

Item 55 - Minimum Lateral Underclearance on Right
(X code, XX.X meters)

4 digits

Using a 1-digit code and a 3-digit number, record and code the minimum lateral underclearance on the right to the nearest tenth of a meter (with an assumed decimal point). When both a railroad and highway are under the structure, code the most critical dimension (Refer to Item 69 - Underclearances, Horizontal - Table 3B).

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length</u>
55A	Reference feature	1 digit
55B	Minimum Lateral Underclearance	3 digits

Using one of the codes below, code in the first position the reference feature from which the clearance measurement is taken:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
H	Highway beneath structure
R	Railroad beneath structure
N	Feature not a highway or railroad

In the next 3 positions, code a 3-digit number to represent the minimum lateral underclearance on the right. The lateral clearance should be measured from the right edge of the roadway (excluding shoulders) or from the centerline (between rails) of the right-hand track of a railroad to the nearest substructure unit (pier, abutment, etc.), to a rigid barrier (concrete bridge rail, etc.), or to the toe of slope steeper than 1 to 3, e.g. 1 to 1 or 2 to 1. The clearance measurements to be recorded will be the minimum after measuring the clearance in both directions of travel. In the case of a dual highway this would mean the outside clearances of both roadways should be measured and the smaller distance recorded and coded.

If two related features are below the bridge, measure both and record the lesser of the 2. An explanation should be written on the inspection form as to what was recorded. When the clearance is 30 meters or greater, code 999. Coding of actual clearances between 30 meters and 99.9 meters to an exact measurement is optional.

If the feature beneath the structure is not a railroad or highway, code N000 to indicate not applicable.

The presence of ramps and acceleration or turning lanes is not considered in this item; therefore, the minimum lateral clearance on the right should be measured from the right edge of the through roadway.

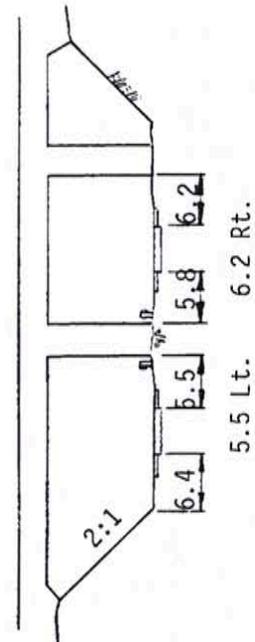
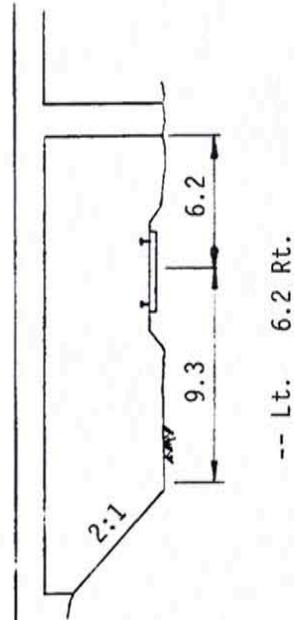
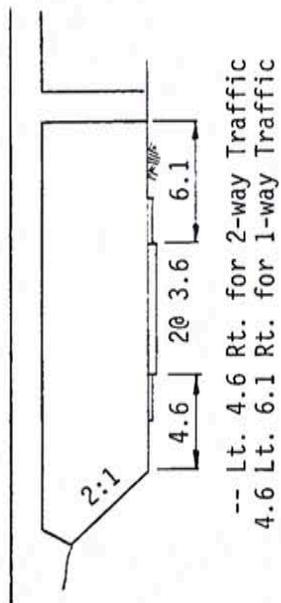
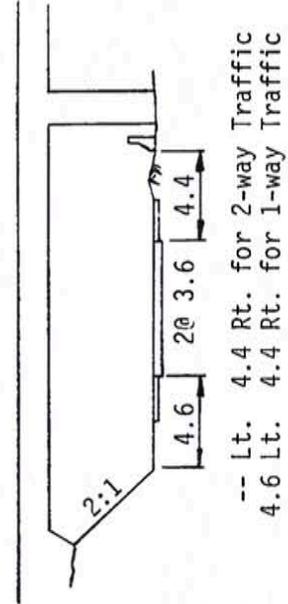
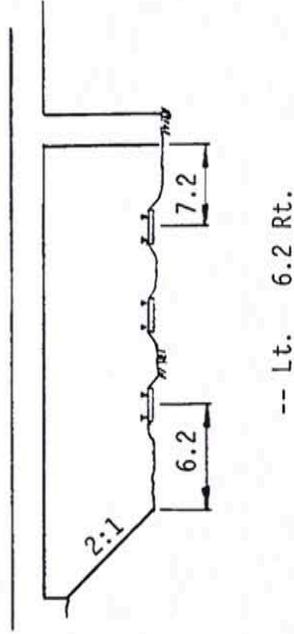
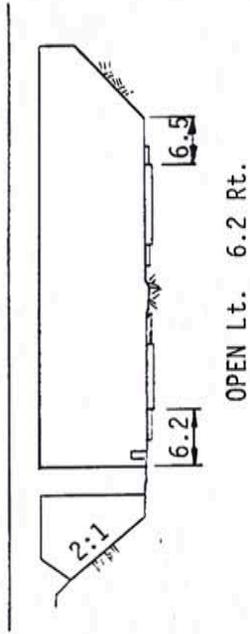
EXAMPLES:

	<u>Code</u>
Railroad 6.22 meters centerline to pier	R062
Highway 6.16 meters edge of pavement to pier	H062
Creek beneath structure	N000

055A, 055B & 056 - Resource Location: Measure out in field.
- Record on Under Record Sketch Sheet and verify during each routine inspection.

Item 55 - Minimum Lateral Underclearance on Right (cont'd)

EXAMPLES:



Item 56 - Minimum Lateral Underclearance on Left 3 digits
(XX.X meters) (code only for divided highways, 1-way streets, and ramps; not applicable to railroads)

Using a 3-digit number, record and code the minimum lateral underclearance on the left (median side for divided highways) to the nearest tenth of a meter (with an assumed decimal point). The lateral clearance should be measured from the left edge of the roadway (excluding shoulders) to the nearest substructure unit, to a rigid barrier, or to the toe of slope steeper than 1 to 3. Refer to examples on page 34 under Item 55 - Minimum Lateral Underclearance on Right.

In the case of a dual highway, the median side clearances of both roadways should be measured and the smaller distance recorded and coded. If there is no obstruction in the median area, a notation of "open" should be recorded and 999 should be coded. For clearances greater than 30 meters, code 998. Coding of actual clearances greater than 30 meters to an exact measurement is optional. Code 000 to indicate not applicable.

Item 57
(Reserved)

Items 58 through 62 - Indicate the Condition Ratings

In order to promote uniformity between bridge inspectors, these guidelines will be used to rate and code Items 58, 59, 60, 61, and 62. The use of the AASHTO Guide for Commonly Recognized (CoRe) Structural Elements is an acceptable alternative to using these rating guidelines for Items 58, 59, 60, and 62, provided the FHWA translator computer program is used to convert the inspection data to NBI condition ratings for NBI data submittal.

Condition ratings are used to describe the existing, in-place bridge as compared to the as-built condition. Evaluation is for the materials related, physical condition of the deck, superstructure, and substructure components of a bridge. The condition evaluation of channels and channel protection and culverts is also included. Condition codes are properly used when they provide an overall characterization of the general condition of the entire component being rated. Conversely, they are improperly used if they attempt to describe localized or nominally occurring instances of deterioration or disrepair. Correct assignment of a condition code must, therefore, consider both the severity of the deterioration or disrepair and the extent to which it is widespread throughout the component being rated.

The load-carrying capacity will not be used in evaluating condition items. The fact that a bridge was designed for less than current legal loads and may be posted shall have no influence upon condition ratings.

Portions of bridges that are being supported or strengthened by temporary members will be rated based on their actual condition; that is, the temporary members are not considered in the rating of the item. (See Item 103 - Temporary Structure Designation for the definition of a temporary bridge.)

Completed bridges not yet opened to traffic, if rated, shall be coded as if open to traffic

Condition Ratings (cont'd)

The following general condition ratings shall be used as a guide in evaluating Items 58, 59, and 60:

058,59,60,& 62 - Coding Notes: Refer to Deck Related Item Sheet located in Appendix D.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
N	NOT APPLICABLE
9	EXCELLENT CONDITION
8	VERY GOOD CONDITION - no problems noted.
7	GOOD CONDITION - some minor problems.
6	SATISFACTORY CONDITION - structural elements show some minor deterioration.
5	FAIR CONDITION - all primary structural elements are sound but may have minor section loss, cracking, spalling or scour.
4	POOR CONDITION - advanced section loss, deterioration, spalling or scour.
3	SERIOUS CONDITION - loss of section, deterioration, spalling or scour have seriously affected primary structural components. Local failures are possible. Fatigue cracks in steel or shear cracks in concrete may be present.
2	CRITICAL CONDITION - advanced deterioration of primary structural elements. Fatigue cracks in steel or shear cracks in concrete may be present or scour may have removed substructure support. Unless closely monitored it may be necessary to close the bridge until corrective action is taken.
1	"IMMINENT" FAILURE CONDITION - major deterioration or section loss present in critical structural components or obvious vertical or horizontal movement affecting structure stability. Bridge is closed to traffic but corrective action may put back in light service.
0	FAILED CONDITION - out of service - beyond corrective action.

Item 58 - Deck

1 digit

This item describes the overall condition rating of the deck. Rate and code the condition in accordance with the above general condition ratings. Code N for culverts and other structures without decks e.g., filled arch bridge.

Concrete decks should be inspected for cracking, scaling, spalling, leaching, chloride contamination, potholing, delamination, and full or partial depth failures. Steel grid decks should be inspected for broken welds, broken grids, section loss, and growth of filled grids from corrosion. Timber decks should be inspected for splitting, crushing, fastener failure, and deterioration from rot.

