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- Strength limit states for superstructure design
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- Fatigue Limit State and fatigue life; Service Limit State
- Number of design lanes
- Multiple presence factor of live load
- Dynamic load allowance
- Distribution of Live Loads per Lane
- Wind Loads, Earthquake Loads
- Plastic moment capacity of composite steel-concrete beam
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"The book appears to be a simplified and organized approach to the basics of LRFD Bridge Superstructure Design and should serve as a good review and reference manual for the PE Examination."

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