

### ATRS

#### **Automatic Traffic Recorders:**

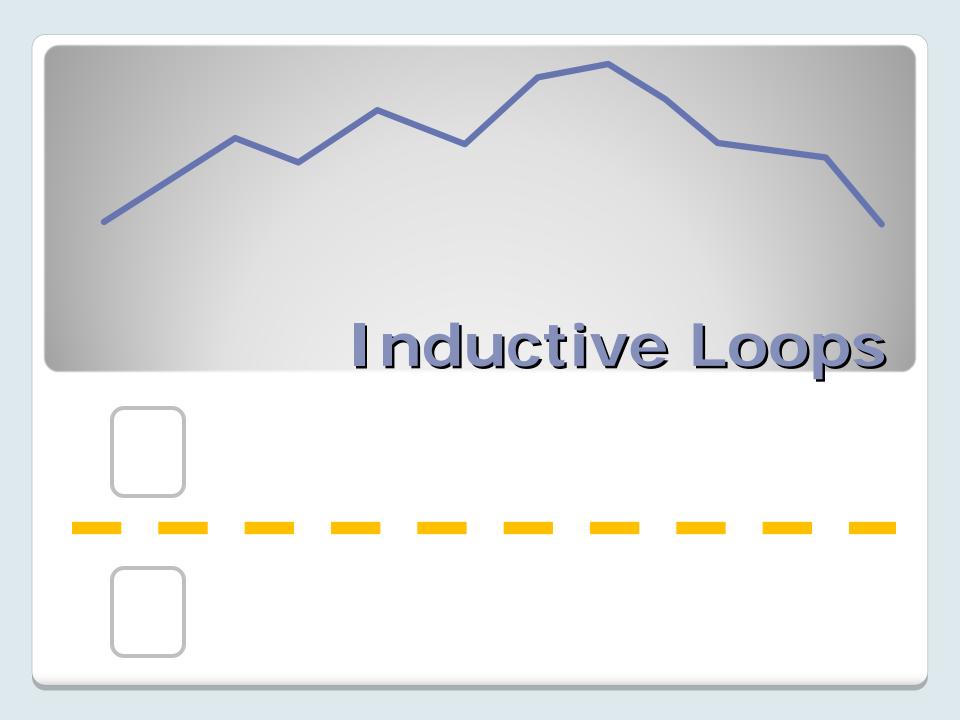
A permanent installation of traffic counting equipment installed alongside a road. ATRs typically consist of one or more types of sensors installed in or near a roadway leading to a cabinet.

# Types of ATRs

- Typical Passive ATRs
  - No Power / Communication
  - Inductive Loops
  - Volume Data
- Typical Continuous ATRs
  - Power / Communication
  - Inductive Loops
  - Piezos
  - Volume and Class Data

## Types of Data

- Volume
  - Can be collected with one sensor per lane
  - Inductive loops or piezo
- Class
  - Length based Class
    - Two inductive loops per lane
  - Axle based Class
    - Typical setup piezo-loop-piezo.



# Inductive Loops

 A sensor usually consisting of 3 or 4 turns of 12-14 gauge wire embedded in a rectangular (often 6' x 6') pattern. The loop is connected to a detector that places an electric charge through the loop wire, thus generating an inductive (magnetic) field. When a vehicle travels through the inductive field, it causes the field to change its inductance, and is then counted by the traffic counter.

# Inductive Loop Installation

- Saw Cut Method
  - Typically in Concrete
  - Easy to Locate
  - Affected by Rutting
  - Not preferred Method





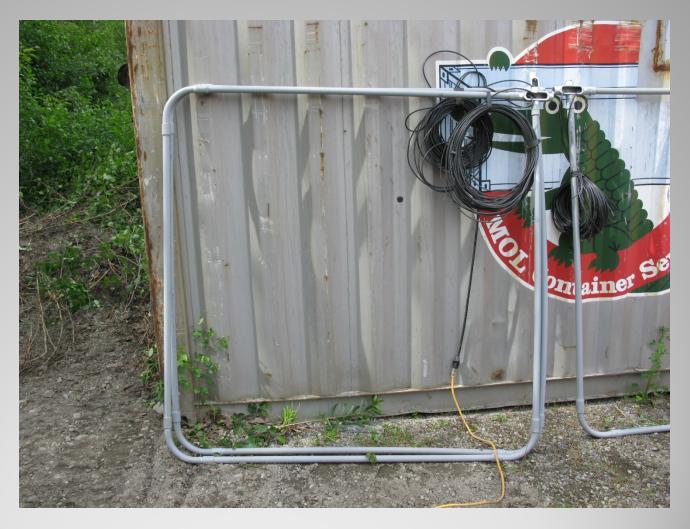




# Inductive Loop Installation

- Sub-Pavement Method
  - Typically in Asphalt
  - Longer Lasting
  - Immune to Rutting
  - Harder to Locate
  - Harder to Replace Wire
  - Smooth Surface

















