

**Third International Workshop on FRP Bars for Concrete Structures**  
**(IW-FRPCS3)**

**Workshop Theme: “Advances in concrete reinforcement”**

**Date: August 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



**DAY 1 Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Session 3: Standards & Specifications Perspective on the use of FRP Rebar**  
**(2:00-4:00 pm EDT)**

*(Is there a path to harmonization?)*

RoundTable discussion preceded with 5-minute introduction by panelists.

**Moderator:** Tony Nanni (UM)

Panelists (5 mins)

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- ACI: [Vicki Brown](#) (Widener)
- AASHTO T6/T10: [Tanarat Potisuk](#) (Oregon DOT)
- ASTM: [Bakis](#), [Charles Bakis](#) (PSU)
- ICC-ES: [Mahmut Ekenel](#)
- USACE: [Robert Moser](#)

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**Australia**

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## CSA Design Codes & Specifications

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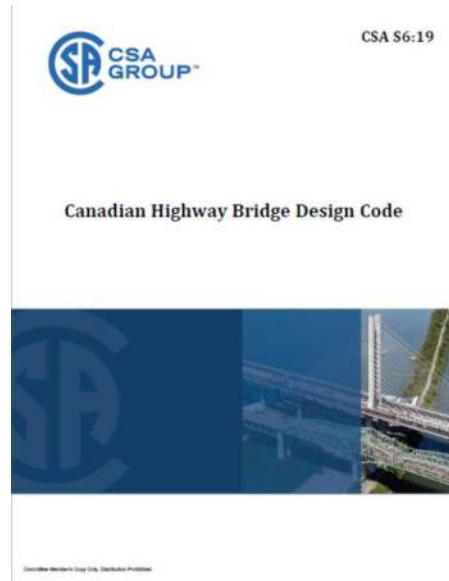
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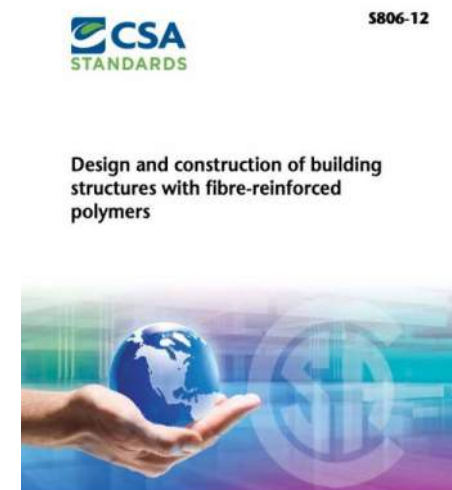
## CSA S807

- First edition in **2010**
- Re-approved in **2015**
- New Edition in **2019** (Second Edition)



## CSA S6 (CHBDC)

- First Edition in **2000** (GFRP as secondary reinforcement)
- Second Edition in **2006** (GFRP as main reinforcement)
- Third Edition in **2010** (FRP-RC beams & slabs, Shear equation, crack-width,  $K_b$ , and barrier walls)
- Re-approved in **2014**
- Fourth Edition in **2019**
- **New Edition in 2025**



## CSA S806

- First edition in **2002**
- Re-approved in **2012**
- Re-approved in **2017**
- **New Edition in 2023** (Third Edition)

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## New editions

1) **CSA S413-21 (2021) Parking Structures**

2) **CSA S900.2 (2021) Structural Design of Wastewater & Water Treatment Plants**

## Inclusion of GFRP reinforcing bars as an alternative reinforcing to traditional black steel rebars



S413-14  
(reaffirmed 2019)

Parking structures



S900.2

*Structural Design of Wastewater Treatment Plants - Seed Document*





## CSA Material Specifications (CSA S807)

Describes permitted constituent materials, limits on constituent volumes, and minimum performance requirements.

Provides provisions governing testing and evaluation for product qualification and QC/QA.



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## CSA S807:19 Specifications for fiber reinforced polymers

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Changes to this edition of S807 include the following:

- change to the scope of the Standard to include material properties of FRPs and the introduction of basalt fibers and specification of E-CR glass;
- addition of fine aggregate for sand coating; and
- addition of production lot size for straight, bent, and anchor-headed bars.



CSA S807:19  
National Standard of Canada



### Specification for fibre-reinforced polymers



Standards Council of Canada  
Conseil canadien des normes

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## CSA S807:19 Specifications for fiber reinforced polymers

### Recent Modifications

#### Minimum Tensile Strength for GFRP Rebars (Grade III)

Minimum tensile strength for straight bars (#4 to #8) :  
1000 MPa (145 ksi)

Minimum tensile strength for straight portion of bent bars (#4 to #8) :  
1000 to 850 MPa (145 to 125 ksi)

Minimum tensile strength for bent portion of bent bars (#4 to #8) :  
450 to 390 MPa (65 to 57 ksi)

#### Minimum Modulus of Elasticity for GFRP Rebars (Grade III)

Minimum modulus of elasticity for straight bars (#4 to #8) :  
60 GPa (8.7 msi)

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## CSA S807:19 Specifications for fiber reinforced polymers

### Recent Modifications

*Annex E (normative)*

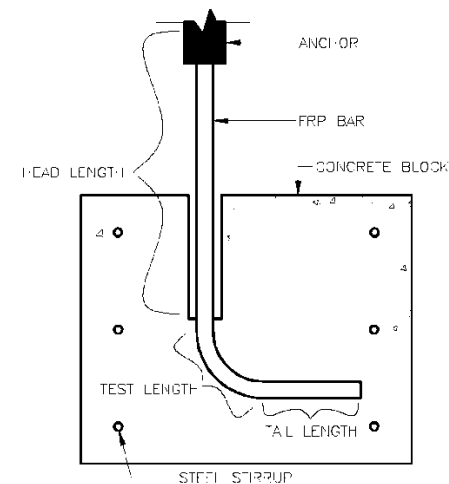
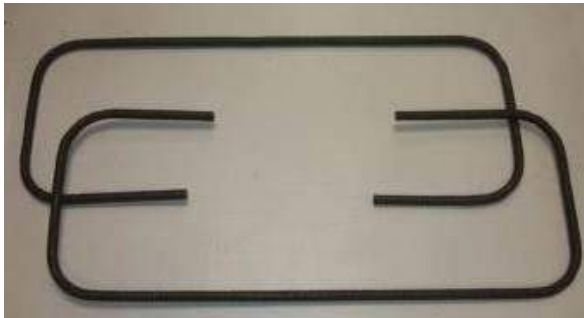
### **Method of test for determining the strength of the bent portion of FRP reinforcing bars**

Note: This Annex is a mandatory part of this Standard.

