**November 17, 2016** 

# BrR Load Rating Tools and Tips





#### Overview

Per INDOT Bridge Inspection Memorandum No. 16-06

**DATE:** May 26, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Load Rating Requirement for New County Bridges

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

"...load ratings are to be performed using AASHTOWare BrR..."



Counties and Consultants are on the same expedited learning curve, with respect to BrR. There is a need to understand what BrR is doing compared to other programs and codes.

#### How Can I Help?

Provide tips on the following topics to help speed up the learning process:

- Creating the Model
- Generating Output
- Help and Technical Support



#### **AASHTOWare Bridge Design and Rating Software**

- BrR = Bridge Rating (Formally known as Virtis)
- BrD = Bridge Design
- BrDR = Bridge Design and Rating

#### The Workspace "Tree" is Similar for All

The input fields in BrR and BrD are similar by design. For this reason, there may be input fields in BrR that don't get used at all.

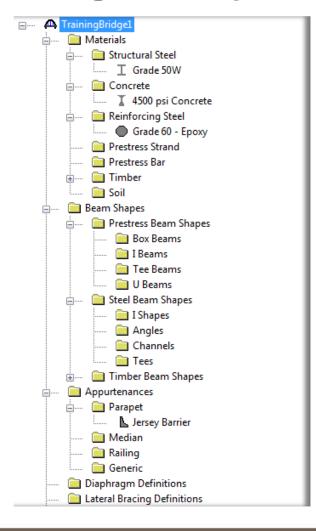
Tip: Use the help command to determine whether or not a feature is used by BrR.



# Creating the Model



#### **BrR Bridge Workspace "Tree"**



Part 1: Define

- Project
- Materials
- Shapes



#### **Bridge Description**

The BrR model should best represent the available plans and BIAS data.

- Bridge ID = BIAS Asset Name
- NBI = BIAS Asset Code
- Name should include method for analysis (LFR or LRFR)
- Description should include:
  - Name of individual responsible for the load rating
  - Name of individual responsible for review
  - Dates for each of the above



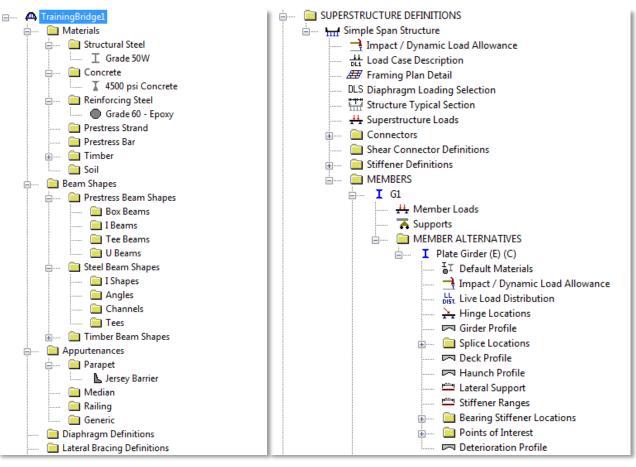
#### **Materials**

The BrR model should best represent the available plans and BIAS data.

- BrR Library includes material data for most
  - Structural Steel
  - Reinforcing Steel
  - Prestressing Strands
  - Reinforced Concrete
- If material data is not available in the plans, use Year Built Date in BIAS along with MBE guidelines



