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Can a bridge withstand earthquakes?

While originally not built to withstand seismic activity, the bridge has undergone significant seismic retrofitting to protect it from future earthquakes. Engineers added energy-dissipating devices, base isolators, and flexible steel structures that allow controlled movement during seismic events.

Do bridges withstand natural disasters?

Bridges are more than just structures--they're lifelines. Designing them to withstand natural disasters isn't just about safety; it's about resilience, preparedness, and long-term value. Whether it's hurricane-force winds, seismic shifts, or the crushing power of a tsunami, smart engineering makes all the difference.

Why should bridges be resilient during natural disasters?

Natural disasters like tsunamis, hurricanes, and earthquakes pose a serious threat to critical infrastructure, especially bridges. As vital links in transportation networks, bridges must be engineered with resilience in mind to ensure public safety and continuity during emergencies.

Are hybrid sliding-rocking columns more earthquake resistant?

Now civil and environmental engineer Petros Sideris of Texas A&M University is leading an NSF-funded research project to investigate the performance of hybrid sliding-rocking (HSR) columns. HSR columns provide the same support as conventional bridge infrastructure columns but are more earthquake-resistant.

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A flexible bridge design allows structures to absorb energy without failing under extreme conditions. For instance, incorporating expansion joints and flexible bearings can help ...

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But bridges with HSR columns can withstand large earthquakes with minimal damage and require minor repairs, likely without bridge closures. Such infrastructure helps ...

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With global seismic activity increasing by 18% since 2020 according to the 2024 Global Seismic Report, earthquake-resistant brackets have become critical for solar projects in vulnerable ...

Ways to minimize seismic effects on bridges are needed, both by improving existing bridges and refining specifications and construction materials for future bridges.

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