The condition of the wearing surface/protective system, joints, expansion devices, curbs, sidewalks, parapets, fascias, bridge rail, and scuppers shall not be considered in the overall deck evaluation. However, their condition should be noted on the inspection form.

Item 58 - Deck (cont'd)

Decks integral with the superstructure will be rated as a deck only and not how they may influence the superstructure rating (for example, rigid frame, slab, deck girder or T-beam, voided slab, box girder, etc.). Similarly, the superstructure of an integral deck-type bridge will not influence the deck rating.

Item 59 - Superstructure

1 digit

This item describes the physical condition of all structural members. Rate and code the condition in accordance with the previously described general condition ratings. Code N for all culverts.

The structural members should be inspected for signs of distress which may include cracking, deterioration, section loss, and malfunction and misalignment of bearings.

The condition of bearings, joints, paint system, etc. shall not be included in this rating, except in extreme situations, but should be noted on the inspection form.

On bridges where the deck is integral with the superstructure, the superstructure condition rating may be affected by the deck condition. The resultant superstructure condition rating may be lower than the deck condition rating where the girders have deteriorated or been damaged.

Fracture critical components should receive careful attention because failure could lead to collapse of a span or the bridge.

Item 60 - Substructure

1 digit

This item describes the physical condition of piers, abutments, piles, fenders, footings, or other components. Rate and code the condition in accordance with the previously described general condition ratings. Code N for all culverts.

All substructure elements should be inspected for visible signs of distress including evidence of cracking, section loss, settlement, misalignment, scour, collision damage, and corrosion. The rating factor given to Item 60 should be consistent with the one given to Item 113 whenever a rating factor of 2 or below is determined for Item 113 - Scour Critical Bridges.

The substructure condition rating shall be made independent of the deck and superstructure.

Integral-abutment wingwalls to the first construction or expansion joint shall be included in the evaluation. For non-integral superstructure and substructure units, the substructure shall be considered as the portion below the bearings. For structures where the substructure and superstructure are integral, the substructure shall be considered as the portion below the superstructure.

Item 61 - Channel and Channel Protection

1 digit

This item describes the physical conditions associated with the flow of water through the bridge such as stream stability and the condition of the channel, riprap, slope protection, or stream control devices including spur dikes. The inspector should be particularly concerned with visible signs of excessive water velocity which may affect undermining of slope protection, erosion of banks, and realignment of the stream which may result in immediate or potential problems. Accumulation of drift and debris on the superstructure and substructure should be noted on the inspection form but not included in the condition rating.

Rate and code the condition in accordance with the previously described general condition ratings and the following descriptive codes:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
N	Not applicable. Use when bridge is not over a waterway (channel).
9	There are no noticeable or noteworthy deficiencies which affect the condition of the channel.
8	Banks are protected or well vegetated. River control devices such as spur dikes and embankment protection are not required or are in a stable condition.
7	Bank protection is in need of minor repairs. River control devices and embankment protection have a little minor damage. Banks and/or channel have minor amounts of drift.
6	Bank is beginning to slump. River control devices and embankment protection have widespread minor damage. There is minor stream bed movement evident. Debris is restricting the channel slightly.
5	Bank protection is being eroded. River control devices and/or embankment have major damage. Trees and brush restrict the channel.
4	Bank and embankment protection is severely undermined. River control devices have severe damage. Large deposits of debris are in the channel.
3	Bank protection has failed. River control devices have been destroyed. Stream bed aggradation, degradation or lateral movement has changed the channel to now threaten the bridge and/or approach roadway.
2	The channel has changed to the extent the bridge is near a state of collapse.
1	Bridge closed because of channel failure. Corrective action may put back in light service.
0	Bridge closed because of channel failure. Replacement necessary.

061 - Coding Notes: Evaluate the channel portion directly affecting the substructure only.

Item 62 - Culverts

1 digit

This item evaluates the alignment, settlement, joints, structural condition, scour, and other items associated with culverts. The rating code is intended to be an overall condition evaluation of the culvert. Integral wingwalls to the first construction or expansion joint shall be included in the evaluation. For a detailed discussion regarding the inspection and rating of culverts, consult Report No. FHWA-IP-86-2, Culvert Inspection Manual, July 1986.

Item 58 - Deck, Item 59 - Superstructure, and Item 60 - Substructure shall be coded N for all culverts.

Rate and code the condition in accordance with the previously described general condition ratings and the following descriptive codes:

- Refer to Appendix H for "Policy & Load Posting of C.M.P. Culverts"

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
N	Not applicable. Use if structure is not a culvert.
9	No deficiencies.
8	No noticeable or noteworthy deficiencies which affect the condition of the culvert. Insignificant scrape marks caused by drift.
7	Shrinkage cracks, light scaling, and insignificant spalling which does not expose reinforcing steel. Insignificant damage caused by drift with no misalignment and not requiring corrective action. Some minor scouring has occurred near curtain walls, wingwalls, or pipes. Metal culverts have a smooth symmetrical curvature with superficial corrosion and no pitting.
6	Deterioration or initial disintegration, minor chloride contamination, cracking with some leaching, or spalls on concrete or masonry walls and slabs. Local minor scouring at curtain walls, wingwalls, or pipes. Metal culverts have a smooth curvature, non-symmetrical shape, significant corrosion or moderate pitting.
5	Moderate to major deterioration or disintegration, extensive cracking and leaching, or spalls on concrete or masonry walls and slabs. Minor settlement or misalignment. Noticeable scouring or erosion at curtain walls, wingwalls, or pipes. Metal culverts have significant distortion and deflection in one section, significant corrosion or deep pitting.
4	Large spalls, heavy scaling, wide cracks, considerable efflorescence, or opened construction joint permitting loss of backfill. Considerable settlement or misalignment. Considerable scouring or erosion at curtain walls, wingwalls or pipes. Metal culverts have significant distortion and deflection throughout, extensive corrosion or deep pitting.

(codes continued on the next page)

Item 62 - Culverts (cont'd)

- 3 Any condition described in Code 4 but which is excessive in scope. Severe movement or differential settlement of the segments, or loss of fill. Holes may exist in walls or slabs. Integral wingwalls nearly severed from culvert. Severe scour or erosion at curtain walls, wingwalls or pipes. Metal culverts have extreme distortion and deflection in one section, extensive corrosion, or deep pitting with scattered perforations.
- 2 Integral wingwalls collapsed, severe settlement of roadway due to loss of fill. Section of culvert may have failed and can no longer support embankment. Complete undermining at curtain walls and pipes. Corrective action required to maintain traffic. Metal culverts have extreme distortion and deflection throughout with extensive perforations due to corrosion.
- 1 Bridge closed. Corrective action may put back in light service.
- 0 Bridge closed. Replacement necessary.

Item 63 - Method Used to Determine Operating Rating

1 digit

Use one of the codes below to indicate which load rating method was used to determine the Operating Rating coded in Item 64 for this structure.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Load Factor (LF)
2	Allowable Stress (AS)
3	Load and Resistance Factor (LRFR)
4	Load Testing
5	No rating analysis performed

063 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 64 - Operating Rating (XX.X metric tons)

3 digits

This capacity rating, referred to as the operating rating, will result in the absolute maximum permissible load level to which the structure may be subjected for the vehicle type used in the rating. Code the operating rating as a 3-digit number to represent the total mass in metric tons of the entire vehicle measured to the nearest tenth of a metric ton (with an assumed decimal point).

It should be emphasized that only MS loading shall be used to determine the operating rating. This is the metric equivalent of an HS loading. The total mass in tons of the entire vehicle should be coded; that is, MS18 which has a mass of 32.4 metric tons shall be coded '324', and likewise, a MS13.5 shall be coded '243'.

The AASHTO Manual for Condition Evaluation of Bridges provides a choice of load rating methods, such as the new load and resistance factor (LRFR) rating method, in addition to the traditional allowable stress (AS) and load factor (LF) methods. Of the three rating methods, the LF method is the most suitable for use as a national standard, therefore the FHWA has chosen the LF method as the standard for computing inventory and operating ratings reported to the NBI. The highway agencies may, however, elect to use LF, AS or LRFD to establish load limits for purposes of load posting.

If the bridge will not carry a minimum of 2.7 metric tons of live load, the operating rating shall be coded '000'; and consistent with the direction of the AASHTO Manual, it shall be closed.

The use or presence of a temporary bridge requires special consideration in coding. In such cases, since there is no permanent bridge, Items 64 and 66 should be coded as 000 even though the temporary structure is rated for as much as full legal load.

A bridge shored up or repaired on a temporary basis is considered a temporary bridge and the inventory and operating rating shall be coded as if the temporary shoring were not in place. See Item 103 - Temporary Structure Designation for definition of a temporary bridge.

Code 999 for a structure under sufficient fill such that, according to AASHTO design, the live load is insignificant in the structure load capacity.

EXAMPLES:

	<u>Code</u>
MS27	486
Temporary bridge	000
Shored-up bridge	030*
Structure under fill (not affected by live load)	999

- load capacity without shoring.

064 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 65 - Method Used to Determine Inventory Rating 1 digit

Use one of the codes below to indicate which load rating method was used to determine the Inventory Rating coded in Item 66 for this structure.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Load Factor (LF)
2	Allowable Stress (AS)
3	Load and Resistance Factor (LRFR)
4	Load Testing
5	No rating analysis performed

065 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 66 - Inventory Rating (XX.X metric tons) 3 digits

This capacity rating, referred to as the inventory rating, will result in a load level which can safely utilize an existing structure for an indefinite period of time. Only the MS loading shall be used to determine the inventory rating. Code the Inventory Rating as a 3-digit number to represent the total mass in metric tons of the entire vehicle measured to the nearest tenth of a metric ton (with an assumed decimal point). The statements in Item 64 - Operating Rating apply to this item also.

Code 999 for a structure under sufficient fill such that, according to AASHTO design, the live load is insignificant in the structure load capacity.

066 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Items 67, 68, 69, 71, and 72 - Indicate the Appraisal Ratings

The items in the Appraisal Section are used to evaluate a bridge in relation to the level of service which it provides on the highway system of which it is a part. The structure will be compared to a new one which is built to current standards for that particular type of road as further defined in this section except for Item 72 - Approach Roadway Alignment. See Item 72 for special criteria for rating that item.