#### **BrR Bridge Workspace "Tree"**



#### Part 2: Define

- Geometry
- Assign Materials
- Structural Features



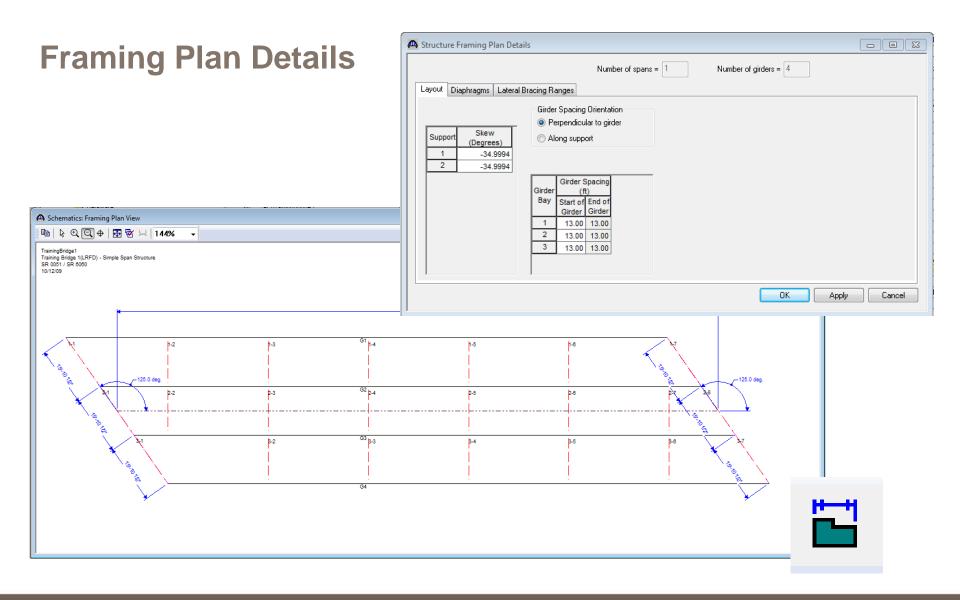
#### **Superstructure Definitions**

The most commonly used Superstructure Definitions

- Girder System Superstructure
- Girder Line Superstructure
- Reinforced Concrete Slab System Superstructure

The model should represent all members in the superstructure system. This allows for future modifications to specific members due to deterioration and or collision.





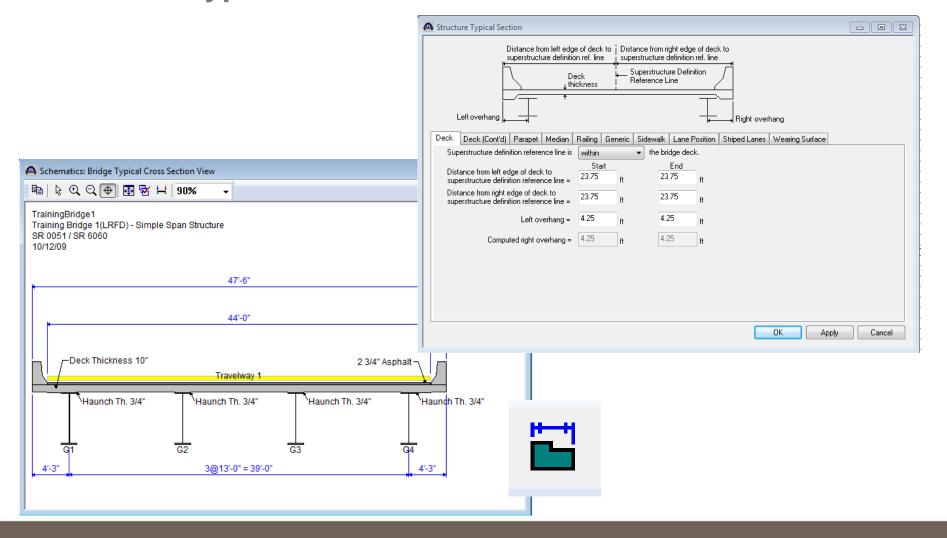


#### **Framing Plan Details**

This section is used to define beam spacing, skew and diaphragm location and loads.



#### **Structure Typical Section**





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This section is used to define cross section geometry and assign dead loads.

- Deck: Geometry and Thickness DC1
- Parapet (etc): Position Rail & Assign Load DC1 or DC2
- Lane Position: Compute Travel Lanes
- Wearing Surface: Added concrete for overlay WS

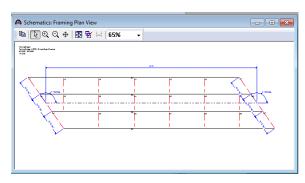
Tip: Load rating model should include only what is on the bridge. Add values for wearing surface only if an overlay exists.



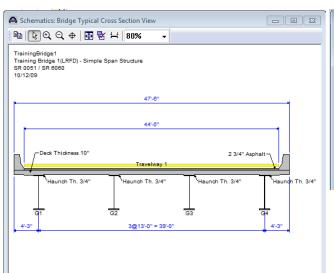
#### **View Schematic**



The BrR model should best represent the available plans and BIAS data. Use the View Schematic Icon as a quick check to confirm the model created matches the plans.



Framing Plan





**Member Elevation** 

**Structure Typical Section** 



#### **Member Loads**

This section is used to apply member loads outside those defined in the typical section and the member self weight.

