# **SECTION 8 - BEARING DEVICES**

#### <u>8.1 - GENERAL</u>

#### **8.1.1 - BEARING USE CRITERIA**

Bearings should be used under all steel and concrete beams and girders except at integral abutments and rigid frame structures. At integral abutments, a plain elastomeric pad or mortar pad should be placed under the beam. At framed structures, no bearings are used at the framed connections. Refer to the Thruway Standard Detail Sheets at the end of this section and in ProjectWise for details of all the bearings described in this section. The choice of bearing type to be used should be based on the following:

- A. Movement requirements (rotational and translational)
- B. Design Loading (vertical and horizontal)
- C. Geometrics (foot print size and orientation); The edge of the masonry plate must be no closer than 3 inches to the exposed edge of supporting concrete.
- D. Cost
- E. Age of structure and planned remaining service life.

In general, new bearings shall not be installed on projects receiving less work than a complete deck replacement. The original bearings on Thruway structures are usually some type of steel sliding or rocker bearings. These types of bearings can have an extremely long service life if kept cleaned, painted and well lubricated through regular maintenance. If needed, these types of bearings can be rehabilitated as part of a construction contract such as a **Strip, Repair, Seal, & Overlay (SRSO)**, bridge painting, or substructure rehabilitation project. On these types of projects, the intent is to get all of the elements of an older structure on the same replacement schedule. Performing the minimum

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amount of work until the entire bridge is ready for replacement is the most economical approach to managing our bridges. Bearing replacement is very expensive considering jacking the superstructure, pedestal reconstruction, and the new bearings themselves. In addition, the lead time for new bearings can be up to six months which is unacceptable on most minor rehabilitation projects. Existing bearings on minor rehabilitation projects shall only be replaced under one of the following conditions:

- A. Individual severely damaged bearings that are no longer functioning as designed and cannot be repaired.
- B. High rocker bearings on seismically sensitive structures that have a history of repeated overextension to the point of instability.

#### **8.1.2 - BEARING PADS**

A 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch thick Bearing Pad meeting the requirements of material specifications 728-01 or 728-02 shall be used under the masonry plate of all bearings. A bearing pad shall not be used under the girder at integral abutments and rigid frames, nor under the preformed fabric pad of preformed fabric bearings.

#### **8.1.3 - BEVELING OF PLATES**

Beveling of plates, required to match the finished flange grade to the bearing assembly, shall be specified/detailed at increments no smaller than  $1/16^{\text{th}}$  inch. The flattest bevel detailed shall not be less than  $1/8^{\text{th}}$  inch measured between the front edge and rear edge of the plate for all bearing types.

# **BRIDGE BEARING INFORMATION TABLE**

BEARING TYPE	VERTICAL LOAD RANGE	EXPANSION LENGTH RANGE (EXPANSION BEARINGS)	ROTATIONAL MOVEMENT RANGE <sup>1</sup>	COST UPSTATE (EACH)	COST DOWNSTATE (EACH)	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SKEW <sup>2</sup>	MAX. LEAD TIME
PREFORMED FABRIC	UP TO 200 kips	UP TO 150 ft	UP TO 0.015 RADIANS	\$1,200	\$2,000	35°	2 Months
MULTI- ROTATIONAL (POT-TYPE)	200 TO 1000 kips	UNLIMITED	UP TO 0.02 RADIANS	\$2,500	\$5,000	NO MAX.	4 Months
MULTI- ROTATIONAL (DISC-TYPE)	100 TO 2000 kips	UNLIMITED	UP TO 0.02 RADIANS	\$2,500	\$5,000	NO MAX.	3 Months
SPHERICAL	500 TO 2000 kips	UNLIMITED	GREATER THAN 0.015 RADIANS	\$3,000	\$6,000	NO MAX.	4 Months
ELASTOMERIC <sup>3</sup> (RECTANGULAR)	UP TO 200 kips	UP TO 130 ft	UP TO 0.015 RADIANS	\$1,800	\$3,000	35°	3 Months
ELASTOMERIC <sup>3</sup> (CIRCULAR)	190 TO 450 kips	UP TO 130 ft	UP TO 0.015 RADIANS	\$2,000	\$3,500	35°	3 Months
BASE ISOLATION	VARIES BY TYPE	VARIES BY TYPE	VARIES BY TYPE	VARIES BY TYPE	VARIES BY TYPE	35°	4 Months

# **TABLE 8.1.1**

Notes: 1. Values for rotational movements include a 0.01 radian construction tolerance.

2. Due to the limited transverse resistance capability of some bearing devices, the maximum allowable substructure skew is limited.

3. The upper limit of load range shall be adhered to in order to keep bearing devices of this type to a practical size.

#### **<u>8.1.4 - ANCHOR BOLT DESIGN</u>**

All anchor bolts shall be specified as **ASTM** F1554 material. A449 and A325 material shall not be specified but may be substituted by the contractor if F1554 material is not readily available. All anchor bolts shall have a protective zinc coating. Hot dip galvanizing as described in NYSStd. Spec. Sect. 719-01 may be used on A325, A449, F1554-GR36 and F1554-GR55 bolts. A mechanically deposited zinc coating in accordance with the requirements of Class 50 of **ASTM** Specification B695 shall be used on F1554-GR105 anchor bolts. All nuts shall be **ASTM** A563 Heavy Hex Grade DH. The nuts may be either hot dip galvanized or have a mechanically deposited zinc coating as described above.

In accordance with **AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition** Subsections 10.29.6.2 and **AASHTO LRFD 4th Edition** Subsection 14.8.3.1 the superstructure shall be positively connected to the substructure, and the **AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition** Subsection 14.7.3 and **AASHTO LRFD 4th Edition** Subsection 14.8.3.2, all components of bearing devices shall be positively secured to provide a distinct load path from the superstructure to the bearing components and to the supporting substructure capable of transmitting all anticipated loads and to prevent the bearing components from separation under strength design loading and extreme event loading. On sliding and pot-type bearings this requires that the anchor bolts extend up through the masonry plate and up through the sole plate (or beveled plate, if applicable). The masonry plate shall be held down with single heavy hex nuts and hardened washers (snug tight). The sole plate/beveled plate shall be held in place vertically, against uplift (if applicable), with heavy hex nuts double nutted on the anchor bolt above the top of the plate washers. The gap (a minimum of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch) between the bottom of the bottom nut and the top of the plate

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washer shall be enough to allow for translation and rotation at the bearing without binding. The plate washers shall be a minimum of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch thick; square over round holes and rectangular over slotted holes; and beveled to match the slope of the sole/beveled plate. On elastomeric bearings, the masonry plate shall be held down with single heavy hex nuts and hardened washers (snug tight). The shear capacity of the elastomeric material and the vulcanized connection between the elastomer and the external load plates may be adequate to provide the connection required to secure the bearing components together and the superstructure to the substructure under strength design loading and extreme event loading. If this connection is not capable of resisting these loads and/or uplift or buoyancy forces are present, the anchor bolts must run up through the sole plate as described above.

The diameter of the anchor bolt holes in the masonry plate of all bearing types shall be 3/8<sup>th</sup> inch larger than the anchor bolt diameter.

