## SUBSTRUCTURE INSPECTION AND RATING

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## Introduction

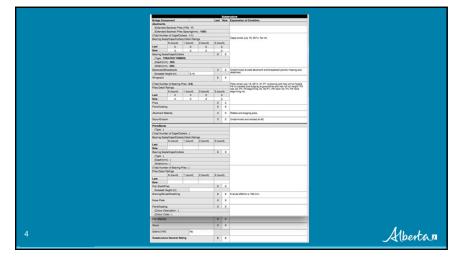
- Portion of the bridge located below the bearings
  Abutments
  Piers

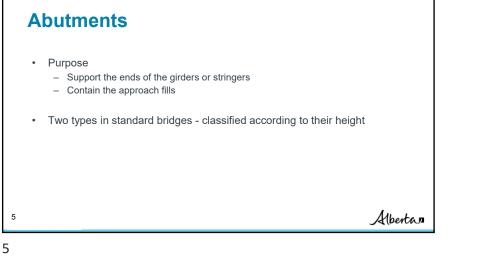
  - Rated separately
- Purpose is to:
  - Receive the loads from the superstructure
  - Transfer forces to the ground
  - Contain the approach fills
  - Withstand other forces on it

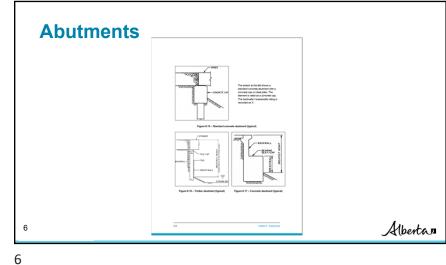
    - Debris/drift

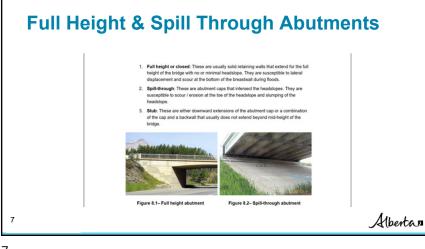
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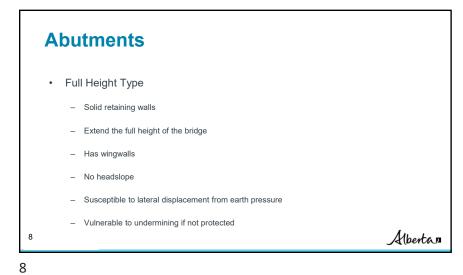


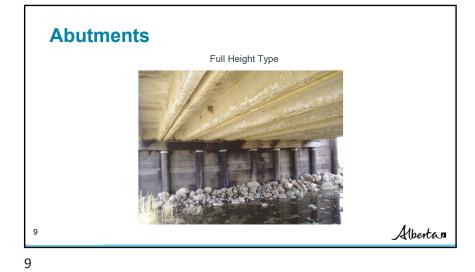






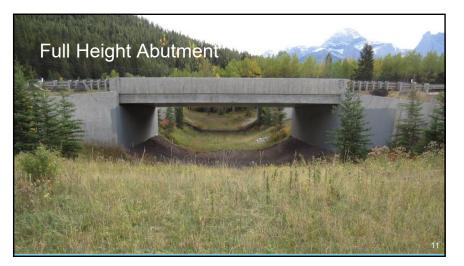








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# Abutments

- Spill Through Type
  - Intersect the headslope at the cap height
  - No retaining wall (backwalls) below caps
  - Short wings
  - Vulnerable to undermining if headslope not protected with scour protection
  - Susceptible to slumping if headslope too steep or scour at toe
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# Spill Through Abutment



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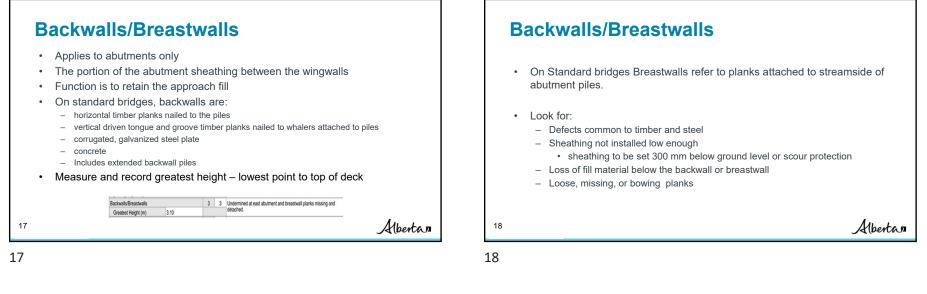
#### **Abutments**