#### SIP Load:

Add SIP member load if photos in BIAS show stay in place forms.

#### Parapet:

At this time BrR distributes parapet loads evenly to all members. A member load could be used to evaluate 60/40 application.

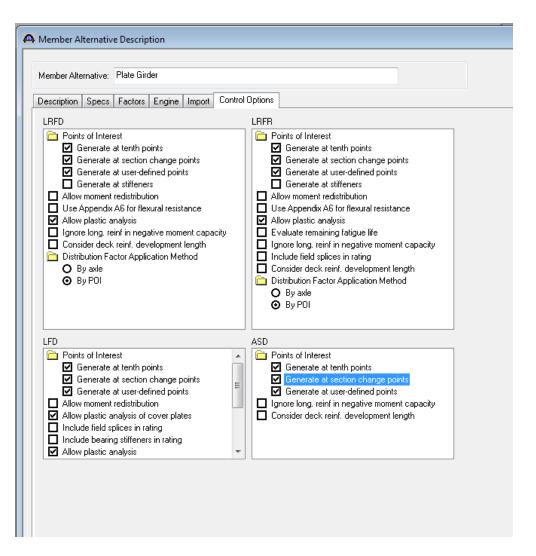




#### **Control Options**

Steel:

Allow plastic analysis for A36 and Grade 50



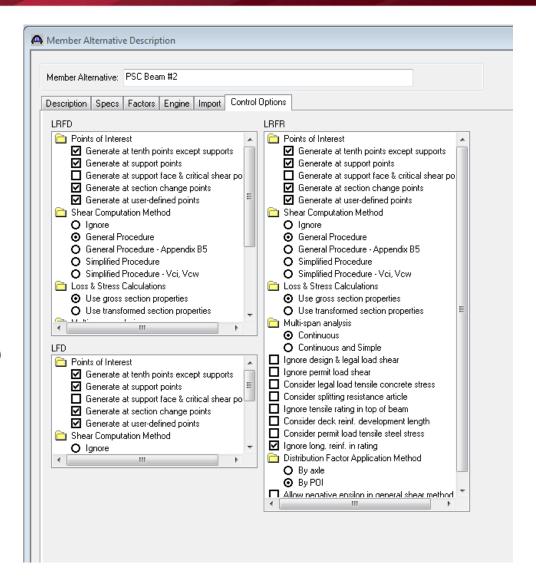


#### **Control Options**

Prestress Concrete:

LRFR use General Procedure

LFR Use current AASHTO for Shear Computation Method.





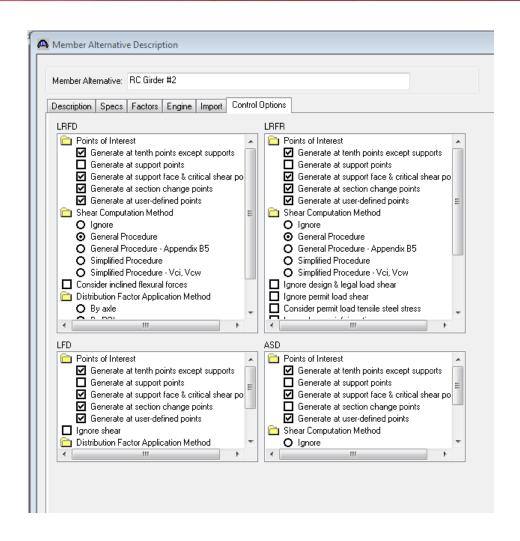
#### **Control Options**

Single Span Concrete:

Generate at 10<sup>th</sup> points except at supports

Generate at support face & critical shear points

Provide information for Effective Supports within model

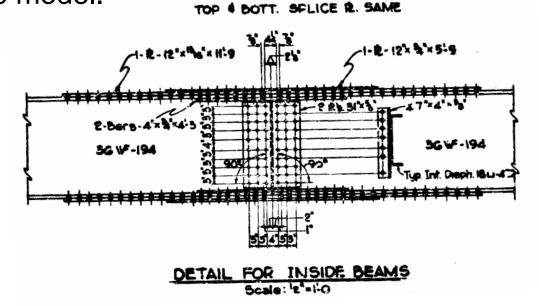


Tip: Using this approach eliminates all checks over the support. This can be used for single span only when model produces low shear values over the supports.



