

Comparison of T-Beam Girder Bridge With Box Girder Bridge For Different Span Conditions

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Abstract –A bridge is a structure providing passage over an obstacle without closing the way beneath. The required passage may be for road, railway, pedestrians, canal or pipeline. In present study our main concern is with T-Beam Girder Bridge and Box Girder Bridge . The aim and objective of the work is to analyze and design the sections for different Indian Road Congress Code i.e IRC 6 and IRC 21. This has been done by analyzing the structure by software i.e STADD PRO. and validating with manual results by developing the Microsoft Excel Sheets. We used piegurds curve for bending moment calculation for four different cases. We check shear force and bending moment for vehicular load. We check the depth then from that depth we design the bridge in STAAD- pro then we analyze the bridge for results. It is found that the IRC 70R vehicle producing maximum effect on the sections. In the present work the comparison between the 'Tee Beam Girder' and 'Box Girder' is carried out. This is helpful when we have two kinds for girder which can be used for same span; in that case the most economical one is to be selected.

Keywords-bridge, t-beam, box girder, IRC, Excel sheet, vehicular load

INTRODUCTION

Bridges are defined as structures which are provided a passage over a gap without closing way beneath. They may be needed for a passage of railway, roadway, footpath and even for carriage of fluid, bridge site should be so chosen that it gives maximum commercial and social benefits, efficiency, effectiveness and equality.

Bridges are nation's lifelines and backbones in the event of war. Bridges symbolize ideals and aspirations of humanity. They shorten distances, speed transportation and facilitate commerce. Bridges are symbols of humanity's heroic struggle towards mastery of forces of nature and these are silent monuments of mankind's indomitable will to attain it. Bridge construction constitutes an importance element in communication and is an important factor in progress of civilization, bridges stand as tributes to the work of civil engineers.

T-Beam Girder Bridge- This is load bearing structure of reinforced concrete, wood and metal with a t-shape cross section. The top of t-shape cross section serves as flange or compression member in resisting compressive stresses. The web of beam below the compression flange serves to resist shear stresses.

Box Girder Bridge- In this type of bridge main beams comprises girders in the shape of hollow box. The box is typically rectangular or trapezoidal in cross section. These bridges are commonly used for highway flyovers and modern elevated structures of light rail transport.

Components of bridge:

The bridge structure comprises of the following parts:-

1. Superstructure or Decking: This includes slab, girder, truss, etc. This bears the load passing over it and transmits the forces caused by the same to the substructures.
2. Bearings: The bearings transmit the load received from the decking on to the substructure and are provided for distribution of the load evenly over the substructure

which may not have sufficient bearing strength to bear the superstructure load directly.

3. Substructure: This comprises of piers and abutments, wing walls or returns and their foundation.

4. Piers and Abutments: These are vertical structures supporting deck/bearing provided for transmitting the load down to the bed/earth through foundation.

5. Wing walls and Returns: These are provided as extension of the abutments to retain the earth of approach bank which otherwise has a natural angle of repose.

6. Foundation: This is provided to transmit the load and evenly distribute it on to the strata from the piers or abutments and wings or returns. This is to be provided sufficiently deep so that it is not affected by the scour caused by the flow in the river.

PRELIMINARY DATA

1. Parameter for T-beam girder bridge and Box Girder Bridge

No of overhang sides(z) = 2

Effective span (L) = 35m, 28m, 21m.

