

PCA Design Method

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- Two failure modes considered:
 - Fatigue failure due to slab flexure
 - Erosion failure due to foundation compression
- Edge loads produce the worst stresses
 - Fatigue based on tensile stress due to edge loads
- Corner loads produce the worst deflections
 - Erosion based on deflections due to corner loads

Design Parameters

1. Concrete modulus of rupture (MR)
2. Modulus of subgrade reaction (k)
3. Design traffic volume
4. Axle load spectrum

Modulus of Subgrade Reaction

Design k Values for Untreated Subbases

Subgrade k value, pci	Subbase k value, pci			
	4 in.	6 in.	9 in.	12 in.
50	65	75	85	110
100	130	140	160	190
200	220	230	270	320
300	320	330	370	430

Design k Values for Cement-Treated Subbases

Subgrade k value, pci	Subbase k value, pci			
	4 in.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.
50	170	230	310	390
100	280	400	520	640
200	470	640	830	—

Design Traffic Volume

$$V = 365 (ADT) (T) (D) (L) (G) (Y)$$

Average Daily Traffic (two-way) ↓

Direction Distribution Factor ↓

Traffic Growth Multiplier ↓

Percent Trucks ↑

Lane Distribution Factor ↑

Design Life (Years) ↑

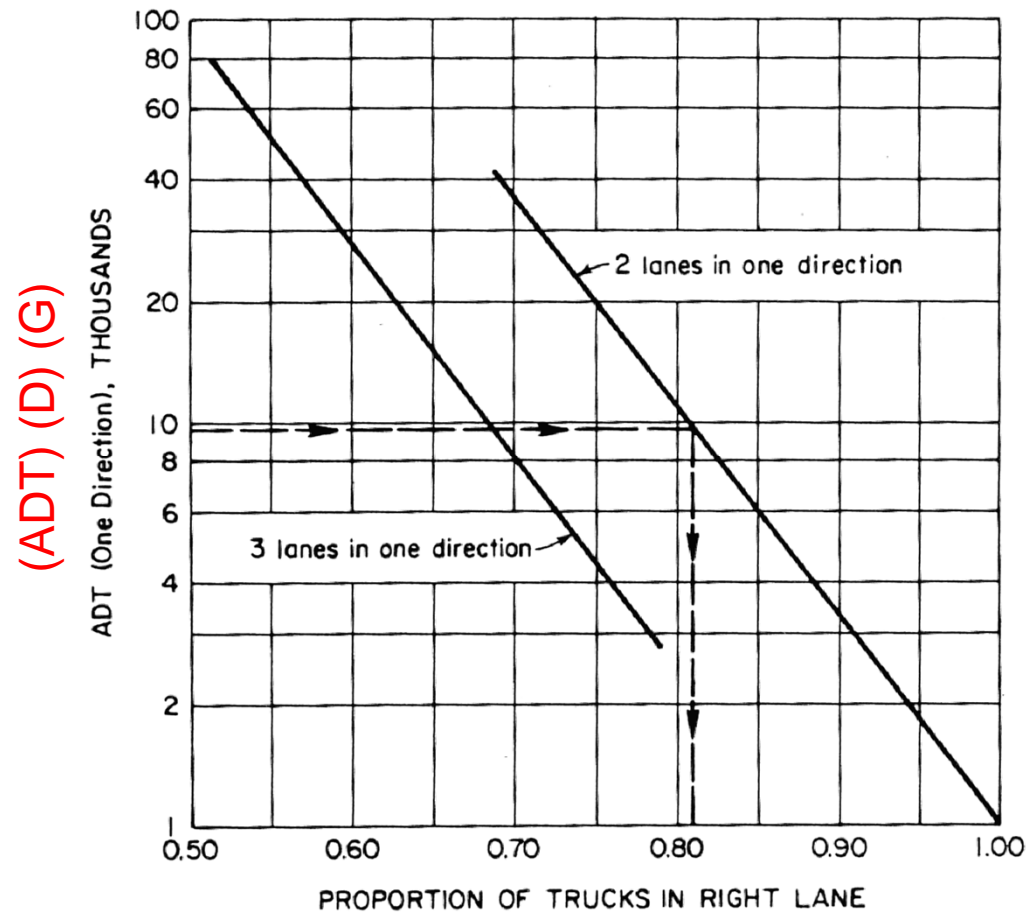
Traffic Growth Multiplier

Annual
Growth
Rate

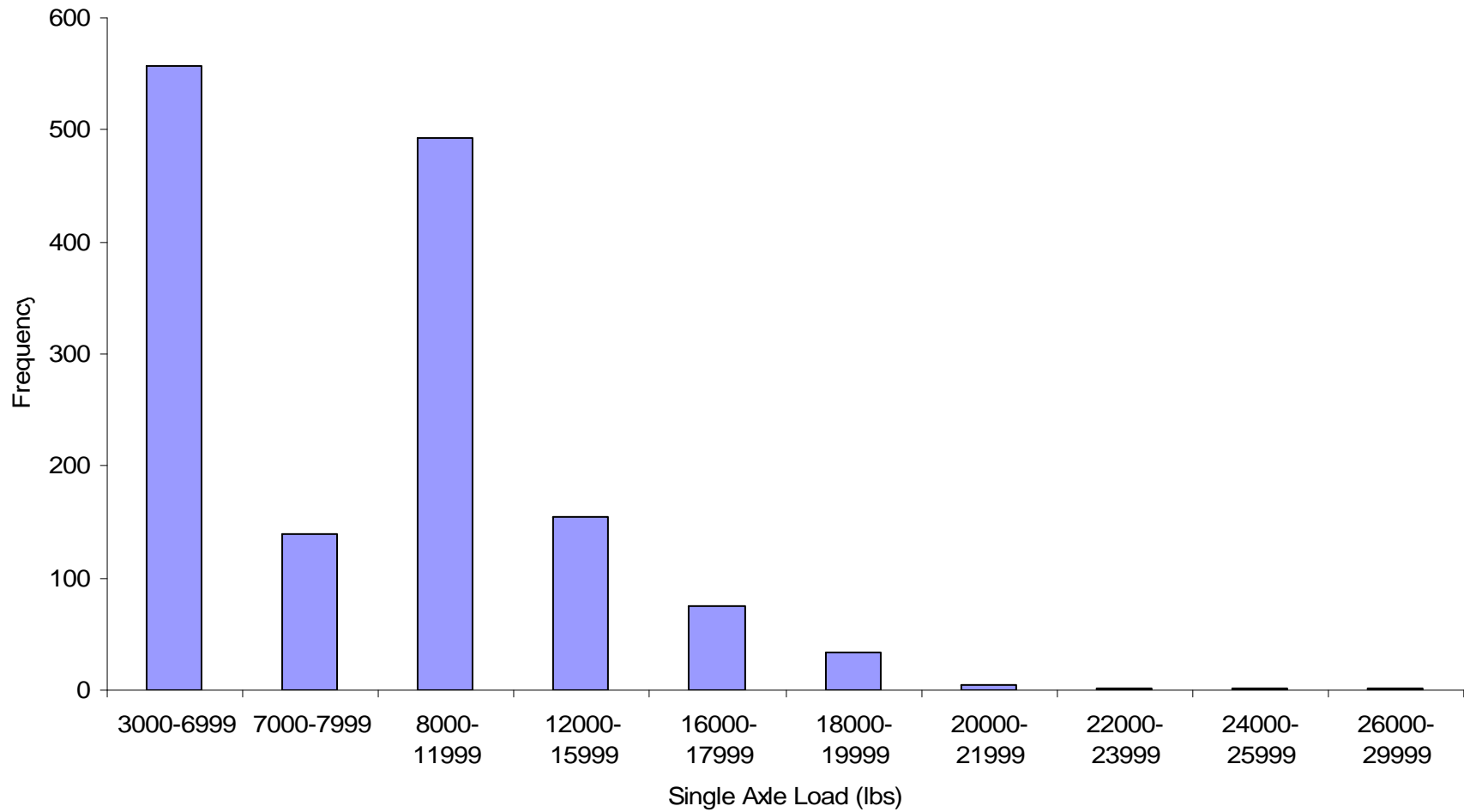


$$G = (1 + r)^{Y/2}$$

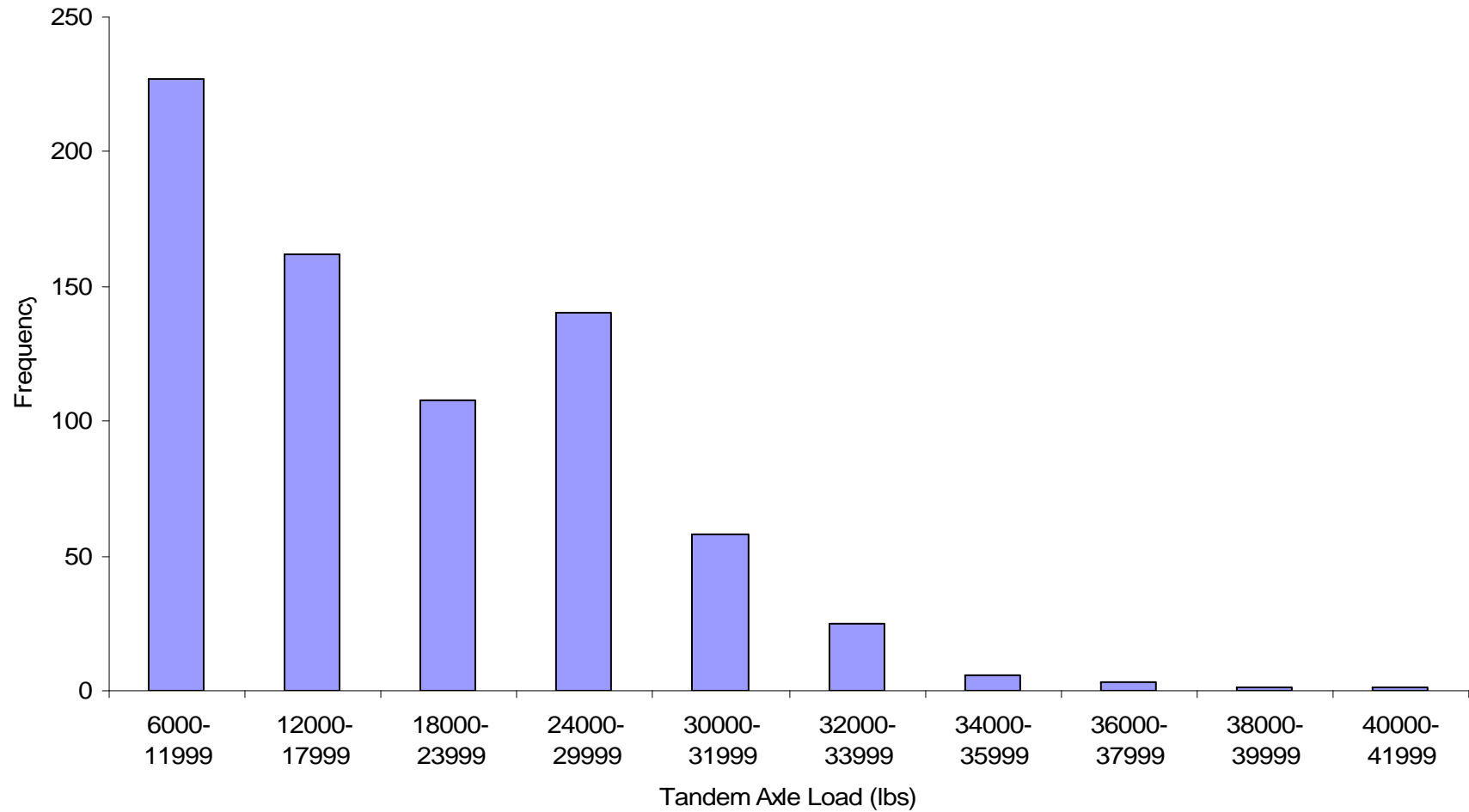
Lane Distribution Factor



