



# BRIDGES

Spanning the world since 1919



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## Wherever the location, whatever the span . . .

Steel Bridges by REIDsteel

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Established in 1919, we have been  
fabricating steel bridges since the 1930s.  
We are certified to fabricate steelwork to  
**CE execution classes 1 to 4** and have  
**BS EN ISO 9001:2008, BS EN ISO  
14001:2004** and **BS OHSAS 18001:2007**.

What makes us unique is that we  
encompass everything from the design and  
detailing, through to fabrication, shipping  
and even the erection process itself.

Firstly, everything is carefully considered:  
the span, necessary clearance under the  
bridge, bridge usage and weight of traffic.  
We even check the area's meteorological and  
geological conditions for extreme weather  
conditions, flooding and seismic activity.

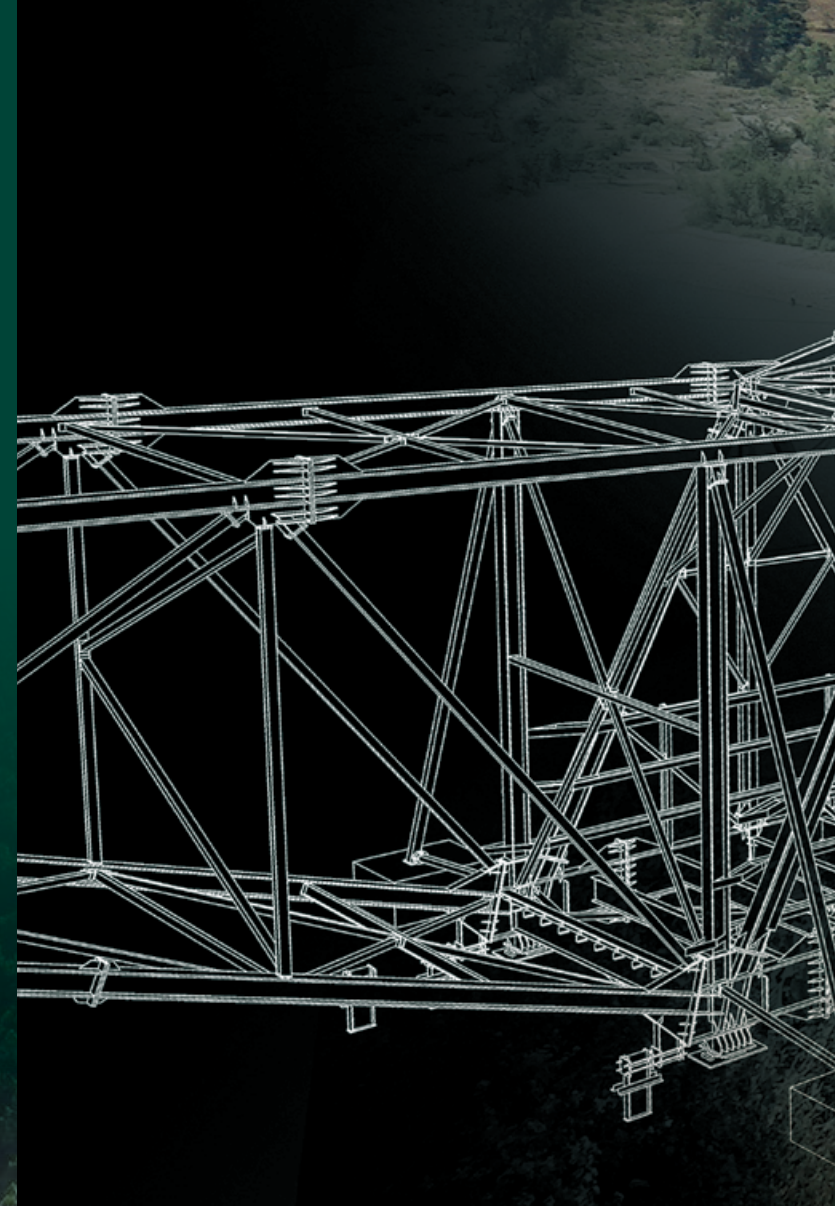
Furthermore, the precise geographical  
location is also factored, as a bridge  
construction in a tight steep sided valley  
may require a different erection process  
or design type than one with flat or gently  
sloped areas on either side.

Once these details have been evaluated,  
we use bespoke in-house software which  
allows us to quote promptly and design a  
value engineered solution.

3D steelwork models created in our drawing  
office CAD system can upload data straight  
to our workshops on the same site. Should  
a fabricator have a question about a design,  
it can be easily and clearly discussed, one  
to one with the designer.

Once our workshops have completed  
fabrication, and after galvanising, everything  
needed to erect the REIDsteel bridge is carefully  
packed and delivered in shipping containers.  
Our export team has arranged shipping and  
erection of our steel structures to over a  
hundred countries, including some of the most  
remote and difficult to reach parts of the world.

This brochure showcases just a few of  
the bridges we have created. For more  
information about REIDsteel or any of our  
products visit: [www.reidsteel.com](http://www.reidsteel.com)



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#### **120 metre Arun Khola Bridge, Nepal**

*As with all our bridges the structure was designed and fabricated in house. The bridge was gantry launched using our equipment. There was no access to the river bed, and no heavy equipment.*

*For more details about this project see overleaf*

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## An Award Winning Project

The British Expertise International Awards Outstanding International Development Project Award

The UK supported the development and construction of these two bridges linking thousands of isolated communities in Eastern Nepal under the successful decade long Rural Access Programme.

International Development Secretary, Justine Greening, said: *"These bridges designed and fabricated in Christchurch are a fantastic example of British business and British support, making a real difference to some of thousands of people in Eastern Nepal. It is a life-line that will allow communities to work and trade, send their children to school, and be better able to access vital services like health care without relying on aid."*

## 120 metre Sabha Khola Steel Truss Bridge

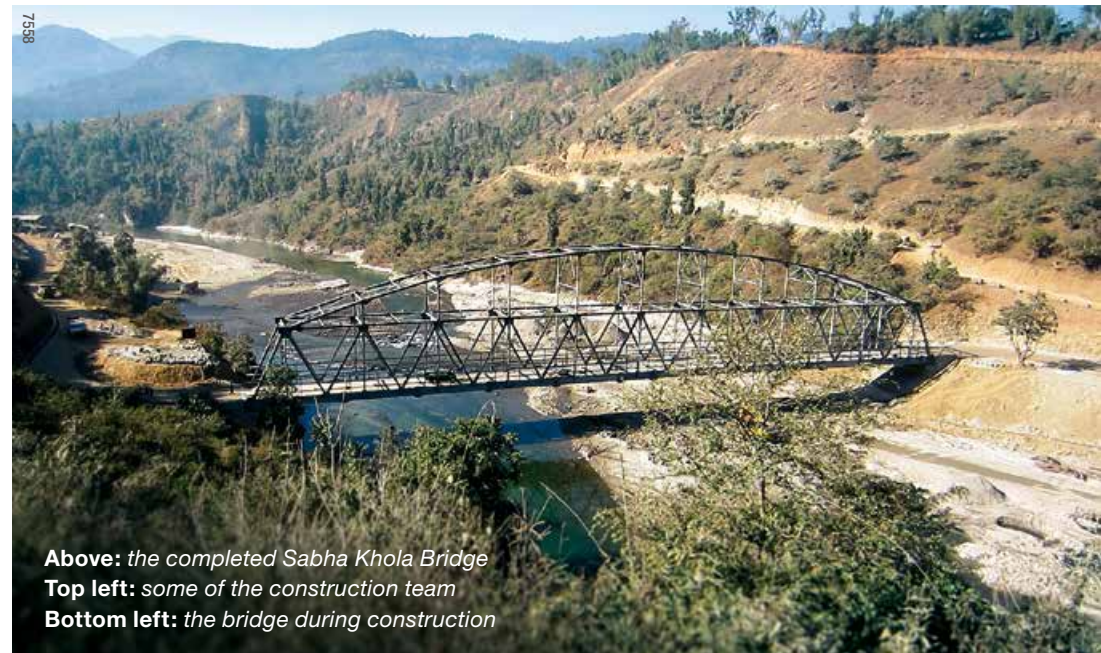
Steel Truss Bridge across the Sabha Khola River, Nepal