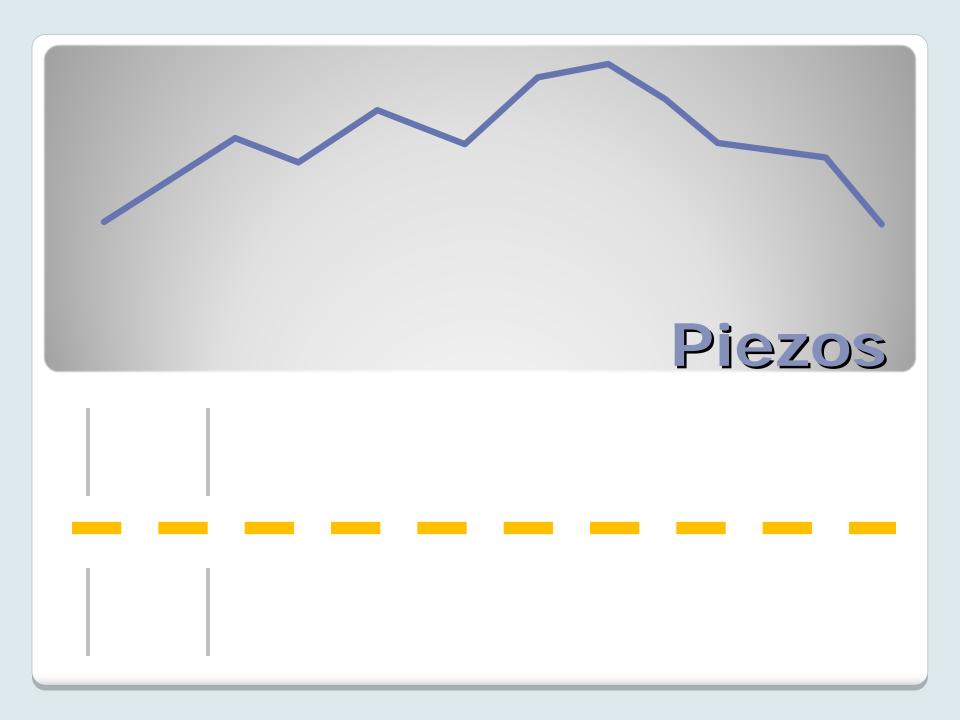












## Piezos

 A sensor consisting of a length of piezoelectric material encased within some type of housing. The sensor is installed across a roadway and is used to detect axles. Whenever a vehicle's axles run over the sensor, the pressure on the piezoelectric material is converted into an electronic signal that can be detected by a traffic counter.



