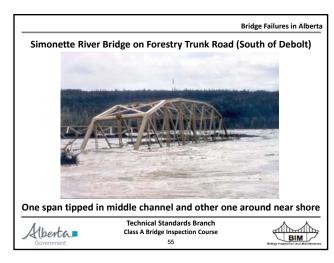


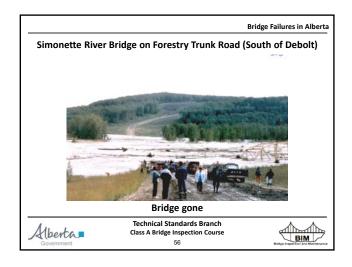


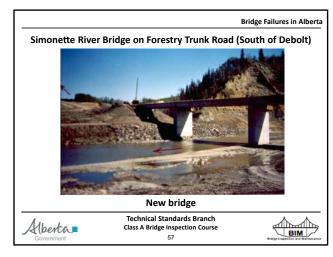


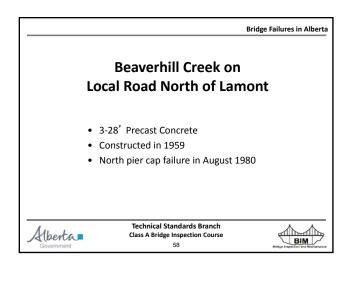


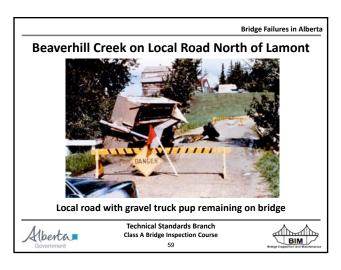




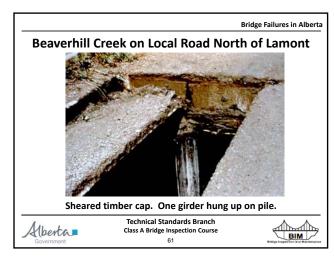


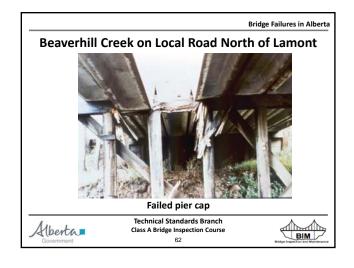


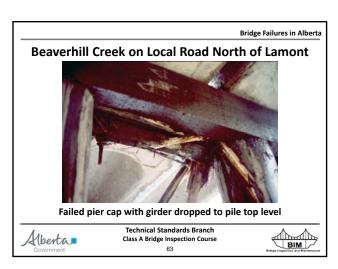




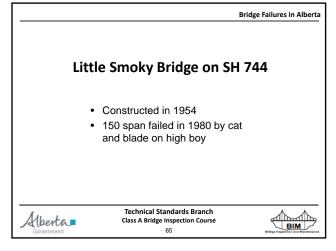


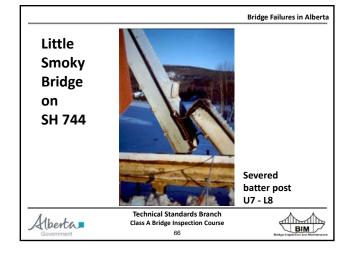


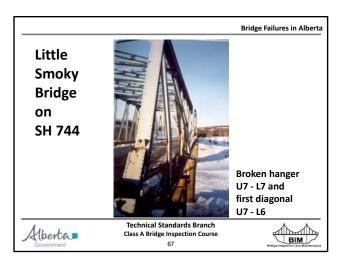




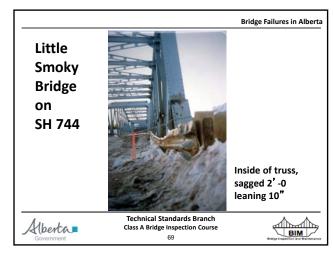










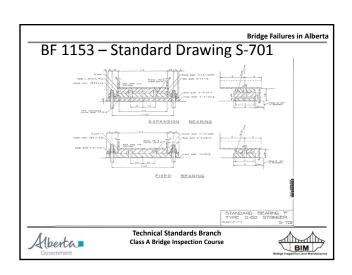


BF 1153 – Hwy. 22 over Oldman River near Lundbreck

- 3 span Type PO girders on concrete substructure -built 1959.
- Span lengths of 20.7 29 29 M.
- Typ. Sliding Plate Bearing with Self-Lubricating Bronze Plates.
- Expansion Bearings at P1 and P3. Deck height is 18.5M.
- Routine Level 1 BIM inspection of December 2015 noted frozen bearings at the west end of P1 under Span 1 G1 and G2.
- Significant portion of concrete pier cap under G1, G2 bearings had failed due to induced stresses into pier from frozen bearings resulting in G1 un-supported and near collapse.
- Lane above immediately closed and truck traffic detoured.
- Subsequent BIM Advisory bulletin #3 issued January 20, 2016.



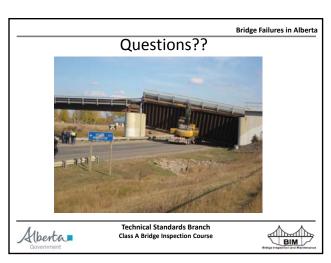


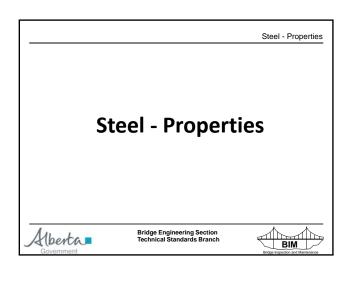












Steel - Properties **History of Steel** Cast Iron • Cast iron preceded wrought iron. • It is brittle, has high carbon content with low tensile strength. • It has excellent casting properties. • It was mainly used to carry axial compression loads. • It replaced cast iron, because of good tensile strength properties. BIM Bridge Engineering Section Technical Standards Branch

History of Steel • Steel gradually replaced wrought iron until about 1890. • Steel in commercial quantities is just over 100 years • The chemistry of steel was not controlled until about • Strength and elongation were guaranteed but not the · This was satisfactory for riveted structures but not for welded details

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Steel - Properties **History of Steel**

Steel

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- Welding was first introduced in bridges in about 1936.
- During the World War, US produced a large number of welded cargo vessels.
- Many of these ships broke apart due to brittle fracture of steel adjacent to the welds.
- Welding contributes to brittle fracture because of introduction of severe cooling rates in the steel adjacent to the weld HAZ (Heat Affected Zone).

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Steel - Properties

History of Steel

Failure of Steel Structures

- The St. Maurice Bridge at Quebec failed in January 1951. It was four years old.
- Byte Bend Bridge in Sacramento, California, failed in 1970 during construction.
- The Freemont Bridge in Portland, Oregon, had a failure in truss joint in 1971.
- In St. Paul, Minnesota, a girder in the Lafayette Street Bridge failed in 1975.



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- Iron in the pure form is a soft, shiny metal like aluminum.
- However, it is never found in this state.
- Iron oxidizes extremely easily.
- In nature it is always found as an oxide.



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Steel - Properties

Steel - Properties

What is Steel?

Alloy

 Metal prepared by adding other metals or non-metals to secure desirable properties.

Steel

• It is an alloy of iron, carbon and other trace elements.



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Steel Making Process

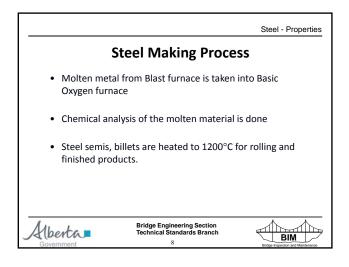
- $\bullet \quad \hbox{Iron ore, coke and limestone are major raw materials.}$
- Coke is obtained by distilling coal.
- Raw material is charged into Blast furnace which has a temperature of 1600° C.
- Iron melts at the bottom.
- Solidified iron is called "Pig Iron"

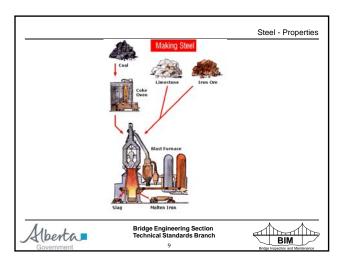


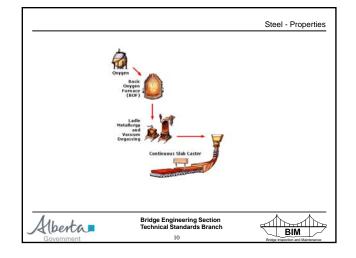
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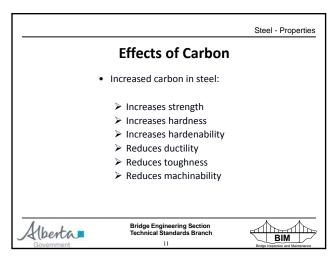


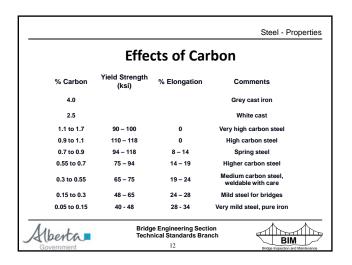
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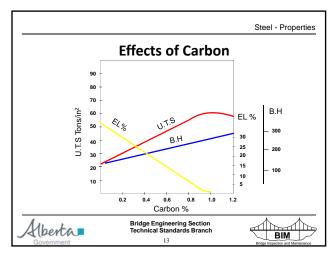












Effects of Other Alloying Elements 1. Sulphur:

- Higher sulphur causes porosity and hot cracking in welding
- Can cause brittleness in hot metal
- Increases hardenability
- It is not desirable and is kept as low as possible
- Its ill effects are reduced by adding other alloying elements such as manganese.



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Effects of Other Alloying Elements 2. Phosphorus - Like sulphur it is not desirable and is kept as low as possible - It increases strength and hardenability. - It reduces ductility and weldability. 3. Manganese - It is added to counteract the ill effects of sulphur - Increases strength, hardenability and notch toughness

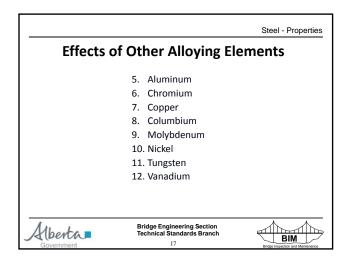
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It reduces weldability

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Steel - Properties **Effects of Other Alloying Elements** 4. Silicon: - It is used as de-oxidizer in steel making and produces fine grained steel. - 0.15 to 0.50 range is desirable and is known as "killed - It increases strength and hardenability. BIM Bridge Engineering Section Technical Standards Branch Alberta.■



Steel - Properties

Basic Metallurgy

Grains

- The crystals of metals are referred to as grains.
- The smallest grain of a metal contains a large number of atoms.

Space-lattice

All grains are composed of atoms bound together in a definite pattern or structure. This atomic structure is called space-lattice.



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Basic Metallurgy

Structure of a Metal

The characteristics of the structure of a metal are due to:

- The atoms making up the metal.
- The manner in which the atoms are arranged.

Space-lattice Types

There are 14 possible space lattice types.

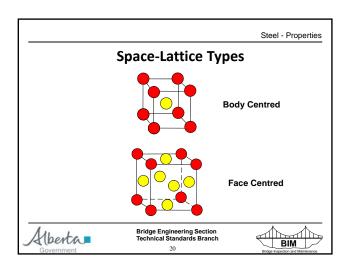
- The body centered cubic has 9 atoms.
- The face centered cubic has 14 atoms.

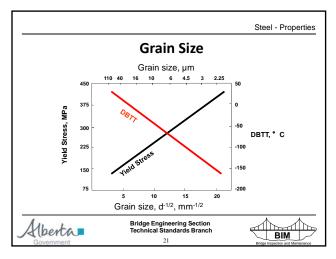


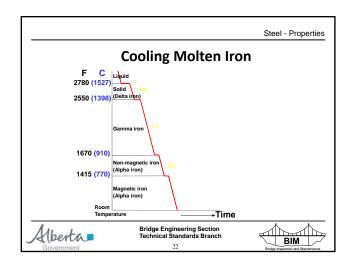
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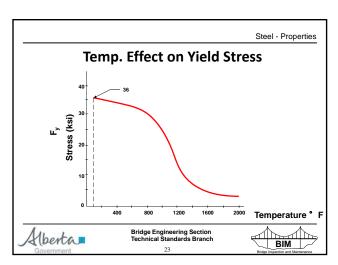


Steel - Properties









Steel - Properties

Definitions

Annealing:

Heating and holding at a suitable temperature and then cooling at a suitable rate. For such purposes as reducing hardness, improving machinability, facilitating cold working, producing a desired microstructure, or obtaining desired mechanical, physical, or other properties.

Hardenability:

Steel property which describes the depth to which the steel may be hardened during quenching.



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Definitions

Hardness:

A measure of a material's resistance to localized plastic deformation.

Heat Treatment:

The way to produce particular microstructures and properties in steel by heating and cooling.

Killed Steel:

Steel deoxidized with a strong deoxidizing agent, such as silicon or aluminum, to reduce the oxygen content to such a level that no reaction occurs between carbon and oxygen during solidification.



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Steel - Properties

Steel - Properties

Definitions

Normalizing:

In this process, the steel is heated to about 100 F above the transformation range, held there only briefly and then cooled in still air. This process refines the grain.

Quenching:

In heat treatment, the step of cooling metals rapidly in order to obtain desired properties.



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Definitions

Stress Relieving:

Heating to a suitable temperature, holding long enough to reduce residual stresses and then cooling slowly to minimize the development of new residual stresses.

Tempering:

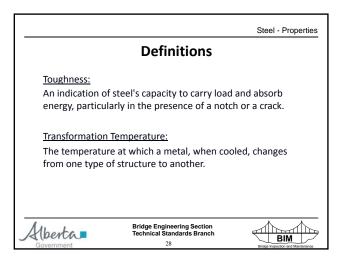
It is the process at which hardened steel is reheated at some point below the transformation range and cooled in air or water.

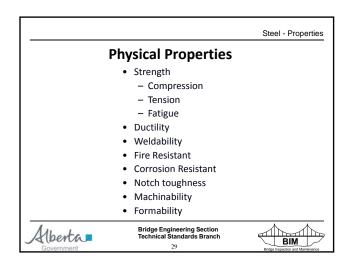


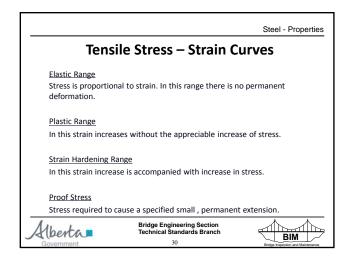
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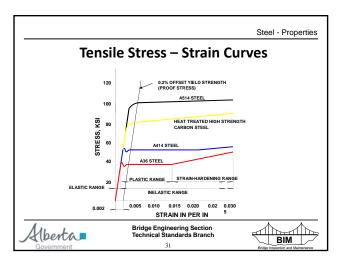


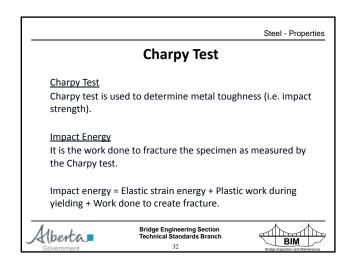
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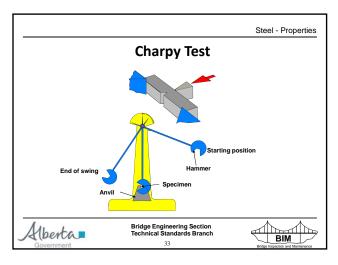


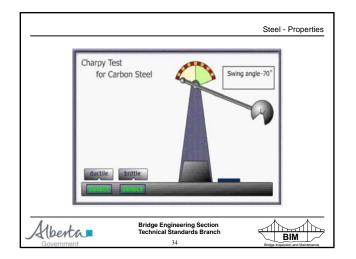


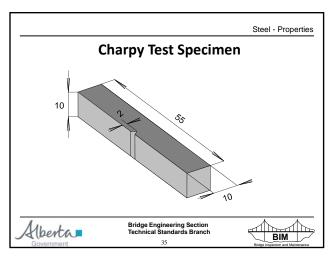








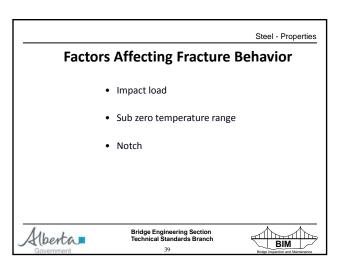


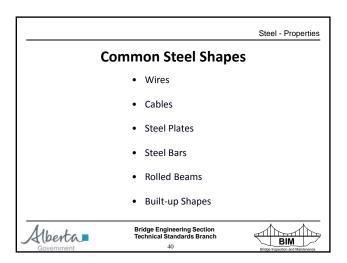


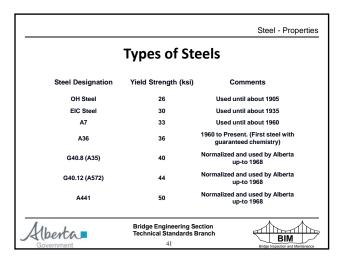


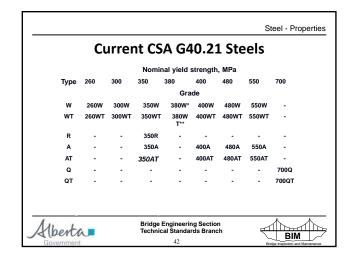


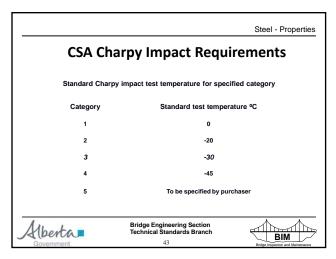


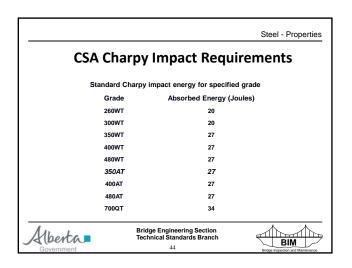


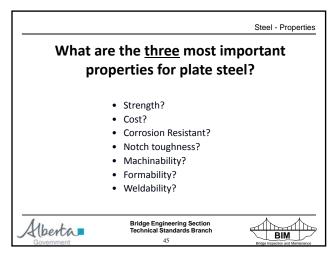


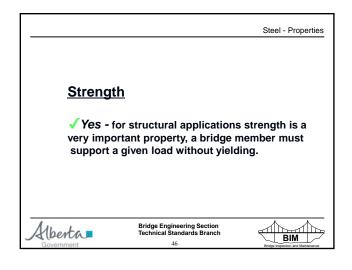


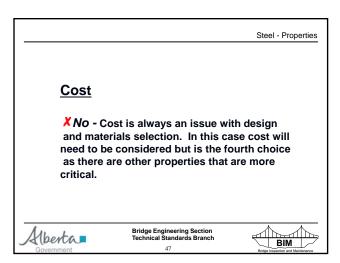


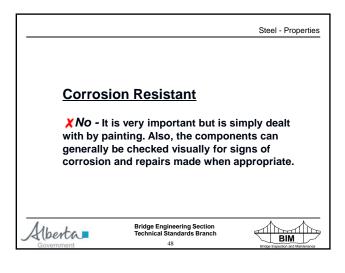


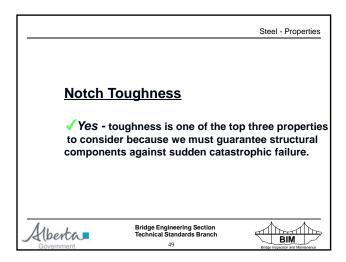


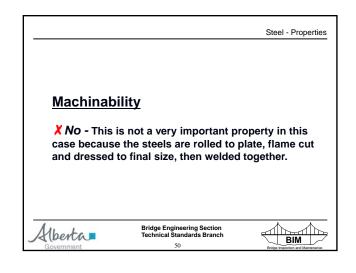


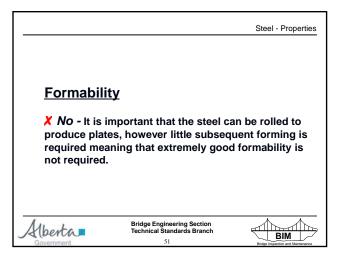


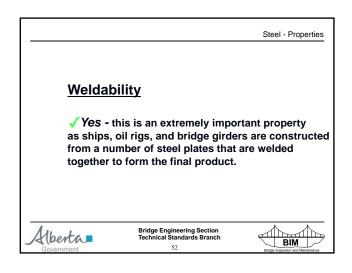


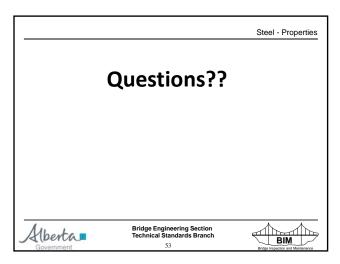








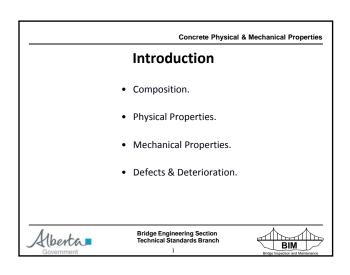


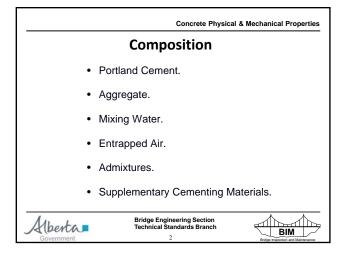


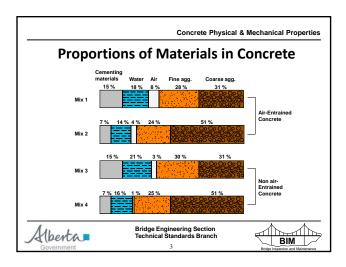
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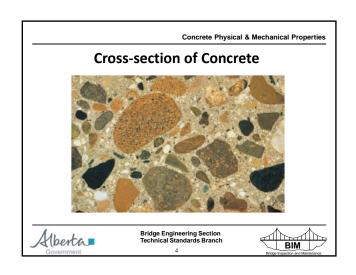
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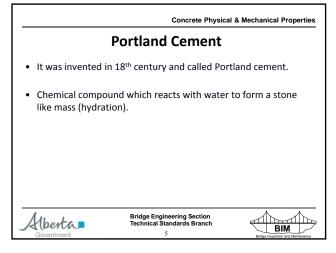
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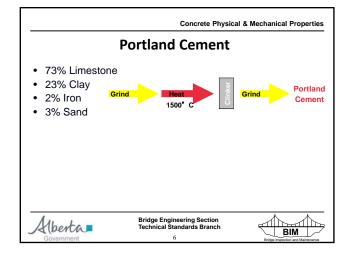