- Indicate Extended Backwall Piles "<u>Y</u>es" or "<u>N</u>o"
- Record Extended Backwall Pile maximum spacing in mm
- Provide Backwall/Breastwall rating-refer to 8.6
- Measure and record greatest height lowest point to top of deck
- Rate struts on single span bridge in Pier section of form

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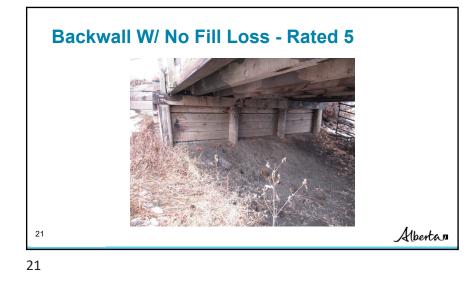
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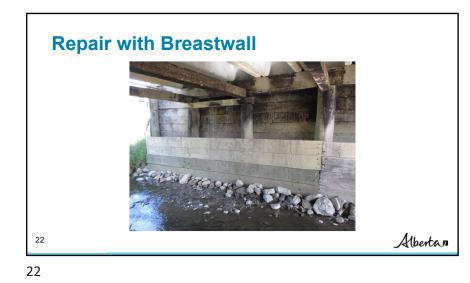




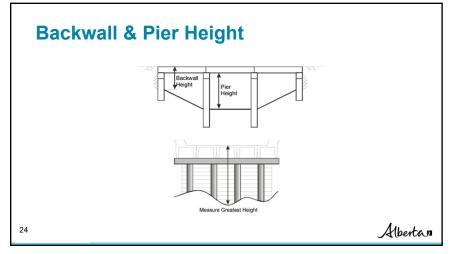
#### **Backwalls/Breastwalls Ratings** · Rate according to condition and ability to perform as designed (retaining wall) Sheathing bowing out from earth pressure rates 5 provided it is functioning • (retaining fill). Not low enough but no loss of backfill material – rate 5 · Loss of material under sheathing - rate 4 or less · Excessive gaps between the planks allowing infiltration rate 4 or less Decay, broken or missing planks or defects in extended backwall piles - rate • 4 or less 19 Albertan

# Backwalls/Breastwalls Loss of Fill Rated 4 Albertan









#### Wingwalls

- Applies to abutments only
- Primary function is to retain fillConsist of horizontal or vertical
- driven sheathing attached to pilesWing piles are included in
- wing piles are included in inspection and rating
- Stability and Scour/Erosion are rated separately
- Look for:
  - Material defects
  - Sheathing not installed low
    - enough
      sheathing to be set below the ground level or scour protection installed at the bottom

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- Loss of fill material below the wingwall
- Excessive gaps between the planks allowing infiltration
- Sheathing or piles bowing out from earth pressure
- Missing or broken planks or piles
- Missing or damaged tin tops on timber wing piles
  - installed to prevent water from entering cut end and rotting interior of pile
- Proper attachment to backwall loose or missing wing cleat
- Broken or loose anchor tie to pile

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· Requires repairs for aesthetics but is still functional - rate 5 or more

- Missing or broken planks rate 5 or less depending on functionality

- Sheathing or piles bowing out from earth pressure rate 5 or less depending on

Requires repairs to be functional - rate 4 or less

- Missing or damaged tin tops on wing piles rate 4

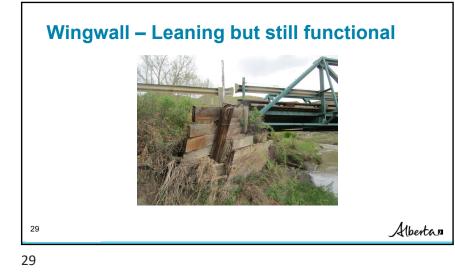
- Broken or rotted piles rate 4 or less

- Loss of fill material - rate 4 or less (also rate under Scour)

