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# STRESS-STRAIN STATE OF BEAM STAGED CONNECTION POINT OF THE RAILWAY BRIDGE TRACK-WAY

Purpose. The staged connections of the beams of railway bridge track-way have the simplest design, but some design flaws result in numerous defects. The purpose of the given work is to research the actual stress-train state of the point of connection of the stringers with the floor beams on condition of their staged interposition. It is also necessary to determine possible effect of coupled work of deck beam grid and booms on their stress-strain state. **Methodology.** To reach the purpose of the study the testing of the existing bridge was conducted. To measure strains (stresses) in the span elements we used the strain gages glued to flange angles of stringers and floor beams and to fillets of lower flange angles of stringers in the points of their support on floor beams. To measure deflections of the truss, stringers and floor beams from static loads we used Aistov's and Maksimov's deflectometers, that were installed on lower boom in the middle of span 0-1, as well as on both stringers and floor beams in the middle of the span. Deflectometers were fastened to the span and, by wire communication, to the ground surface. Findings. Stress-strain state of the point of connection of the stringers with the floor beams on condition of their staged interposition was obtained and analyzed. Analysis indicates that, apart from vertical bending of the stringers and beams, there is a significant effect of horizontal bending of floor beams and their torsion, that occur due to the coupled work of track-way beams and top booms, both for P0 beam and for other beams. Originality. Research of stress-strain state of metal track-way staged beams while considering their coupled work with bearing trusses. Practical value. While testing the span under the train load, there are significant additional stresses from horizontal bending of floor beams and their torsion in the floor beam flanges. The appearance of these stresses is caused by inclusion of stringers into coupled work with top booms. Appearing flaws in stringers are caused by local stress concentration due to design features of staged track way.

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#### Introduction

Deck spans allow to reduce the consumption of metal, its width, and also the height of the supports [1]. Since 1944 Proyektstalkonstruktsiya Design Institute proposed new design projects of span structures with decks in the level of the bottom and top booms. The deck spans have the truss spans of 44.0; 55.0 and 66.0 m and the main truss height of 8.5 m [7]

Distinctive features of PSK deck spans are the reduction of the distance between the main trusses to 4.0 m, the use of transverse cross-links of the main trusses and the design change of the track-

way beam grid, where there is a staged connection of the track-way stringers and floor beams [1]. The construction of stringer support on the floor beams is shown in Fig. 1.

The staged connections of the beams of railway bridge track-way have the simplest design, but some design flaws result in numerous defects. In the conditions of a staged connection of the track-way beams, because of the large eccentricity between the axes of the stringers and floor beams, the operation of the floor beams and the support unit components is considerably complicated, and there occur local overstress and cracks in the beam flange angles. Stitch rivets (or bolts) joining the

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stringers to the floor beams also operate under severe conditions.

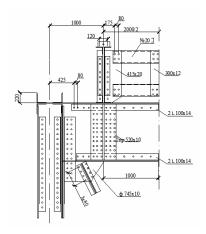


Fig. 1. Construction of beam grid in PSK deck span structures

An unfavorable effect on the metal stress state in the places where cracks appear is caused by the beam deformations, that occur when the track-way beams work together with the top booms of the main trusses while the entire span is loaded with rolling stock. Herewith the top booms are contracted, the floor beams are bent in horizontal direction and are twisted, and at the junction of the stringers and floor beams there occur an additional angle of mutual rotation and deformation of the end segments of the stringer flange angles, as well as deformation of the top flange angles of the floor beams in the stringer-beam intersections [7].

Unlike the one level track-way beam connection, at the staged stringer-beam intersections the fastening elements (rivets or bolts) and the beam flange angle seats appeared not able to perceive the forces that arise from linear and angular deformations of the beams.

#### Purpose

The problem that exists today in the constructive solution of the staged connection of the track way beams is in the need to improve the reliability of the construction of the stringer-beam joint. To do this, it is necessary to investigate the actual deformation-stressed state of the joint of stringers with floor beams. This paper, in order to determine the peculiarities of operation of the beam grid of the staged connection point, presents the analysis of results of testing the real structure. The purpose

of the static tests was to measure the stresses in stringers and floor beams of the track way and other span elements under various test load settings. Particular attention was paid to the stresses in the bottom flange angles of stringers near their attachment to floor beams, since it is in these zones that the main disorders are concentrated.

