



# High-Strength Reinforcing & Fiber-Reinforced Concrete Design

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## Part 1:

# High-Strength Reinforcing (HSR) for Concrete Design

# HSR & FRC Design: Introduction

## High-Strength Reinforcing and Concrete Design... outlook:

- Designers will be challenged with greater expectations, and new responses for these enhanced materials.
- Traditional concepts of ductility and linear elastic-plastic response and analyses will be challenged. Probabilistic reliability and psuedo-ductility of composite structural systems may need to replace, traditional concepts of safety margins and minimum ductility requirements of component materials.
- Strain-based design is increasingly being used as a more consistent design approach across a variety of materials rather than the traditional stress-based design methods.

My Opinion

# HSR & FRC Design: Introduction (cont.)

- Structural Codes of Practice (AASHTO-BDS, ACI 318, AISC Steel Design Specifications, Eurocode 2, fib Model Code 2010, and many others worldwide) have already moved partially in this direction in the last 25-30 years with the adoption of LRFD based design specifications which set up a framework to implement and refine structural reliability concepts, through Strength Limit State calibration to past practice...
- In the U.S., AASHTO's SCOBS is currently involved in efforts to calibrate the Fatigue and Service Limit States to provide uniform levels of reliability for design. The Service Limit State is perhaps even more challenging than Strength and Fatigue Limit States since failure is defined by a broader range of responses some of which are somewhat arbitrarily defined based on successful past practice. These responses include: Deformations; Durability; Aesthetics; and even perceptions of safety and comfort (crack widths, vibrations, etc.).
- Replaceability, Resiliency and Sustainability are also becoming increasingly important to some owners. These are difficult to assign into our current Limit State categories and may require definition in the future of another if we want to consistently quantify them.

# HSR & FRC Design: Introduction (cont.)

## High Strength Reinforcing

- **AASHTO-LRFD BDS** adopted design provisions for use of 100 ksi reinforcing steel (for Seismic Zone 1) in the **2013 Interims**:
  - “ **NCHRP Project 12-77** was initiated to provide an evaluation of existing **AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications** relevant to the use of high-strength reinforcing steel and other grades of reinforcing steel having no discernable yield plateau. An integrated experimental and analytical program to develop the data required to permit the integration of high-strength reinforcement into the LRFD Specification was performed...”  
(AASHTO Bridge Committee, Ballot Item Background 11-29-2011)
  - Final project report was **NCHRP Report 679** “Design of Concrete Structures Using High-Strength Steel Reinforcement”
- **SDG 1.4.1** - 2016 expanded to allow reinforcing for design :
  - $\leq$  Grade 75 for WWR;
  - with prior SDO approval  $>$  Grade 60 for ASTM A615, A955 & A1035 (100ksi)

# HSR & FRC Design: Introduction (cont.)

## High Strength Concrete

- **AASHTO-LRFD BDS** adopted provisions for use of 10 ksi – 15 ksi concrete in 2013 & 2015 Interims:



- **[NCHRP Report 595](#)** - Application of the LRFD Bridge Design Specifications to High-Strength Structural Concrete: Flexure and Compression Provisions (5/28/2007 NCHRP Project 12-64)
  - **[NCHRP Report 579](#)** - Application of the LRFD Bridge Design Specifications to High-Strength Structural Concrete: Shear Provisions (8/31/2006 – NCHRP Project 12-56)
  - **[NCHRP Report 603](#)** - Transfer, Development, and Splice Length for Strand/Reinforcement in High-Strength Concrete (5/28/2007 - NCHRP Project 12-60)
  - **SDG 1.4.3** - 2016 added **Table 1.4.3-2** for Minimum 28-Day Compressive Strength for Design
    - $\leq 8.5$  ksi for Conventional Projects (Design-Bid-Build)
    - $\leq 10$  ksi\* for Non-Conventional Projects (Design-Build, PPP, etc.)
- \* No standard concrete class  $> 8.5$  ksi in **Specification 346**.

# HSR & FRC Design: **Introduction** (cont.)

## Structural Elements that may benefit from HSR:

1. Large difference between Strength and Service Loads
2. Not sensitive to modest increase in deflections:
3. Good Candidates:
  - ✓ Wind Loads govern (e.g. Noise Walls – Post and/or Panels)
  - ✓ Extreme Event controls (e.g. Traffic Railings; Truck-Impacted Bridge Column\*\*; Ship-Impacted substructures;
  - ✓ Combined Axial-Flexure Designs = Heavily Congested Drilled Shafts.
    - \*\*Not Pile Bent and Piers Caps in Florida, due to 24 ksi Service III tension limit.
4. Poor Candidates:
  - ❖ Buried Structures (e.g. Box Culverts, Drainage Structures);
  - ❖ Bridge Pier Caps.

# HSR & FRC Design: **Types of HS Rebar**

- Low-carbon Chromium Steel (ASTM A1035 – Grade 100 & 120)
- Stainless Steel (ASTM A276 or ASTM A955 – Grade 75)
- Welded Wire Reinf. (ASTM A1064 – Grades 65-75, 80+)
- Carbon-steel (ASTM A615/A706 Grade 75, 80 & 100)
- Carbon FRP Rebar (UTS 160 - 210 ksi)
- Glass FRP Rebar (UTS 80 - 125 ksi)
- Basalt FRP Rebar (UTS ~ 150 ksi)



# HSR & FRC Design: Types of HS Rebar

- FDOT *Specifications* Section 931:

**931-1 Reinforcement Steel (for Pavement and Structures).**

**931-1.1 Steel Bars:**

**931-1.1.1 Carbon Steel Bars:** ~~Unless otherwise shown in the Plans, billet~~ Carbon steel bars for concrete reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A615 Grades 60 or 75 except that the process of manufacture will not be restricted. For processes not included in ASTM A615 the phosphorus content will be limited to 0.08%.

**931-1.1.2 Stainless Steel Bars:** Stainless steel bars for concrete reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A955, Grades 60 or 75; or ASTM A276, UNS S31653 or S31803.

**931-1.1.3 Low-Carbon Chromium Steel Bars:** Low-carbon chromium steel bars for concrete reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A1035 Grade 100.

**931-1.2.2 Stainless Steel Wire Reinforcement:** Plain and deformed stainless steel wire reinforcement shall meet the requirements of ASTM A276, UNS S30400.

**931-1.2.3 Acceptance of Wire Reinforcement:** Acceptance of wire reinforcement shall be based on the manufacturer's certified mill analysis certifying that the test results meet the specification limits of the ASTM designation for the particular sizes and any additional requirements. Prior to use, submit to the Engineer the manufacturer's certified mill analysis for each heat and size per shipment.

**931-1.3 Carbon Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement:**

**931-1.3.1 ~~Plain~~ Carbon Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement-Steel:** ~~Unless otherwise shown in the Plans, plain w~~ Welded wire reinforcing steel shall meet the requirements of ASTM A1064.

# HSR & FRC Design: Types of HS Rebar

- FDOT *Specifications* [Section 932](#):

**932-3 Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Reinforcing Bars.**

**932-3.1 General:** Use only solid round thermoset pultruded glass fiber reinforced polymer (GFRP) or carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP) reinforcing bars. All FRP reinforcing bars shall meet the requirements of ACI 440.6 following the test methods from ACI 440.3. Use only GFRP bars manufactured using glass fibers classified as E-CR or R that meet the requirements of ASTM D578. Meet the additional requirements of this Section following the sampling frequency and number of specimens required by ACI 440.6.

Table 3-1  
Size and Strength of FRP reinforcing bars

<u>Bar Size Designation</u>	<u>Nominal Bar Diameter (in)</u>	<u>Nominal Cross Sectional Area (in<sup>2</sup>)</u>	<u>Maximum Cross Sectional Area (in<sup>2</sup>)</u>	<u>f*<sub>fu</sub>, Guaranteed Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)</u>	
				<u>GFRP Bars</u>	<u>CFRP Bars</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>1/4</u>	<u>0.049</u>	<u>0.058</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>210</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>3/8</u>	<u>0.110</u>	<u>0.132</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>190</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>1/2</u>	<u>0.196</u>	<u>0.234</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>170</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>5/8</u>	<u>0.307</u>	<u>0.367</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>160</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>0.442</u>	<u>0.529</u>	<u>92.5</u>	<u>160</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>7/8</u>	<u>0.601</u>	<u>0.721</u>	<u>90</u>	-
<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.785</u>	<u>0.942</u>	<u>85</u>	-
<u>9</u>	<u>1-1/8</u>	<u>0.994</u>	<u>1.192</u>	<u>82.5</u>	-
<u>10</u>	<u>1-1/4</u>	<u>1.227</u>	<u>1.472</u>	<u>80</u>	-

# HSR & FRC Design: Types of HS Rebar

## Unit Prices for Rebar (Materials-only, except as noted; early 12)



	Cost/lb (U.N.O.*)
Black (#4)	.48
Epoxy (#4)	.70
Epoxy II	.50
Galvanized	.68-.73
Purple ECR (includes fabric.)	1.18
Z-bar (includes fabric. & transport.)	1.25- 1.50

MMFX-2 (stock length)	.94
Solid SS (#7) (w/surcharge)	2.02- 2.95
Basalt FRP (10 mm) (\$\$/ft)*	0.64 (19.2 kip)
FRP (\$\$/sq ft)* (#5 and #6) (\$\$/lin ft)*	5 -6.60 1. -1.44

Source: Louis N. Triandafilou, P.E. FHWA Office of Infrastructure R&D (2012)

# HSR & FRC Design: Design Rules

## Basics of 100 ksi Steel Reinforcing:

- ASTM A1035 (Low-Carbon Chromium Reinforcing Steel is compatible (may be in direct contact) with ASTM A615 reinforcing
- Does not have a well defined yield plateau
  - Yield strength is determined by:
    - 0.2% offset
    - 0.35% or 0.5% extension
- Allowable Yield stress in tension and compression are not the same.
  - Tension yield = 100 ksi
  - Compression yield = 80 ksi
- At concrete ultimate design strain (0.0030), steel has not yielded (yield strain = 0.00345 – 0.004)

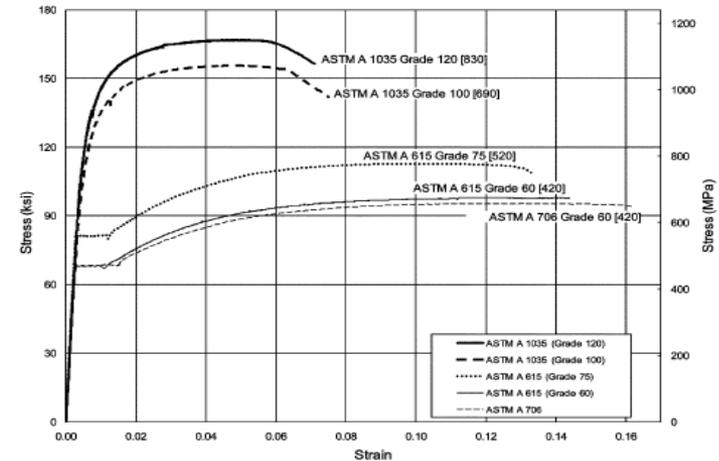


Fig. 1.1—Actual stress-strain curves for ASTM A615/A615M, ASTM A706/A706M, and ASTM A1035/A1035M reinforcing bars of different grades (WJE 2008).

