

Structurally Deficient Bridges

Pennsylvania has a larger number of structurally deficient bridges than any state in the country. One reason is the state maintains more bridges (25,000) than any other state. Bridges are constructed of steel and concrete. Life expectancy is around 50 years before major repairs or rebuild are needed. A new bridge starts with a rating of 100, and over the years the rating decreases. When it becomes structurally deficient, it may not be able to handle the loads for which it was designed and may be posted to limit weight.