#### E.1 Scope

##### E.1.1

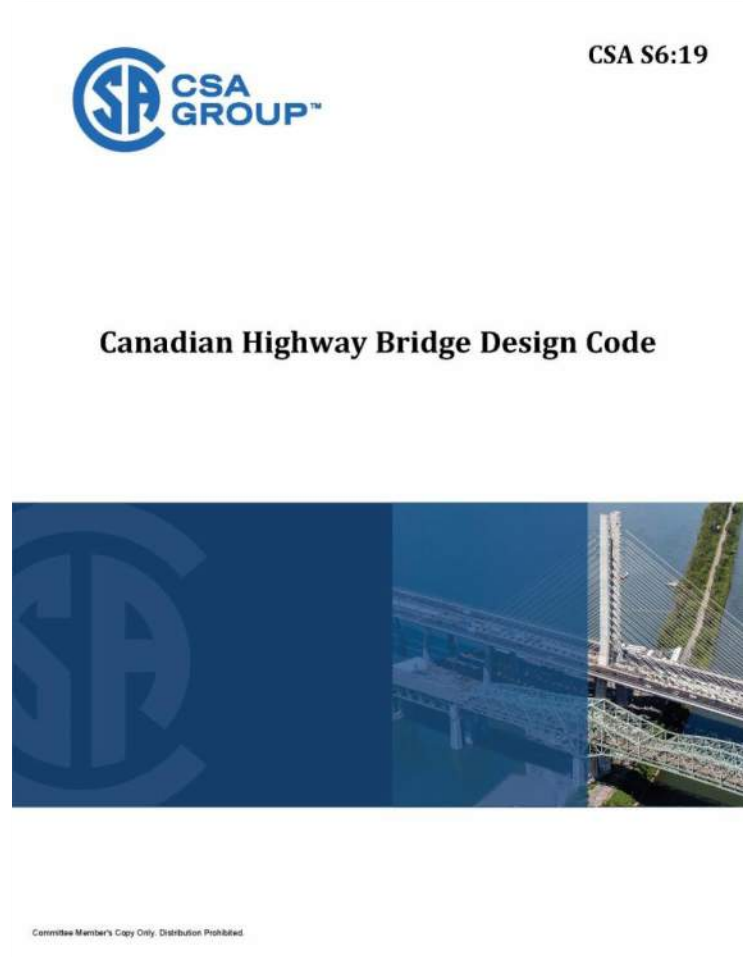
This test method is used to determine the force in the straight portion of a bent fibre-reinforced polymer (GFRP) bar, used as internal reinforcement for concrete structures, when rupture occurs in the bend.





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## CSA S6-19 (CHBDC)

- **Fourth Edition published in 2019**  
(Resistance factor, compression members, circular beams, strut-and-tie model, barrier walls, etc.).