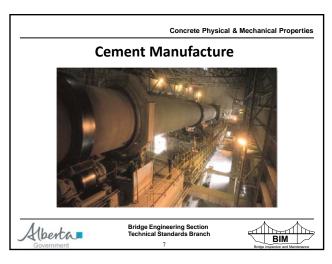


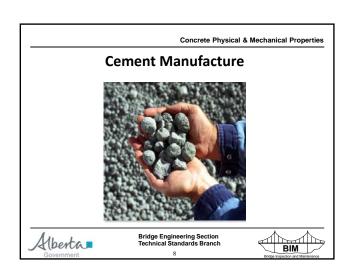


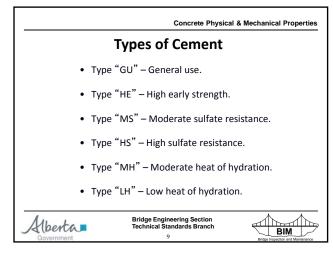


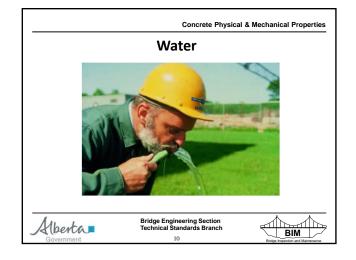


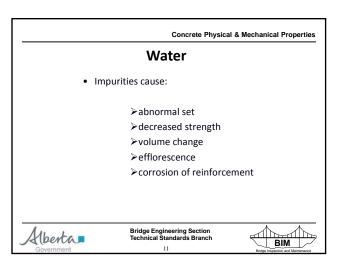




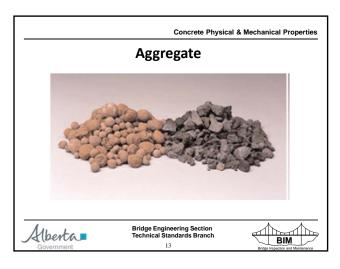


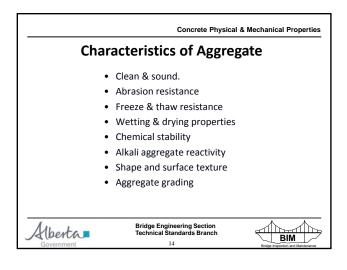


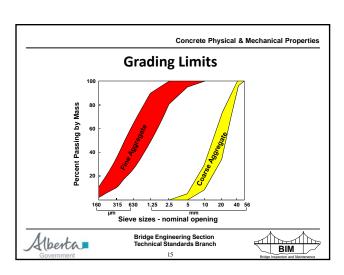


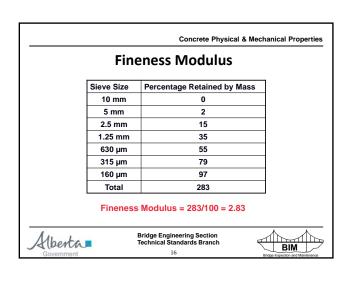


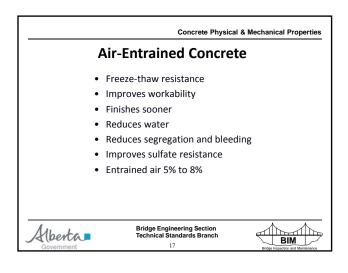




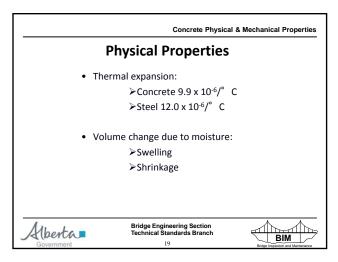


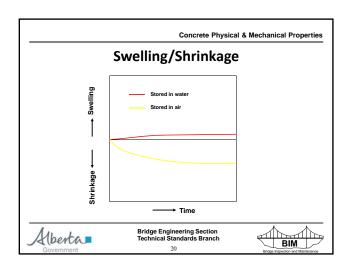


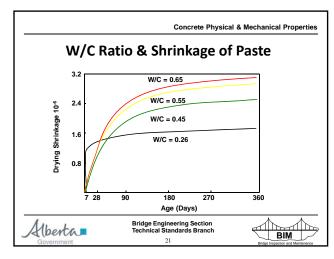


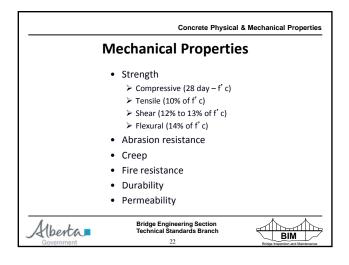


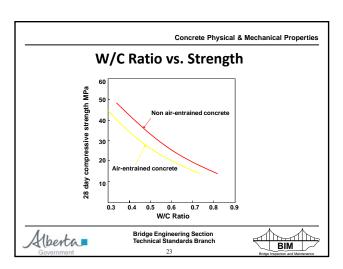


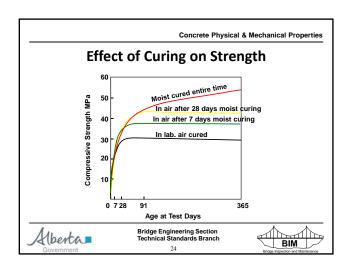


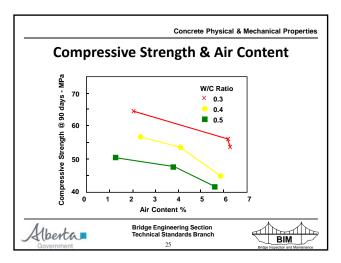


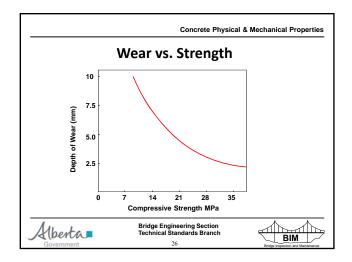


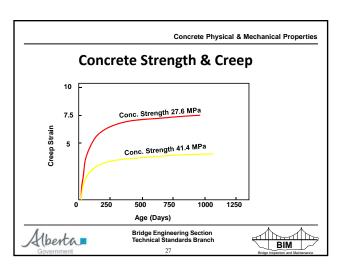


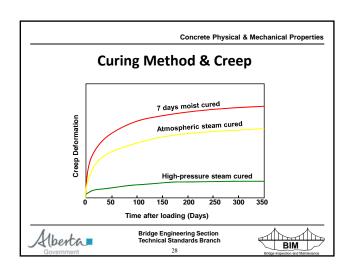


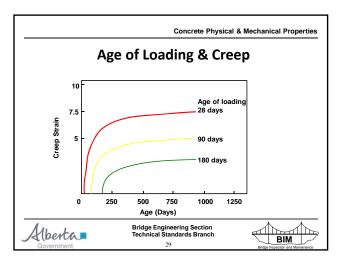


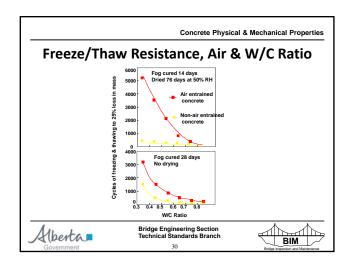


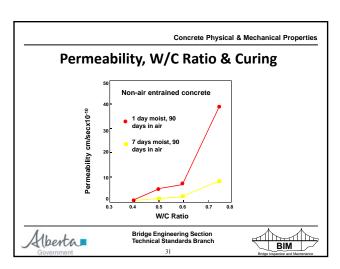


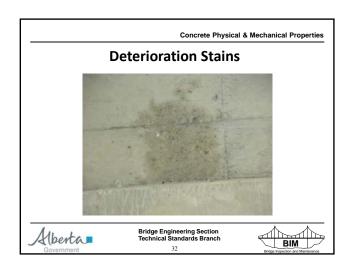




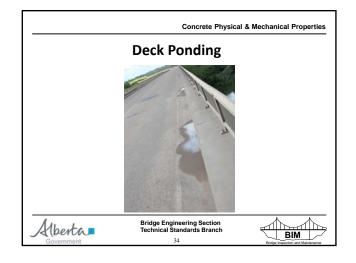


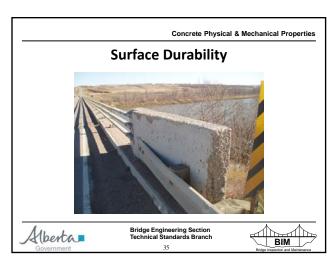






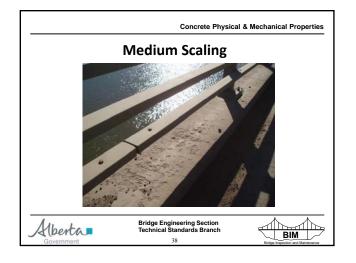








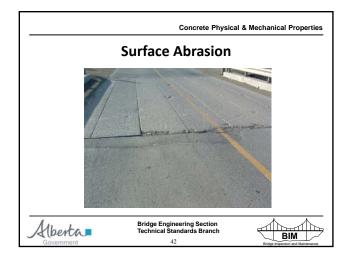


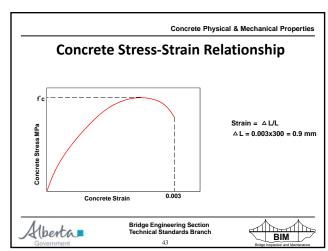


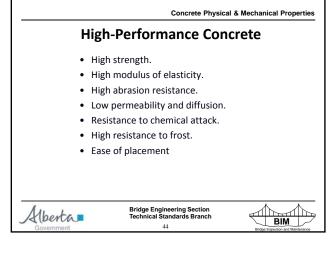


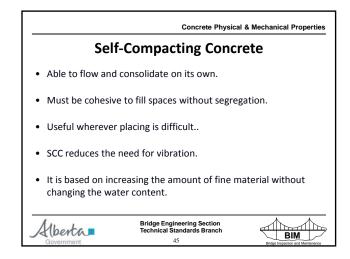


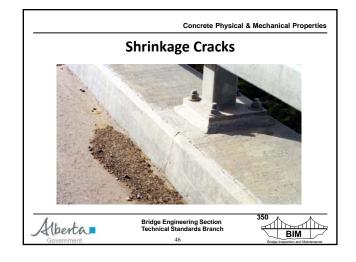


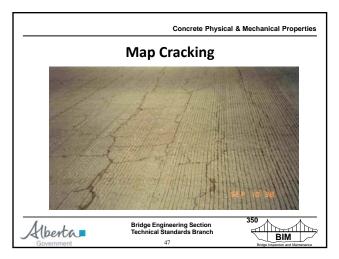


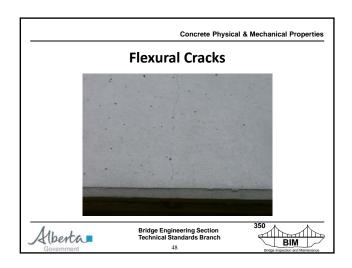


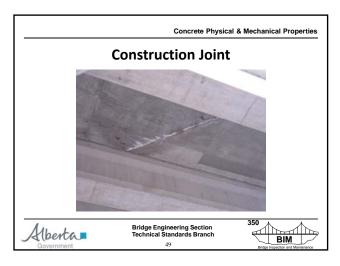


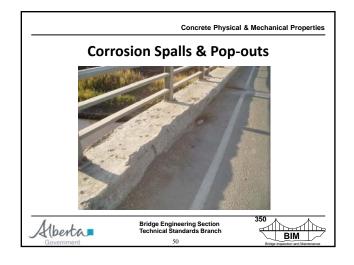






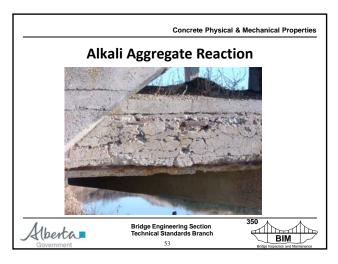




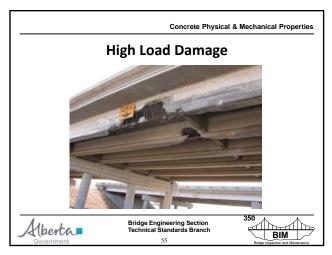


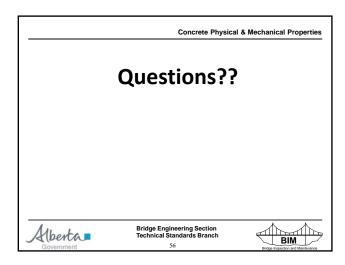




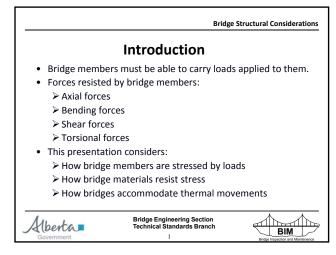


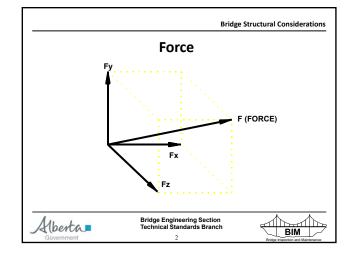


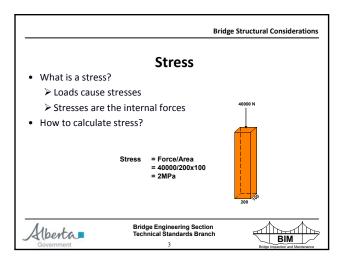


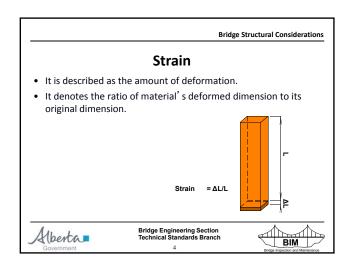


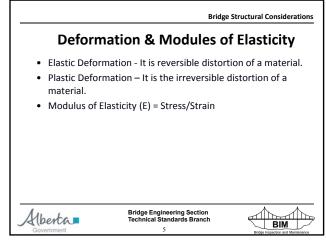


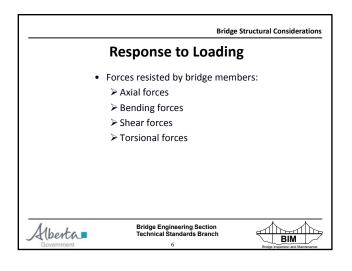


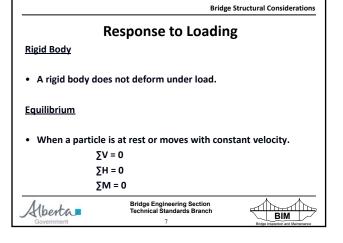


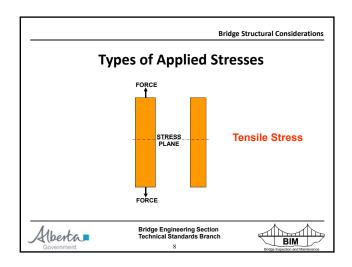


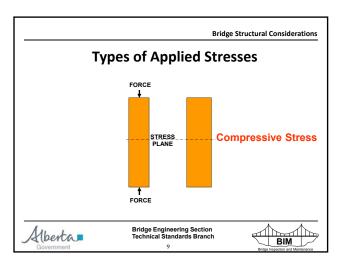


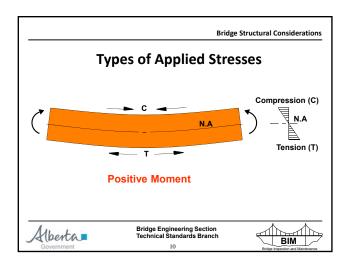


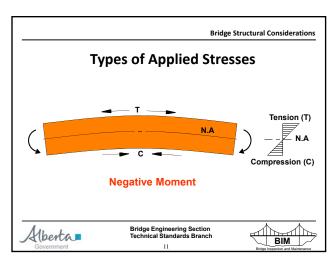


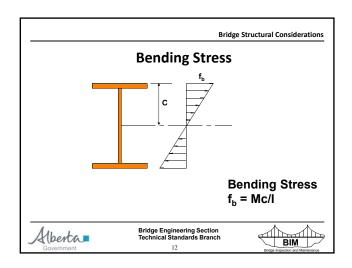


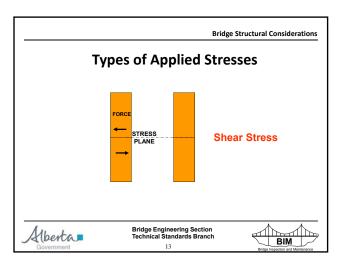


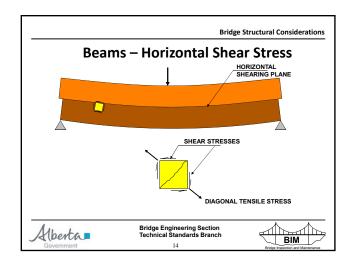


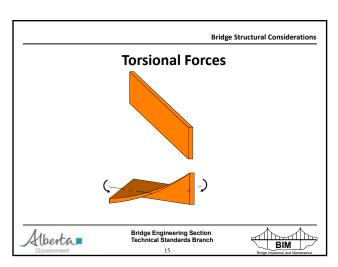


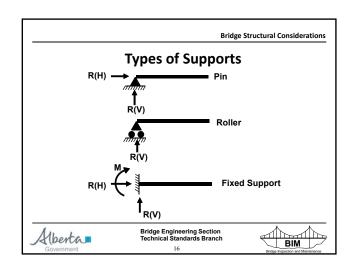


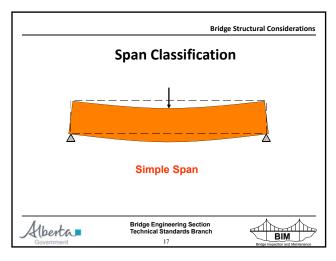


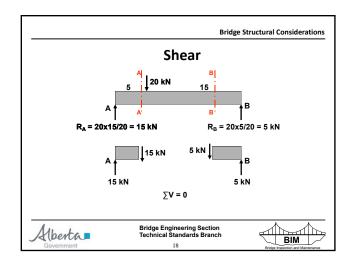


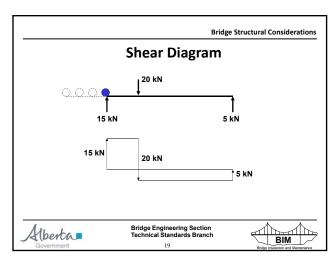


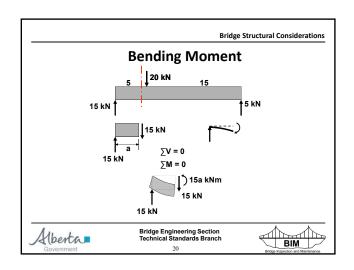


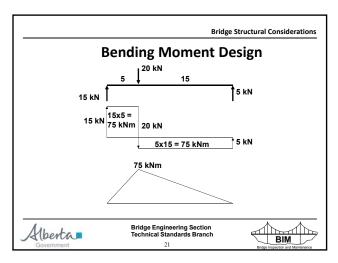


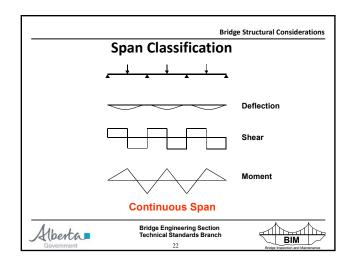


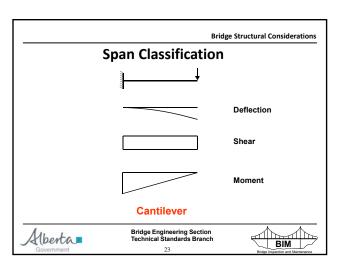


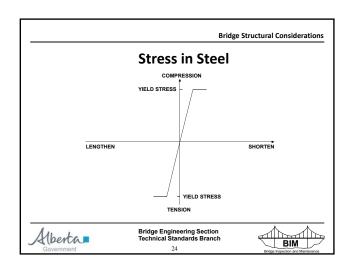


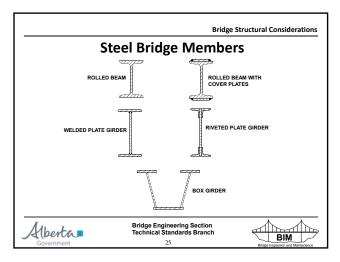


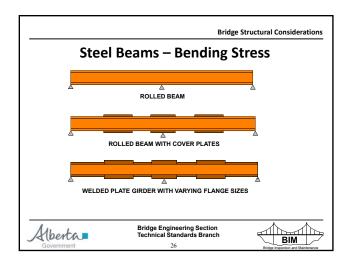


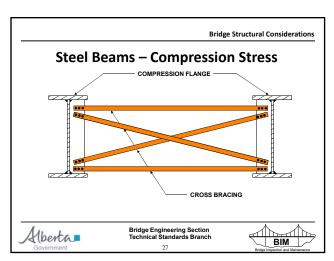


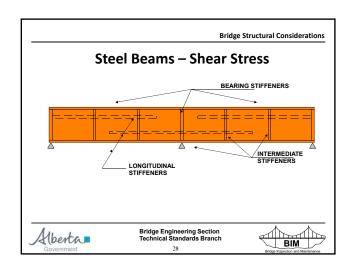


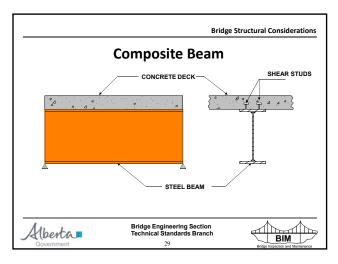


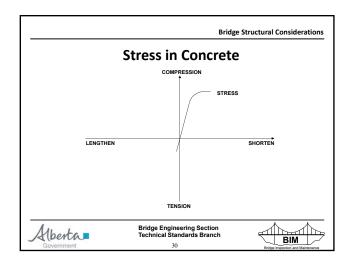


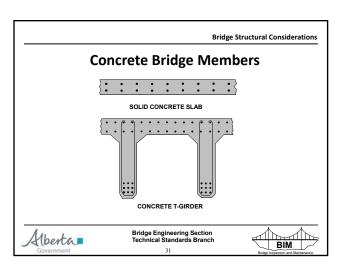


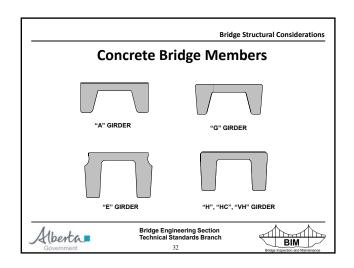


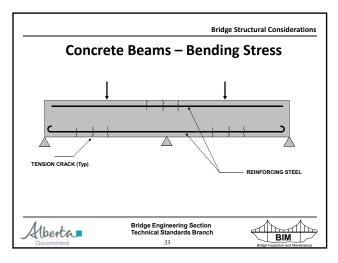


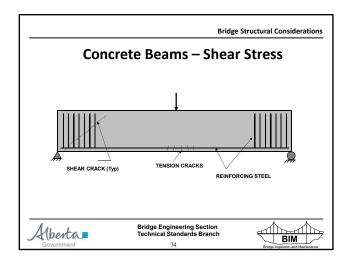


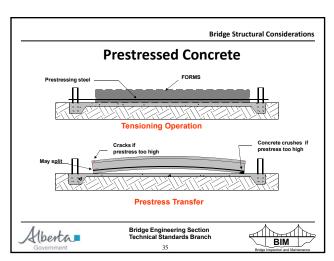


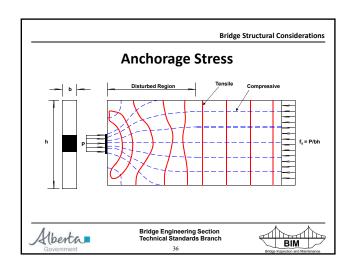


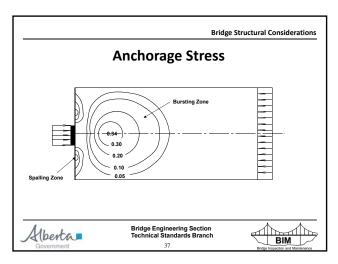


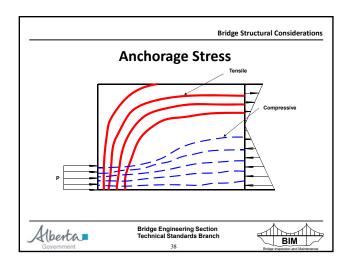


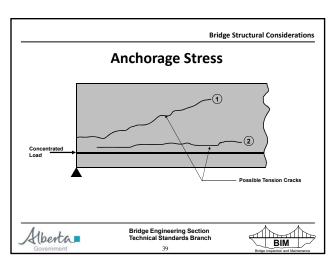


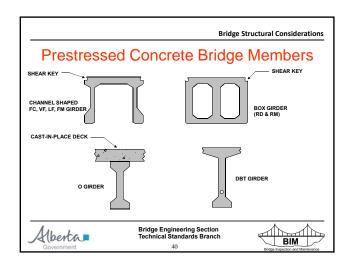


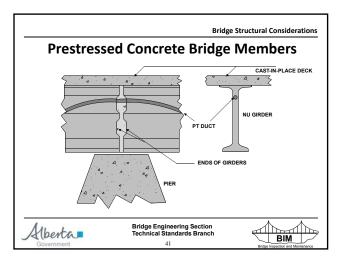


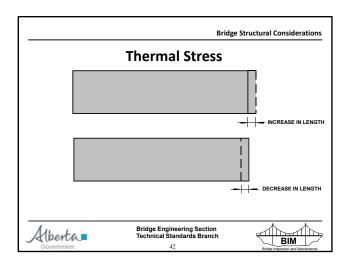


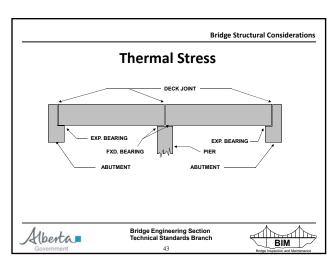


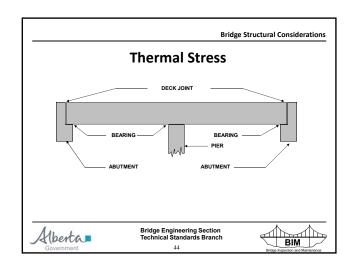


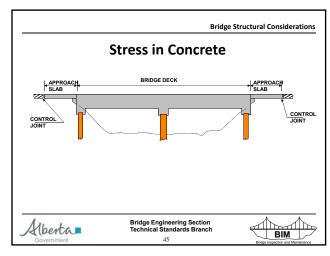


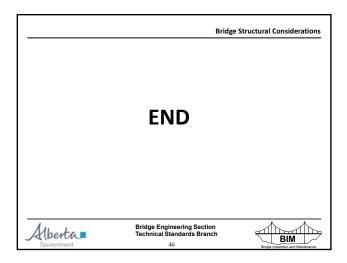


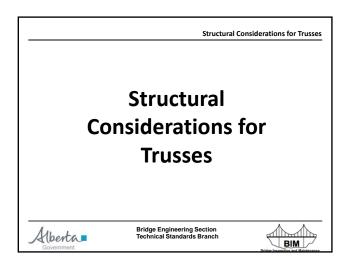


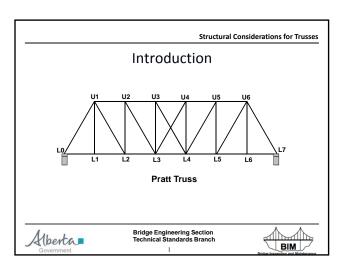


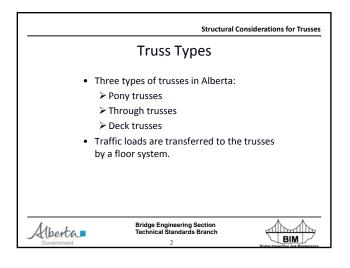


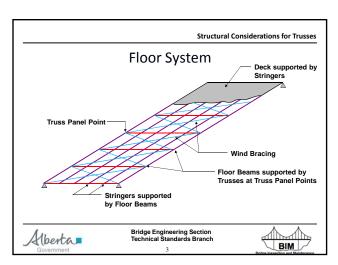


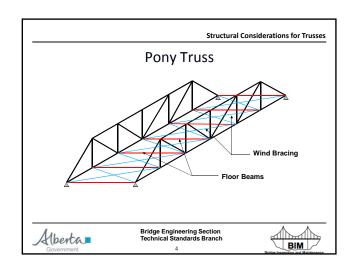


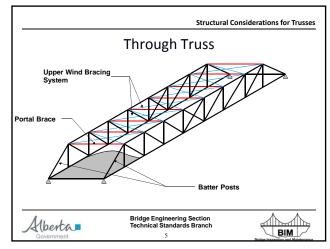


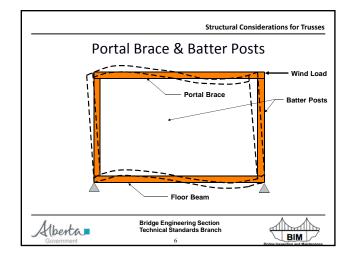


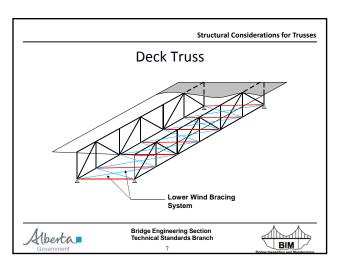


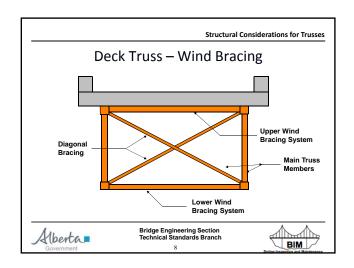


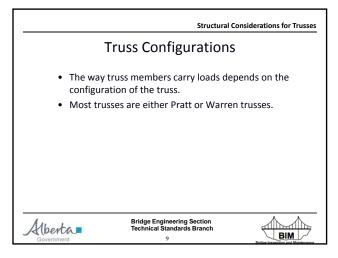


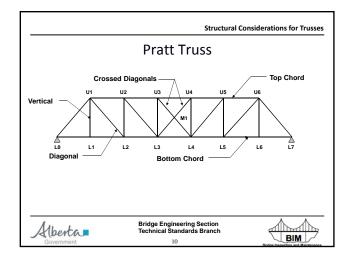


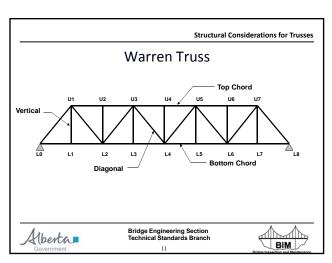


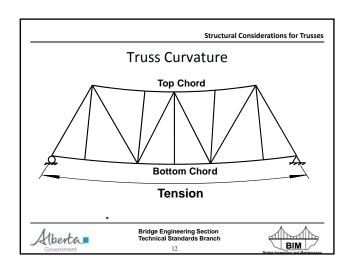


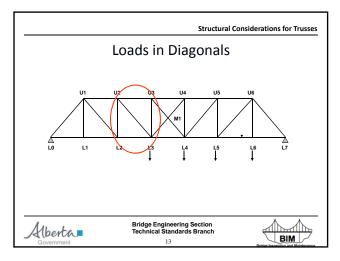


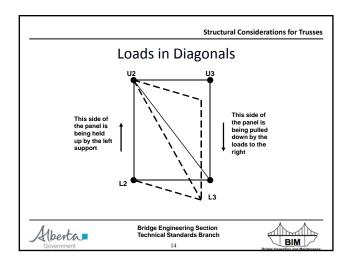


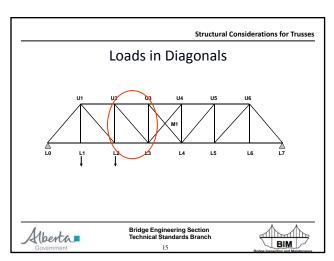


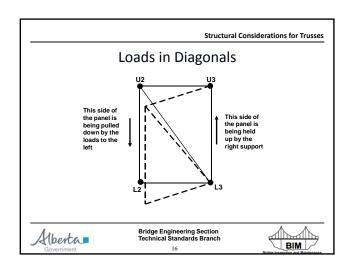


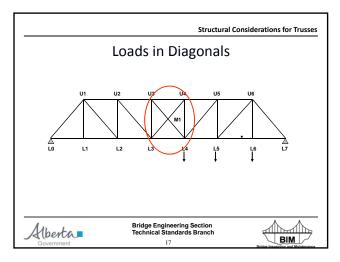


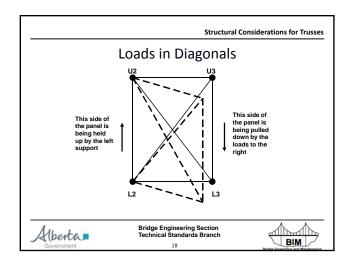


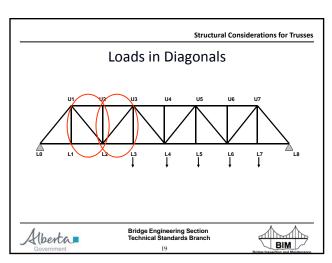


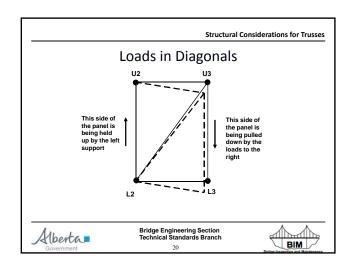


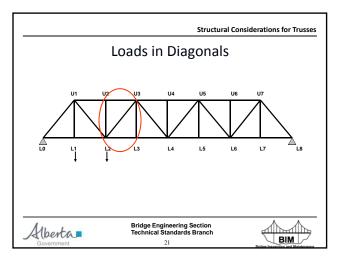


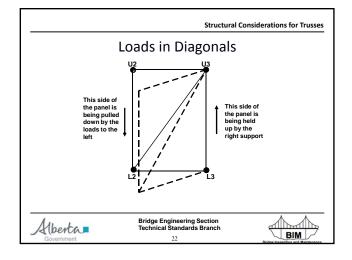












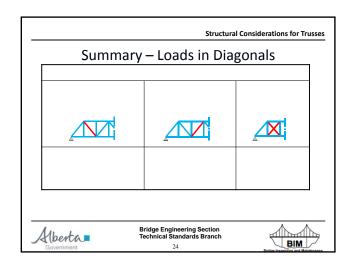
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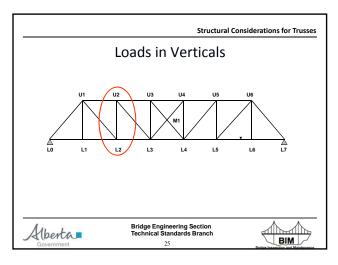
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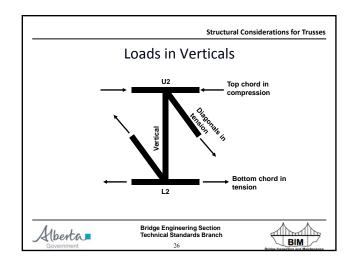
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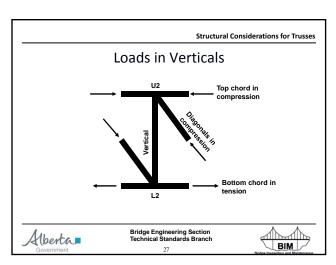
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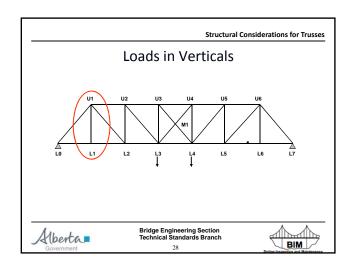
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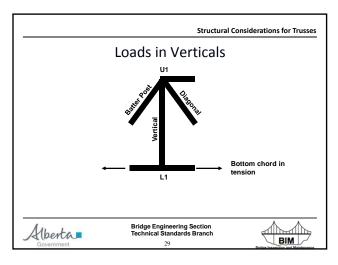


