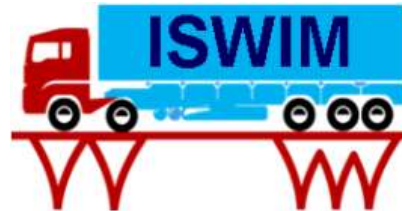


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Content

- Weighing-In-Motion
 - Measurements
 - Technologies
 - Advantages
- Applications of WIM data
 - Weight enforcement
 - Latest developments
- The best WIM system?
 - And other FAQ

Weigh-In-Motion



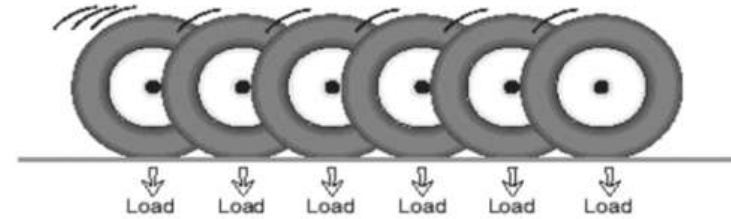
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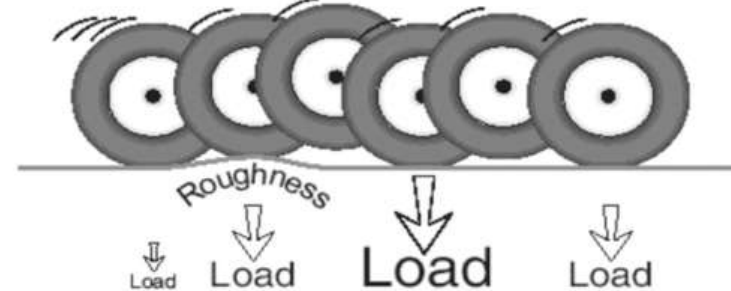
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Weighing-In-Motion

- Measuring the Dynamic tire forces of a moving road vehicle and;
- Calculating the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) and;
- Wheel, axle and axle group loads
 - the portion of the GVW carried by each wheel, axle, and axle group of a corresponding Static vehicle.



The load is relatively constant on smooth roads.





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Weigh-In-Motion Data

- Vehicle Record
- Weighing data:
 - Wheel loads
 - Axle loads
 - Axle group loads
 - Gross vehicle weight
- Additional data:
 - Unique record number
 - Location of measurement
 - Lane and direction of travel
 - Date and time of passage
 - Vehicle speed
 - Axle distances
 - Wheel base / Vehicle length
 - Vehicle classification





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Weigh-In-Motion Data


- Often combined with
- Camera images of:
 - Overview of vehicle
 - License plate number
 - Registration number
 - Dangerous good shield
 - Driver
- ANPR / RF-Tag Reader:
 - Vehicle identification
- 3D-Scanner:
 - Vehicle dimensions
- Tire Anomaly:
 - Missing tires
 - Under/Over inflated tires



WIM Monitor Category Comparison

Bestand Verbinding Extra Filter Navigatie Help

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Datum: 02 maart 2004
 Tijd: 10:57:21
 Voertuig nr.: 551
 Rijstrook: Rechter rijstrook
 Meetlocatie: RW12,km41,8,noordbaan,Woerden
 Sub Categorie: O2235
 Sub Categorie (ORO): O2235
 Sub Categorie (DWW): O2235*
 Lees logbestand(en) opnieuw
 Snelheid (km/h): 75

	Asdruk (ton)	Lengte (m)
Totaal	140,4	27,85

	Asdruk (ton)	Afstand (m)
As 1	7,8	-
As 2	7,6	1,72
As 3	12,8	2,21
As 4	12,3	1,39
As 5	12,2	2,43
As 6	12,0	1,56
As 7	11,7	1,53
As 8	13,0	9,76
As 9	13,5	1,39
As 10	12,9	1,36
As 11	12,3	1,42
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OVERIGE

Rijkswaterstaat
 Dienst Weg- en Waterbouwkunde

Niet verbonden met WIM-systeem

- Date
- Time
- Number
- Direction
- Location
- Class
- Speed
- GVW
- Axle loads
- Axle dist.
- Overview
- License Pl.