Axle Load Spectrum



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Based on Miner's Hypothesis:

$$D = \sum_i \frac{n_i}{N_i} \leq 1$$

D = pavement life consumed by axle loads

n_i = actual number of axle loads in class i

N_i = axle loads needed to produce failure

Design Procedure

1. Choose a trial slab thickness (h).
2. For each axle load class:
 - a) Determine N_i for fatigue failure.
 - b) Divide n_i by N_i to determine fatigue damage factor d_i .
 - c) Determine N_i for erosion failure.
 - d) Divide n_i by N_i to determine erosion damage factor d_i .
3. Sum fatigue and erosion damage factors over all of the axle load classes.
4. If both sums are less than 1 (life) your design is good; otherwise you need to increase your slab thickness.

Example

Four-lane rural interstate

ADT = 12,900 (two-way)

$T = 19\%$

$r = 4\%$

$D = 0.5$ (assumed)

$Y = 20$ years

Traffic Growth Multiplier

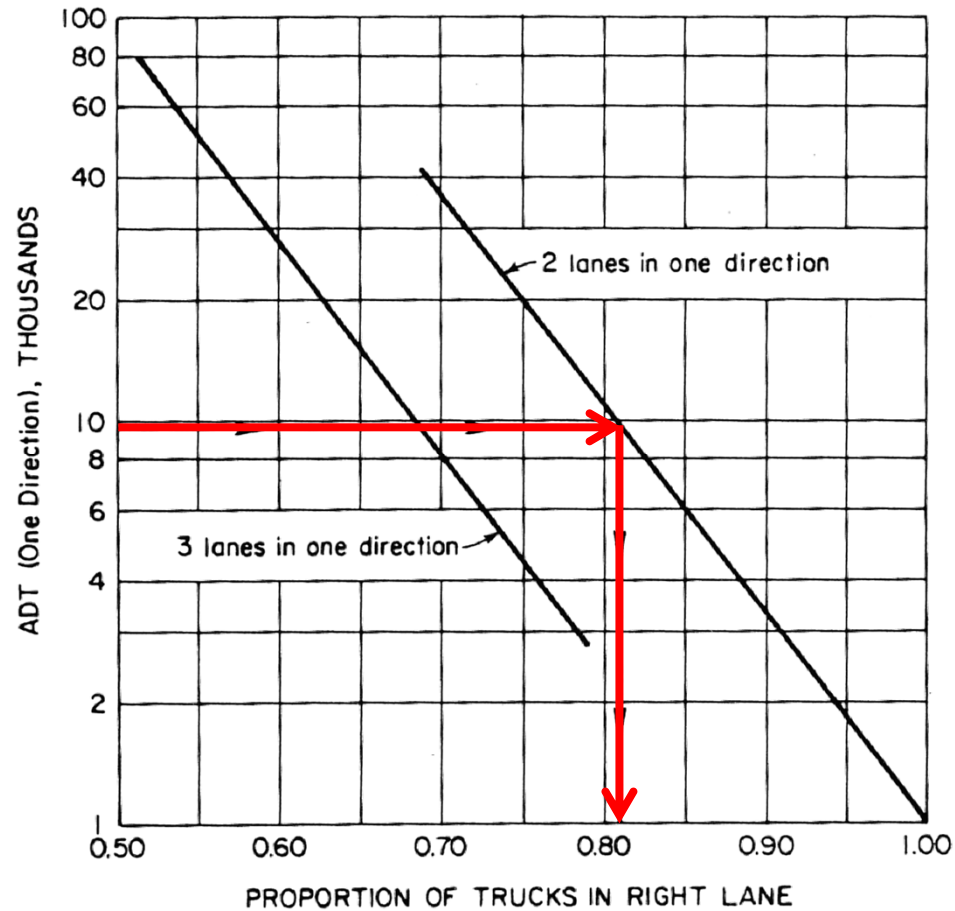
$$G = (1 + r)^{Y/2} = (1.04)^{10} = 1.5$$

Design Traffic Volume

$$V = 365 \overset{12,900}{(ADT)} \overset{0.19}{(T)} \overset{0.5}{(D)} \overset{1.5}{(L)} \overset{20}{(G)} \overset{20}{(Y)}$$

$$(ADT)(D)(G) = (12,900)(0.5)(1.5) = 9675$$

Lane Distribution Factor



Design Traffic Volume

$$V = 365 \overset{12,900}{(ADT)} \overset{0.19}{(T)} \overset{0.5}{(D)} \overset{0.81}{(L)} \overset{1.5}{(G)} \overset{20}{(Y)}$$