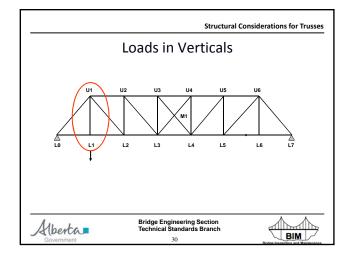


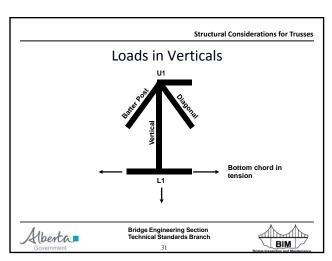


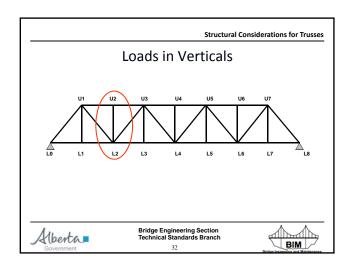


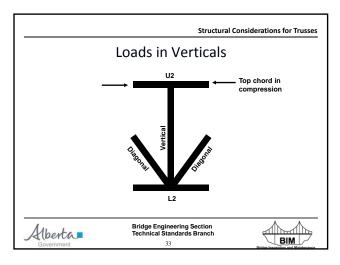


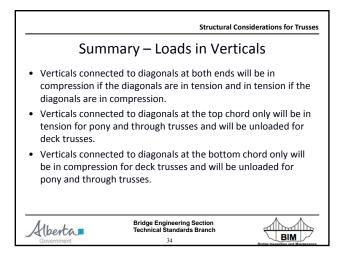


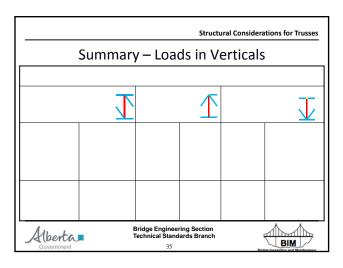


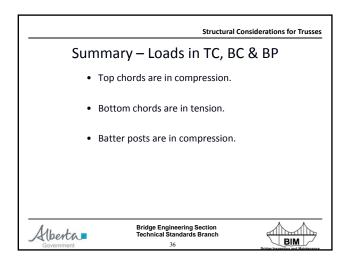


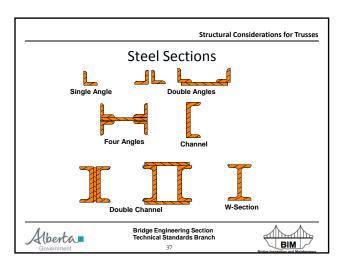


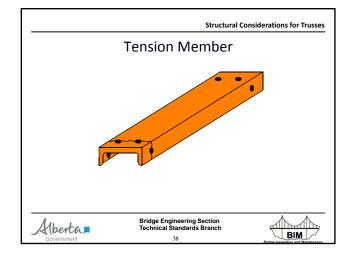


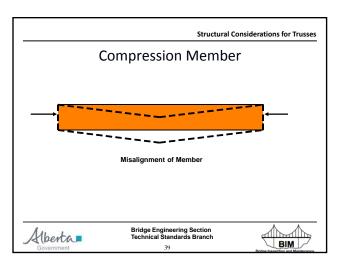




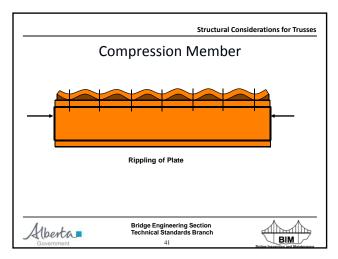




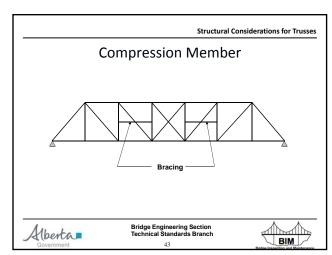


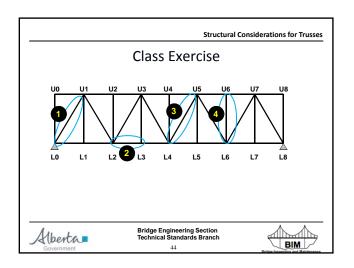


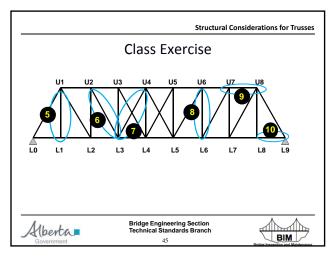


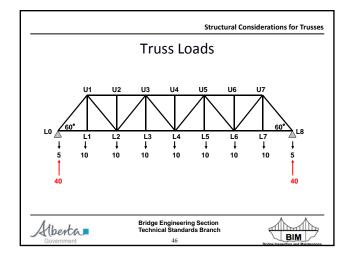


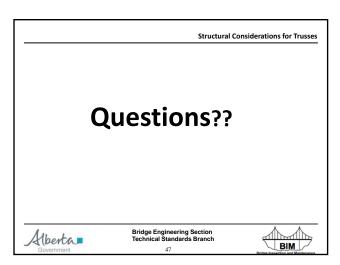












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Inspection Form Types

- Each form has a unique form identification or Form ID
- 9 different inspection report forms for bridges with a single span type
- 1 report for sign bridges
- Custom forms generated to suit number & type of spans



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Standard Bridge Inspection Forms

Forms used by Class B Inspectors:

Form ID	Span Description Timber Bridges	Span Types TT, UT, XT
PCS	Standard Precast Bridges	HH, HC, VH, PG, GR, PE, PPS,VS, SM,SMC, SC, SCC
CUL1	Single Culvert	RP, SP, FP, MP, WP, TP, CP, BP, AP, XP, RPA, RPO, RPP, RPE, MPL
CULM	Multiple Culverts	Same as CUL1 in any combination
CULE	Culvert extended with a different material or size	RPX, APX, CPX, MPX



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Additional forms used by Class A Inspectors:

Form I	D Span Description	Span Types
TH	Through Truss Bridges	TH
PT	Pony Truss Bridges	PT
DT	Deck Truss Bridges	DT
SG	Steel Girder Bridges	RB, RG, WG, FR
PSR	Regular Prestressed	RD, FC, VF, PM, VM, PB
	Girder Bridges	DBT, PQ, PO, LF, FM,
		RM, PJ
CON	All Cast-in-Place Concrete	CA, CB, CF, CV, CX, CC
	Concrete Tee Girders Bridge	s CT
	Concrete Flat Slab Bridges	CS
SS	Other Trusses and Arches	SS
SIGN	Sign Structures	Z



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Common Major Bridge Form Sections

- Bridge Site Inventory
- Bridge Inspection Details
- > Name, Date, Arr/Dep times
- Posting Information
 - Vertical clearance
 - Posted loading
 - ➤ Utilities
- · Approach Road



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Common Major Bridge Form Sections

- Channel
- Grade Separation
- Structural Condition Rating
- Sufficiency Rating
- Special Comments for **Next Inspection**
- Next Inspection Date and Inspection Cycle



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Unique Major Bridge Form Sections

- Superstructure
- Substructure
- Maintenance Recommendations

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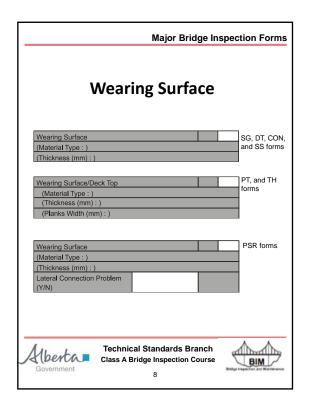


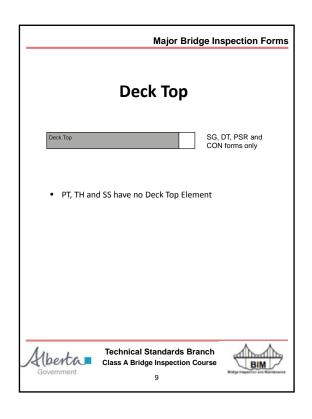
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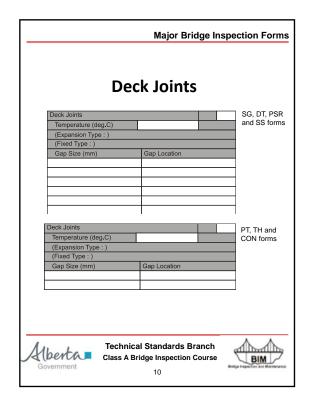
- Common Elements
 - Special Features
 - ➤ Deck Rideability
 - Bridge Rail
 - > Sidewalk
 - > Span Alignment **Problems**
 - ➤ General Rating

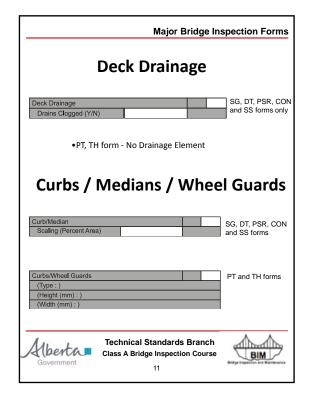


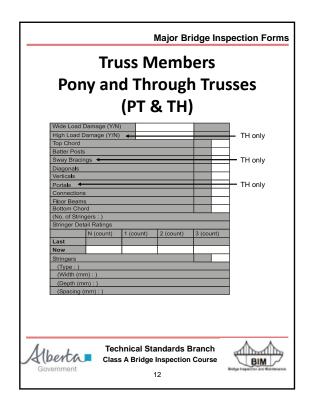


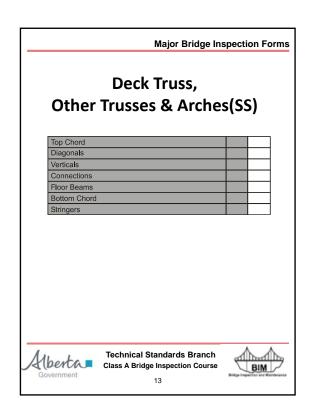


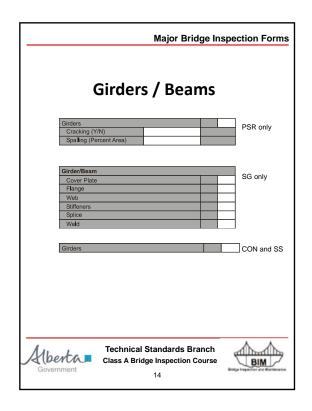


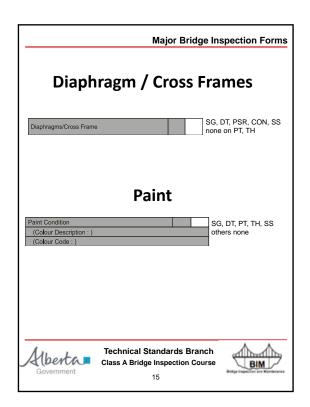


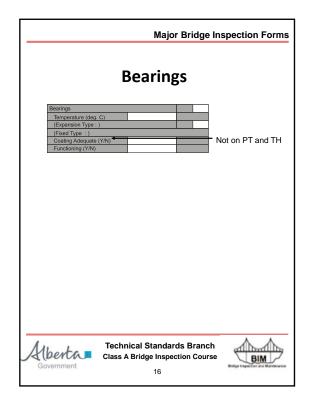


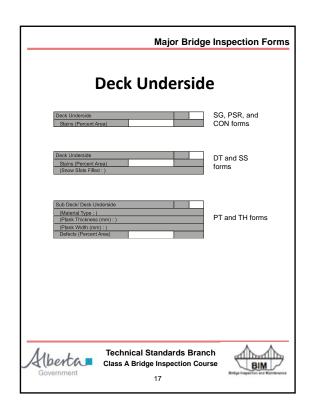


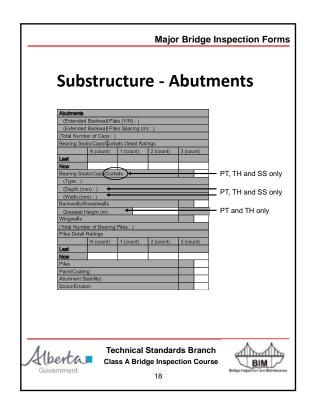


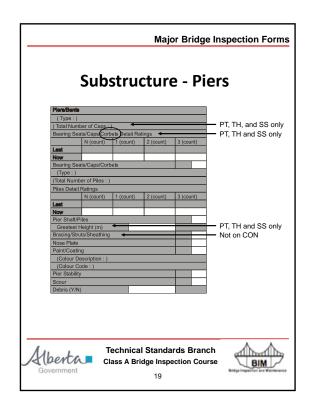




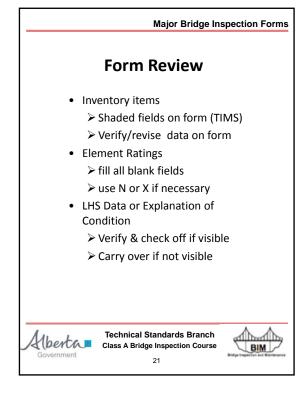




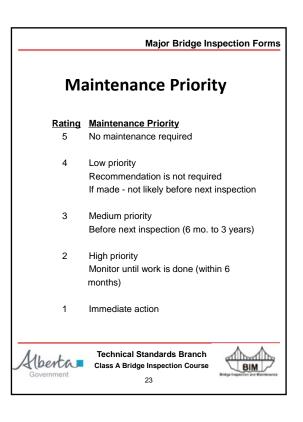












Road Classifications

Current Department standards are:

Highway Type	Road Classification
Local Roads	RLU 207G-60
(Gravel	RLU 208G-60 RLU 208G-90
	RLU 209G-90 RLU 210G-90
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Local Roads (Paved)	RLU 208-100 RLU 208-110
Provincial Hwys.	RCU-208G-090
(Gravel)	RCU-209G-090



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Road Classification (Continued)

Highway Type	Road Classification	
Provincial Highways	RCU 208-110	
(Paved)	RCU 209-110	
	RCU 210-110	
	RAU 209-110	
	RAU 210-110	
	RAU 211.8-110	
	RAU 213.4-110	
	RAU 213.4-120	
Provincial Highways	RAD 412.4-120	
(divided)	RAD 616.6-130	
	RFD 412.4-130	
	RFD 616.6-130	
Refer to Table 4.2 in Manual		



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Major Bridges - Concrete

	Life Expectancy		
Туре	Low	Ave	High
Prestressed Girder**	45	55*	70*
Precast Girder**	30	35	50
Cast-in-Place**	40	50	60

- Use Maximum of 50 years for timber sub-
- ** Add 5 years if overlaid with concrete
- ** Add 5 years if strengthened or laterally stressed



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Major Bridges - Steel

	Life Expectancy		
Туре	Low	Ave	High
Rigid Frame	60	70	80
Welded Girder	60	70	80
Deck Truss	60	70	80
Rolled Beams	50	60*	80*
Riveted Plate Girder	40	50	70*
Through Truss	40	50	70*
Pony Truss	40	50	70*
Bailey and Other Types	30	40	50

Use maximum of 50 years for timber substructure





Estimated Remaining Life Major Bridges

Considerations:

- Traffic characteristics
 - volume, amount of truck traffic, log haul
- · Salt usage
 - ➤ road surfacing, traffic, climatic conditions
- Deck drainage, leakage
- Decay favorable conditions
- Design or rated load capacity



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Major Bridge Inspection Forms

Questions??





Inspection of Steel
Girder Bridges

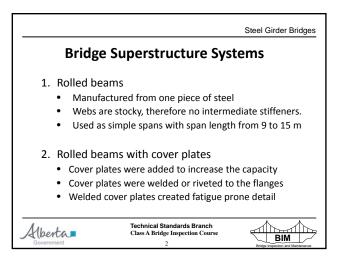
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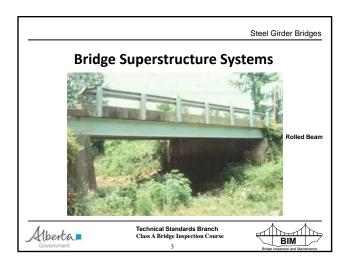
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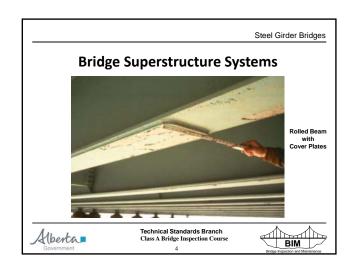
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Course Outline

Bridge superstructure systems
Defects in steel members
Failure mechanics
Fatigue
Constrained Induced fracture (CIF)
Inspection
Inspection
Inspection of Pin & Hanger







Bridge Superstructure Systems

3. Built-up Girders

• Similar in appearance as rolled beams

• Custom fabricated, not produced in rolling mills

• Fabricated from thin plates, hence require stiffeners

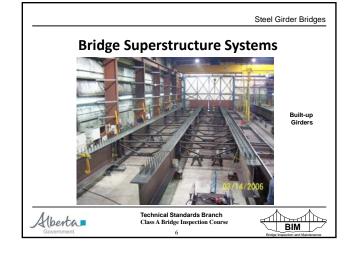
• Older built-up girders were riveted, the new are welded



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Continuous girders can have spans over 150 m



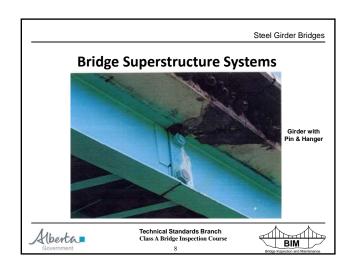


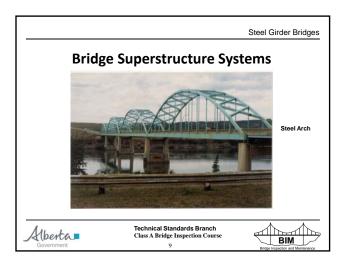
Bridge Superstructure Systems

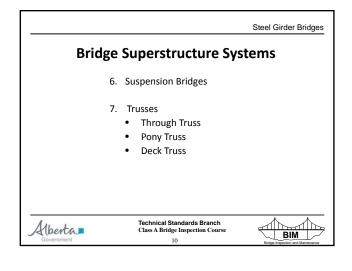
- 4. Girders with Pin and Hanger
 - Analysis is simplified for a hinged structure
 - It moves drainage away from piers
 - Only one pin is required for rotation
 - For translation and rotation, two pins and hanger are provided
- 5. Steel Arches
 - Three types of arches: deck, through and tied
 - Arch spans range from 300 to 500 m

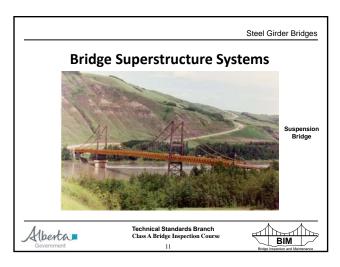
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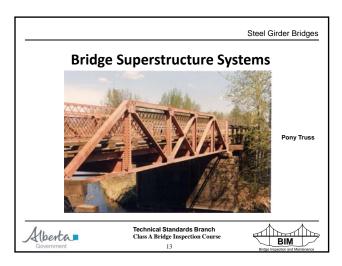


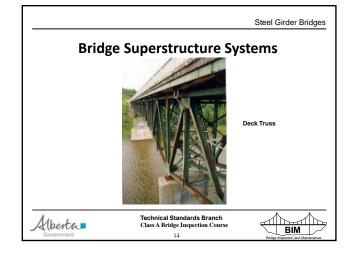












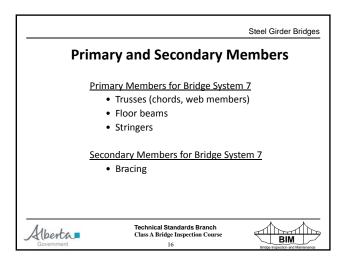
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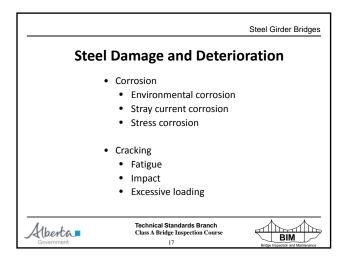
Primary Members for Bridge Systems 1 to 4

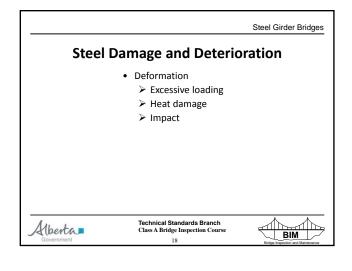
• Fabricated girders / Rolled beams
• Diaphragms for curved girders
• Pin and hanger

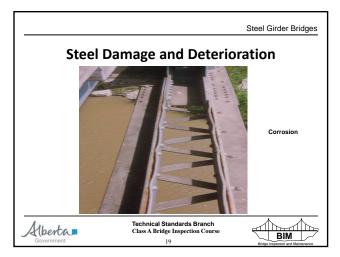
Secondary Members for Bridge Systems 1 to 4
• Diaphragms

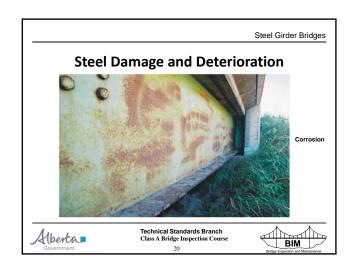
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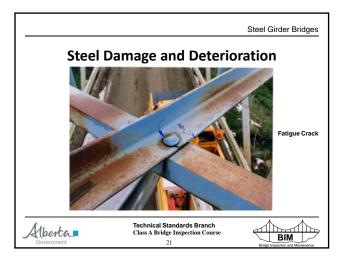


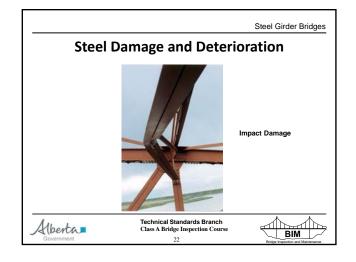


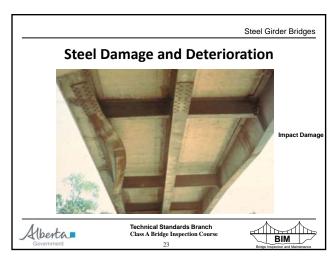


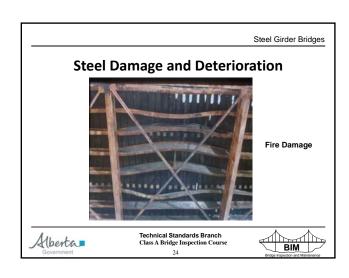


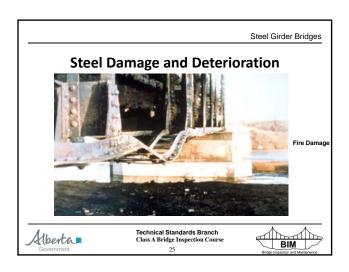


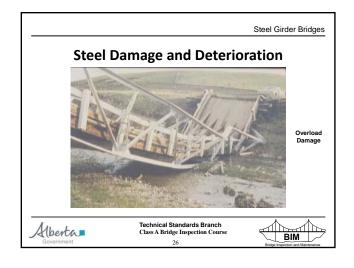












Fatigue & Fracture in Steel Members

Fatigue

• Tendency of a member to fail at a stress level below its yield stress when subjected to repeated loading

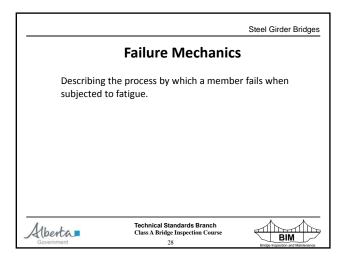
Fracture Critical Member (FCM)

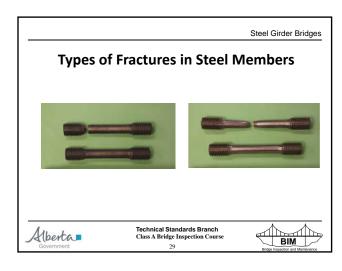
• Member is in tension

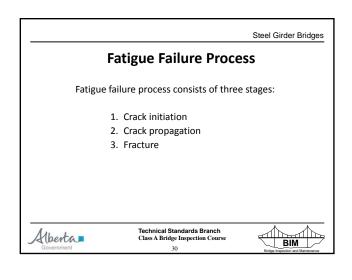
• Member is non-redundant, its failure causes partial or total collapse of a structure

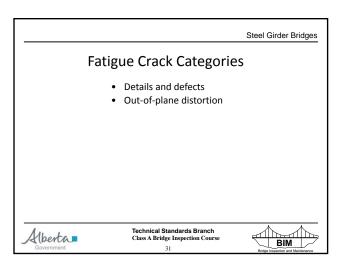
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Factors Affecting Fatigue Crack
Initiation — (Details & Defects)

1. Plug welds
2. Tack welds
3. Material flaws
• External flaws (Surface scabs)
• Internal flaws (Non-metallic inclusions, Rolled in plate defects)

4. Weld flaws
• Non-visible flaws (IP welds, Porosity, Slag inclusions)
• Visible flaws (Undercut, Overlap)

Factors Affecting Fatigue Crack
Initiation — (Details & Defects)

5. Fabrication Flaws
• Cutting of plates, Holes, Coping
6. Transportation & Erection Flaws
• Nicks
• Notches
• Indentation
7. In-Service Flaws
• Collision damage

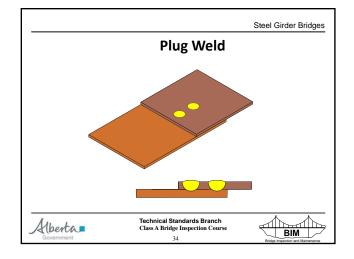
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• Improper heat straightening