Piezo Installation - Saw Cut





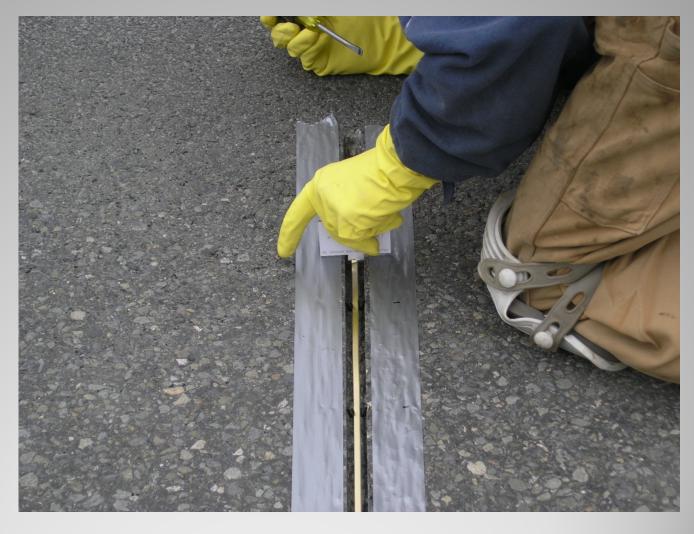




Piezo Installation - Placement



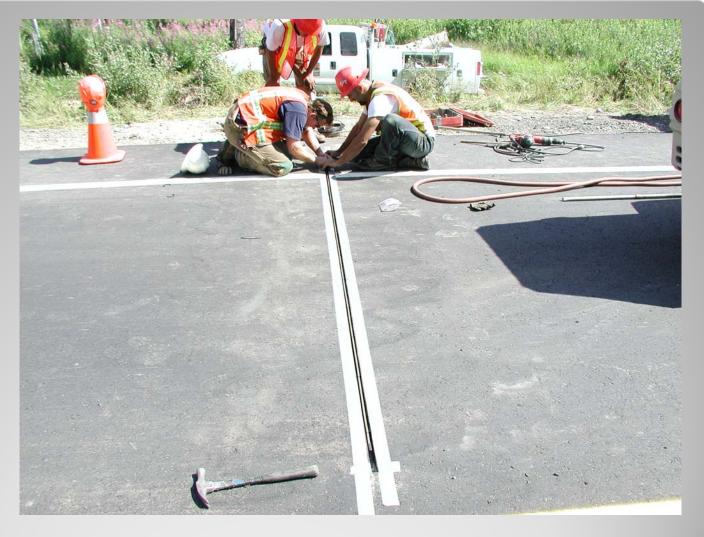








Piezo Installation - Placement



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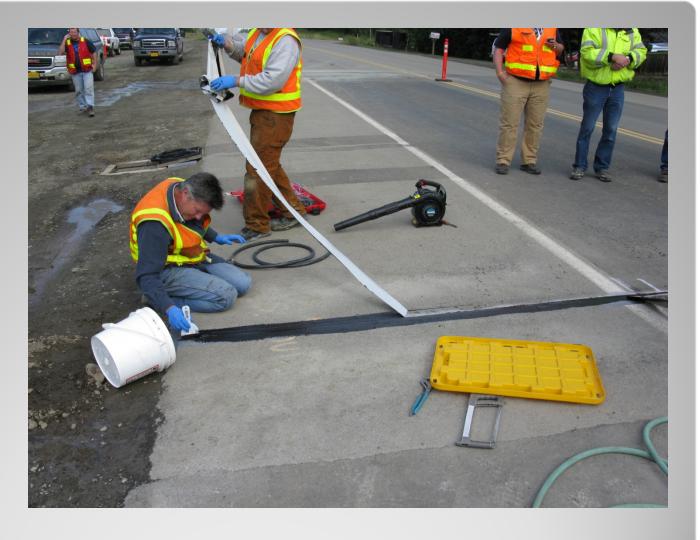








Piezo Installation - Clean up



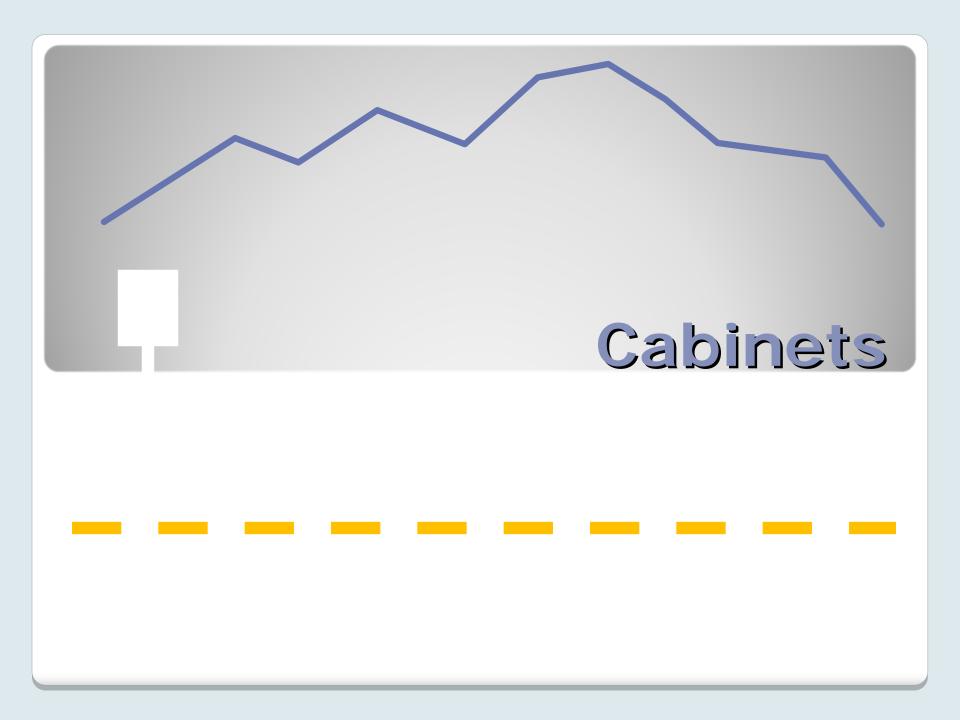
Piezo Installation - Clean up



Piezo Installation - Clean Up



Piezo Installation - Grind



## Typical CBA1Cabinets

- No Power
- No Communications
- Inductive Loops
- Contains TrafficCounter
- Volume Only
- Short term Counts