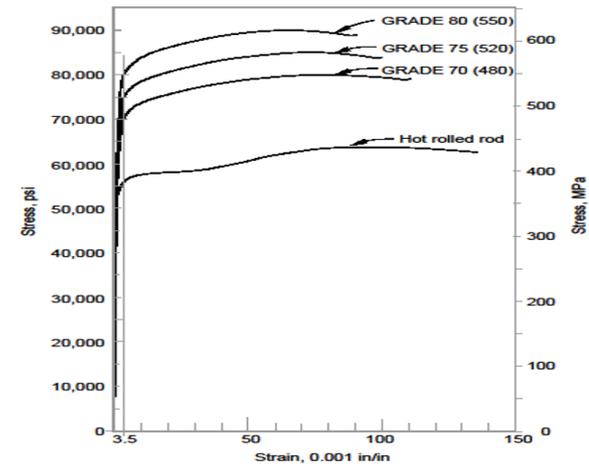
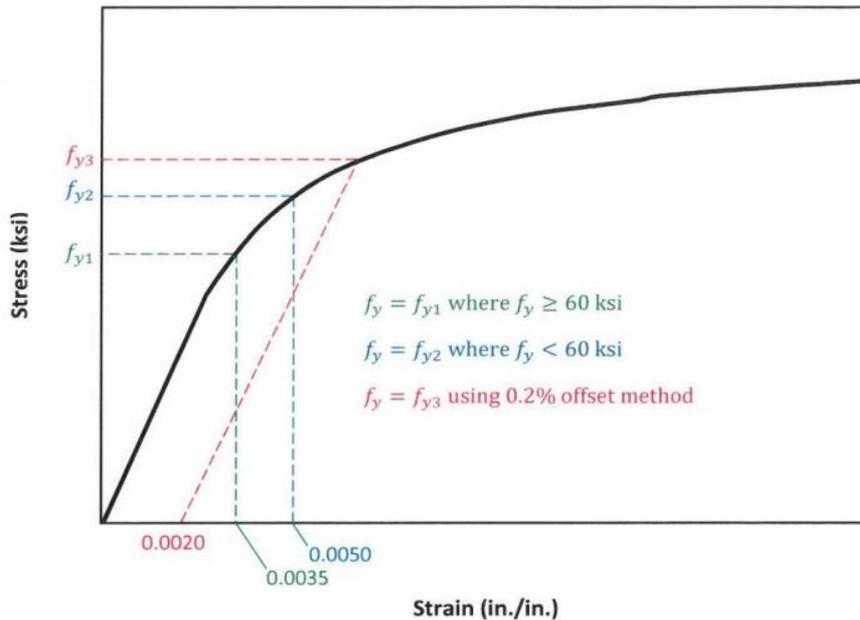


Figure 3.2 Idealized stress-strain curves for ASTM A 1064 / ASTM 1064M wire

# HSR & FRC Design: Design Rules

## DETERMINATION OF YIELD STRENGTH



## AASHTO LRFD – Chapter 5

### C5.4.3.1

Unlike reinforcing bars with yield strengths below 75.0 ksi, reinforcing bars with yield strengths exceeding 75.0 ksi usually do not have well-defined yield plateaus. Consequently, different methods are used in different standards to establish yield strengths. These include the 0.2 percent offset and the 0.35 percent or 0.50 percent extension methods. For design purposes, the value of  $f_y$  should be the same as the specified minimum yield strength defined in the material standard. Based on research by Shahrooz et al. (2011), certain articles now allow the use of reinforcing steels with yield strengths up to 100 ksi for all elements and connections in Seismic Zone 1.

# HSR & FRC Design: Design Rules

## Basics of 100 ksi Reinforcing:

- Added to **AASHTO LRFD 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (2013 Interims)**
- Modulus of Elasticity ( $E_s$ ) remains the same (29,000 ksi).
- Reduction of reinforcing ( $A_s$ ) possible with the use of higher strength concretes.
- Bar Bending for the same diameter will be more difficult (field bending)
- Transverse reinforcing may require tighter spacing .
  - Confined concrete section to restrain longitudinal bars from buckling.
- Both tension and compression mild steel reinforcement must yield for accurate results:
  - Require equilibrium and strain compatibility to determine flexural resistance;
  - If  $c \geq 3d_s$  and  $f_y \leq 60$  ksi  $\Rightarrow f_s$  may be replaced by  $f_y$ ;
  - If  $c < 3d_s$  or  $f_y > 60$  ksi  $\Rightarrow$  use strain compatibility or ignore compression reinforcement;
  - Maximum stress ( $f_s$ ) is  $\leq f_y$ .

# HSR & FRC Design: Design Rules

## Basics of 100 ksi Reinforcing:

- $\epsilon_{cl} = 0.002$  for yield strength of 60 ksi
- $\epsilon_{cl} = 0.004$  for yield strength of 100 ksi
- $\epsilon_{cl}$  = linear interpolation based on specified min yield strength between 60 & 100 ksi.

Compressive strain limits

- $\epsilon_{tl} = 0.005$  for yield  $\leq 75$  ksi
- $\epsilon_{tl} = 0.008$  for yield of 100 ksi
- $\epsilon_{tl}$  = linear interpolation based on specified min. yield strength between 75 & 100 ksi

Tensile strain limits

# HSR & FRC Design: Design Rules

## Basics of 100 ksi Reinforcing:

- **AASHTO LRFD 5.7.2** - Assumptions for Strength and Extreme Event Limit states

Table C5.7.2.1-1—Strain Limits for Nonprestressed Reinforcement

Specified Minimum Yield Strength, ksi	Strain Limits	
	Compression Control $\epsilon_{cl}$	Tension Control $\epsilon_{tl}$
60	0.0020	0.0050
75	0.0028	0.0050
80	0.0030	0.0056
100	0.0040	0.0080

Theoretical Yield strain based on  $E_s = 29,000$  ksi

~ 0.0021

~ 0.0026

~ 0.0028 (7% more strain for  $\epsilon_{cl}$ )

~ 0.0034 (15% more strain for  $\epsilon_{cl}$ )

# HSR & FRC Design: Design Rules

## Basics of 100 ksi Reinforcing:

- **AASHTO LRFD** - Resistance Factors  
Equations 5.5.4.2.1-1 & 5.5.4.2.1-2

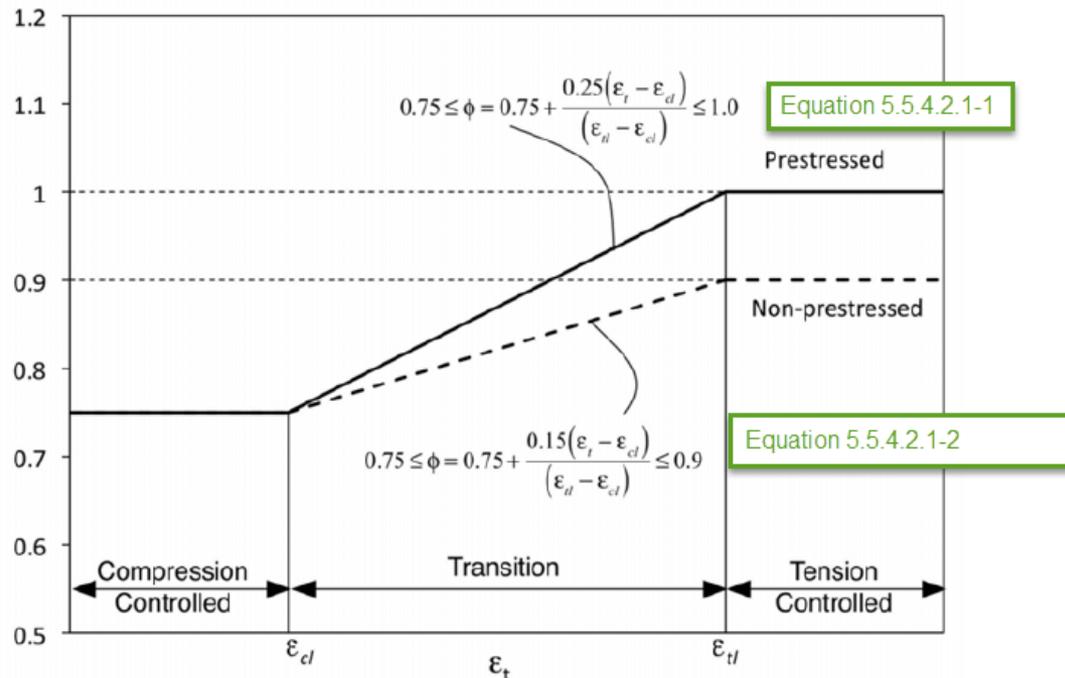


Figure C5.5.4.2.1-1—Variation of  $\phi$  with Net Tensile Strain  $\epsilon_t$  for Nonprestressed Reinforcement and for Prestressing Steel

# HSR & FRC Design: **Benefits**

- Increased Flexural and Shear Strength;
- Reduced congestion;
- Reduced transportation and placement cost;
- Many high strength reinforcing materials also have improved durability properties.

# HSR & FRC Design: Challenges

- Meeting Service Limit State crack control requirements
- Phi factors for M-N Interaction in FBMP can not be set to address transition and max. limits at different strains for different tensile materials;
- FRP bar bends



<u>Strength of bent portion of a bar</u>	<u>ACI 440.3, Method B.5</u>	<u>&gt;60% of straight portion of bar</u>
<u>Transverse Shear Strength</u>	<u>ASTM D7617</u>	<u>&gt;22 ksi</u>
<u>Bond Strength</u>	<u>Block pull-out by ACI 440.3R, Method B.3</u>	<u>&gt;1.1 ksi</u>

932-3.4.1 Certification: Meet the testing requirements of Table 3-3 for product acceptance. Submit to the Engineer a certification from the producer of the FRP bars, confirming

# HSR & FRC Design: Example Application

## Noise Wall Posts:

- Current [Index 5200](#) limits post spacing to 15' for 20'-22' tall wall in 150 mph wind zone.
- Designs are based on:
  - Use of a single post cross section shape;
  - Minimum bar spacing and concrete cover criteria;
  - Grade 60 reinforcing.