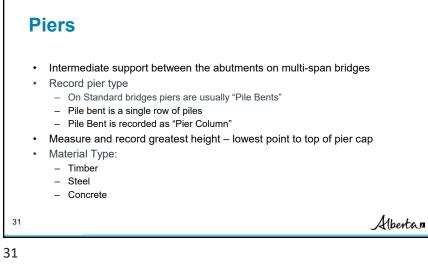
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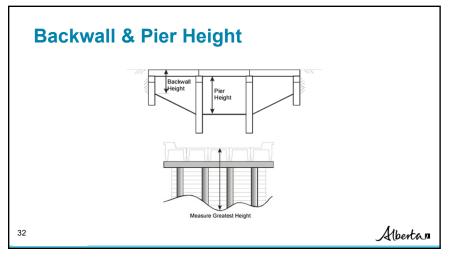
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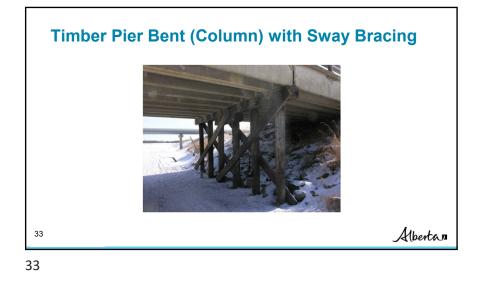


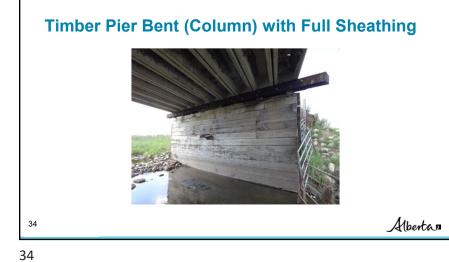




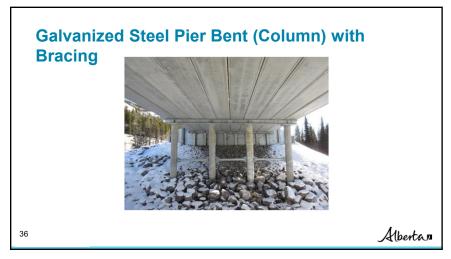


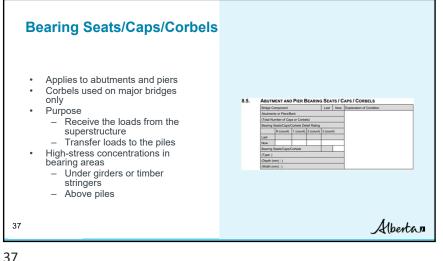










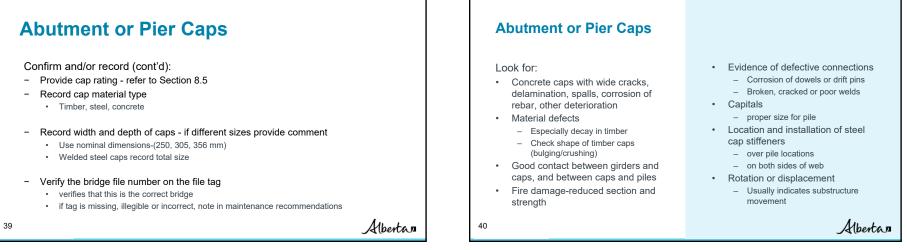


#### **Abutment or Pier Caps**

#### Types

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- Timber found on timber pile bents
- Concrete found on concrete or steel
- Steel found on steel or timber pile bents
- Confirm and/or record:
  - Record total number of individual caps at each abut and pier (west:east or south:north) (e.g. 3:3). Steel caps welded together count as 1 cap.
  - Caps < 100 mm depth do not count in total (e.g. plywood crown)
  - Record Detailed rating boxes for caps
  - Record the number of caps not visible in the "N" box
  - Record "0's" if caps are rated 4 or more