Items 67, 68, 69, 71, and 72 will be coded with a 1-digit code that indicates the appraisal rating for the item. The ratings and codes are as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
N	Not applicable
9	Superior to present desirable criteria
8	Equal to present desirable criteria
7	Better than present minimum criteria
6	Equal to present minimum criteria
5	Somewhat better than minimum adequacy to tolerate being left in place as is
4	Meets minimum tolerable limits to be left in place as is
3	Basically intolerable requiring high priority of corrective action
2	Basically intolerable requiring high priority of replacement
1	This value of rating code not used
0	Bridge closed

The FHWA Edit/Update computer program calculates values for Items 67, 68 and 69 according to the tables provided in this manual. These tables and the table for Item 71 shall be used by all evaluators to rate these items. They have been developed to closely match the descriptions for the appraisal evaluation codes of 0 to 9. The tables shall be used in all instances to evaluate the item based on the designated data in the inventory, even if a table value does not appear to match the descriptive codes. For unusual cases where the site data does not exactly agree with the table criteria, use the most appropriate table to evaluate the item. The code of N is not valid for use with Items 67 and 72.

Completed bridges not yet opened to traffic, if rated, shall be appraised as if open to traffic. Design values, for example ADT, shall be used for the evaluation. The data provided will include a code of G for Item 41 - Structure Open, Posted, or Closed to Traffic.

067,68,& 69 - Coding Notes: These items are typically automatically computed by Pontis.

Item 67 - Structural Evaluation

1 digit

This item is calculated by the Edit/Update Program based on Table 1, and need not be coded by the bridge inspector. The following specifications are used by the Edit/Update Program:

- ! For structures other than culverts, the lowest of the codes obtained from Item 59 - Superstructure, Item 60 - Substructure, or Table 1 is used.
- ! For culverts, the lowest of the codes obtained from Item 62 - Culverts, or Table 1 is used.
- ! If Item 59, Item 60 or Item 62 is coded 1, then Item 67 is equal to zero (0), regardless of whether the structure is actually closed. However, if the structure is closed, it does not mean that this value is zero (0) unless the overall condition and appraisal ratings indicate that a code of 0 is appropriate.

Table 1 Notes:

1. Use the lower rating code for values between those listed in the table.
2. Inventory Ratings are shown in metric tons with decimal point.
3. To use Table 1, the Inventory Rating must be the coded MS rating or its equivalent. If the comparable MS equivalent is not calculated for the controlling rating, using a factor to determine the MS equivalent is acceptable even though converting other rating loads to an MS equivalent is not a constant.
4. All bridges with Item 26 - Functional Class coded Interstate, Freeway or Expressway shall be evaluated using the ADT column of >5000 regardless of the actual ADT on the bridge.

Item 67 - Structural Evaluation (cont'd)

Table 1. Rating by Comparison of ADT - Item 29
and Inventory Rating - Item 66

Structural Evaluation Rating Code	Inventory Rating		
	Average Daily Traffic (ADT)		
	0-500	501-5000	>5000
9	>32.4 (MS18)*	>32.4 (MS18)	>32.4 (MS18)
8	32.4 (MS18)	32.4 (MS18)	32.4 (MS18)
7	27.9 (MS15.5)	27.9 (MS15.5)	27.9 (MS15.5)
6	20.7 (MS11.5)	22.5 (MS12.5)	24.3 (MS13.5)
5	16.2 (MS9)	18.0 (MS10)	19.8 (MS11)
4	10.8 (MS6)	12.6 (MS7)	16.2 (MS9)
3	Inventory rating less than value in rating code of 4 and requiring corrective action.		
2	Inventory rating less than value in rating code of 4 and requiring replacement.		
0	Bridge closed due to structural condition.		

*MS Designation (typical)

Item 68 - Deck Geometry

1 digit

This item is calculated by the Edit/Update Program and need not be coded by the bridge inspector.

The overall rating for deck geometry includes two evaluations: (a) the curb-to-curb or face-to-face of rail bridge width using Table 2A, B, C or D and (b) the minimum vertical clearance over the bridge roadway using Table 2E. The lower of the codes obtained from these tables is used by the Edit/Update Program. When an individual table lists several deck geometry rating codes for the same roadway width under a specific ADT, the lower code is used. (For example, Table 2A lists deck geometry rating codes of 6, 7 and 8 for a 13.4 meter roadway width and an ADT of >5000. Use the code of 6.) For values between those listed in the tables, the lower code is used.

The curb-to-curb or face-to-face of rail dimension shall be taken from Item 51 - Bridge Roadway Width, Curb-to-curb. Item 53 - Minimum Vertical Clearance Over Bridge Roadway is used to evaluate the vertical clearance.

For culverts which have Item 51 - Bridge Roadway Width coded 0000, the Deck Geometry code will be equal to N.

The values provided in the tables are for rating purposes only. Current design standards must be used for structure design or rehabilitation.

Item 68 - Deck Geometry (cont'd)

Table 2A & 2B. Rating by Comparison of ADT - Item 29 and Bridge Roadway Width, Curb-to-Curb - Item 51

TABLE 2A							TABLE 2B	
Deck Geometry Rating Code	Bridge Roadway Width 2 Lanes; 2 Way Traffic						Bridge Roadway Width 1 Lane; 2-Way Traffic	
	ADT (Both Directions)						ADT (Both Directions)	
	0-100	101-400	401-1000	1001-2000	2001-5000	>5000	0-100	>100
9	>9.8	>11.0	>12.2	>13.4	>13.4	>13.4	-	-
8	9.8	11.0	12.2	13.4	13.4	13.4	<4.9	-
7	8.5	9.8	11.0	12.2	13.4	13.4	4.6	-
6	7.3	8.5	9.1	10.4	12.2	13.4	4.3	-
5	6.1	7.3	7.9	8.5	10.4	11.6	4.0	-
4	5.5	6.1	6.7	7.3	8.5	9.8 (8.5)*	3.7	-
3	4.9	5.5	6.1	6.7	7.9	9.1 (7.9)*	3.4	<4.9
2	Any width less than required for a rating code of 3 and structure is open.							
0	Bridge Closed							

* Use value in parentheses for bridges longer than 60 meters.

Notes:

1. Use the lower rating code for values between those listed in the table.
2. Dimensions are in meters.
3. For 1 lane of one-way traffic Table 2A is used.
4. For 3 or more undivided lanes of 2-way traffic, use Table 2C, Other Multilane Divided Facilities.
5. Do not use Table 2B for code 9 and for codes 8 through 4 inclusive when the ADT >100. Single lane bridges less than 4.9 meters wide carrying 2-way traffic are always appraised at 3 or below if they carry more than an ADT of 100.
6. One-lane bridges 4.90 meters and greater in roadway width, which are not ramps, are evaluated as a 2-lane bridge using Table 2A.

Item 68 - Deck Geometry (cont'd)

Table 2C & 2D. Rating by Comparison of Number of Lanes - Item 28 and Bridge Roadway Width, Curb-to-Curb - Item 51

TABLE 2C					TABLE 2D	
Deck Geometry Rating Code	Bridge Roadway Width 2 or More Lanes				Bridge Roadway Width 1-Way Traffic	
	Interstate and Other Divided Freeways		Other Multilane Divided Facilities		Ramps Only (Item 5C = 7)	
	2 Lanes 1-way	3 or more Lanes	2 Lanes 1-way	3 or more Lanes	1 Lane	2 or more Lanes
9	>12.8	>3.7N+7.3	>12.8	>3.7N+5.5	>7.9	>3.7N+3.7
8	12.8	3.7N+7.3	12.8	3.7N+5.5	7.9	3.7N+3.7
7	12.2	3.7N+6.1	11.6	3.7N+4.6	7.3	3.7N+3.0
6	11.6	3.7N+4.9	11.0	3.7N+3.7	6.7	3.7N+2.4
5	11.0	3.7N+4.3	10.1	3.4N+3.0	6.1	3.7N+1.8
4 4	10.4 (8.8)*	3.4N+3.7 (3.4N+2.1) *	9.1 9.1	3.4N+1.8 3.4N+1.8	5.5 5.5	3.7N+1.2 3.7N+1.2
3 3	10.1 (8.5)*	3.4N+3.4 (3.4N+1.8) *	8.2 8.2	3.4N+1.5 3.4N+1.5	4.9 4.9	3.7N+0.6 3.7N+0.6
2	Any width less than required for a rating code of 3 and structure is open.					
0	Bridge Closed					

* Use value in parentheses for bridges longer than 60 meters.
N = Total number of lanes of traffic on the structure.

Notes

1. Use the lower rating code for values between those listed in the tables.
2. Dimensions are in meters.
3. Use Table 2C, Other Multilane Divided Facilities, for 3 or more undivided lanes of 2-way traffic.

Item 68 - Deck Geometry (cont'd)

Table 2E. Rating by Comparison of Minimum Vertical Clearance over Bridge Roadway - Item 53 and Functional Classification - Item 26

Deck Geometry Rating Code	Minimum Vertical Clearance		
	Functional Class		
	Interstate and Other Freeway	Other Principal and Minor Arterial	Major and Minor Collectors and Locals
9	>5.18	>5.02	>5.02
8	5.18	5.02	5.02
7	5.10	4.72	4.72
6	5.02	4.41	4.41
5	4.80	4.34	4.34
4	4.57	4.26	4.26
3	Vertical clearance less than value in rating code of 4 and requiring corrective action.		
2	Vertical clearance less than value in rating code of 4 and requiring replacement.		
0	Bridge Closed.		

Notes

1. Use the lower rating code for values between those listed in the table.
2. Dimensions are in meters.

Item 69 - Underclearances, Vertical and Horizontal

1 digit

This item is calculated by the Edit/Update Program and need not be coded by the bridge inspector.

Vertical and horizontal underclearances are measured from the through roadway to the superstructure or substructure units, respectively. Code "N" is used unless the bridge is over a highway or railroad.