The Sabha Khola bridge provides essential all-weather access to the Arun 3 hydroelectric project site and enables disaster relief agencies to cross the river in the event of earthquakes or other disasters. Previously, the crossing of this seasonal river was only fordable by vehicles and pedestrians for approximately six months of the year.

By aiding infrastructure for the hydroelectric plant, Nepal will be better able to address its current capacity shortfall in electric power generation.

The bridge was opened to traffic in January 2013 after taking 12 months to construct from start of foundations to the bridge completion. It is an example of a successful transfer of technical skills between Tim Stiff, the UK Technical Assistance Consultant, and the Nepalese Contractors.

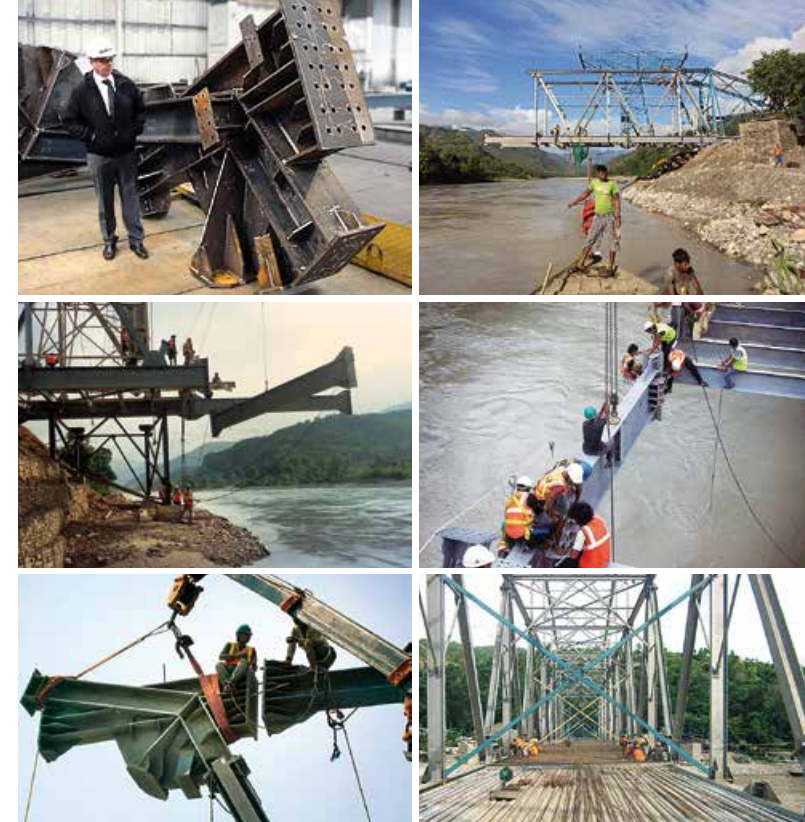


**Above:** the completed Sabha Khola Bridge  
**Top left:** some of the construction team  
**Bottom left:** the bridge during construction





Above and right: images of the bridge during construction  
Bottom right: the completed Arun Bridge



## 120 metre Arun River Steel Truss Bridge

Cantilever launch construction over the Arun River, Leguwa, Nepal

This bridge over the Arun River provides all season access for 203,000 people and helps, in conjunction with the other UK funded projects in the district, to lift them out of poverty and reduce their reliance on aid in both the immediate district and the other six other districts directly served by the new crossing.

The Arun River is both fast flowing and full throughout the year, so a cantilever launch method for the erection of the steel truss was chosen. This required detailed consideration of the erection system to be built into the design and the bridge was cantilevered from both sides

of the river with incremental erection of the truss facilitated by lifting the individual steel sections with gantry cranes supplied as part of the REIDsteel steelwork.

Local residents were hired where possible, and made a valuable contribution to the project. The construction was carried out by local contractor Kalika with Tim Stiff, the British Government agent, in attendance.

The bridge was opened to traffic in October 2013 with official inauguration in January 2014.





# Standard Steel Through Truss Bridges

Typical spans of 30m to 200m

★ You can specify any dimension or load

Good for . . .

Maximum clearance underneath the roadway

Building in situ or cantilever launch

Single or multiple spans

But . . .

Can only be widened by building another bridge

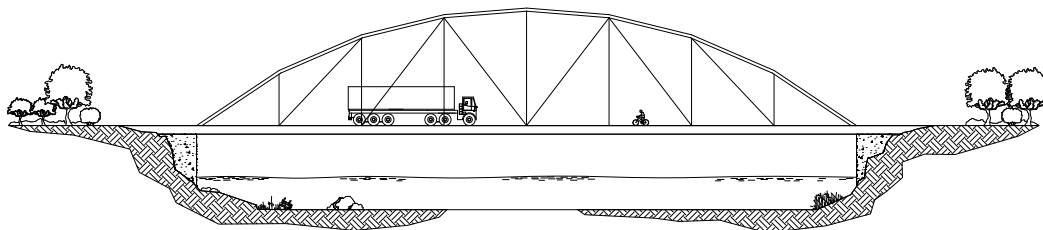
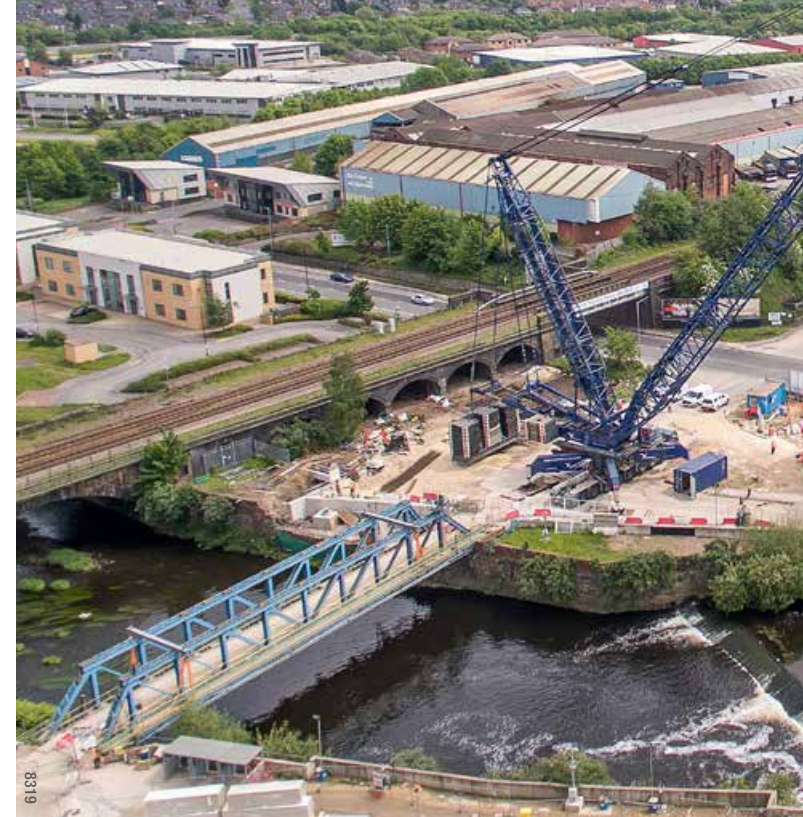
## Carriageways