## Methodology

The work was performed by the Sectoral Scientific Research Laboratory (SSRL) of Artificial Structures of the Dnepropetrovsk National University of Railway Transport named after academician V. Lazaryan on the railway bridge over the Mokraya Moskovka River on 186 km of the Krivoy Rog-Volnovaha line.

The numbering of supports is taken along the kilometers from Kryvyi Rih to Volnovakhi, starting from No. 0. The bridge span structures are numbered in double Arabic numerals in accordance with the numbers of the supports on which they rest. The floor beams – along the kilometers, in accordance with the name of the truss joints (P0-P8), and the stringers of span structures – from left to right starting with one (B1 and B2).

To measure strains (stresses) in the span elements we used the strain gages glued to flange angles of stringers and floor beams and to fillets of lower flange angles of stringers in the points of their support on floor beams.

To measure deflections of the truss, stringers and floor beams from static loads we used Aistov's and Maksimov's deflectometers, that were installed on lower boom in the middle of span 0–1, as well as on both stringers and floor beams in the middle of the span. Deflectometers were fastened to the span and, by wire communication, to the ground surface.

Static tests were carried out in «windows» with a duration of 2 hours. Two shunting diesel locomotives ChME-3 were used as a test load. Schemes of arrangement of strain gages during the span structure static tests are shown in Fig. 2–4.

#### **Findings**

A single-track railway bridge across the Mokraya Moskovka River on 186 km of the Krivoy Rog-Volnovakha line is located on a straight line in plan and site view. The bridge clearance is

spanned by two metal deck structures, with design span of 44.0 m.

The railway bridge across the Mokraya Moskovka River was built in 1903 according to one-span scheme of  $1\times88$  m, then subjected to disruption in 1920 and 1943. In 1948, the bridge was rebuilt according to the scheme of  $2\times44.0$  m.

The total length of the bridge is 107.96 m. According to the design, span structures are equal. Span structures consist of two through riveted deck trusses, with a triangular grid, as well as additional

posts. The distance between the trusses is 4.0 m, the truss height is 8.5 m. The trusses are made according to the project of the Proyektstalkonstruktsiya for L7 load. The booms have H-shaped section. Longitudinal horizontal connections between the trusses are located in the level of the top and bottom booms, and the transverse connections in the even truss points in the form of intersecting diagonals.

The track way consists of staged-located I-section riveted stringers and floor beams.

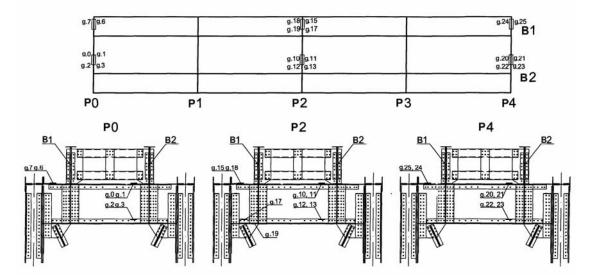


Fig. 2. Arrangement of strain gages during span structure static tests

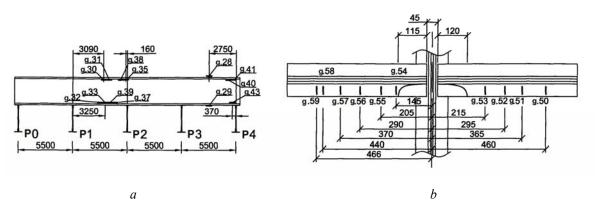


Fig. 3. Arrangement of strain gauges: on the stringer B1;

a – on the left stringer B 1

b – on the left stringer B1 in connection with P2

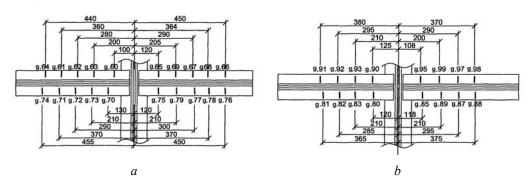


Fig. 4 Arrangement of strain gauges: on the left B1 and right B2 stringers at the point of support on the floor beam P4:

a – left stringer B1 in connection with P4

b - right stringer B2 in connection with P4

The stringer is fixed to the floor beam with four bolts. The distance between the stringers is 2.0 m.

