





## **EFFECTS OF TRUCK IMPACTS ON BRIDGE PIERS**

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## Abstract

According to Federal Highway Administration, impact by moving trucks is the third leading cause of bridge failure or collapse in the US. Although the Specifications current AASHTO LRFD Guide prescribe designing bridge piers by applying a 600 kips static load at a height of 4-ft to improve their impact resistance, recent studies have shown that the dynamic forces because of truck impacts may be significantly higher than that recommended by the AASHTO Guide Specifications. In this research, we present an extensive investigation on the impact of concrete bridge piers by trucks running at different speeds by modeling bridges and trucks in LS-DYNA simulation software package, in which both mediumand heavy-weight trucks have been simulated.

## Biography

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