$$V = 10,880,000 \text{ trucks}$$

Example

Clay subgrade

$k = 100 \text{ psi/in}$

4" untreated subbase

Concrete MR = 650 psi

Doweled JPCP

Asphalt Shoulders

Modulus of Subgrade Reaction

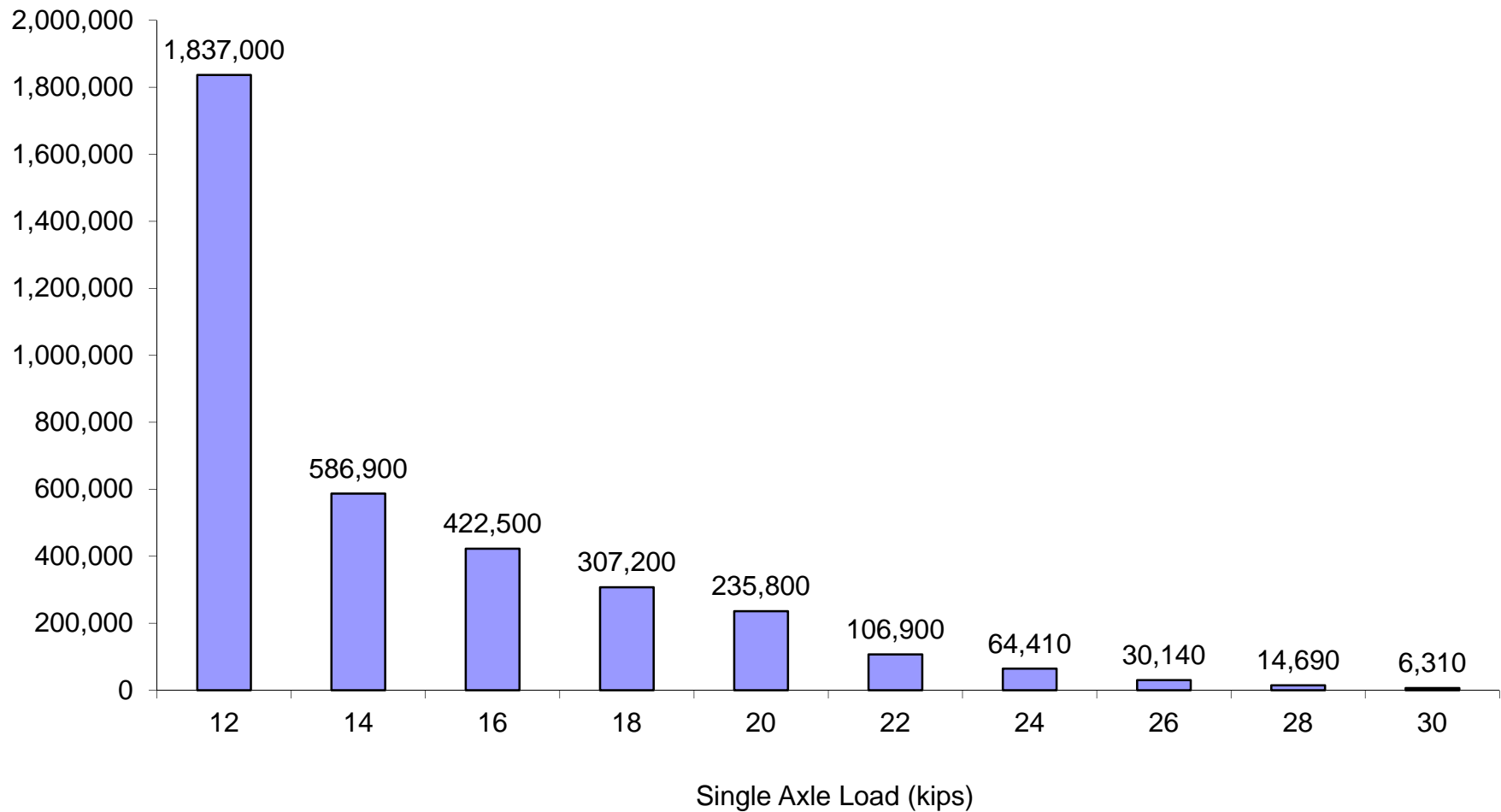
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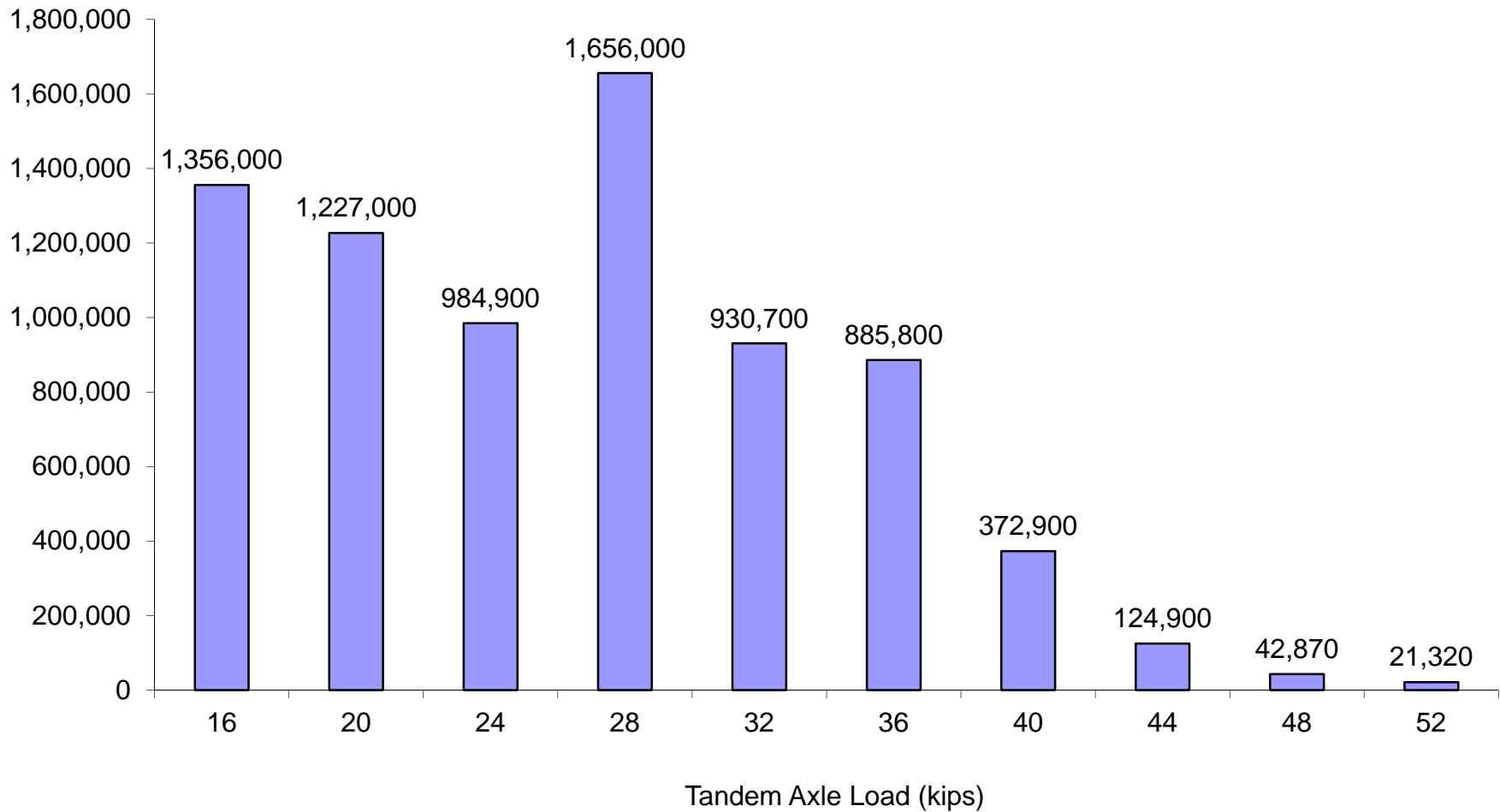
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Axle Load Spectrum



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Load Safety Factor

Traffic Volume	LSF
High (interstates, multilane highways)	1.2
Moderate (highways and arterials)	1.1
Low (collectors, residential streets)	1.0