#### **Timber Caps – Abutments or Piers**

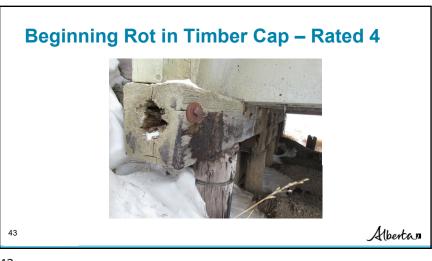
#### Decay in timber

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

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**Rating Abutment/Pier Caps** 

Any deficiencies reducing ability to transmit loads rate 4 or less

Record number of caps rated N, 1, 2 & 3 in Detail Rating Field. Record "0" if caps rated >3

Girder bearing less than 100 mm or timber stringer less than 75 mm, rate 4 or less

· Vertical or horizontal splits extending through full dimension rate 4 or less

Rate according to condition and functionality

Spalling and rebar exposed - rate 4 or less

Girder bearing less than 75 mm rate 3 or less

Refer to Section 8.5.3 in Manual

· Early signs of rot rate 4 or less

Signs of bulging rate 3 or lessSigns of crushing rate 2 or less

Timber caps with:

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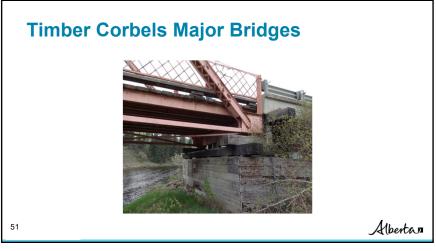