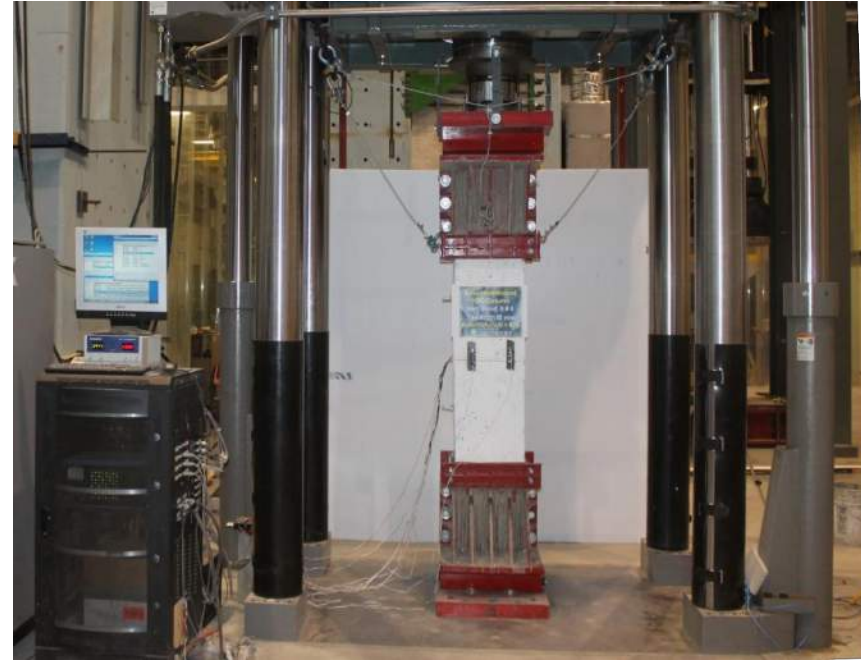
**CSA S6-19**

## New Clauses in Chapter 16 of CSA S6-19

$$P_0 = \phi_c \alpha_1 f'_c A_g + \phi_f f_f A_f$$

Maximum Axial Capacity

$$f_f = 0.002 E_f$$

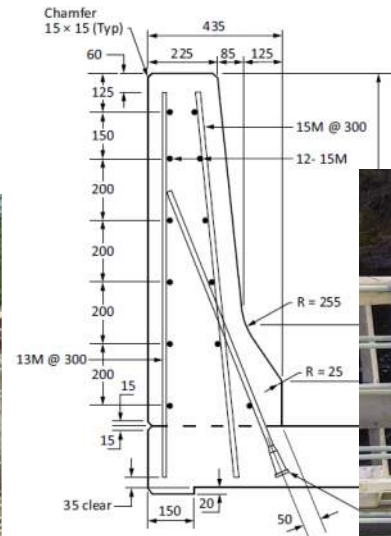
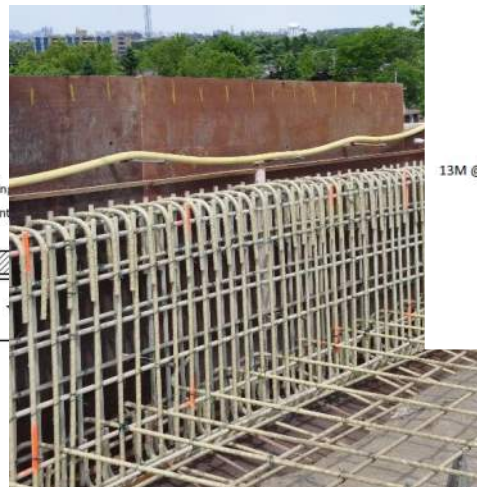
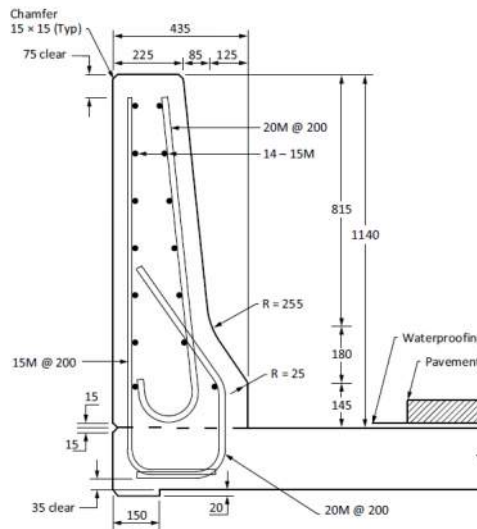


Longitudinal FRP reinforcement may be used in members subjected to combined flexure and axial load. However, the compressive strength of FRP reinforcement shall be limited to a stress corresponding to a strain of 0.002 in the calculation of the factored axial and flexural resistance of reinforced concrete members.

## New Clauses in Chapter 16 of CSA S6-19

# Concrete Barrier walls Reinforced with GFRP Bars

The use of headed bars is now allowed for double-face reinforced concrete barriers



**CSA S6-25 (New Edition in 2025; currently under development)**

- Develop new clauses for **basalt FRP reinforcement** (based on the new edition of CSA S807-19)
- Develop new clauses for concrete members reinforced with **hybrid reinforcement (FRP-steel)** in particular for columns and piers
- Develop design provision for **negative moment reinforcement using bent bars** as in rigid frames and integral abutment.
- Develop design provisions for **slender concrete bridge compression members** (columns, piers, and piles)
- Modification of **creep rupture stress limit**.

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## ACI EFFORTS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GFRP-RC STANDARD BUILDING CODE

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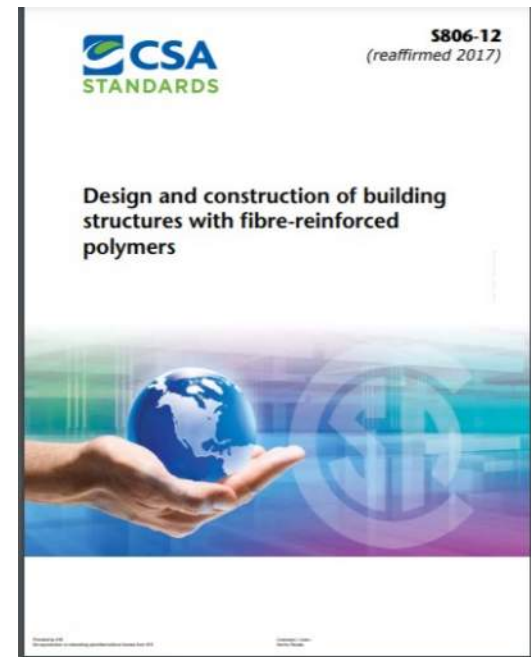
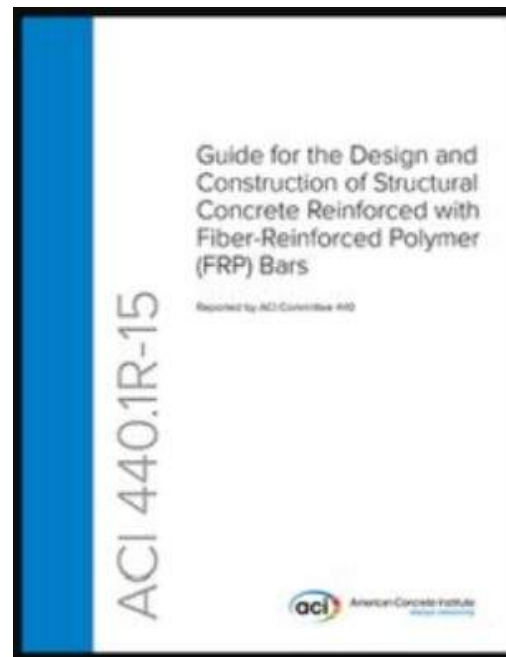
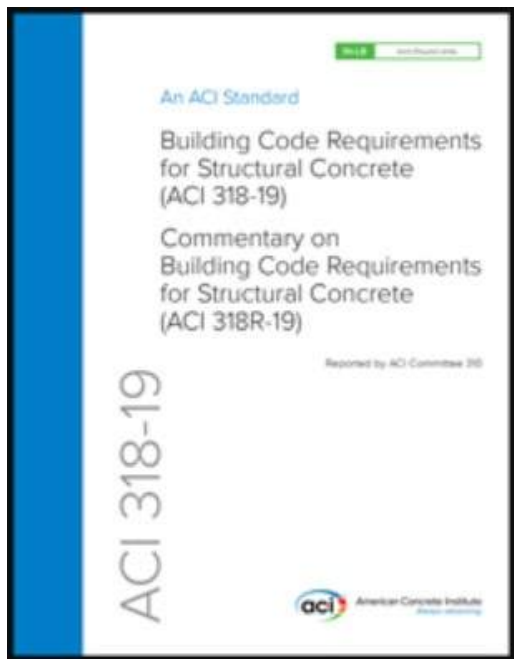




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- Published design guides/model codes in U.S. and Europe
- Published design standard in Canada
- ACI's standard will be dependent on ACI 318