Multiplication factor for axle loads

Equivalent Stress

**Equivalent Stress – No Concrete Shoulder
(Single Axle / Tandem Axle)**

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	50	100	150	200	300	500	700
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8	311/300	274/249	255/223	242/208	225/188	205/167	192/155
8.5	285/281	252/232	234/208	222/193	206/174	188/154	177/143
9	264/264	232/218	216/195	205/181	190/163	174/144	163/133
9.5	245/248	215/205	200/183	190/170	176/153	161/134	151/124
10	228/235	200/193	186/173	177/160	164/144	150/126	141/117
10.5	213/222	187/183	174/164	165/151	153/136	140/119	132/110
11	200/211	175/174	163/155	154/143	144/129	131/113	123/104
11.5	188/201	165/165	153/148	145/136	135/122	123/107	116/98
12	177/192	155/158	144/141	137/130	127/116	116/102	109/93
12.5	168/183	147/151	136/135	129/124	120/111	109/97	103/89
13	159/176	139/144	129/129	122/119	113/106	103/93	97/85
13.5	152/168	132/138	122/123	116/114	107/102	98/89	92/81
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8.5	232/216	205/182	191/166	182/156	170/144	157/131	150/125
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12.5	137/139	121/117	113/106	108/99	101/91	94/82	90/77
13	130/133	115/112	107/101	102/95	96/86	89/78	85/73
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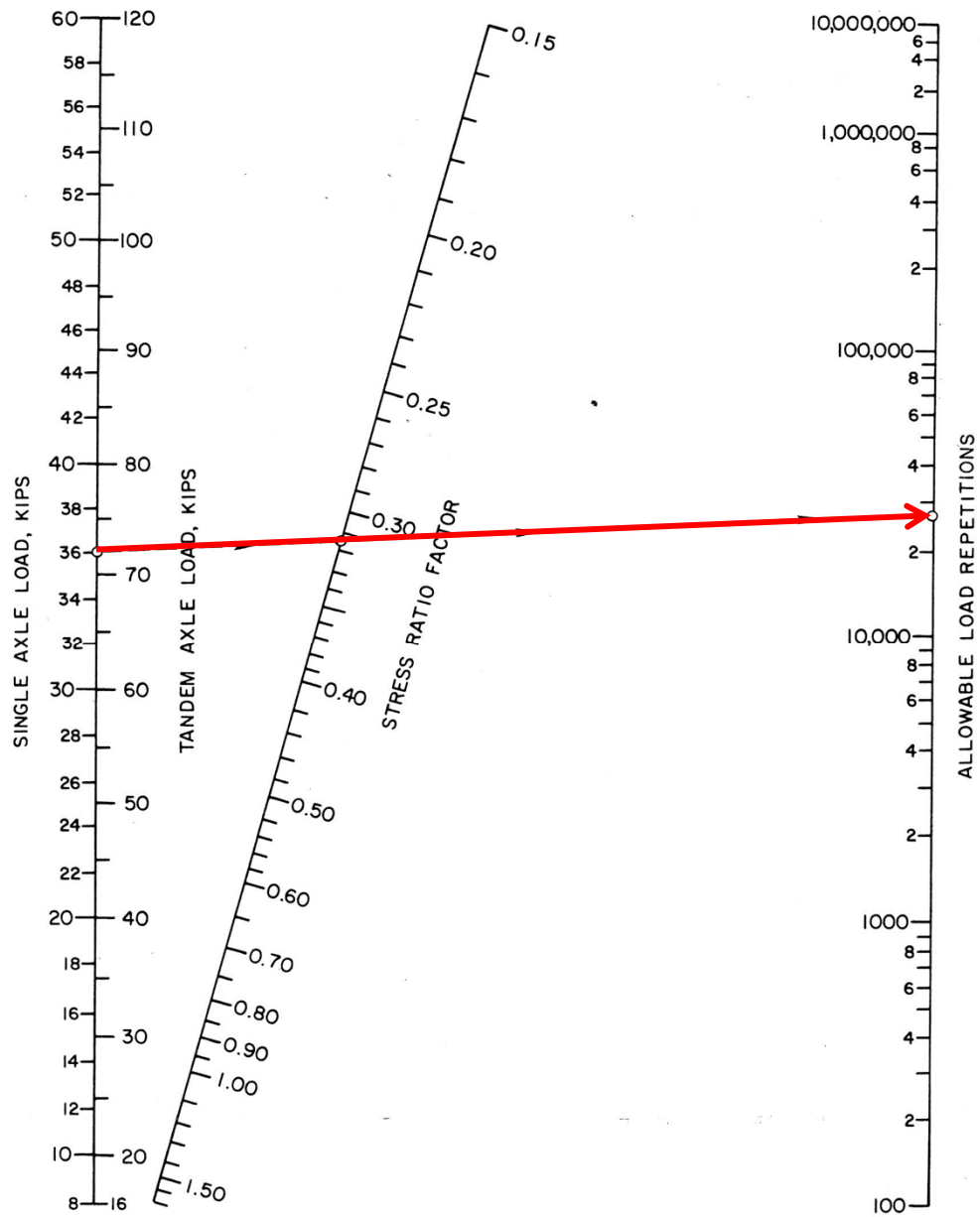


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Calculation of Pavement Thickness

Project Design 1 - Four-lane rural interstate, dowels, asphalt shoulder

Trial thickness 9.5 in.

Doweled joints: yes no

Subbase-subgrade k 130 pci

Concrete shoulder: yes no

Modulus of rupture, MR 650 psi

Design period 20 years

Load safety factor, LSF 1.2

Axle load, kips	Multiplied by LSF	Expected repetitions	Fatigue analysis		Erosion analysis	
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7

8. Equivalent stress 206

10. Erosion factor _____

9. Stress ratio factor 0.317

Single Axles

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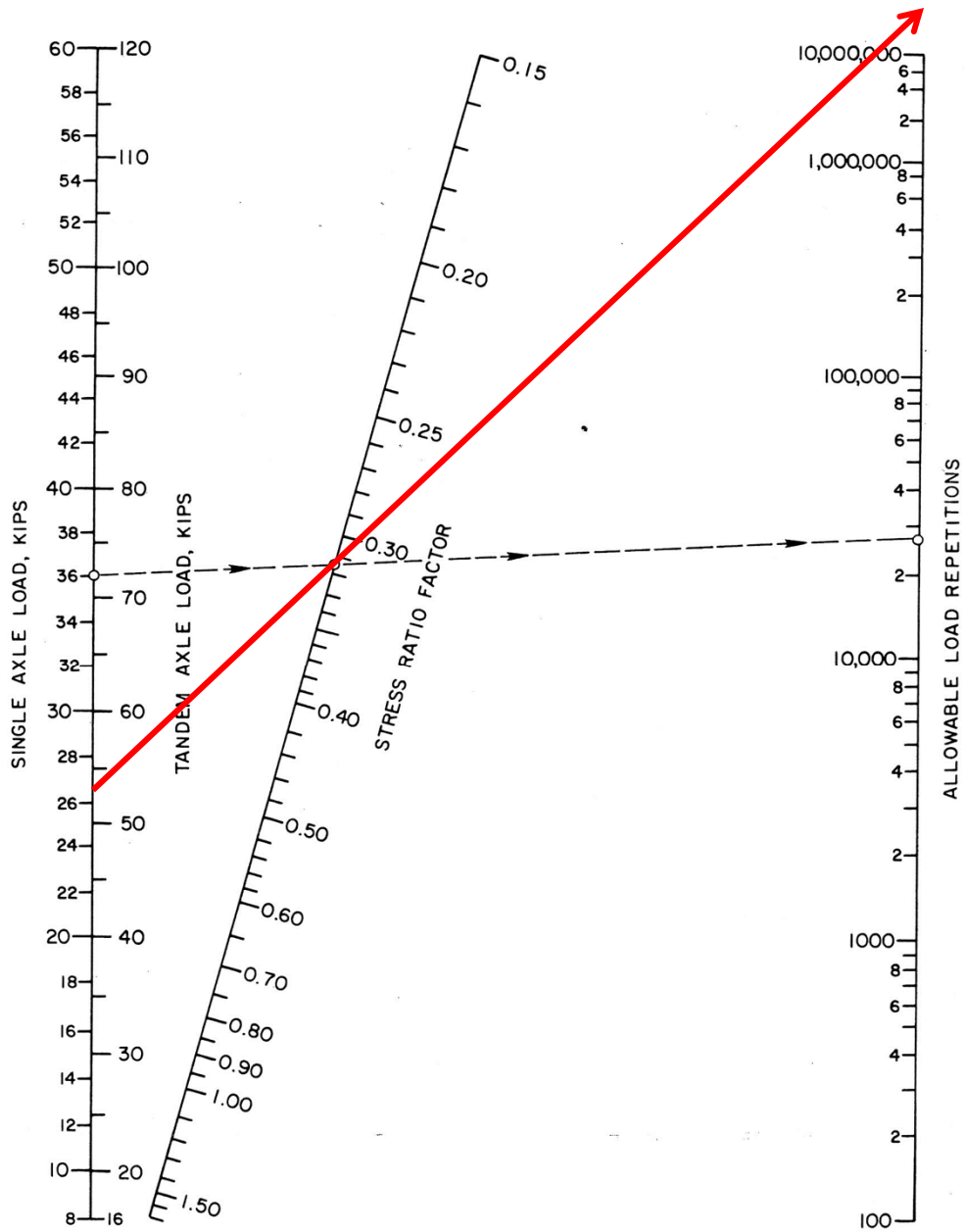