#### **Steel Tips**

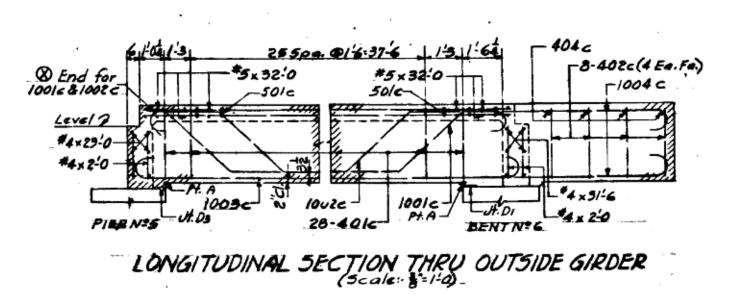
Equivalent Cover Plates: Older structures may splice beams at the piers with cover plates extending beyond the splice limits. An equivalent cover plate, equal to the thickness in excess of the needed splice may be added to the model.





#### **Concrete Tips**

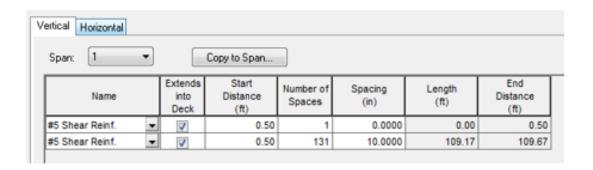
■ Equivalent Stirrup Spacing: Bent bars in reinforced concrete girders provide additional shear capacity as defined by AASHTO. BrR produces errors when modeling bent bars. An equivalent bar spacing can be computed for the typical shear reinforcement to provide added benefit of the bent bars.

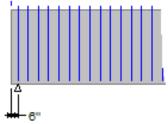




#### **Concrete Tips**

- Effective Supports: Utilize effective supports when possible for single span analysis.
- Shear Stirrup Ranges: When defining stirrups, BrR does not place a stirrup at the start of a range.





The first line above locates the first stirrup, the second line places the rest of the stirrups in the series



# **Generating Output**



#### **Generating Output**

BrR has several options to generate output that can be used for comparison with other software and AASHTO

- Review Input File
- View Analysis Results
- Report Tool
- Spec Check
- Analysis Charts
- Analysis Output

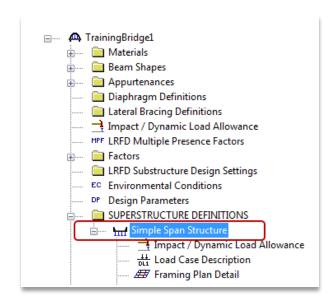
Tip: The model used to produce the HL-93 results in the following example is "TrainingBridge1", which is included in the BrR installation.

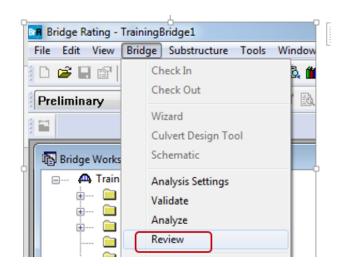


#### **BrR Review Input File**

To create a report of all input for review:

Select the Superstructure Definition to be reviewed





- Go to Bridge > Review
- Go to File > Print for pdf or hard copy of report



#### **BrR View Analysis Results**



After performing a load rating analysis the View Analysis Results Icon produces an overview of the rating

- Controlling Rating (HL-93 Inv = 0.477)
- Limiting Condition (Strength-I Steel Flexure Stress)
- Location (80.50 ft, or 50% of Span 1)

Report Type Rating Results Summary	Lane/Impac		Type Detailed	Display Fo Mutiple ra		s per row	•										
Live Load	Live Load Type	Rating Method	Inventory Load Rating (Ton)	Load Dating	1	Rating	Inventory Rating Factor		Rating	Inventory Location (ft)	Inventory Location Span-(%)	Operating Location (ft)	Operating Location Span-(%)	Legal Location (ft)	Legal Location Span-(%)	Permit Location Span-(%)	Inventory Limit State
HL-93 (US)	Truck + Lane	LRFR	17.17	22.26			0.477	0.618		80.50	1 - (50.0)	80.50	1 - (50.0)				STRENGTH-I Steel Flexure Stres
HL-93 (US)	Tandem + Lane	LRFR	20.37	26.40			0.566	0.733		80.50	1 - (50.0)	80.50	1 - (50.0)				STRENGTH-I Steel Flexure Stres



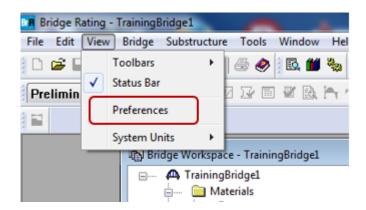
#### **BrR Report Tool**



BrR Report Tools uses Internet Explorer to create reports.