Carriageways are two lanes with a total width of 7.2m between the steel crash barriers which run along both sides. These barriers prevent trucks or their payload from hitting and damaging the bridge trusses and offer protection for people and their animals crossing the bridge.

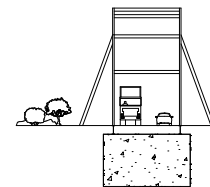
## Decks

The decks are local reinforced concrete - 0.25m thick, placed on our lost formwork decking with no propping needed. They can have 0.05m of surfacing.

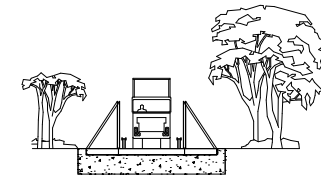
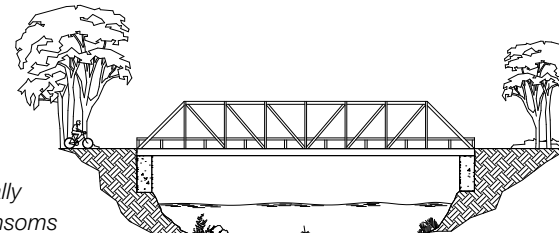
The bridge decks are carried by two trusses at, and above, deck level and stabilised with a bracing system.



▲ **Closed Top Through Truss** - for bridges above 40m span the bracing is usually above the carriageway, between the trusses



▶ **Open Top Through Truss** below 40m span, this bracing is usually from raker members down to the transoms

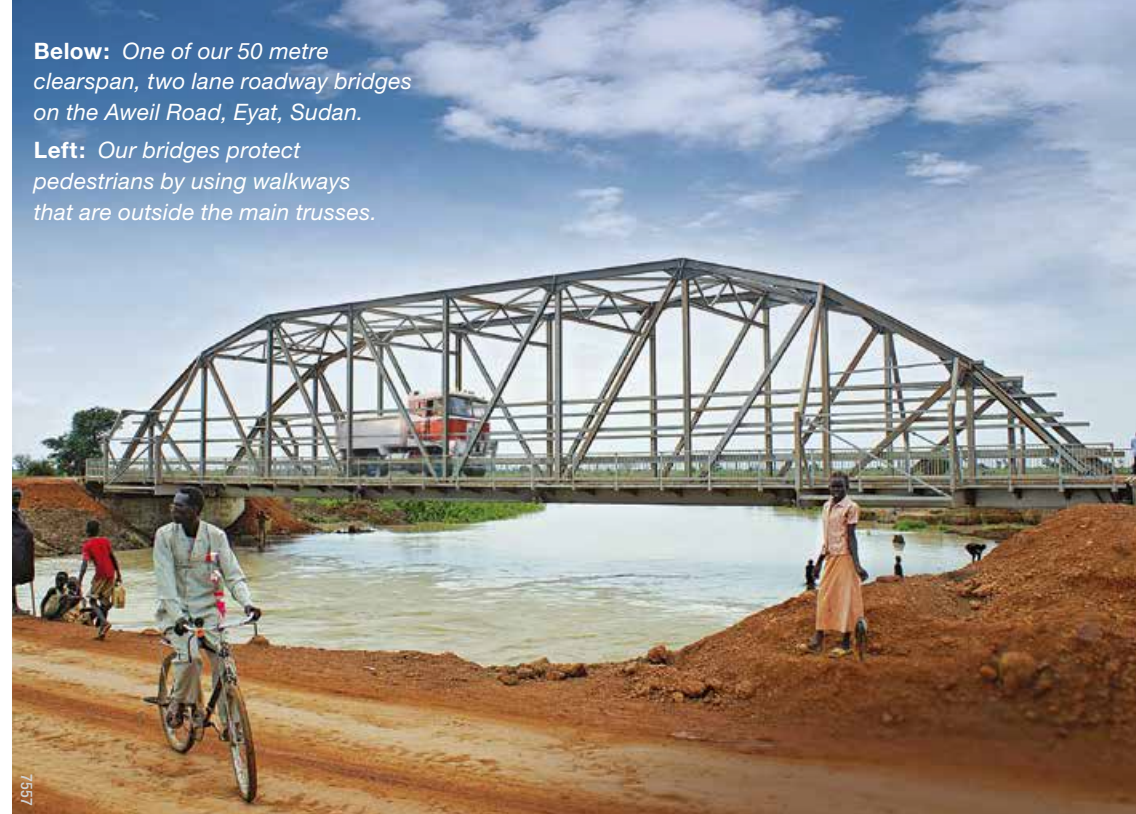


For bridges above 40m span, this bracing is usually above the carriageway, between the trusses (a closed top through truss). Below 40m span, this bracing is usually from raker members down to the transoms (open top through truss).





**Above:** Lifting a 46m span bridge into position in Rotherham, UK.  
**Right** The same bridge in position.



**Below:** One of our 50 metre clearspan, two lane roadway bridges on the Aweil Road, Eyat, Sudan.  
**Left:** Our bridges protect pedestrians by using walkways that are outside the main trusses.

The bridge decks are cambered from side to side using pre-cambered steel transoms and slightly cambered from end to end using the built in camber of the trusses.

### Walkways

There are two walkways, both outside the main trusses, 1.2m wide, with handrails outside. The pedestrian, handcart and cycle traffic using them is protected from the vehicle traffic by the crash rails and main trusses.

The walkway decks are local reinforced concrete 0.125m thick placed on our lost formwork decking.

### Erection

The bridges can be erected in-situ on a temporary causeway or on temporary jackable props; or may be built on the 'home bank' and cantilever launched across the gap.

For the cantilever launch, a 'Launch Kit' is needed, consisting of sets of rollers, a steel 'launching nose' fitted to the leading edge of the bridge (and removed for re-use after launch), and come-along cable jacks.

The bridges will sit on our elastomeric bearings on your abutments. Expansion joints for the roadway are provided at both ends.

### Multi-Span

The bridges may be combined with other bridges to make multi-span crossings. The bridges can be built in-situ; or they can either be gantry launched from one end or cantilever launched. For multi-span bridges which are to be cantilever launched it is necessary to use a 'Link Kit' which consists of further sets of rollers, and further jacks, and a set of link steelwork which joins adjacent bridges during the launch and roll-out. As with the Launch Kits, the Link Kits can be used again and again. You will need one Link Kit for a two span bridge and two Link Kits for a three span bridge and so on.