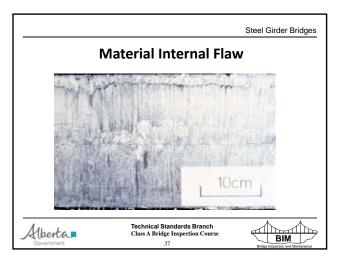
· Torched or notched holes

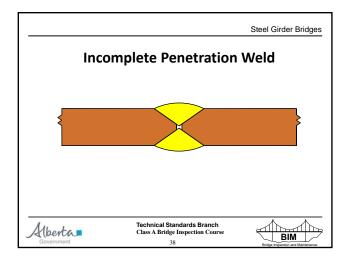


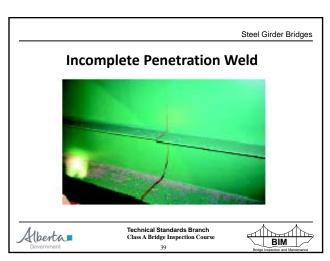


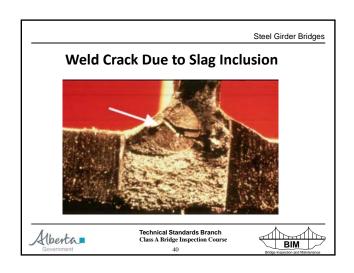


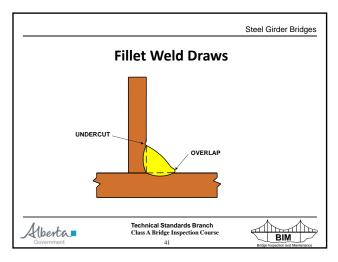


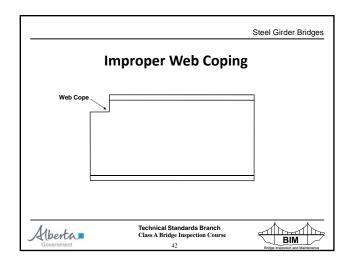


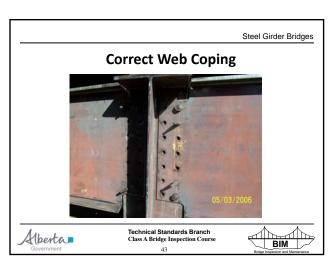


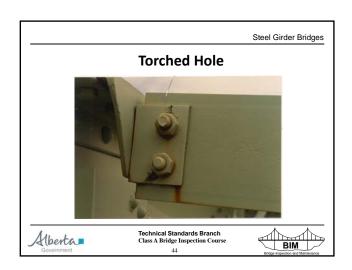


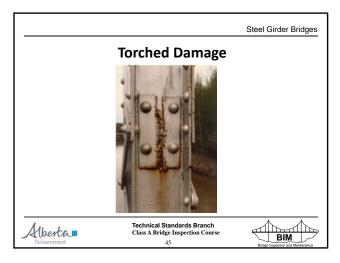


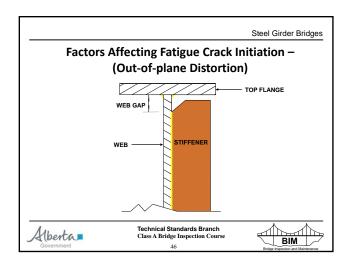


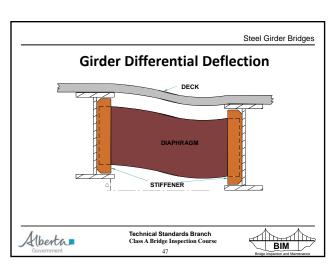


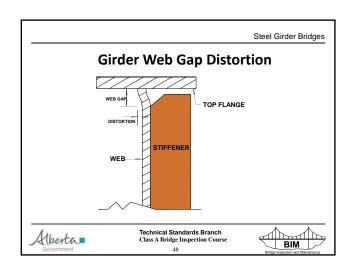


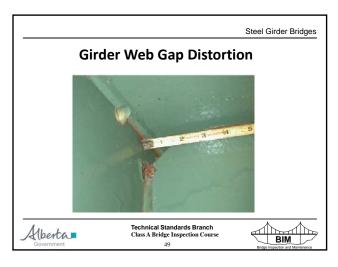


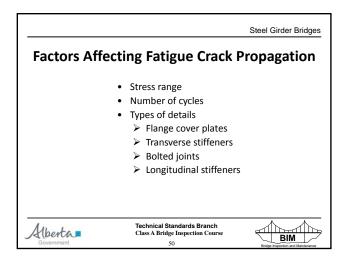


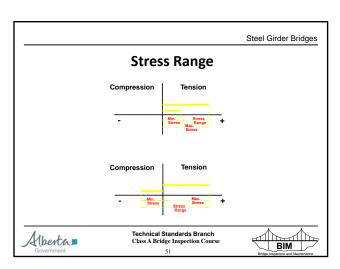


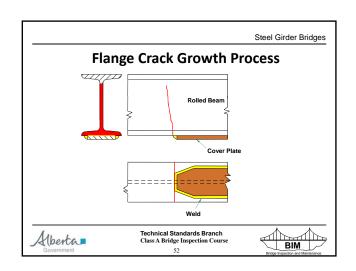


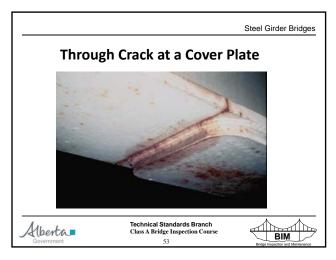


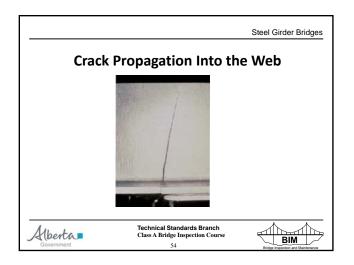


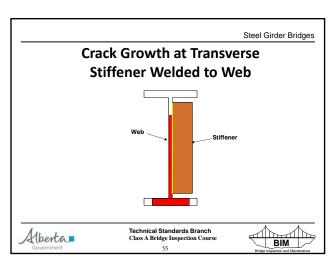


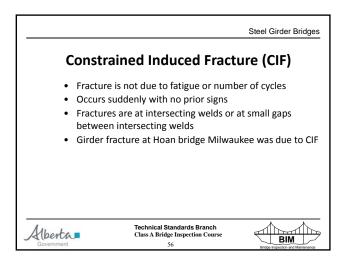


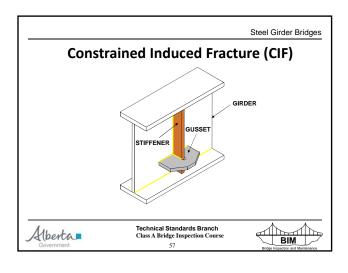


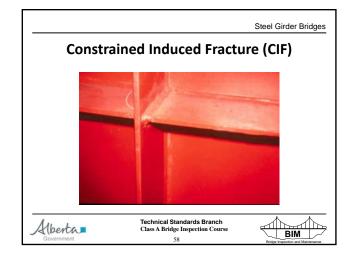


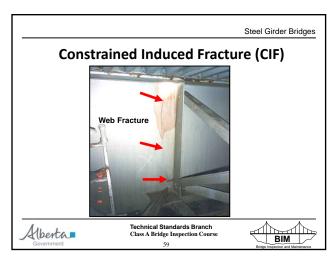


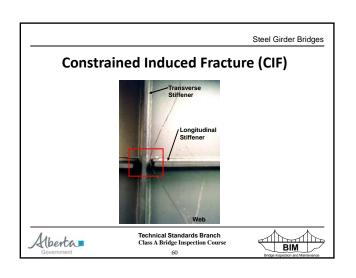


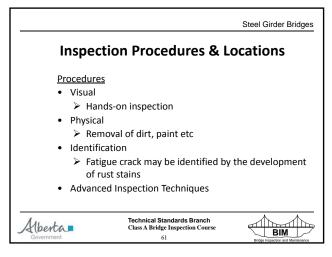


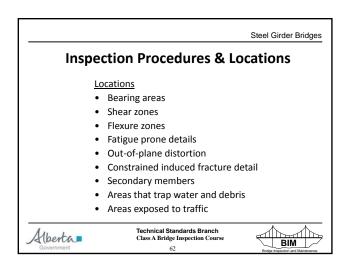


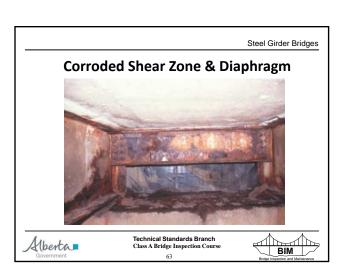


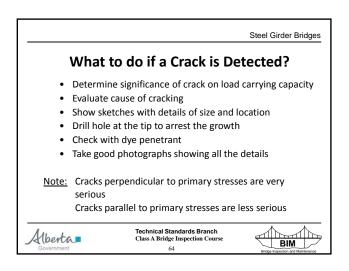


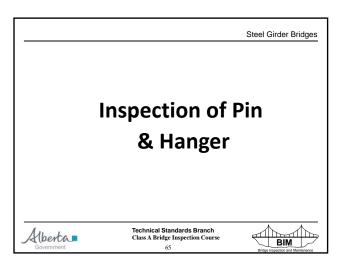


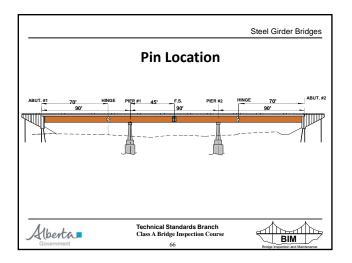


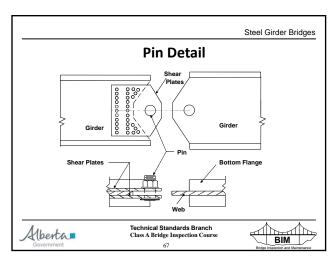


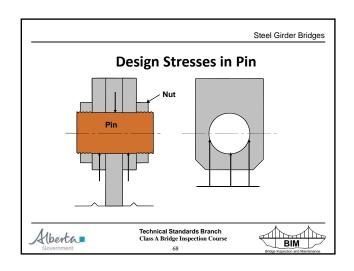


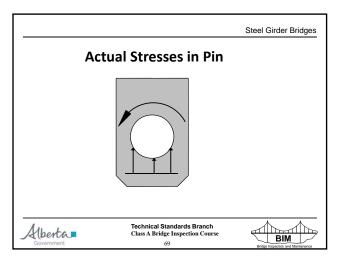


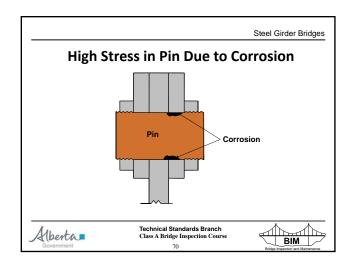


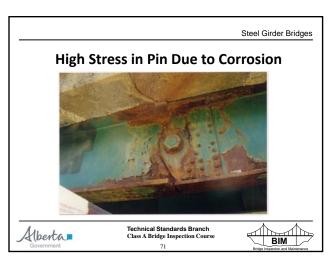


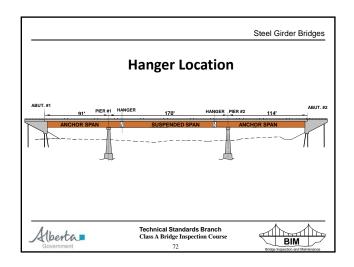


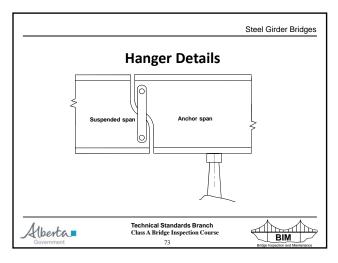


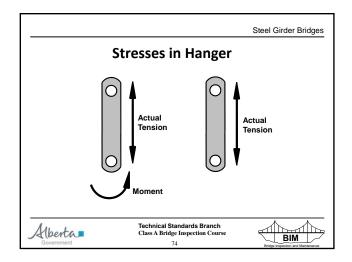


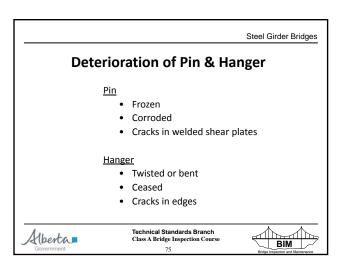


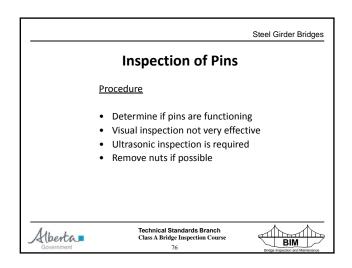


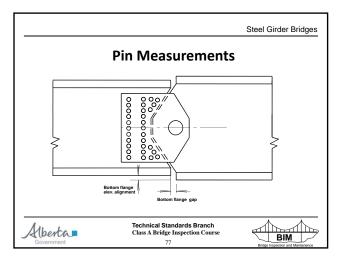




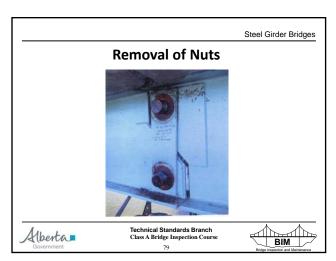




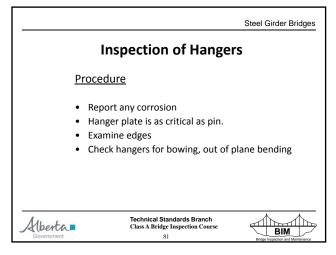


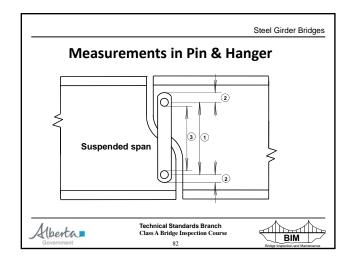


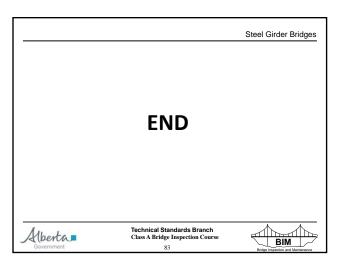


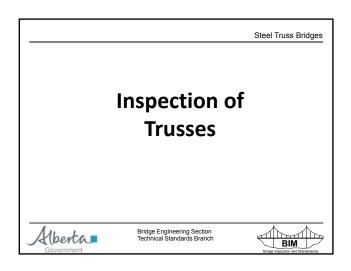


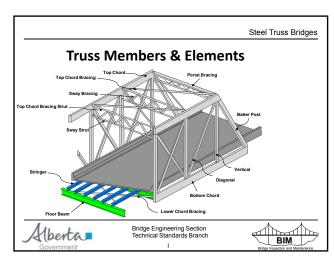












Level II Truss Inspection Trusses for Alberta Highways Bridge system has about 340 sites with 460 truss spans Majority of these trusses were fabricated between 1920 & 1930 Most of the spans are on secondary highways and local roads Level II Truss inspection started in the early 1970's Second round of U/T inspection in 1983 revealed numerous cracked members Bridge Engineering Section Technical Standards Branch

Level II Truss Inspection

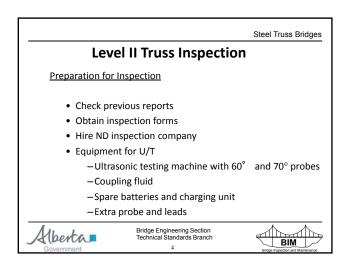
Frequency of Inspection

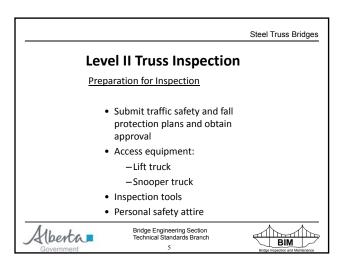
Provincial highways 4 – 5 years

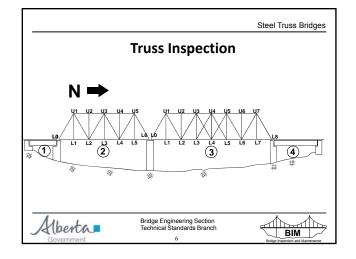
Local roads 6 years

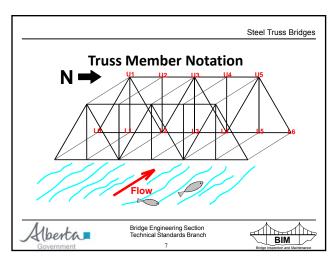
Special monitoring – varies depending on truss condition, age, and traffic volumes.

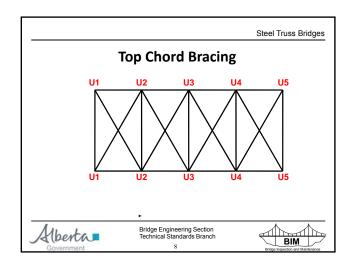
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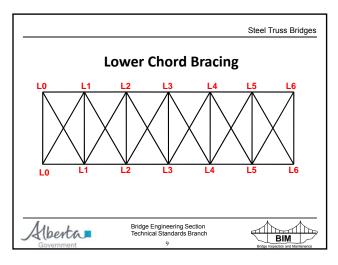


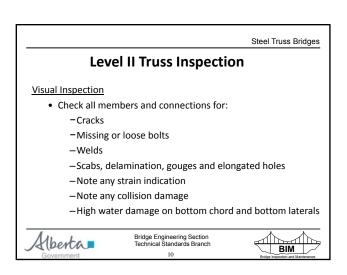












Level II Truss Inspection

Visual Inspection

• Check all members and connections for:

- Sags and buckling characteristics

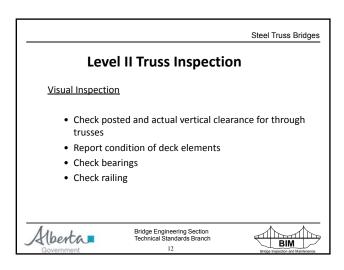
- Measure and report distortion

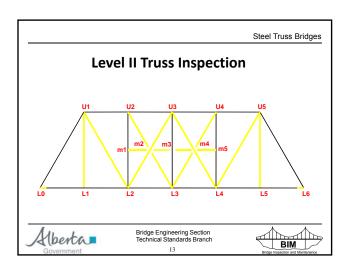
- Floor beam copes

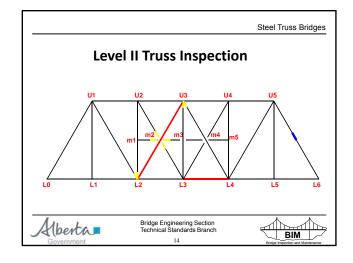
- Report on extent of corrosion, pitting and section loss

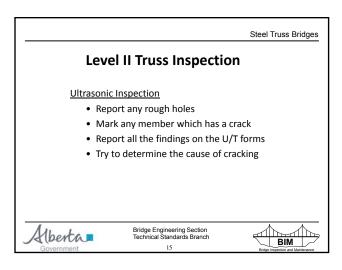
- Measure and report any top chord sweep for pony trusses

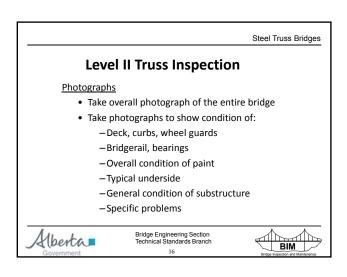
• Member/s requiring replacement shall be identified



























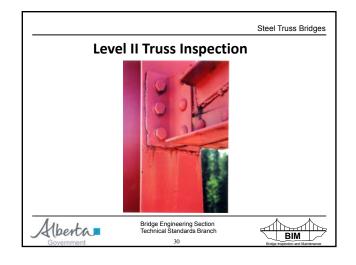








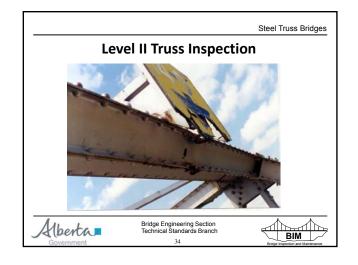










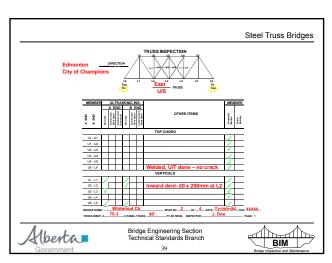


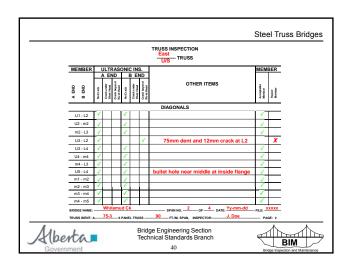


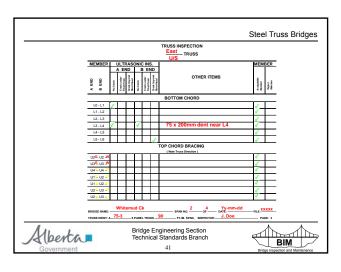


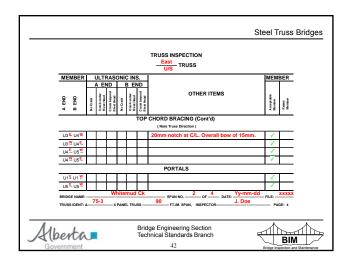


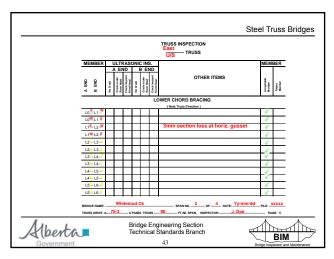


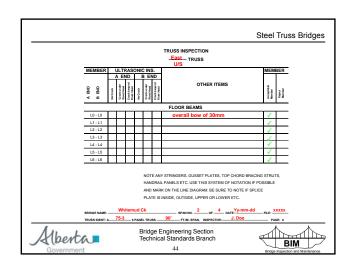


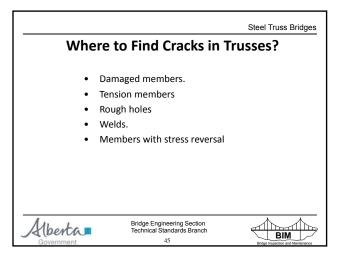


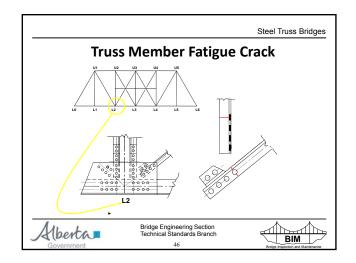


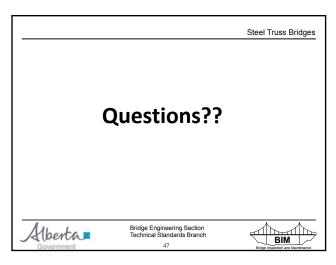












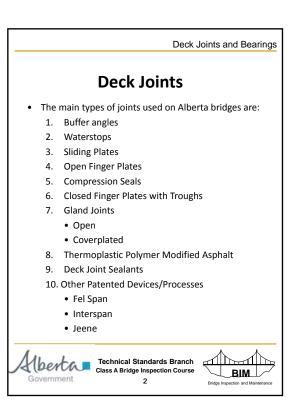
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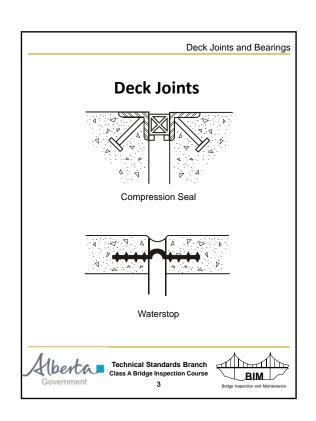
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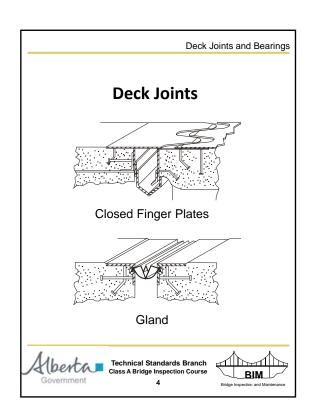
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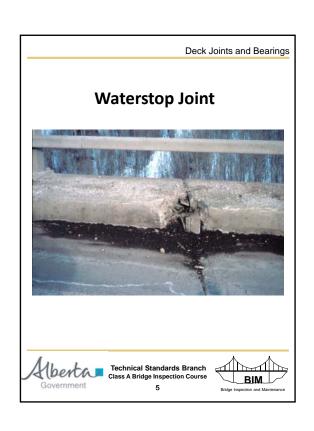
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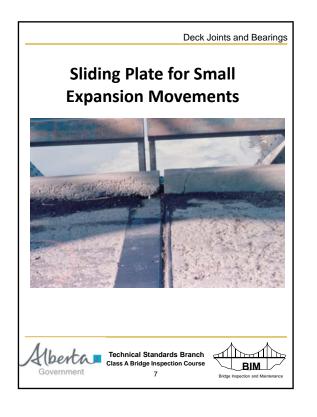