Carriage way (l) = 6.8m

Thickness of wearing coat (T) = 0.08m

Kerb width (kb) = 0.5m

Parapet height (t) = 1.2 m

Overhang beam (ob) = 1.5 m

Number of longitudinal girder (n) = 3 no's

Total width of bridge (B) = 8 m

Distance between longitudinal girder =

$(TL - 2*ob)/(n-1) = 2.5$ m

Cross girder spacing (cg) = 3.5 m

No. of cross girder = $(L/3.5) = 10$ no's

Say = 10no's

2. Preliminary dimensions

Thickness of ker = 0.3 m

Thickness of deck slab for interior panel = 0.25 m

Thickness of cantilever portion of deck slab = 0.4 m

Clear cover = 60 mm

Thickness of free portion of deck slab = 0.18m

Width of longitudinal girder = 0.4 m

Depth of longitudinal beam = 1.2 m

Reinforcements

Main bar dia = 12mm

Sec. Bar dai = 16 mm

3. Cross girder

Width = 0.3 m

Depth = 0.8 m

4. Material constant IRC-21(Table 9, Pg-18)

Grade of concrete = M 60 N/mm²

Grade of steel = fe 500 N/mm²

Modulus of elasticity $E = 37000$ N/mm²

Compressive stress = 15 N/mm²

Flexural compressive stress = 20 N/mm²

Modular ratio = 10

FIGURES

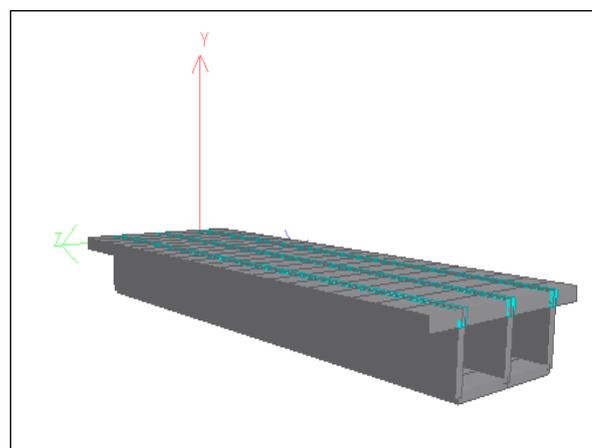


Fig. 1- Box girder bridge

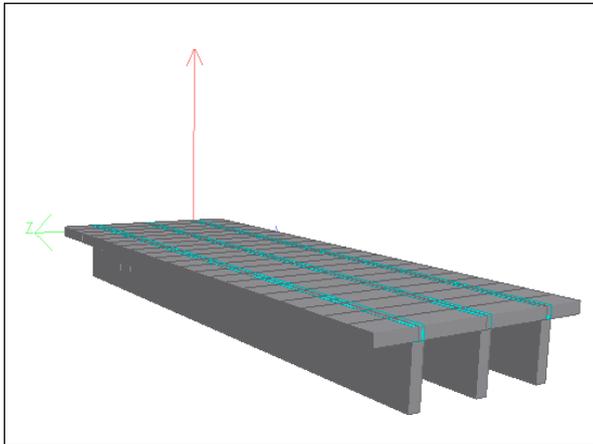


Fig 2- T-beam girder bridge

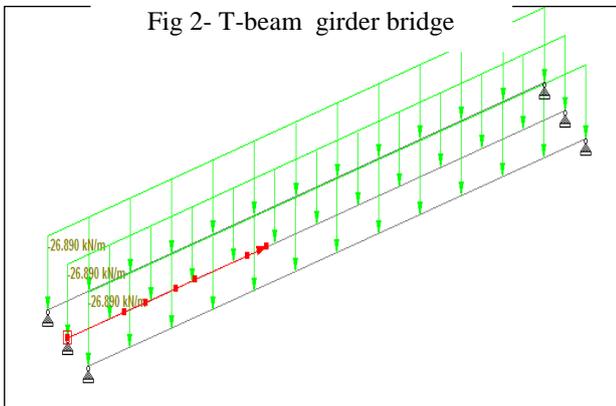


Fig 3- Load on girder due to 70R loading

RESULT

The results of plain stresses, Maximum displacement, principle stress, bending moment, shear force are below

Table 1 - Results of plain stress

Plane Stress X+ve N/mm ²		
Span(m)	T-Beam	Box girder
35	0.293	0.508
28	0.237	0.452
21	0.223	0.422