# Standard Composite Beam Bridges

Typical spans of 10m to 24m  
(but larger spans are possible)

★ You can specify  
any aspect of the bridge

Good for . . .

Easy widening

Low visual impact

Building in situ or cantilever launch

Single or multiple spans

But . . .

Become less cost effective as  
spans get longer compared with  
trussed bridges

## Carriageways

Carriageways are supported by pairs of beams at 1.7m centres. A carriageway may therefore be 5.1m overall wide, with 1.2m walkways both sides. The carriageways may be extended width ways in increments of 3.4m. There is an element of choice in the marked carriageway widths and the widths of the walkways. The minimum bridge will be single lane with a 4m marked roadway.

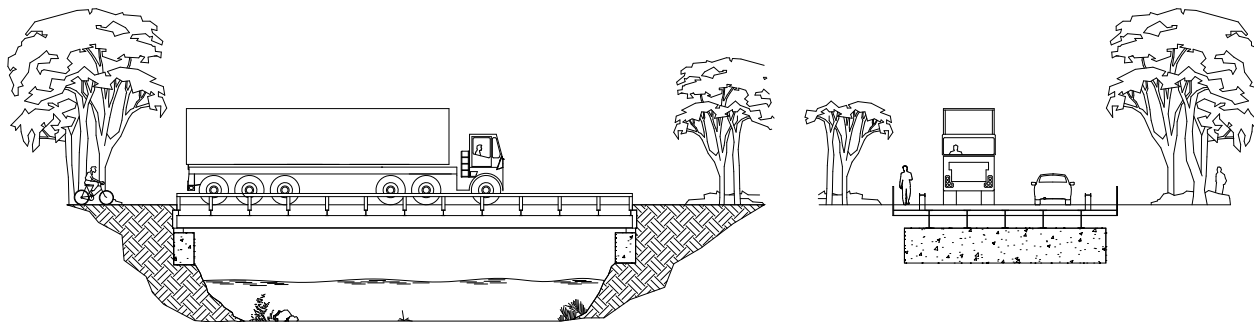
## Decks

They will have local reinforced concrete decks 0.250m thick, placed on our lost formwork decking with no propping needed. They can have 0.05m of surfacing. The concrete will become composite with the steel via shear connectors.



They have steel crash barriers on both sides of the carriageways. The bridge decks are carried by two or more pairs of beams below deck level. There is no steel above the deck other than barriers. Please note that the roadway will have to be at a height well above the flood level: as a guide the depth of the beams is about 6% of the span, and the roadway is above this truss.

The bridge decks are cambered from side to side by offsetting the beam heights; and slightly cambered from end to end using the built in camber of the beams. All spans are simply supported.







**Far Left:** Continuous composite beam bridge, Maphutsaneng Bridge, on the Mophale Hoek-Mekaling road, Lesotho - Africa.

**Left:** Composite bridge, preparing to launch in South Sudan.

Contractor and erector  
Terrain Services Ltd,  
Kampala

## Walkways

There are two walkways, both outside the main trusses, 1.2m wide, with handrails outside. The pedestrian, handcart and cycle traffic using them is protected from the vehicle traffic by the crash rails. The decks of the walkways are local reinforced concrete averaging 0.125m thick placed on our lost formwork decking.

## Erection

The bridges can be erected in-situ by simply lifting beams individually into position or may be built on the 'home bank' and cantilever launched in pairs across the gap.

For the cantilever launch, a 'Launch Kit' is needed, consisting of sets of rollers, a steel 'launching nose' fitted to the leading edge of the pair of beams (and removed for re-use after launch), and come-along cable jacks.

The bridges will sit on our elastomeric bearings on your abutments. Expansion joints for the roadway are provided at both ends.

## Multi-span

The bridges may be combined with other bridges to make multi-span crossings. Again the bridges can be built in-situ, or they can be cantilever launched.

For multi-span bridges which are to be cantilever launched it is necessary to use a 'Link Kit' which consists of further sets of rollers, and further jacks, and a set of link steelwork which joins adjacent bridges during the launch and roll-out.

As with the Launch Kits, the Link Kits can be used again and again. You will need one Link Kit for a two span bridge and two Link Kits for a three span bridge and so on.



# Standard Steel Over-Truss Bridges *(like beam bridges but for longer spans)*

**Typical spans of 25m to 100m**

★ *You can specify any aspect of the bridge to suit your needs*

**Good for . . .**

**Easy widening**

**Building in situ or cantilever launch**

**Single or multiple spans**

**But . . .**

**Clearance under the trusses might mean higher approaches and bigger embankments**

## Carriageways

Carriageways are supported by pairs of trusses at 1.7m centres. A carriageway may therefore be 5.1m overall wide, with 1.2m walkways both sides. The carriageways may be extended width ways in increments of 3.4m. There is an element of choice in the marked carriageway widths and the widths of the walkways. The minimum bridge will be single lane with a 4m marked roadway.

## Decks

The decks have local reinforced concrete 0.25m thick, placed on our lost formwork decking with no propping needed. They can have 0.05m of surfacing. The concrete will become composite with the steel via shear connectors.

They have steel crash barriers on both sides of the carriageways. The walkways will be outside the crash barriers and will have handrails on the outside. The bridge decks are carried by two or more pairs of trusses below deck level. There is no steel above the deck other than barriers.

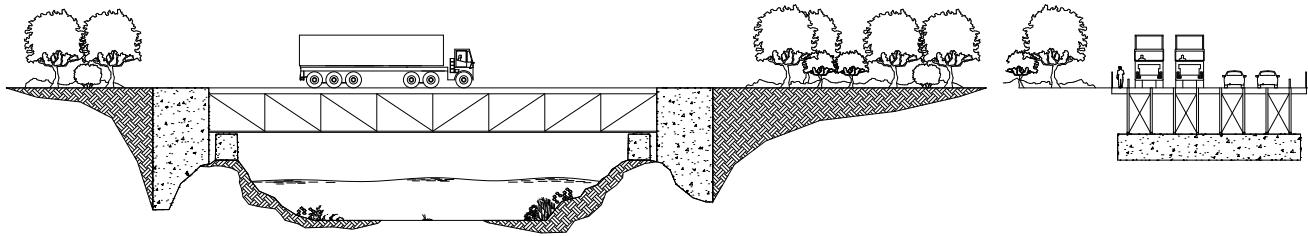
Please note that the roadway will have to be at a height well above the flood level: as a guide the depth of the trusses is about 8% of the span, and the roadway is above this truss.

The bridge decks are cambered from side to side using pre-cambered steel transoms; and slightly cambered from end to end using the built in camber of the trusses. All spans are simply supported.

## Walkways

There are two walkways, both outside the main trusses, 1.2m wide, with handrails outside. The pedestrian, handcart and cycle traffic using them is protected from the vehicle traffic by the crash rails.

The walkway decks are local reinforced concrete 0.125m thick placed on our lost formwork decking.







### Erection

The bridges can be erected in-situ on a temporary causeway or on temporary jackable props, or may be built on the 'home bank' and cantilever launched across the gap.