The vertical underclearance is evaluated using Table 3A. The horizontal underclearance is evaluated using Table 3B. The lower of the codes obtained from Table 3A and Table 3B is used by the Edit/Update Program.

Bridges seldom are closed due to deficient underclearances, however, these bridges may be good candidates for rehabilitation or replacement.

Item 54 - Minimum Vertical Underclearance, Item 55 - Minimum Lateral Underclearance on Right, and Item 56 - Minimum Lateral Underclearance on Left are used to evaluate this item.

The functional classification used in the table is for the underpassing route. Therefore, the functional classification is obtained from the record for the route "under" the bridge (see Item 5 - Inventory Route).

If the underpassing route is not on a Federal-aid system, is not a defense route, or is not otherwise important, an "under" record may not be available. If no "under" record exists, it is assumed that the route under the bridge is a major or minor collector or a local road for the purpose of using Tables 3A and 3B.

Item 69 - Underclearances, Vertical and Horizontal (cont'd)

Table 3A. Rating by Comparison of Minimum Vertical Underclearance - Item 54 and Functional Classification of Underpassing Route - Item 26

Under-clear-ance Rating Code	Minimum Vertical Underclearance			
	Functional Class			Railroad
	Interstate and Other Freeway	Other Principal and Minor Arterial	Major and minor Collectors and Locals	
9	>5.18	>5.02	>5.02	>7.01
8	5.18	5.02	5.02	7.01
7	5.10	4.72	4.72	6.85
6	5.02	4.41	4.41	6.70
5	4.80	4.34	4.34	6.40
4	4.57	4.26	4.26	6.09
3	Underclearance less than value in rating code of 4 and requiring corrective action.			
2	Underclearance less than value in rating code of 4 and requiring replacement.			
0	Bridge closed.			

Notes

1. Use the lower rating code for values between those listed in the tables.
2. Dimensions are in meters.
3. The functional classification of the underpassing route shall be used in the evaluation. If an "under" record is not coded, the underpassing route shall be considered a major or minor collector or a local road.

Item 69 - Underclearances, Vertical and Horizontal (cont'd)

Table 3B. Rating by Comparison of Minimum Lateral Underclearances Right & Left - Items 55 & 56 and Functional Classification of Underpassing Route - Item 26

Under-clearance Rating Code	Minimum Lateral Underclearance							Railroad		
	Functional Class						Railroad			
	1-Way Traffic				2-Way Traffic				Railroad	
	Principal Arterial- Interstate, Freeways or Expressways				Other Principal and Minor Arterial	Major and Minor Collector s and Locals				Railroad
	Main Line		Ramp							
	Left	Right	Left	Right						
9	>9.1	>9.1	>1.2	>3.0	>9.1	>3.7		>6.1		
8	9.1	9.1	1.2	3.0	9.1	3.7	6.1			
7	5.5	6.4	0.9	2.7	6.4	3.4	5.2			
6	1.8	3.7	0.6	2.4	3.7	3.0	4.3			
5	1.5	3.4	0.6	1.8	3.0	2.4	3.4			
4	1.2	3.0	0.6	1.2	1.8	1.2	2.4			
3	Underclearance less than value in rating code of 4 and requiring corrective action.									
2	Underclearance less than value in rating code of 4 and requiring replacement.									
0	Bridge closed.									

Notes:

1. Use the lower rating code for values between those listed in the tables.
2. Dimensions are in meters.
3. When acceleration or deceleration lanes or ramps are provided under 2-way traffic, use the value from the right ramp column to determine code.
4. The functional classification of the underpassing route shall be used in the evaluation. If an "under" record is not coded, the underpassing route shall be considered a major or minor collector or a local road.

Item 70 - Bridge Posting

1 digit

The National Bridge Inspection Standards require the posting of load limits only if the maximum legal load configurations in the State exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating. If the load capacity at the operating rating is such that posting is required, this item shall be coded 4 or less. If no posting is required at the operating rating, this item shall be coded 5.

This item evaluates the load capacity of a bridge in comparison to the State legal load. It differs from Item 67 - Structural Evaluation in that Item 67 uses Item 66 - Inventory Rating, while the bridge posting requirement is based on Item 64 - Operating Rating.

Although posting a bridge for load-carrying capacity is required only when the maximum legal load exceeds the operating rating, highway agencies may choose to post at a lower level. This posting practice may appear to produce conflicting coding when Item 41 - Structure Open, Posted or Closed to Traffic is coded to show the bridge as actually posted at the site and Item 70 - Bridge Posting is coded as bridge posting is not required. Since different criteria are used for coding these 2 items, this coding is acceptable and correct when the highway agency elects to post at less than the operating rating. Item 70 shall be coded 4 or less only if the legal load of the State exceeds that permitted under the operating rating.

The use or presence of a temporary bridge affects the coding. The actual operating rating of the temporary bridge should be used to determine this item. However the highway agency may choose to post at a lower level. This also applies to bridges shored up or repaired on a temporary basis.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
4 or less	Posting required
5	No posting required

The degree that the operating rating is less than the maximum legal load level may be used to differentiate between codes. As a guide and for coding purposes only, the following values may be used to code this item:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Relationship of Operating Rating to Maximum Legal Load</u>
5	Equal to or above legal loads
4	0.1 - 9.9% below
3	10.0 - 19.9% below
2	20.0 - 29.9% below
1	30.0 - 39.9% below
0	> 39.9% below

070 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 71 - Waterway Adequacy

1 digit

This item appraises the waterway opening with respect to passage of flow through the bridge. The following codes shall be used in evaluating waterway adequacy (interpolate where appropriate). Site conditions may warrant somewhat higher or lower ratings than indicated by the table (e.g., flooding of an urban area due to a restricted bridge opening).

Where overtopping frequency information is available, the descriptions given in the table for chance of overtopping mean the following:

- Remote - greater than 100 years
- Slight - 11 to 100 years
- Occasional - 3 to 10 years
- Frequent - less than 3 years

Adjectives describing traffic delays mean the following:

- Insignificant - Minor inconvenience. Highway passable in a matter of hours.
- Significant - Traffic delays of up to several days.
- Severe - Long term delays to traffic with resulting hardship.

Functional Classification

Principal Arterials - Interstates, Freeways, or Expressways	Other Principal and Minor Arterials and Major Collectors	Minor Collectors, Locals	Description Code
N	N	N	Bridge not over a waterway.
9	9	9	Bridge deck and roadway approaches above flood water elevations (high water). Chance of overtopping is remote.
8	8	8	Bridge deck above roadway approaches. Slight chance of overtopping roadway approaches.
6	6	7	Slight chance of overtopping bridge deck and roadway approaches.
4	5	6	Bridge deck above roadway approaches. Occasional overtopping of roadway approaches with insignificant traffic delays.

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Item 71 - Waterway Adequacy (cont'd)

Functional Classification

Principal Arterials - Interstates, Freeways, or Expressways	Other Principal and Minor Arterials and Major Collectors	Minor Collectors, Locals	Description Code
3	4	5	Bridge deck above roadway approaches. Occasional overtopping of roadway approaches with significant traffic delays.
2	3	4	Occasional overtopping of bridge deck and roadway approaches with significant traffic delays.
2	2	3	Frequent overtopping of bridge deck and roadway approaches with significant traffic delays.
2	2	2	Occasional or frequent overtopping of bridge deck and roadway approaches with severe traffic delays.
0	0	0	Bridge closed.

071 - Resource Location: Need Functional Class (Item #26) to assist with proper coding. RIMS is used to obtain functional class.

Item 72 - Approach Roadway Alignment

1 digit

Code the rating based on the adequacy of the approach roadway alignment. This item identifies those bridges which do not function properly or adequately due to the alignment of the approaches. It is not intended that the approach roadway alignment be compared to current standards but rather to the existing highway alignment. This concept differs from other appraisal evaluations. The establishment of set criteria to be used at all bridge sites is not appropriate for this item. The basic criteria is how the alignment of the roadway approaches to the bridge relate to the general highway alignment for the section of highway the bridge is on.

The individual structure shall be rated in accordance with the general appraisal rating guide described on page 453 in lieu of specific design values. The approach roadway alignment will be rated intolerable (a code of 3 or less) only if the horizontal or vertical curvature requires a substantial reduction in the vehicle operating speed from that on the highway section. A very minor speed reduction will be rated a 6, and when a speed reduction is not required, the appraisal code will be an 8. Additional codes may be selected between these general values.

Item 72 - Approach Roadway Alignment (cont'd)

For example, if the highway section requires a substantial speed reduction due to vertical or horizontal alignment, and the roadway approach to the bridge requires only a very minor additional speed reduction at the bridge, the appropriate code would be a 6. This concept shall be used at each bridge site.

Speed reductions necessary because of structure width and not alignment shall not be considered in evaluating this item.

Item 73 and Item 74

(Reserved)

Item 75 - Type of Work

3 digits

The information to be recorded for this item will be the type of work proposed to be accomplished on the structure to improve it to the point that it will provide the type of service needed and whether the proposed work is to be done by contract or force account. Code a 3-digit number composed of 2 segments.

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length</u>
75A	Type of Work Proposed	2 digits
75B	Work Done by	1 digit

This item must be coded for bridges eligible for the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. To be eligible, a bridge must carry highway traffic, be deficient and have a sufficiency rating of 80.0 or less. This item may be coded for other bridges at the option of the highway agency. Use one of the following codes to represent the proposed work type, otherwise leave blank:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
31	Replacement of bridge or other structure because of substandard load carrying capacity or substandard bridge roadway geometry.
32	Replacement of bridge or other structure because of relocation of road.
33	Widening of existing bridge or other major structure without deck rehabilitation or replacement; includes culvert lengthening.
34	Widening of existing bridge with deck rehabilitation or replacement.

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Item 75 - Type of Work (cont'd)

- 35 Bridge rehabilitation because of general structure deterioration or inadequate strength.
- 36 Bridge deck rehabilitation with only incidental widening.
- 37 Bridge deck replacement with only incidental widening.
- 38 Other structural work, including hydraulic replacements.