The bridge substructures are double-track, massive. The buried abutments are built on a natural foundation. The substructure underlying is granite, the intermediate substructure is concrete, massive, built in 1948, the pole footing is sunk shaft.

Prior to testing, the bridge crossing was surveyed, which included full-scale inspection of span structures, bridge substructures and supports, survey of the river bed and approaches to the bridge, survey of the state of the bridge and the track way on the bridge and approaches [5, 8, 13].

The common defect of both span structures is the corrosion of the horizontal sheets of the bottom and top booms of the main trusses up to 1 mm, the paint peeling on the main truss elements, the contamination of the horizontal surfaces of the facings, the flanges with loose goods, and the unsatisfactory drainage of moisture from the booms.

One of the most significant detected defects is a disorder in the track way beam intersections.

Rivet ruptures, loose bolts, development of cracks along the flange angles pad eyes of the stringers at the points of their connection with the floor beams have been registered in the survey since 1958. Some cracks were drilled during the operation of the bridge, and later cuts were made in the bottom flange angles of the stringers. However, the development of cracks continues: along the left stringers at the floor beam P3 on the span structure 0–1 and at the floor beams P1, P3, P7 on the span structure 1–2 and along the right stringer at the floor beam P5 on the span structure 0–1. The

length of some cracks after cutting the flange angle web reaches 128 mm. In the bottom flange angles at the stringer-beam intersections P0 and P3, the development of cracks continues and the length of the cracks reaches 90 mm.

The loose bolts were found: along the left stringers at the floor beams P1-4 pcs., P3-8 pcs., P6-6 pcs., P7-12 pcs. on the span structure 0-1 and at the floor beams P3-8 pcs., P7-6 pcs. on the span 1-2; and along the right stringers at the floor beams P5-4 pcs., P7-5 pcs. on the span of 0-1.

Gaps were found in stringer-beam intersections: along the left stringers at the floor beams P3-1.0 mm, P7-1.5 mm on the span structure 0-1 and at the floor beams P3-2.0 mm, P7-1 mm on the span 1-2; and also, along the right stringers at the floor beams P5-1.0 mm, P7-1.0 mm on the span structure 0-1 and at the floor beam P6-1.0 mm on the span structure 1-2.

Simultaneous presence of loose bolts, cracks and looseness in beam support was found: along the left stringers at the floor beams P3, P7 on the span structure 0–1 and at the floor beam P3 on the span structure 1–2; and along the right stringer at the floor beam P5 on the span structure 0–1.

In addition, on the span 0–1 in the beam grid, the following defects were found:

- 1) wear of gaskets under angle fishplates along the left stringers at the floor beams P1 1 mm, P3 2 mm, P6 2 mm, P8 1 mm;
- 2) in the top flange angle of the floor beam P2, there is a crack 85 mm long at the left stringer intersection;

- 3) on the right stringer at the junction of the floor beam P7 instead of 8 cut rivets there are installed high-strength bolts;
- 4) curvature of the top flange angles on the left stringer in panels 6–7 and 7–8 to 20 mm;
- 5) in the joints of the top fishplates of the left stringers, in the panels 6–7 and 7–8 one rivet is missing, the right stringers in the panel 6–7 2 rivets are missing, in the panel 7–8 one rivet.

On the span structure 1–2, the wear of gaskets under angle fishplates along the left stringers at the floor beams reaches: P2 - 1 mm, P3 - 1.5 mm, P5 - 2 mm, P7 and P8 - 1 mm.

In a number of places on the span structure 0–1, on unchanged upper sway struts between the stringers, there are local curvatures of the horizontal covers resulting from the derailment of the rolling stock in 1985.