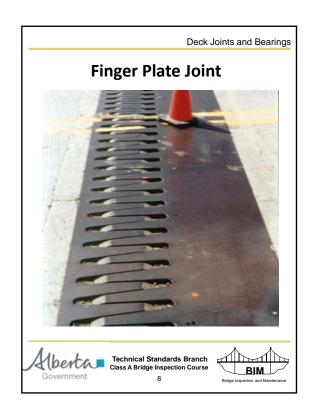


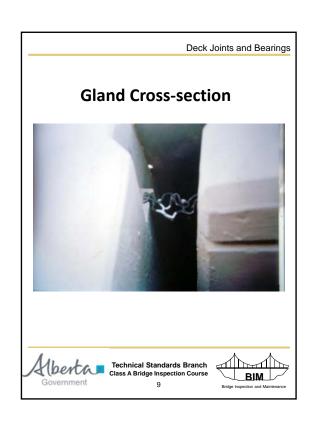


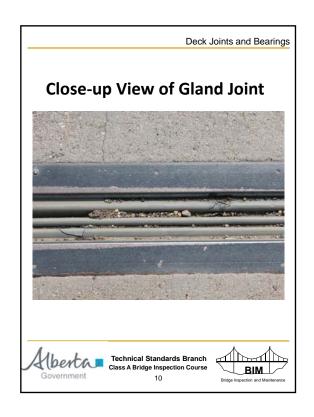


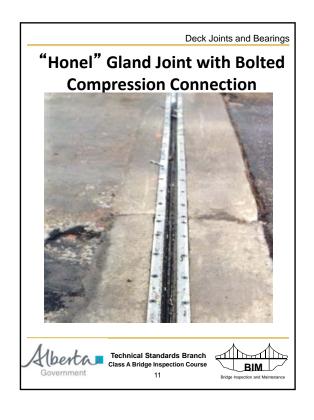


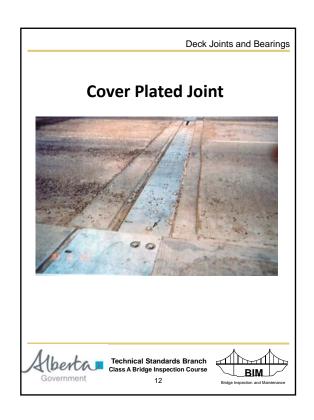


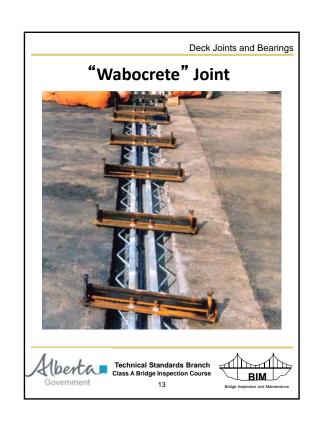


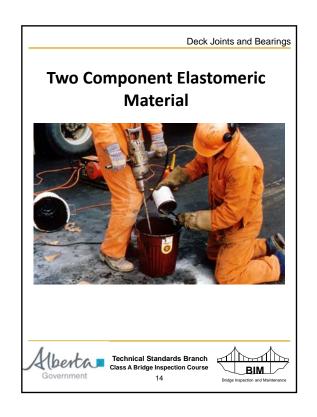


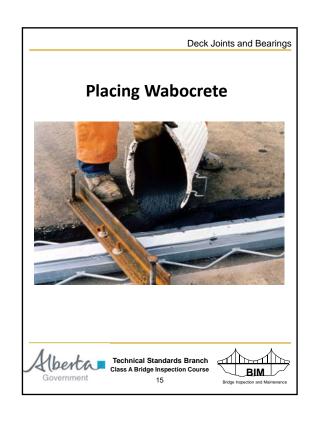




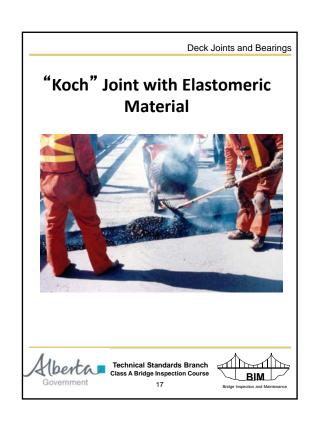


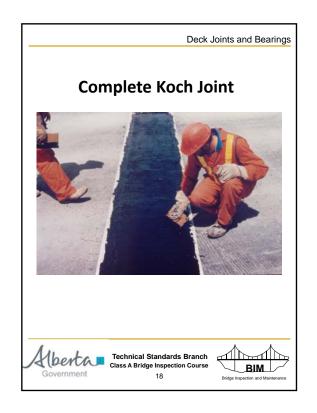


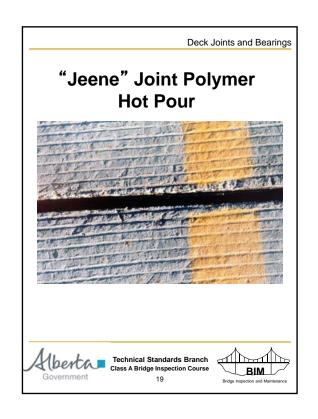


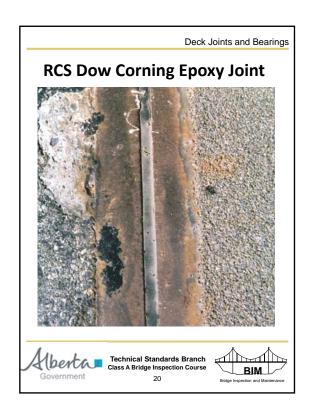


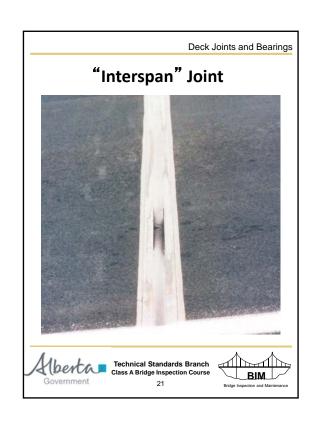


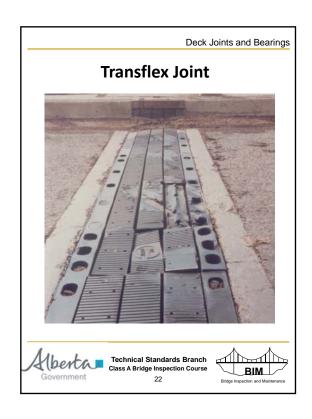


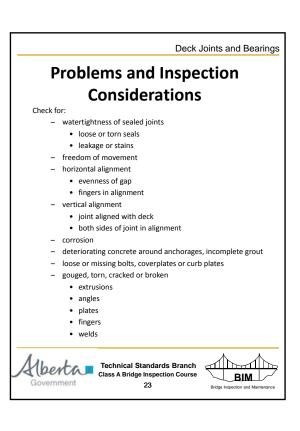


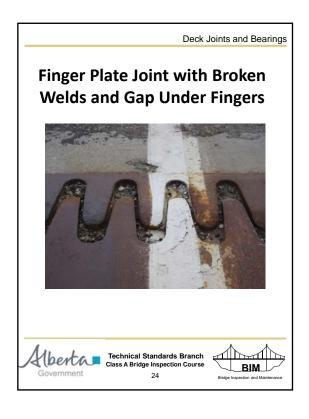




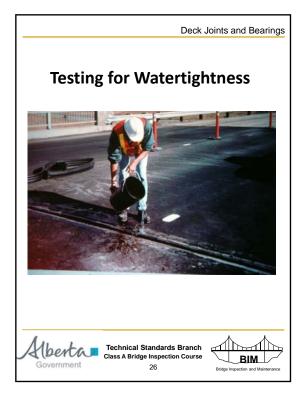












Deck Joints and Bearings

Problems and Inspection Considerations

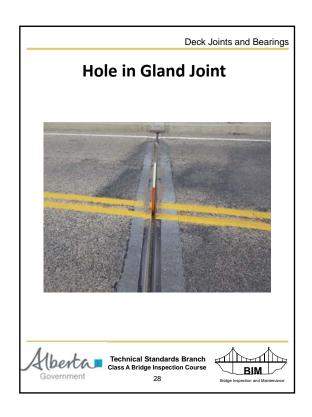
- Observe traffic passing over joints
 - listen for unusual noises and watch for movement of the joint
- · Check drainage system
 - plugging of joint opening, troughs and downpipes with debris

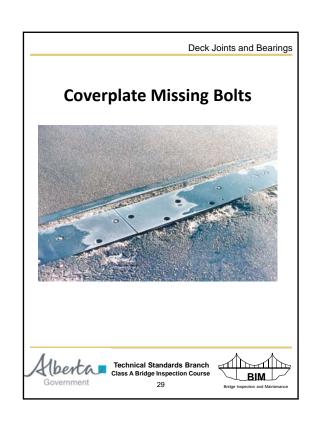
 - cracks, breaks or tears in any component
 - integrity of attachments and connections
 - · loose or missing bolts
 - · cracked or broken welds
 - · loose or open connections
 - Check for:
 - signs of ponding on the deck
 - staining or deterioration on the deck, curbs, girders and substructure
 - erosion below downpipe

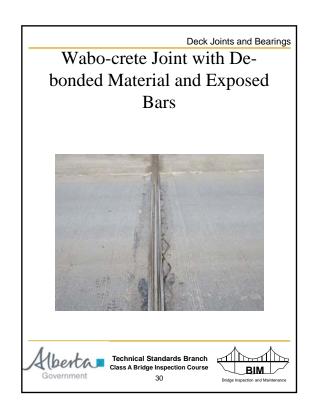


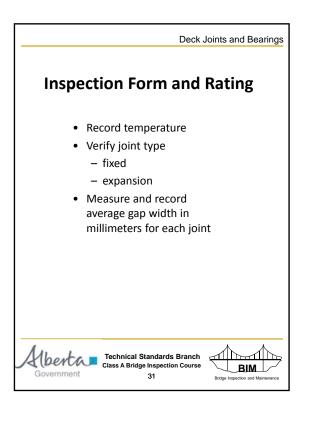
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Deck Joints and Bearings

Deck Joint Inspection and Rating

- · Rate according to existing condition and functionality
- · Includes condition and functionality of drainage system
- Leakage of sealed joints is reflected in both the deck joint rating and the deck drainage rating
- Defects in open joints with plumbing features are also reflected in both the deck joint rating and the deck drainage rating
- Leakage problems with open joints without plumbing are rated under deck drainage only
- Curb cover plates are rated with the deck joint and not the curb rating



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Deck Joints and Bearings

Deck Joint Inspection and Rating

- Joints that are not fully free to move
 - rate 4 or less
- Watertight joints which allow leakage of water onto girders, bearings or substructure
 - rate 4 or less
- Open (non-watertight) joints should not be down rated because of leakage
- Joint defects causing problems with structure rate 3 or less
- Joints which are a hazard to traffic
 - rate 2



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Deck Joints and Bearings

Deck Joints and Bearings

Bearings

- · Bearings must transfer loads from the superstructure to substructure.
- The bearings accommodate movement caused by temperature changes, deflection, earth pressures, etc.
- Bridge bearings are generally classified as fixed or expansion type.
- · Fixed bearings allow rotation but no vertical or horizontal movement.
- Expansion bearings allow both rotation and longitudinal movement of the superstructure. Expansion bearings sometimes also permit transverse movement.



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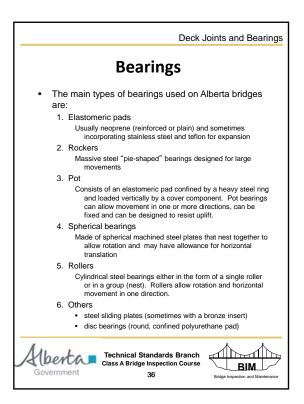
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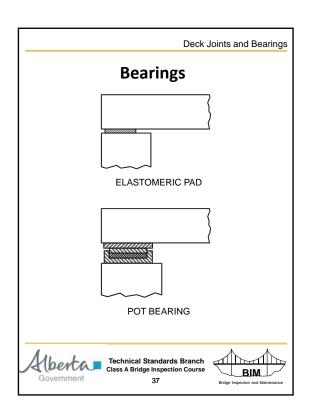
- There are usually three distinct components in a bearing:
 - Sole plate
 - steel plate welded, bolted, riveted or cast to bottom of girders
 - Masonry plate
 - similar to sole plate except located on top of substructure element and usually anchored by bolts into concrete
 - Bearing
 - assembly between sole plate and masonry plate that permits movement of the bridge

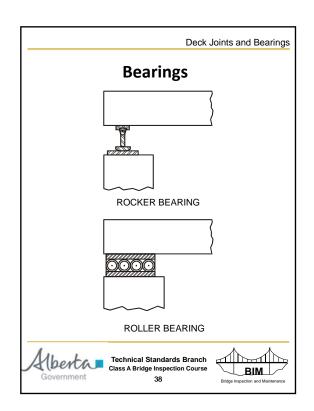


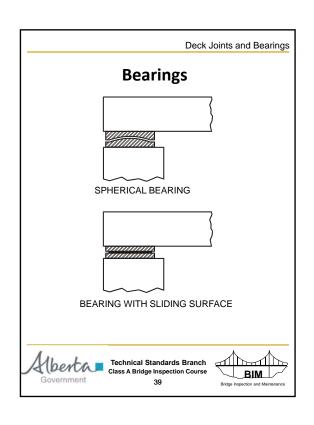
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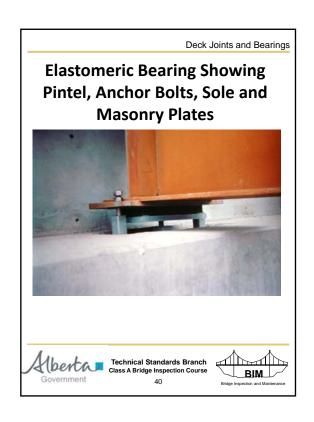


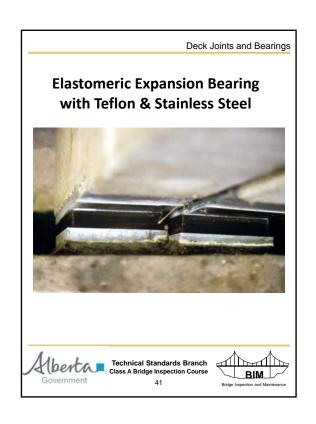


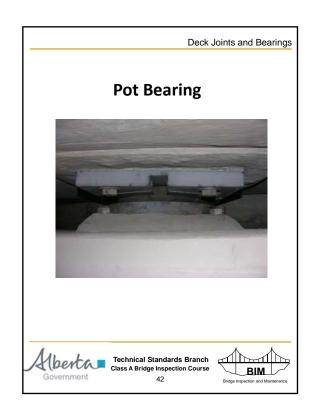


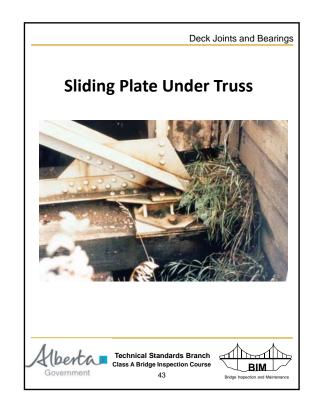


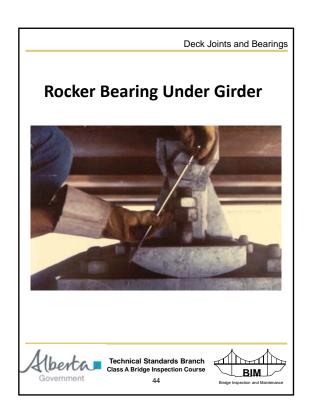


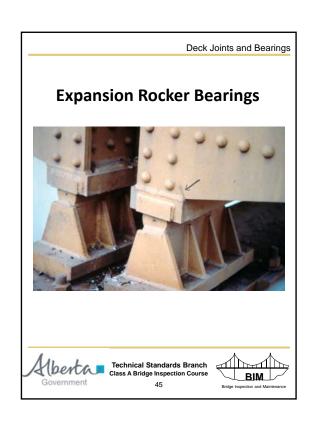


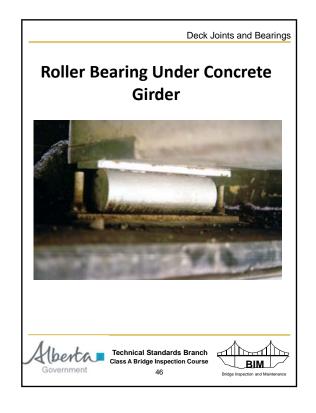


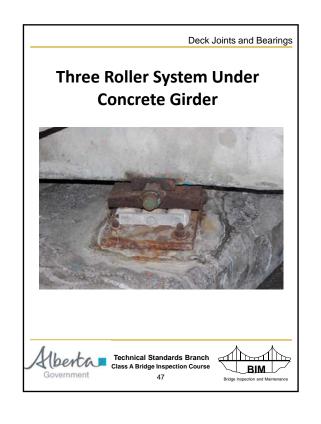


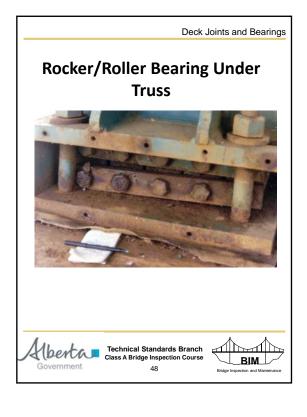


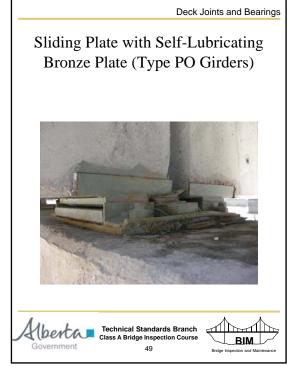












Deck Joints and Bearings

Bearings

Problems and Inspection Considerations

- Dirt or debris
 - may inhibit movement
 - promotes corrosion
- Corrosion
 - "frozen" bearing (2016 bulletin regarding "Type O" bearings)
 - deterioration of bearing
 - especially under leaking joints
- Loose or missing connections, cracked or broken welds
- Loss of bearing contact or uneven contact
 - rollers moved off masonry or sole plates
 - neoprene pads creeping out of position
 - can overstress steel or concrete members



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Bearings

Problems and Inspection Considerations

- Wear
- Rocker alignment
 - overextension
 - should be approximately vertical at 0º Celsius
- Failure of elastomer
 - splitting, cracks, squeezing out, bulging
 - separation of the elastomer at reinforcing plates



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Bearings Problems and Inspection Considerations Anchor bolts corrosion (strike with hammer) bent surrounding concrete cracked nuts not properly secured (jam nut), nuts missing binding on shoe plate or bearing device Indications of a non-functioning bearing cracks in the bearing area of the substructure or superstructure uneven gaps at expansion joints

Bearings Inspection Form and Rating · Record temperature · Record or verify bearing types and locations: expansion fixed · Record or verify if coating is intact and functioning to protect the bearing from corrosion • Record or verify whether the bearing is functioning as designed - proper bearing - proper movement Technical Standards Branch
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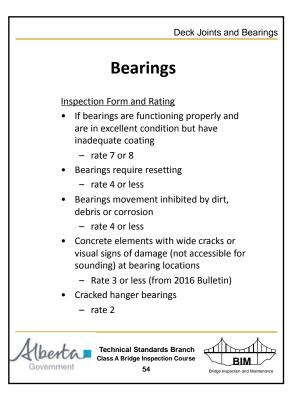
· bump at joint

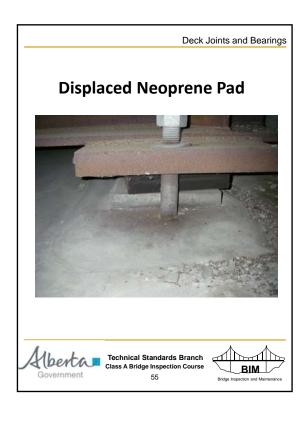
• jammed joint

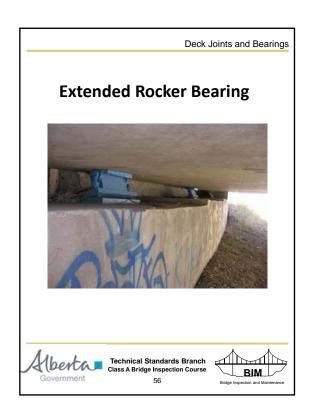
• joint gap too wide

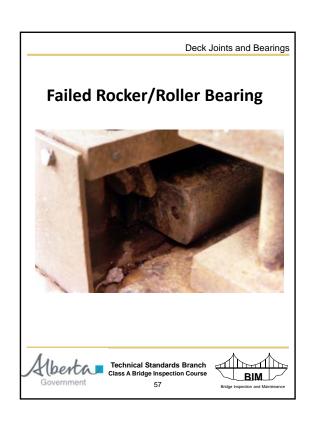
• variable gap in same joint

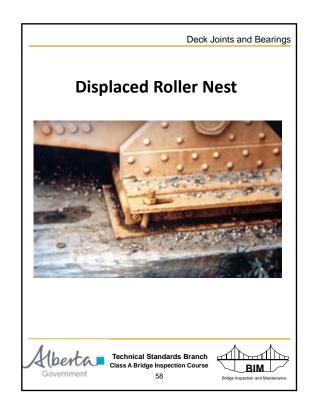
- misalignment of superstructure at joint

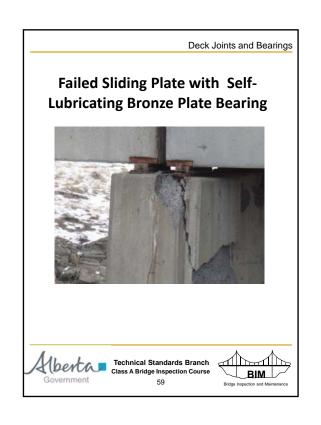


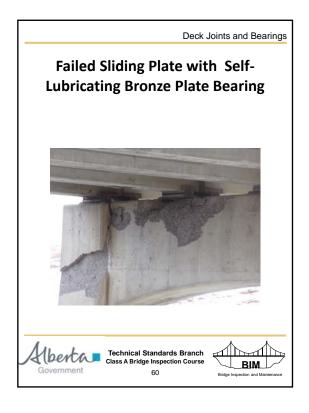


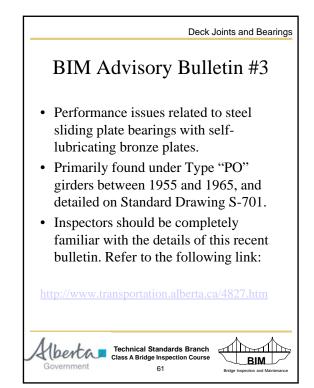


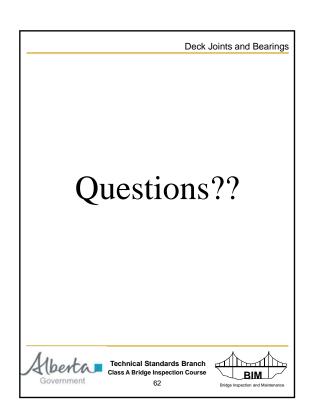


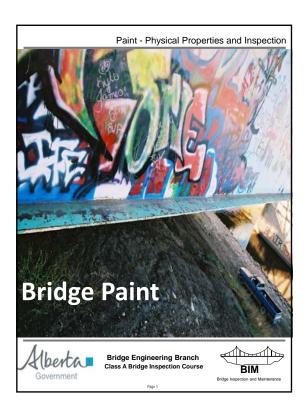


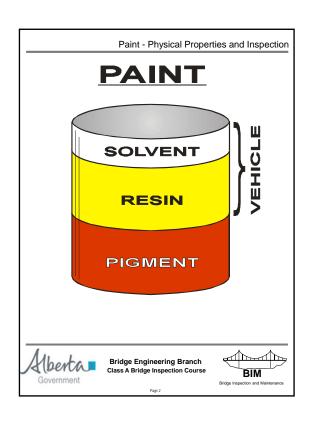












Paint - Physical Properties and Inspection

Types of Paint

Paints are generally solutions of solids such as pigments and other chemicals in a liquid carrier or vehicle used for transporting the solids to a surface needing protection. At the surface they may react chemically to polymerize. Some common types are:

- latex coatings emulsion in water (acrylics and vinyls) 1.
- lacquers solutions in which the solid resins do not change or react as the solvent evaporates they become hard (chlorinated rubber, asphaltic coatings) 2.
- air oxidizing coatings oil based coatings that react with oxygen to harden (alkyds, epoxy esters, linseed
- chemically reactive coatings two component polymers sometimes without solvent (epoxy,



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Paint - Physical Properties and Inspection

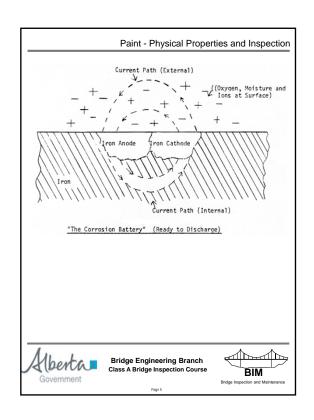
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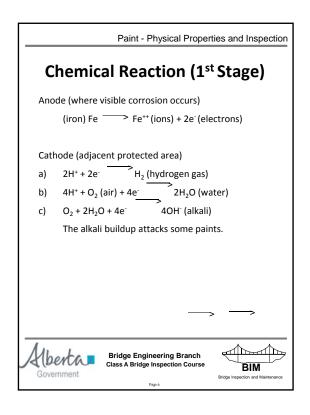
- Caused by thermodynamic instability of steel.
- Is an electrochemical process.
- The rate of corrosion is based on electric current generated by potential (voltage) differences with the E (voltage)
- Ohms Law: (current) I = R (resistance)

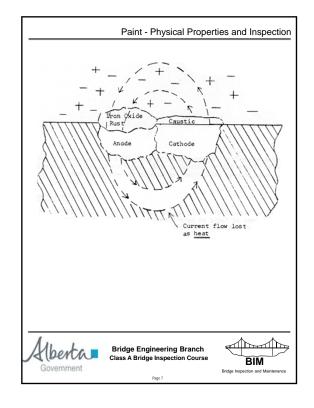
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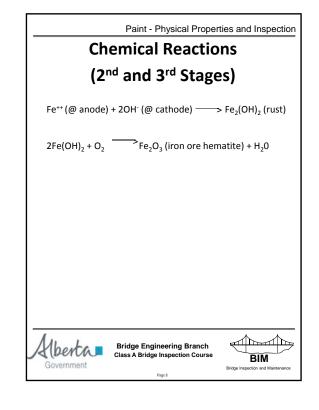
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Paint - Physical Properties and Inspection

Requirements For Corrosion

- 1. thermodynamically unstable metal (iron)
- 2. electrolytic conduction of ions (water)
- 3. electrical conductor of electrons (metal)
- 4. electron acceptor (hydrogen ions or dissolved oxygen)

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Corrosion Current At Breaks in Paint Coating

electrical current I =

 $\frac{(PA - A_p) - (PC + C_p)}{RD t + RL + RC t}$

PA = electrical potential @ anode

PC = electrical potential @ cathode

 $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{p}}$ = electrical potential @ anode from buildup of corrosion by products

 C_p = electrical potential @ cathode from buildup of corrosion by products

RD = electrical resistance at the discontinuity (electrolyte)

RL = electrical resistance of the moisture outside the discontinuity

RC = electrical resistance of the coating

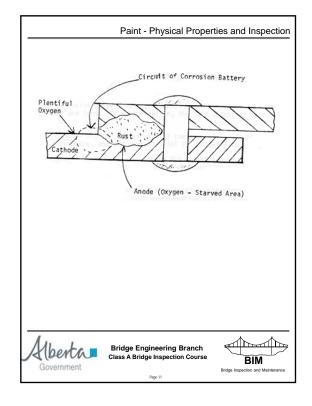
t = coating thickness

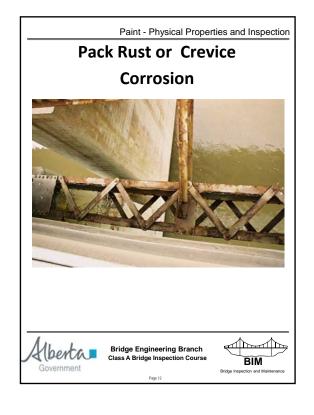


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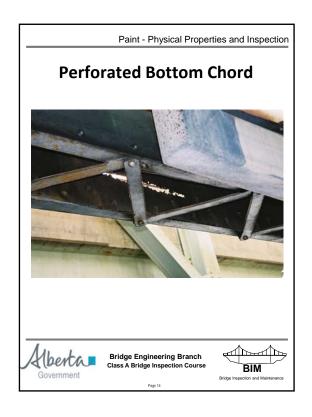


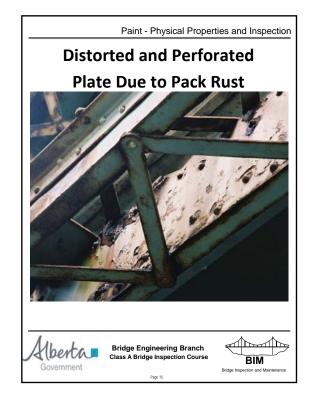
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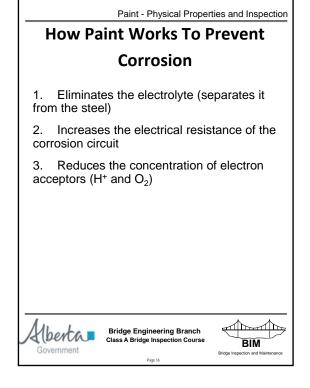