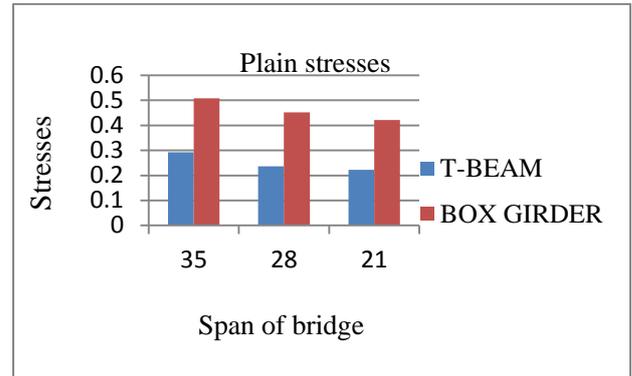


Table 2 - Results of Maximum displacement

Maximum displacement		
SPAN(m)	T-Beam	Box girder
35	0.293	0.508
28	0.237	0.452
21	0.223	0.422

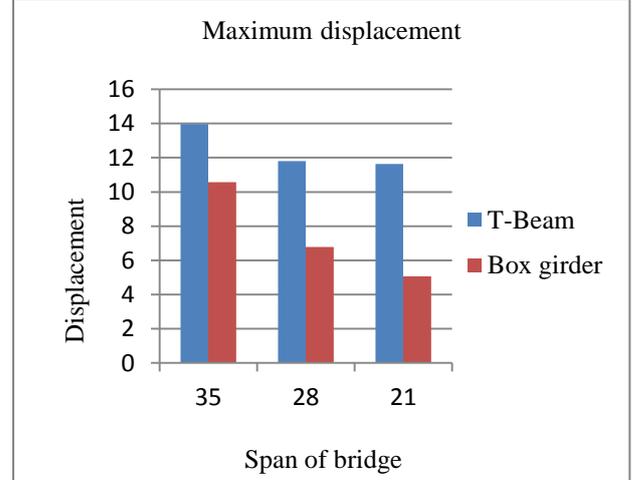
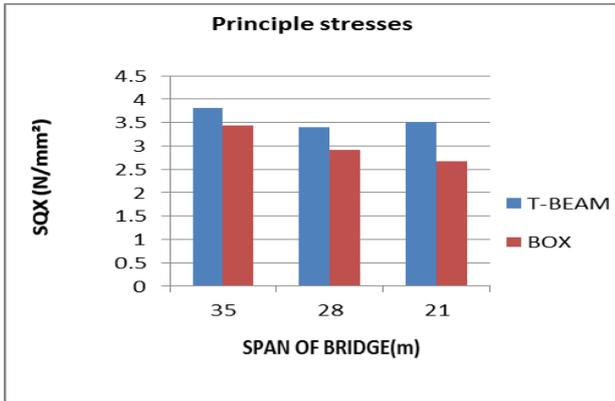


Table 3 - Results of principle stresses

Principle stresses		
Span(m)	T-Beam	Box girder
35	3.818	3.438
28	3.403	2.922
21	3.507	2.674



28	1276.91	907.626
21	608.227	498.75

Table 4 - Results of Bending Moment

Bending Moment		
SPAN(m)	T-Beam	Box girder
35	13766.97	9141.523
28	6249.859	4655
21	3140.981	2618.438