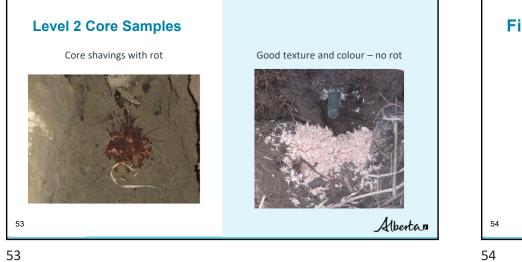




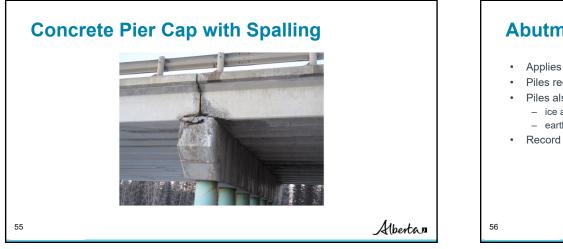


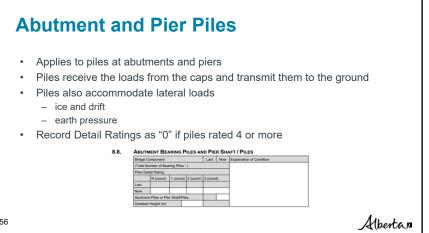


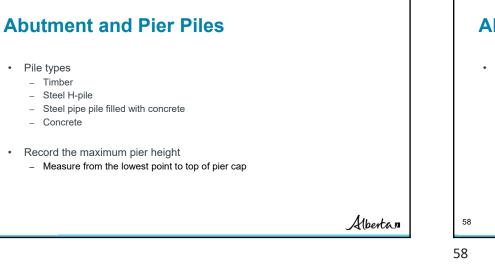


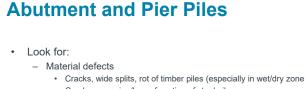




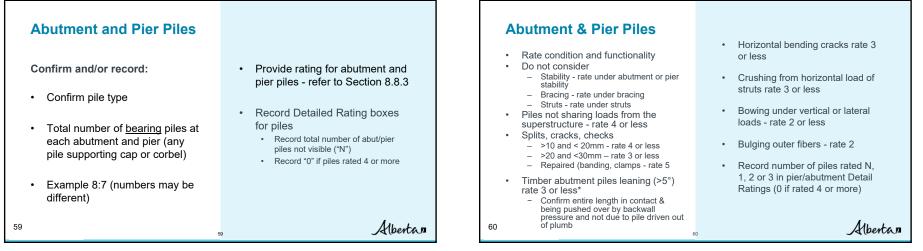




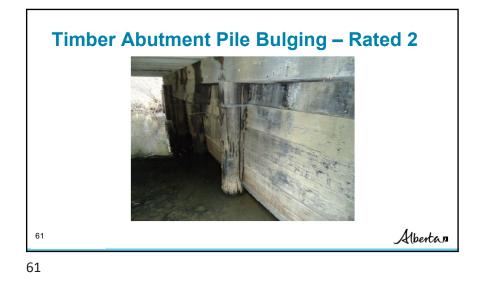




- Cracks, corrosion/loss of section of steel piles
- Collision damage from ice, drift or vehicles (lead pile especially)
- Abrasion from ice or drift
- Bowing due to excessive earth pressure or vertical loads
- Misalignment (out of plumb not sharing loads) due to lateral forces
- Determine if as built (piles driven out of plumb is common) or related to stability
  - · Look for sloped cut on pile top or shims between pile and backwall
- Uneven spacing due to poor construction
- Signs of heaving or settlement. Note in vertical misalignment



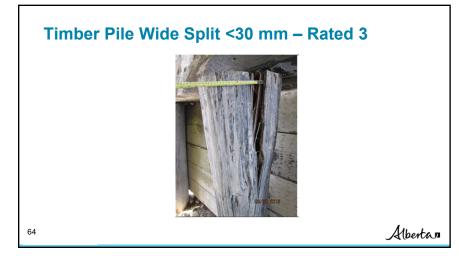
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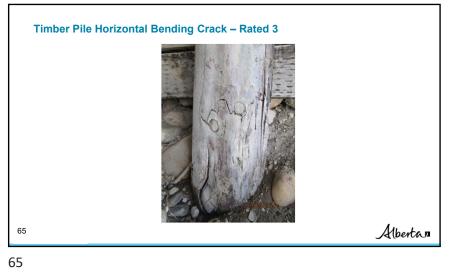


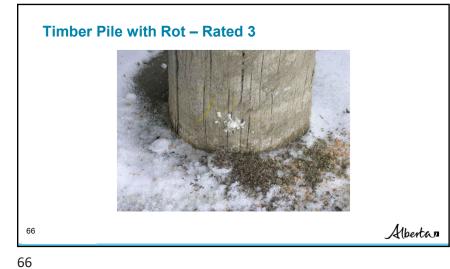
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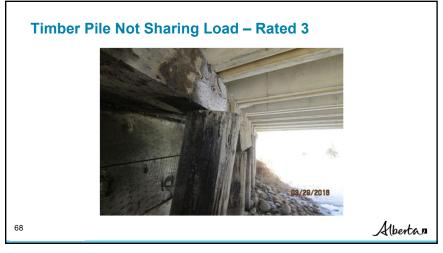