For the cantilever launch, a 'Launch Kit' is needed, consisting of sets of rollers, a steel

'launching nose' fitted to the leading edge of the bridge (and removed for re-use after launch), and come-along cable jacks.

The bridges will sit on our elastomeric bearings on your abutments. Expansion joints for the roadway are provided at both ends.

### Multi-span

The bridges may be combined with other bridges to make multi-span crossings. Again the bridges can be built in-situ, or they can be cantilever launched.

For multi-span bridges which are to be cantilever launched it is necessary to use a 'Link Kit' which consists of further sets of rollers, and further jacks, and a set of link steelwork which joins adjacent bridges during the launch and roll-out.

As with the Launch Kits, the Link Kits can be used again and again. You will need one Link Kit for a two span bridge and two Link Kits for a three span bridge and so on.



# Standard Steel Stayed Bridges

**Long spans up to 200m**

★ *You can specify any configuration or load for your custom designed bridge*

**Good for . . .**

**Where building in situ or cantilever launch is not possible**

**Where access to the far side is difficult**

**Where a big visual impact is required**

**But . . .**

**Can only be widened by building another bridge alongside**

## Carriageways

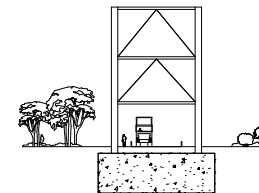
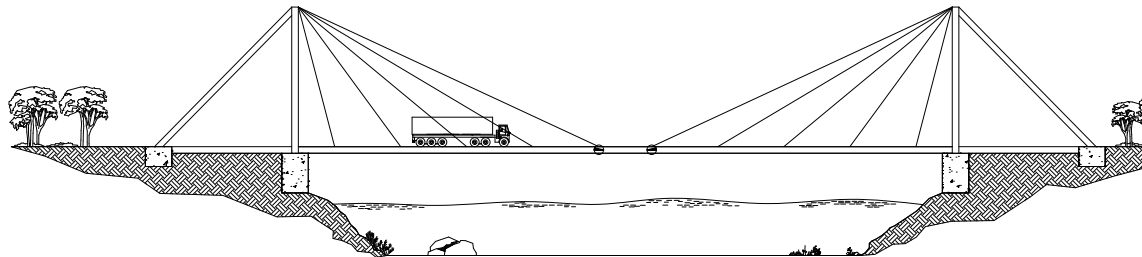
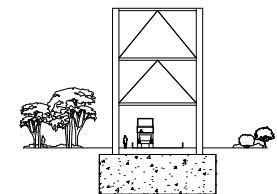
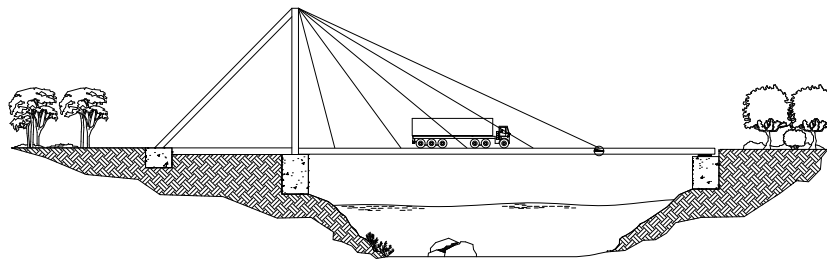
Carriageways are two lanes. They are 7.2m wide between crash barriers.

They will have local reinforced concrete decks 0.25m thick, placed on our lost formwork decking with no propping needed. They can have 0.05m of surfacing.

They have three levels of steel crash barrier on both sides of the carriageways so that neither trucks nor their payloads can hit or damage the steel stays.

## Decks

The bridge decks are carried by a series of sloping stays from a tower at the 'home' end of the bridge; or from towers at both ends. Several stays at different angles go from the top of the tower down to the deck. These towers are stabilised with a bracing system 6m clear of the carriageways. The bridge stay loads are resisted by stays on the land side of each tower going down to substantial anchor blocks







64.8m REIDsteel  
bridge in Mauritius.  
Contractors BCE  
Erection by JTec

The bridge decks are cambered from side to side using pre-cambered steel transoms; and slightly cambered from end to end using the adjustment of the stays.

### Walkways

There are two walkways, both outside the main trusses, 1.2m wide, with handrails outside. The pedestrian, handcart and cycle traffic using them is protected from the vehicle traffic by the crash rails and main trusses.

The walkway decks are local reinforced concrete 0.125m thick placed on our lost formwork decking.

### Single or double towers

There are two arrangements possible:-

Either the towers and the anchor block are on one side only, with a stayed bridge stayed only from one side of the gap and with a short simply supported link at one end.

Or there can be towers and anchor blocks at both ends, with a simply supported link at the centre of the span.

The first step is the erection of the abutments, anchor blocks, towers and back-stays. Then the first segment of deck is erected, and the first transoms bolted between them. A railway is built on these transoms, and on the railway an erection gantry. The erection gantry permits the addition of the steel stays and then further extensions of the bridge deck, and further stays.

For a bridge with towers at both sides, two erection gantries may be used at the same time.

The bridges will sit on our steel bearings on your abutments. Expansion joints for the roadway are provided at both ends of the simply supported link section.

The erection gantries are re-usable on other bridges of the same span.