If segment A is blank, leave segment B blank. Otherwise, the third digit shall be coded using one of the following codes to indicate whether the proposed work is to be done by contract or by force account:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Work to be done by contract
2	Work to be done by owner's forces

EXAMPLES:

	<u>Code</u>
A bridge is to be replaced by contract because it has deteriorated to the point that it can no longer carry legal loads. The same code should be used if the bridge is replaced because it is now too narrow or the original design was too light to accommodate today's legal loads.	311
A bridge is to be replaced because the roadway must be straightened to eliminate a dangerous curve. The work will be done by contract.	321
A bridge is to be widened to increase shoulder width or the number of traffic lanes. The existing deck is in good condition and will be incorporated as is into the new structure. The work is to be done by contract.	331
A culvert is to be extended by contract to accommodate additional roadway width as part of a reconstruction contract to improve the safety of the adjacent slopes.	331
A deck is to be rehabilitated and the bridge widened to provide a full 3.6 meter shoulder. The existing shoulder is only .2 meters wide and an extra line of girders with appropriate substructure widening must be added. The work will be done by contract.	341
A bridge superstructure and substructure are to be rehabilitated by State forces to increase the bridge's load capacity.	352

Item 75 - Type of Work (cont'd)

EXAMPLES:

	<u>Code</u>
A bridge deck is to be rehabilitated by contract and a safety curb to be removed which results in incidental widening of 0.6 meters.	361
A bridge deck is to be replaced by contract and the deck cantilever overhang extended 0.6 meters, which is the maximum that can be done without adding another line of stringers or girders to the superstructure.	371
A bridge which is no longer needed is to be demolished and an at-grade crossing built by State forces. (This code could also be used to designate incidental safety work on a bridge such as bridge-rail upgrading or replacement.)	382

075 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 76 - Length of Structure Improvement (XXXXX.X meters) 6 digits

Code a 6-digit number that represents the length of the proposed bridge improvement to the nearest tenth of a meter (with an assumed decimal point). For replacement or rehabilitation of the entire bridge, the length should be back to back of backwalls of abutments or from pavement notch to pavement notch. For replacement or rehabilitation of only part of the structure, use the length of the portion to be improved.

This item must be coded for bridges eligible for the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. It may be coded for other bridges at the option of the highway agency.

For culvert improvements, use the proposed length measured along the centerline of the barrel regardless of the depth below grade. The measurement should be made between the inside faces of the top parapet or edge-stiffening beam of the top slab.

EXAMPLES:

		<u>Code</u>
Length of Structure Improvement	76.2 meters	000762
	1200 meters	012000
	12,345 meters	123450

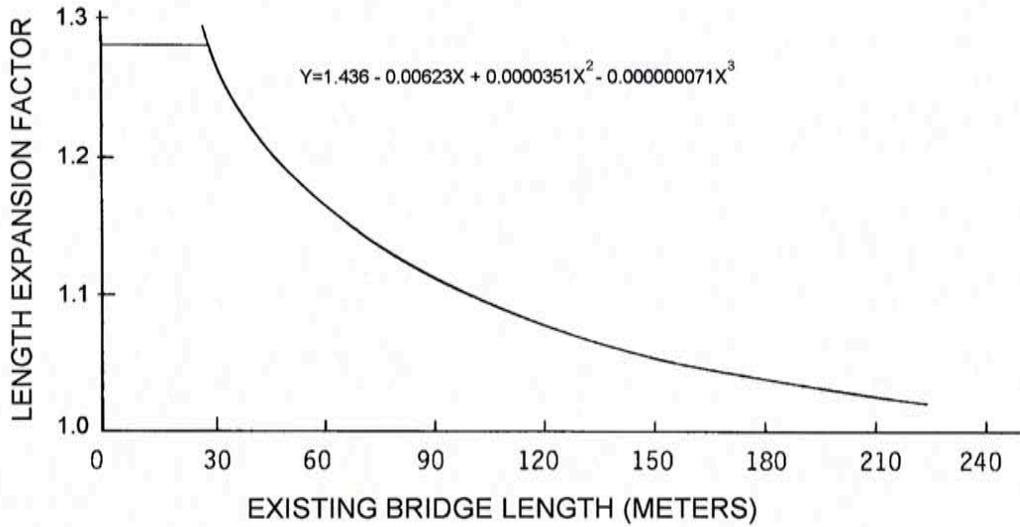
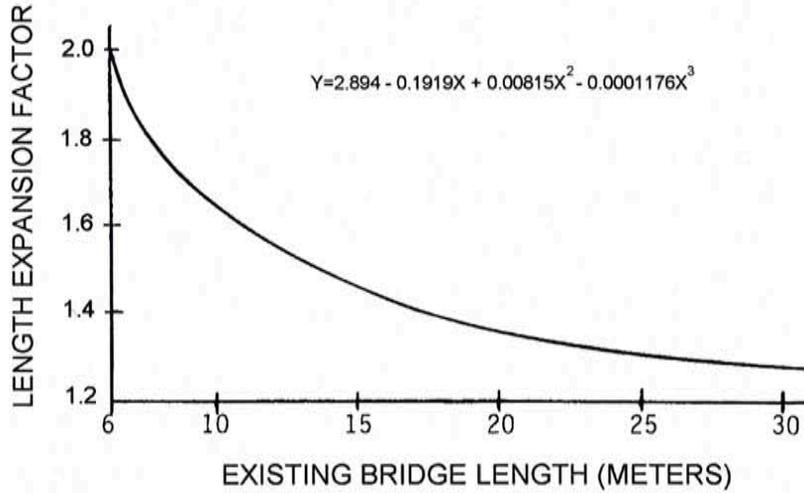
For substructure or channel work only, code the length of superstructure over, or supported by, the substructure or channel.

Typically, a replacement bridge is longer than the existing bridge. Nationwide averages for the increase in bridge length with replacement as a function of the existing length are given in the following figures. The length-expansion factors represent data for the years 1981 to 1985. Where site-specific data is lacking, these factors are suggested for estimating the length of replacement bridges. For exceedingly long bridges (i.e., 300 meters or more) the length-expansion factor approaches 1.0.

Item 76 - Length of Structure Improvement (cont'd)

INCREASED LENGTH OF REPLACEMENT BRIDGES

X = EXISTING BRIDGE LENGTH
 Y = LENGTH EXPANSION FACTOR



REPLACEMENT BRIDGE LENGTH = EXISTING BRIDGE LENGTH × LENGTH EXPANSION FACTOR

 076 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 77 through Item 89

(Reserved)

Item 90 - Inspection Date

4 digits

Record the month and year that the last routine inspection of the structure was performed. This inspection date may be different from those recorded in Item 93 - Critical Feature Inspection Date. Code a 4-digit number to represent the month and year. The number of the month should be coded in the first 2 digits with a leading zero as required and the last 2 digits of the year coded as the third and fourth digits of the field.

EXAMPLES:

Code

Inspection date November 1992
March 1994

1192
0394

090 - Coding Notes: Automatically generated when inspector opens "New" in Pontis.

Item 91 - Designated Inspection Frequency

2 digits

Code 2 digits to represent the number of months between designated inspections of the structure. A leading zero shall be coded as required. This interval is usually determined by the individual in charge of the inspection program. For posted, understrength bridges, this interval should be substantially less than the 24-month standard. The designated inspection interval could vary from inspection to inspection depending on the condition of the bridge at the time of inspection.

EXAMPLES:

Code

Posted bridge with heavy truck traffic
and questionable structural details
which is designated to be inspected
each month

01

Bridge is scheduled to be inspected
every 24 months

24

It should be noted that bridges will also require special non-scheduled inspections after unusual physical traumas such as floods, earthquakes, fires or collisions. These special inspections may range from a very brief visual examination to a detailed in-depth evaluation depending upon the nature of the trauma. For example, when a substructure pier or abutment is struck by an errant vehicle, in most cases only a visual examination of the bridge is necessary. After major collisions or earthquakes, in-depth inspections may be warranted as directed by the engineer in overall charge of the program. After and during severe floods, the stability of the substructure of bridges may have to be determined by probing, underwater sensors or other appropriate measures. Underwater inspection by divers may be required for some scour critical bridges immediately after floods. See Item 113 - Scour Critical Bridges.

091 - Coding Notes: Refer to chart in Appendix E of this manual for guidance.

Item 92 - Critical Feature Inspection

9 digits

Using a series of 3-digit code segments, denote critical features that need special inspections or special emphasis during inspections and the designated inspection interval in months as determined by the individual in charge of the inspection program. The designated inspection interval could vary from inspection to inspection depending on the condition of the bridge at the time of inspection.

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length</u>
92A	Fracture Critical Details	3 digits
92B	Underwater Inspection	3 digits
92C	Other Special Inspection	3 digits

For each segment of Item 92A, B, and C, code the first digit Y for special inspection or emphasis needed and code N for not needed. The first digit of Item 92A, B, and C must be coded for all structures to designate either a yes or no answer. Those bridges coded with a Y in Item 92A or B should be the same bridges contained in the Master Lists of fracture critical and special underwater inspection bridges. In the second and third digits of each segment, code a 2-digit number to indicate the number of months between inspections only if the first digit is coded Y. If the first digit is coded N, the second and third digits are left blank.

Current guidelines for the maximum allowable interval between inspections can be summarized as follows:

Fracture Critical Details	24 months
Underwater Inspection	60 months
Other Special Inspections	60 months

EXAMPLES:

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Code</u>
A 2-girder system structure which is being inspected yearly and no other special inspections are required.	92A	Y12
	92B	N__
	92C	N__
A structure where both fracture critical and underwater inspection are being performed on a 1-year interval. Other special inspections are not required.	92A	Y12
	92B	Y12
	92C	N__
A structure has been temporarily shored and is being inspected on a 6-month interval. Other special inspections are not required.	92A	N__
	92B	N__
	92C	Y06

Item 93 - Critical Feature Inspection Date 12 digits

Code only if the first digit of Item 92A, B, or C is coded Y for yes. Record as a series of 4-digit code segments, the month and year that the last inspection of the denoted critical feature was performed.