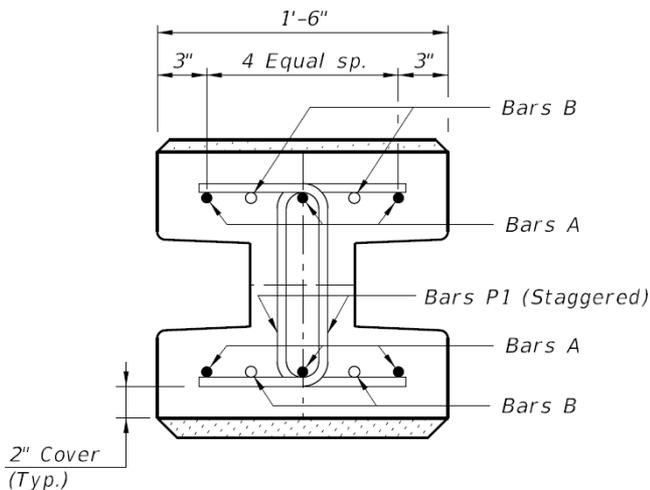


TABLE 3A - TABLE OF POST REINFORCING STEEL

WALL HEIGHT (Feet)	POST LENGTHS		WIND SPEED = 150 MPH											
	WITHOUT CAP	WITH CAP	10'-0" POST SPACING					20'-0" POST SPACING						
			BARS A	BARS B	BARS D	BARS E	BARS A	BARS B	BARS D	BARS E				
			SIZE	SIZE	DIM 'A'	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	DIM 'A'	SIZE	SIZE	DIM 'A'	
12	13'-0½"	13'-2½"	#4	#4	9'-5"	#5	#5	10'-2"	#7	#7	10'-4"	#7	#7	8'-4"
13	14'-0½"	14'-2½"	#5	#5	11'-2"	#5	#5	10'-2"	#7	#7	10'-4"	#7	#7	8'-4"
14	15'-0½"	15'-2½"	#5	#5	11'-2"	#5	#5	10'-2"	#8	#8	11'-10"	#8	#8	9'-10"
15	16'-0½"	16'-2½"	#5	#5	11'-2"	#6	#6	11'-9"	#8	#8	11'-10"	#8	#8	9'-10"
16	17'-0½"	17'-2½"	#6	#6	13'-9"	#6	#6	11'-9"	#8	#9	11'-3"	#8	#9	9'-3"
17	18'-0½"	18'-2½"	#6	#6	13'-9"	#7	#7	13'-4"	#9	#8	12'-10"	#9	#8	10'-10"
18	19'-0½"	19'-2½"	#6	#6	13'-9"	#7	#7	13'-4"	#9	#10	11'-7"	#9	#10	9'-7"
19	20'-0½"	20'-2½"	#7	#7	15'-4"	#7	#7	13'-4"	#10	#9	14'-3"	#10	#9	12'-3"
15'-0" POST SPACING														
20	21'-0½"	21'-2½"	#7	#7	15'-4"	#8	#8	14'-10"	#9	#9	15'-3"	#9	#9	12'-3"
21	22'-0½"	22'-2½"	#7	#8	14'-10"	#8	#8	14'-10"	#10	#9	15'-3"	#10	#9	14'-3"
22	23'-0½"	23'-2½"	#7	#8	14'-10"	#8	#8	14'-10"	#10	#10	16'-7"	#10	#10	13'-7"

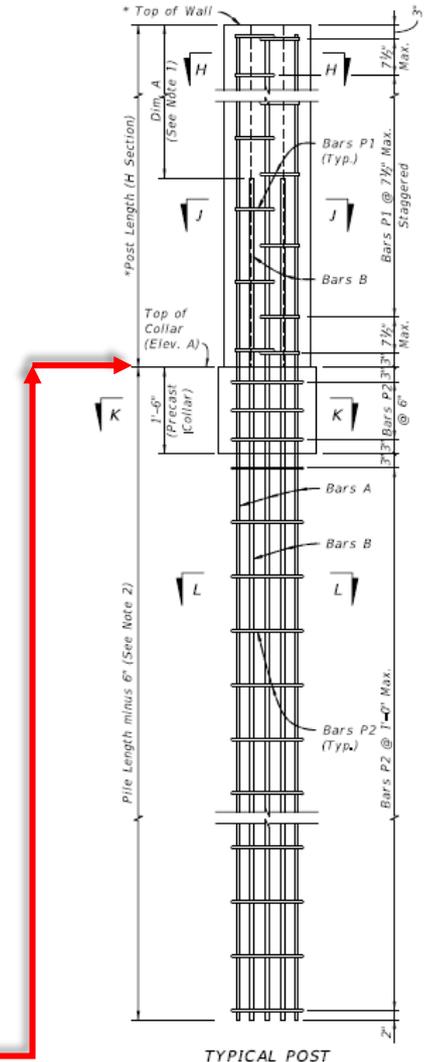
# HSR & FRC Design: Example Application

## Noise Wall Posts:

- Summary of Strength III Loads for 20' Post Spacing

20 foot Spacing - Strength III

SHEARS			MOMENTS		
V110 (k)	V130 (k)	V150 (k)	M110 (k*ft)	M130 (k*ft)	M150 (k*ft)
9.78	13.65	18.18	63.54	88.75	118.16
10.53	14.70	19.58	73.69	102.93	137.03
11.28	15.75	20.97	84.60	118.16	157.31
12.03	16.80	22.37	96.25	134.44	178.98
12.79	17.87	23.79	108.81	151.98	202.34
13.56	18.94	25.22	122.30	170.82	227.42
14.34	20.03	26.67	136.72	190.96	254.24
15.13	21.14	28.14	152.09	212.42	282.81
15.93	22.25	29.62	168.40	235.20	313.14
16.74	23.38	31.12	185.67	259.32	345.25
17.55	24.51	32.64	203.89	284.78	379.14



# HSR & FRC Design: Example Application

## Noise Wall Posts:

- Compare design for Grade 60 with no limits on bar spacing;
- Reinforcing cost difference per 1000 ft. of wall;
- 20' spacing vs. 15' spacing \*:

20' = \$ 7,100

21' = \$ 18,300

22' = \$ 42,000

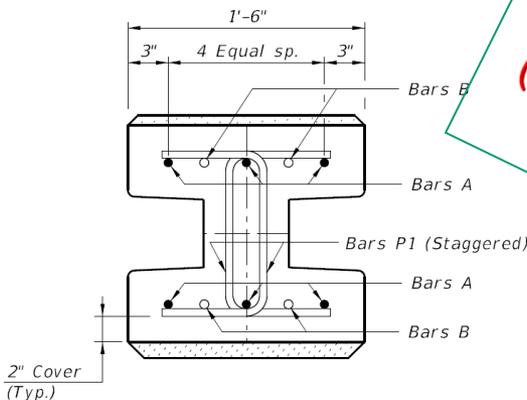
\* Larger bar sizes, and same cost/lb. Reinforcing cost is **increase** at 20 foot spacing, but 25% (16) less shafts (cost saving not included).

**60 ksi** at 15' spacing:  $\phi = 0.90$  all

- 20' = \$72,000 ( $A_s = 5.00 \text{ in}^2$ )  
 $M_u = 245 \text{ kip-ft.}$
- 21' = \$88,100 ( $A_s = 5.81 \text{ in}^2$ )  
 $M_u = 270 \text{ kip-ft.}$
- 22' = \$97,400 ( $A_s = 6.35 \text{ in}^2$ )  
 $M_u = 295 \text{ kip-ft.}$

**60 ksi** at 20' spacing

- 20' = \$79,100 ( $A_s = 6.93 \text{ in}^2$ )  
 $M_u = 313 \text{ kip-ft.}$  &  $\phi = 0.82$
- 21' = \$106,400 ( $A_s = 9.18 \text{ in}^2$ )  
 $M_u = 345 \text{ kip-ft.}$  &  $\phi = 0.75$
- 22' = \$139,400 ( $A_s = 11.25 \text{ in}^2$ )  
 $M_u = 379 \text{ kip-ft.}$  &  $\phi = 0.75$



**Fictitious Design**  
(would need to widen post for #11 &/or #14 Bars in flange)

# HSR & FRC Design: Example Application

## Noise Wall Posts:

- Compare design for Grade 100 vs. Grade 60;
- Reinforcing cost difference per 1000 ft. of wall;
- 20' spacing (Gr. 100) vs. 15' spacing (Gr. 60):

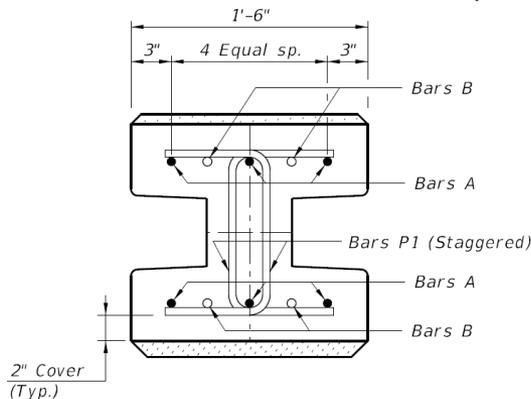
20' = \$ 4,400 (6%) - savings

21' = \$ 10,200 (12%) - savings

22' = \$ -10,700 (11%)\*

\* 20% reduction in weight, but 11% increase in cost, However, 25% (16) less shafts (cost saving not included).

- Cost per Pound (Installed) **SDG 9.2.1 F**
  - Carbon Steel (60 ksi) = \$0.90/lb.
  - Low-Carbon Chromium (100 ksi) = \$1.25/lb.



**60 ksi** at 15' spacing:  $\phi = 0.90$  all

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• 22' = \$97,400 ( $A_s = 6.35 \text{ in}^2$ )  
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**100 ksi** at 20' spacing:

• 20' = \$67,600 ( $A_s = 3.00 \text{ in}^2$ )  
 $M_u = 313 \text{ kip-ft.}$

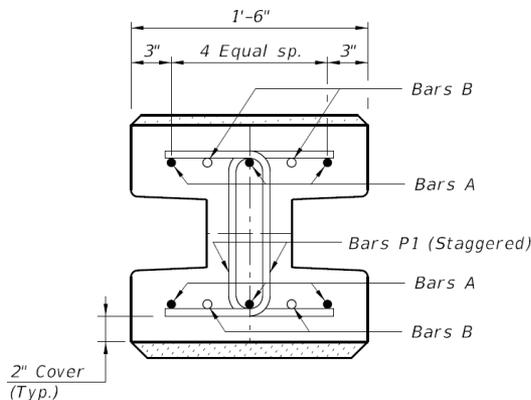
• 21' = \$77,900 ( $A_s = 3.95 \text{ in}^2$ )  
 $M_u = 345 \text{ kip-ft.}$

• 22' = \$108,100 ( $A_s = 5.81 \text{ in}^2$ )  
 $M_u = 379 \text{ kip-ft.}$  &  $\phi = 0.80$

# HSR & FRC Design: Example Application

## Noise Wall Posts - Summary:

- Break even point for cost of 100 ksi vs. 60 ksi reinforcing:
  - < 28% reduction in weight at given costs (\$0.90, & \$1.25 per lb.)
- 100 ksi is more cost effective with higher strength concrete mixes
- Deflection may increase (less rigid with smaller bar sizes)
- More transverse reinforcing may be necessary (compression controlled sections).
- Development lengths: Depending on bar diameters, concrete compressive strength and yield strength, more (or less) length may be required.



# HSR & FRC Design:

## Recommended Reading Resources:

- Applied Technology Council: **ATC 115 Roadmap for the Use of High-Strength Reinforcement in Concrete Design** (2014);
- **ACI ITG-6R-10 Design Guide for the Use of ASTM A1035/A1035M Grade 100 (690) Steel Bars for Structural Concrete**. ACI Innovation Task Group 6, August 2010;
- **NCHRP Report 679 Design of Concrete Structures Using High-Strength Steel Reinforcement** (2011);
- **NCHRP 2014-D-09 Research Needs Statement - Ductility of Concrete compression Members made with High Strength Reinforcement with minimum yield strength up to 100 ksi to Seismic Loading** (2015).



