

## CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2002 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s)

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# Project Number

#### **Project Title**

# **Comparing the Strength Characteristics of Two Styles of the Warren Truss Bridge**

#### Abstract

**Objectives/Goals** My project's objective is to determine the percent of additional strength of the modified Warren Truss when verticals are inserted.

My original hypothesis was that the modified Warren Truss would be 50% stronger than the standard modified Warren Truss.

#### **Methods/Materials**

In my project I used balsa wood to crate the six bridges for testing, three of each style. I glued, pinned, and bound the joints to make them strong, to ensure that the tests were valid.

#### Results

My results surprised me, the verticals only made the bridge 28.5% stronger, only a little only half of my hypothesis. They mostly added stiffness.

#### Conclusions/Discussion

I feel that my project is pertinent to modern day life because trusses are used in many structural applications, and the correct truss design is critical to each unique situation.

**Summary Statement** 

Testing the additional strength of verticals in the Warren Truss.

#### Help Received

Father helped me pin and bind the joints of the bridges.