On the span 0–1 in the first three panels, the longitudinal links between the main trusses have a sagging of up to 30 mm and local curvatures, apparently resulted from dropping downwards of the bridge deck debris in the course of restoration work after the derailment in 1985.

Due to the presence of cracks in the beam grid, there is a speed limit of up to 50 km/h on the bridge.

Static deflections were measured along the bottom flanges at the points L4 of both trusses. The highest deflection under the locomotive was 12 mm on both trusses. When converting to L7 load, the relative deflection is 1/3000 *lp*, which is below the limit value established by the norms.

When testing the track way beams, their stress state was determined, taking into account the joint work with the main trusses and the operation features of the bottom flange angles of the stringers in the points of their intersection with the floor beams. The loading patterns for the tests are shown in Fig. 5.

For the end floor beam P0, which is the most intensively involved in joint work with the truss booms, an unfavorable test load setting became the loading according to pattern 6.

In this case the greatest stresses in the flange angles reached +49.5 (p. 2) MPa and -63.7 MPa (p. 1). The stress state of the floor beam P0 for various loading patterns is given in Table 1.

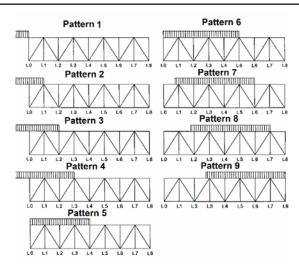


Fig. 5. Test loading patterns for span 0-1

Table 1

#### Stress from the static load in the floor beam P0, MPa

No. of	Check points						
scheme	0 (in)	1 (in)	2 (out)	3 (out)			
1	-20.2	-27.4	30.6	6.7			
2	1.9	-21.2	23.1	-4.2			
3	3.4	-47.1	42.0	-5.7			
4	3.9	-41.5	36.8	-8.9			
5	19.3	-40.1	31.6	-16.0			
6	13.0	-63.7	49.5	-3.8			
7	37.6	-32.5	17.4	-22.6			
8	31.3	-22.6	12.5	-18.1			
9	29.4	-18.9	10.7	-14.3			

The analysis shows that in addition to the vertical bending of the beam, there is a significant influence of the horizontal bending and torsion of floor beams arising from the joint work of the track way beams with the booms of the main trusses, both at the P0 beam and at other beams.

The bearing test guidelines [3] do not make it possible to determine the forces in the structural elements of the track way beam joints, as they use the design schemes in which the stringers are taken as simply supported, and the floor beams — as working only in bending in the vertical plane [6]. In fact, the stringers are continuous, and when subjected to a temporary load, they tend to turn around

the center of gravity. The rotation of the support sections of the stringers corresponds to the longitudinal displacements of their bottom surfaces and the same horizontal displacement of the attached top surfaces of the floor beams. Because of this, the floor beams work in horizontal bending with torsion and at the same time prevent the turns of the support sections of the stringers. The reason for this is the inclusion of stringers in joint work with the truss booms [1].

When the span is loaded with a vertical load, the compressed truss booms are shortened in each panel by a value of  $\delta$ . The presence of stringers, the length of which remains practically unchanged under the load, prevents the free movement of the floor beams, which are attached to the booms of the main trusses. The difference of displacements  $\Delta\delta$  of truss booms and the track way stringers causes bending of the floor beams in the horizontal plane.

The greatest bending moments in the horizontal plane occur in the extreme floor beams [1]. In the stringers the additional compressive forces appear, and in the booms of the main trusses the compressive forces are reduced. The bending of the stringers causes the torsion of the floor beams, as well as the rotations of the attachment points and the deformation of bends of the main truss booms in their plane. Bending corresponds to shear forces, which

decompose into longitudinal forces leading to the displacement of the points of the trusses.

When studying the stresses, the special attention was paid to the determination of stresses in the bottom flange angles of the stringers near their attachment to the floor beams, since it is in these zones that the basic disorders (cracks, looseness in support and attachment of beams) are concentrated. For this purpose, the short base strain gauges were pasted along the lower flange angles on the fillets of the stringers B1 and B2 at their junction points to the floor beam P4.

Loading of the span structure was carried out according to patterns 1–7 (Figure 5) with setting of the first axis of the locomotive every 5.5 m.