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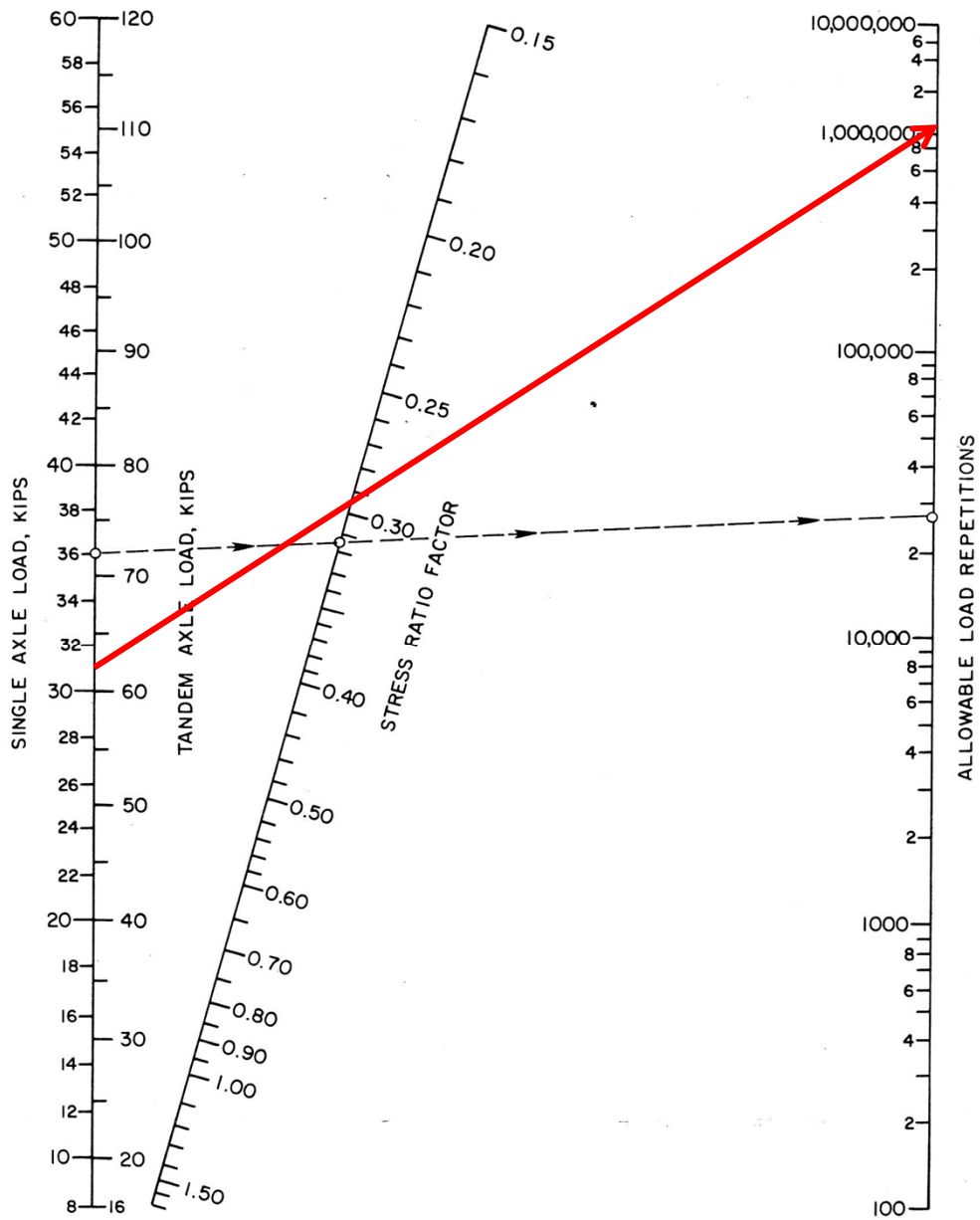


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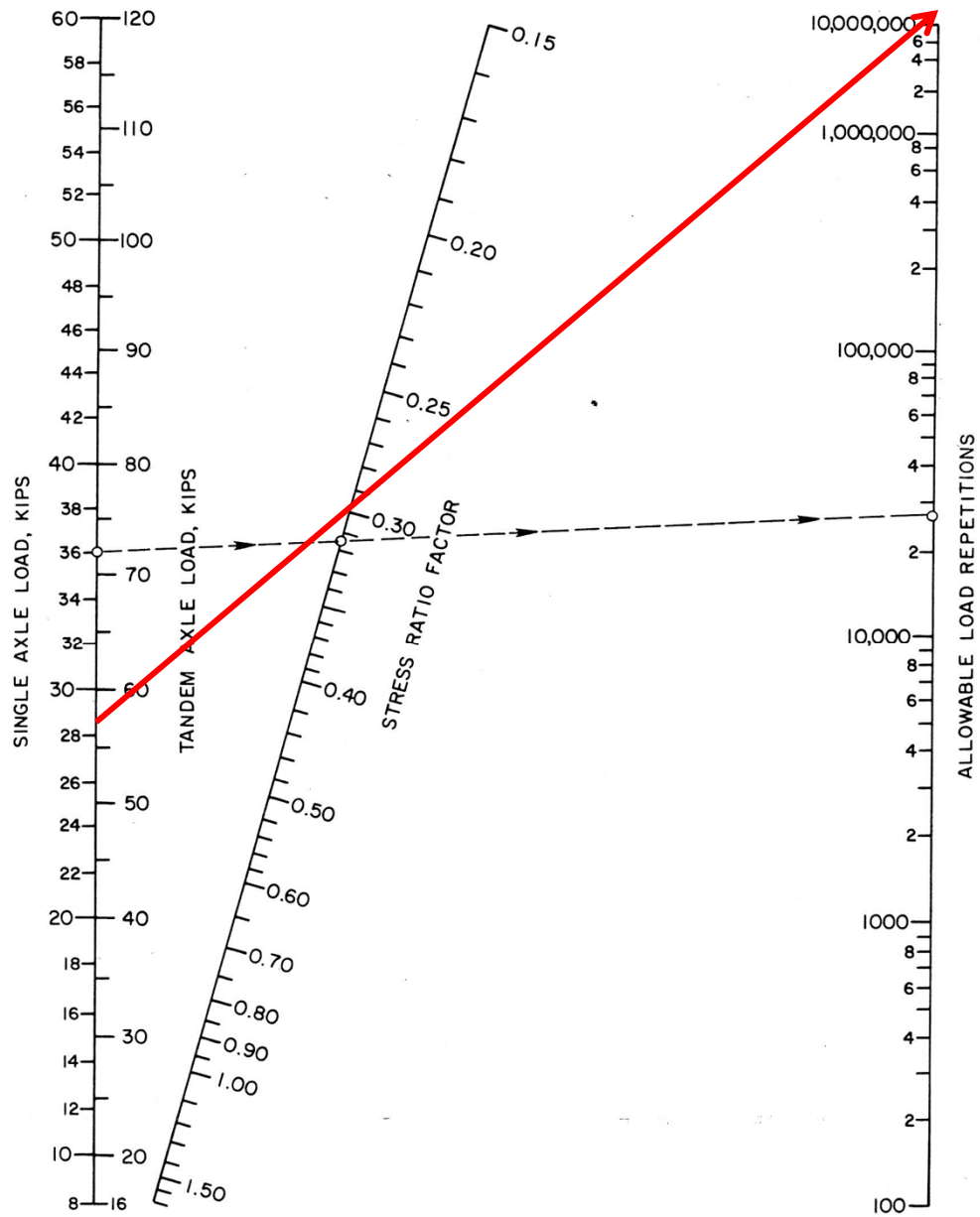


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4.5	3.13/3.19	3.09/3.08	3.06/3.00	3.04/2.96	3.01/2.93	2.98/2.91
5	3.01/3.09	2.97/2.98	2.93/2.89	2.90/2.84	2.87/2.79	2.85/2.77
5.5	2.90/3.01	2.85/2.89	2.81/2.79	2.79/2.74	2.76/2.68	2.73/2.65
6	2.79/2.93	2.75/2.82	2.70/2.71	2.68/2.65	2.65/2.58	2.62/2.54
6.5	2.70/2.86	2.65/2.75	2.61/2.63	2.58/2.57	2.55/2.50	2.52/2.45
7	2.61/2.79	2.56/2.68	2.52/2.56	2.49/2.50	2.46/2.42	2.43/2.38
7.5	2.53/2.73	2.48/2.62	2.44/2.50	2.41/2.44	2.38/2.36	2.35/2.31
8	2.46/2.68	2.41/2.56	2.36/2.44	2.33/2.38	2.30/2.30	2.27/2.24
8.5	2.39/2.62	2.34/2.51	2.29/2.39	2.26/2.32	2.22/2.24	2.20/2.18
9	2.32/2.57	2.27/2.46	2.22/2.34	2.19/2.27	2.16/2.19	2.13/2.13
9.5	2.26/2.52	2.21/2.41	2.16/2.29	2.13/2.22	2.09/2.14	2.07/2.08
10	2.20/2.47	2.15/2.36	2.10/2.25	2.07/2.18	2.03/2.09	2.01/2.03
10.5	2.15/2.43	2.09/2.32	2.04/2.20	2.01/2.14	1.97/2.05	1.95/1.99
11	2.10/2.39	2.04/2.28	1.99/2.16	1.95/2.09	1.92/2.01	1.89/1.95
11.5	2.05/2.35	1.99/2.24	1.93/2.12	1.90/2.05	1.87/1.97	1.84/1.91
12	2.00/2.31	1.94/2.20	1.88/2.09	1.85/2.02	1.82/1.93	1.79/1.87
12.5	1.95/2.27	1.89/2.16	1.84/2.05	1.81/1.98	1.77/1.89	1.74/1.84
13	1.91/2.23	1.85/2.13	1.79/2.01	1.76/1.95	1.72/1.86	1.70/1.80
13.5	1.86/2.20	1.81/2.09	1.75/1.98	1.72/1.91	1.68/1.83	1.65/1.77
14	1.82/2.17	1.76/2.06	1.71/1.95	1.67/1.88	1.64/1.80	1.61/1.74