Set up is required to use BrR's Report Tool icon.

■ Go to VIEW > PREFERENCES

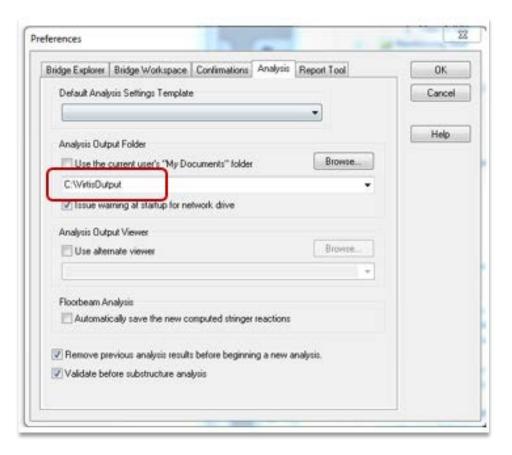




#### **BrR Report Tool**



- Go to ANALYSIS TAB
- Select BROWSE to pick a folder that has been created for storing output files.



Tip: Analysis is quicker if this folder resides on the local drive



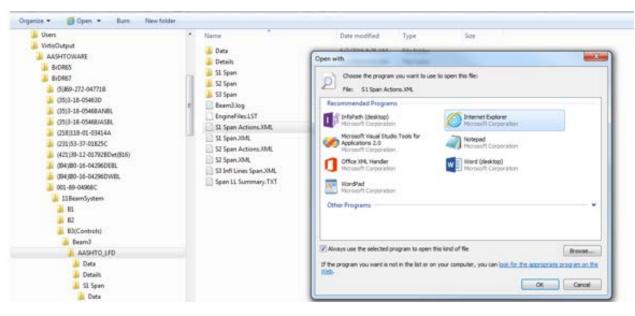
#### **BrR Report Tool**



Go to Location of the Analysis Output Folder as defined

Choose the "Default Program to Open With" to be Internet

**Explorer** 



Tip: Every time a bridge is analyzed several reports are created. This folder can get to be quite large and take up a lot of space. Periodic file removal is recommended.

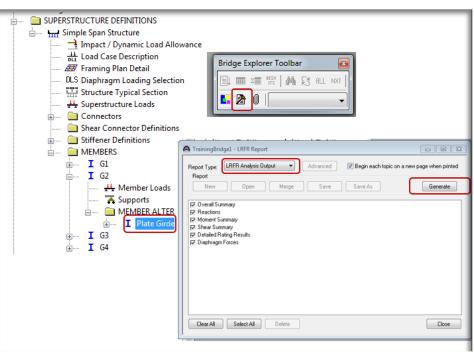


#### **BrR Report Tool**



After setup is complete, perform HL-93 LRFR analysis and use Report Tool Icon to generate report.

- Select Member in BrR Tree
- Select BrR Report Tool Icon
- Select Report Type
- Click "Generate" Button





#### **BrR Report Tool**



BrR will launch Internet Explorer and create a new tab for a report displaying load rating summary, reactions, moments,

shears and detailed rating results at requested locations.

