

## Building the world's largest Buried Metal Bridges

Six-lane spans of over 35 m (115')
"Greener" alternative to concrete structures
Save on material, installation and life cycle maintenance costs

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#### **Recommended for**

- Bridges and Tunnels
- ► Bridge Rehabs
- ► Conveyor Covers and Overcasts
- ► Fish Passages
- ► Grade Separations
- ► Heavy Haul Road Crossings
- ► Portals and Canopies
- ► Road or Rail Underpasses
- ► Stockpile and Escape Tunnels
- ► Storage Structures

- ► Vertical Shafts and Vent Raises

Standard Arch

Ultra Low Profile Arch

Low Profile Arch

**Box Structure** 

- **Stream Crossings**
- ► Underground Stuctures
- ► Wildlife Crossings

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### **Recommended for larger applications.**

With the introduction of Ultra-Cor,® AIL has taken engineered Buried Metal Bridges to new dimensions in capability and performance. As the world's deepest corrugation profile, Ultra·Cor<sup>®</sup> combines all the advantages of lightweight construction with previously unheard-of strength and durability to create the largest Buried Metal Bridges in the world today.

With an impressive 500 mm (19.6") pitch and 237 mm (9.5") depth, its ultra-large corrugations allow it to reach greater spans and withstand the heaviest of loads. And, just like all AIL engineered solutions, Ultra·Cor® ships and installs easily with minimal equipment and labour requirements.



- ▶ The world's strongest corrugated steel plate
- ► Handles extreme loadings
- ▶ Spans can exceed 35 m (115')
- ▶ Stockpile heights can reach greater than 30 m (98')
- ► Corrugation profile of 500 mm (19.6") pitch × 237 mm (9.5") depth
- ▶ Bottomless designs are environmentally friendly
- ▶ Available with tested and approved protective coating systems
- > Designed and manufactured to National Standards at our third-party quality-certified facility ISO 9001-2015



# Innovative Ultra-Cor<sup>®</sup> creates the world's largest metal buried bridge span: 32.39 m (106.3'), Dubai, UAE.





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### A tale of two bridges

Choosing an AIL Ultra•Cor® Buried Metal Bridge solution on this grade separation could have provided significant savings on the overall construction and life cycle maintenance costs, while still providing the same functionality — even with a custom precast mural treatment on the headwalls.



## **Buried Metal Bridge Benefits**



## AIL's Buried Metal bridges are ideal for Accelerated Construction.

- Can be built in significantly less time, reducing disruption time and detours and expediting construction schedules
- Lightweight, easy to ship and install with local crews
- Lighter weight equipment can be used to assemble most structures
- Various construction/staging options available such as building over live traffic or two-stage construction with temporary retaining walls
- Small laydown area required for construction
- Limited on-site concrete work





Buried Steel Bridges have a substantially lower life cycle carbon footprint than concrete beam bridges<sup>1</sup>.

- Steel is the world's most recycled material<sup>2</sup>
- Less energy is used in the production and shipping of Buried Steel Bridges than concrete bridges
- Can accept a range of local backfill materials, potentially reducing trucking costs
- Zinc used in galvanizing is a naturally occurring material and is 100% recyclable<sup>3</sup>
- Biodiversity friendlier green headwall options available



- 1. Third-Party Consultant (2022). AIL Life Cycle Cost Comparison Between a Sample Bridge and Buried Structure.
- 2. Reference: <u>www.aisc.org</u>
- 3. Reference: https://galvanizeit.org/hot-dip-galvanizing/is-galvanizing-sustainable/ hdg-environmental-advantages



### Virtually no maintenance; minimized life cycle costs.

- ▶ Ultra•Cor® bridges have a lower life cycle cost compared to a functionally equivalent concrete beam bridge<sup>4</sup>
- ▶ Eliminates recurring life cycle costs to maintain and repair bridge decks, expansion joints, bearings, girder fatigue, de-icing agent corrosion issues, concrete durability, fracture issues, approach slabs and freeze/thaw or wet/dry cycles
- No differential settlement "bridge bump" to maintain between decks and approach slabs
- ▶ Wider spans eliminate need for bridge piers that restrict hydraulic flow and trap debris
- > Open-bottom shapes can offer longer design service life
- ▶ Design service life can exceed 75 years with protective coatings
- > Structure length can be extended to accommodate future road widening; increased functional service life
- 4. Third-Party Consultant (2022). AIL Life Cycle Cost Comparison Between a Sample Bridge and Buried Structure.

## Safer driving experience than beam bridges.

- ▶ No need to narrow roadway at crossing
- Pavement structure is continuous and seamless
- No bridge deck freezing issues
- No freeze/thaw differential with roadway approaches
- Easily adaptable to roads with vertical and/or horizontal curves

## More flexible and resilient than concrete structures or beam bridges.

- Unmatched performance, especially in less-thanideal foundation conditions
- Settlement tolerance is much higher than concrete structures or beam bridges
- Little differential movement, settlement or frost heave between buried bridge and adjacent approach fills
- Works with shallow or deep foundation systems
- Headwalls and wingwalls offer more resiliency in flood events
- Geotextile Reinforced Soil (GRS) backfill technology also increases flood and settlement resiliency

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