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Chapter 1 – General

Chapter 2 - Notation and Terminology

Chapter 3 - Referenced Standards

Chapter 4 – Structural System Requirements

Chapter 5 – Loads

Chapter 6 - Structural Analysis

Chapter 7 – One-Way Slabs

Chapter 8 – Two-Way Slabs

Chapter 9 – Beams

Chapter 10 – Columns

Chapter 11 – Walls

~~Chapter 12 – Diaphragms~~

Chapter 13 – Foundations

~~Chapter 14 – Plain Concrete~~

Chapter 15 – Beam-Column & Slab-Column Joints

Chapter 16 - Connections between Members

~~Chapter 17 – Anchoring to Concrete~~

~~Chapter 18 – Earthquake-Resistant Structures~~

Chapter 19 – Concrete: Design and Durability Requirements

Chapter 20 – GFRP Reinforcement Properties, Durability, and Embedments

Chapter 21 – Strength Reduction Factors

Chapter 22 – Sectional Strength **(includes torsion)**

~~Chapter 23 – Strut & Tie Models~~

Chapter 24 – Serviceability Requirements

Chapter 25 – Reinforcement Details

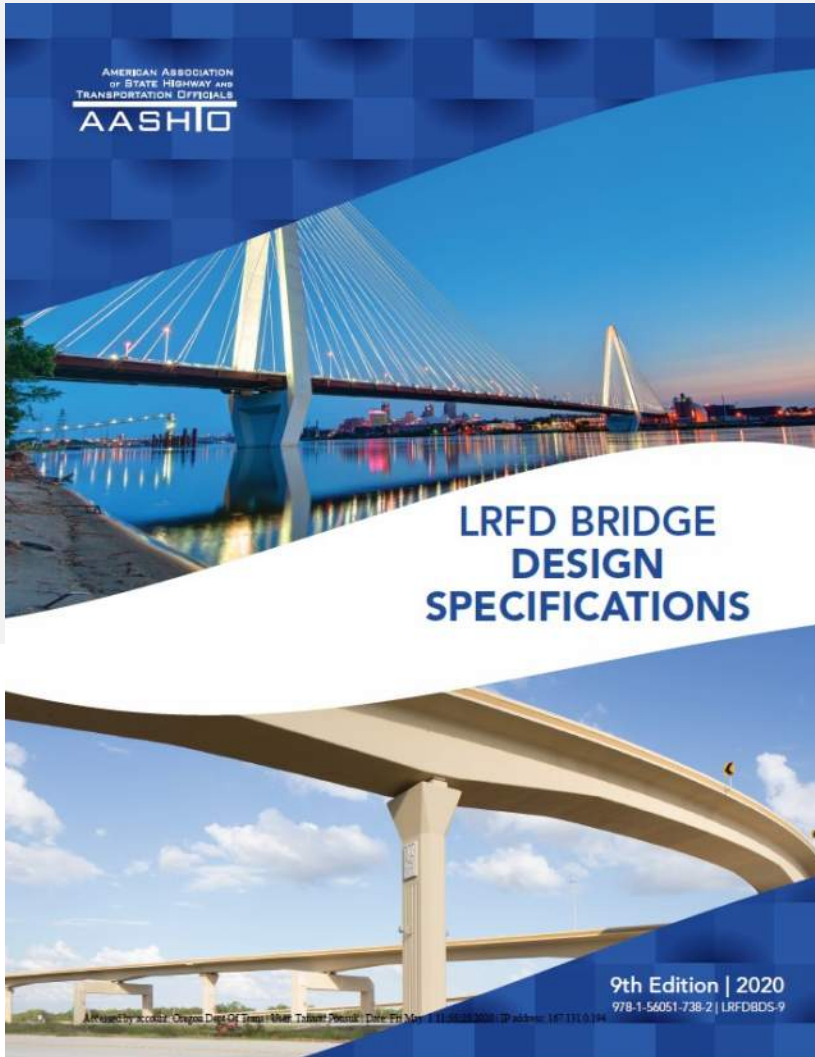
Chapter 26 – Construction Documents and Inspection

~~Chapter 27 – Strength Evaluation of Existing Structures~~

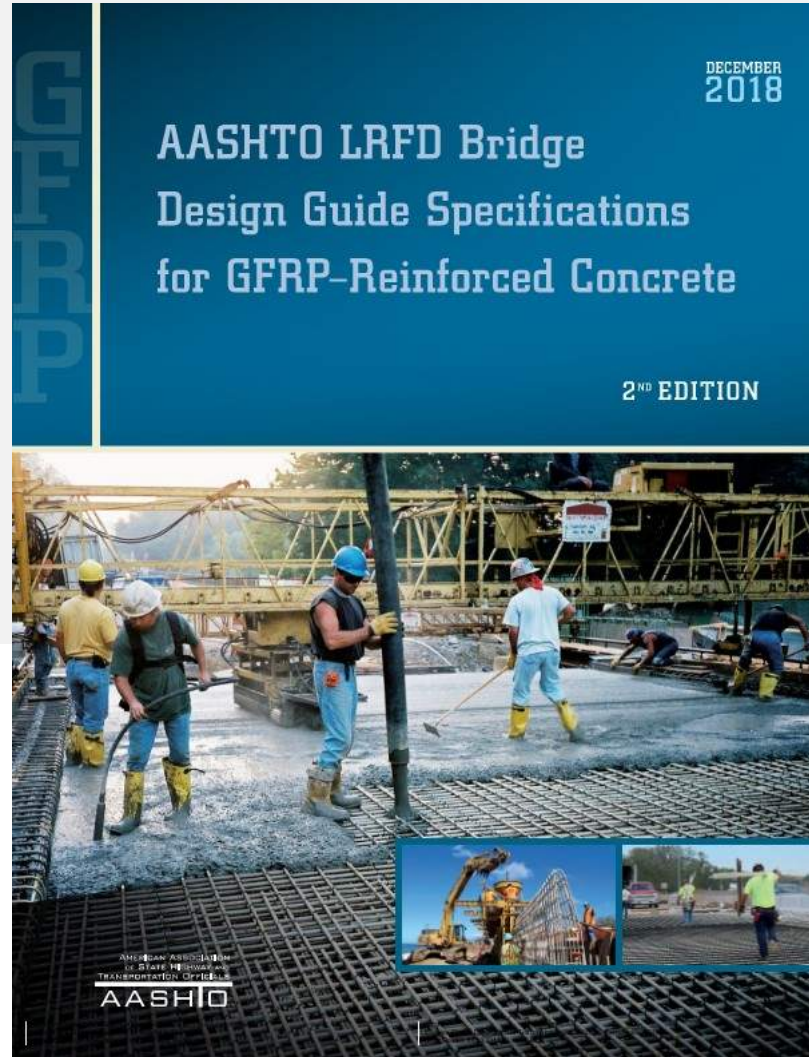
## Updates from 440.1R-15 *Guide* to Code:

