

Hynds Box Underpass

Technical Guide R4.5

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Applications

Stock underpass for rural highway crossings

Pedestrian tunnels

Stormwater culverts

Vertical chambers

Product Attributes

Large range of strengths and opening sizes

Customisable for special conditions or shapes

Simplifies preparation of site plans for council approval

Design options available for high-water table installation issues

Fast and cost effective installation method

Approvals/Standards

Traffic loading is to HN-HO-72 NZTA load criteria

Sustainability

Available in Hynds LC® low carbon concrete

Verifiable carbon footprint data available

Quality/Environment/Health & Safety

Hynds management systems are certified to ISO 9001:2015, 45001:2015, and 14001:2018 standards.

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Design Specifications

- Hynds precast reinforced box culverts are made to order.
- A variety of opening sizes are available which suit most farm types and stock quantities.
- Stock underpasses for rural crossings: The size of stock underpasses is normally determined by the size of the herd that will use the underpass or the machinery that will be moved through the underpass.
- Stormwater culverts: Opening width and height is determined by the hydraulic requirements of the specific site. Hydraulic calculations can be performed by referring to the CPAA “Hydraulics of Precast Concrete Conduits Manual”.
- Pedestrian tunnels: Opening size is to be determined by the tunnel space desired. For Pedestrian Tunnels, this is usually dependant on the NZ Building Code.

TABLE 1 Underpass Sizes

Width (mm)	Height (mm)		
	2000	2500	3000
2000	✓	✓	✓
2500	✓	✓	✓
3000	✓*	✓*	✓
3500	✓*	✓*	✓
4000	✓*	✓*	✓

Note: Standard unit length is 1550 mm
***Common installed sizes. Refer to Technical Guide D8.1 Box Culverts for full range.**

Wingwall Options

- Hynds supply wingwall panels with fixing holes, and bolt sets so that the panels can be fixed to the box culvert.
- These wingwall panels have reinforcing starter bars protruding out the bottom of the front face so they can be cast into a reinforced concrete apron that is poured on site by installing contractor.

Headwall Options

- Hynds will supply the end units of the underpass structure with suitable headwalls as part of the box culvert unit if requested to do so.

Culvert Strength

- Culvert strength is dependent on earth loads, highway loads and cover to the finished culvert.
- Hynds Technical Services Department will design the precast concrete box culverts to suit the specified highway loading and cover.

Concrete Surface Finishes

- Hynds Box Culverts are generally manufactured to F3/ F4 finish as detailed in NZS3114:1987 – Specification for Concrete Surface Finishes. This finish is typical of structures which will not be seen or are only going to be observed from a distance.
- Higher classes of finish may be required in elements subject to frequent observation (F4), subject to frequent close scrutiny (F5) or elements with painted surfaces. In these instances the finish required must be advised at time of quotation.
- Units are designed to corrosion protection exposure classification B2 (refer to NZS:3101).
- Consult engineer where exposure classification C or U is required (seawater tidal/splash zone or similar aggressive environment).

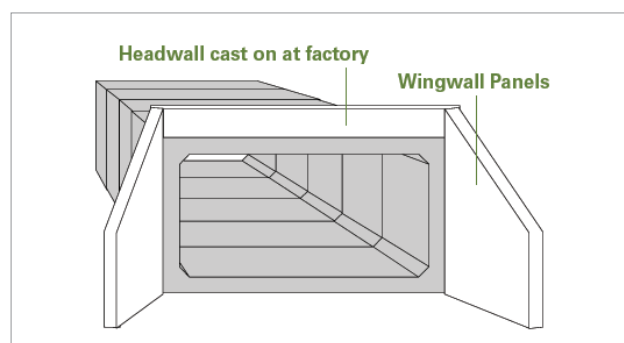


FIG. 1 Standard Culvert or Rural Stock Underpass

Installation

As per NZ Building Code, please check with your local council for building resource consent requirements. Culvert and wingwall units are delivered to site by our trucks. Off-loading can be arranged if required. Culvert installation should be done by an experienced contractor

who understands the necessity of jointing, bedding and backfilling the structure properly as well as the highway safety requirements applicable to such an installation.