On fixed bearings the anchor bolt holes in the sole plate/beveled plate (where required) shall be the same size as those used in the masonry plate unless live load rotation requires the use of slotted holes. When slotted holes are required in the sole plate/beveled plate of fixed bearings, the hole size shall be determined as follows: Hole width shall be 3/8<sup>th</sup> inch plus bolt diameter. Hole lengths shall be 3/8<sup>th</sup> inch plus bolt diameter plus anticipated horizontal movement of sole plate/beveled plate due to live load rotation.

On expansion bearings the anchor bolt holes in the sole plate/beveled plate (where required) shall be slotted to allow for live load rotation and thermal expansion and contraction. Hole width shall be

3/8<sup>th</sup> inch plus bolt diameter. The hole length shall be the bolt diameter plus the total thermal expansion plus one inch.

Table 8.1.4 shows the strengths and allowable stresses for the various anchor bolt types and sizes allowed on Thruway structures. For economic reasons, the designer should specify the lowest grade bolt possible; keeping in mind the minimum diameters allowed by **AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition** Subsection 10.29.6.2, and that very large bolt diameters may be impractical. Allowable stresses shown in this table may be increased by 50% when horizontal loading includes seismic loads.

ANCHOR BOLT SELECTION TABLE

BOLT TYPE	GRADE	BOLT SIZE (φ)	F <sub>U</sub> (ksi)	F <sub>y</sub> (ksi)	F <sub>T</sub> (ksi) (0.33F <sub>u</sub> )	F <sub>v</sub> (ksi) (0.17F <sub>U</sub> )
A 325	92	<sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>2</sub> " To 1" Incl.	120	92	40	20
A 325	81	Over 1" To 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " Incl.	105	81	35	18
A 449	92	<sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> " To 1" Incl.	120	92	40	20
A 449	81	Over 1" To 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " Incl.	105	81	35	18
A 449	58	Over 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " To 3" Incl.	90	58	30	15
F 1554	105	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " To 3" Incl.	125	105	41	21
F 1554	55	<sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> " To 4" Incl.	75	55	25	13
F 1554	36	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " To 4" Incl.	58	36	19	10

# **TABLE 8.1.4**

 $F_U$  = Minimum Tensile Strength,  $F_Y$  = Minimum Yield Strength,  $F_T$  = Allowable Tension/Bending Strength,  $F_V$  = Allowable Shear Strength

#### **8.1.4.1 - ANCHOR BOLTS FOR PREFORMED FABRIC BEARINGS**

For preformed fabric bearings, the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear and bending on the anchor bolt at the top of the pedestal (P is applied to the anchor bolts at the bottom of sole plate)

using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{f_v}{F_v}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{f_T}{F_T}\right)^2 \le 1.5$$

Note:

Maximum stress due to bending is at the top of the pedestal where:

- P = Maximum horizontal force at bearing (divide by # of bolts for load per bolt). This force shall be a minimum of 19% of the total vertical dead load and superimposed dead load.
- $f_v =$  Nominal unit shear stress
- $f_T$  = Nominal unit bending stress due to external horizontal load

 $F_v = 0.17 F_U =$  Allowable shear stress in absence of bending

- $F_T = 0.33 F_U =$  Allowable tensile stress in absence of shear
- $F_U$  = Minimum tensile strength of bolt

#### 8.1.4.2 - ANCHOR BOLTS FOR MULTI-ROTATIONAL (POT TYPE) BEARINGS

For multi-rotational fixed pot bearings, the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear at the top surface of the pedestal. P is applied to the anchor bolts at the bottom of the masonry plate.

#### $f_v \leq F_v$

#### See Table 8.1.4

For multi-rotational expansion pot bearings, the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear and bending at the top of the masonry plate nut (P applied to the anchor bolt at the bottom of the sole plate). Use the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{f_v}{F_v}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{f_T}{F_T}\right)^2 \le 1.5$$

See Table 8.1.4

#### **8.1.4.3 - ANCHOR BOLTS FOR MULTI-ROTATIONAL (DISC TYPE) BEARINGS**

For multi-rotational fixed bearings, the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear at the top surface of the pedestal. P is applied to the anchor bolts at the bottom of the masonry plate.

 $f_v \leq F_v$ 

#### See Table 8.1.4

For multi-rotational expansion disc bearings, the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear and bending at the top of the masonry plate nut (P applied to the anchor bolt at the bottom of the sole plate). Use the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{f_v}{F_v}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{f_T}{F_T}\right)^2 \le 1.5$$

#### See Table 8.1.4

#### **8.1.4.4 - ANCHOR BOLTS FOR SPHERICAL BEARINGS**

For spherical fixed bearings, the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear at the top surface of the pedestal. P is applied to the anchor bolts at the bottom of the masonry plate.

 $f_v \leq F_v$ 

See Table 8.1.4

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For spherical expansion bearings, the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear and bending at the top of the masonry plate nut (P applied to the anchor bolt at the bottom of the sole plate). Use the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{f_{\nu}}{F_{\nu}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{f_T}{F_T}\right)^2 \le 1.5$$

#### See Table 8.1.4

#### **8.1.4.5 - ANCHOR BOLTS FOR ELASTOMERIC BEARINGS**

For elastomeric fixed bearings, the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear at the top surface of the pedestal. P is applied to the anchor bolts at the bottom of the masonry plate.

$$f_v \leq F_v$$

#### See Table 8.1.4

For elastomeric expansion bearings, the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear due to P applied at the bottom of the masonry plate as shown above unless the anchor bolts are required to extend up through the sole plate for uplift or buoyancy. In this case the anchor bolts shall be designed for shear due to P applied at the bottom of the masonry plate as shown above and tension due to those tensile forces. Use the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{f_v}{F_v}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{f_T}{F_T}\right)^2 \le 1.0$$

See Table 8.1.4

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#### **8.1.4.6 - ANCHOR BOLTS FOR SEISMIC ISOLATION BEARINGS**

For seismic isolation bearings, the anchor bolt design will be dependent on the manufacturer's specifications of the bearing.

#### **<u>8.1.5 - ANCHOR BOLT HOLE EDGE AND END DISTANCE</u>**

The designer's attention is directed to the requirements of the **AASHTO 17th Edition** regarding anchor bolt placement and minimum edge distances. For all bearings, the minimum transverse edge distance E(T) from the centerline of a hole to the flame cut edge of a steel plate shall not be less than 1.75 x the Bolt Diameter; and the minimum longitudinal end distance E(L) shall not be less than 1.75 x the Bolt Diameter. In addition, the centerline of any anchor bolt must be a minimum of 8 inches from the exposed edge of the surrounding concrete.

#### **8.2 - CEMENT MORTAR PADS AND PLAIN ELASTOMERIC PADS**

Conventional bearing devices are not required at integral abutments and rigid frames because the superstructure is cast continuous with the substructure. The vertical load is transferred to the substructure by plain pads. Two types of plain pads are approved for Authority contracts; cement mortar pads and plain elastomeric pads. Cement mortar pads shall be used at all integral abutments and rigid frames supporting steel superstructures. Cement mortar pads or plain elastomeric pads shall be used when a prestressed concrete superstructure is specified. For integral abutment and rigid frame details and guidelines on use, see Section 4 - Substructures.