# Modular, Relocatable Equipment Bridges

## Steel decked and versatile design

**Standard spans of 10m up to 40m in a 'shipping container friendly' format**

**Good for . . .**

**When you need to take them down and re-build elsewhere.**

**Keep some in stock for emergencies**

### Modular Design in 5m Sections

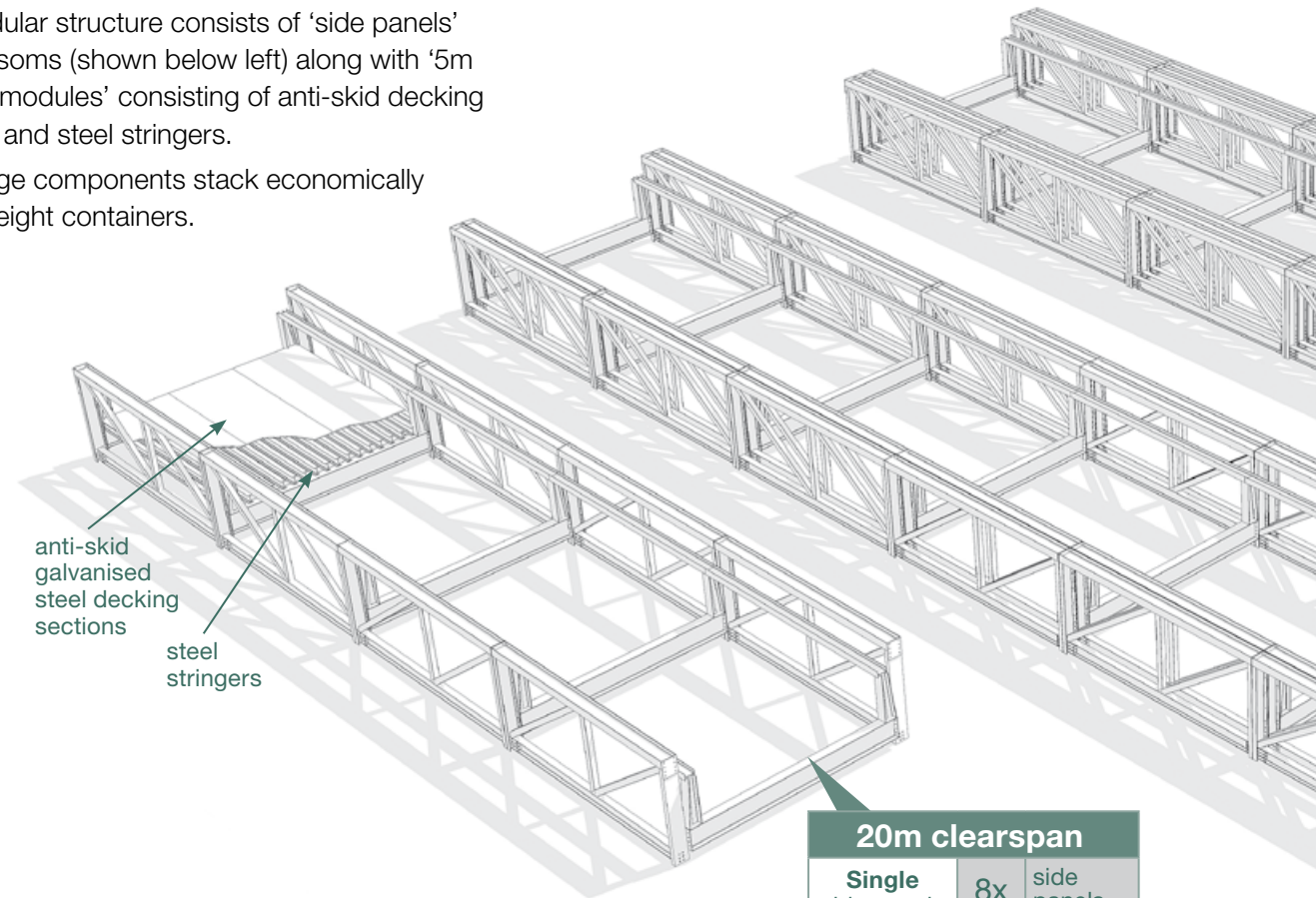
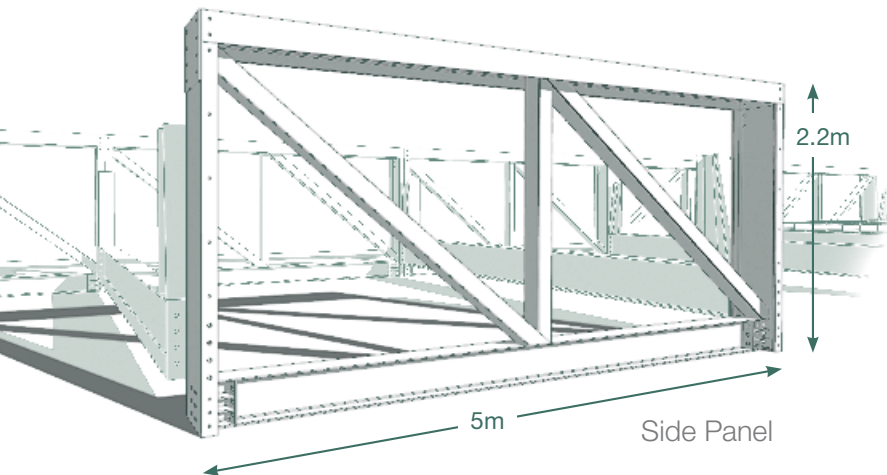
There is a frequent need for relocatable bridges. Our equipment bridge designs are to BS 5400/1978 with 25 units of HB (100 tonnes).

The modular structure consists of 'side panels' and transoms (shown below left) along with '5m decking modules' consisting of anti-skid decking sections and steel stringers.

The bridge components stack economically in 20ft freight containers.

### Decks

We use a thick anti-skid galvanised steel deck. These deck panels are bolted to stringers/joists and are easily replaceable.

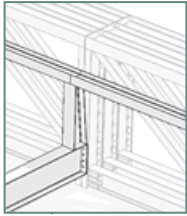


### 20m clearspan

Single side panels on each side	8x	side panels
	4x	decking modules



### Crash Rails



As with our standard highway bridges, the trusses are protected by substantial steel crash rails at 0.8m above the deck. These crash rails protect the trusses against collision by the chassis of a heavy truck.

### Walkways

The standard equipment bridges have no walkways, but they can be added if required.

### Protection

All the steel is hot dipped galvanised for long low maintenance life.

substantial crash rails fixed to the transoms. There is 4m clear carriageway between the crash rails.

#### 30m clearspan

Double side panels on each side	24x	side panels
	6x	decking modules

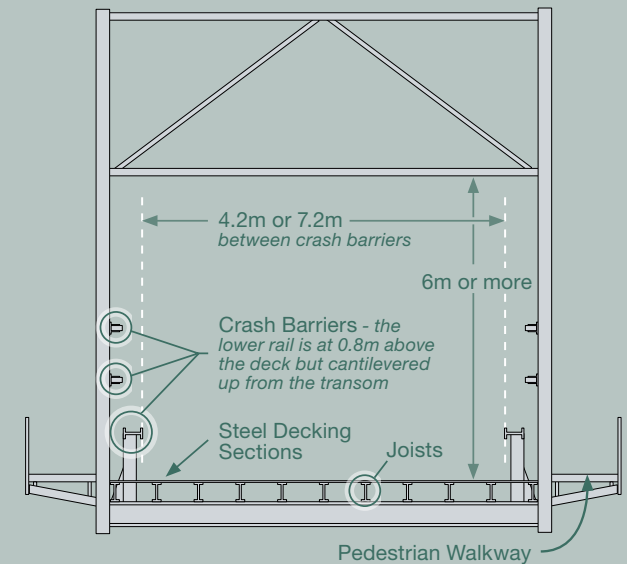
#### 40m clearspan

Triple side panels on each side	48x	side panels
	8x	decking modules

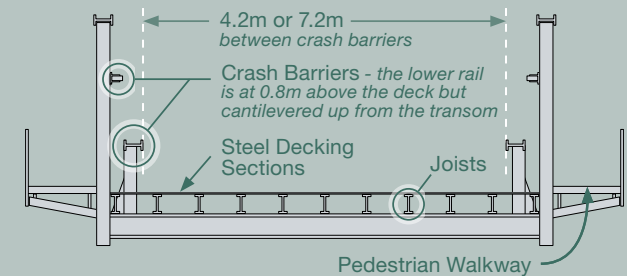
## The Non-Modular Alternative

In addition to our equipment bridges, any of our other bridge types can be fitted with a steel deck to make them relocatable.