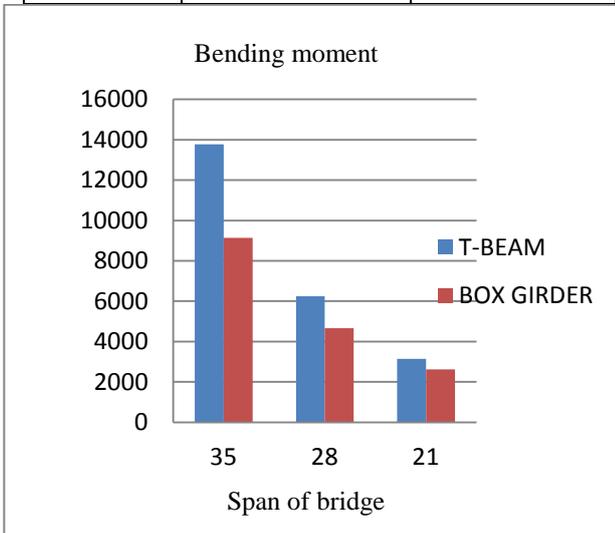
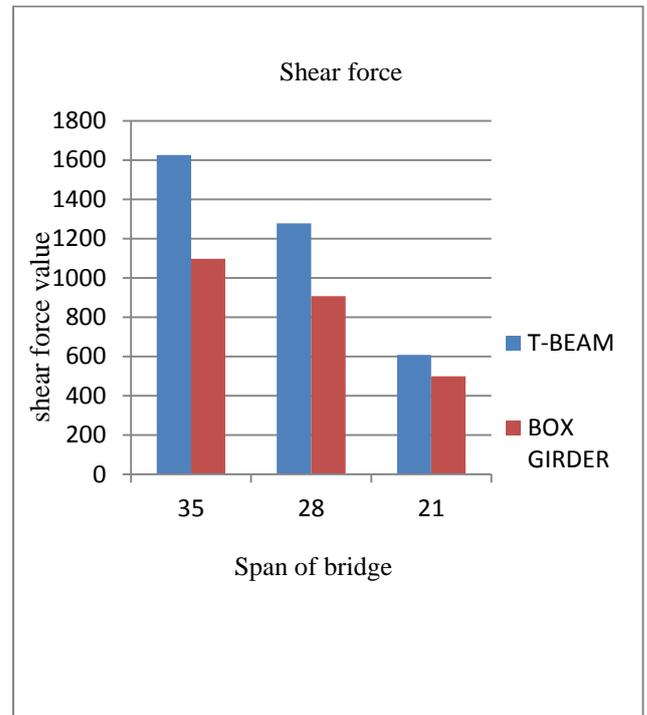


Table 5 - Results of Shear Force

Shear Force		
SPAN(m)	T-Beam	Box girder
35	1625.22	1096.599

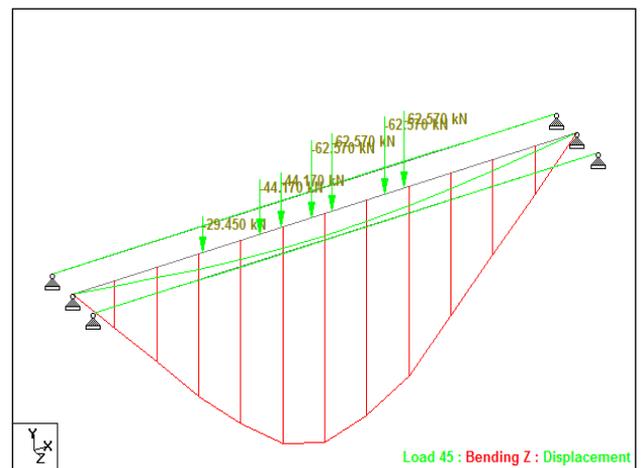


Fig 4- BM on girder due to 70R loading

CONCLUSION

In view of achieving the aim and objectives of this project the detailed design of two types of deck is carried

out in excel sheets and the comparative statement is given as per the results obtained.

- Box girder is found to be good for large span as compare to T-beam Bridge.
- Principle stresses are more in T-beam Girder Bridge than box Girder Bridge.
- Plain stresses of box Girder Bridge is increases due to less span.
- Maximum displacement of T-beam Bridge is more for large span.
- Bending moment are more in T-beam Girder Bridge than box Girder Bridge.
- Shear force results are more in T-beam Girder Bridge than box Girder Bridge.

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