- ▶ GFRP reinforcement must conform to ASTM D7957
- ▶ Environmental Factor  $C_E$  increased to 0.85
- ▶ Creep rupture stress limit increased from  $0.2f_{fu}$  to  $0.3f_{fu}$
- ▶ Lower bound of 0.16 applied to the  $k_{cr}$  term in  $V_c$  equation
- ▶ Size dependent factor added to  $V_c$  equation, consistent with changes to 318-19
- ▶ GFRP compression reinforcement permitted (i.e. column design)
- ▶ Design for torsion included

# Bridge Design Specifications



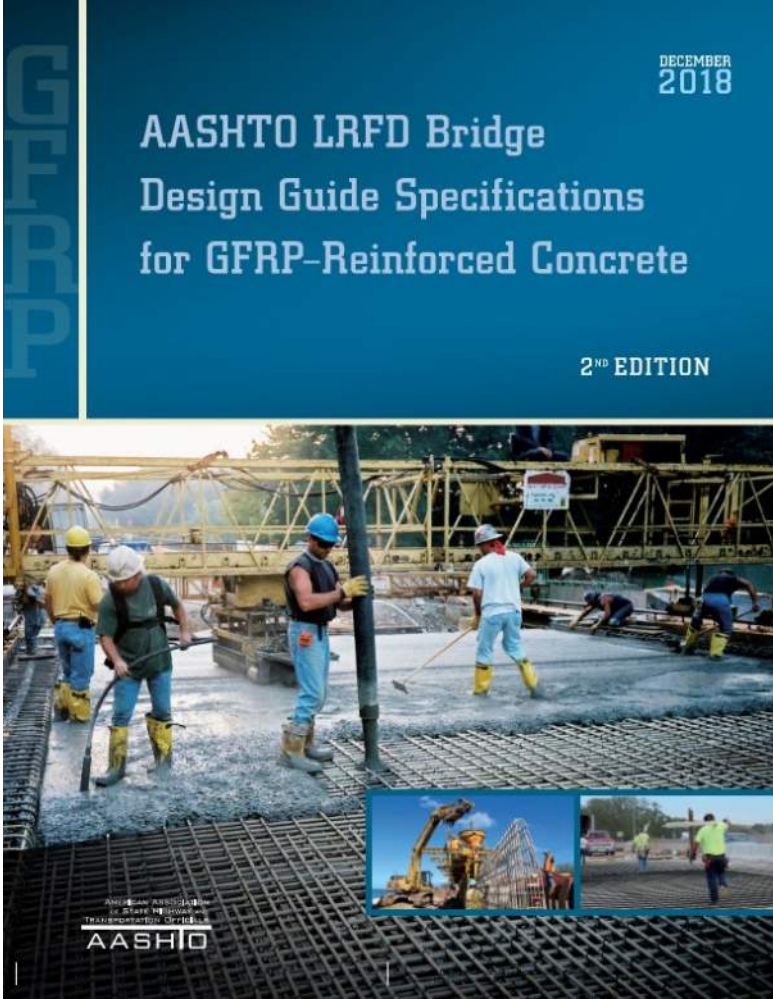
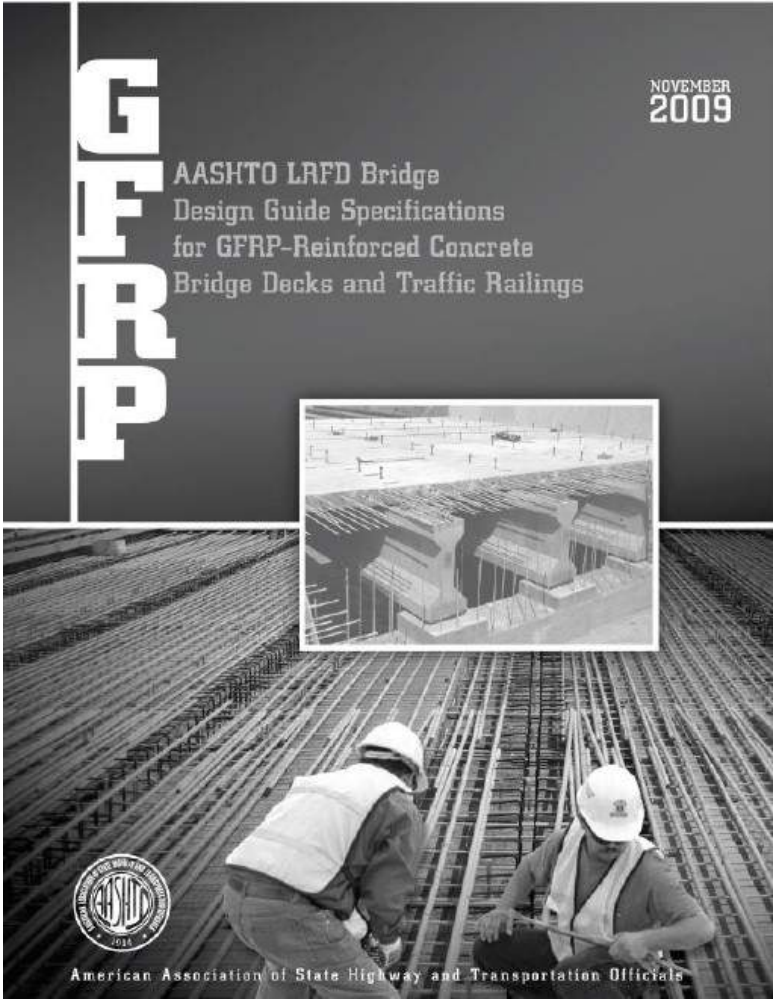
# GFRP-RC Guide Specifications



- Loads and load factors
- 2-column format
- Section 5 Concrete Structures
- Possible integration



# 2018 Update AASHTO GFRP Guide Specification





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- Material specifications according to ASTM D7957-17

Chapter/Section	AASHTO-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed	AASHTO-09 1 <sup>st</sup> Ed	ACI 440-15	CSA-14
<b>2. Concrete Structures</b>				
• Flexural members	0	0	0	0
• Compression members	0			
• Shear	0	0	0	0
• Torsion	0			
<b>3. Decks</b>	0	0		0
<b>4. Substructures</b>	0			
<b>5. Railings</b>	0	0		0
<b>6. Material &amp; Construction</b>	0	0	0	0



Designation: D7957/D7957M – 17

## Standard Specification for Solid Round Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars for Concrete Reinforcement<sup>1</sup>

This standard is issued under the fixed designation D7957/D7957M; 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 reapproval. A superscript epsilon ( $\epsilon$ ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers glass fiber reinforced polymer (GFRP) bars, provided in cut lengths and bent shapes and having an external surface enhancement for concrete reinforcement. Bars covered by this specification shall meet the requirements for geometric, material, mechanical, and physical properties described herein.