### Closed Top Through Truss (CTTT)



### Open Top Through Truss (OTTT)



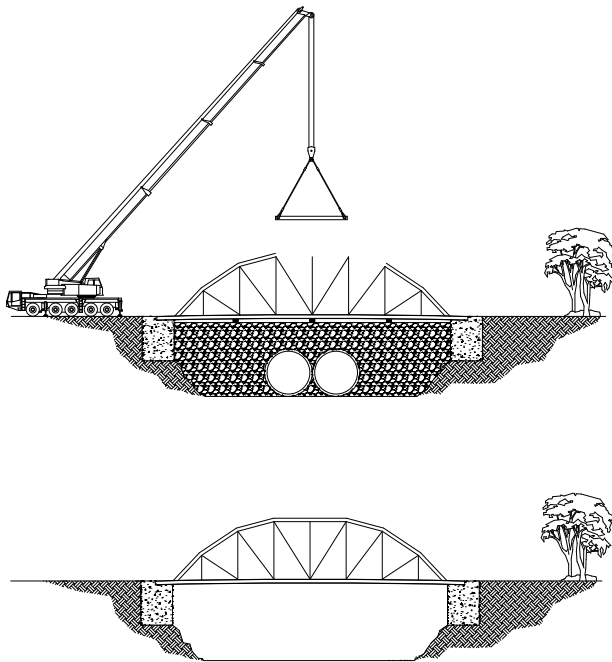


# Construction Techniques

## Basic Construction Techniques In Steel Bridge Building

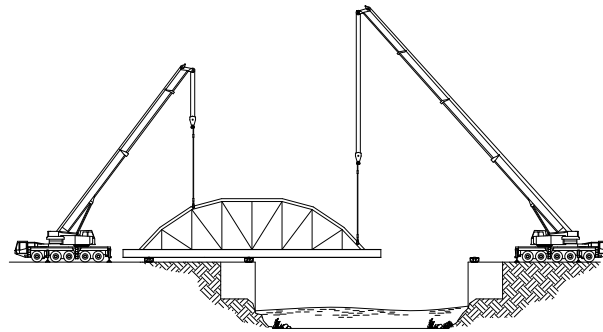
### Through Truss - A

The easiest construction technique is in situ during the dry season, over causeway and culverts. We advise building the bridge slightly higher in the middle by leaving small gaps in the top chord, which close when the causeway is removed.



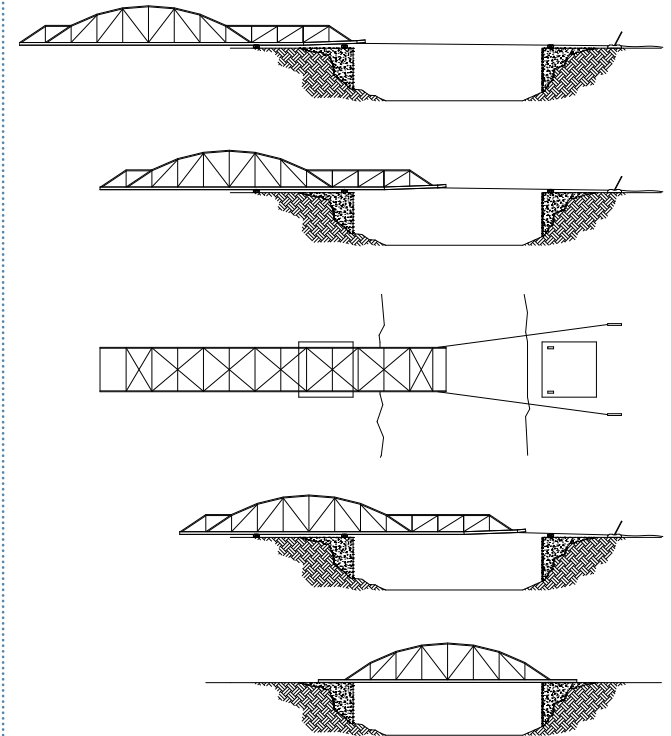
### Through Truss - B

Truss built in situ on home bank, then craned to half way. The entire bridge is then lifted into position with large cranes on both banks. Good for small, light bridges when large cranes are also available.



### Through Truss - C

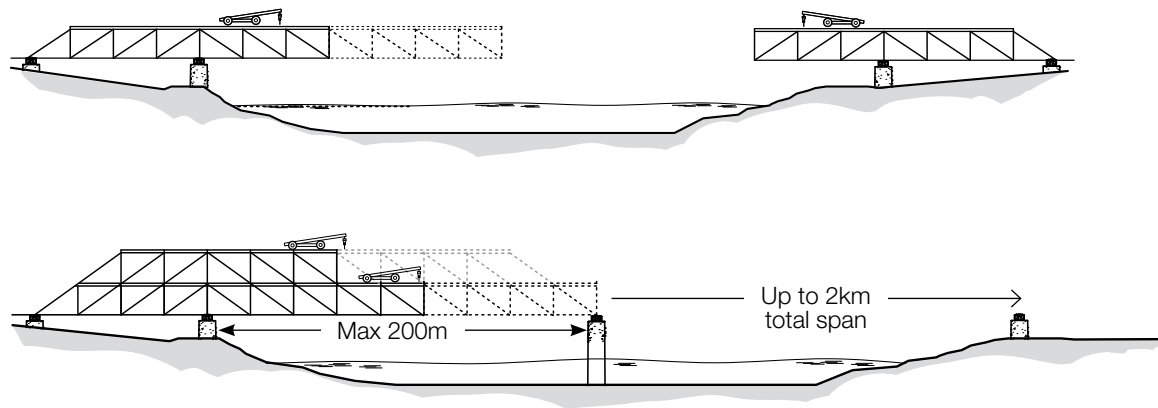
Roller launch method. The bridge is constructed in situ and then jacked across the span using rollers and cantilever technique. A temporary nose section is used this is removed once the bridge is in place.





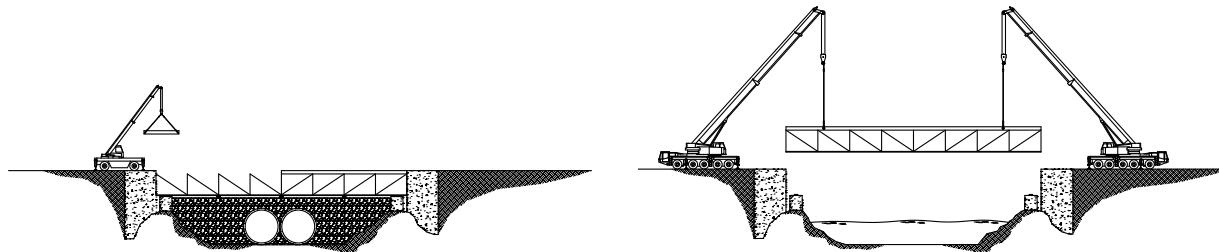
### Single or Multi Span Gantry Launched

The end spans, or the erection gantries, are erected first. Then our cranes on our rails run forward and backward building out. The members are rolled out on trolleys on rails.