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5	3.20/3.30	3.16/3.18	3.12/3.09	3.10/3.05	3.07/3.00	3.04/2.97
5.5	3.10/3.22	3.05/3.10	3.01/3.00	2.99/2.95	2.96/2.90	2.93/2.86
6	3.00/3.15	2.95/3.02	2.90/2.92	2.88/2.87	2.86/2.81	2.83/2.77
6.5	2.91/3.08	2.86/2.96	2.81/2.85	2.79/2.79	2.76/2.73	2.74/2.68
7	2.83/3.02	2.77/2.90	2.73/2.78	2.70/2.72	2.68/2.66	2.65/2.61
7.5	2.76/2.97	2.70/2.84	2.65/2.72	2.62/2.66	2.60/2.59	2.57/2.54
8	2.69/2.92	2.63/2.79	2.57/2.67	2.55/2.61	2.52/2.53	2.50/2.48
8.5	2.63/2.88	2.56/2.74	2.51/2.62	2.48/2.55	2.45/2.48	2.43/2.43
9	2.57/2.83	2.50/2.70	2.44/2.57	2.42/2.51	2.39/2.43	2.36/2.38
9.5	2.51/2.79	2.44/2.65	2.38/2.53	2.36/2.46	2.33/2.38	2.30/2.33
10	2.46/2.75	2.39/2.61	2.33/2.49	2.30/2.42	2.27/2.34	2.24/2.28
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12	2.28/2.62	2.19/2.48	2.13/2.34	2.10/2.27	2.06/2.19	2.04/2.13
12.5	2.24/2.59	2.15/2.45	2.09/2.31	2.05/2.24	2.02/2.15	1.99/2.10
13	2.20/2.56	2.11/2.42	2.04/2.28	2.01/2.21	1.98/2.12	1.95/2.06
13.5	2.16/2.53	2.08/2.39	2.00/2.25	1.97/2.18	1.93/2.09	1.91/2.03
14	2.13/2.51	2.04/2.36	1.97/2.23	1.93/2.15	1.89/2.06	1.87/2.00

Erosion Factor

**Erosion Factor – Doweled Joints, No Concrete Shoulder
(Single Axle / Tandem Axle)**

Slab thickness, in.	k of subgrade-subbase, pci					
	50	100	200	300	500	700
4	3.74/3.83	3.73/3.79	3.72/3.75	3.71/3.73	3.70/3.70	3.68/3.67
4.5	3.59/3.70	3.57/3.65	3.56/3.61	3.55/3.58	3.54/3.55	3.52/3.53
5	3.45/3.58	3.43/3.52	3.42/3.48	3.41/3.45	3.40/3.42	3.38/3.40
5.5	3.33/3.47	3.31/3.41	3.29/3.36	3.28/3.33	3.27/3.30	3.26/3.28
6	3.22/3.38	3.19/3.31	3.18/3.26	3.17/3.23	3.15/3.20	3.14/3.17
6.5	3.11/3.29	3.09/3.22	3.07/3.16	3.06/3.13	3.05/3.10	3.03/3.07
7	3.02/3.21	2.99/3.14	2.97/3.08	2.96/3.05	2.95/3.01	2.94/2.98
7.5	2.93/3.14	2.91/3.06	2.88/3.00	2.87/2.97	2.86/2.93	2.84/2.90
8	2.85/3.07	2.82/2.99	2.80/2.93	2.79/2.89	2.77/2.85	2.76/2.82
8.5	2.77/3.01	2.74/2.93	2.72/2.86	2.71/2.82	2.69/2.78	2.68/2.75
9	2.70/2.96	2.67/2.87	2.65/2.80	2.63/2.76	2.62/2.71	2.61/2.68
9.5	2.63/2.90	2.60/2.81	2.58/2.74	2.56/2.70	2.55/2.65	2.54/2.62
10	2.56/2.85	2.54/2.76	2.51/2.68	2.50/2.64	2.48/2.59	2.47/2.56
10.5	2.50/2.81	2.47/2.71	2.45/2.63	2.44/2.59	2.42/2.54	2.41/2.51
11	2.44/2.76	2.42/2.67	2.39/2.58	2.38/2.54	2.36/2.49	2.35/2.45
11.5	2.38/2.72	2.36/2.62	2.33/2.54	2.32/2.49	2.30/2.44	2.29/2.40
12	2.33/2.68	2.30/2.58	2.28/2.49	2.26/2.44	2.25/2.39	2.23/2.36
12.5	2.28/2.64	2.25/2.54	2.23/2.45	2.21/2.40	2.19/2.35	2.18/2.31
13	2.23/2.61	2.20/2.50	2.18/2.41	2.16/2.36	2.14/2.30	2.13/2.27
13.5	2.18/2.57	2.15/2.47	2.13/2.37	2.11/2.32	2.09/2.26	2.08/2.23
14	2.13/2.54	2.11/2.43	2.08/2.34	2.07/2.29	2.05/2.23	2.03/2.19

**Erosion Factor – No Dowels, No Concrete Shoulder
(Single Axle / Tandem Axle)**

Slab thickness, in.	k of subgrade-subbase, pci					
	50	100	200	300	500	700
4	3.94/4.03	3.91/3.95	3.88/3.89	3.86/3.86	3.82/3.83	3.77/3.80
4.5	3.79/3.91	3.76/3.82	3.73/3.75	3.71/3.72	3.68/3.68	3.64/3.65
5	3.66/3.81	3.63/3.72	3.60/3.64	3.58/3.60	3.55/3.55	3.52/3.52
5.5	3.54/3.72	3.51/3.62	3.48/3.53	3.46/3.49	3.43/3.44	3.41/3.40
6	3.44/3.64	3.40/3.53	3.37/3.44	3.35/3.40	3.32/3.34	3.30/3.30
6.5	3.34/3.56	3.30/3.46	3.26/3.36	3.25/3.31	3.22/3.25	3.20/3.21
7	3.26/3.49	3.21/3.39	3.17/3.29	3.15/3.24	3.13/3.17	3.11/3.13
7.5	3.18/3.43	3.13/3.32	3.09/3.22	3.07/3.17	3.04/3.10	3.02/3.06
8	3.11/3.37	3.05/3.26	3.01/3.16	2.99/3.10	2.96/3.03	2.94/2.99
8.5	3.04/3.32	2.98/3.21	2.93/3.10	2.91/3.04	2.88/2.97	2.87/2.93
9	2.98/3.27	2.91/3.16	2.86/3.05	2.84/2.99	2.81/2.92	2.79/2.87
9.5	2.92/3.22	2.85/3.11	2.80/3.00	2.77/2.94	2.75/2.86	2.73/2.81
10	2.86/3.18	2.79/3.06	2.74/2.95	2.71/2.89	2.68/2.81	2.66/2.76
10.5	2.81/3.14	2.74/3.02	2.68/2.91	2.65/2.84	2.62/2.76	2.60/2.72
11	2.77/3.10	2.69/2.98	2.63/2.86	2.60/2.80	2.57/2.72	2.54/2.67
11.5	2.72/3.06	2.64/2.94	2.58/2.82	2.55/2.76	2.51/2.68	2.49/2.63
12	2.68/3.03	2.60/2.90	2.53/2.78	2.50/2.72	2.46/2.64	2.44/2.59
12.5	2.64/2.99	2.55/2.87	2.48/2.75	2.45/2.68	2.41/2.60	2.39/2.55
13	2.60/2.96	2.51/2.83	2.44/2.71	2.40/2.65	2.36/2.56	2.34/2.51
13.5	2.56/2.93	2.47/2.80	2.40/2.68	2.36/2.61	2.32/2.53	2.30/2.48
14	2.53/2.90	2.44/2.77	2.36/2.65	2.32/2.58	2.28/2.50	2.25/2.44

Calculation of Pavement Thickness

Project Design 1 - Four-lane rural interstate, dowels, asphalt shoulder

Trial thickness 9.5 in.