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Why WIM?

Vehicle mass data is critical to the design, management and operation of the **Road Infrastructure**

and

is important in the support of **Size & Weight Enforcement**

2st Law of WIM:

Only a WIM system will provide a complete picture of the actual traffic loading at a particular location.

ISWIM Guide for Users of Weigh-In-Motion

www.is-wim.net



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- Strips
 - Partial wheel load
- Scales & Plates
 - Full wheel load
- Bridge WIM
 - Response of bridge
- On-Board WIM
 - On vehicles



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Forget the Technologies!
Focus on the Applications!



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Applications of WIM

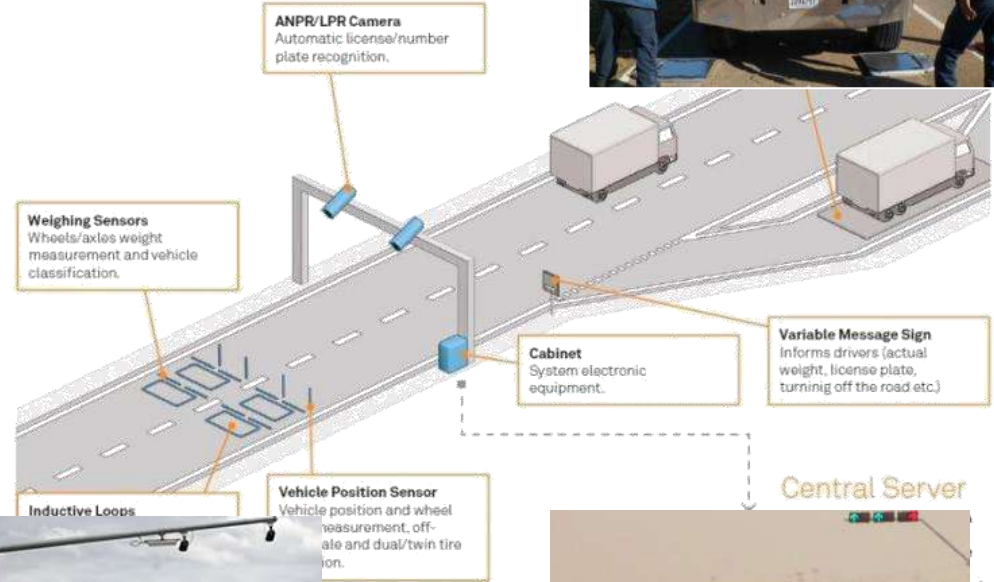
- Statistics of traffic loading
 - Input for design codes
 - Planning of maintenance
- Special transports
 - Matching of permits and routes
- Bridge protection
 - Avoiding damages



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Applications of WIM

- Weight Enforcement:
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Applications of WIM

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- Key Advantages:
 - Info on Where and When
 - Indication of Probable Overload
 - More efficient controls
 - No disturbance of Traffic flow
 - Focus on 'bad' Companies
 - Direct Proof of Overload



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Direct Weight Enforcement

- Advantages:
 - High efficiency combined with high effectiveness.
 - High control rate (>99%), operational 24/7
 - Low number of staff required
 - Suitable for high volume highways
- But ...
 - It is no magic solution for all overloading
 - It may be sensitive to evasion
 - Requires careful implementation!
 - More in next presentation



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Implementation of WIM

- Selection of a proper location
 - Pavement conditions
 - Traffic conditions
- Carefull installation
 - Depending on technology
 - Use experienced installation crews
- Periodical maintenance
 - Depending on technology
 - **Performance will deteriorate over time!**

1st Law of WIM:

A WIM system installed on a good road may give good results; a WIM installed on a poor road will always give poor results.

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FAQ about WIM

- What is the best WIM-sensor?
 - Who cares, as long as the data is good!
- What is the best WIM-system?
 - I don't know! What is the best car?
 - Depends on application and conditions.
- What is the cheapest WIM-system?
 - No WIM system at all!
- How accurate should a WIM-system be?
 - Depends on your application.
 - Don't forget about reliability!



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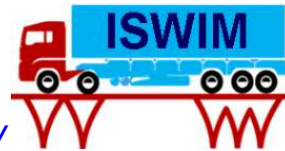
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