**Part 2:**  
**Fiber-Reinforced Concrete**  
**(FRC) Design**

# HSR & FRC Design: **Introduction**

1. What is FRC?
2. Benefits
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5. Challenges



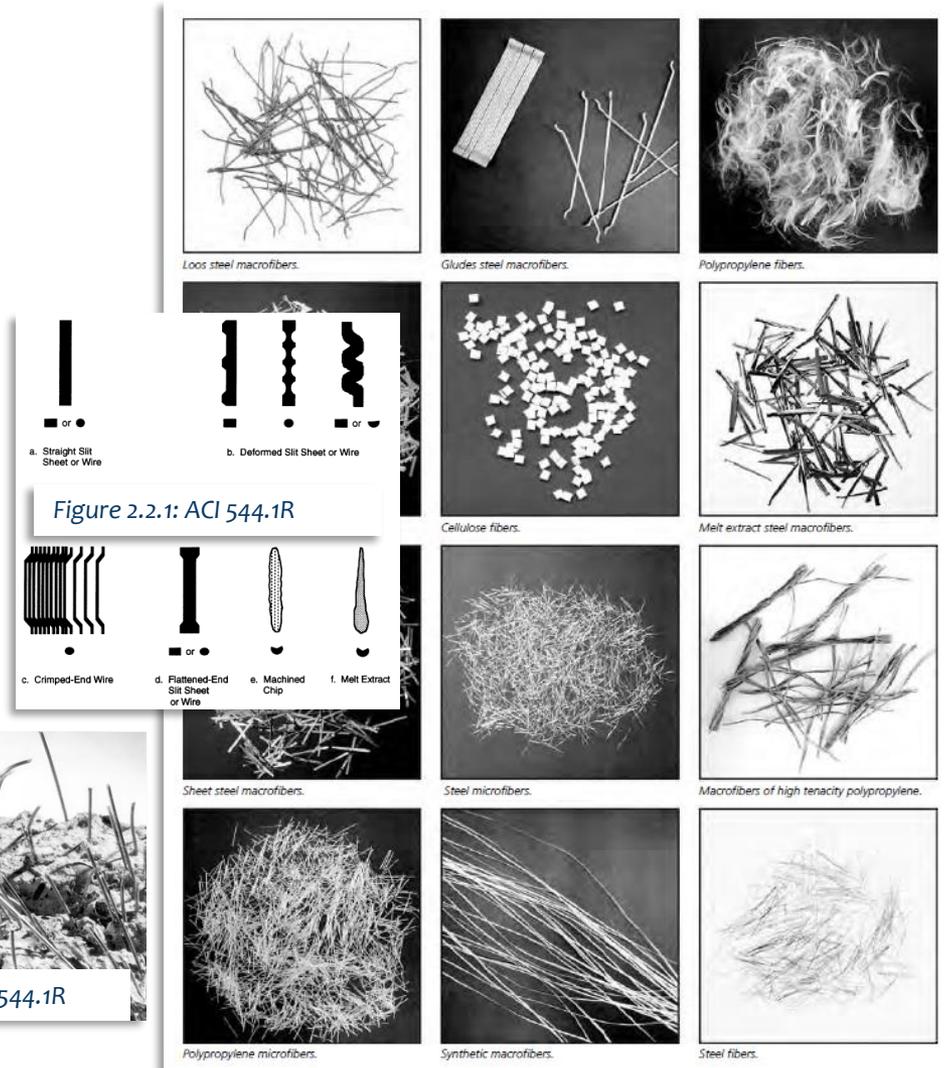
# What is Fiber-Reinforced Concrete (FRC)?

## Types of Fibers:

- ▶ Materials - Steel, Basalt, Carbon, Glass, Polymeric (acrylic, aramid, nylon, polyethylene, polyester, polypropylene, PVA), Cellulose...
- ▶ Shape - Straight, Hooked, Twisted & Flat, Round, or Polygon cross sections;
- ▶ Size – Macro and Micro

## Type of Concrete:

- ▶ Usually conventional concrete;
- ▶ SCC possible;
- ▶ Admixtures – usually on need a superplasticizer (HWRA)



Photos: Courtesy of Maccaferri Technical Manual "Fibers as Structural Element for the Reinforcement of Concrete".

# What is FRC... History

NEW  
FRANCHED

Horse hair in Mortar & Straw in clay. Oldest house in USA is adobe built in ±1540



1600 1700

Egyptians used straw to reinforce mud bricks

First application: airfields in World War I

1911 SFRC first patented in USA

1800 1900

1970 Hooked end fibers developed by Bekaert

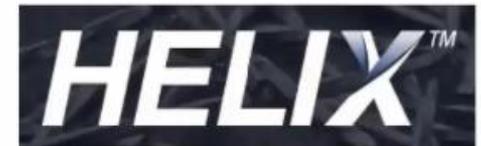
1973 bundled (glued) fibers - by Bekaert

2000

Today - floors, pavements, overlays, shotcrete, tunnels, refractory, precast..

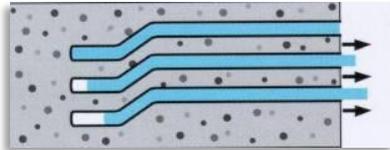
Source: Bekaert Presentation "Steel Fiber Reinforced Concrete Design & Construction" (2014)

# What is FRC... Manufactures



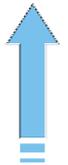
# What is FRC... Basic Principles

## The Performance of Structural Fibers Depends On :

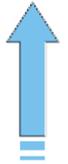


Anchorage mechanism  
(shape, surface friction, adhesion)

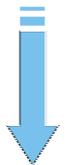
Aspect Ratio



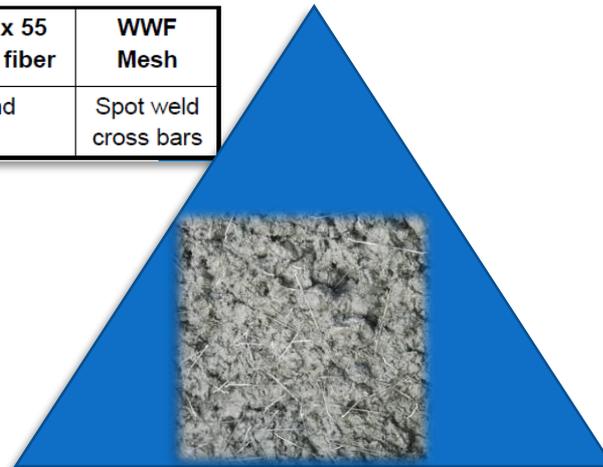
Performance Concrete



Dosage Rates



RC80/30BP Steel fiber	RC65/60BN Steel fiber	WiremixW40 Steel Fiber	Synmix 55 Plastic fiber	WWF Mesh
Hooked	Hooked	Continuous deformed	Bond	Spot weld cross bars



Tensile strength of the fiber material

Aspect Ratio: Length to Diameter ratio L/D

RC80/30BP Steel fiber	RC65/60BN Steel fiber	WiremixW40 Steel Fiber	Synmix 55 Plastic fiber	WWF Mesh
445 ksi	161 ksi	105 ksi	100 ksi	72 ksi

	RC80/30BP	RC65/60BN	RL45/50BN
Length	1.18 in (30mm)	2.36 in (60mm)	1.97 in (50mm)
Diameter	0.015 in (0.38mm)	0.038 in (0.9mm)	0.041 in (1.05mm)
Aspect Ratio	80	67	47

# What is FRC... Hybrid Systems

The Performance of Structural Systems can be enhanced with multi-component synergy:

Concrete:

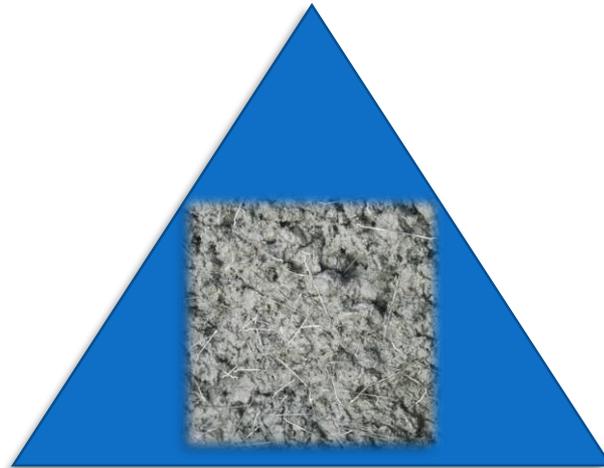
(Cementitious = OPC -strength, Flyash -heat/packing, Slag-heat/packing, Silica Fume -high density;

Aggregates = Fine NWA/LWA -IC, Course NWA/LWA -weight;

Admixtures=SRA,HRWA -workability/W/C -permeability)

Longitudinal Tensile  
Reinforcing:

(Steel/GFRP/ CFRP rebar  
and/or prestressing)



Fibers:

(micro = Polymer -*shrinkage/anchorage of macro fibers*;  
macro = Polymer -*fire resistance, & Steel -crack control, ultimate strength*)

# HSR & FRC Design: **Benefits**

1. Reduction or elimination of bar reinforcing;
2. Less congestion;
3. Lower labor costs;
4. Smaller crack sizes;
5. Better distribution of localized stresses;
6. Can provide additional confinement;

# HSR & FRC Design: **Design and Testing**

- FRC Design & Testing Guidelines
  - European vs. USA
  - *fib* vs. ACI & ASTM
- Fiber Manufacturer Research:
- *Structures Manual (SDG)*

# FRC Design & Testing Guidelines

## *fib* Model Code 2010 (CEB-FIP Europe):

- Rational design method based on characteristic material properties;
- Simplified (rigid-plastic) or refined (linear post-cracking) methods;
- Material testing requirements **EN14651**.

## ACI 544 (USA):



- No codified Design Specification, but good background information;
- ARS is empirical design method;
- ASTM test methods do not adequately characterize properties for ultimate strength design.

