

CONSULTING ENGINEERS
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND
CONSTRUCTION
OFFICE OF ENGINEERING

New Bridge Design Standard Practice

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To: CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The "Bridge Design Standard Practices" are hereby revised to ensure that all load ratings for bridges designed using LRFD Specifications shall be rated by LRFR methods. In order to provide Load Ratings using LRFR methods, Sections 1.4.4 and 3.1.3 of the Bridge Design Manual (enclosed for reference) are revised to provide bridge designers proper guidance for the new requirement. The changes to Sections 1.4.4 and 3.1.3 will be formally incorporated in the web-based Bridge Design Manual in the near future.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

1.4.4 Design, Legal and Permit Live Load Ratings

Design, legal and permit vehicle live load ratings shall be prepared for all new structures and existing structures where rehabilitation/repair of the structure will affect the live load rating.

The live load ratings shall conform to the load and resistance factor rating (LRFR) method in accordance with the AASHTO Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The live load ratings shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Department's Bridge Inspection Manual.

Live load ratings for new structures shall be prepared for the live loads, and the load factor criteria and analysis parameters shown in Table 1.1. The minimum acceptable rating factors shall be no less the values shown in Table 1.1.

TABLE 1.1			
Rating Procedure	Live Load Vehicle	Load factor criteria and analysis parameters	Minimum Acceptable Rating Factor (RF)
Design Load Rating	HL-93	Evaluation Level – inventory	1.00
Design Load Rating	HL-93	Evaluation Level – operating	Report value
Legal Load Rating	CT-L73.0	Load factor = 1.80	1.00
Legal Load Rating	CT-L3S2	Load factor = 1.80	1.00
Permit Load Rating	CT-P76.5	Permit Type: Routine or Annual Frequency: Unlimited Crossings Loading Condition: Mix with traffic Distribution Factor: Two or more lanes ADTT: > 5000	1.00
Permit Load Rating	CT-P204	Permit Type: Routine or Annual Frequency: Unlimited Crossings Loading Condition: Mix with traffic Distribution Factor: Two or more lanes ADTT: > 5000 Minimum Load Factor: 1.35	1.00
Permit Load Rating	CT-P380	Permit Type: Special or Limited Crossing Frequency: Single Trip Loading Condition: Escorted with no other vehicles on the bridge Distribution Factor: One lane ADTT: N/A	1.00
Permit Load Rating	CT-TLC	Permit Type: Special or Limited Crossing Frequency: Single trip Loading Condition: Mix with traffic Distribution Factor: One lane ADTT: > 5000 Dynamic Load Allowance: 0.00	1.00

Live load ratings for existing structures that undergo major rehabilitation, such as superstructure replacement or deck replacement, shall be prepared for the live loads, and the load factor criteria and analysis parameters shown in Table 1.2. The minimum acceptable rating factors shall be no less the values shown in Table 1.2 unless permitted otherwise.

TABLE 1.2			
Rating Procedure	Live Load Vehicle	Load factor criteria and analysis parameters	Minimum Acceptable Rating Factor (RF)
Design Load Rating	HL-93	Evaluation Level – inventory	1.00; may be less than 1.00, if permitted in writing by the Department.
Design Load Rating	HL-93	Evaluation Level – operating	1.00
Legal Load Rating	CT-L73.0	Load factor = 1.80	1.00
Legal Load Rating	CT-L3S2	Load factor = 1.80	1.00
Permit Load Rating	CT-P76.5	Permit Type: Routine or Annual Frequency: Unlimited Crossings Loading Condition: Mix with traffic Distribution Factor: Two or more lanes ADTT: > 5000	1.00; may be less than 1.00 if permitted in writing by the Department.
Permit Load Rating	CT-P204	Permit Type: Routine or Annual Frequency: Unlimited Crossings Loading Condition: Mix with traffic Distribution Factor: Two or more lanes ADTT: > 5000 Minimum Load Factor: 1.35	1.00; may be less than 1.00 if permitted in writing by the Department.
Permit Load Rating	CT-P380	Permit Type: Special or Limited Crossing Frequency: Single Trip Loading Condition: Escorted with no other vehicles on the bridge Distribution Factor: One lane ADTT: N/A	1.00; may be less than 1.00 if permitted in writing by the Department.
Permit Load Rating	CT-TLC	Permit Type: Special or Limited Crossing Frequency: Single trip Loading Condition: Mix with traffic Distribution Factor: One lane ADTT: > 5000 Dynamic Load Allowance: 0.00	1.00; may be less than 1.00 if permitted in writing by the Department.

Live load ratings for existing structures that undergo minor rehabilitation, such as increased overlay thickness, shall be prepared for the live loads, and the load factor criteria and analysis parameters shown in Table 1.3. The minimum acceptable rating factors shall be no less the values shown in Table 1.3.

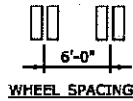
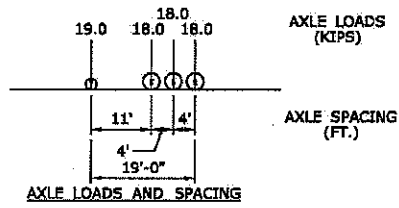
TABLE 1.3				
Rating Procedure		Live Load Vehicle	Load factor criteria and analysis parameters	Minimum Acceptable Rating Factor (RF)
Design Rating	Load	HL-93	Evaluation Level - inventory	Report value
Design Rating	Load	HL-93	Evaluation Level - operating	1.00
Legal Rating	Load	CT-L73.0	Load factor = 1.80	1.00
Legal Rating	Load	CT-L3S2	Load factor = 1.80	1.00
Permit Rating	Load	CT-P76.5	Permit Type: Routine or Annual Frequency: Unlimited Crossings Loading Condition: Mix with traffic Distribution Factor: Two or more lanes ADTT: > 5000	Report value, may be less than 1.00
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3.1.3 Vehicular Live Load

All new structures and existing structures that undergo major rehabilitation (such as deck replacement and superstructure replacement), repair or strengthening shall be designed for the HL-93 design live load in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Specifications.