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#### **8.2.1 - CEMENT MORTAR PADS**

When cement mortar pads are used at an integral abutment or rigid frame, the following criteria, as illustrated in Details 4.6.2.2.b, 4.10.1.b, and 8.2.1, shall be met:

- A. The mortar pad footprint must be large enough to transfer all the vertical loads to the bridge seat at a pressure less than or equal to 0.30 f  $'_{c}$ .
- B. The minimum distance from the edge of the pad to the substructure face shall not be less than 3 inches.
- C. Anchor bolts are not required.
- D. Transverse reinforcing steel at substructure shall pass through the girder web at or near the centerline of the substructure. If the web plate shear capacity is reduced below the required capacity to support dead load shear, bearing stiffeners shall be added at the centerline of the pad in the vicinity (±5 inches) of the web holes.
- E. Vertical reinforcing steel from the substructure stem shall pass through the girder bottom flange and mortar pad at rigid frame connections.
- F. The mortar pad thickness shall be at least  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", but shall not exceed 4 inches.
- G. The top surface of the mortar pad shall be finished to match the grade of the bottom flange at the centerline of substructure. The grade used shall be that which results from the placement of the structural steel only.



#### **8.2.2 - PLAIN ELASTOMERIC PADS**

When plain elastomeric pads are used at an integral abutment under a prestressed concrete superstructure, the following criteria shall be met:

- A. The elastomeric pad footprint must be large enough to transfer all the vertical loads to the bridge seat at a pressure less than or equal to 0.30 f  $'_{c}$ .
- B. The minimum distance from the edge of the pad to the abutment face shall not be less than 3 inches.
- C. A 1 inch dia. anchor rod is required for each beam extending from the abutment stem through the pad into the beam.
- D. Minimum pad thickness shall not be less than 1 ½ inches, but not more than 3 inches. Refer to AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition Subsection 14.6.6.3.6 Stability, for maximum thickness requirements.

# **8.3 - PREFORMED FABRIC BEARINGS**

This is a small-to-medium load sliding/rotating bearing. It may be used on Thruway mainline and overhead structures following the restrictions of Subsections 8.3.1.1 and 8.3.2.1.

#### **8.3.1 - PREFORMED FABRIC NON-GUIDED EXPANSION BEARINGS**

Preformed fabric expansion bearings shall consist of the following:

- A. Preformed fabric bearing pad.
- B. Polytetrafloroethylene (PTFE) sliding surface bonded to the top of the fabric pad.
- C. Steel sole plate welded to the bottom of the bottom flange.

- D. Stainless steel plate seal welded to the bottom of the sole plate.
- E. Two or four anchor bolts drilled and grouted or cast-in-place (**ASTM** F1554 steel with heavy hex nuts) into the concrete substructure.
- F. Rectangular plate washers of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch minimum thickness. These plate washers shall be beveled to match the slope of the sole plate.

#### 8.3.1.1 - USE CRITERIA

Preformed fabric expansion bearings may be used when all of the following criteria are met:

- A. The horizontal alignment of the structure may be straight or curved, but girders must be straight.
- B. The total of the vertical reactions (DL+SDL+LL+I) must be less than or equal to 200 kips.
- C. The maximum live load rotation from the centerline of bearings to the front or rear edge of the pad must be no more than 0.005 radians plus a 0.01 radian construction tolerance.
- D. May be used at expansion supports of jointless structures and jointed structures.
- E. The addition of a steel masonry plate (bonded to the bottom of the preformed fabric pad) and a Bearing Pad only when used on steel pedestals.

#### **8.3.1.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

A. The nuts shall be double nutted to the bolts with a gap (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch minimum) between the top of the washer and the bottom of the bottom nut to allow for rotation and translation at the bearing. The minimum allowable requirements for the size and imbedment length of the bearing anchor bolts shall be as required by AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition Subsection 10.29.6.2.

- B. The anchor bolts, nuts, and washers shall be shop galvanized. The anchor bolts shall be designed for shear and bending at the top of pedestal. The size and number of bolts will be dependent on the design requirements at each location.
- C. The sole plate shall be shop metalized or galvanized (manufacturer's preference) as per the Authority's current specification. The sole plate shall be beveled to match the grade of the bottom flange of the girder with all non-composite and composite dead loads on the girder. The steel sole plate shall be designed for bending and shear with a 1 inch minimum thickness.
- D. The centerline of the bearing pad shall be set square to the beam at the centerline of bearings of the beam (centerline of bolt pattern).
- E. The sole plate shall be set according to the ambient temperature in relation to the bearing pad.
- F. The sole plate shall be welded to the bottom flange after all dead load and superimposed dead load has been applied.
- G. The maximum coefficient of static friction between the stainless steel and the **PTFE** surface is 0.06.

#### **8.3.2 - PREFORMED FABRIC FIXED BEARINGS**

Preformed fabric fixed bearings are similar to preformed fabric expansion bearings with the following exceptions:

A. No PTFE surface is attached to pad.

- B. No stainless steel plate is attached to sole plate.
- C. The plate washers shall be square instead of rectangular.

#### **8.3.2.1 - USE CRITERIA**

The use criteria for preformed fabric fixed bearings is similar to that of preformed fabric expansion bearings with the following restrictions:

- A. Preformed fabric fixed bearings may only be used at the fixed supports of jointed structures and the fixed <u>end</u> of jointless simple-span structures.
- B. Do not use preformed fabric fixed bearings at the intermediate fixed supports of jointless and integral abutment structures.

#### **8.3.2.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

Installation of preformed fabric fixed bearings is similar to preformed fabric expansion bearings with the following exception: The sole plate shall be set square to the beam at the centerline of bearings of the beam (centerline of bolt pattern) directly over the preformed fabric pad.

#### **8.4 - MULTI-ROTATIONAL (POT-TYPE) BEARINGS**

This type of bearing is a device that allows rotation through the use of an elastomeric pad contained in a steel "pot"; and translation through the use of flat stainless steel surfaces within a slot against flat **PTFE** surfaces. It may be used on structures with medium-to-high vertical loads (200 to 1000 kips) and normal rotation (less than or equal to 0.02 radians including a 0.01 radian construction tolerance). See Detail 8.4.1 and Table 8.4.1.



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MULT-ROTATIONAL POT-TYPE BEARINGS

#### NOTE TO DESIGNER:

THE VALUES SHOWN ARE REPRESENTATIVE VALUES FROM A TYPICAL BEARING MANUFACTURER. THE DESIGNER SHOULD CHOOSE THE VALUES FROM THE TABLE THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CAPACITY ON THE PROJECT. THE DESIGNER SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DESIGN THE BEARINGS BEYOND THESE PRELIMINARY SIZES AND THE GUIDELINES SHOWN ON THE STANDARD SHEETS. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S AND BEARING MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE DETAILED DESIGN ON THE SHOP DRAWINGS BASED ON MANUFACTURER'S INDIVIDUAL COMPONENT SPECIFICATIONS AND THE PROJECT REQUIREMENTS FOR VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CAPACITY AS WELL AS REQUIRED LIVE LOAD ROTATION LIMITS.