1.2 Bars produced according to this standard are qualified using the test methods and must meet the requirements given by Table 1. Quality control and certification of production lots of bars are completed using the test methods and must meet the requirements given in Table 2.

1.3 The text of this specification references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables) shall not be considered as requirements of the specification.

1.4 The following FRP materials are not covered by this specification:

1.4.1 Bars made of more than one load-bearing fiber type (that is, hybrid FRP).

1.4.2 Bars having no external surface enhancement (that is, plain or smooth bars, or dowels).

1.4.3 Bars with geometries other than solid, round cross sections.

1.4.4 Pre-manufactured grids and gratings made with FRP materials.

1.5 This specification is applicable for either SI (as Specification D7957M) or inch-pound units (as Specification D7957).

1.6 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded as standard. Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

<sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D30 on Composite Materials and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D30.10 on Composites for Civil Structures.

Current edition approved Aug. 1, 2017. Published August 2017. Originally approved in 2017. DOI: 10.1520/D7957\_D7957M-17.

1.7 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.8 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>2</sup>

A615/A615M Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

C904 Terminology Relating to Chemical-Resistant Nonmetallic Materials

D570 Test Method for Water Absorption of Plastics

D792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement

D2584 Test Method for Ignition Loss of Cured Reinforced Resins

D3171 Test Methods for Constituent Content of Composite Materials

D3878 Terminology for Composite Materials

D7205/D7205M Test Method for Tensile Properties of Fiber Reinforced Polymer Matrix Composite Bars

D7617/D7617M Test Method for Transverse Shear Strength of Fiber-reinforced Polymer Matrix Composite Bars

D7705/D7705M Test Method for Alkali Resistance of Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Matrix Composite Bars used in Concrete Construction

D7913/D7913M Test Method for Bond Strength of Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Matrix Composite Bars to Concrete by Pullout Testing

D7914/D7914M Test Method for Strength of Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Bent Bars in Bend Locations

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

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- Geometric, material, mechanical, and physical properties
- External surface enhancement
- Vinyl ester/epoxy glass FRP
- Test methods for QC and certification

# Critical Design Factors

- The reliability approaches for the various codes could be different thus resulting in different factors

	AASHTO-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed	AASHTO-09 1 <sup>st</sup> Ed	ACI 440.1R-15	CSA-14	
$f_{fu}^*$	99.73	99.73	99.73	95.0	Percentile guaranteed strength
$\Phi_C$	0.75	0.65	0.65	0.75	Resistance factor – concrete crushing
$\Phi_T$	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	Resistance factor – FRP rupture
$\Phi_S$	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	Resistance factor – shear failure
$C_E$	0.70	0.70	0.70	1.0	Environmental factor
$C_C$	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.25	Creep factor
$C_f$	0.25	0.20	0.20	0.25	Fatigue factor
$k_b$	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.0	Bond coefficient
$w$	0.028	0.020	0.028	0.020	Crack width
$c_{c,stirrups}$ (in.)	1.5	1.5	2.0*	1.5	Clear cover
$c_{c,primary}$ (in.)	2.0	2.0	2.5*	1.5	Clear cover
$c_{c,slab}$ (in.)	1.0	0.75	2.0*	1.5	Clear cover

\*ACI 440.5-08 Table 3.1

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# AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Guide Specifications for GFRP-Reinforced Concrete

2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION



## Discussions

- Harmonization to the extent possible within the existing Specification requirements
  - Load and resistance factors are not always interchangeable
- Harmonization is difficult when the material development continues to be fluid
  - New improved materials are available
- Current T6 goals
  - Operations and Maintenance Activities (Load Rating, Inspection, Evaluation, Repair, etc.)
- T6/T10 possible collaboration to begin discussion on incorporation into the AASHTO BDS
  - Material behavior and design goals are different



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## Standards Activity on FRP Reinforcement Bars in ASTM D30

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## D30.10 Composites for Civil Structures

- Initiated activities in 2012
- Scope: transition ACI 440 test methods to ASTM; write new test & material standards for FRP used as concrete reinforcement

Membership, as of Spring '21

Chair: T. Russell Gentry

Vice-Chair: Charles Bakis (now Francisco De Caso)

	Producer	User	Consumer	General Interest	Unclassified	Total
Official Voting Members	31	0	1	37	0	69
Non Official Voting Members	2	0	0	3	6	11
TOTAL	33	0	1	40	6	80

Each organization entitled to one official voting member 2

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12 current test standards

Green – recent update

\*Currently in review for balloting

Topic	ACI 440	ASTM D30
Bar Cross-Section	B1	D7205-21
Bar Tension	B2	
Bar Anchors	App. A.	
Bar Concentric Pullout	B3	D7913-14(2020)
Bar Transverse Shear	B4	D7617-11(2017)*
Bar Strength at Bends	B5	D7914-21
Bar Alkaline Tension	B6	D7705-19
Bar Creep Rupture	B8	D7337-19
Lam/Concrete Bond - Normal	L1	D7522-21
Laminate Tension	L2	D7565-10(2017)*
Laminate Calculations	App. B	
Laminate Lap Shear	L3	D7616-11(2017)*
Lam/Conc. Bond – Beam	--	D7958-17*
Lam/Conc. Bond – Lap Shear	--	D8337-21
Characteristic Values	--	D7290-06(2017)*

