

“Railway Vehicle Structural Integrity”

In-house seminars for rail professionals.

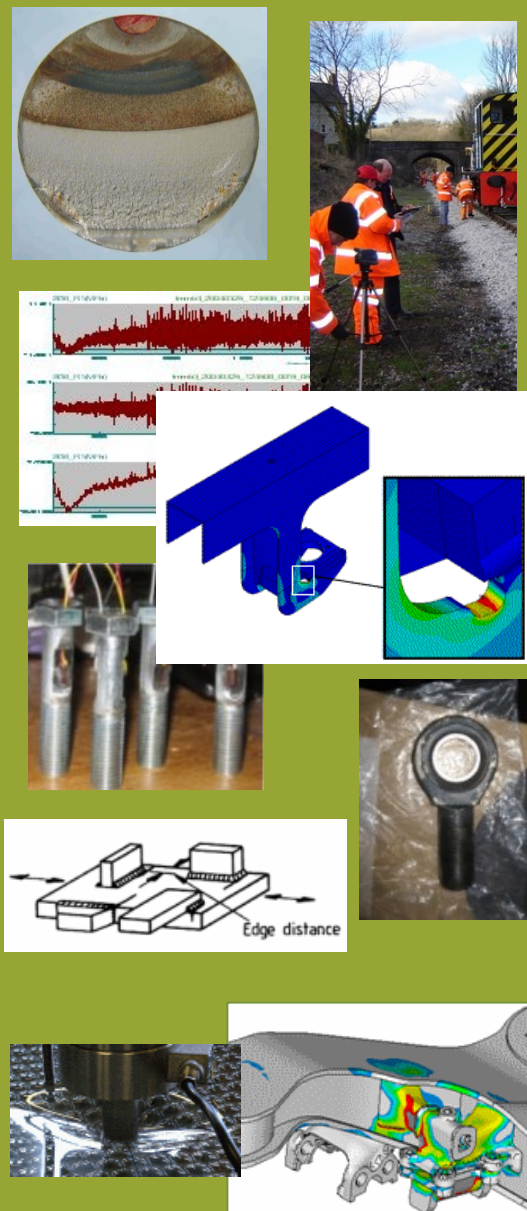
Customisable content - 1 to 5 days duration.



WHY ENROL ON THIS COURSE? A structural integrity issue on a railway vehicle impinges on train availability and train safety but in an extreme case it can ground a whole fleet or worse cause a rail catastrophe. This course provides an ideal opportunity to reconnect with engineering principles and root causes of structural problems. With an emphasis on service provision and maintenance, engineering theory is set in the context of real life case studies to reveal management strategies for successful outcomes.

- Understand material failures.
- Finding clues in failure surfaces.
- Dealing with cracks in a vehicle.
- Develop an eye for bad welds.
- Ensure underframe equipment stays attached.
- How to stop bolts breaking or coming loose.
- Understand dynamic loads, vibration and shake tables.
- Avoid failure modes of common components.
- Using lightweight honeycomb materials.
- Include steel and aluminium design.
- Avoid compromising vehicle crashworthiness.
- Introducing structural modifications.
- How to repair damaged vehicles.
- Leading forensic investigations.
- Understanding finite element analysis.
- Life extension of railway vehicles.
- When to use on-track test methods.
- Assessing and monitoring technical risk.
- Risk mitigation techniques.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Maintenance engineers, fleet managers and train designers. Previously this course delivered a 30% - 40% increase in confidence in tackling structural issues across all levels of ability.



COURSE LEADER: John Doyle BSc(Eng.), C.Eng., MIMechE., ACGI was born in 1965 and is a graduate of London's Imperial College with almost 30 years of experience in solving engineering problems. After rising to the position of Chief Mechanical Engineer with Bombardier Transportation he started his own engineering consultancy in 1995 called MoreVision. It specialises in engineering analysis of railway vehicles and mechanical equipment. His website delivers solutions to engineering problems and welcomes over 20,000 unique visitors per month.

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ExcelCalcs Railway Vehicle Structural Integrity Course Modules

Weld Strength (½ day)



Start with simplest weld types. Understand basic calculation principles and allowable stress. Use traditional hand calculation methods.



Guide for weld sizing



Guide to determine weld ultimate strength



Weld strength problems.

Beams and Frames (½ day)



Calculating bending stress and deflections.



Guide for section property calculations.



Guide for beam calculations.



Guide for torsion calculations.



Guide for frame calculations.

Fracture Surfaces (½ day)



Reading a fracture surface: Ductile and brittle? High load or low load? Static strength or fatigue strength? Type of load application?



Guide for principle stresses, maximum shear stress, stress intensity, Mohr's circle & failure criteria for ductile and brittle materials.



Examining Fracture surfaces

Bolts (½ day)



Why bolt pretension is so important. How the tightening method controls preload. What can go wrong with a bolted joint? Understanding bolted joint diagrams. Differences bolting steel and aluminium. Preload fatigue benefits. Special bolting products.



Guide to bolted joints design.



Guide assessment of bolt groups.



Bolt quiz.

Safe Life Fatigue (½ day)



Stress Life Fatigue calculations for unwelded items. Damage tolerant or Safe Life? Size Factor, Surface finish, Surface finish factor, Probability of survival factor, Miscellaneous Factor, Stress concentration factor, Notch sensitivity, Mean Stress, residual stress. Assumptions, limitations and advantages.



Guide for constructing a safe life SN diagram.



Guides for stress concentration factors.



Safe life fatigue quiz



Fracture mechanics the life cycle of a crack. Fast fracture or grow? Assumptions, limitations and advantages.



Guide for fracture mechanics calculations.

Dynamics (½ day)



Design for vibration, impact and crashworthiness.



Guide for generalised motion.



Guide for forced vibration.

Fatigue of Welds (½ day)



Putting the analysis the context of the whole engineering process. Stress concentration, materials flaws and residual stresses. Assumptions, limitations and advantages.



Weld stress concentration quiz.



Guide for Fatigue calculations.



Fatigue calculation quiz.



Metallurgical assessment of weld fatigue.



Guide for comparison of international codes EC3, BS7608, AISC, AWS and AASHTO.



Fatigue Enhancement.

Links and Mechanisms (½ day)



Geometry and force solutions.



Guide for pins and lugs.



Guide for excavator design.

Miscellaneous Topics (½ day)



Strain gauges test demonstration.



Guide for wear calculations.



Guide for composite beams and sheets.



Guide for helical spring design.



Guide for interference fits.



Guide for tension connections

Excel Skills for Engineers (½ day)

Throughout the course you'll be exposed to XLC, the good calculations principles and Excel tricks and tips.

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