PRELIMINARY DIMENSIONS FOR GUIDED EXPANSION BEARING								PRELIMINARY DIMENSIONS FOR FIXED BEARINGS								
TOTAL	TOTAL							TOTAL	TOTAL							
VERTICAL	HORIZ.	DB∅	н	)	J	HB		VERTICAL	HORIZ.	DBØ	н	1	J	HB		
LOAD kips	LOAD kips	INCHES	INCHES	INCHES	INCHES	INCHES		LOAD kips	LOAD kips	INCHES	INCHES	INCHES	INCHES	INCHES		
100	20.0	6.03	4.75	4.75	0.75	1.43		100	20.0	6.03	3.44	3.44	0.50	1.51		
150	30.0	7.39	5.63	5.44	0.88	1.65		150	30.0	7.39	4.31	4.31	0.50	1.61		
200	40.0	8.53	6.25	6.00	0.88	1.75		200	40.0	8.53	4.94	4.94	0.50	1.71		
250	50.0	9.54	7.06	6.50	1.00	1.98		250	50.0	9.54	5.50	5.50	0.50	1.81		
300	60.0	10.45	7.63	6.94	1.13	2.09		300	60.0	10.45	6.06	6.06	0.50	1.79		
350	70.0	11.28	8.19	7.38	1.13	2.20		350	70.0	11.28	6.63	6.63	0.63	2.03		
400	80.0	12.06	8.50	7.81	1.13	2.31		400	80.0	12.06	6.94	6.94	0.63	2.14		
450	90.0	12.79	8.94	8.13	1.25	2.42		450	90.0	12.79	7.44	7.44	0.63	2.12		
500	100.0	13.49	9.69	8.50	1.38	2.66		500	100.0	13.49	7.88	7.88	0.63	2.23		
600	120.0	14.77	10.56	9.13	1.50	3.12		600	120.0	14.77	8.50	8.50	0.63	2.58		
700	140.0	15.96	11.38	9.75	1.50	3.23		700	140.0	15.96	9.31	9.31	0.75	2.81		
800	160.0	17.06	12.25	10.31	1.50	3.33		800	160.0	17.06	9.94	9.94	0.75	2.91		
900	180.0	18.09	12.81	10.81	1.50	3.32		900	180.0	18.09	10.50	10.50	0.88	3.02		
1000	200.0	19.07	13.44	11.31	1.75	3.67		1000	200.0	19.07	11.13	11.13	0.88	3.12		
1100	220.0	20.00	14.31	11.75	1.75	3.78		1100	220.0	20.00	11.75	11.75	1.00	3.36		
1200	240.0	20.89	14.94	12.19	1.75	4.00		1200	240.0	20.89	12.13	12.13	1.00	3.58		
1300	260.0	21.75	15.50	12.63	1.75	4.23		1300	260.0	21.75	12.69	12.69	1.00	3.81		
1400	280.0	22.57	15.94	13.06	1.75	4.22		1400	280.0	22.57	13.19	13.19	1.00	3.80		
1500	300.0	23.36	16.50	13.69	1.75	4.20		1500	300.0	23.36	13.69	13.69	1.13	3.91		
1600	320.0	24.13	17.13	14.06	1.75	4.45		1600	320.0	24.13	14.06	14.06	1.13	4.15		
1700	340.0	24.87	17.56	14.19	2.00	4.68		1700	340.0	24.87	14.50	14.50	1.13	4.13		
1800	360.0	25.59	17.94	14.56	2.00	4.67		1800	360.0	25.59	14.94	14.94	1.25	4.25		
1900	380.0	26.29	18.75	14.88	2.00	5.15		1900	380.0	26.29	15.44	15.44	1.25	4.73		
2000	400.0	26.97	19.31	15.25	2.00	5.13		2000	400.0	26.97	15.75	15.75	1.25	4.71		

MULTI-ROTATIONAL POT-TYPE BEARINGS

#### **8.4.1 - GUIDED EXPANSION POT BEARINGS**

Multi-rotational (pot-type) expansion bearings shall consist of the following:

#### Lower Bearing Assembly

- A. A galvanized or metalized, steel masonry plate of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness (with a fabric bearing pad under the masonry plate).
- B. Steel base pot
- C. Elastomeric pad
- D. Brass sealing ring(s)

#### Middle Bearing Assembly

- E. Steel piston
- F. Steel sole plate
- G. **PTFE** pad bonded to the top and longitudinal sides of the sole plate.

#### Upper Bearing Assembly

- H. A galvanized or metalized, steel beveled plate of 1 inch minimum thickness with slot in bottom for guided expansion.
- I. Stainless steel plate welded to slot surfaces on beveled plate.
- J. Four (4) **ASTM** F1554 galvanized anchor bolts, cast-in-place or drilled and grouted into concrete, extending up through the masonry plate and beveled plate (with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers, all galvanized).
- K. Galvanized rectangular plate washers, beveled to match the slope of the beveled plate. Plate washers shall have a minimum thickness of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch.

#### <u>8.4.1.1 - USE CRITERIA</u>

Multi-rotational guided expansion bearings may be used when the following conditions apply:

- A. The longitudinal beams or girders are curved or straight.
- B. The total vertical reaction (DL+SDL+LL+I) is between 200 and 1000 kips.
- C. Small-to-moderate live load rotations (less than or equal to 0.02 radians including a 0.01 radian construction tolerance).
- D. These bearings may be used at the expansion supports of jointless and jointed structures.
- E. These bearings may be used at the expansion intermediate supports of integral abutment multi-span structures.

#### **8.4.1.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

- A. The base pot, steel piston, steel sole plate and beveled plate shall be galvanized or metalized in conformance with the bearing manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. On bridges with straight girders, the centerline of the lower and middle bearing assemblies shall be square to the girder at the centerline of bearings of the girder (centerline of bolt pattern). On bridges with curved girders, the lower and middle bearing assemblies shall be set at the centerline of bearings of the girder, (centerline of anchor bolt pattern), square to the chord of the girder. The chord of a curved girder is defined as the straight line from centerline of bearings of girder to centerline of bearings of the same girder between two bearing supports.
- C. The sole plate shall be welded to the piston prior to assembling the bearing.
- D. The lower bearing assembly shall be attached to the substructure with heavy hex nuts and

hardened washers fastened "snug tight" to the masonry plate.

- E. The upper bearing assembly shall be set according to the ambient temperature in relation to the middle and lower bearing assemblies.
- F. The upper bearing assembly and girder will be restricted vertically by double nutting the heavy hex nuts to the anchor bolts above the beveled plate. A gap between the top of the plate washer and the bottom of bottom nut will allow for bearing rotation. The gap dimension (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch minimum) will depend on the amount of live load rotation at each girder location.
- G. The anchor bolts shall be designed for horizontal shear and bending at the top of the masonry plate nuts. The anchor bolts will restrain the superstructure longitudinally, and the anchor bolts and piston will restrain the superstructure transversely. The minimum allowable requirements for the size and imbedment length of the bearing anchor bolts shall be as required by AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition Subsection 10.29.6.2.
- H. The upper bearing assembly shall be attached to the girder by welding the beveled plate longitudinally to the bottom flange after all non-composite and composite dead loads have been applied.