## 1 current material specification

Topic	ACI 440	ASTM D30
GFRP Bar Spec	440.6-08	D7957-17*

\*Currently in review for balloting

## Current & prospective work on new FRP bar standards

- **New specification for “glassy” FRP reinforcement bars**
  - **Under discussion: different fiber and matrix types, graded modulus, additional testing, different testing, refined property requirements dependent on diameter**
- **Specification for “glassy” dowel bars**
- **Specification for CFRP bars**
- **Long-term relaxation of FRP bars (ACI B.9)**
- **Bar anchorage (ACI B.10)**
- **Bar tensile fatigue (ACI B.7)**
- **Tensile properties of deflected FRP bars (ACI B.11)**
- **New test method for bend strength**



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## EVALUATION OF FRP BARS & MESHES FOR BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE IN THE U.S.A

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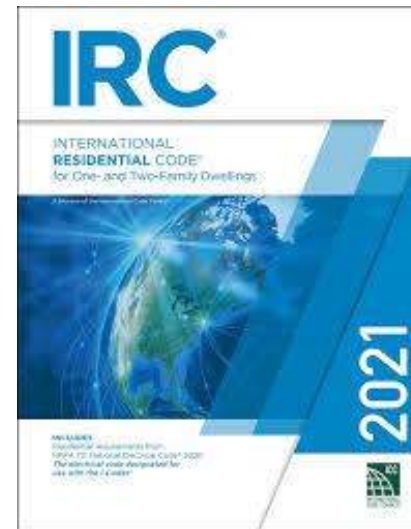
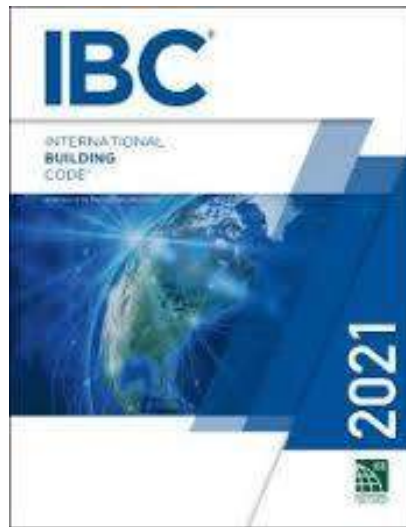


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# Model Building Codes

In the United States, where the power to regulate construction is vested in local authorities, a system of model building codes is used.



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## IBC Code Adoption Map 2021

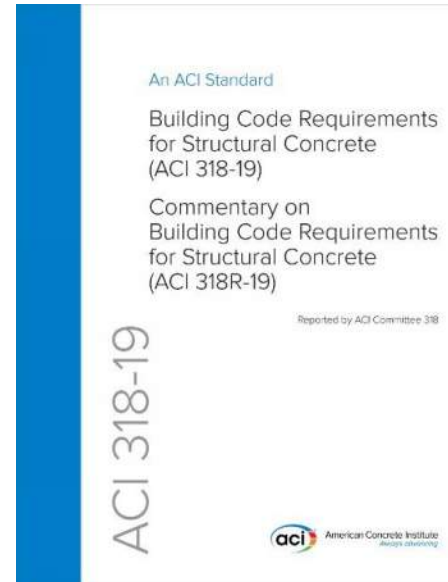


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## IBC referenced ACI documents:

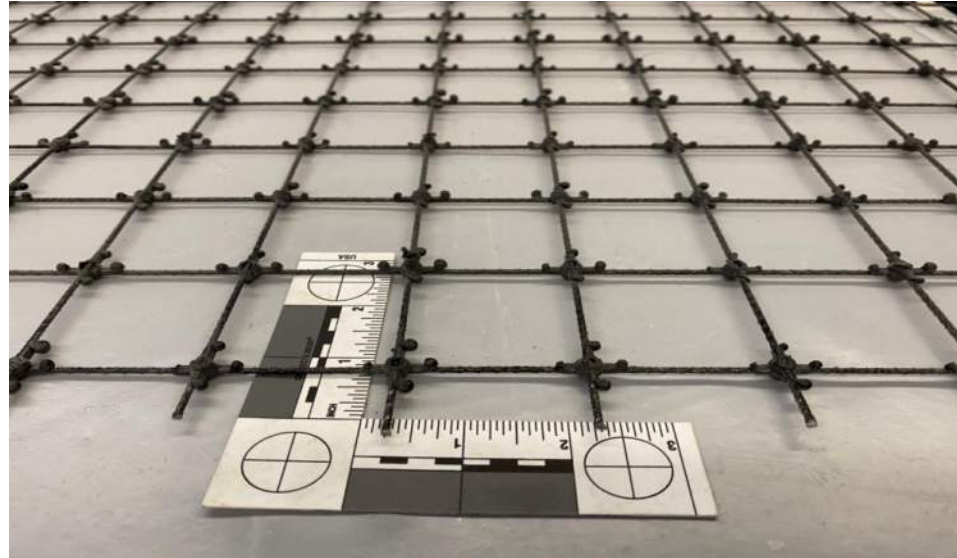
- ACI 216 (Fire resistance of concrete and masonry)
- ACI 318 (Building code requirements for structural concrete)





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In 2021, neither IBC/IRC, nor ACI 318 addresses use of FRP bars and meshes as reinforcement for concrete members. Therefore, they are considered alternative materials.

What happens if there is a new construction material or system that is an alternative to that covered in the building codes?

## IBC/IRC Code Change Process

Anyone can submit a code change proposal:

- Reason for change
- Description of change
- Supporting material

\* To this end, ACI Committee 440 is actively working on the development of an ACI 318-dependent, mandatory language design code aimed to be adopted by the IBC in the future.

What happens if there is a new construction material that is an alternative to that covered in the building codes?

