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**PREFACE TO THE
GUIDE SPECIFICATIONS FOR FRACTURE CRITICAL
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The first *Guide Specifications for Fracture Critical Non-redundant Steel Bridge Members* were adopted by the Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures in September, 1978. Since that time, the Subcommittee has adopted changes to the *Guide Specifications*, as part of its *Interim Specifications—Bridges*, for the years 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986. Each of these interim revisions has been approved by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures, and has the full effect of an AASHTO Guide Specification. The *Guide Specifications* have now been reformatted in the larger 8½-inch by 11-inch publication size which has been utilized for all AASHTO bridge-related specifications since 1983.

This updated version of the *Guide Specifications* supersedes and replaces the 1978 edition, and any revisions made in previous *Interim Specifications—Bridges* books.

The revisions made subsequent to the 1978 edition and contained in this new version of the *Guide Specifications* are marked by the use of vertical lines in the margins next to the revised materials. Revisions for 1981 are marked by one thin vertical line in the margins. Revisions for 1983 are marked with two parallel lines. Revisions for 1984 are marked with three parallel lines. 1985 revisions are marked with four lines. Revisions for 1986 are marked with five parallel lines.

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