#### **8.4.2 - FIXED POT BEARINGS**

Multi-rotational (pot-type) fixed bearings shall consist of the following:

#### Lower Bearing Assembly

 A. A galvanized or metalized, steel masonry plate of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness (with a fabric bearing pad under the masonry plate).

#### MULT-ROTATIONAL POT-TYPE BEARINGS

- B. Steel base pot
- C. Elastomeric pad
- D. Brass sealing ring(s)

#### Upper Bearing Assembly

- E. Steel piston
- F. Steel sole plate
- G. A galvanized or metalized, steel beveled plate of 1 inch minimum thickness.
- H. Four (4) **ASTM** F1554 galvanized anchor bolts, cast-in-place or drilled and grouted into concrete, extending up through the masonry plate and beveled plate (with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers, all galvanized).
- I. Galvanized square plate washers, beveled to match the slope of the beveled plate. Plate washers shall have a minimum thickness of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch.

#### 8.4.2.1 - USE CRITERIA

Multi-rotational fixed bearings may be used when the following conditions apply:

- A. The longitudinal beams or girders are curved or straight.
- B. The total vertical reaction (DL+SDL+LL+I) is between 200 and 1000 kips.
- C. Small-to-moderate live load rotations (less than or equal to 0.02 radians including a 0.01 radian construction tolerance).
- D. These bearings may be used at the fixed supports of jointless and jointed structures.
- E. These bearings <u>shall</u> be used at the fixed intermediate supports of all integral abutment multi-span structures.

#### **8.4.2.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

- A. The base pot, steel piston, steel sole plate and beveled plate shall be galvanized or metalized in conformance with the bearing manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. On bridges with straight girders, the centerline of the bearing device shall be square to the girder at the centerline of bearings of the girder (centerline of bolt pattern). On bridges with curved girders, the bearing device shall be set at the centerline of bearings of the girder, (centerline of anchor bolt pattern), square to the chord of the girder. The chord of a curved girder is defined as the straight line from centerline of bearings of girder to centerline of bearings of the same girder between two bearing supports.
- C. The sole plate shall be welded to the beveled plate prior to assembling the bearing.
- D. The lower bearing assembly shall be attached to the substructure with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers fastened "snug tight" to the masonry plate.
- E. The centered bearing shall be welded at the beveled plate/bottom flange location after all composite and non-composite dead loads have been applied.
- F. The upper bearing assembly and girder will be restricted vertically by double nutting the heavy hex nuts to the anchor bolts above the beveled plate. A gap between the top of the plate washer and the bottom of bottom nut will allow for bearing rotation. The gap dimension (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch minimum) will depend on the amount of live load rotation at each girder location.
- G. The anchor bolts shall be designed for horizontal shear at the top of pedestal. The bearing pot will restrain the superstructure horizontally. The minimum allowable requirements for

H. the size and imbedment length of the bearing anchor bolts shall be as required by AASHTO
17<sup>th</sup> Edition Subsection 10.29.6.2.

# **8.5 - MULTI-ROTATIONAL (DISC-TYPE) BEARINGS**

This type of bearing is a device that allows rotation through the deflection of a polyurethane pad bonded to top and bottom steel load plates; and translation through the use of a flat stainless steel surface against a flat **PTFE** surface. The horizontal capacity of the fixed bearings is provided by a steel pin at the center of the pad. The pin shall be a minimum of 1 ½ inch in diameter. This pin shall be press fit or threaded the full depth into the bottom load plate and extend partially up into the top load plate. These bearings may be used on structures with low-to-high vertical loads (100 to 2000 kips), normal rotation (less than or equal to 0.02 radians including a 0.01 radian construction tolerance), and any expansion length.

## **8.5.1 - GUIDED EXPANSION DISC BEARINGS**

Expansion bearings shall consist of the following:

Lower Bearing Assembly

- A. A galvanized or metalized, steel masonry plate of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness (with a fabric bearing pad under the masonry plate).
- B. Bottom steel load plate (galv. or metalized)
- C. Polyurethane pad w/steel pin
- D. Top steel load plate (galv. or metalized)
- E. **PTFE** layer bonded to top and sides of load plate

#### Upper Bearing Assembly

- F. A galvanized or metalized, steel sole plate of 1 inch minimum thickness, slotted for guided expansion.
- G. Stainless steel plate seal welded to inside surfaces of slot in sole plate.
- H. Four (4) ASTM F1554 galvanized anchor bolts, cast-in-place or drilled and grouted into concrete, extending up through the masonry plate and sole plate (with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers, all galvanized).
- Galvanized rectangular plate washers, beveled to match the slope of the sole plate. Plate washers shall have a minimum thickness of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch.

#### 8.5.1.1 - USE CRITERIA

Expansion bearings may be used when the following conditions apply:

- A. The longitudinal beams or girders are curved or straight.
- B. The total vertical reaction (DL+SDL+LL+I) is between 100 and 2000 kips.
- C. Small-to-moderate live load rotations (less than or equal to 0.02 radians including a 0.01 radian construction tolerance).
- D. These bearings may be used at the expansion supports of jointless and jointed structures.
- E. These bearings may be used at the expansion intermediate supports of integral abutment multi-span structures.

#### **8.5.1.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

A. The bearing steel shall be galvanized or metalized in conformance with the bearing manufacturer's recommendations.

#### MULT-ROTATIONAL DISC-TYPE BEARINGS

- B. On bridges with straight girders, the centerline of the lower bearing assembly shall be square to the girder at the centerline of bearings of the girder (centerline of bolt pattern). On bridges with curved girders, the lower bearing assembly shall be set at the centerline of bearings of the girder, (centerline of anchor bolt pattern), square to the chord of the girder. The chord of a curved girder is defined as the straight line from centerline of bearings of girder to centerline of bearings of the same girder between two bearing supports.
- C. The sole plate shall be welded to the top load plate prior to installing the bearing.
- D. The lower bearing assembly shall be attached to the substructure with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers fastened "snug tight" to the masonry plate.
- E. The upper bearing assembly shall be set in accordance with the ambient temperature in relation to the lower bearing assembly.
- F. The upper bearing assembly and girder will be restricted vertically by double nutting the heavy hex nuts to the anchor bolts above the sole plate. A gap between the top of the plate washer and the bottom of bottom nut will allow for bearing rotation. The gap dimension (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch minimum) will depend on the amount of live load rotation at each girder location.
- G. The anchor bolts shall be designed for horizontal bending and shear at the top of masonry plate nuts. The anchor bolts will restrain the superstructure longitudinally. The pin and anchor bolts will restrain the superstructure transversely. The minimum allowable requirements for the size and imbedment length of the bearing anchor bolts shall be as required by AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition Subsection 10.29.6.2.
- H. The upper bearing assembly shall be attached to the girder by welding the sole plate longitudinally to the bottom flange after all non-composite and composite dead loads have been applied.