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length</u>
93A	Fracture Critical Details	4 digits
93B	Underwater Inspection	4 digits
93C	Other Special Inspection	4 digits

For each segment of this item, when applicable, code a 4-digit number to represent the month and year. The number of the month should be coded in the first 2 digits with a leading zero as required and the last 2 digits of the year coded as the third and fourth digits of the field. If the first digit of any part of Item 92 is coded N, then the corresponding part of this item shall be blank.

EXAMPLES:

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Code</u>
A structure has fracture critical members which were last inspected in March 1986. It does not require underwater or other special feature inspections.	93A	0386
	93B	(blank)
	93C	(blank)

A structure has no fracture critical details, but requires underwater inspection and has other special features (for example, a temporary support) for which the State requires special inspection. The last underwater inspection was done in April 1986 and the last special feature inspection was done in November 1985.	93A	(blank)
	93B	0486
	93C	1185

Item 94 - Bridge Improvement Cost 6 digits

Code a 6-digit number to represent the estimated cost of the proposed bridge or major structure improvements in thousands of dollars. This cost shall include only bridge construction costs, excluding roadway, right of way, detour, demolition, preliminary engineering, etc. Code the base year for the cost in Item 97 - Year of Improvement Cost Estimate. Do not use this item for estimating maintenance costs.

This item must be coded for bridges eligible for the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. It may be coded for other bridges at the option of the highway agency.

EXAMPLES:

	<u>Code</u>
Bridge Improvement Cost \$ 55,850	000056
250,000	000250
7,451,233	007451

Item 94 - Bridge Improvement Cost (cont'd)

Nationally, the deck area of replaced bridges is averaging 2.2 times the deck area before replacement. The deck area of rehabilitated bridges is averaging 1.5 times the deck area before rehabilitation. Widening square meter costs are typically 1.8 times the square meter cost of new bridges with similar spans. For example, if the average cost of a new bridge is \$500 per square meter, the average cost of the widened area would be \$900 per square meter.

Each highway agency is encouraged to use its best available information and established procedures to determine bridge improvement costs. In the absence of these procedures, the highway agency may wish to use the following procedure as a guide in preparing bridge improvement cost estimates.

Apply a construction unit cost to the proposed bridge area developed by using (1) current State deck geometry design standards and (2) proposed bridge length from Item 76 - Length of Structure Improvement.

094 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 95 - Roadway Improvement Cost

6 digits

Code a 6-digit number to represent the cost of the proposed roadway improvement in thousands of dollars. This shall include only roadway construction costs, excluding bridge, right-of-way, detour, extensive roadway realignment costs, preliminary engineering, etc. Code the base year for the cost in Item 97 - Year of Improvement Cost Estimate. Do not use this item for estimating maintenance costs.

This item must be coded for bridges eligible for the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. It may be coded for other bridges at the option of the highway agency.

In the absence of a procedure for estimating roadway improvement costs, a guide of 10 percent of the bridge costs is suggested.

095 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 96 - Total Project Cost

6 digits

Code a 6-digit number to represent the total project cost in thousands of dollars, including incidental costs not included in Items 94 and 95. This item should include all costs normally associated with the proposed bridge improvement project. The Total Project Cost will therefore usually be greater than the sum of Items 94 and 95. Code the base year for the cost in Item 97 - Year of Improvement Cost Estimate. Do not use this item for coding maintenance costs.

This item must be coded for bridges eligible for the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. It may be coded for other bridges at the option of the highway agency.

In the absence of a procedure for estimating the total project cost, a guide of 150 percent of the bridge cost is suggested.

096 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 97 - Year of Improvement Cost Estimate 4 digits

Record and code the year that the costs of work estimated in Item 94 - Bridge Improvement Cost, Item 95 - Roadway Improvement Cost, and Item 96 - Total Project Cost were based upon. This date and the data provided for Item 94 through Item 96 must be current; that is, Item 97 shall be no more than 8 years old.

EXAMPLES:

Year of Cost Estimate	1994 costs	<u>Code</u> 1994
	2000 costs	2000

097 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this item alone.

Item 98 - Border Bridge 5 digits

Use this item to indicate structures crossing borders of States. Code a 5-digit number composed of 2 segments specifying the percent responsibility for improvements to the existing structure when it is on a border with a neighboring State. Code the first 3 digits with the neighboring State code using State codes listed in Item 1 - State Code. Code the fourth and fifth digits with the percentage of total deck area of the existing bridge that the neighboring State is responsible for funding.

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length</u>
98A	Neighboring State Code	3 digits
98B	Percent Responsibility	2 digits

If a neighboring State codes the structure and accepts 100% of the responsibility, but your State still codes a record for the structure, then Item 98B in your State's record should be coded 99 to represent that your State has no responsibility for the structure.

For the special case of a structure on the border with Canada or Mexico, code the State code value = CAN or MEX respectively. If structure is not on a border, leave blank.

EXAMPLES:

A structure connects your State with New Jersey and New Jersey is responsible for funding 45 percent of future improvement costs.	<u>Code</u> 34245
A structure connects your State with Mexico and Mexico is not responsible for any funding of future improvement costs.	MEX00

Item 99 - Border Bridge Structure Number 15 digits

Code the neighboring State's 15-digit National Bridge Inventory structure number for any structure noted in Item 98 - Border Bridge. This number must match exactly the neighboring State's submitted NBI structure number. The entire 15-digit field must be accounted for including zeros and blank spaces whether they are leading, trailing, or embedded in the 15-digit field. If Item 98 is blank, this item is blank.

In the above example where Mexico (or a neighboring State) has 00% responsibility, and, if there is no NBI Structure Number in that State's inventory file, then the entire 15-digit field shall be coded zeroes.

Item 100 - STRAHNET Highway Designation

1 digit

This item shall be coded for all records in the inventory. For the purposes of this item, the STRAHNET Connectors are considered included in the term STRAHNET. For the inventory route identified in Item 5, indicate STRAHNET highway conditions using one of the following codes:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	The inventory route is not a STRAHNET route.
1	The inventory route is on a Interstate STRAHNET route.
2	The inventory route is on a Non-Interstate STRAHNET route.
3	The inventory route is on a STRAHNET connector route.

100 - Resource Location: RIMS

Item 101 - Parallel Structure Designation

1 digit

Code this item to indicate situations where separate structures carry the inventory route in opposite directions of travel over the same feature. The lateral distance between structures has no bearing on the coding of this item. One of the following codes shall be used:

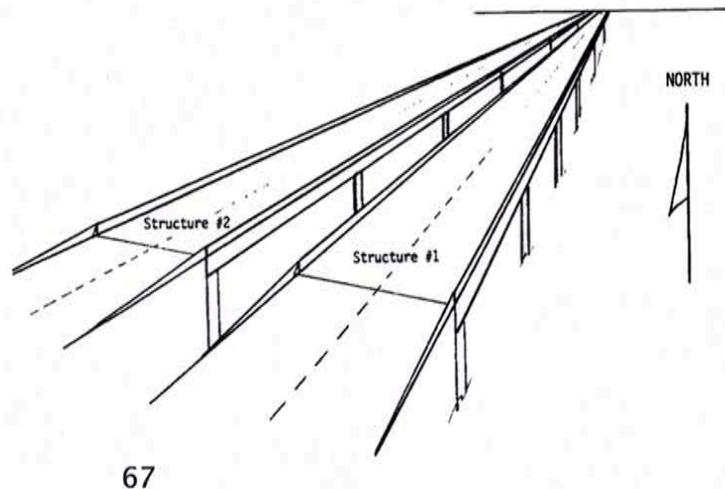
<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
R	The right structure of parallel bridges carrying the roadway in the direction of the inventory. (For a STRAHNET highway, this is west to east and south to north.)
L	The left structure of parallel bridges. This structure carries traffic in the opposite direction.
N	No parallel structure exists.

EXAMPLE:

Structure #1
Structure #2

Code

R
L



101 - Resource Location: RIMS or plans

Coding Notes: Determine the 'forward' direction of the roadway. Then looking along the upstations (or forward direction) of the road, the bridge on the right will be coded "R".

2007

Item 102 - Direction of Traffic

1 digit

Code the direction of traffic of the inventory route identified in Item 5 as a 1-digit number using one of the codes below. This item must be compatible with other traffic-related items such as Item 28A Lanes on the Structure, Item 29 - Average Daily Traffic, Item 47 - Total Horizontal Clearance and Item 51 - Bridge Roadway Width, Curb-to-Curb.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	Highway traffic not carried
1	1-way traffic
2	2-way traffic
3	One lane bridge for 2-way traffic

102 - Resource Location: Plans, past photos - verify in field

Item 103 - Temporary Structure Designation

1 digit

Code this item to indicate situations where temporary structures or conditions exist. This item should be blank if not applicable.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
T	Temporary structure(s) or conditions exist.

Temporary structure(s) or conditions are those which are required to facilitate traffic flow. This may occur either before or during the modification or replacement of a structure found to be deficient. Such conditions include the following:

- ! Bridges shored up, including additional temporary supports.
- ! Temporary repairs made to keep a bridge open.
- ! Temporary structures, temporary runarounds or bypasses.
- ! Other temporary measures, such as barricaded traffic lanes to keep the bridge open.

Any repaired structure or replacement structure which is expected to remain in place without further project activity, other than maintenance, for a significant period of time shall not be considered temporary. Under such conditions, that structure, regardless of its type, shall be considered the minimum adequate to remain in place and evaluated accordingly.