Lifting and Handling

- Box culvert units are normally supplied with anchors cast into the top of each unit. Appropriately rated chains and lifting beam must be used when handling the units.
- Lifting anchor positioning and lifting equipment specifications can be supplied upon request.
- All Hynds Box Underpass units feature certified concrete lifting anchor systems, designed and tested to guarantee safe and secure handling.
- Hynds Pipe Systems has designed and manufactured Box Underpass units with a minimum dynamic factor of 1.2. This dynamic factor requires that all the following conditions are observed when lifting, moving or placing the units:
 1. Lifting with mobile plant (*such as an excavator or similar*) where equipment is specifically exempt from the requirements of the PECPR Regulations 1999, subject to the conditions outlined in the New Zealand Gazette, No. 104, September 2015 and
 2. Lifting, travelling and placing over rough or uneven ground where anchor failure is not anticipated to cause harm or injury, by adopting procedures such as:
 - a. Transporting the element as close as practical to ground level (300mm recommended)
 - b. Establishing and maintaining exclusion zones
 - c. Transporting only precast concrete elements that are unlikely to topple if they were to hit the ground
 - d. Inspecting lifting anchors both after transportation and before final lifting into place
 3. All Hynds concrete lifting anchor systems are engineered in accordance with Haeussler specifications, ensuring full compatibility with Reid, Deha, CLS, and Ancon lifting clutches, as well as recess formers, across corresponding load ranges.

Refer to “Safe work with precast concrete - Handling, transportation and erection of precast concrete elements” published by Worksafe New Zealand (October 2018).

Shock loads resulting from travelling with suspended Box Underpass units over rough terrain and uneven ground may exceed design, dynamic and safety factors of the lifting systems. It is essential that care is taken during lifting and transporting as additional stresses could result in anchor failure.

Basic Bedding Preparation

- Sufficient foundation support and backfill compaction is required to prevent settlement of the imported layers conduit after installation.
- The bedding must be able to support the full load of the installed culvert, its contents, and the loads above the culvert. For this reason the box culvert should be laid on compacted granular hardfill to the specified line and gradient.
- Bedding design for a box culvert conduit should be undertaken by a local consulting engineer as local knowledge of ground conditions is important to ensure a successful installation.
- As a general guide, the compacted thickness of a basic bedding over the full width of the trench can vary between 150 to 250 mm (depending on culvert bearing loads) with compacted layers not exceeding 150 mm thick.
- Trench width for most installations should be equal to the external width of the culvert plus 600 mm.
- Local soft spots in the trench must be excavated and the voids filled with well compacted hardfill to provide uniform support under the entire structure. This must provide a bearing capacity of a minimum of 100kPa. Failure to do so could result in settlement of the units at a later stage.

Jointing

- Hynds Box Culverts are manufactured with the quatro joint which together with the dog bone connector locates and locks adjacent units together.
- Joint gaps will vary from 5 to 20 mm and in most cases can be left open.
- Joint sealing can be formed with the use of butyl mastic sealing strips, epoxy, sand-mortar mix, or silicone sealant. Contact your local Hynds Sales Branch for these products.

Laying

- A box culvert line is usually laid from the downstream end with the sockets facing upstream to receive the next culvert to be laid.
- The box culvert units should be inspected before laying to ensure that the jointing surfaces are clean.
- The unit is then lowered carefully onto the prepared base, aligning the spigot with the socket of the unit already laid.
- Loose surface bedding material must not enter the joint space between the units – particularly along the bottom – during positioning of the unit.
- If any adjustment of level is necessary, remove the box culvert, adjust the surface layer of the bedding and place again. Do not use local packers to adjust the level.
- Hynds Box Culverts are manufactured with our exclusive Dog Bone Connector System. The units can then be tied together on site by a specialist contractor once the units have been installed. Recommended practise is as follow:

- Place first box culvert into required position.
- Using the crane, position the second culvert as close as possible to the previously installed culvert, and whilst being supported by the crane pull the culverts together with come-alongs attached to the internal lifting anchors.