BRITISH STANDARD

BS EN  
14651:2005  
+A1:2007

Test method for metallic fibre concrete — Measuring the flexural tensile strength (limit of proportionality (LOP), residual)

*fib*  
Model Code  
for Concrete Structures  
2010



ACI 544.1R-96  
(Reapproved 2009)

Report on Fiber Reinforced Concrete

ACI 544.4R-88  
(Reapproved 2009)

Design Considerations for Steel Fiber Reinforced Concrete

ACI 544.2R-89  
(Reapproved 2009)

Measurement of Properties of Fiber Reinforced Concrete

ACI 544.5R-10

Report on Design and Construction of Steel Fiber-Reinforced Concrete Elevated Slabs

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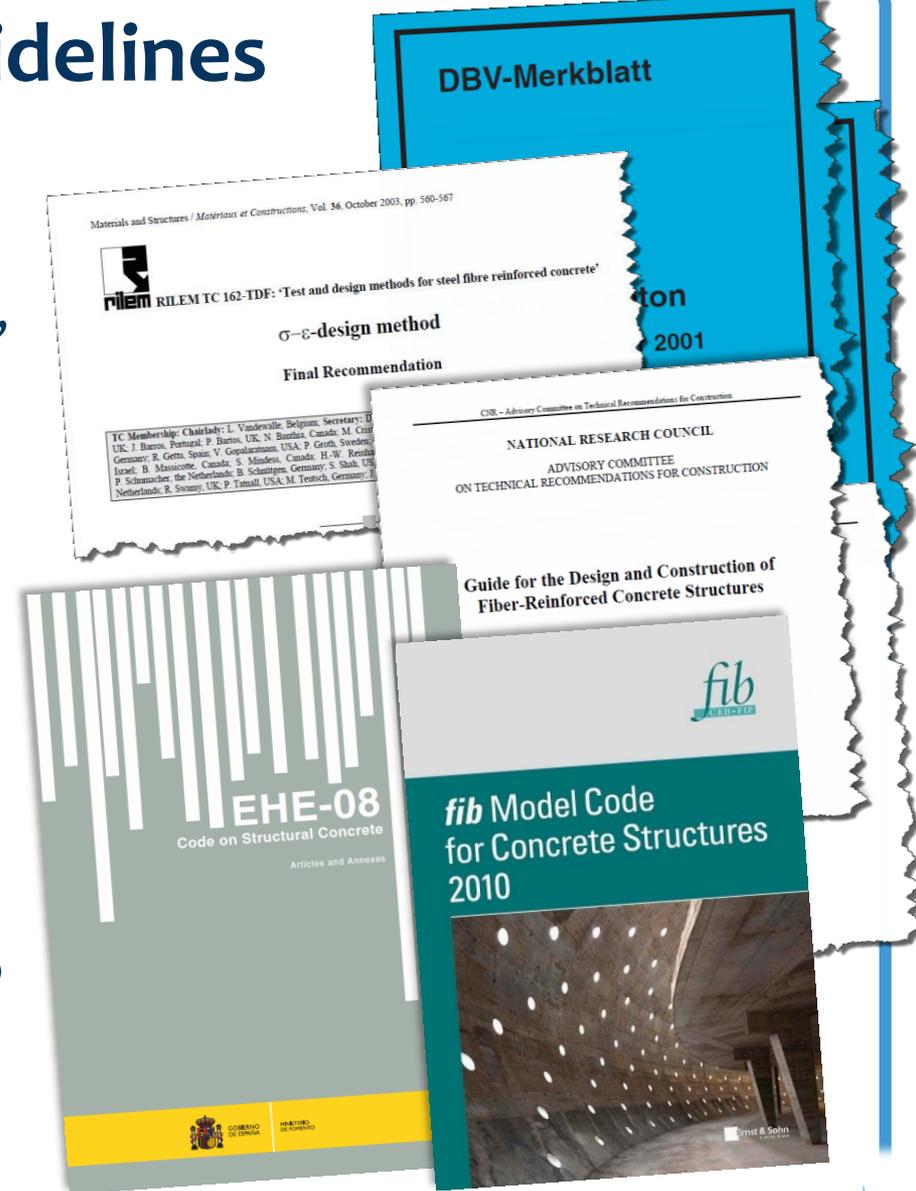


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# FRC Design & Testing Guidelines

## European Code Development :

- 2001 - **DBV Merkblatt** Stahlfaserbeton, Deutsche Beton Vereins, Germany
- 2003 - **RILEM TC 162-TDF**. Test and design methods for steel fibre reinforced concrete -  $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  design method
- 2006 - **CNR-DT 204**. Istruzioni per la Progettazione, l'Esecuzione ed il Controllo di Strutture Fibrorinforzato, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Italy.
- 2008 - **EHE-08** Instrucción del Hormigón Estructural, Comisión Permanente del Hormigón (Ministerio de Fomento), Spain
- 2013 - **Model Code 2010**, Comité Euro-International du Beton-Federation (fib)



# FRC Design & Testing Guidelines

fib Model Code 2010 (CEB-FIP Europe):

- Design ...

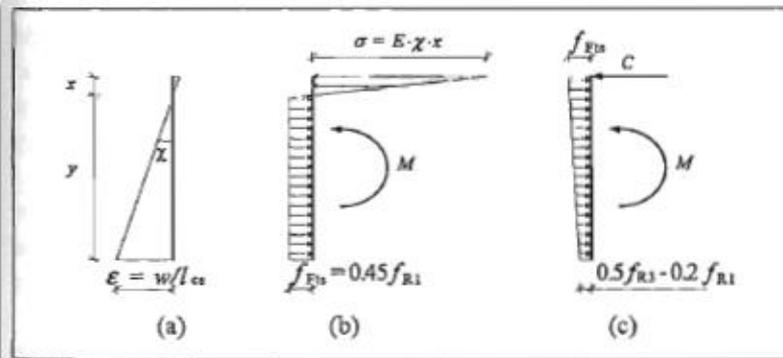


Figure 5.6-9: Stress diagrams for the determination of the residual tensile strength  $f_{R1s}$  (b) and  $f_{R1u}$  (c) for the linear model, respectively

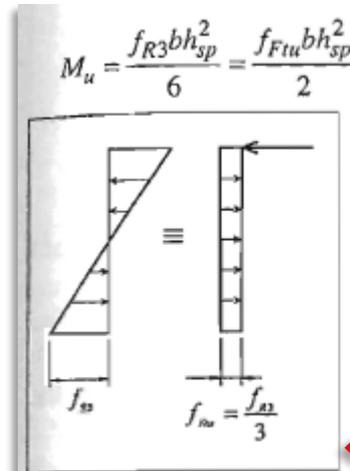
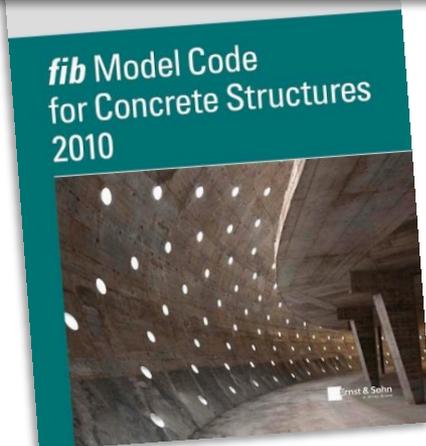


Figure 5.6-8: Simplified model adopted to compute the ultimate residual tensile strength in uniaxial tension  $f_{Fu}$  by means of the residual nominal bending strength  $f_{R3}$

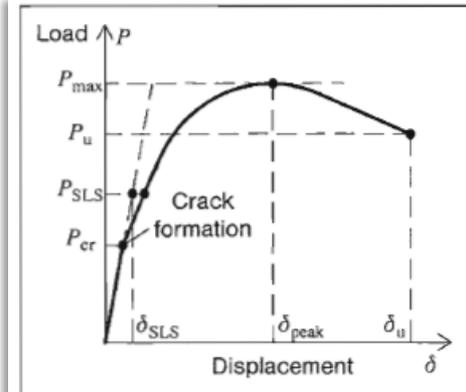


Figure 7.7-1: Typical load ( $P$ ) - displacement ( $\delta$ ) curve for a FRC structure

← Rigid-Plastic Model

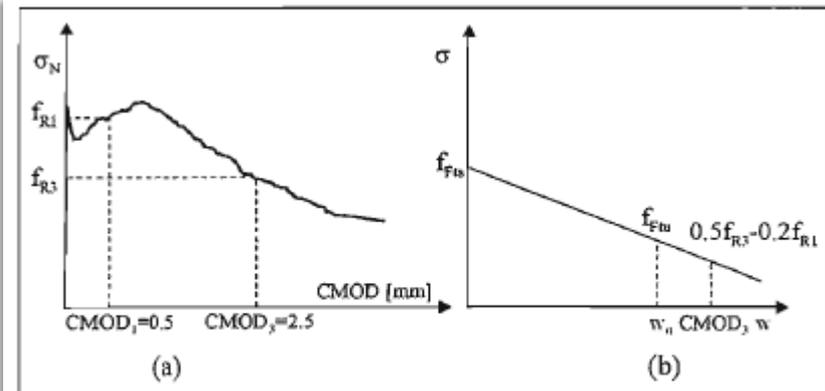


Figure 5.6-10: Typical results from a bending test on a softening material (a); linear post-cracking constitutive law (b)

# FRC Design & Testing Guidelines

*fib Model Code 2010 (CEB-FIP Europe):*

- ... Design

Table 5.6-1: Partial safety factor

Material	Partial safety factors
FRC in compression	As plain concrete
FRC in tension (limit of linearity)	As plain concrete
FRC in tension (residual strength)	$\gamma_F = 1.5$

For serviceability limit states (SLS), the partial factors should be taken as 1.0

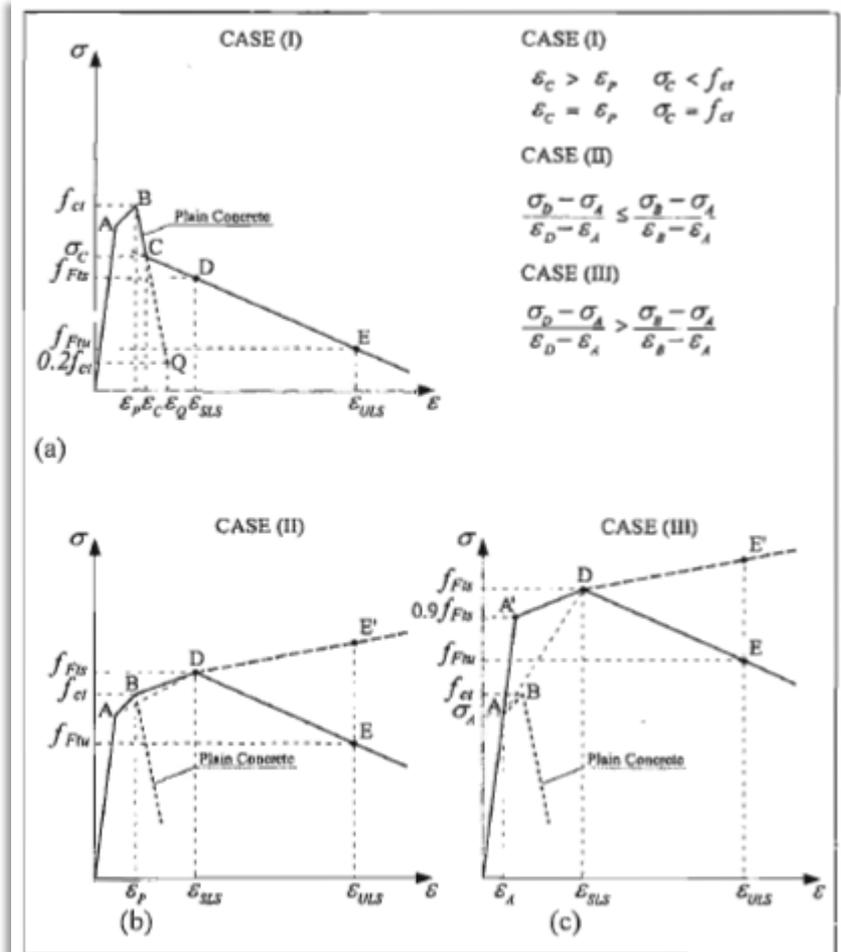
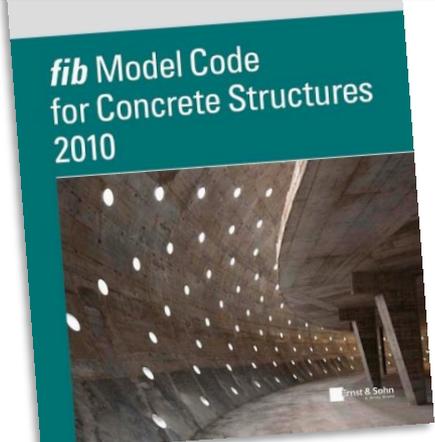


Figure 5.6-11: Stress-strain relations at SLS for softening (a) and softening or hardening (b, c) behaviour of FRC

# FRC Design & Testing Guidelines

## EN 14651 (European Standard):

- Testing....