The stressed state of the track way beam elements of the staged connection is determined by the lateral force and the bending moment acting in this zone. The moment arises from the fact that the stringers are not continuous, and also due to the features of the stringer-beam intersection operation (presence of gaps in the support, fishplate wear, the leakage of the stiffener edges, etc.). The maximum stresses in the stringer-beam intersections occur when the span is loaded according to the pattern 9 and reach –136.4 MPa in p.60. For all loading patterns, the highest experimental values of local stresses in the intersection of stringers B1, B2 with floor beam P4 are given in Table 2.

Table 2
The highest stresses in the intersections of stringers B1 and B2 with floor beam P4 and stringer B1
(panel 1-2), MPa

Loading patterns	B1		B1		B2		B2		B1	
	inner		inner		outer		inner		(panel 1-2)	
	$\sigma_{max}$	$\sigma_{min}$	$\sigma_{max}$	$\sigma_{min}$	$\sigma_{max}$	$\sigma_{min}$	$\sigma_{max}$	$\sigma_{min}$	top	bottom
1	-34.2	-2.5	-4.1	0	-5.3	0	9.2	2.9	-2.5	-8.9
2	40.0	2.5	-2.2	0	-4.3	-0.4	10.6	4.8	-16.8	10.4
3	38.4	0	4.1	0.4	-2.1	0	12.1	2.4	-29.1	4.9
4	-101.0	-0.8	-15.3	-0.4	-7.8	0	14.9	3.3	-23.7	12.8
5	-126.9	-19.2	-40.2	-0.4	-12.8	-1.4	17.3	1.4	-14.8	-4.4
6	-132.0	-18.3	-30.7	-5.4	-14.8	-2.5	-19.3	-0.9	-35.5	5.9
7	-133.0	-16.7	-31.2	-4.5	-13.1	-2.1	-19.8	-2.9	-28.1	19.7
8	-116.0	-19.5	-33.7	-7.6	-13.6	-0.5	26.5	7.4	-14.1	-8.6
9	-136.4	-6.1	-34.9	-5.2	14.4	0	27.8	5.9	-11.5	-11.8

Table 3

The highest stresses in track way floor beams, MPa

	Floor beams							
Loading pattern	P0		P2		P4			
	top	bottom	top	bottom	top	bottom		
1	-27.4	(-6.1) 30.6	-8.5	10.8	-48.9	-4.9		
2	-21.2	-4.2	-27.8	24.9	-42.0	-16		
3	-47.1	-5.7	-54.2	47.6	-3.6	-17.5		
4	-41.5	-8.9	-67.4	34.9	-9.8	-16.3		
5	-40.1	-16.0	-78.7	33.9	-57.1	-2.5		
6	-63.7	-3.8	-77.8	27.8	-38.8	-22.8		
7	37.6	17.4	-71.7	23.6	35.1	2.0		
8	31.3	12.5	-62.5	17.4	-32.7	3.1		
9	29.4	10.7	-38.9	0.8	-66.0	-36.5		

The stresses vary unevenly along the angles. The greatest stresses occur, as a rule, at the ends of the angles. In some cases, the maximum and local stresses in the angles were at a distance of 80–100 mm from the angle edges. In most cases, the change in stresses in the angles along their length is characterized by a change in the stress sign.

In addition to measurements of deformations (stresses) in the end floor beam P0, the stresses in the left stringer B1 in the panel 1–2 and in the floor beams P2 and P4 were determined during the tests.

According to the measurement results, in the stringer, in addition to stresses from the vertical bending moment, there are stresses from the action of other factors (horizontal bending, axial forces and torsion of the floor beam).

For the various loading patterns, the highest stresses in the intersections of the stringers B1 and B2 with the floor beam P4 and in the stringer B1 (panel 1–2) are shown in Table 2. The highest stresses in the floor beams P0, P2 and P4 obtained during testing are given in Table 3.

Axial compressive stresses in the stringers arise due to their joint work with the booms of the main trusses. This causes a bending in the horizontal direction of the floor beams. This is manifested the most for the floor beam P2 at its connection with the truss F1, and in the middle of the span of this

beam the effect of the horizontal bend is lower (see Table 3).