Doweled joints: yes no

Subbase-subgrade k 130 pci

Concrete shoulder: yes no

Modulus of rupture, MR 650 psi

Design period 20 years

Load safety factor, LSF 1.2

Axle load, kips	Multiplied by LSF	Expected repetitions	Fatigue analysis		Erosion analysis	
			Allowable repetitions	Fatigue, percent	Allowable repetitions	Damage, percent
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

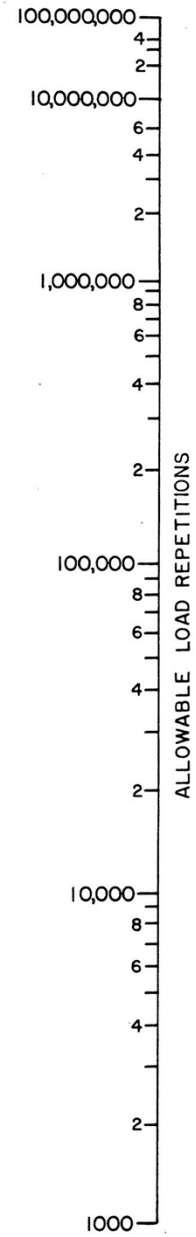
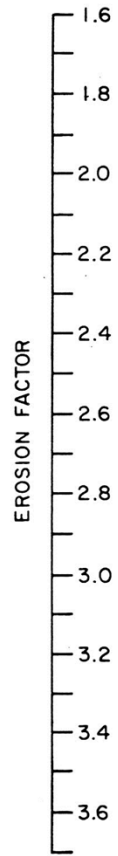
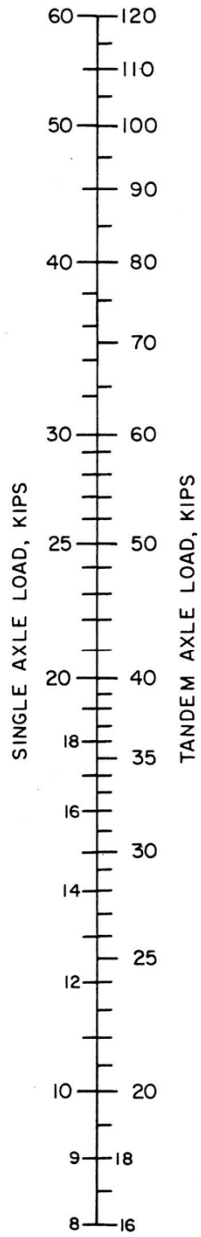
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10. Erosion factor 2.59

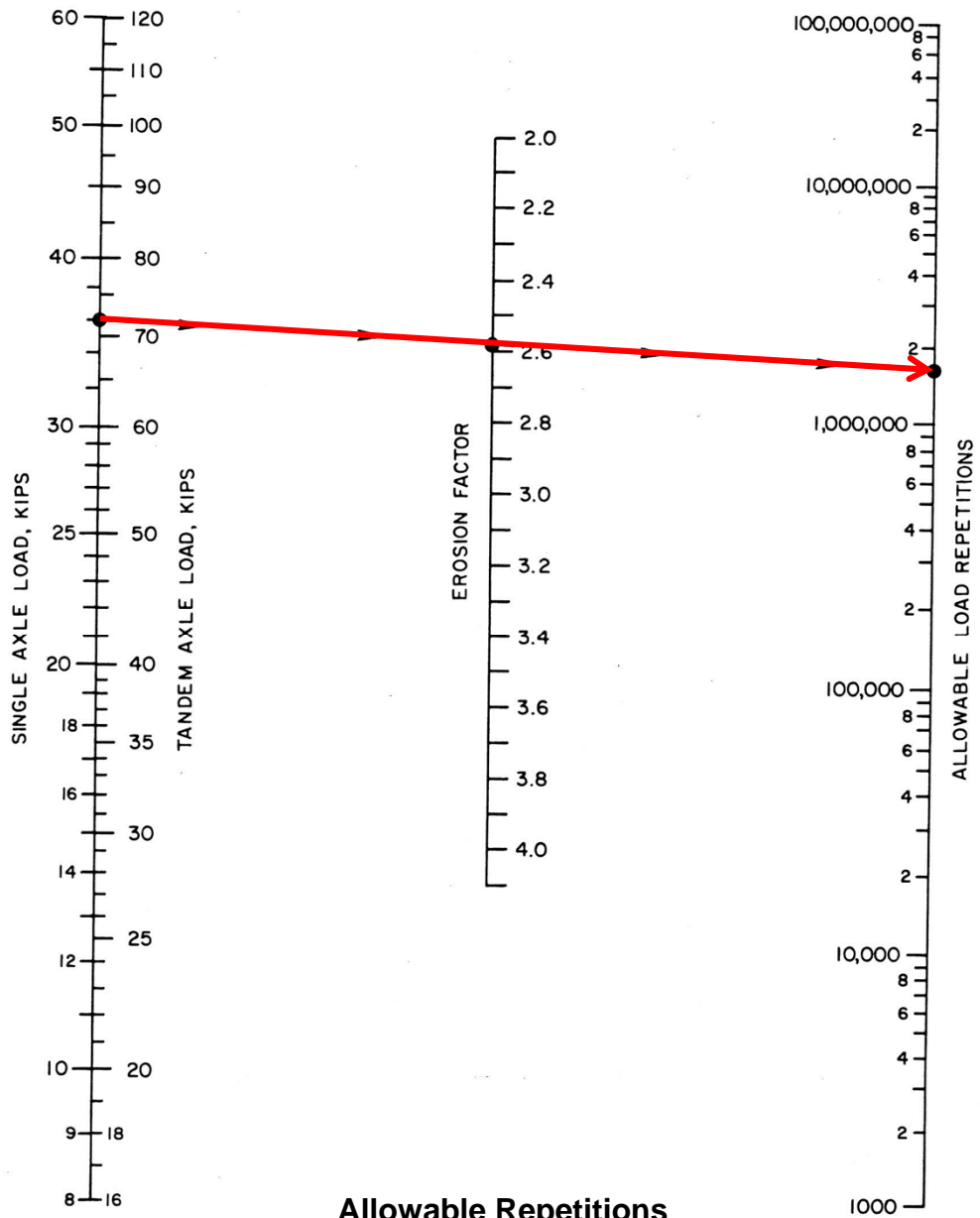
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Single Axles

30	36.0	6310	27,000	23.4		
28	33.6	14,690	77,000	19.1		
26	31.2	30,140	230,000	13.1		
24	28.8	64,410	1,200,000	5.4		
22	26.4	106,900	unlimited	0.0		



**Allowable Repetitions
Concrete Shoulder**



**Allowable Repetitions
No Concrete Shoulder**

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Project Design 1 - Four-lane rural interstate, dowels, asphalt shoulder

Trial thickness 9.5 in.

