

# **LIMITSTATE:RING VERSION 4**

LimitState:RING v4 is the latest version of popular software product for the analysis of masonry arch bridges.

#### **VERSATILE**

Trusted by leading engineering firms, bridge owners and academic institutions worldwide, LimitState:RING provides engineers with many of the the advanced features normally associated with finite element software, while retaining the speed and user-friendly aspects of simpler tools.

LimitState:RING is the only commercial software to implement the rigid block limit analysis technique, a method described in a key industry guide as being: 'a significant improvement from basic limit analysis formulations', and 'a very versatile tool' CIRIA C656 (2006).

Developed in association with leading industry bodies, each release undergoes rigorous validation against a wide range of laboratory and fullscale test data.

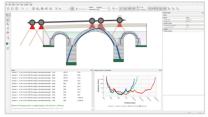
From rapidly checking the capacity of simple single-span arch bridges to comprehensively analysing complex multi-ring, multi-span viaducts with a range of defects, LimitState:RING addresses a wide range of engineering needs

#### **USER-FRIENDLY**

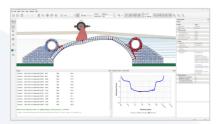
LimitState believe that an engineer's time should be spent as productively as possible and have developed LimitState:RING with this in mind. By combining an intuitive user interface with a powerful analysis engine, users can quickly and easily obtain realistic ultimate limit state (ULS), service load (permissible limit state, PLS) and support movement analysis solutions.

#### **INFORMATIVE**

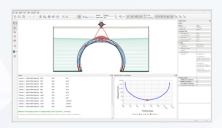
LimitState:RING users can swiftly investigate numerous 'what if' scenarios, viewing corresponding failure mechanisms to develop a clear understanding of the relative importance of key problem parameters. Users can also investigate the root causes of existing cracks and identify resultant load paths.



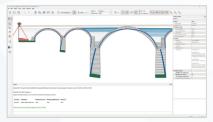
Model a wide range of bridge types, including multi-ring and multi-span structures



Import geometries from CAD to define more complex problems



Undertake ultimate limit state (ULS) and permissible limit state (PLS) analyses



Model support settlements to determine load paths and the likely causes of cracks

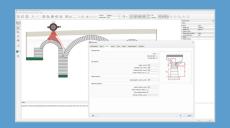


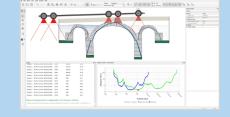


### **SETUP**

## **ANALYSIS**

### **OUTPUT**







- Intuitive interface and a shallow learning curve
- Ultimate limit state analysis quickly identifies the critical collapse state
- **Determine factor on applied** loading at collapse

- Rapid problem setup using the 'New Bridge Wizard'
- Model service load behaviour to CIRIA C800 / CS454
- Clear visual representation of the critical collapse mechanism

CAD import for definition of complex bridge geometries

common scenarios

- Support movement mode to explore the causes of cracks
- Output a comprehensive and customizable report document

Create template files to handle

- **Optimization technology offers** fast, accurate solutions
- Interactive plot of adequacy factor for each loading scenario

- Incorporate local defects such as weak masonry or mortar loss
- **Problem diagnostics tool provides** helpful model insights and advice
- Query plots of contact shear, normal and moment magnitudes

- **Optionally model bridges** incorporating reinforcement
- Console mode for parametric studies and batch analysis
- Access valuable analysis output data through the Property Editor

- Large and expandable database of highway and railway vehicles
- Streamlined load management with auto-load functionality
- Easy identification of hinging, crushing and/or sliding modes

#### **ABOUT LIMITSTATE**



We specialize in the development of powerful, yet easy-to-use software tools for the civil and structural engineers.





From independent firms to multinational corporations, engineers in over 30 countries around the world rely on our software.

### **OUR PRODUCTS**

Discover unique software solutions that set themselves apart by taking full advantage of state-of-the-art optimization algorithms to rapidly and accurately analyse the critical

output is as useful for the user as possible. Query forces and failure mechanisms, gain a deeper insight into your engineering problems and address crucial 'what if?' questions.