If this item is coded T, then all data recorded for the structure shall be for the condition of the structure without temporary measures, except for the following items which shall be for the temporary structure:

- Item 10 - Inventory Route, Minimum Vertical Clearance
- 41 - Structure Open, Posted, or Closed to Traffic
- 47 - Inventory Route, Total Horizontal Clearance
- 53 - Minimum Vertical Clearance Over Bridge Roadway
- 54 - Minimum Vertical Underclearance
- 55 - Minimum Lateral Underclearance on Right
- 56 - Minimum Lateral Underclearance on Left
- 70 - Bridge Posting

Item 104 - Highway System of the Inventory Route

1 digit

This item is to be coded for all records in the inventory. For the inventory route identified in Item 5, indicate whether the inventory route is on the National Highway System (NHS) or not on that system. Initially, this code shall reflect an inventory route on the NHS "Interim System" description in Section 1006(a) of the 1991 ISTEA. Upon approval of the NHS by Congress, the coding is to reflect the approved NHS. Use one of the following codes:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	Inventory Route <u>is not</u> on the NHS
1	Inventory Route <u>is</u> on the NHS

104 - Resource Location: RIMS

Item 105 - Federal Lands Highways

1 digit

Structures owned by State and local jurisdictions on roads which lead to and traverse through federal lands sometimes require special coded unique identification because they are eligible to receive funding from the Federal Lands Highway Program. One of the following codes shall be used:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	Not applicable
1	Indian Reservation Road (IRR)
2	Forest Highway (FH)
3	Land Management Highway System (LMHS)
4	Both IRR and FH
5	Both IRR and LMHS
6	Both FH and LMHS
9	Combined IRR, FH and LMHS

Item 106 - Year Reconstructed

4 digits

Record and code the year of most recent reconstruction of the structure. Code all 4 digits of the latest year in which reconstruction of the structure was completed. If there has been no reconstruction code 0000.

For a bridge to be defined as reconstructed, the type of work performed, whether or not it meets current minimum standards, must have been eligible for funding under any of the Federal-aid funding categories. The eligibility criteria would apply to the work performed regardless of whether all State or local funds or Federal-aid funds were used.

Some types of eligible work not to be considered as reconstruction are listed:

- Safety feature replacement or upgrading (for example, bridge rail, approach guardrail or impact attenuators).
- Painting of structural steel.

Item 106 - Year Reconstructed (cont'd)

- Overlay of bridge deck as part of a larger highway surfacing project (for example, overlay carried across bridge deck for surface uniformity without additional bridge work).
- Utility work.
- Emergency repair to restore structural integrity to the previous status following an accident.
- Retrofitting to correct a deficiency which does not substantially alter physical geometry or increase the load-carrying capacity.
- Work performed to keep a bridge operational while plans for complete rehabilitation or replacement are under preparation (for example, adding a substructure element or extra girder).

EXAMPLE:

Code

Reconstruction completed 1970

1970

106 - Resource Location: Plans, Archived Plans, documentation or correspondence in the inspection file.

Item 107 - Deck Structure Type

1 digit

Record the type of deck system on the bridge. If more than one type of deck system is on the bridge, code the most predominant. Code N for a filled culvert or arch with the approach roadway section carried across the structure. Use one of the following codes:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Concrete Cast-in-Place
2	Concrete Precast Panels
3	Open Grating
4	Closed Grating
5	Steel plate (includes orthotropic)
6	Corrugated Steel
7	Aluminum
8	Wood or Timber
9	Other
N	Not applicable

107 - Resource Location: Plans, photos or field verification in conjunction with the Deck Item related sheet in Appendix D.

Item 108 - Wearing Surface/Protective System

3 digits

Information on the wearing surface and protective system of the bridge deck shall be coded using a 3-digit code composed of 3 segments.

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length</u>
108A	Type of Wearing Surface	1 digit
108B	Type of Membrane	1 digit
108C	Deck Protection	1 digit

Item 108 - Wearing Surface/Protective System (cont'd)

1st Digit - Type of Wearing Surface (Item 108A):

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Monolithic Concrete (concurrently placed with structural deck)
2	Integral Concrete (separate non-modified layer of concrete added to structural deck)
3	Latex Concrete or similar additive
4	Low Slump Concrete
5	Epoxy Overlay
6	Bituminous
7	Wood or Timber
8	Gravel
9	Other
0	None (no additional concrete thickness or wearing surface is included in the bridge deck)
N	Not Applicable (applies only to structures with no deck)

2nd Digit - Type of Membrane (Item 108B):

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Built-up
2	Preformed Fabric
3	Epoxy
8	Unknown
9	Other
0	None
N	Not Applicable (applies only to structures with no deck)

3rd Digit - Deck Protection (Item 108C):

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Epoxy Coated Reinforcing
2	Galvanized Reinforcing
3	Other Coated Reinforcing
4	Cathodic Protection
6	Polymer Impregnated
7	Internally Sealed
8	Unknown
9	Other
0	None
N	Not Applicable (applies only to structures with no deck)

108A, 108B, & 108C - Resource Location: Plans, photos or field verification in conjunction with the Deck Item related sheet in Appendix D.

In regards to 108B, if plans specify a membrane was used then code accordingly - if an inspector is unsure of which to code to use, then ask the Bridge Inspection Engineer.

Item 109 - Average Daily Truck Traffic (XX percent) 2 digits

Code a 2-digit percentage that shows the percentage of Item 29 - Average Daily Traffic that is truck traffic. Do not include vans, pickup trucks and other light delivery trucks in this percentage.

If this information is not available, an estimate which represents the average percentage for the category of road carried by the bridge may be used. May be left blank if Item 29 - Average Daily Traffic is not greater than 100.

EXAMPLES:

		<u>Code</u>
Average Daily Traffic	7% trucks	07
	12% trucks	12

109 - Resource Location: Truck Percentage table located in Appendix F.

Item 110 - Designated National Network 1 digit

The national network for trucks includes most of the Interstate System and those portions of Federal-Aid highways identified in the Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR 658). The national network for trucks is available for use by commercial motor vehicles of the dimensions and configurations described in these regulations. For the inventory route identified in Item 5, indicate conditions using one of the following codes:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	The inventory route is not part of the national network for trucks.
1	The inventory route is part of the national network for trucks.

110 - Coding Notes: The following routes are Designated Truck routes
US 13 from MD state line to I-495 southbound (Wilmington)
US 40 from MD state line to I-295/US 13 (Wilmington)
US 113 from MD state line to US 13 (Dover)
US 301 from MD state line I-295/US 13 (Wilmington)

Item 111 - Pier or Abutment Protection (for Navigation) 1 digit

If Item 38 - Navigation Control has been coded 1, use the codes below to indicate the presence and adequacy of pier or abutment protection features such as fenders, dolphins, etc. The condition of the protection devices may be a factor in the overall evaluation of Item 60 - Substructure. If Item 38 - Navigation Control has been coded 0 or N, leave blank to indicate not applicable.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Navigation protection not required
2	In place and functioning
3	In place but in a deteriorated condition
4	In place but reevaluation of design suggested
5	None present but reevaluation suggested

Item 112 - NBIS Bridge Length

1 digit

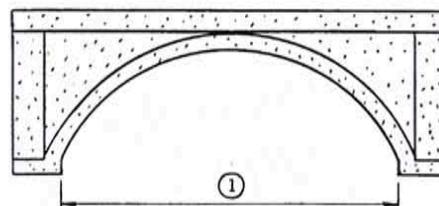
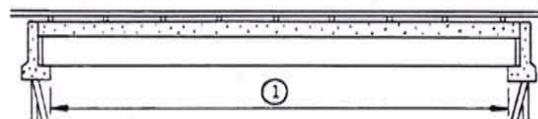
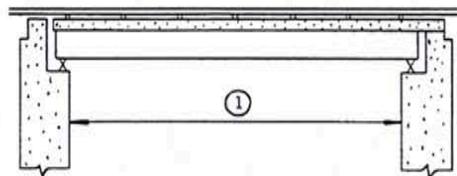
Does this structure meet or exceed the minimum length specified to be designated as a bridge for National Bridge Inspection Standards purposes? The following definition of a bridge is to be used:

A structure including supports erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, highway, or railway, and having a track or passageway for carrying traffic or other moving loads, and having an opening measured along the center of the roadway of

more than 20 feet* between undercopings of abutments or spring lines of arches, or extreme ends of openings for multiple boxes; it may also include multiple pipes, where the clear distance between openings is less than half of the smaller contiguous opening.

* (6.1 meters).