The maximum stresses from all the loads are recorded in the floor beam P2 at its connection with the truss F1 and amounted to -131.5 MPa at point 15 (pattern 9) and +105.3 MPa at point 17 (pattern 9).

In the stringer B1, the maximum stresses were recorded in the middle of panel 1-2 and amounted to -35.5 MPa at point 30 (pattern 6) and +19.7 MPa at point 33 (pattern 7) (see Fig. 3 and Fig. 5).

### Originality and practical value

Vertical deflections of the main trusses when the span structure was loaded with a movable load (two sections of locomotive TEZ + 4-axle loaded gondola cars) reached a value of 12.4 mm, 1/3500 *lp*. While testing the span under the train load, there are significant additional stresses from horizontal bending of floor beams and their torsion in the floor beam flanges. The appearance of these stresses is caused by inclusion of stringers into coupled work with top booms.

#### **Conclusions**

Analysis of the experimental data obtained during the testing of the track way beams allows drawing the following conclusions.

The stressed state of the floor beams P0, P2, P4 is determined mainly by vertical bending. Stresses from horizontal bending and torsion appear from the joint work of the track way beams with the booms of the main trusses.

The most significant stresses are obtained from the horizontal bending in the floor beam P2 at the point of its connection to the truss F1. The highest stress values here are obtained in the angle of the top boom P2 at point 15 when the span is loaded according to the pattern 9. In a greater degree the horizontal bending of the floor beams affects the stress values in the horizontal webs of the top flange angles with which the floor beams are attached to the gusset plates of the upper longitudinal ties between the main trusses. Here, the effect is that the span structures installed on this bridge have very small distance from the stringer axis to its connection to the truss.

A high level of stresses in the top flanges of the floor beams explains the appearance of a crack in the horizontal web of the top flange angle in the section between the stringer and the truss [9, 11, 15].

The stress state in the middle of the panel 1–2 of the stringer B1, where during the tests the measurements were performed, is relatively low. Here the stress values are no more than 30–40 MPa.

In those places where the cracks have already appeared it was not possible to measure the stresses. The measurements were taken mainly at the points of support of the stringers on the floor beam P4, where cracks in the bottom flange angles of the stringers were not observed during inspection. In these places, a detailed study of the stress state was carried out. The strain gauges were pasted at 32 points on the fillets at the ends of the bottom flange angles on both sides of each stringer every 80–100 mm.

Stresses in the angles proved to be very high (up to 136.4 MPa). It should be noted that the connection of stringers with a floor beam P4, obviously, is not the most stressful point, because in this place, instead of the stringer bottom angle fish-plates there are extended gusset plates for break connections. This is particularly significant as the design of the span structures did not include the checks of the stresses in these places. In other connections, where cracks are already observed in the angles the stresses appeared to be even higher.

All this indicates that the design of the intersection between the track way beams and the staged arrangement of the stringers and floor beams applied on the bridge is unsuccessful and requires an increase in the reliability of the joint structures.

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# ДЕФОРМАЦІЙНО-НАПРУЖЕНИЙ СТАН ВУЗЛА ПОВЕРХОВОГО СПОЛУЧЕННЯ БАЛОК ПРОЇЗНОЇ ЧАСТИНИ ЗАЛІЗНИЧНОГО МОСТА