#### **8.5.2 - FIXED DISC BEARINGS**

Fixed bearings shall consist of the following:

- A. A galvanized or metalized, steel masonry plate of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness (with a fabric bearing pad under the masonry plate).
- B. Bottom steel load plate (galv. or metalized)
- C. Polyurethane pad w/steel pin
- D. Top steel load plate (galv. or metalized)
- E. A galvanized or metalized, steel sole plate of 1 inch minimum thickness.
- F. Four (4) ASTM F1554 galvanized anchor bolts, cast-in-place or drilled and grouted into concrete, extending up through the masonry plate and sole plate (with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers, all galvanized).
- G. Galvanized square plate washers, beveled to match the slope of the sole plate. Plate washers shall have a minimum thickness of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch.

#### 8.5.2.1 - USE CRITERIA

Fixed bearings may be used when the following conditions apply:

- A. The longitudinal beams or girders are curved or straight.
- B. The total vertical reaction (DL+SDL+LL+I) is between 100 and 2000 kips.
- C. Small-to-moderate live load rotations (less than or equal to 0.02 radians including a 0.01 radian construction tolerance).
- D. These bearings may be used at the fixed supports of jointless and jointed structures.

E. These bearings SHALL NOT be used at the fixed intermediate supports of integral abutment multispan structures.

#### **8.5.2.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

- A. The bearing steel shall be galvanized or metalized in conformance with the bearing manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. On bridges with straight girders, the centerline of the bearing device shall be square to the girder at the centerline of bearings of the girder (centerline of bolt pattern). On bridges with curved girders, the bearing device shall be set at the centerline of bearings of the girder, (centerline of anchor bolt pattern), square to the chord of the girder. The chord of a curved girder is defined as the straight line from centerline of bearings of girder to centerline of bearings of the same girder between two bearing supports.
- C. The sole plate shall be welded to the top load plate prior to assembling the bearing.
- D. The bearing device shall be attached to the substructure with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers fastened "snug tight" to the masonry plate.
- E. The centered bearing shall be welded at the sole plate/bottom flange location. Welding should only be done after all composite and non-composite dead loads have been applied.
- F. The girder will be restricted vertically by double nutting the heavy hex nuts to the anchor bolts above the sole plate. A gap between the top of the plate washer and the bottom of bottom nut will allow for bearing rotation. The gap dimension (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch minimum) will depend on the amount of live load rotation at each girder location.
- G. The anchor bolts shall be designed for shear at the top of pedestal. The pin and anchor bolts

will restrain the superstructure longitudinally and transversely. The minimum allowable requirements for the size and imbedment length of the bearing anchor bolts shall be as required by **AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition** Subsection 10.29.6.2.

# **8.6 - SPHERICAL BEARINGS (MULTI ROTATIONAL)**

This type of device is made up of flat sliding surfaces (for translation) and spherical sliding surfaces (for rotation). Sliding is accomplished through the use of stainless steel and **PTFE** contact surfaces. These bearings are for use at bearing locations with high vertical loads (500 to 2000 kips) and high rotation (greater than 0.015 radians).

#### **8.6.1 - SPHERICAL GUIDED EXPANSION BEARINGS**

See Detail 8.6.1 and Table 8.6.1. Multi-rotational spherical guided expansion bearings shall consist of the following:

#### Lower Bearing Assembly

- A. A galvanized or metalized, steel masonry plate of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness.
- B. A steel bottom plate with a convex top surface of 1 inch minimum thickness.
- C. Stainless steel seal welded to convex top surface of bottom plate.

#### Middle Bearing Assembly

- D. A steel top plate with concave bottom surface of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness.
- E. **PTFE** material bonded to concave surface of top plate.
- F. **PTFE** material bonded to the top (flat) surface and sides of the top plate.

#### Upper Bearing Assembly

- G. A steel sole plate of 1 inch minimum thickness with longitudinal slot in bottom for guided expansion.
- H. Stainless steel seal welded to surfaces of slot in sole plate.
- Four (4) ASTM F1554 galvanized anchor bolts, cast-in-place or drilled and grouted into concrete, extending up through the masonry plate and sole plate (with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers, all galvanized).
- J. Galvanized rectangular plate washers, beveled to match the slope of the sole plate. Plate washers shall have a minimum thickness of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch.

#### 8.6.1.1 - USE CRITERIA

Spherical Expansion bearings may be used when the following conditions exist:

- A. Longitudinal beams or girders are curved or straight.
- B. Expansion supports of jointless or jointed structures.
- C. Intermediate expansion supports of integral abutment or framed structures.

Spherical expansion bearings shall only be used when at least one of the following conditions exist:

- A. The total vertical reaction (DL+SDL+LL+I) is between 500 and 2000 kips.
- B. Large live load rotations (greater than 0.015 radians <u>plus</u> a 0.01 radian construction tolerance).
- C. High bearing-to-masonry plate compressive stresses exist (1000 to 7000 psi).

Due to high allowable internal bearing pressures on the **PTFE** material (3500 psi); spherical bearings are very efficient load transmitters to steel pedestals and/or substructures (i.e. steel pier caps and suspended spans).



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BEARINGS LOADINGS				FC	DIST BEAR	NGS (INCH	ES)	F	OR 6000	ATE DIME Opsi BEAF	NSIONS RINGS (INC	HES)			
	(KIPS)		CONCAVE CONVEX OVERALL HEIGHT					CONCAVE CONVEX OVERALL HEIGHT				HEIGHT	- NOTES		
				PLA	TE	PLATE	EXPAN	FIXED	PLA	TE	PLATE	EXPAN	FIXED	EQUAL TO "A" PLUS 1 1/2" FOR	
VERTICAL LOAD	MINIMUM DEAD LOAD	LONG. LOAD	TRANS LOAD	A	RADIUS	в	с	с	A	RADIUS	в	с	с	EXPANSION-GUIDED (PLUS 1" FOR FIXED) AND ALSO WIDER THAN BEAM FLANGE BY 1" TO ACCOMMODATE	
100	50	10	10	8	9	7	2 9/16	2 3/8	6 1/2	7	5 1/2	2 7/16	2 1/4	DOWN HAND WELDING.	
200	100	20	20	10 1/4	12	9 1/2	2 11/16	2 1/2	8 1/4	8	7 1/4	2 1/2	2 5/16	2. MINIMUM SOLE PLATE LENGTH MUST BE	
300	150	30	30	12	15	11 1/2	2 3/4	2 9/16	9 3/4	10	9	2 11/16	2 1/2	EQUAL TO MASONRY PLATE LENGTH.	
400	200	40	40	13 3/4	18	13 1/2	2 15/16	2 3/4	11	12	10 1/4	2 3/4	2 9/16	3. MINIMUM FREE EXPANSION SOLE PLATE	
500	250	50	50	15 1/4	21	15	3	2 13/16	12	12	11 1/4	3	2 13/16	1" PLUS MAXIMUM EXPANSION AND	
600	300	60	60	16 1/2	24	16 3/4	3 1/8	2 15/16	13	15	12 1/2	2 15/16	2 3/4	TO ACCOMMODATE DOWN HAND WELDING.	
700	350	70	70	17 3/4	24	17 3/4	3 5/16	3 1/8	14	15	13 1/2	3 3/16	3	4. FIXED SOLE PLATE LENGTH MUST BE	
800	400	80	80	19	27	19 1/4	3 3/8	3 3/16	14 3/4	15	14 1/4	3 3/8	3 3/16	EQUAL TO MASONRY PLATE LENGTH.	
900	450	90	90	19 3/4	27	20	3 1/2	3 5/16	15 1/2	18	15	3 1/4	3 1/16	5. SPHERICAL RADIUS CALCULATED USING	
1000	500	100	100	20 3/4	30	21 1/4	3 9/16	3 3/8	16 1/4	18	16	3 1/2	3 5/16	EQUAL TO 10% OF MAXIMUM VERTICAL	
1100	550	110	110	21 3/4	30	22 1/4	3 3/4	3 9/16	17 1/4	18	16 3/4	3 11/16	3 1/2	OF THE MAXIMUM VERTICAL LOAD AND	
1200	600	120	120	22 3/4	33	23 1/2	3 3/4	3 9/16	17 3/4	21	17 3/4	3 9/16	3 3/8	± 2" ROTATION.	
1300	650	130	130	23 1/2	33	24 1/4	3 7/8	3 11/16	18 1/2	21	18 1/4	3 11/16	3 1/2	THICKNESS ARE DEPENDENT ON ALLOW-	
1400	700	140	140	24 1/4	36	25	3 13/16	3 5/8	19	21	18 3/4	3 13/16	3 5/8	ABLE CONCRETE UNIT LOADING, PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS AND BENDING MOMENTS	
1500	750	150	150	25 1/4	36	26 1/4	4 1/16	3 7/8	19 1/2	21	19 1/4	3 15/16	3 3/4		
1600	800	160	160	26	39	27	4	3 13/16	20 1/4	24	20 1/4	3 13/16	3 5/8	7. ANCHOR BOLT SIZE AND QUANTITIES PER APPROPRIATE CODE.	
1700	850	170	170	26 3/4	39	27 3/4	4 1/8	3 15/16	20 3/4	24	20 3/4	3 15/16	3 3/4	8. ALL DIMENSION SHOWN ARE FOR GENERAL	
1800	900	180	180	27 1/2	39	28 1/2	4 5/16	4 1/8	21 1/2	24	21 1/2	4 1/8	3 15/16	CONCEPT ONLY AND MAY BE MODIFIED TO	
1900	950	190	190	28	42	29 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/16	22	24	22	4 1/4	4 1/16		
2000	1000	200	200	28 3/4	42	30	4 3/8	4 3/16	22 1/4	27	22 1/2	4 1/16	3 7/8		
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**SECTION 8** 