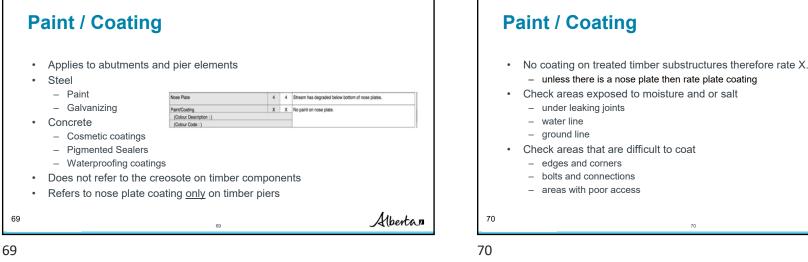




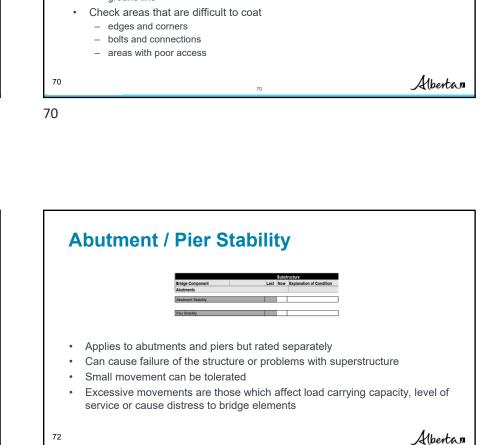








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**Paint / Coating** 

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

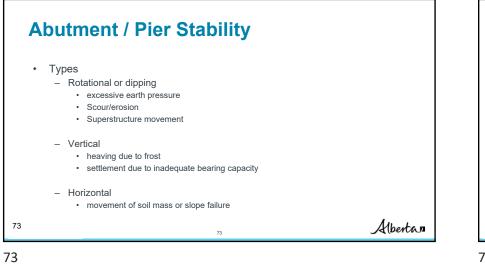
· Coatings for aesthetics only (pigmented coatings on concrete) - rate 3 or

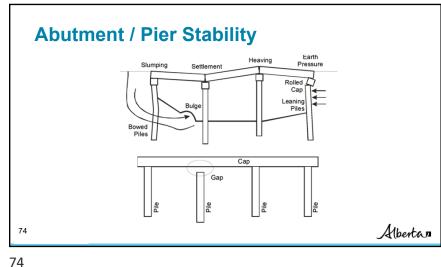
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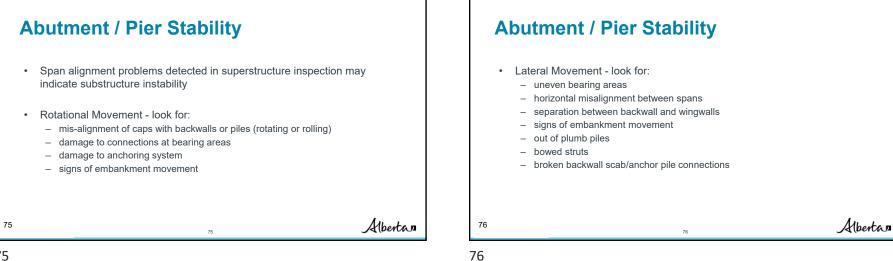
· If no coating on steel elements and there is corrosion, rate 4 or less.

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

Top-coat deteriorating but prime coat intact - rate 5



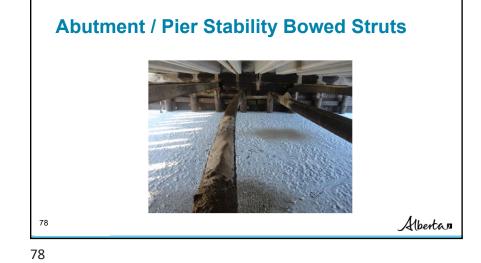




#### **Abutment/Pier Stability**

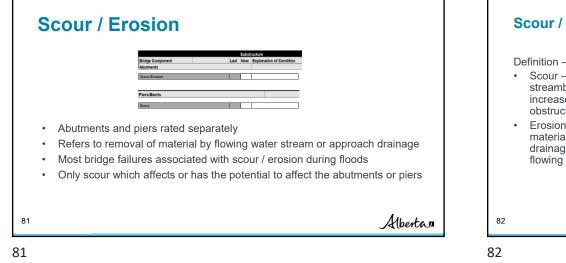
- Vertical Movement look for:
  - unevenness in superstructure
  - gaps between piles and caps
  - misalignment of structural elements
- Significant scour may not affect stability
- Movement that requires monitoring rate 4 or less
- Movement causing damage to any bridge element rate 4 or less
- Note elements supporting stability with defects (e.g. struts, bracing). Ratings of these elements should be consistent with stability rating
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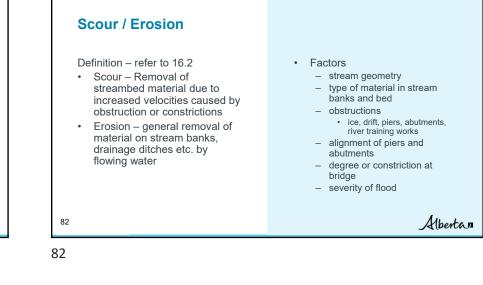
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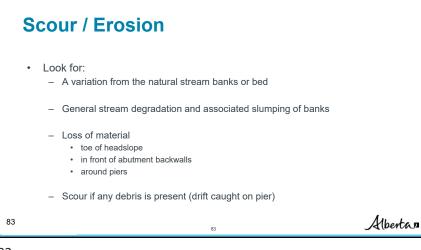