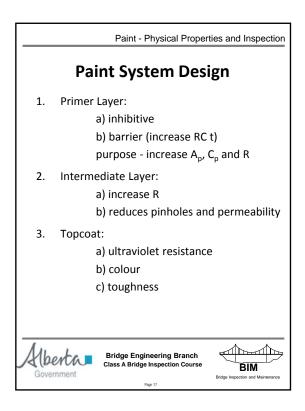


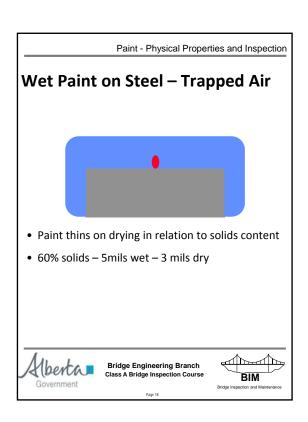


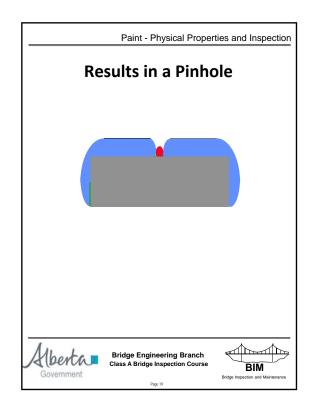


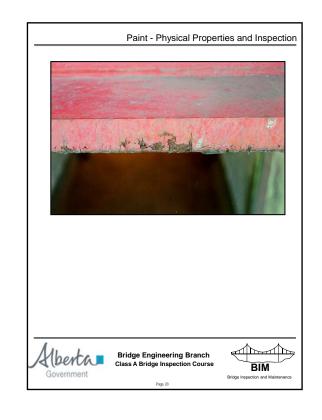


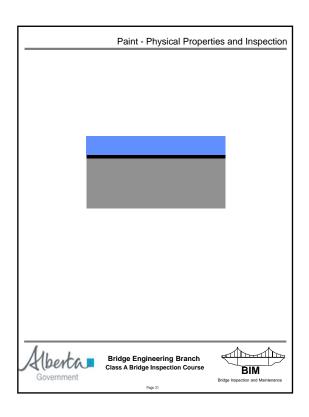


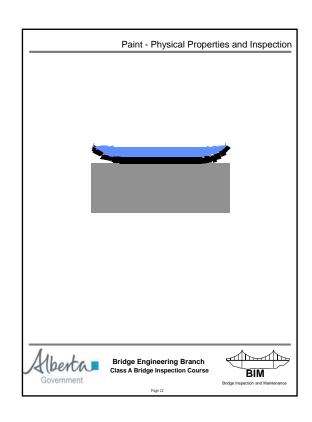


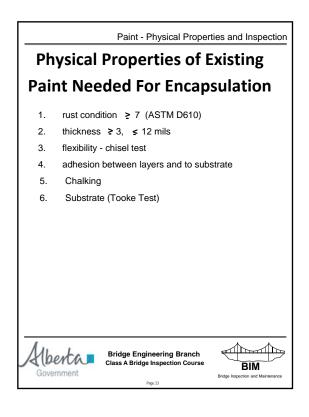


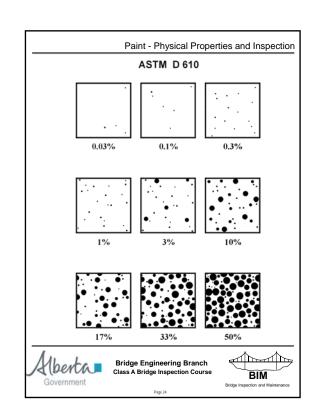


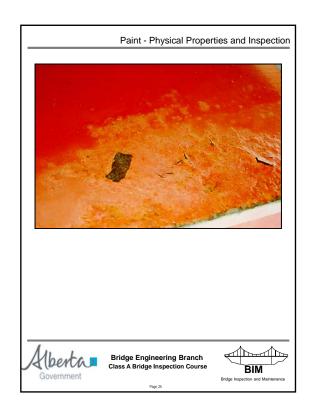




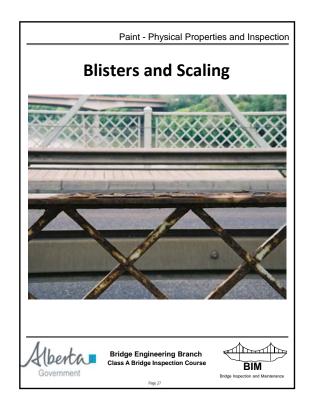


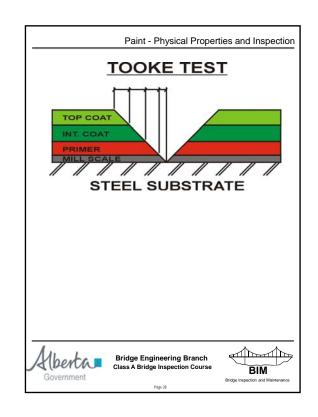


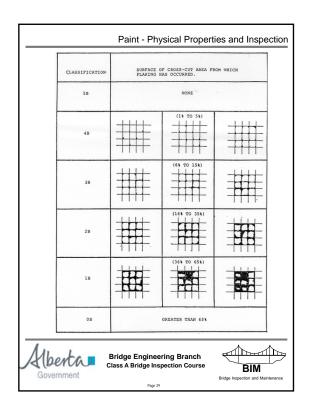


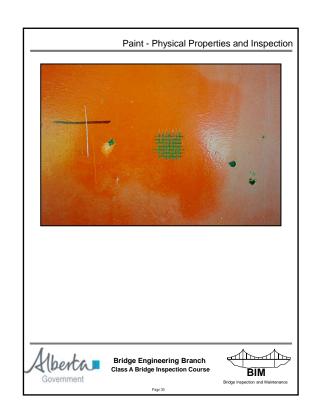


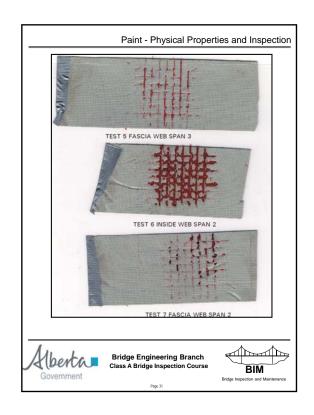














Paint - Physical Properties and Inspection

Cause of Painting Cost

EscalationVarious environmental and safety regulations concerning the removal and disposal of lead based paints.

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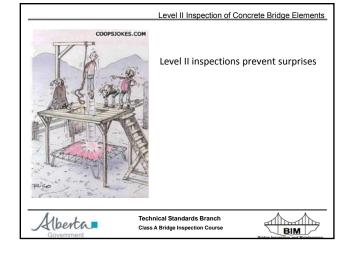
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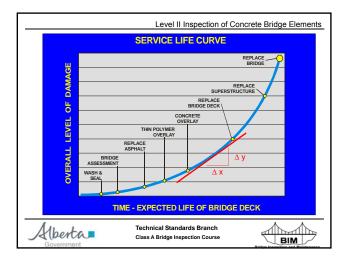
- Function of Level II Inspections for Concrete Bridge
 Flaments
- Level II Concrete Inspection/Test Methods
 - Equipment
 - What does test data indicate
 - How is the data used

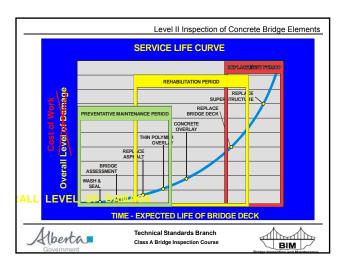


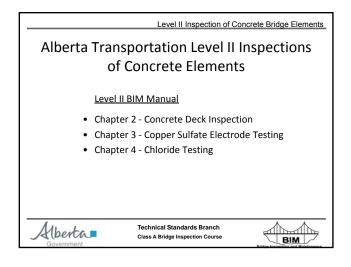


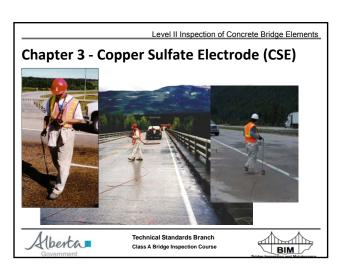


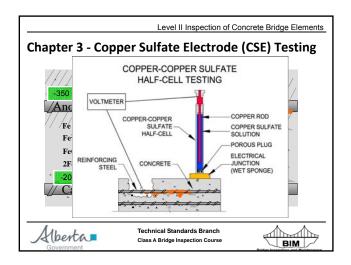


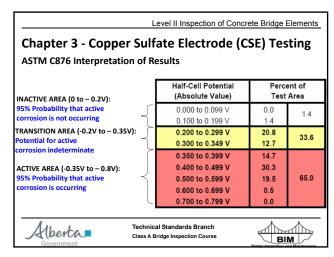


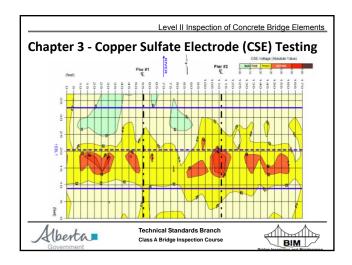


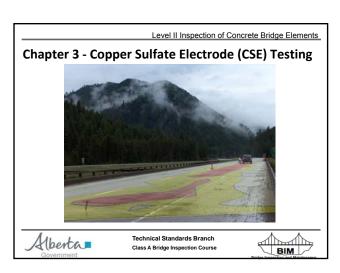


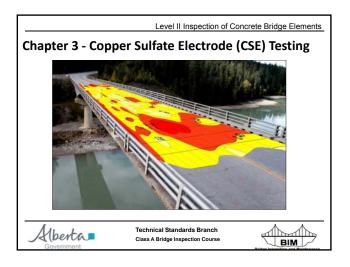


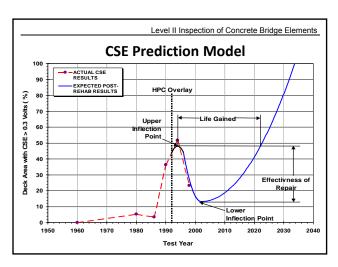


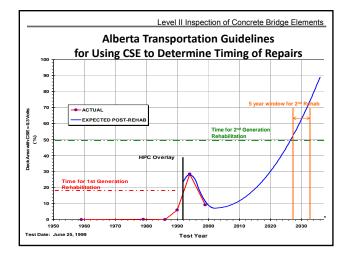


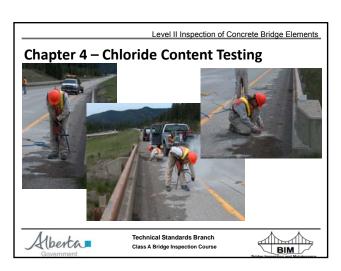


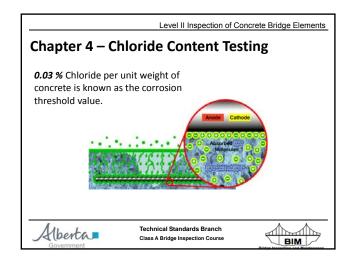


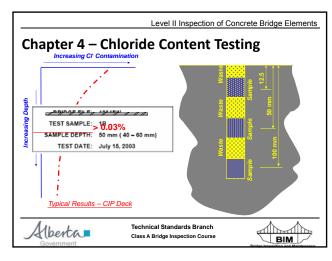


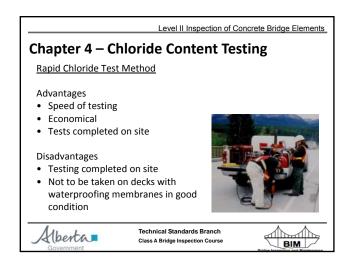


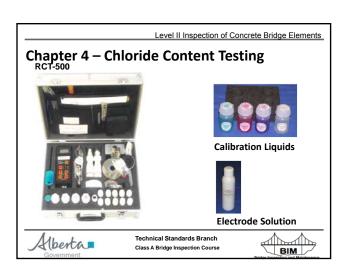


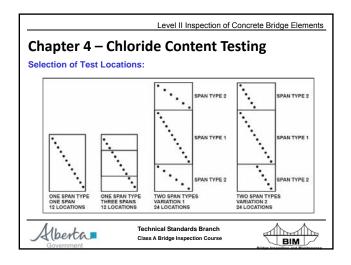


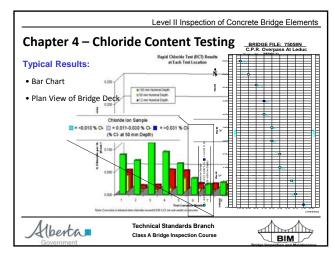


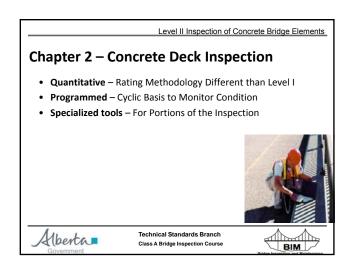


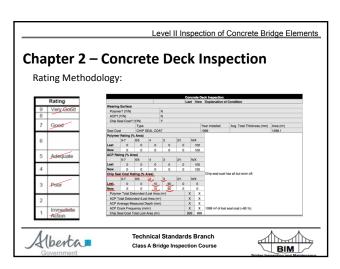


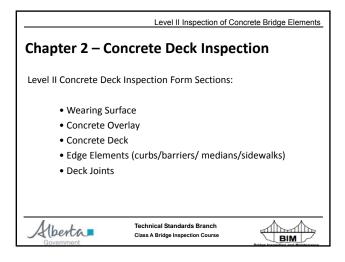


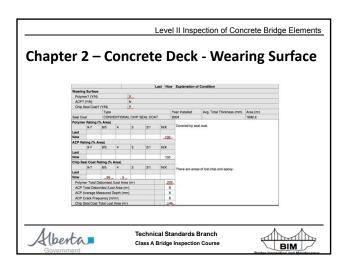


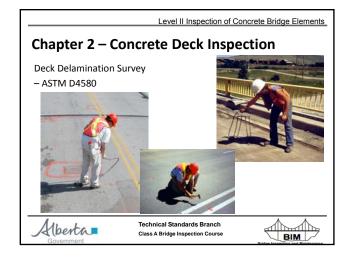


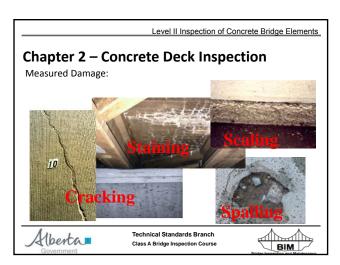


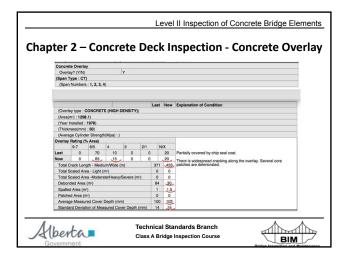


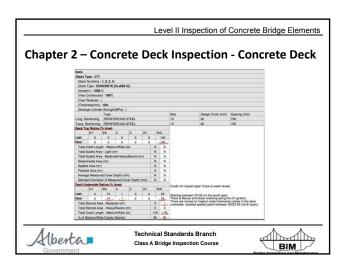


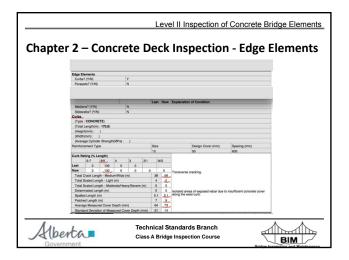


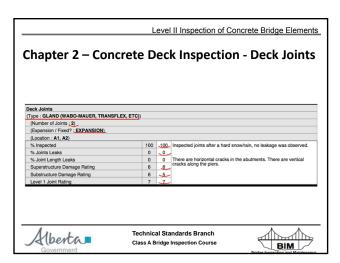




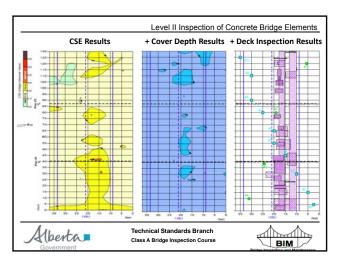


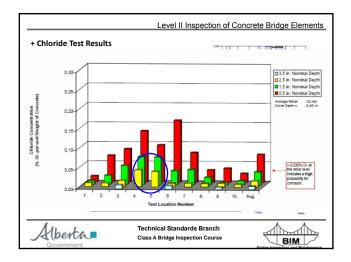


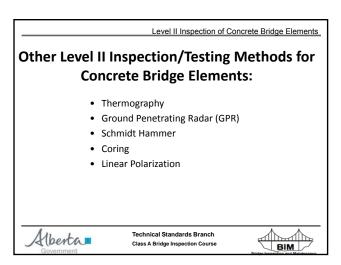


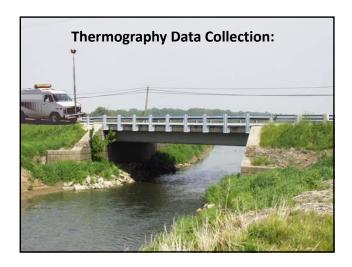


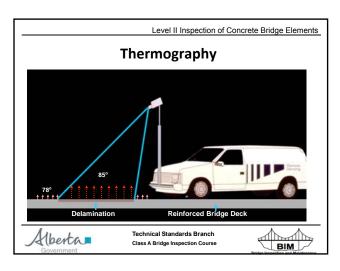


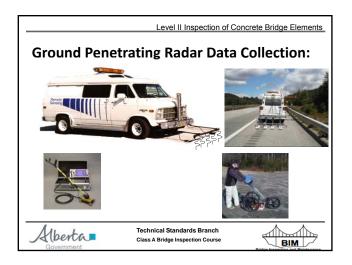


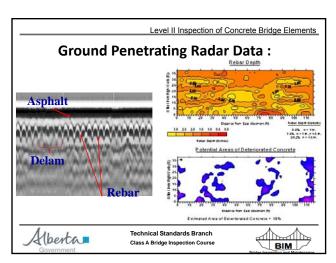




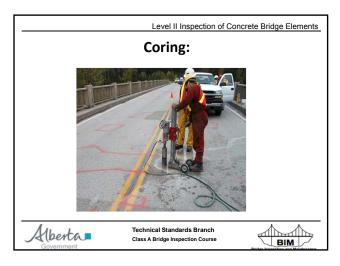


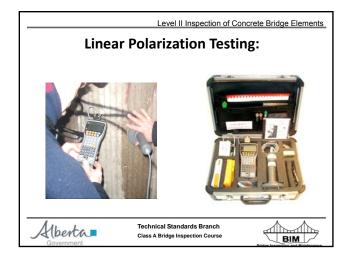


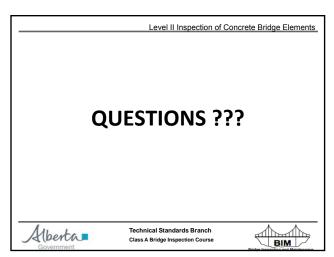


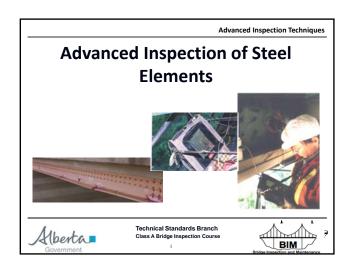


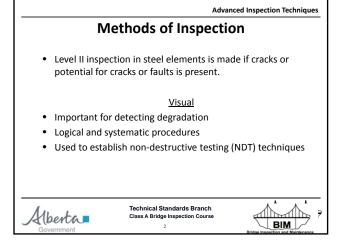




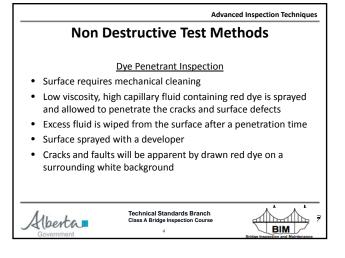








Methods of Inspection Non-Destructive Testing To supplement visual inspection To define the extent of faults Technical Standards Branch Class A Bridge Inspection Course 3



Non-Destructive Test Methods

Dye Penetrant Inspection

- Advantages: Low cost, requires minimal skills, portable, not time consuming, can identify extent of surface cracks
- Disadvantages: Limited to surface defects

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Non-Destructive Test Methods

Magnetic Particle Inspection

- Yoke is used to produce a magnetic field in the steel
- Fine iron powder is sprayed on the surface
- Field is distorted by surface or near surface discontinuities causing concentrations of magnetic lines
- Iron powder is drawn to these lines



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Non-Destructive Test Methods

Magnetic Particle Inspection

- Advantages: portable, requires minimal skills and can define tight cracks
- Disadvantages: limited to the inspection of cracks and surface defects near the surface. Depth of cracks cannot be determined and element may become magnetized.



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Non-Destructive Test Methods

Hardness Testing

- Used to determine if mechanical properties have changed.
 System can be used for determining degradation after fire damage.
- Telebrineller system principle is comparing hardness of a known test bar to the bridge element hardness
- Equipment: Anvil, steel impression bar, microscope, hammer





Non-Destructive Test Methods

Hardness Testing

- Anvil is placed on the element and struck. Impact is transmitted to the test bar and the specimen element.
- Steel ball makes an impression in the test bar and the element
- Diameters are measured and read through a microscope to within 0.05 mm



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Non-Destructive Test Methods

Hardness Testing

x BHN of Test Bar = BHN of Specimen Material Dia of Impression In Metal

- . BHN has a correlation to the tensile strength of steel
- Advantages: equipment is light weight, portable, reasonably accurate and requires no special training



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Non-Destructive Test Methods

Eddy Current

- Similar to MPI, except a defect is detected by disturbances in an electrical field
- Technique involves the use of a coil carrying an alternating current, which produces an eddy current in the part being
- Eddy current creates an impedance in the exiting coil
- Impedance depends on the nature of the part being tested and the exiting coil, magnitude and frequency of the current and the presence of discontinuities in the part
- Change is read from a meter



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Non-Destructive Test Methods

Eddy Current

- Advantages: size and depth of defects can be estimated reasonably and surface conditions such as paint do not affect scanning
- Disadvantages: changes in geometry affect the impedance and recalibration is required
- · Limited use but has potential



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Non-Destructive Test Methods

Radiography

- Used to detect macroscopic defects and discontinuities
- Testing is based on the ability of radiation such as gamma rays to penetrate metal and other opaque materials to produce an image on sensitive film
- Gamma rays are produced by the disintegration of radioisotopes or radium of which cobalt or iridium are common sources



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Non-Destructive Test Methods

Radiography

- Source is housed in a lead capsule to avoid radiation danger when not in use
- Amount of radiation getting through section being tested depends on section and density
- Defects result in less steel to pass through and more radiation gets on to the film placed behind the section
- Defect size and shape shows up as a dark area on the film



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Radiography

- Planar defects are only detectable if they are parallel to the source axis due to radiation absorption
- Accuracy is dependent on the section and location of the
- Fatigue cracks to 2% of thickness can be detected

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Non-Destructive Test Methods

Radiography

- Advantages: permanent record and size and shape are determined
- Disadvantages: cannot detect planar defects and depth of cracks, hazardous and government licensing is required

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Non-Destructive Test Methods

<u>Ultrasonics</u>

- Uses high frequency sound waves to detect flaws
- Discontinuities act as a reflector for high frequency vibrations
- Sound waves are produced by a wave generator and receiving pulses are displayed on a cathode ray oscilloscope
- Ultrasonic frequency is 2 MHz or approximately 9500 ft/sec.

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Non-Destructive Test Methods

<u>Ultrasonics</u>

- Sound waves are transmitted by contact through a crystal and an intervening couplant
- Depth, size and nature of the defects are determined from the return signal on the oscilloscope
- Signal corresponds to elapsed time between transmission and reception



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<u>Ultrasonics</u>

- Time can be converted to distance because the angle and velocity are known
- Sensitivity is influenced by the sound frequency, design of the unit, instrumentation processing of the return signal on the oscilloscope and operator skill

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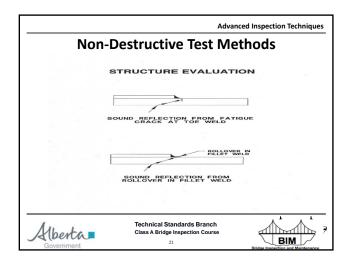
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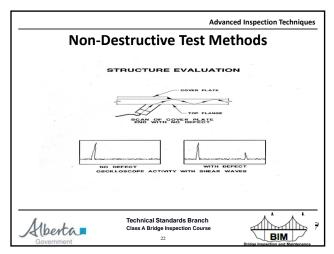
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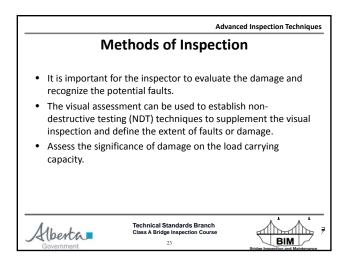
- Advantages: portability, sensitivity, ability to detect locations and depth of defects
- Disadvantages: influenced by operator ability, no permanent record of the display and it can be too sensitive displaying very minor defects

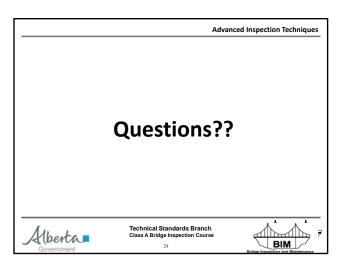












Sign Structure - Inspection and Rating

Sign Structure Inspection and **Rating**



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Sign Structure - Inspection and Rating

Introduction

- Signing for Interchanges
- Naming Convention
 - ➤ Site file number 75760
 - Visual identifiers
 - Z = sign structure
 - N,S,etc = direction of approach
 - > Structure number 2= 2nd structure (travelling north)
 - > Example 75760-ZN-2
- Rating and Recording same as for other structures



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Sign Structure - Inspection and Rating

Inventory Data

· Verify and update

Utilities

- · Note and record
- · Most structures have lights



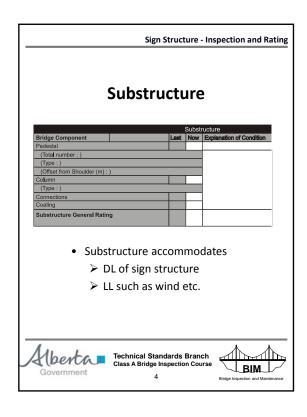
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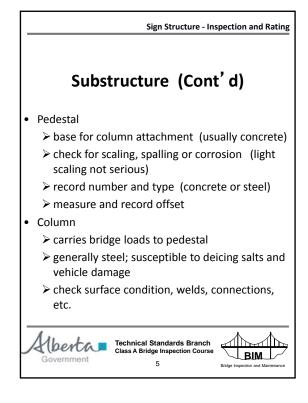
Approach Road / Safety Features

- · Horizontal and vertical alignment
 - > rate same as Chapter 6 of BIM
- Traffic Safety Features
 - refers to all flashing lights, barriers, signs, etc. (not guardrail)
 - > rate function and condition
- Guardrail
 - > rate according to Chapter 6 of BIM
 - > record length
 - > meets standard Yes / No
 - W-Beam 550mm above road, 1950 post space & turn down end
 - guardrail termination type









Sign Structure - Inspection and Rating Substructure (Cont'd) • Connection / Bearings refers to column-to-pedestal connection > loss of section , missing or loose nuts, rate 4 or less > check all welds for cracks Coating > refers to coating on column and pedestal > top coat deteriorated, primer intact rate 5 pitting and / or loss of section rate 4 or less Technical Standards Branch Mberta **₩** BIM .