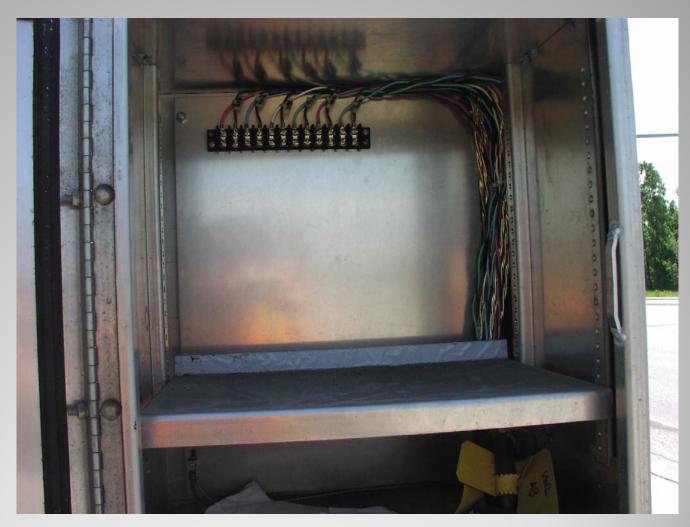
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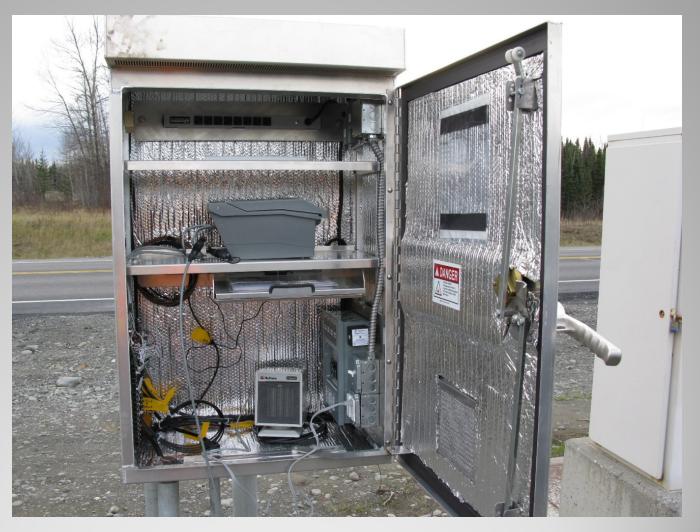


## Typical CBA2Cabinets

- Power
- Communications
- Inductive Loops
- Piezos
- Contains TrafficCounter
- Other Equipment
- Volume and Class
- Continuous Counts



## Cabinets

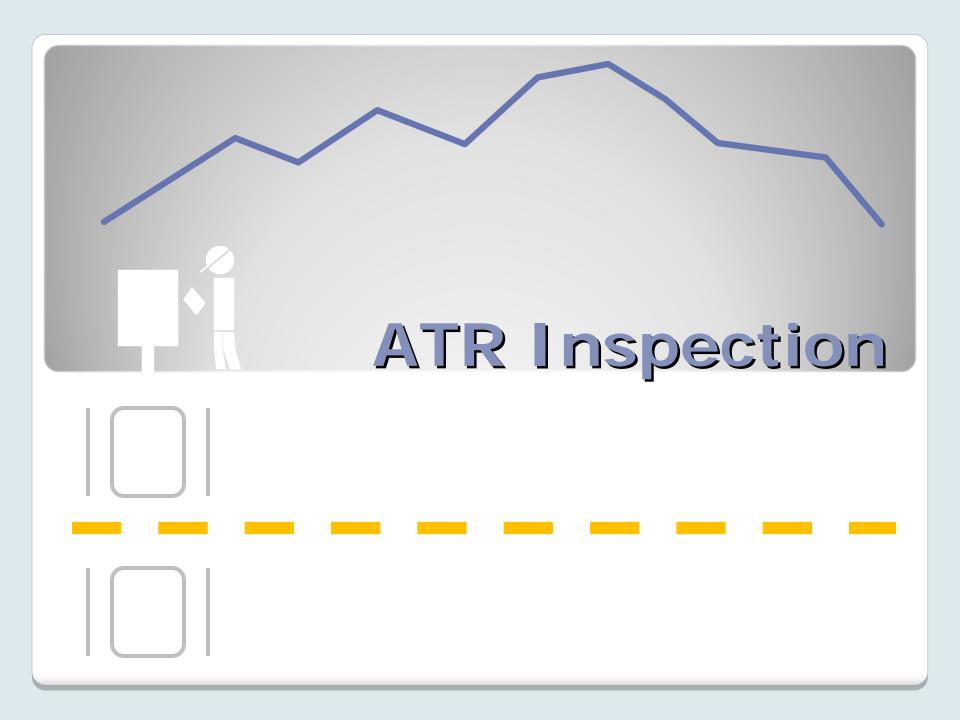














ATR Inspection - Loops





ATR Inspection - Piezos



ATR Inspection – Jboxes



ATR Inspection - Splices



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ATR Inspection - Splices





ATR Inspection - Cabinets

## Conclusion

- Good Design
- On-Site Inspection
- Thorough Testing