EUROPEAN STANDARD  
NORME EUROPÉENNE  
EUROPÄISCHE NORM

EN 14651

June 2005

ICS 91.100.30

English version

Test method for metallic fibered concrete - Measuring the flexural tensile strength (limit of proportionality (LOP), residual)

Méthode d'essai du béton de fibres métalliques - Mesurage de la résistance à la traction par flexion (limite de proportionnalité (LOP), résistance résiduelle)

Prüfverfahren für Beton mit metallischen Fasern - Bestimmung der Biegezugfestigkeit (Proportionalitätsgrenze, residuelle Biegezugfestigkeit)

This European Standard was approved by CEN on 3 April 2005.

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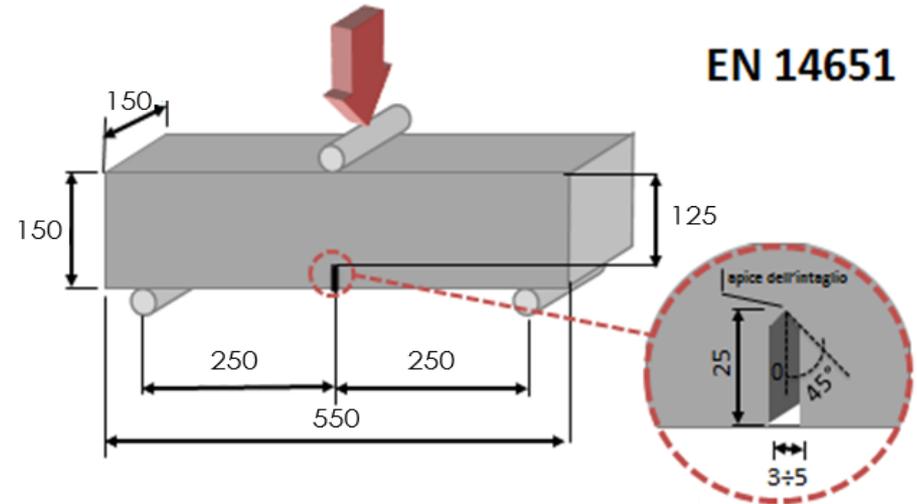


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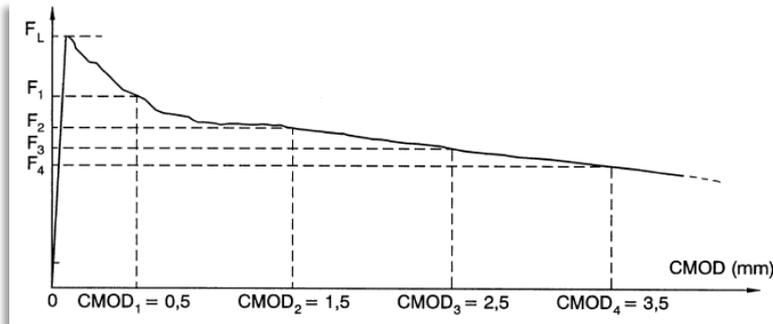
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Residual Strength:      Limit of proportionality:

$$f_{R,j} = \frac{3LF_j}{2bh_{sp}^2}$$

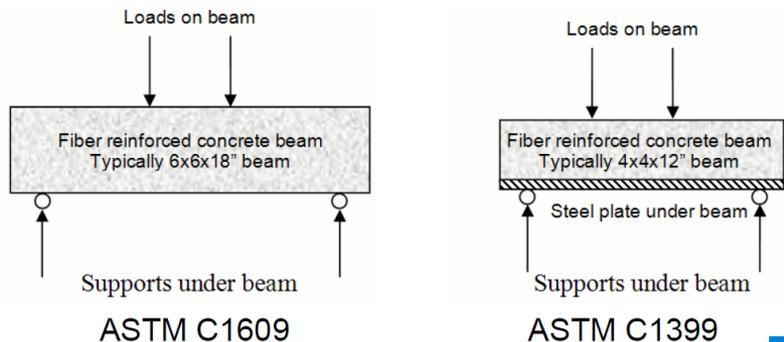
$$LOP = \frac{3LF_L}{2bh_{sp}^2}$$

# FRC Design & Testing Guidelines

## ASTM's for FRC:



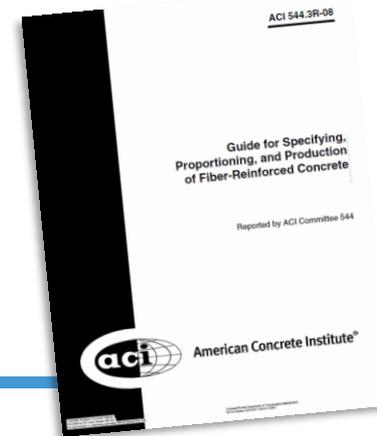
- **ASTM C1116** – Standard Specification for FRC;
- **ASTM C820** – Standard Specification for Steel Fibers for FRC;
- **ASTM C1399** – Standard Test Method for Obtaining ARS;
- **ASTM C1550** – Standard Test Method for Flexural Toughness (Using Centrally Loaded Round Panel);
- **ASTM C1609** – Standard Test Method for Flexural Performance of FRC (Using Beam with Third-Point Loading).



## ACI 544 (USA):



- ACI 544-1R-96(09) – Report of FRC;
- ACI 544-2R-89(09) – Measurement of Properties of FRC;
- ACI 544-3R-08 – Guide for Specifying, Proportioning, and Production of FRC;
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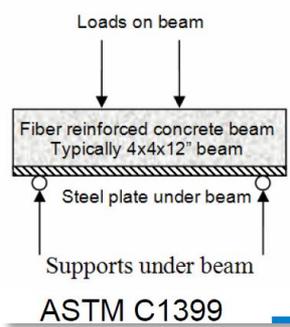


# FRC Design & Testing Guidelines

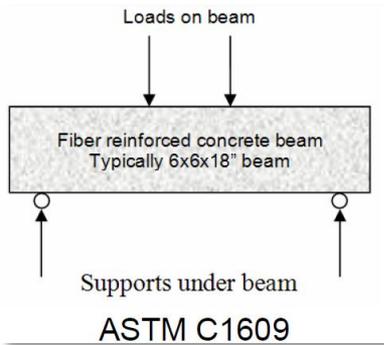
## ASTM's for FRC:



- **ASTM C1399** – ARS calculation example...



- **ASTM C1609** – Toughness calculation example...

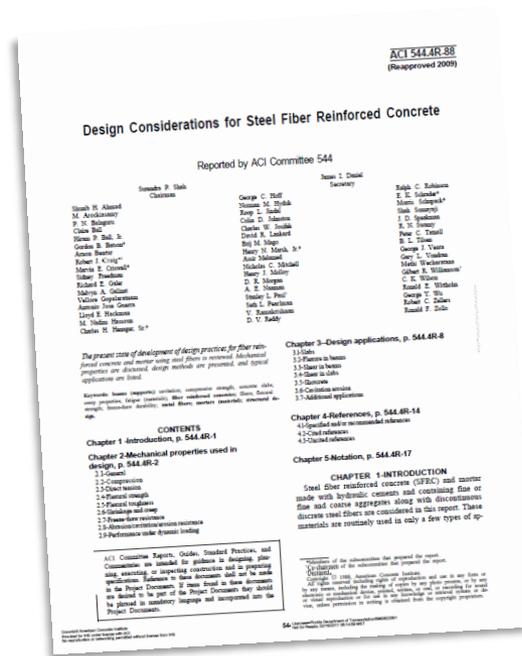


## ACI 544 (USA):



- ▶ **ACI 544-4R-88(09)** – Design Considerations for Steel FRC:

- ▶ Typical Design for Flexure...
- ▶ Typical Design for Shear



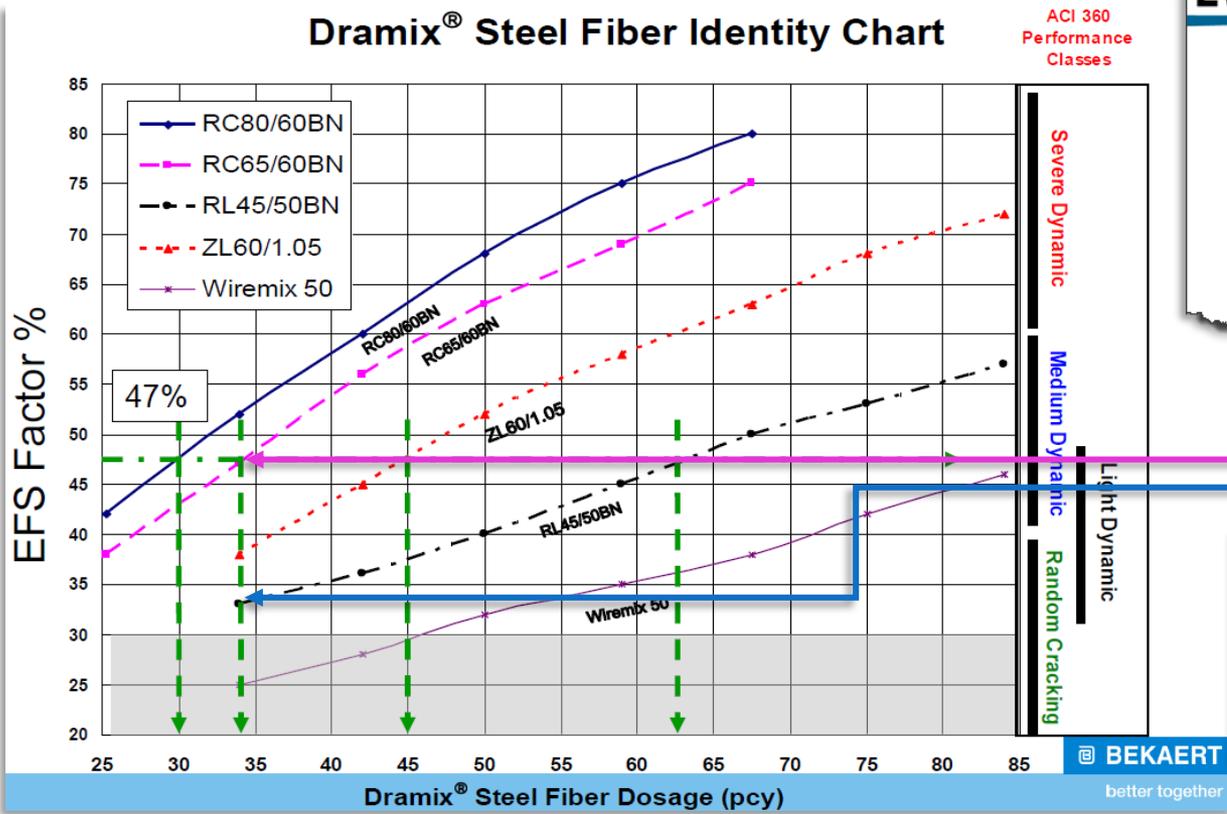
# HSR & FRC Design: Design and Testing

## Fiber Manufacturer Research:

- **Dramix (Bekaert)** - Example *ASTM 1609* results for Equivalent Flexural Strength (EFS) for Slabs-on-Ground (not *fib-MC2010* compliant):

- **Helix** – *ACI 318* (Shear & Tension reinforcing), *ACI 360R-10* (Flexural Load Capacity) & *IBC/IRC* with a Evaluation Report from an accredited provider.