Superstructure					
Bridge Component		Last		Explanation of Condition	
(Sign Type :)		,	,	,	
Special Features					
Special Feature			\Box		
(Type:)					
Special Feature					
(Type:)					
Truss Members					
Bottom Chord					
Diagona l s]	
Verticals					
Connections					
Access Platform					
Coating					
(Type:)					
Touch-Up (Y/N)					
Span Alignment Problems					
Vertical (Y/N)					
Horizontal (Y/N)					
Superstructure General R	ating				
Refers road	to portio	n span	ning	the	

Sign Structure - Inspection and Rating

Superstructure (Cont'd)

- **Special Features**
 - > refers to high load indicators, special lighting, hazard signs, flashers, etc.
- Truss Members
 - > rating details Chapter 7 of BIM
 - bottom chord
 - diagonals
 - verticals
 - connections
 - > check lower members for collision damage
 - > tension members fatigue cracks
 - > rate section loss 4 or less



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Sign Structure - Inspection and Rating

Superstructure (Cont'd)

- Access platform
 - > refers to platform and rail (servicing)
 - ➤ Level I from ground with binoculars
 - > Check connections
 - ➤ high load damage
- Coating
 - rating same as 15.6.5 Substructure
- Span alignment problems
 - > check for bows, sags, buckles, twists,
 - > alignment of columns



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Sign Structure - Inspection and Rating

Signs

	Sign			
Bridge Component		Last	Now	Explanation of Condition
Sign Board				
(Type:)				
Connections				
Coating				
Readable (Y/N)				
Illumination				
Sign General Rating				

- Refers to signs on the superstructure
- Should be clear, clean and readable



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Sign Structure - Inspection and Rating

Sign (Cont'd)

- Record type of sign
- Sign Board
 - > damage from wind, high load, etc.
 - > fasteners, and connections
 - > coating damage or deterioration
 - ▶ lighting
- Coating
 - > damage, difficult to read
 - > rate 4 or less
- Connections
 - ➤ loose or missing bolts
 - > rate 4or less





Sign Structure - Inspection and Rating

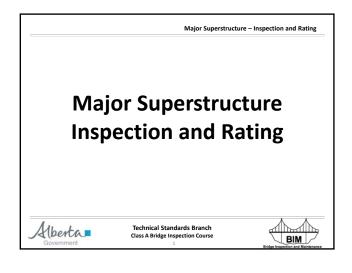
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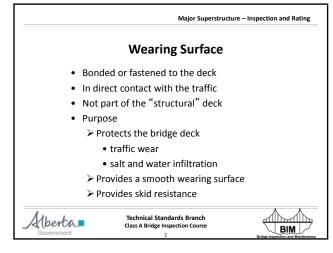
- App Road / Safety Features
 - ➤ Hor. And Vert. align
 - ➤ Safety concerns
- Substructure
 - ➤ Pedestal, Column and Connection ratings
- Superstructure
 - ➤ Load carrying elements
 - > Safety concerns
- Sign
 - ➤ Sign board, Connections, Coating, Illumination

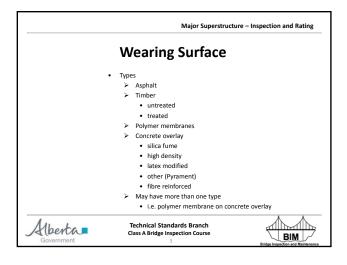




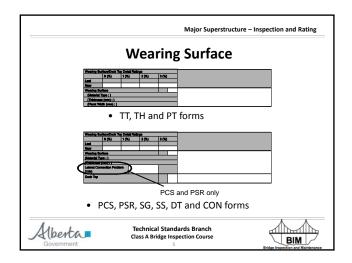
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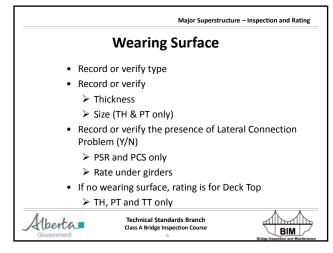


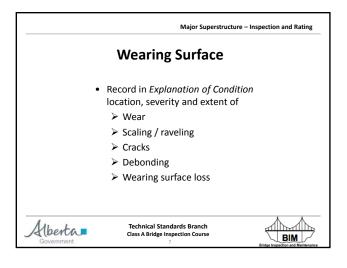


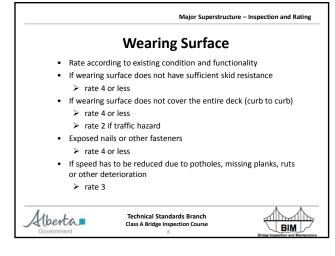


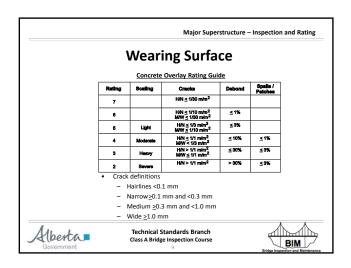


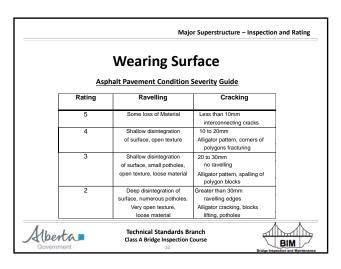


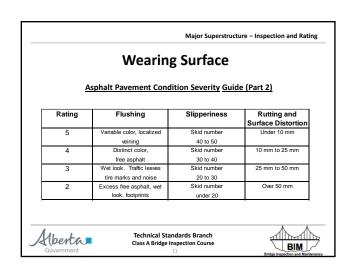


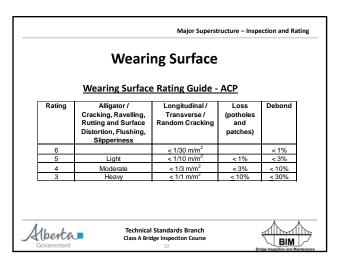


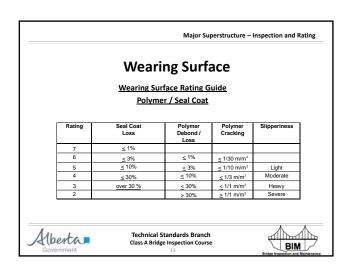


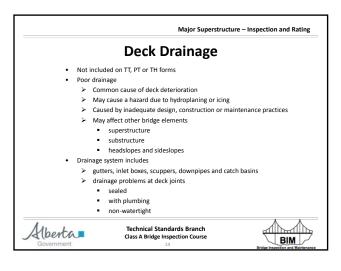


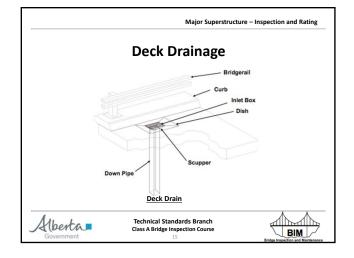


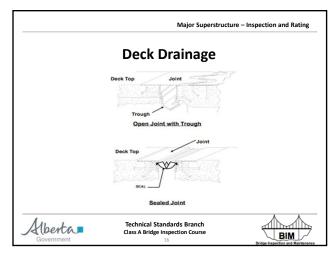


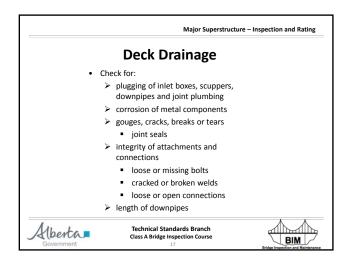


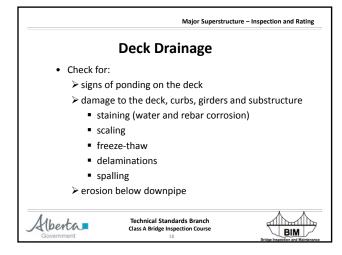


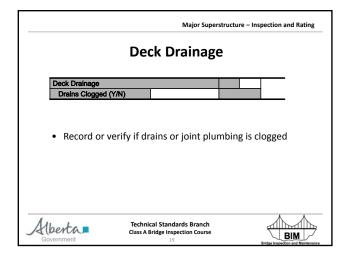












Deck Drainage

• For timber decks or steel grating

→ not on TT, TH & PT forms

• water ponded on the deck rate 4 or less

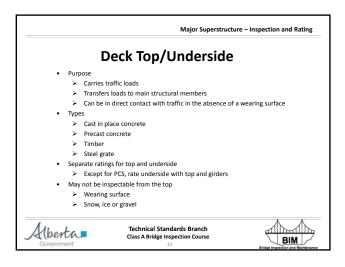
• water ponding is a hazard rate 2

• drains leak or downpipes too short rate 4 or less

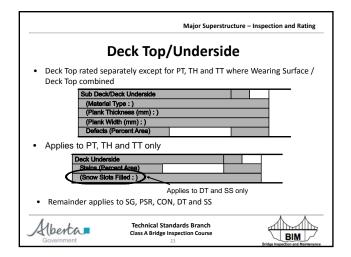
• ponding, leakage or discharge causes significant deterioration of deck, curbs, girders or substructure rate 3 or less

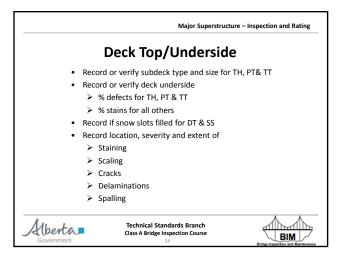
• erosion on sideslopes or headslopes from discharge rate 4 or less

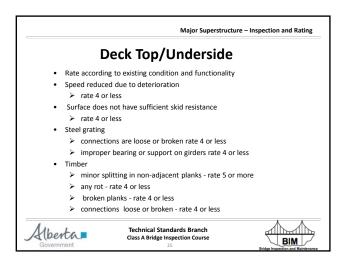
• Deck joint leakage causing damage - reduce rating

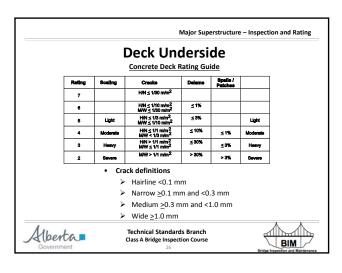


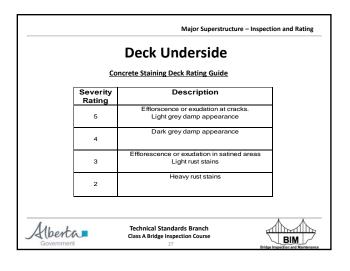
Major Superstructure – Inspection and Rating **Deck Top/Underside** · Drive over deck at design or posted speed • Observe deck under traffic > Listen for unusual noises > Look for deflections or movement • Look over deck top and underside for problems with material On concrete decks, sound suspect areas with a hammer to detect delaminations ➤ Birdbath locations > Stained areas > Badly cracked areas or adjacent to large cracks Technical Standards Branch Class A Bridge Inspection Course Alberta. BIM

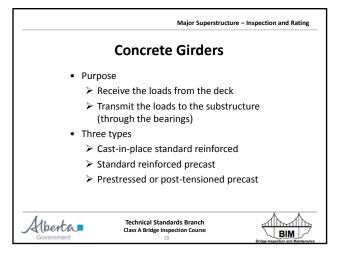


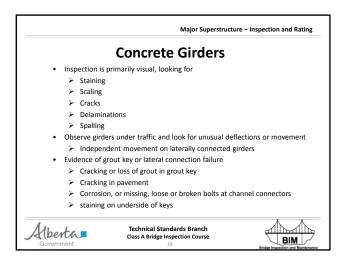


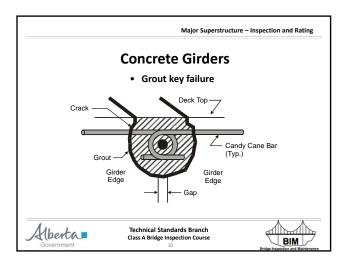


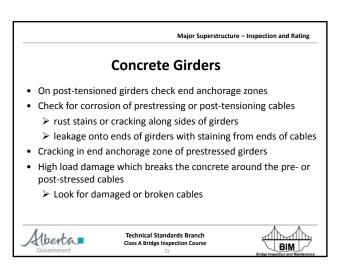


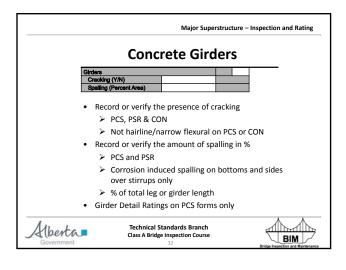


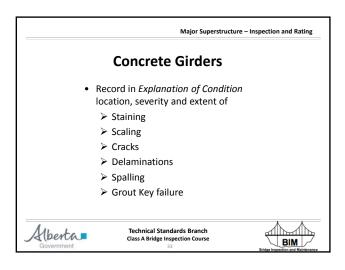


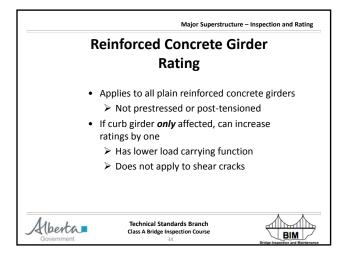


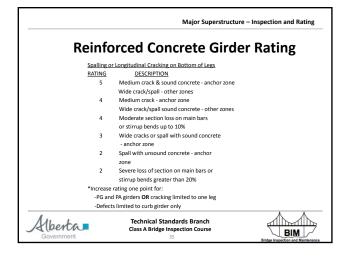


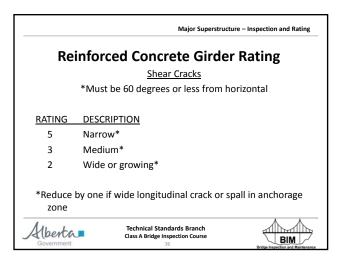


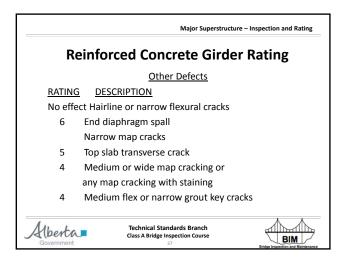


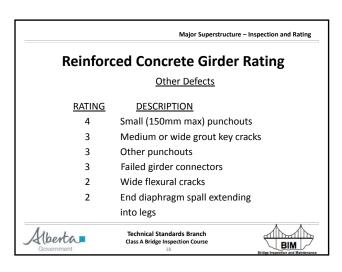


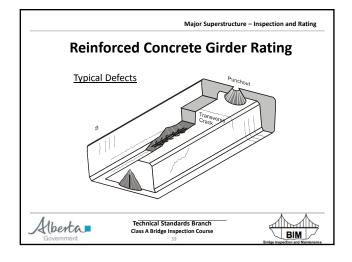


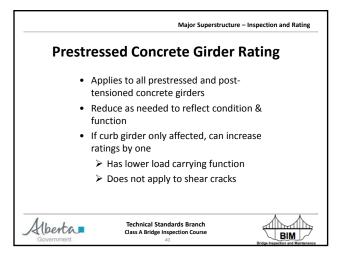


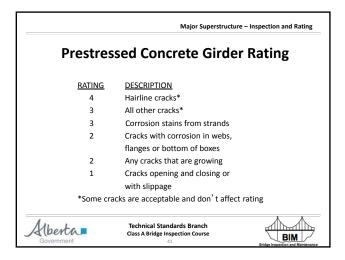


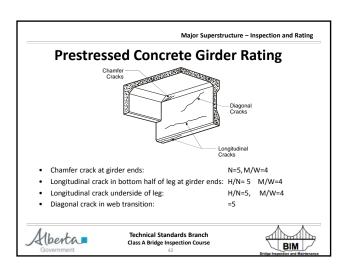


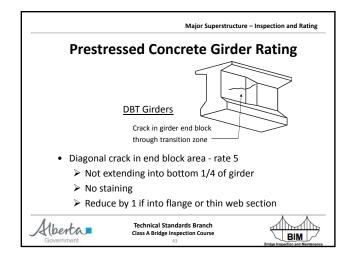


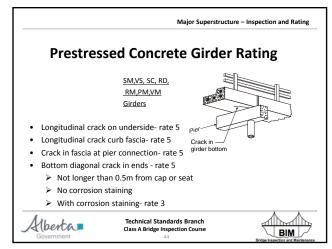


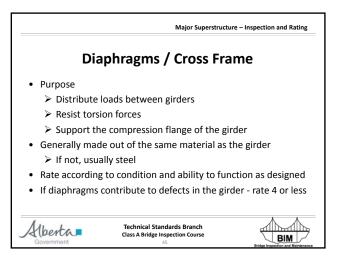


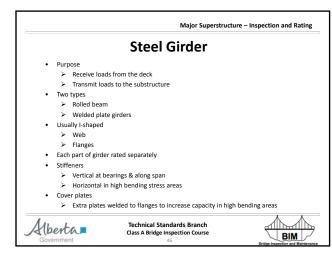


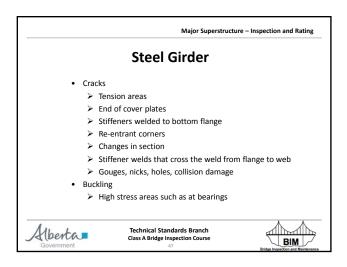


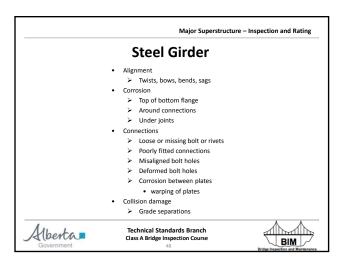


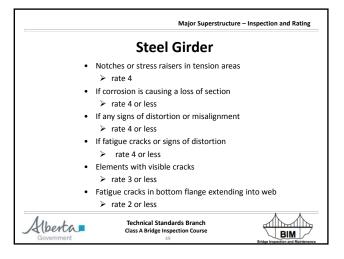


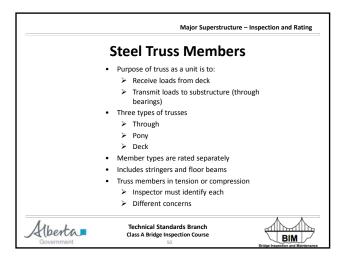


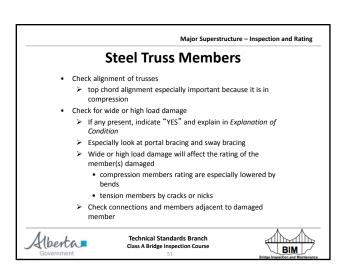


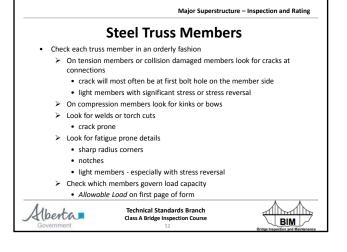


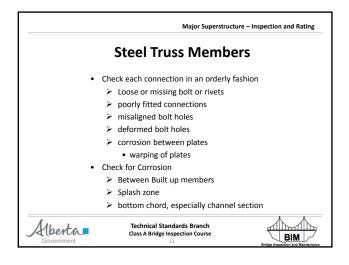


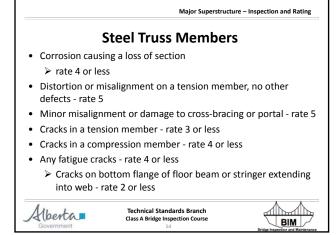


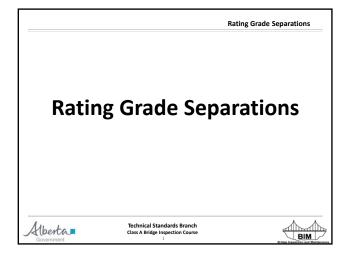


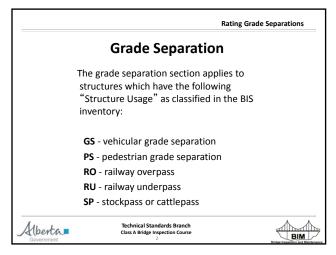


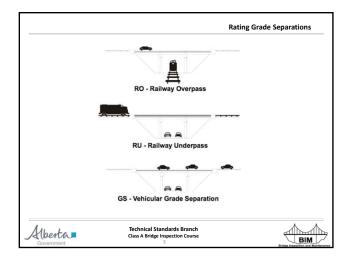


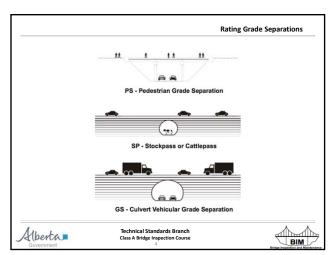


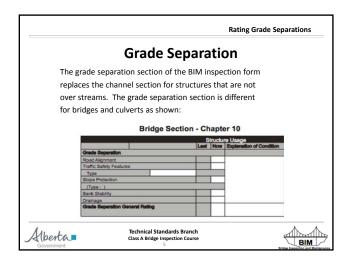


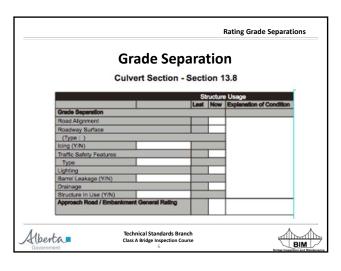


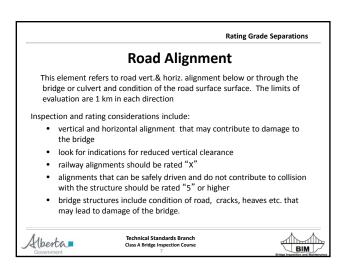


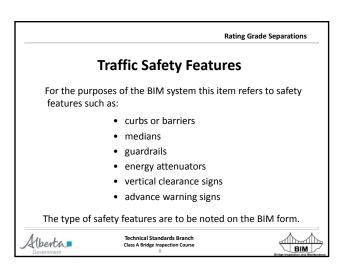












Rating Grade Separations

Traffic Safety Features

Inspection and rating considerations for safety features are as follows:

- do not rate standard of safety feature... rate functionality and condition as per original design
- rating should include all components of the safety feature, including connections
- if elements are missing but there is evidence that they were previously there, then rate "4" or less
- use "explanation of condition" to further describe features or to indicate concerns, maintenance required, etc.



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Rating Grade Separations

Slope Protection

This item refers to the slope protection system used on the headslopes of bridges to prevent erosion damage and provide an aesthetic finish (graffiti). Some considerations for inspection and rating include:

- · look at abutment front for evidence of settlement
- for concrete treatments, look for cracking, surface deterioration, crushing, settlement or heaving
- look for signs of undermining at the toe or by loss of soil material below the protection system
- significant movement or settlement should be rated "4" or less
- if maintenance required it should be rated "4" or less and a description provided
- Good condition but somewhat unattractive rate 7



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Rating Grade Separations

Bank Stability

This refers to the stability of the headslopes and transitions. It is influenced by factors such as:

- · type of backfill material
- · construction techniques
- degree of compaction
- drainage system
- underlying soil stratigraphy

Consequences of instability may range from minor settlement to major structural distress .



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Rating Grade Separations

Bank Stability

Considerations for inspection and rating of bank stability include:

- look for evidence of damage to bridge components
- look for evidence of settlement and shifting of substructure elements
- check for evidence of soil bulging at toe of slopes
- record locations of wet and slumping areas
- instability affecting bridge elements rate "4" or less
- instability that requires monitoring rate "4" or "3"





Rating Grade Separations

Drainage - Bridge G/S

This item refers to the handling of water that reaches the toe of the headslopes and its transitions. Sources of water include:

- · deck drainage
- approach road drainage
- · highway ditch drainage
- · weep holes in abutments and concrete slabs

Considerations for inspection and rating include:

- Drainage functional not causing damage rate 5 or more
- if drainage causes safety concerns or damage, rate "4" or less
- ponding or icing causing hazard on travel lanes below rate 2 or less



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Rating Grade Separations

Drainage / Barrel Leakage

This item refers to disposal of water that reaches culvert roadway surface.

- · Considerations for inspection
 - look for ponding in culvert
 - > gutters clogged or not functioning
 - > damage caused by roadway drainage
- Record "Y" if there is barrel leakage and explain
- Drainage functioning, rate 5 or more
- Ponding causing a hazard, rate 2 or less



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Rating Grade Separations

Roadway Surface

This item is limited to culvert structures and refers to the condition and functionality of the roadway through the structure. The purpose of the roadway surface is to provide a suitable surface for vehicular or other traffic. Considerations for inspection and rating include:

- record the type (pavement, concrete, gravel, etc.) of roadway surface on the inspection form
- · evaluate the condition of the surface and its ability to function as designed
- roadway surfaces requiring maintenance to provide the required level of service should be rated "4" or less
- roadway surfaces that are hazardous due to icing should be rated "2" or less and icing should be indicated on the inspection form
- if there is leakage of water through the barrel onto the roadway, indicate "Y" and explain



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Rating Grade Separations

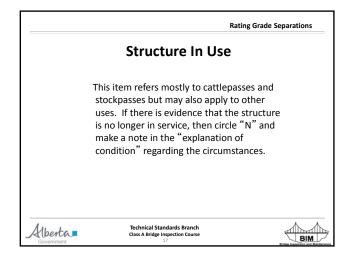
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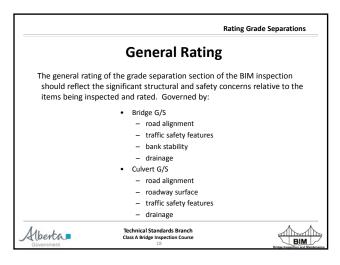
This item refers to the lighting system used in the culvert to enhance visibility and to provide for safe passage through the culvert. Some considerations for inspection and rating include:

- if the lighting is not operational, rate "4" or less
- check guardrail and safety features for damage as this may indicate visibility problems in the culvert
- check all connections and features to determine condition and functionality
- no lighting (cattlepass) rated "X"
- inadequate lighting or no lighting and hazardous situation for the user should be rated "2" or less with "explanation of condition".

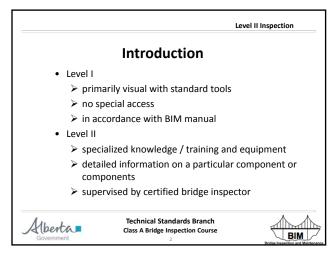


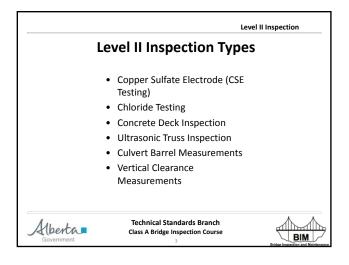


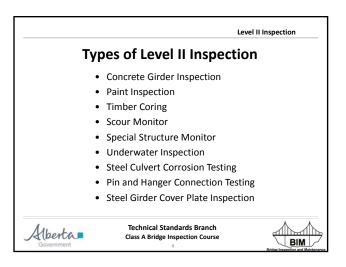


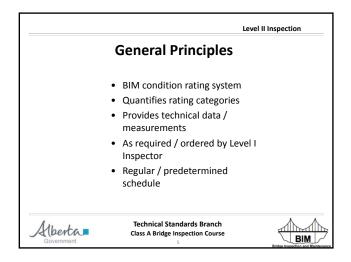


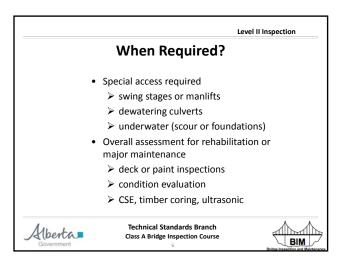


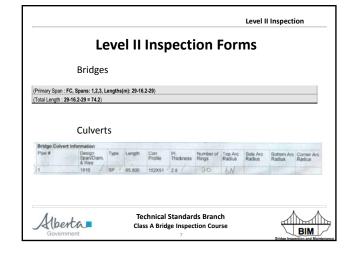


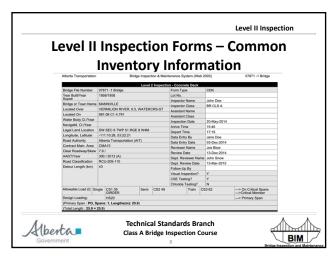


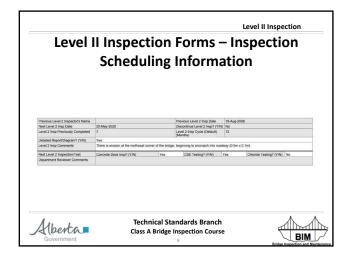


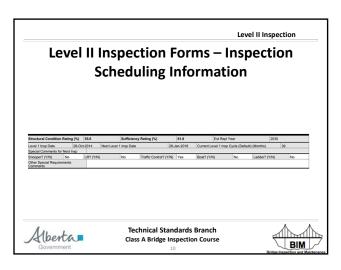


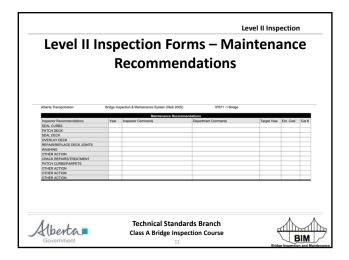


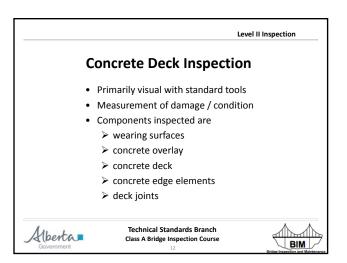


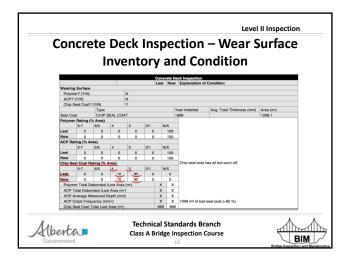


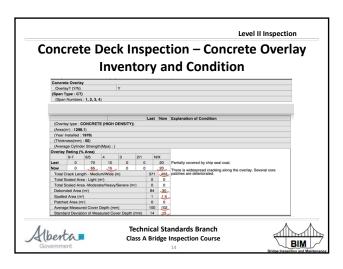


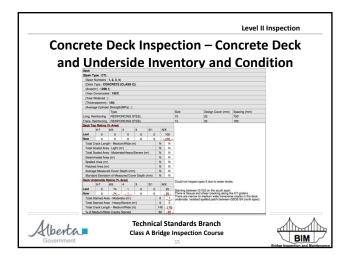


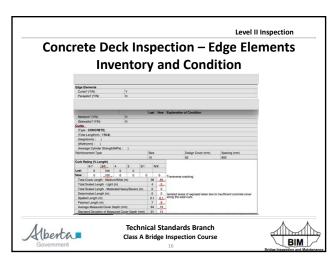


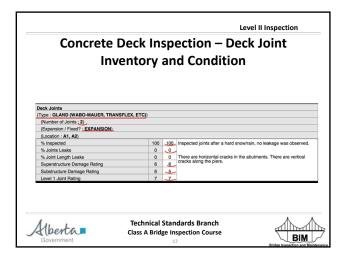


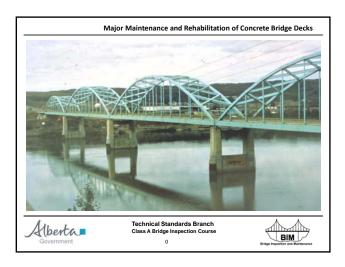












Concrete Bridge Decks

- Large Percentage of All Bridge Decks (over 90%)
- Two Main Mechanisms of Deterioration
 - > freeze thaw damage
 - > corrosion of rebar delamination of concrete
- Prevention of Freeze Thaw Damage
 - > proper concrete mix design/air entrainment