Мета. Поверхове сполучення балок проїзної частини залізничних мостів найбільш просте по конструкції, але внаслідок конструктивних недоліків утворюються численні дефекти. Метою даної роботи є дослідження фактичного деформаційно-напруженого стану вузла сполучення поздовжніх балок із поперечними при їх поверховому розташуванні. Необхідно також визначити можливий вплив спільної роботи поясів ферм та балочної клітки мостового полотна на їх деформаційно-напружений стан. Методика. Для досягнення поставленої мети проведено випробування існуючого моста. Для вимірювання деформацій (напружень) в елементах прогонової будови використовувалися тензорезистори, наклеєні на поясних кутиках поперечних і поздовжніх балок та на викружках нижніх поясних кутиків поздовжніх балок у місцях обпирання їх на поперечні балки. Для вимірювання прогинів ферм, поздовжніх та поперечної балок при статичних випробуваннях використовувалися прогиноміри Аїстова і Максимова, які встановлювалися по нижніх поясах ферм у середині прогону 0-1, а також на обох поздовжніх та однією поперечною балках із середини прольоту. Прогиноміри кріпилися до прогінної будови та з'єднувалися дротяними зв'язками з поверхнею ґрунту. Результати. Автором отримано і проаналізовано деформаційно-напружений стан вузла сполучення поздовжніх балок із поперечними при їх поверховому розташуванні. Аналіз показує, що крім вертикального вигину балок має місце значний вплив горизонтального вигину поперечних балок та їх крутіння, що виникають внаслідок спільної роботи балок проїзної частини з верхніми поясами головних ферм, як у балки ПО, так і в інших балок. Наукова новизна. У роботі проведено дослідження напружено-деформованого стану мета-

левих балок проїзної частини поверхового розташування з урахуванням спільної роботи балок із несучими фермами. **Практична значимість.** При випробуванні прогонової будови поїзним навантаженням у поясах поперечних балок з'являються значні додаткові напруги від горизонтального вигину поперечних балок та їх крутіння. Поява цих напружень пов'язана з включенням поздовжніх балок у спільну роботу з верхніми поясами ферм. Виникаючі дефекти в поздовжніх балках пов'язані з концентрацією місцевих напружень через конструктивні особливості поверхової проїзної частини.

Ключові слова: поздовжні балки; деформація; напруження; поперечні балки; металеві прогонові будови

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## ДЕФОРМАЦИОННО-НАПРЯЖЕННОЕ СОСТОЯНИЕ УЗЛА ЭТАЖНОГО СОПРЯЖЕНИЯ БАЛОК ПРОЕЗЖЕЙ ЧАСТИ ЖЕЛЕЗНОДОРОЖНОГО МОСТА

Цель. Этажное сопряжение балок проезжей части железнодорожных мостов наиболее простое по конструкции, но вследствие конструктивных недостатков подвержено многочисленным дефектам. Целью данной работы является исследование фактического деформационно-напряженного состояния узла сопряжения продольных балок с поперечными при их этажном расположении. Необходимо также определить возможное влияние совместной работы поясов ферм и балочной клетки мостового полотна на их деформационнонапряженное состояние. Методика. Для достижения поставленной цели проведены испытания существующего моста. Для измерения деформаций (напряжений) в элементах пролетного строения использовались тензорезисторы, наклеенные на поясных уголках поперечных и продольных балок и на выкружках нижних поясных уголков продольных балок в местах опирания их на поперечные балки. Для измерения прогибов ферм, продольных и поперечной балок при статических испытаниях использовались прогибомеры Аистова и Максимова, которые устанавливались по нижним поясам ферм в середине пролетного строения 0-1, а также на обеих продольных и одной поперечной балках в середине пролета. Прогибомеры крепились к пролетному строению и соединялись проволочными связями с поверхностью грунта. Результаты. Автором получено и проанализировано деформационно-напряженное состояние узла сопряжения продольных балок с поперечными при их этажном расположении. Анализ показывает, что помимо вертикального изгиба балок имеет место значительное влияние горизонтального изгиба поперечных балок и их кручения, возникающие вследствие совместной работы балок проезжей части с верхними поясами главных ферм, как у балки ПО, так и у других балок. Научная новизна. В работе проведено исследование напряженно-деформационного состояния металлических балок проезжей части этажного расположения с учетом совместной работы балок с несущими фермами. Практическая значимость. При испытании пролетного строения поездной нагрузкой в поясах поперечных балок появляются значительные дополнительные напряжения от горизонтального изгиба поперечных балок и их кручения. Появление этих напряжений связано с включением продольных балок в совместную работу с верхними поясами ферм. Возникающие дефекты в продольных балках связаны с концентрацией местных напряжений из-за конструктивных особенностей этажной проезжей части.

*Ключевые слова:* продольные балки; деформация; напряжения; поперечные балки; металлические пролетные строения

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