**Dramix® Steel Fiber Identity Chart**



**EVALUATION REPORT**

Report Number: 0279  
 Issued: 05/2013  
 Revised: 02/14/2014  
 Valid Through: 05/2014

2.2 Helix 5-25 Micro-Rebar may be used as tension and shear reinforcement in other structural concrete as detailed in this report, which satisfies the requirements of ACI 318 Section 1.4 and Section 104.11 of the IBC and IRC.

	RL45/50BN	RC65/60BN
Tensile Strength	161 ksi	168
Anchorage	Hooked	Hooked
Aspect Ratio	50	67
EFS @ 34 pcy	34%	47%

Source: Bekaert Presentation "Steel Fiber Reinforced Concrete Design & Construction" (2014)



# HSR & FRC Design: Design and Testing

## Example Manufacturer Designs:

- Helix – ER-0279 ....

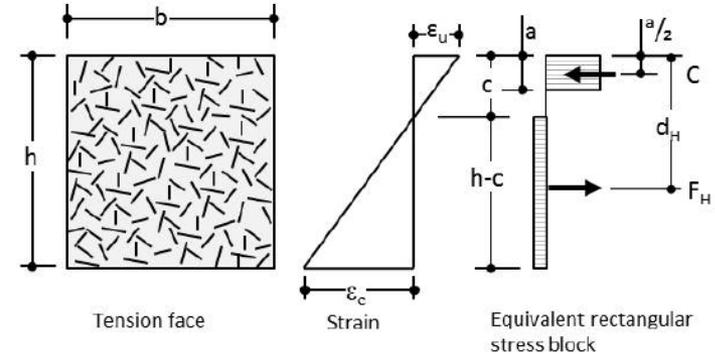


Figure 2 – Helix Force Equilibrium and Strain Compatibility Diagram

Table 1: Helix micro rebar replacement - Imperial

Fy = 60 ksi Nominal area of steel in tension As (in <sup>2</sup> /ft)	Nominal number of Helix Micro Rebar required					
	3000 psi		4000 psi		5000 psi	
	Class A & B	Class C & Cs	Class A & B	Class C & Cs	Class A & B	Class C & Cs
0.028	33.8	36.3	33.3	34.6	36.3	33.5
0.040	24.2	26.0	24.2	25.1	26.0	24.2
0.050	19.4	20.8	19.4	20.1	20.8	19.4
0.060	16.2	17.3	16.2	16.7	17.3	16.2
0.080	12.1	13.0	12.1	12.5	13.0	12.1
0.090	10.8	11.6	10.8	11.2	11.6	10.8
0.100	9.7	10.4	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.7
0.110	8.8	9.4	8.8	9.2	9.4	8.8
0.120	8.1	8.6	8.1	8.4	8.6	8.1
0.150	6.4	6.9	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.4
0.160	5.9	6.3	5.9	6.1	6.3	5.9
0.170	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.6
0.180	5.3	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.3
0.200	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.8
0.250	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7

Table 2: Helix micro rebar dosage rate - Imperial

Number of Helix per unit area in tension (Helix/in <sup>2</sup> )	Helix dosage rate, $\phi H_d$ (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )		
	3000 psi	4000 psi	5000 psi
	1.18	17.8	23.8
1.25	18.8	25.1	31.4
1.43	21.6	28.6	35.9
1.50	22.6	29.8	37.3
1.53	22.9	30.1	37.7
1.75	25.7	33.6	42.2
2.00	29.2	38.0	47.8
2.25	32.7	42.5	53.3
2.50	36.2	46.9	58.8

Table 3: Helix micro rebar tensile force - Imperial

Number of Helix per unit area in tension (Helix/in <sup>2</sup> )	Provided Helix unit tensile stress, $\phi F_{ht}$ (psi)											
	3000 psi				4000 psi				5000 psi			
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class C <sub>s</sub>	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class C <sub>s</sub>	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class C <sub>s</sub>
1.18	46.2	62.8	23.8	19.2	50.3	68.4	28.9	23.4	54.5	74.7	34.0	27.6
1.25	49.4	67.1	25.8	20.8	53.5	72.7	30.8	25.0	57.7	79.0	35.9	29.2
1.43	57.6	78.2	30.8	24.9	61.7	83.8	35.8	29.1	65.9	90.3	40.9	33.3
1.50	60.8	82.2	32.6	26.5	64.9	87.8	37.7	30.7	69.1	94.7	42.7	34.9
1.53	62.1	83.9	33.4	27.2	66.3	89.5	38.5	31.4	70.5	96.5	43.5	35.6
1.75	72.2	96.2	39.2	32.2	76.4	101.8	44.2	36.4	80.5	108.8	49.2	40.6
2.00	83.6	110.0	45.7	38.0	87.8	115.4	50.7	42.1	91.9	122.6	55.7	46.3
2.25	95.0	123.4	52.1	43.7	99.2	128.9	57.0	47.8	103.3	136.0	62.0	52.0
2.50	106.4	136.7	58.4	49.4	110.6	142.0	63.3	53.5	114.7	149.0	68.2	57.7

# HSR & FRC Design: **Design and Testing**

## **Structures Manual – Volume 1, Structures Design Guidelines (SDG) design and approval criteria summary**

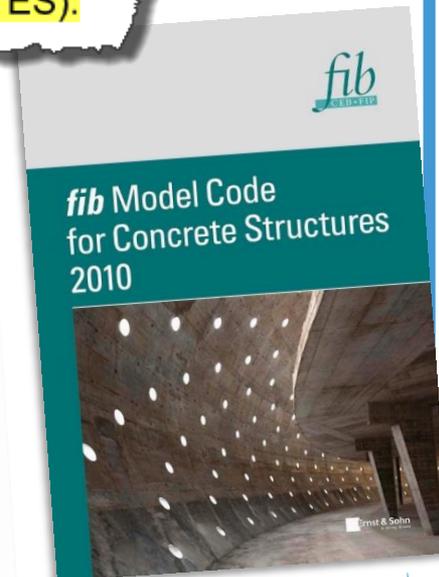
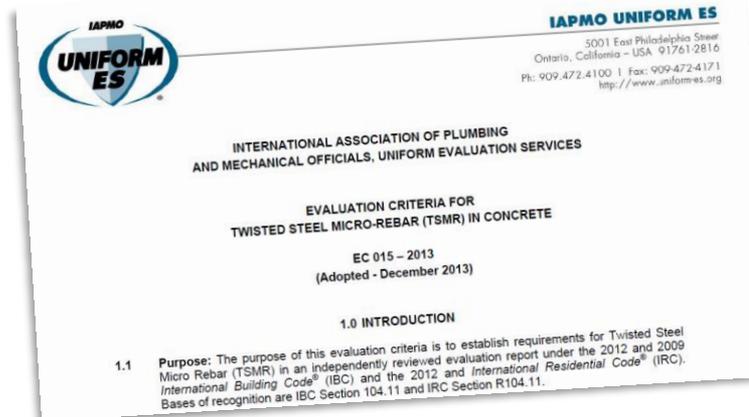
### **SDG 3.17.11 Fiber Reinforced Concrete Design:**

- Design per *fib Model Code 2010*
- Allow Evaluation Service Reports for alternate design method from recognized Providers (*IAPMO Uniform ES* and *ICC-ES*)

# HSR & FRC Design: Design and Testing Structures Design Guidelines (SDG)

## 3.17.11 Structural Fiber Reinforcement (Rev. 01/16)

- A. Design structures utilizing structural fiber reinforcement in accordance with Sections 5.6 and 7.7 of the **fib Model Code 2010 (CEB-FIP)**. As an alternative to the *fib* Model Code 2010 design method and testing criteria, certain minor precast structure types can utilize fiber reinforced concrete design methods based on **Evaluation Reports (ER)** from providers accredited to ISO/IEC Guide 65 (including ICC-ES and IAPMO ES).



# HSR & FRC Design: **Design and Testing**

## **Structures Design Guidelines (SDG)**

The residual strength of fiber-reinforced concrete test beams will be determined in accordance with ASTM C 1399 (Standard Test Method for Obtaining Average Residual-Strength of Fiber-Reinforced Concrete). The walls and bottom slabs of the following structure types can be designed using an equivalent strength basis when Evaluation Reports are provided to the EOR:

1. Type P Structures Bottoms (**Design Standards** Index 200);
2. Manhole Risers, Grade Rings and Conical Tops equal or less than 4'-6" diameter (**Design Standards** Index 201 Type 8)
3. Drainage Inlet Bottoms with inside wall lengths equal or less than 4'-6" (**Design Standards** Indexes 212, 213, 217-Types 1 & 2, and 218 - 221);
4. Ditch Bottom Inlets Types A, B, C, D, E, F & J (**Design Standards** Index 230, 231, 232, 233 & 234);
5. U-Type Concrete Endwalls (**Design Standards** Index 261);
6. Flared End Sections (**Design Standards** Index 270).

Plain and steel fibers are allowed in concrete for moderately aggressive

# HSR & FRC Design: Design and Testing Structures Design Guidelines (SDG)

B. Plain carbon steel fibers are allowed in slightly and moderately aggressive environments. Galvanized, stainless steel, or carbon FRP fibers are permitted in all environmental classifications. Other non-corrosive fiber materials such as basalt may be considered when approved by the State Materials Office. Polymer fibers are not permitted as primary structural reinforcement for buried structures due to the potential for long term creep.

C. A Technical Special Provision (TSP), reviewed and approved by the State Materials Office, will be required for the Contract Documents to establish and verify the characteristic material properties such as the residual flexural tensile strength corresponding to the load-crack mouth opening displacement (CMOD) of the fiber-reinforced concrete mix design. For precast concrete elements, producers must submit shop drawings for design approval to the State Drainage Engineer based on an approved FRC Mix Design and include a technical specification to establish and verify the characteristic material properties in lieu of a TSP. These documents and any other necessary guidelines for production and quality control will be maintained as an addendum to the producer's Quality Control Plan.

D. These requirements are intended for wet-cast concrete only.

# HSR & FRC Design: **Design and Testing**

## **Materials Manual**

### **Chapter 6 – Manufactured Drainage Products (Volume II):**

- Section 6.3.7.4.11
- Mix Design Approval
- Shop Drawing Approval
- Certifications
- Trial Batching
- Field Demonstration
- Post Fabrication Inspection
- Production Requirements
- Quality Control Plan Requirements





# HSR & FRC Design: Example Applications

## Structural Steel Fibers in Precast Pipe (ASTM C1765)

- FDOT will be adding **ASTM C1765** to Specification **Section 449** once design life curves are established.