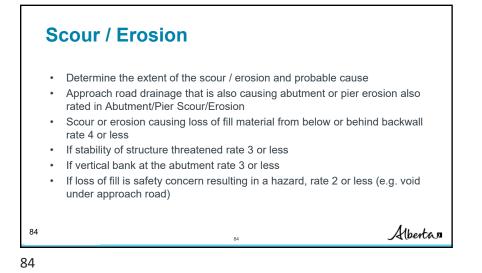


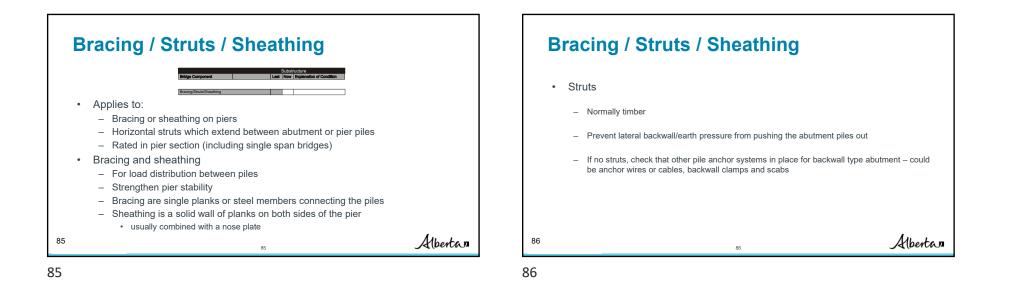


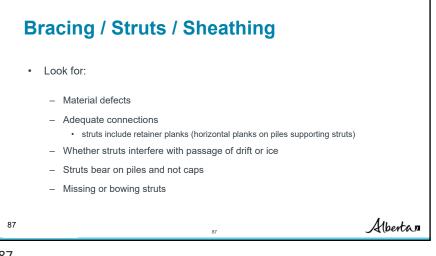












•	Rate according to condition and functionality
•	If different elements present rate worst with single rating - use "Explanation of Condition" to identify other elements and defects (struts and sway brace)
•	Missing or broken struts are bowed – rate 3
•	Loose or missing sheathing rate 4 or less
•	Cracked, broken, or missing bracing rate 4 or less
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#### **Bracing / Struts / Sheathing** Piers/Bents (Type : PIER-COLUMN) Caps cored Aug. 25/15 Pier 2 has 1 100x305 T.T. on top of caps Pier 1 has 2 - 100x305 T.T. on top of caps Beginning rot in all 100x305 T.T. top planks at both piers. (Total Number of Caps/Corbels : 8:5) Bearing Seats/Caps/Corbels Detail Ratings N (count) 1 (count) 2 (count) 3 (count) 0 0 0 Now 0 0 Bearing Seats/Caps/Corbels 6 (Type : TREATED TIMBER) (Depth(mm) : 305) (Width(mm): 356) (Total Number of Bearing Piles : 10:9) Piles cored Aug. 25/15 P1-P4, P6 and P2-P5, P6, P8 and P9 all with beginning rot at base o Piles Detail Ratings pile. Wide checking to Pier 2, Pile 9 - Ok. N (count) 1 (count) 2 (count) 3 (count) Last 0 0 0 0 Now 0 0 Pier Shaft/Piles 5 4 Greatest Height (m) 5.30 4 Pier 2 - 1 cracked bracing plank. Struts in Sp. 1 and 2 (150 x 200 TT Rated 7 Bracing/Struts/Sheathing Albertan 89

Nose Plate							
	Nose Plate	4	4	Stream has degraded below bottom of nose plates.			
	Applies to piers only						
	Located on the upstream side						
	Protects pier from impact or abrasion from ice or drift						
	Made from steel and bolted or welded to pier						
	Found on H-pile and timber piers (for standard bridges)						
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