			Repor	t by Action: ☑	Flexure Shear	Overload	□ Critical			
					Petailed Rating Res Plate Girder HL-93 (US) Truck + Lane Impact: As Reques Lane: As Request	ted				
	Span 1									
Location							Inventory Rating	Inventory Load Rating	Operating Rating	Operating Load Rating
(ft)	Percent	Limit State	Units	Capacity	DL + Adj-LL*	LL	Factor	(Ton)	Factor	(Ton)
0.00	0.0	Flexure	KSI	-50.00	-0.00	-0.00	99.000	3564.00	99.000	3564.00
16.10	10.0	Flexure	KSI	50.00	15.58	6.76	2.548	91.74	3.304	118.93
32.20	20.0	Flexure	KSI	50.00	27.74	11.96	0.702	25.26	0.910	32.75
48.30	30.0	Flexure	KSI	50.00	25.78	11.08	0.887	31.92	1.149	41.37
64.40	40.0	Flexure	KSI	50.00	29.48	12.61	0.565	20.35	0.733	26.38
80.50	50.0	Flexure	KSI	50.00	30.71	13.06	0.477	17.17	0.618	22.26
96.60	60.0	Flexure	KSI	50.00	29.48	12.61	0.565	20.35	0.733	26.38
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128.80	80.0	Flexure	KSI	50.00	27.74	11.96	0.702	25.26	0.910	32.75
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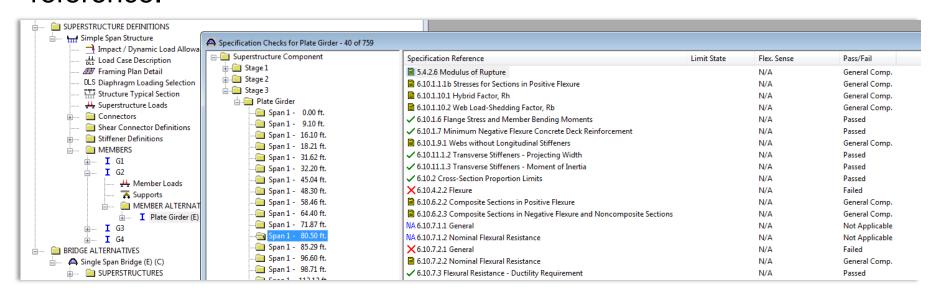
Tip: Check boxes in the report are helpful to isolate controlling condition.



#### **BrR View Spec Check**



After the controlling location and condition is identified, use the View Spec Check icon to identify the limiting AASHTO Code reference.



Tip: Select individual Specification References and dial in to additional detailed computations.



#### **BrR View Spec Check**

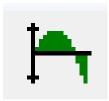


Spec Check 6A.4.2.1: Steel Flexure Stress General, shows that the HL-93 Inventory rating is controlled by stress in the bottom flange.

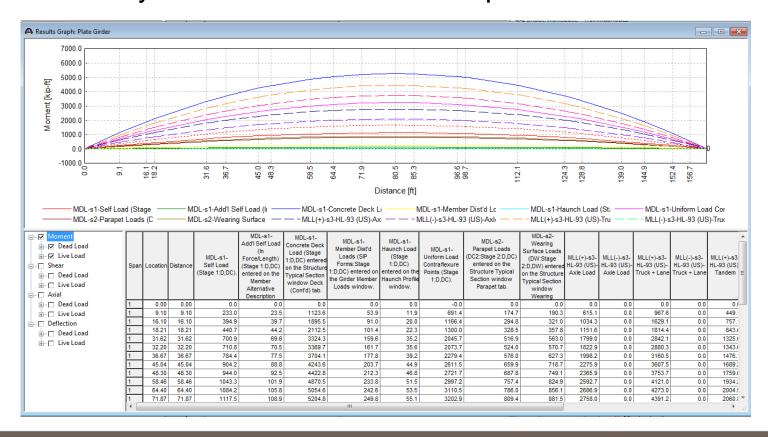
Component: Bo																					
Load	Load Combo	Limit State	Flexure Type	LL (kip-ft)	Adj. LL (kip-ft)	вс	DM	DW-WS	LL	fDC (kei)	fOW (kpi)	fDW-WS (kmi)	fLL (ksi)	fl (kmi)	Adj. fLL (kri)	Phi	fR (kri)	Overr	ide fR (ksi)	3.2	Capacity (Ton)
DesignInv	1	STR-I	Pos	4426.3		1.25	1.50	1.50	1.75	27.90	2.81	0.00	13.06	0.00		1.00	50.00			0.477	17.17
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#### **BrR View Analysis Charts**



Data from analysis charts can be cut and pasted into MS Excel.



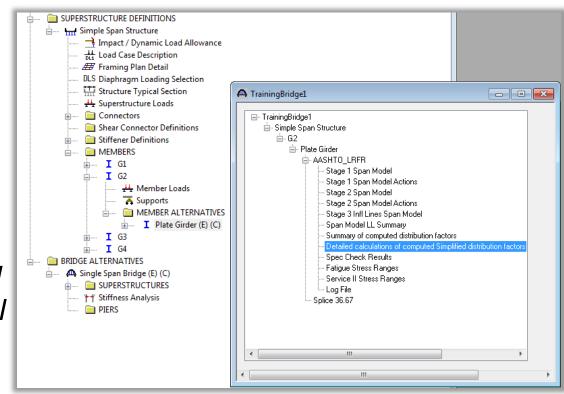


#### **BrR View Analysis Output**



Several of the reports using this icon are generated using Internet Explorer. Options will vary based on structure type.