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
Y	Yes
N	No

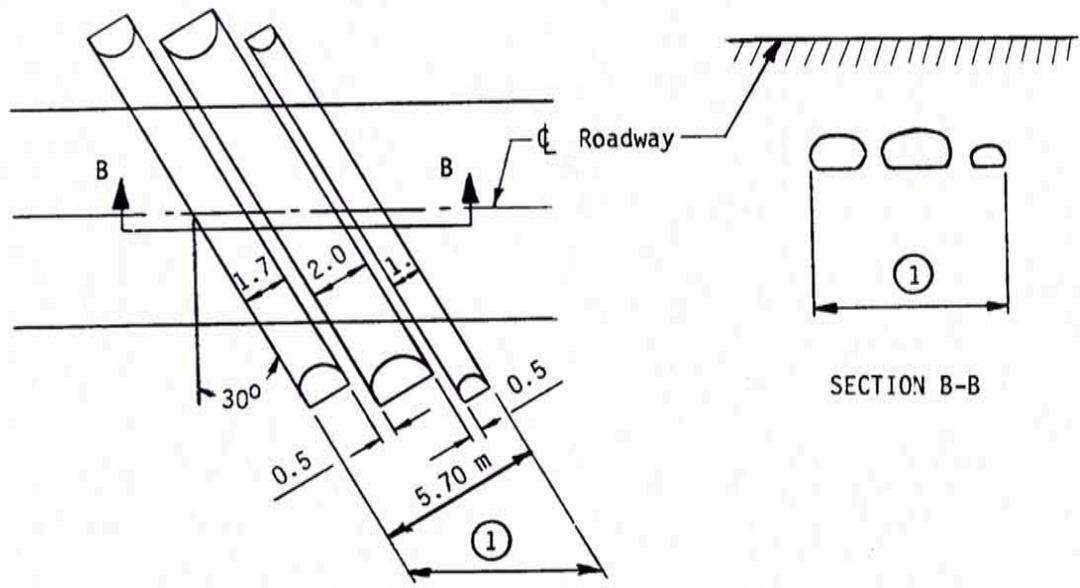
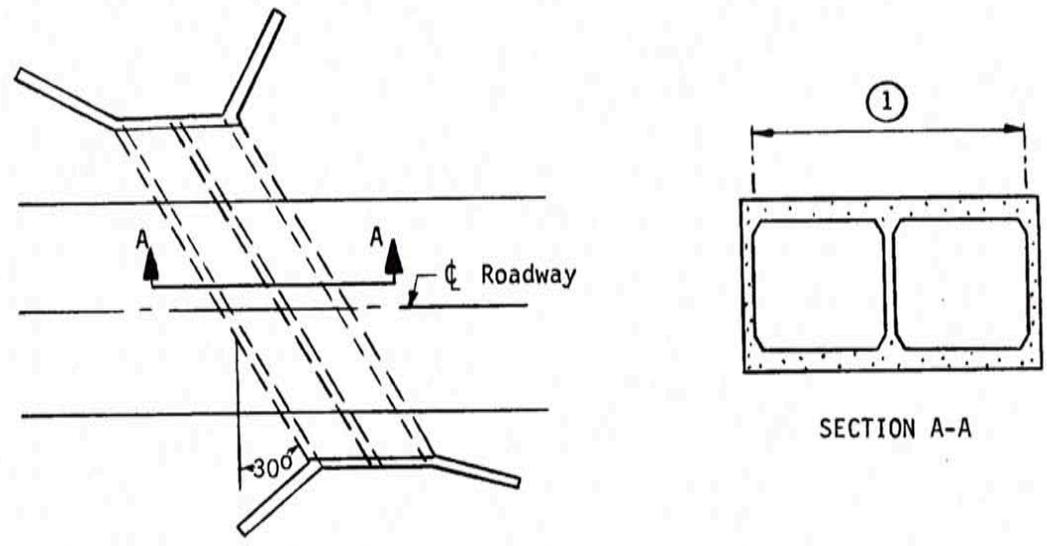


EXAMPLES:

(1) Item 112 - NBIS Bridge Length

Item 112 - NBIS Bridge Length (cont'd)

EXAMPLES:



(1) Item 112 - NBIS Bridge Length

 112 - Resource Location: Plans or measure out in field if no plans exist.

Item 113 - Scour Critical Bridges

1 digit

Use a single-digit code as indicated below to identify the current status of the bridge regarding its vulnerability to scour. Scour analyses shall be made by hydraulic/geotechnical/structural engineers. Guidance on conducting a scour evaluation is included in the FHWA Technical Advisory T 5140.23 titled, "Evaluating Scour at Bridges."¹ Detailed engineering guidance is provided in the Hydraulic Engineering Circular 18 titled "Evaluating Scour at Bridges."² Whenever a rating factor of 2 or below is determined for this item, the rating factor for Item 60 - Substructure and other affected items (i.e., load ratings, superstructure rating) should be revised to be consistent with the severity of observed scour and resultant damage to the bridge. A plan of action should be developed for each scour critical bridge (see FHWA Technical Advisory T 5140.23, HEC 18 and HEC 23³). A scour critical bridge is one with abutment or pier foundation rated as unstable due to (1) observed scour at the bridge site (rating factor of 2, 1, or 0) or (2) a scour potential as determined from a scour evaluation study (rating factor of 3). It is assumed that the condition of this item has been based on an engineering evaluation, which includes consultation of the NBIS field inspection findings.

CodeDescription

- N Bridge not over waterway.
- U Bridge with "unknown" foundation that has not been evaluated for scour. Until risk can be determined, a plan of action should be developed and implemented to reduce the risk to users from a bridge failure during and immediately after a flood event (see HEC 23).
- T Bridge over "tidal" waters that has not been evaluated for scour, but considered low risk. Bridge will be monitored with regular inspection cycle and with appropriate underwater inspections until an evaluation is performed. ("Unknown" foundations in "tidal" waters should be coded U.)
- 9 Bridge foundations (including piles) on dry land well above flood water elevations.
- 8 Bridge foundations determined to be stable for the assessed or calculated scour condition. Scour is determined to be above top of footing (Example A) by assessment (i.e., bridge foundations are on rock formations that have been determined to resist scour within the service life of the bridge⁴), by calculation or by installation of properly designed countermeasures (see HEC 23).
- 7 Countermeasures have been installed to mitigate an existing problem with scour and to reduce the risk of bridge failure during a flood event. Instructions contained in a plan of action have been implemented to reduce the risk to users from a bridge failure during or immediately after a flood event.
- 6 Scour calculation/evaluation has not been made. (Use only to describe case where bridge has not yet been evaluated for scour potential.)

(codes continued on the next page)

Item 113 - Scour Critical Bridges (cont'd)

CodeDescription

- 5 Bridge foundations determined to be stable for calculated scour condition. Scour is determined to be within the limits of footing or piles (Example B) by assessment (i.e., bridge foundations are on rock formations that have been determined to resist scour within the service life of the bridge), by calculations or by installation of properly designed countermeasures (see HEC 23).
- 4 Bridge foundations determined to be stable for calculated scour conditions; field review indicates action is required to protect exposed foundations (see HEC 23).
- 3 Bridge is scour critical; bridge foundations determined to be unstable for calculated scour conditions:
 - Scour within limits of footing or piles. (Example B)
 - Scour below spread-footing base or pile tips. (Example C)
- 2 Bridge is scour critical; field review indicates that extensive scour has occurred at bridge foundations, which are determined to be unstable by:
 - a comparison of calculated scour and observed scour during the bridge inspection, or
 - an engineering evaluation of the observed scour condition reported by the bridge inspector in Item 60.
- 1 Bridge is scour critical; field review indicates that failure of piers/abutments is imminent. Bridge is closed to traffic. Failure is imminent based on:
 - a comparison of calculated scour and observed scour during the bridge inspection, or
 - an engineering evaluation of the observed scour condition reported by the bridge inspector in Item 60.
- 0 Bridge is scour critical. Bridge has failed and is closed to traffic.

¹ FHWA Technical Advisory T 5140.23, Evaluating Scour at Bridges, dated October 28, 1991.

² HEC 18, Evaluating Scour at Bridges, Fourth Edition.

³ HEC 23, Bridge Scour and Stream Instability Countermeasures, Second Edition.

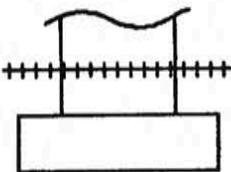
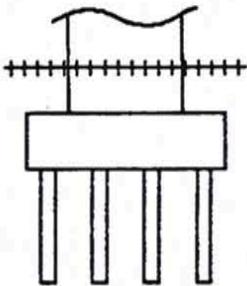
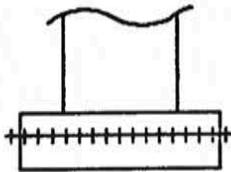
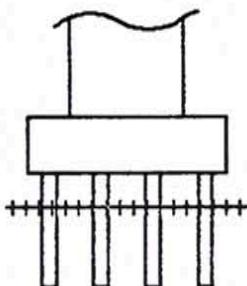
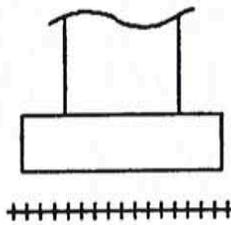
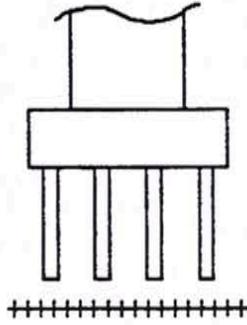
⁴ FHWA Memorandum "Scourability of Rock Formations," dated July 19, 1991.

113 - Coding Notes: Refer to revision memorandum dated April 27, 2001, however, Inspectors shall leave this alone.

**EXAMPLES:
NEEDED**

CALCULATED SCOUR DEPTH

ACTION

<p>A. Above top of footing</p>			<p>None - indicate rating of 8 for this item</p>
<p>B. Within limits of footing or piles</p>			<p>Conduct foundation structural analysis</p>
<p>C. Below pile tips or spread-footing base</p>			<p>Provide for monitoring and scour countermeasures as necessary</p>

SPREAD FOOTING
(NOT FOUNDED
IN ROCK)

PILE FOOTING

+++++ = Calculated scour depth

Item 114 - Future Average Daily Traffic 6 digits

Code for all bridges the forecasted average daily traffic (ADT) for the inventory route identified in Item 5. This shall be projected at least 17 years but no more than 22 years from the year of inspection. The intent is to provide a basis for a 20-year forecast. This item may be updated anytime, but must be updated when the forecast falls below the 17-year limit. If planning data is not available, use the best estimate based on site familiarity.

The future ADT must be compatible with the other items coded for the bridge. For example, parallel bridges with an open median are coded as follows: if Item 28 - Lanes On and Under the Structure and Item 51 - Bridge Roadway Width, Curb-to-Curb are coded for each bridge separately, then the future ADT must be coded for each bridge separately (not the total for the route).

EXAMPLES:

		<u>Code</u>
Future ADT	540	000540
	15,600	015600
	240,000	240000

114 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this alone.

Item 115 - Year of Future Average Daily Traffic 4 digits

Record and code the year represented by the future ADT in Item 114. The projected year of future ADT shall be at least 17 years but no more than 22 years from the year of inspection.

EXAMPLE:

		<u>Code</u>
Year of Future ADT is	2014	2014

115 - Coding Notes: Inspector shall leave this alone.

Item 116 - Minimum Navigation Vertical Clearance,
Vertical Lift Bridge (XXX.X meters) 4 digits

Record and code as a 4-digit number truncated to the tenth of a meter (with an assumed decimal point), the minimum vertical clearance imposed at the site as measured above a datum that is specified on a navigation permit issued by a control agency. Code this item only for vertical lift bridges in the dropped or closed position, otherwise leave blank.

EXAMPLES:

		<u>Code</u>
Vertical Clearance	10.67 meters	0106
	24.22 meters	0242