Note: DO NOT use the dog-bone connectors to pull the culverts together.

- Line up two half dog-bone connector recesses.
- Place threaded rod connecting set in groove.
- Tighten nuts equally at each end using a socket wrench and an $\varnothing 16$ set to a maximum torque of 100Nm (standard use).
- Fill recess with Sikagrout 212 or equivalent.
- See Figures 1-4 for visual steps.
- Alternatively Hynds Box Culverts can be manufactured with a duct in each corner. The units can then be bolted together or post-tensioned on site. Recommended practise is to insert the tie rods as the first unit is placed and push through subsequent units as they are installed.

Dog Bone Connector Jointing System:

Hynds Box Culverts are manufactured with our exclusive Dog Bone Connector System, the ideal solution for tying together culvert sections. This system combined with the preformed Quatro joint allows a fast and accurate lock of adjacent units.

Backfilling

- Backfilling should commence as soon as possible after the box culverts have been laid.
- Fill the trench to the level of the top of the culvert working evenly on each side.
- Use selected backfill material well compacted in layers not exceeding 200 mm thickness.
- Do not use heavy vibratory equipment.
- Continue to fill the culvert conduit in well compacted layers
- Do not run heavy rollers or construction equipment over the culvert conduit without checking beforehand that the units are designed to withstand these loads.

Also see

Technical Guide D8.1 Hynds Precast Box Culvert for additional information.

Installation

FIG. 1 Place first culvert into required position



FIG. 2 Place the next culvert as close as possible to desired position and then pull into correct position with a come-along, connected to the lifting anchors in the culvert. Line up two half dog-bone connector recesses.

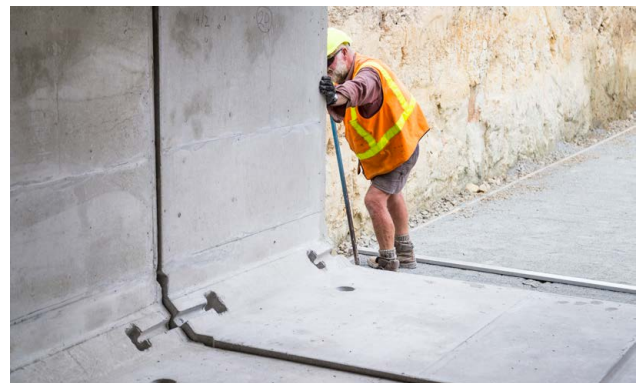


FIG. 3 Place threaded rod connecting set in groove. Tighten nuts equally at each end, using a socket wrench to a maximum torque of: Ø16 set: 100 Nm; Ø20 set: 125 Nm; Ø24 set: 150 Nm

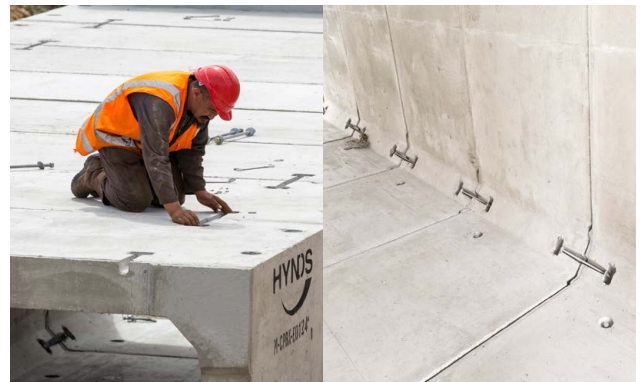


FIG. 4 Fill recess with SikagROUT 212 or equivalent.



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