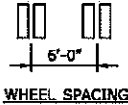
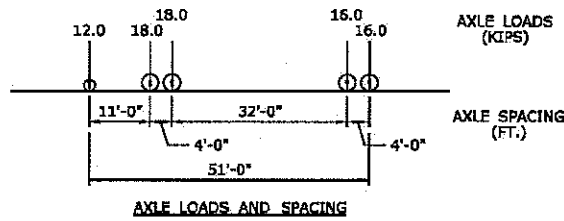
In addition to the HL-93 design live load, the structures shall be designed to carry the legal and permit live loads shown in Figure 3.1. The load and resistance factors, multiple presence factors, dynamic load allowance and distribution factors for the legal and permit live loads shall be consistent with Section 1.4.4.

Structures may be directly designed for each of the live loads or designed for one live load and analyzed for the remaining live loads. All members, elements and components of a structure shall be adequate to support each of the design, legal and permit live loads.



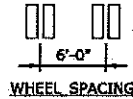
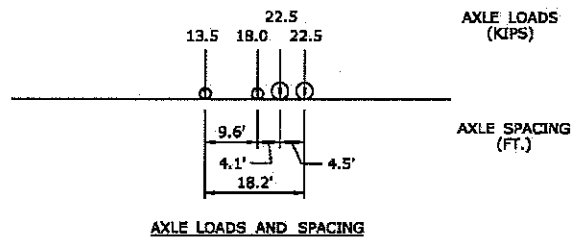
NOTE: CT-L73.0 REPRESENTS THE CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 14-269(d) OF THE CT GENERAL STATUTES

CT-L73.0 LEGAL LIVE LOAD VEHICLE
73 KIPS ON 4 AXLES



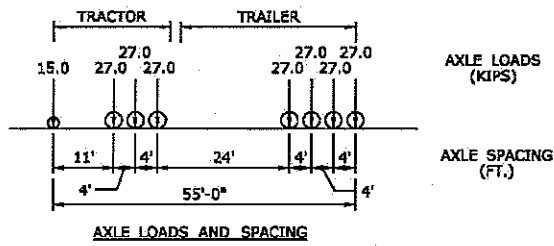
NOTE: CT-L3S2 REPRESENTS THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 14-267A(b)(8) OF THE CT GENERAL STATUTES

CT-L3S2 LEGAL LIVE LOAD VEHICLE
80 KIPS ON 5 AXLES



CT-P76.5 PERMIT LIVE LOAD VEHICLE
76.5 KIPS ON 4 AXLES

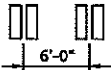
FIGURE 3.1



AXLE LOADS (KIPS)

AXLE SPACING (FT.)

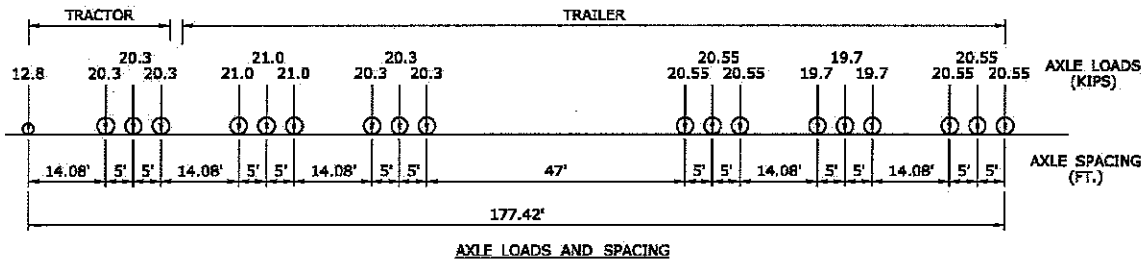
AXLE LOADS AND SPACING



WHEEL SPACING

NOTE: CT-P204 IS A NOTIONAL VEHICLE

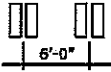
CT-P204 PERMIT LIVE LOAD VEHICLE
204 KIPS ON 8 AXLES



AXLE LOADS (KIPS)

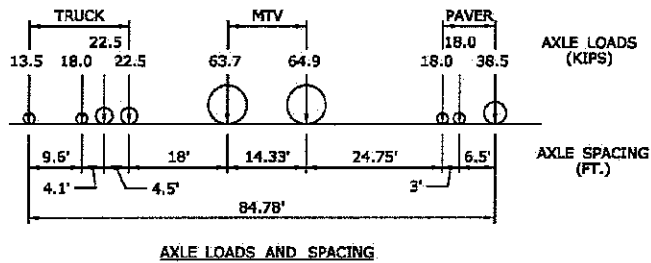
AXLE SPACING (FT.)

AXLE LOADS AND SPACING



WHEEL SPACING

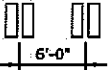
CT-P380 PERMIT LIVE LOAD VEHICLE
380 KIPS ON 19 AXLES



AXLE LOADS (KIPS)

AXLE SPACING (FT.)

AXLE LOADS AND SPACING



WHEEL SPACING

NOTE: TLC = TRI-LOAD COMBINATION OF VEHICLES IN PAVING TRAIN

CT-TLC PERMIT LIVE LOAD VEHICLE
279.6 KIPS ON 9 AXLES

FIGURE 3.1