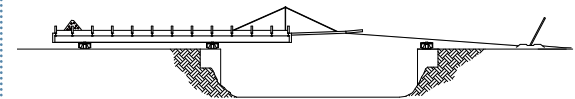
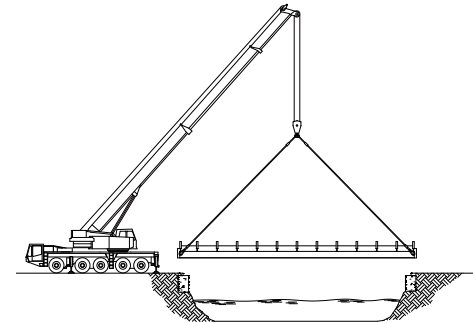
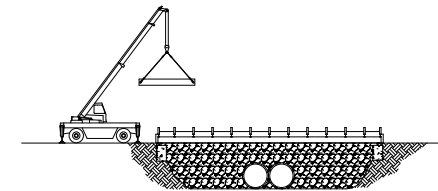
### Over Truss - A & B

**A:** The easiest construction technique is in situ during the dry season, over causeway and culverts, or **B:** two to three beams can often be lifted in, singly or joined in pairs, by cranes on each bank.



### Composite Beam

The easiest construction technique is in situ during the dry season, over causeway and culverts. Beams can often be lifted in, single or joined in pairs, by one crane from one side or beams can be joined in pairs then roller launched or cantilever launched; then jacked down into place. Once in position it simply remains to bolt in remainder of the cross beams, add flashings, add rebar and then pour concrete finish and cure.





## Made to the highest standards by an 'A' rated company

We are registered Qualified Steelwork Contractors, receiving an A rating (the highest possible) from a Capability and Capacity AUDIT by the British Constructional Steel Association, which takes into account our assets, plant, skills, experience, turnover, financial status, contract references, product and public liability insurances etc.

Additionally, We have received the Queens Award for Enterprise four times. This is the most elevated honour that can be bestowed on a UK company.

We use only the highest quality steel, and our bridges are designed and constructed to British Standard 5400 Highway Bridge Loading Specification for two lanes of full highway loading, and for 30 units of HB loading, equivalent to an occasional 120 tonne truck.

The bridge steel is fabricated in pieces which can easily be transported in 20ft or 40ft containers, or on regular road vehicles. The structure is entirely bolted together using regular high strength tension and shear bolts. The main connections are end-plated and adjustment is by means of steel packs which can be inserted between end plates.

All the steel work is hot dip galvanised (85microns, 610gm/m<sup>2</sup>), for long low maintenance life.

Our work carries a ten year warranty.

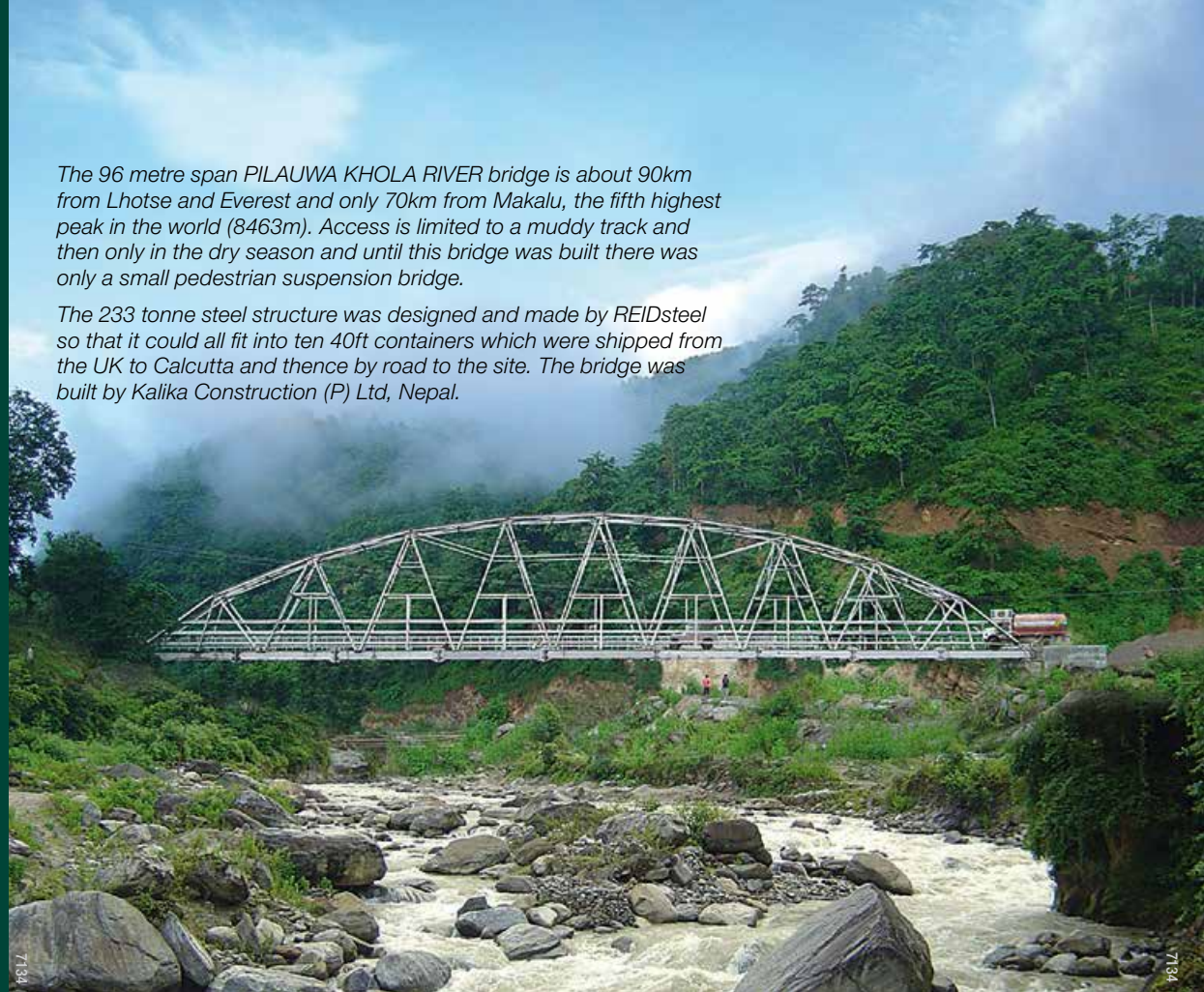


Fully certified to CE mark fabricated steelwork to execution classes 1 to 4 ISO 9001 QMS

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*The 96 metre span PILAUWA KHOLA RIVER bridge is about 90km from Lhotse and Everest and only 70km from Makalu, the fifth highest peak in the world (8463m). Access is limited to a muddy track and then only in the dry season and until this bridge was built there was only a small pedestrian suspension bridge.*

*The 233 tonne steel structure was designed and made by REIDsteel so that it could all fit into ten 40ft containers which were shipped from the UK to Calcutta and thence by road to the site. The bridge was built by Kalika Construction (P) Ltd, Nepal.*







50m bridge, Sudan



Twin 30m span bridge, Sudan



Sabha Khola bridge, Nepal



Pedestrian bridge, Nigeria



Above & right  
Boca del Rio bridge, Belize



**Bottom row from left to right:**

*Bridge parts being fabricated at our works in Christchurch, Dorset.*

*REIDsteel's own specially designed and made bridge launch rollers.*

*Hot dipped galvanised steelwork ensures superb protection and long life.*

*Steel bridge components being containerised at our works.*

*A pedestrian bridge being part-constructed at our works ready for despatch.*





**The Pilauwa Khola Bridge Builders:** Rollo Reid, Technical Director of REIDsteel (far right) with the team from Kalika of Kathmandu, who erected this bridge.

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