### SECTION 449 PRECAST CONCRETE DRAINAGE PRODUCTS

#### 449-1 Description.

Precast concrete drainage products hereinafter called products, may include but are not limited to, round concrete pipe, elliptical concrete pipe, underdrains, manholes, endwalls, inlets, junction boxes, three-sided precast concrete culverts, and precast concrete box culverts.

Ensure that all precast drainage products are designed and manufactured in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

Obtain precast concrete pipes, box culverts, and drainage structures from a plant that is currently on the Department's list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of 105-3.

At the beginning of each project, provide a notarized statement to the Engineer from a company designated representative certifying that the plant will manufacture the products in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Contract Documents and plant's Quality Control (QC) Plan. The Quality Control Manager's stamp on each product indicates certification that the product was fabricated in conformance with the Contractor's QC Plan, the Contract, and this Section. Ensure that each shipment of precast concrete products to the project site is accompanied with a QC signed or stamped delivery ticket providing the description and the list of the products.

Accept responsibility of either obtaining products from a plant with an approved Quality Control Program, or await re-approval of the plant, when the plant's Quality Control Program is suspended by the Department.

The Engineer will not allow changes in Contract time or completion dates as a result of the plant's loss of qualification. Accept responsibility for all delay costs or other costs associated with the loss of the plant's qualification.

#### 449-2 Materials.

Ensure that the materials used for the construction of the precast drainage products have a certification statement from the source, showing that they meet the applicable requirements of the Specifications with the following modifications:



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### Standard Specification for Steel Fiber Reinforced Concrete Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe<sup>1</sup>

This standard is issued under the fixed designation C1765; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last approval. A superscript epsilon ( $\epsilon$ ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or approval.

#### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers steel fiber reinforced concrete pipe (SFRCP) of internal diameters 12 - 48 in., intended to be used for the conveyance of sewage, industrial wastes, and storm water and for the construction of culverts.

NOTE 1—Experience has shown that the successful performance of this product depends upon the proper selection of the pipe strength, the type of construction specifications, and provision for adequate inspection at the bedding, backfill, the relation ship between field load conditions and the strength designation of pipe, or durability under unusual environmental conditions. These requirements should be included in the project specification.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

#### 2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>2</sup>
  - A820/A820M Specification for Steel Fibers for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete
  - C33 Specification for Concrete Aggregates
  - C150 Specification for Portland Cement
  - C260 Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete
  - C494/C494M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete
  - C497 Test Methods for Concrete Pipe, Manhole Sections, or Tile
  - C595 Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements
  - C618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
  - C822 Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products

<sup>1</sup>This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C13 on Concrete Pipe and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C13.02 on Reinforced Sewer and Culvert Pipe. Current edition approved Sept. 15, 2013. Published October 2013. DOI: 10.1520/C1765-13.

<sup>2</sup>For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

- C989 Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars
- C1017/C1017M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete
- E105 Practice for Probability Sampling of Materials

#### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms relating to concrete pipe not defined in this specification, see Terminology C822.

3.2  $D_{service}$ —the  $D_{test}$  test load divided by a factor of safety of 1.5.

3.3  $D_{test}$ —the load the pipe is required to support in the three-edge bearing test expressed as a D-load.

#### 4. Classification

4.1 Pipe furnished under this specification shall be designated as Class I, II, III, IV, or V. The corresponding strength requirements are prescribed in Table 1. Special designs for pipe strengths not designated in Table 1 are permitted, provided all other requirements of this specification are met.

#### 5. Basis of Acceptance

5.1 The acceptability of the pipe design shall be in accordance with Section 9.

5.2 Unless designated by the owner at the time of, or before placing an order, the pipe shall be accepted on the basis of Sections 10 and 11, and such material tests as are required in 7.2, 7.3, and 7.5.

5.3 *Age for Acceptance*—Pipe shall be considered ready for acceptance when they conform to the requirements of this specification.

#### 6. Design and Manufacturing

6.1 The manufacturer shall provide the following information regarding the pipe unless waived by the owner:

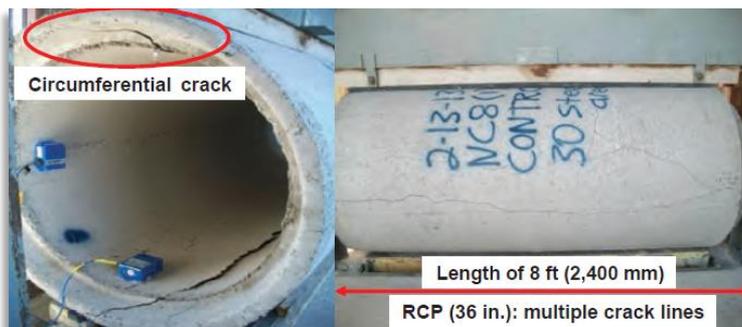
- 6.1.1 Pipe design strength ( $D_{service}$ )
- 6.1.2 *Physical Characteristics*—Diameter, wall thickness, laying length, and joint details.
- 6.1.3 *Steel Fiber Concrete Compressive Strength*—Minimum steel fiber concrete compressive strength equal to 4000 psi.



# HSR & FRC Design: Example Applications

## Structural Synthetic Fibers in Precast Pipe (ASTM C1818)

- FDOT will be adding new **ASTM C1818** to Specification **Section 449** once design life curves are established.



### Performance of Synthetic Fiber-Reinforced Concrete Pipes

#### Time-Dependent Behavior of Synthetic Fiber-Reinforced Concrete Pipes Under Long-Term Sustained Loading

Yeonho Park, Ali Abolmaali, Emmanuel Attiogbe, and Swoo-Heon Lee

**Abstract:** This study presents the production and testing were in the United States. Three production sites were the same as those used in the production of synthetic fibers and adjusting the amount of synthetic fibers and adjusting the amount of synthetic fibers were tested based on industry practice (15 in. to 36 in.). Full-scale structural tests, for obtaining the load deformation curves, were conducted.

This study presents the long-term behavior of synthetic fiber-reinforced concrete (SYNFRCP) in actual field conditions. Conventional concrete (RCP) was used as a control.

Standards Australia International AS 4139. Abdinawali et al. performed a comparative experimental study of RCPs and SFRCPs under the three-edge bearing test (or "D-load test") and introduced the test results to the United States (U.S.).

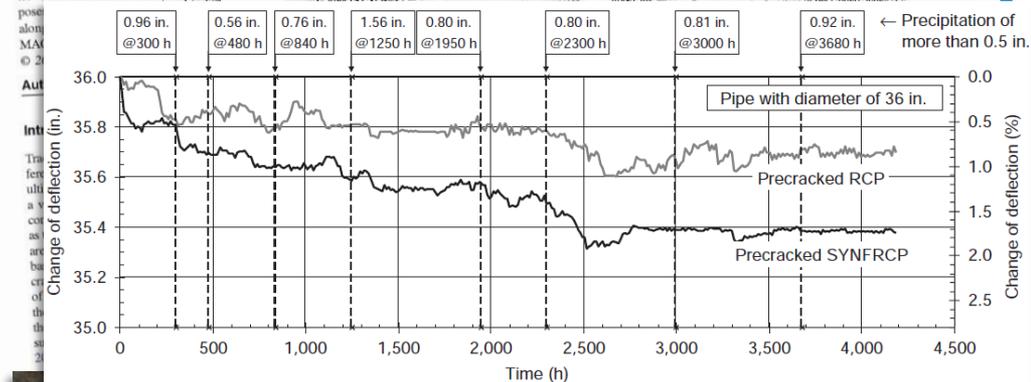


FIGURE 7 Time-dependent behavior of 36-in. (900-mm) pipes.



# HSR & FRC Design: Challenges

1. Expensive Qualification Testing process using **EN14651** for characterizing design properties;
2. Large test samples (flexural beams 6"x 6"x 22");
3. ARS not reliable for design, but still relatively wide result scatter with **EN14651**;
4. New design methods and inconsistent application;
5. Visual verification not effective, need controlled process and/or plastic sample testing for fiber content verification and distribution (see [Materials Manual](#) – 6.3.7.4.11 Volume II)

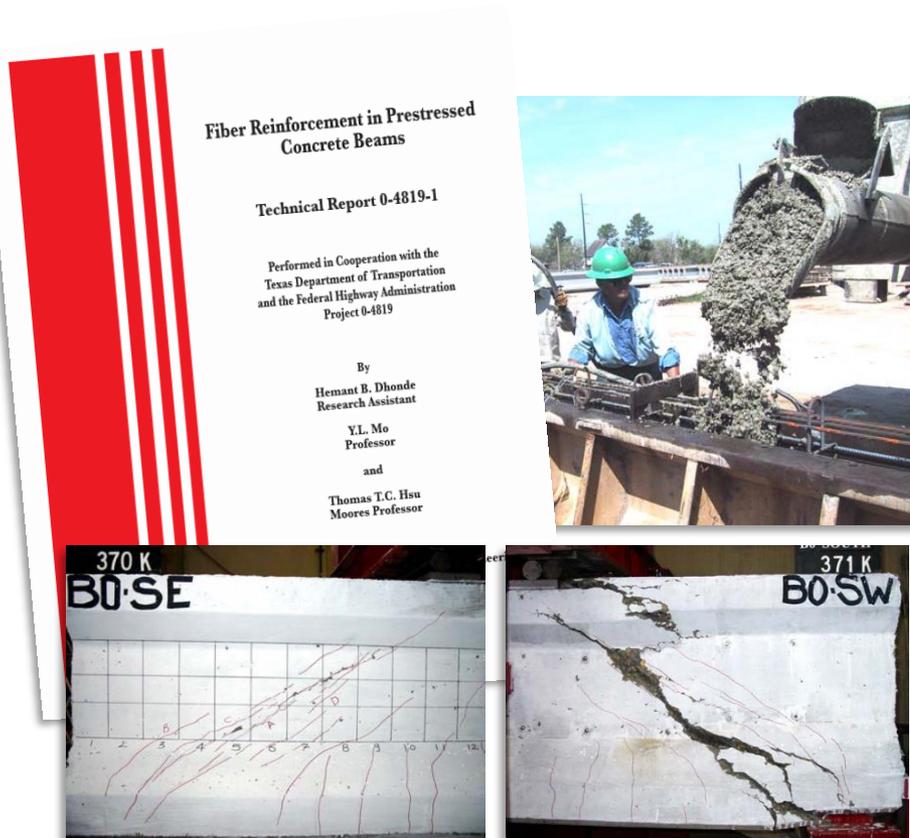
Comparison: Testing Methods



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## TxDOT Research:

- ▶ [FHWA/TX-06/0-4819-1](#)  
Fiber Reinforcement in Prestressed Concrete Beams (2005)



## FDOT Research:

- ▶ [BDV31 977-41](#) Macro Synthetic Fiber Reinforcement for Improved Structural Performance of Concrete Bridge Girders (2017);
- ▶ [BD545-09](#) Crack Control in Toppings For Precast Flat Slab Bridge Deck Construction (2006);
- ▶ [BD545-41](#) Durability of FRC in Florida Environments (2009);
- ▶ [BDK80 977-27](#) Use of FRC for Concrete Pavement Slab Replacement (2014);
- ▶ [BC386](#) Application of FRC in the End Zones of Precast Prestressed Bridge Girders (2002).



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