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Subbase-subgrade k 130 pci

Concrete shoulder: yes no

Modulus of rupture, MR 650 psi

Design period 20 years

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24	28.8	64,410	1,200,000	5.4	5,900,000	1.1
22	26.4	106,900	unlimited	0.0	11,000,000	1.0
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					unlimited	0
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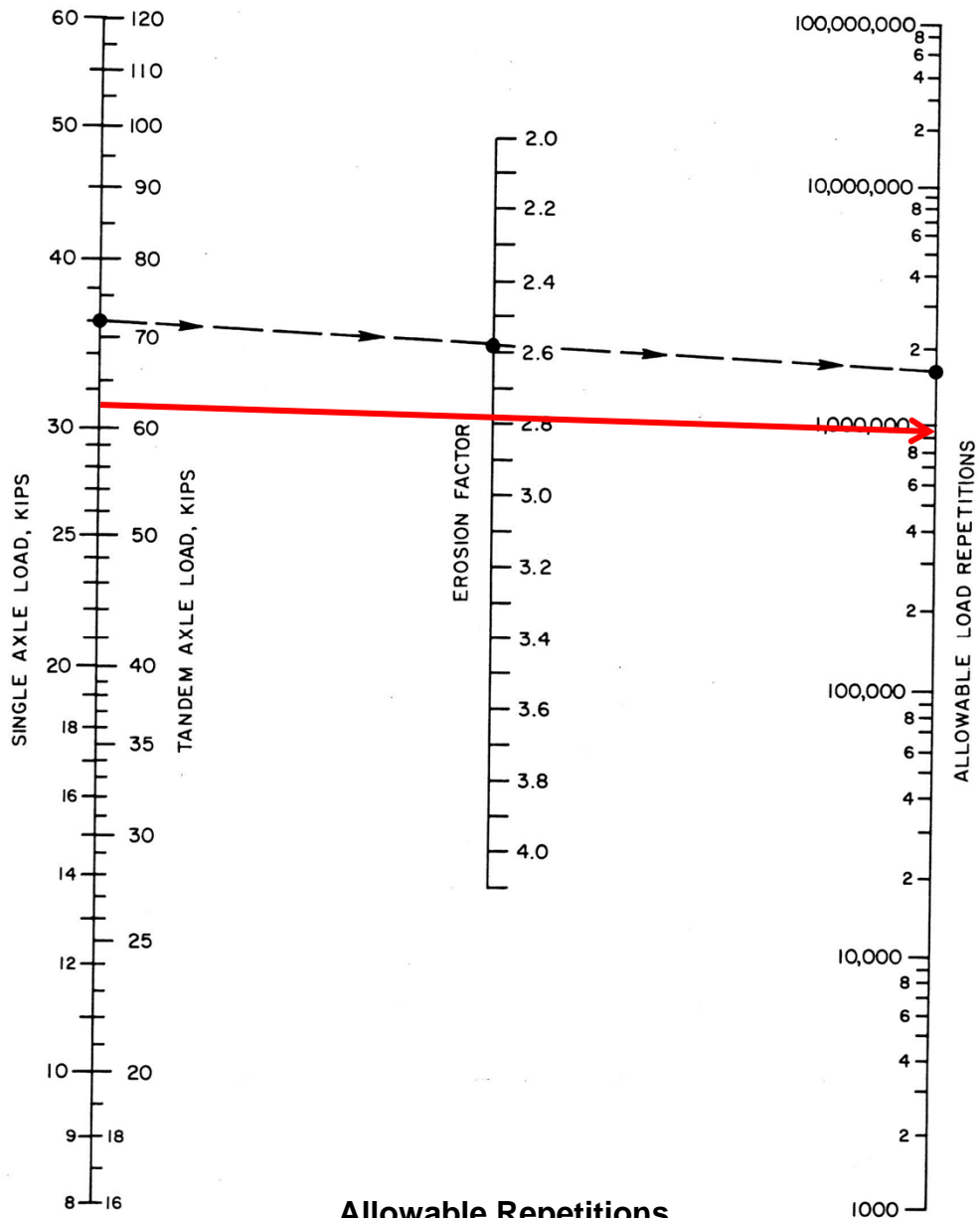
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5	3.45/3.58	3.43/3.52	3.42/3.48	3.41/3.45	3.40/3.42	3.38/3.40
5.5	3.33/3.47	3.31/3.41	3.29/3.36	3.28/3.33	3.27/3.30	3.26/3.28
6	3.22/3.38	3.19/3.31	3.18/3.26	3.17/3.23	3.15/3.20	3.14/3.17
6.5	3.11/3.29	3.09/3.22	3.07/3.16	3.06/3.13	3.05/3.10	3.03/3.07
7	3.02/3.21	2.99/3.14	2.97/3.08	2.96/3.05	2.95/3.01	2.94/2.98
7.5	2.93/3.14	2.91/3.06	2.88/3.00	2.87/2.97	2.86/2.93	2.84/2.90
8	2.85/3.07	2.82/2.99	2.80/2.93	2.79/2.89	2.77/2.85	2.76/2.82
8.5	2.77/3.01	2.74/2.93	2.72/2.86	2.71/2.82	2.69/2.78	2.68/2.75
9	2.70/2.96	2.67/2.87	2.65/2.80	2.63/2.76	2.62/2.71	2.61/2.68
9.5	2.63/2.90	2.60/2.81	2.58/2.74	2.56/2.70	2.55/2.65	2.54/2.62
10	2.56/2.85	2.54/2.76	2.51/2.68	2.50/2.64	2.48/2.59	2.47/2.56
10.5	2.50/2.81	2.47/2.71	2.45/2.63	2.44/2.59	2.42/2.54	2.41/2.51
11	2.44/2.76	2.42/2.67	2.39/2.58	2.38/2.54	2.36/2.49	2.35/2.45
11.5	2.38/2.72	2.36/2.62	2.33/2.54	2.32/2.49	2.30/2.44	2.29/2.40
12	2.33/2.68	2.30/2.58	2.28/2.49	2.26/2.44	2.25/2.39	2.23/2.36
12.5	2.28/2.64	2.25/2.54	2.23/2.45	2.21/2.40	2.19/2.35	2.18/2.31
13	2.23/2.61	2.20/2.50	2.18/2.41	2.16/2.36	2.14/2.30	2.13/2.27
13.5	2.18/2.57	2.15/2.47	2.13/2.37	2.11/2.32	2.09/2.26	2.08/2.23
14	2.13/2.54	2.11/2.43	2.08/2.34	2.07/2.29	2.05/2.23	2.03/2.19

**Erosion Factor – No Dowels, No Concrete Shoulder
(Single Axle / Tandem Axle)**

Slab thickness, in.	k of subgrade-subbase, pci					
	50	100	200	300	500	700
4	3.94/4.03	3.91/3.95	3.88/3.89	3.86/3.86	3.82/3.83	3.77/3.80
4.5	3.79/3.91	3.76/3.82	3.73/3.75	3.71/3.72	3.68/3.68	3.64/3.65
5	3.66/3.81	3.63/3.72	3.60/3.64	3.58/3.60	3.55/3.55	3.52/3.52
5.5	3.54/3.72	3.51/3.62	3.48/3.53	3.46/3.49	3.43/3.44	3.41/3.40
6	3.44/3.64	3.40/3.53	3.37/3.44	3.35/3.40	3.32/3.34	3.30/3.30
6.5	3.34/3.56	3.30/3.46	3.26/3.36	3.25/3.31	3.22/3.25	3.20/3.21
7	3.26/3.49	3.21/3.39	3.17/3.29	3.15/3.24	3.13/3.17	3.11/3.13
7.5	3.18/3.43	3.13/3.32	3.09/3.22	3.07/3.17	3.04/3.10	3.02/3.06
8	3.11/3.37	3.05/3.26	3.01/3.16	2.99/3.10	2.96/3.03	2.94/2.99
8.5	3.04/3.32	2.98/3.21	2.93/3.10	2.91/3.04	2.88/2.97	2.87/2.93
9	2.98/3.27	2.91/3.16	2.86/3.05	2.84/2.99	2.81/2.92	2.79/2.87
9.5	2.92/3.22	2.85/3.11	2.80/3.00	2.77/2.94	2.75/2.86	2.73/2.81
10	2.86/3.18	2.79/3.06	2.74/2.95	2.71/2.89	2.68/2.81	2.66/2.76
10.5	2.81/3.14	2.74/3.02	2.68/2.91	2.65/2.84	2.62/2.76	2.60/2.72
11	2.77/3.10	2.69/2.98	2.63/2.86	2.60/2.80	2.57/2.72	2.54/2.67
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12	2.68/3.03	2.60/2.90	2.53/2.78	2.50/2.72	2.46/2.64	2.44/2.59
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13	2.60/2.96	2.51/2.83	2.44/2.71	2.40/2.65	2.36/2.56	2.34/2.51
13.5	2.56/2.93	2.47/2.80	2.40/2.68	2.36/2.61	2.32/2.53	2.30/2.48
14	2.53/2.90	2.44/2.77	2.36/2.65	2.32/2.58	2.28/2.50	2.25/2.44



**Allowable Repetitions
No Concrete Shoulder**

Calculation of Pavement Thickness

Project Design 1 - Four-lane rural interstate, dowels, asphalt shoulder

Trial thickness 9.5 in. Doweled joints: yes X no

Subbase-subgrade k 130 pci Concrete shoulder: yes no X

Modulus of rupture, MR 650 psi Design period 20 years

Load safety factor, LSF 1.2

Axle load, kips	Multiplied by LSF	Expected repetitions	Fatigue analysis		Erosion analysis	
			Allowable repetitions	Fatigue, percent	Allowable repetitions	Damage, percent
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

11. Equivalent stress 192 13. Erosion factor 2.79

12. Stress ratio factor 0.295

Tandem Axles

52	62.4	21,320	1,100,000	1.9	920,000	2.3
48	57.6	42,870	unlimited	0.0	1,500,000	2.9
44	52.8	124,900			2,500,000	5.0
40	48.0	372,900			4,600,000	8.1
36	43.2	885,800			9,500,000	9.3
32	38.4	930,700			24,000,000	3.9
28	33.6	1,656,000			92,000,000	1.8
24	28.8	984,900			unlimited	0.0
						$\Sigma = 38.9$