#### **8.6.1.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

- A. The masonry plate, bottom plate, top plate and sole plate shall be galvanized or metalized in conformance with the bearing manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. On bridges with straight girders, the centerline of the lower and middle bearing assemblies shall be square to the girder at the centerline of bearings of the girder (centerline of bolt pattern). On bridges with curved girders, the lower and middle bearing assemblies shall be set at the centerline of bearings of the girder, (centerline of anchor bolt pattern), square to the chord of the girder. The chord of a curved girder is defined as the straight line from centerline of bearings of girder to centerline of bearings of the same girder between two bearing supports.
- C. The lower bearing assembly shall be attached to the substructure with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers fastened "snug tight" to the masonry plate.
- D. The middle bearing assembly shall be placed directly over the centerline of the lower bearing assembly.
- E. The upper bearing assembly shall be set according to the ambient temperature in relation to the middle and lower bearing assemblies.
- F. The upper bearing assembly and girder will be restricted vertically by double nutting the heavy hex nuts to the anchor bolts above the sole plate. A gap between the top of the plate washer and the bottom of bottom nut will allow for bearing rotation. The gap dimension (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch minimum) will depend on the amount of live load rotation at each girder location.
- G. The anchor bolts shall be designed for horizontal shear and bending at the top of the masonry plate nuts. The anchor bolts will restrain the superstructure longitudinally and transversely.

The minimum allowable requirements for the size and imbedment length of the bearing anchor bolts shall be as required by **AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition** Subsection 10.29.6.2.

H. The upper bearing assembly shall be attached to the girder by welding the sole plate longitudinally to the bottom flange after all non-composite and composite dead loads have been applied.

#### **8.6.2 - SPHERICAL FIXED BEARINGS**

See Detail Sheet 8.6.1 and Table 8.6.1. Multi-rotational spherical fixed bearings shall consist of the following:

#### Lower Bearing Assembly

- A. A galvanized or metalized, steel masonry plate of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness.
- B. A steel bottom plate with a convex top surface of 1 inch minimum thickness.
- C. Stainless steel seal welded to convex top surface of bottom plate.

#### Upper Bearing Assembly

- D. A steel top plate with concave bottom surface of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness.
- E. **PTFE** material bonded to concave surface of top plate.
- F. A steel sole plate of 1 inch minimum thickness with longitudinal slot in bottom for guided expansion.
- G. Four (4) ASTM F1554 galvanized anchor bolts, cast-in-place or drilled and grouted into concrete, extending up through the masonry plate and sole plate (with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers, all galvanized).
- H. Galvanized rectangular plate washers, beveled to match the slope of the sole plate. Plate

washers shall have a minimum thickness of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch.

#### <u>8.6.2.1 - USE CRITERIA</u>

Spherical fixed bearings may be used when the following conditions exist:

- A. Longitudinal beams or girders are curved or straight.
- B. Fixed supports of jointless or jointed structures.
- C. Intermediate fixed supports of integral abutment or framed structures.

Spherical fixed bearings shall only be used when at least one of the following conditions exist:

- A. The total vertical reaction (DL+SDL+LL+I) is between 500 and 2000 kips.
- B. Large live load rotations (greater than 0.015 radians <u>plus</u> a 0.01 radian construction tolerance).
- C. High bearing-to-masonry plate compressive stresses exist (1000 to 7000 psi).
- D. Due to high allowable internal bearing pressures on the PTFE material (3500 psi); spherical bearings are very efficient load transmitters to steel pedestals and/or substructures (i.e. steel pier caps and suspended spans).

#### **8.6.2.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

- A. The masonry plate, bottom plate, top plate and sole plate shall be galvanized or metalized in conformance with the bearing manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. On bridges with straight girders, the centerline of the lower and upper bearing assemblies shall be square to the girder at the centerline of bearings of the girder (centerline of bolt pattern). On bridges with curved girders, the lower and upper bearing assemblies shall be set

at the centerline of bearings of the girder, (centerline of anchor bolt pattern), square to the chord of the girder. The chord of a curved girder is defined as the straight line from centerline of bearings of girder to centerline of bearings of the same girder between two bearing supports.

- C. The lower bearing assembly shall be attached to the substructure with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers fastened "snug tight" to the masonry plate.
- D. The upper bearing assembly shall be placed directly over the centerline of the lower bearing assembly.
- E. The upper bearing assembly and girder will be restricted vertically by double nutting the heavy hex nuts to the anchor bolts above the sole plate. A gap between the top of the plate washer and the bottom of bottom nut will allow for bearing rotation. The gap dimension (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch minimum) will depend on the amount of live load rotation at each girder location.
- F. The anchor bolts shall be designed for horizontal shear at the top of the pedestal. The anchor bolts will restrain the superstructure longitudinally and transversely. The minimum allowable requirements for the size and imbedment length of the bearing anchor bolts shall be as required by AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition Subsection 10.29.6.2.
- G. The upper bearing assembly shall be attached to the girder by welding the sole plate longitudinally to the bottom flange after all non-composite and composite dead loads have been applied.