Tip: The Log File created contains the same information produced during analysis. This can be helpful when trying to identify runtime errors.





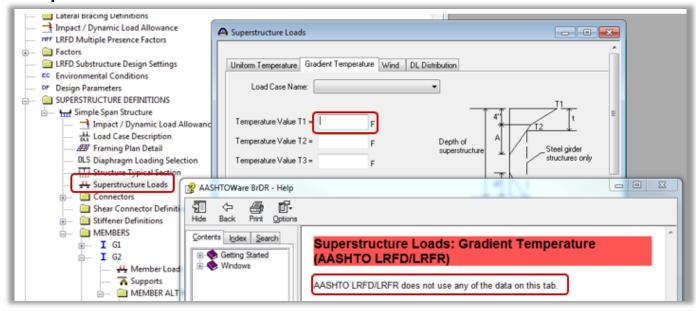
# Help and Technical Support



#### **BrR Help**



Set Engine Help Configuration to the appropriate AASHTO Code. When questions arise, place cursor in the field in question and click the Help Icon. BrR will provide information on the specific field in question. To determine if the field is used in BrR, select "Engine Related Help".





#### **Help and Technical Support**

The website for AASHTOWare Support contains a lot of helpful information

#### https://aashto.mbakercorp.com/Pages/Support.aspx

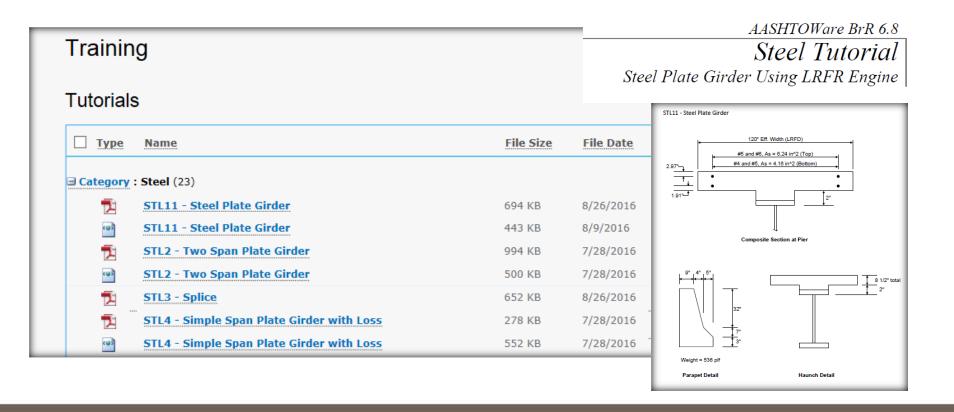
- Technical Notes
- Downloads for Service Pack Releases
- Tutorials
- JIRA Support
- email Support

Tip: Subscribe to the End-user Mailing List-eNotifications to receive Technical Notes and Service Pack Releases.



#### **Tutorials**

Training tutorials on the AASHTOWare Support site include xmls that can be imported into BrR and pdfs for guidance.





#### **JIRA Support**

All licensed users have read only access to open and resolved issues with BrR and BrD.

- Keyword searchable
- Priority for resolution
- Potential work around
- Issues to be resolved in upcoming releases

Tip: Select JIRA Support Center link on website to access JIRA Support. Use username: brd and password: brr



#### email Support

If the technical notes, tutorials and JIRA Support don't provide a solution, support questions may be emailed to:

#### BrDR@mbakerintl.com

Special Consultant/Agency License and Agency Sponsored Consultant License includes limited support for installation issues only. Primary technical support must go through the sponsoring agency.

Tip: AASHTOWare will only respond to email support requests if INDOT is cc'd.



## RADBUG Meeting (Rating And Design Bridge Users Group)

Annual Meeting first week in August

http://aashtobr.org/

A link to all presentations since the 2010 Annual RADBUG meeting can be found on the website. Including Fundamentals Workshop tutorial, Library Training and guidance from other DOTs facing the same Federal mandates.

## Thank You!

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