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Major Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Concrete Bridge Decks

Concrete Bridge Decks

- Prevention of Corrosion Damage
 - > prevent moisture/chloride entering concrete
 - > ensure concrete around rebar remains passive
 - > use non-corrosive rebar
- Deck Durability New Construction
 - > membrane and ACP
 - > epoxy coated rebar
 - > stainless steel/stainless steel clad rebar
 - > corrosion inhibitors



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Major Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Concrete Bridge Decks

Deck Rehabilitation - Timing

- Optimum timing gives best life cycle cost
- Too early
 - > existing deck protection still working
 - > no significant damage to deck
 - > future life of deck/bridge not shortened if rehabilitation delayed
- Too late
 - > significant corrosion damage to deck
 - > rehabilitation costs have significantly increased
 - ightharpoonup high chlorides or other factors have significantly shortened life of
- Great deal of experience and judgement to determine optimum timing





Methods/Options for Rehabilitation

- Concrete Overlays
 - > provides durable long lasting wearing surface
 - > less permeable reduces moisture in deck
 - > reduces rate of corrosion
- Membrane/ACP
 - > waterproofs deck surface
 - > stops additional moisture getting in deck
 - > significantly reduces corrosion
 - > membrane/ACP not as long lasting wearing surface as concrete



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Methods/Options for Rehabilitation

- Thin Polymer Overlays
 - > membrane without protection of ACP
 - > does not add significant dead load
 - > existing concrete deck in good condition
 - > need very good bond with concrete
 - subject to damage from snow plows, vehicle wear, UV rays



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Major Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Concrete Bridge Decks

Methods/Options for Rehabilitation

- Cathodic Protection
 - ➤ electric potential over deck surface prevents additional corrosion
 - > use when existing corrosion activity very high
 - > need power source at site
 - > generally needs to be used with concrete overlay
 - monitoring and maintenance required to ensure system is working



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Major Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Concrete Bridge Decks

Types of Concrete Overlay

- High Density Concrete
 - > started using in mid-1970's
 - ➤ low water/cement ratio low slump
 - > site batched with mobile mixer
 - > placed with special finishing machine
 - > very good durability
 - > less permeable than normal concretes
 - > still relatively high permeability





Types of Concrete Overlays

- Latex Modified Concrete
 - > also started using in mid-1970's
 - ➤ latex used to replace some of the water in mix
 - > also site batched
 - ➤ low permeability/high slump
 - ➤ difficult to finish and cracks easily
 - > can be used for thin overlays < 40 mm
 - > section of overlay can become loose if bond problem



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Types of Concrete Overlays

- Pyrament Cement Concrete
 - > cement with high fly ash content 35%
 - ➤ on market in early 1990's
 - > pre-bag mix water added at site
 - > fast setting, high strength, low permeability
 - ➤ hard to finish shrinkage cracks
 - > AAR problems reduced bond



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Types of Concrete Overlays

- Silica Fume Concrete
 - > started using in late 1980's
 - > small amount of silica fume in mix (7.5%)
 - > early use pre-bag mix water at site
 - > presently mostly transit mix
 - ➤ low permeability good durability
 - ➤ little more difficult to finish
 - > more sensitive to shrinkage cracks



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Types of Concrete Overlays

- Silica Fume Concrete with Steel Fibres
 - > steel fibres added to mix
 - > increases tensile strength
 - reduces/controls shrinkage cracks
 - ➤ holds overlay together if debonded
 - > presently most commonly used overlay by AT



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Types of Concrete Overlays

- Modified Silica Fume Concrete
 - > small amount of fly ash in mix
 - ➤ fog curing immediately behind finishing machine
 - > seven day wet curing
 - ➤ increase strength reduces cracks
 - > can be used with and without steel fibres
 - > will be more widely used by AT in future



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Types of Membrane/ACP

- Hot Applied Rubberized Membrane/Protection Board/ 2-40 mm Layers ACP (90 mm)
 - > used on new construction
 - > dead load limits use for rehabilitation
- Sheet Membrane with 50 mm ACP
 - > repair any damage to deck
 - > requires fairly smooth surface
 - bond with concrete and joints between sheets main concerns
 - > top of sheet rough surface to protect from and provide bond with ACP



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Types of Membrane/ACP

- Polymer Membrane with 50 mm ACP
 - > requires relatively smooth surface
 - ➤ good bond with concrete decks
 - ➤ bond with ACP problem unless some aggregate in top layer
 - > aggregate can affect permeability of membrane



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Major Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Concrete Bridge Decks

Thin Polymer Overlays

- Flexible Epoxy Overlays
 - > two components must be mixed properly
 - > can be multi-layer system
 - > very low permeability
 - > requires very good preparation of concrete surface
 - rough texture but clean
 - > very sensitive to weather conditions
 - concrete internally dry
 - > even flexible epoxy is a relatively brittle material



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Thin Polymer Overlays

- MMA Overlays
 - > more flexible, thicker material
 - ➤ single layer
 - > somewhat more expensive than epoxy
 - > also requires very good concrete surface preparation
 - > works better on more flexible decks
- Urethane Overlays
 - ➤ use in parking garages
 - > not durable enough for highway traffic



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Cathodic Protection Systems

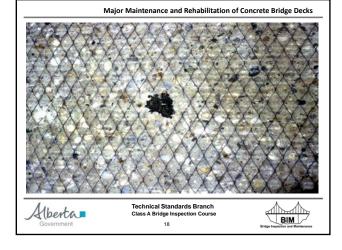
- Conductive Titanium Wire Mesh in Overlay
 - > requires concrete overlay
 - > must eliminate all shorts between mesh and deck
 - > requires monitoring
- Under Deck Conductive Coating
 - > do not require concrete overlay
 - > still must eliminate all shorts
 - > requires monitoring
 - > long-term performance not proven
 - > coating system appears to dry out and become non-conductive with time



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Major Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Concrete Bridge Decks

Lateral Connection Between Girders

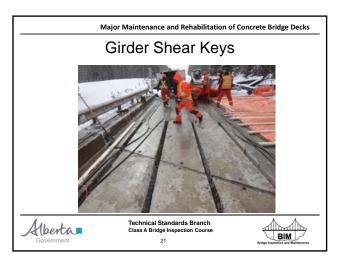
- AT has a number of concrete girder types that are placed side by side and connected together by grout-keys or connector bolts
- These grout keys have not stood up well over time
- During rehabilitation of these girder bridges the lateral connections are usually upgraded and supplemented (underslung beams, lateral post-tensioning)

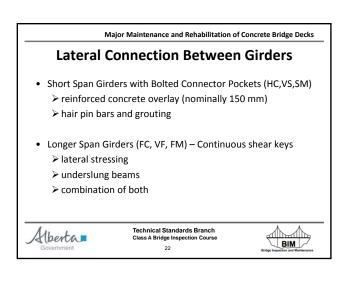


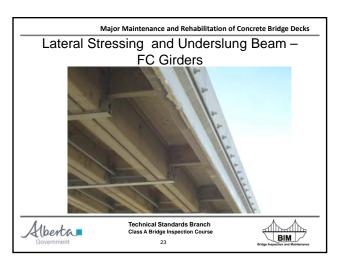
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Bridge Deck Joints

- Pre 1975 Bridges
 - ➤ lots of simple spans
 - ➤ lots of non-waterproof joints
- Existing Practice
 - > continuous spans, eliminate deck joints where possible
 - > joints waterproof or with drainage systems



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Types of Deck Joints

- Strip Seal Joints
 - > waterproof
 - ➤ a rubber/neoprene seal attached to metal extrusion
 - > moderate thermal movements (up to approx. 75 mm)
 - > make sure installation fills all voids behind extrusions
 - > work well but seals must be replaced from time to time



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Types of Deck Joints

- Finger Plate Joints
 - > non-waterproof
 - > sliding finger plates with plumbing/drainage system
 - > works for large thermal movements (> 75 mm)
 - > careful to fill all voids behind plates when installing
 - > mis-alignment of fingers due to dead load creep and abutment rotation
 - plumbing/drainage systems need to be cleaned out from time to time



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Types of Deck Joints

- Small Movement Joints
 - > small movements due to live load deflection, etc.
 - > compression seals
 - > types of caulking materials



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Specifications for Bridge Construction

- Link to Specifications for Bridge Construction
- Section 4 Cast in Place Concrete
- Section 15 Polymer Overlays
- Section 16 Bridge Deck Waterproofing
- Section 20 Deck Overlays and Concrete Rehabilitation
- https://www.transportation.alberta.ca/4753.htm



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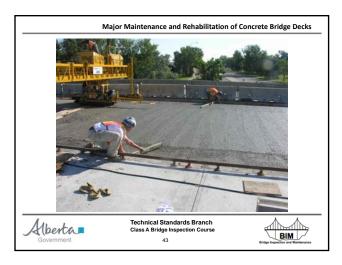




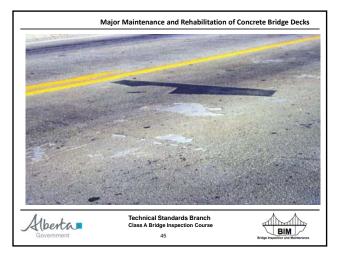


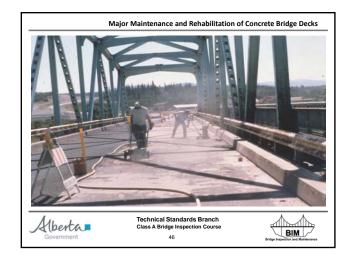






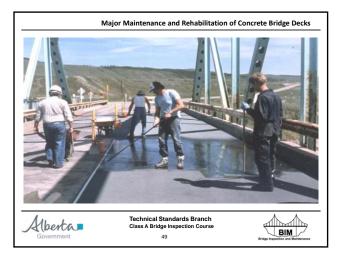


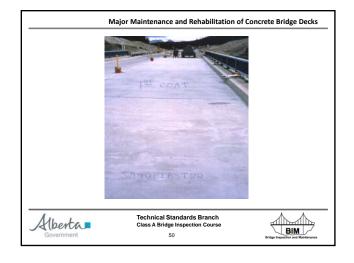




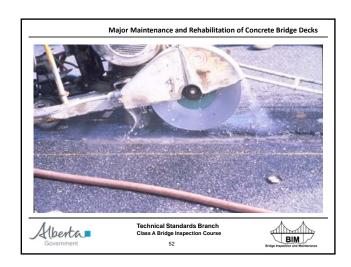


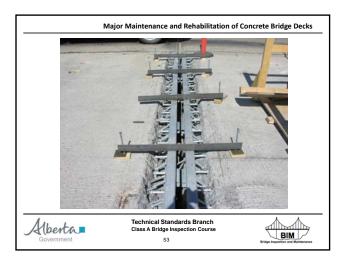




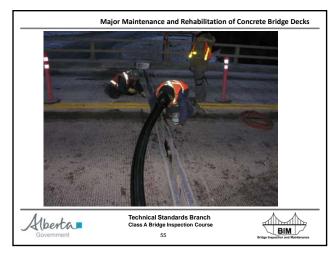
















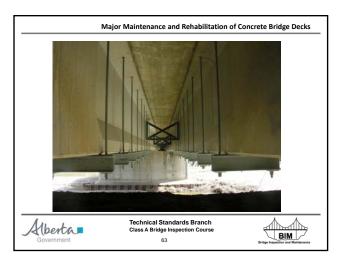


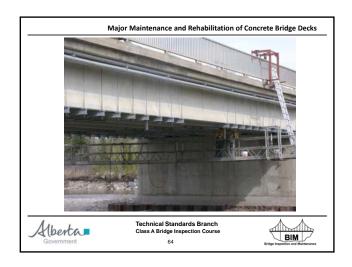


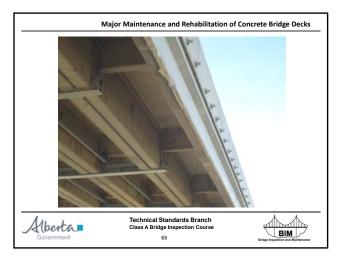


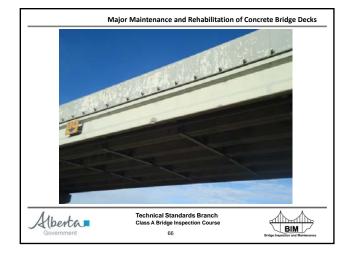


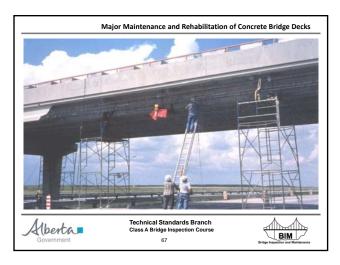




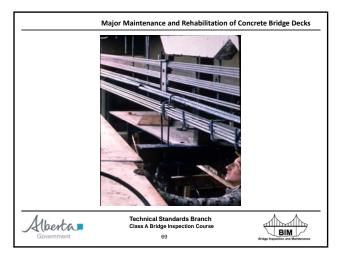




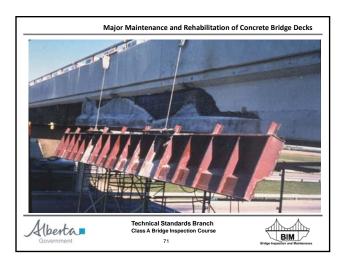


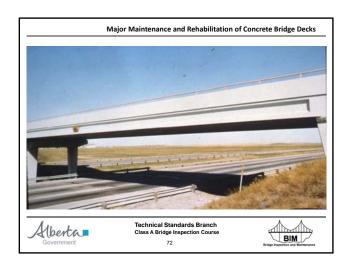


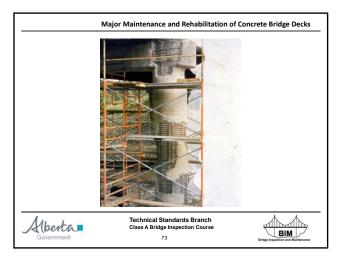


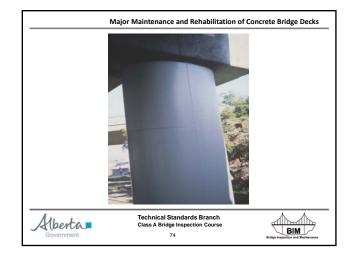










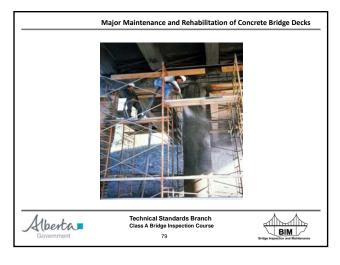


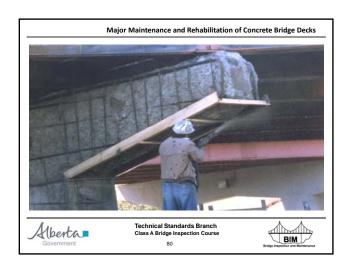


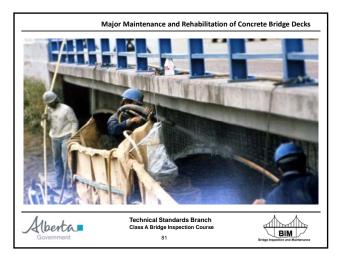


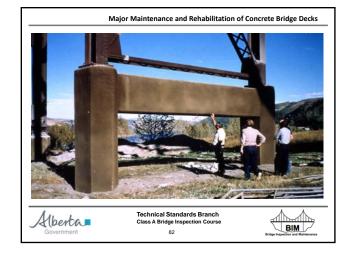


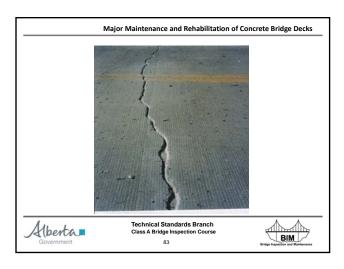


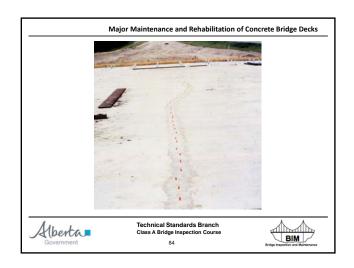


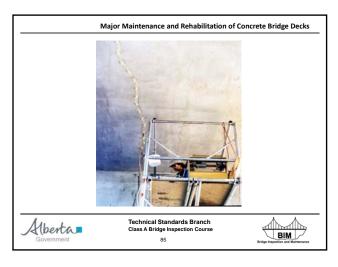


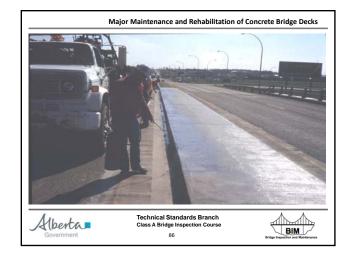




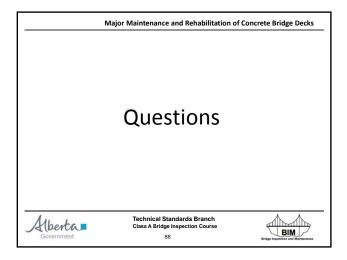


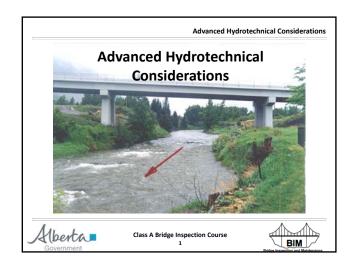


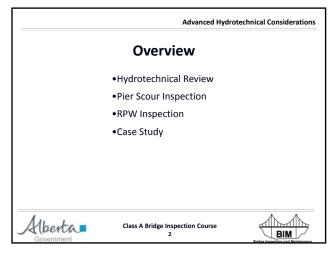


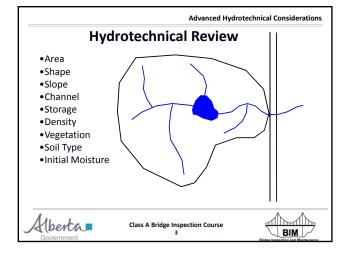


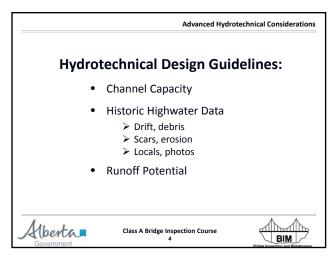


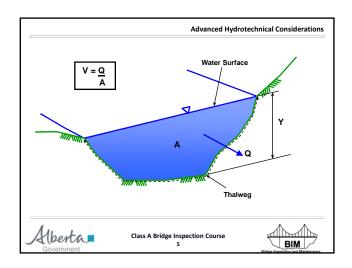


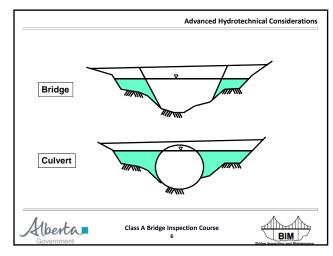




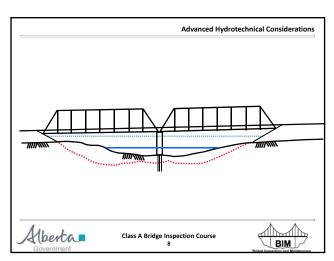


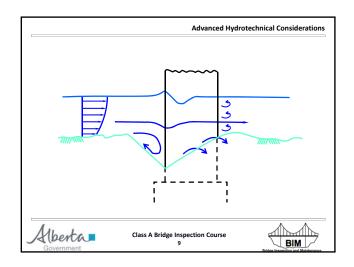


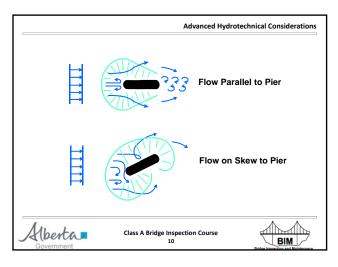


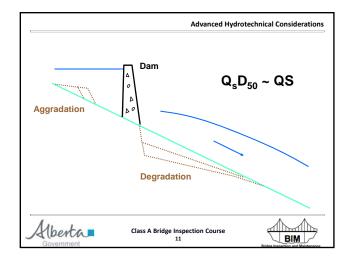




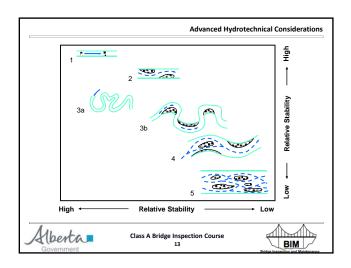


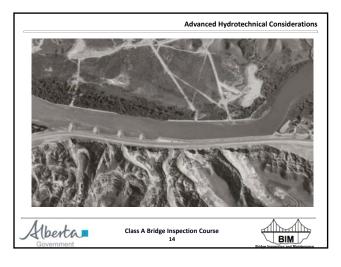


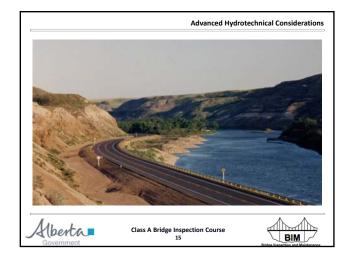


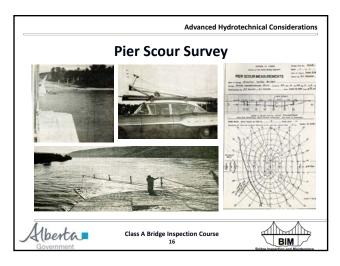




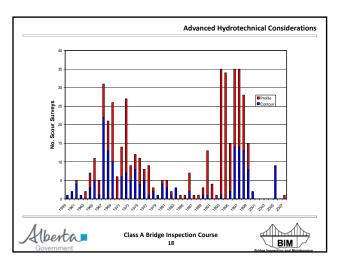


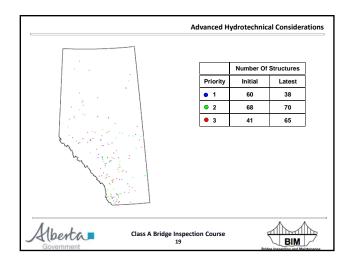


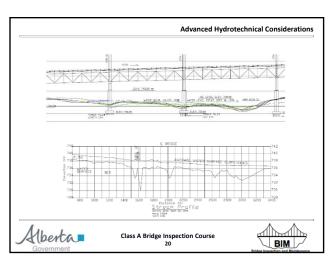


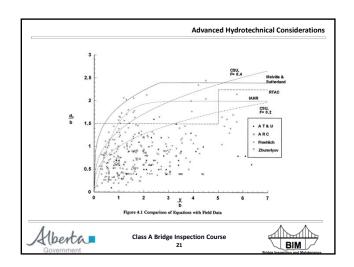


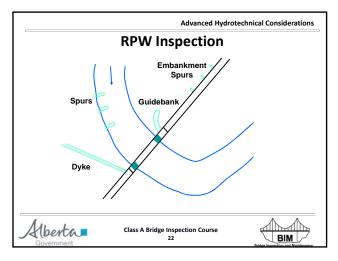


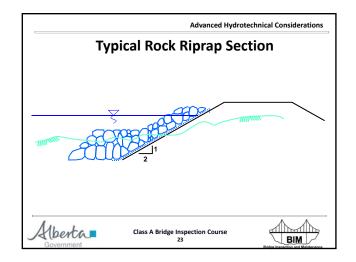


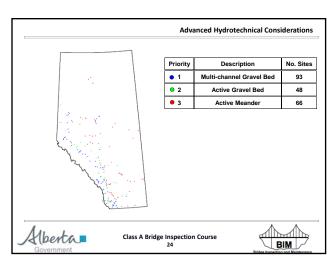


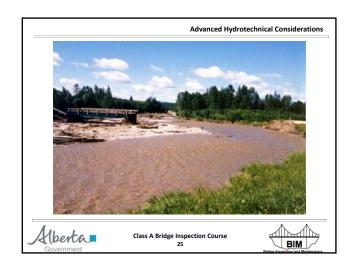


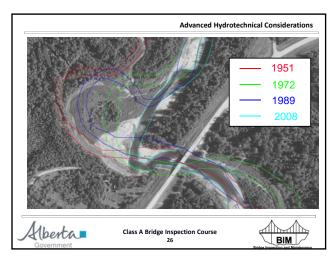


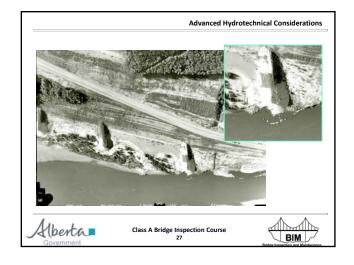






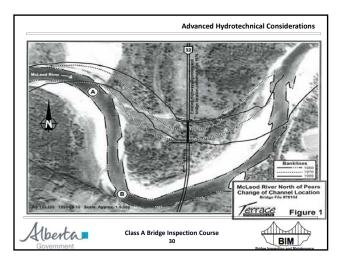


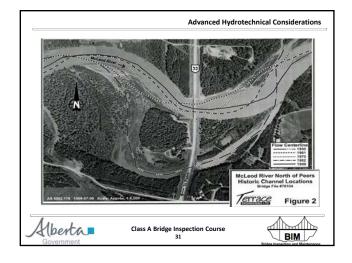








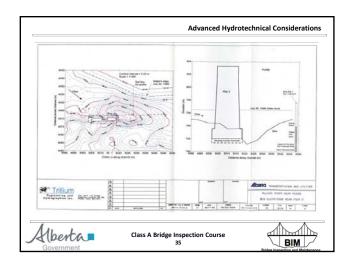


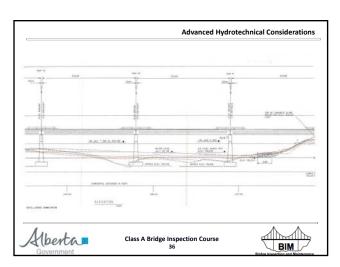


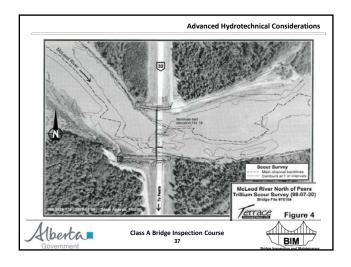


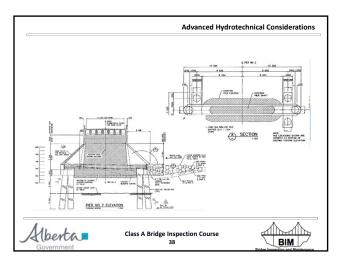






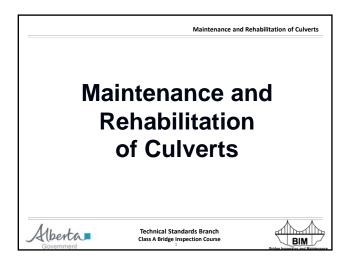


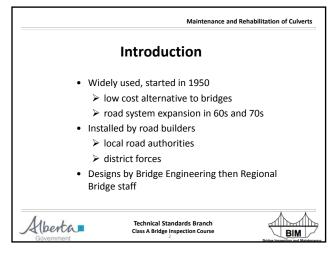


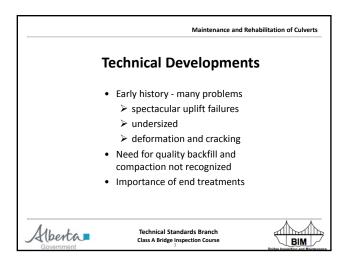












Culvert Inspection

• Regular inspection initiated in mid-80s

➤ before major problems or failures reported

• inspection provides early detection of changes

• most defects develop slowly

• poor backfill often detected at first inspection

• As constructed records shape at ends, quarterpoints and middle