# **8.7 - ELASTOMERIC BEARINGS**

This type of device is a small-to-medium load (up to 450 kips) deforming/rotating bearing. It is constructed of steel plates and vulcanized rubber.

#### **8.7.1 - ELASTOMERIC EXPANSION BEARINGS**

Elastomeric expansion bearings shall consist of the following:

- A. A galvanized or metalized steel masonry plate of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness.
- B. A single layer plain or multi-layer steel laminated elastomeric pad.
- C. Two (one top and one bottom) external galvanized or metalized steel load plates of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch minimum thickness.
- D. A galvanized or metalized, steel sole plate of 1 inch minimum thickness.
- E. Two (2) or four (4) ASTM F1554 galvanized anchor bolts, cast-in-place or drilled and grouted into concrete, extending up through the masonry plate and sole plate\* (with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers, all galvanized).
- F. Galvanized square plate washers, beveled to match the slope of the sole plate. Plate washers shall have a minimum thickness of 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch.\*
  - \* Refer to Subsections 8.1.4 and 8.1.4.5 regarding the applicability of the anchor bolts extending up through the sole plate.

#### 8.7.1.1 - USE CRITERIA

Elastomeric expansion bearings may be used when the following criteria are met:

- A. The horizontal alignment of the structure may be straight or curved; girders may be straight or curved.
- B. The total vertical reaction (DL+SDL+LL) at each bearing must be no more than 200 kips for rectangular bearings and 450 kips for circular bearings. Pot, Disc, or Spherical bearings shall be used if these loads are exceeded.
- C. The maximum live load rotation from the centerline of bearings to the front or rear edge of the pad must be less than or equal to 0.005 radians <u>plus</u> a 0.01 radian construction tolerance.
- D. These bearings may be used at expansion supports of jointless and jointed structures.
- E. These bearings may be used at the intermediate expansion supports of multi-span integral abutment structures.

#### **8.7.1.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

- A. The bearing steel shall be galvanized or metalized in conformance with the bearing manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. On bridges with straight girders, the centerline of the bearing device shall be square to the girder at the centerline of bearings of the girder (centerline of bolt pattern). On bridges with curved girders, the bearing device shall be set at the centerline of bearings of the girder, (centerline of anchor bolt pattern), square to the chord of the girder. The chord of a curved girder is defined as the straight line from centerline of bearings of girder to centerline of bearings of the same girder between two bearing supports.
- C. The sole plate and masonry plate shall be welded to the external load plates prior to installing the bearing.

- D. The bearing device shall be attached to the substructure with heavy hex nuts and hardened washers fastened "snug tight" to the masonry plate.
- E. The centered bearing shall be welded at the sole plate/bottom flange location. Welding should only be done after all composite and non-composite dead loads have been applied.
- F. The girder will be restricted vertically by double nutting the heavy hex nuts to the anchor bolts above the sole plate. A gap between the top of the plate washer and the bottom of bottom nut will allow for bearing rotation. The gap dimension (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch minimum) will depend on the amount of live load rotation at each girder location.\*
- G. The anchor bolts shall be designed for shear and bending at the top of the bottom nut. The anchor bolts will restrain the superstructure longitudinally and transversely. The minimum allowable requirements for the size and imbedment length of the bearing anchor bolts shall be as required by AASHTO 17<sup>th</sup> Edition Subsection 10.29.6.2.\*
- H. Refer to the appropriate **BD** sheet for Elastomeric Expansion Bearings for the elastomer requirements. The size and number of elastomeric layers will depend on the design vertical loading and the design horizontal movement of the superstructure. The shape of the elastomeric pad (rectangular or circular) will also depend on the design vertical loading of the superstructure.
- Refer to the appropriate **BD** sheet for Elastomeric Expansion Bearings for the steel internal load plate requirements. These plates shall be bonded to the elastomeric bearing pads between each layer during vulcanization.
- J. The external load plates shall be designed for bending if they extend beyond the edge of the bottom flange. The minimum edge distance from the front or rear of the external load plates

to the edge of the sole plate or masonry plate is 1 inch.

- K. The sole plate shall be beveled to match the grade of the bottom flange when all composite and non-composite dead loads have been applied to the superstructure.
  - \* Refer to Subsections 8.1.4 and 8.1.4.5 regarding the applicability of the anchor bolts extending up through the sole plate.

#### **8.7.2 - ELASTOMERIC FIXED BEARINGS**

Elastomeric fixed bearings are similar to elastomeric expansion bearings with the following changes:

- A. Include a steel pin of 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch minimum diameter, at the center of the bearing. For details of the steel pin, see the appropriate Thruway Standard Sheet.
- B. The plate washers shall be square instead of rectangular.
- C. The holes in the sole plate shall be round instead of slotted.

#### 8.7.2.1 - USE CRITERIA

- A. The horizontal alignment of the structure may be straight or curved; girders may be straight or curved.
- B. The total vertical reaction (DL+SDL+LL) at each bearing must be no more than 200 kips for rectangular bearings and 450 kips for circular bearings. Pot, Disc, or Spherical bearings shall be used if these loads are exceeded.
- C. The maximum live load rotation from the centerline of bearings to the front or rear edge of the pad must be less than or equal to 0.005 radians <u>plus</u> a 0.01 radian construction tolerance.
- D. These bearings may be used at the fixed supports of jointed and jointless structures.

E. These bearings <u>shall not</u> be used at the intermediate fixed supports of integral abutment structures.

#### **8.7.2.2 - INSTALLATION AND DESIGN DETAILS**

Refer to appropriate **BD** sheet for Design Tables for fixed bearings. The installation and design details for the fixed bearings are similar to those of the expansion bearings with the following addition:

For fixed elastomeric bearings pin of diameter "p" shall be press fit full depth into the bottom external load plate. As an alternate, a threaded connection extending the full thickness of the bottom plate may be used. In no case shall a welded connection be used; this should be noted on the contract plans. The material for the anchor pin shall meet the requirements for either **ASTM** A449, **AASHTO** M270 GR50 or **AASHTO** M270 GR50W steel. The pin shall extend up and into a void in the top external load plate to provide the bearing device with additional horizontal capacity.

# **8.8 - SEISMIC ISOLATION BEARINGS**

The intent of seismic isolation bearings is to increase the fundamental period of vibration of a structure, which lowers earthquake forces. Lower seismic forces allow the designer some leeway in deciding to replace or retrofit structural elements. The Authority has used isolation bearings to reduce the over stress in substructure elements, which would be caused by a seismic event. This has afforded us the ability to retain existing piles, piers and/or abutments, which would otherwise require replacement if more conventional bearings had been used. There are several systems available

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worldwide, with which the Authority has only limited experience. Typically, these bearing devises are used on larger bridges. **AASHTO** provides many references and design guidelines for identifying and specifying their use. The use of any seismic isolation system requires the approval of the **DSD**.

The standard bearing sheets shown on the following pages can be found in AutoCAD format on ProjectWise at: pwname://Engineering/Documents/Standard\_Sheets/Current Thruway Structures Standard Sheets.





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