(IBC SECTION 104.11) Alternative materials, designs and methods not specifically addressed in the code can be approved by the building official when they comply with the intent of the provisions of the building code:

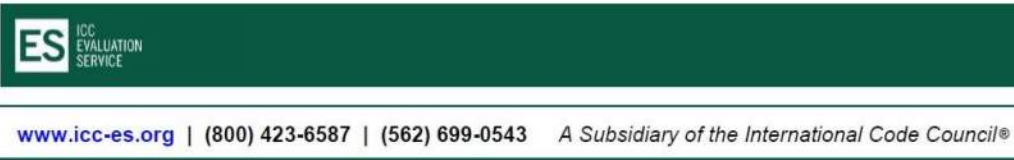
- Quality
- Strength
- Effectiveness
- Fire resistance
- Durability
- Structural safety

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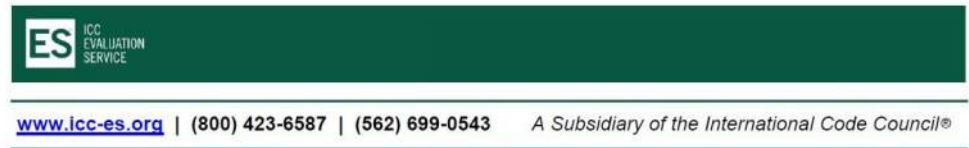


AC454: FRP bars as internal reinforcement of structural concrete members

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMER (FRP) BARS FOR INTERNAL REINFORCEMENT OF CONCRETE MEMBERS

AC454

Approved December 2020



ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMER (FRP) BARS AND MESHES FOR INTERNAL REINFORCEMENT OF NON-STRUCTURAL CONCRETE MEMBERS

AC521

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AC521: FRP bars and meshes as internal reinforcement of non-structural concrete members



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- \* **AC521:** FRP bars and meshes are alternative to the shrinkage and temperature reinforcement for plain concrete footings and for plain concrete slabs-on-ground. Criteria contains provisions for shrinkage cracking testing. Also addresses special inspection and quality control surveillance.
- \* So far, three code compliance evaluation reports have been issued: ESR-4526, ESR-4648, and ESR-4664.

**THANK YOU**

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## Military Missions



### Military Construction

COCOM Support, Overseas  
Contingency Operations (OCO)

Installation Support, Environmental,  
Energy and Sustainability

Federal / State / Local

"Whole of USACE" Capabilities

Capacity Development



## International and Interagency

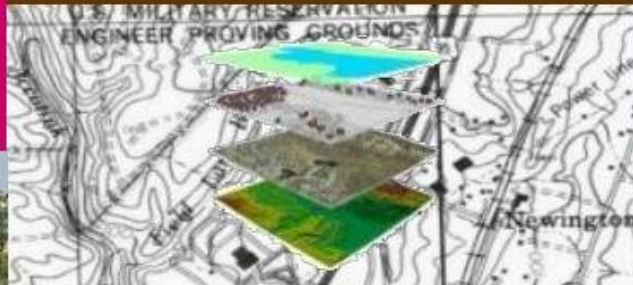
**Real Estate** — Acquire, Manage and Dispose / DoD Recruiting Facilities / Contingency Operations

Navigation, Flood Control,  
Disaster Response, Shore Protection,  
Hydropower, Water Supply,  
Regulatory, Recreation,  
Environmental Restoration



## Civil Works

## Geospatial Support



Common Operating Picture / Environment

Civil Works Programs

Military Programs

Emergency and Contingency Operations

## Contingency Operations



"Whole of Government"  
Disaster Response and Recovery

Life-Cycle Flood Risk Management

Critical Infrastructure

Warfighter

Installations and Energy

Environment

Water Resources



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## THE POWER OF ERDC

# DELIVERING SOLUTIONS

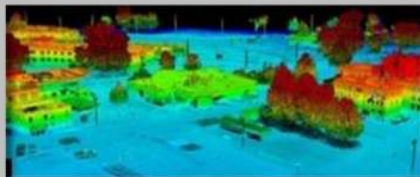
ERDC'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AREAS (RDAs) FOCUS POWERED BY CORE COMPETENCIES



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RESILIENT  
SYSTEMS



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OPERATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTS



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## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AREAS

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AND  
CHARACTERIZATION



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EFFECTS  
ON STRUCTURES AND  
GEO-MATERIALS



CIVIL AND  
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COLD  
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SCIENCE AND  
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## Materials and Manufacturing R&D

Supporting Army S&T, USACE, and Military and Civilian Stakeholders and Partners in ERDC Core Competencies:

- *Blast and Weapons Effects on Structures and Geomaterials*
- *Civil and Military Engineering*
- *Military Installations and Infrastructure*
- *Cold Regions Science and Engineering*



### Force Protection and Weapons Effects

- Advanced weapons effects
- Multi-functional materials
- Structural hardening
- Indigenous materials

### Force Projection and Maneuver Support

- Rapid repair and retrofit
- Lightweighting
- Indigenous materials
- Remote assessment



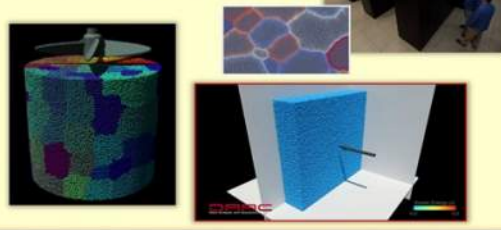
### Cutting-Edge Blast, Impact, and Penetration Testing Equipment



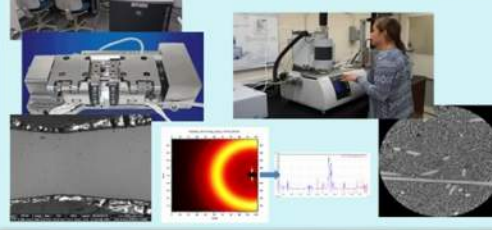
### Large-Scale Structural Testing Systems



### High-Performance Computing Capabilities



### Materials Analysis and In-Situ Mechanics



### Infrastructure, Installations & Environment Quality

- Sustainability
- Operational energy
- Life-cycle durability / performance
- Environmental impacts



### Cross-Cutting Technologies

- Additive / advanced manufacturing
- Multi-scale modeling
- Robotic platforms
- Artificial Intelligence
- Advanced measurement science



Leveraging Extramural Research Partnerships and Advanced High-Performance Computing Capabilities

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## FRP Miter Blocks

### H. Chittenden Locks - Seattle District

- Replaced severely corroded steel.
- Easy to install due to light weight.
- Cost competitive with steel.
- Minimal wear after 4 years.
- Initial Savings = \$0
- 50 Year Savings = \$2M



## Polymer Slides

### Bankhead L&D - Mobile District

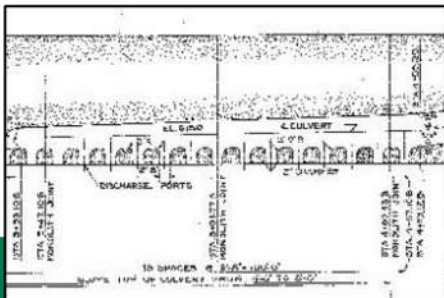
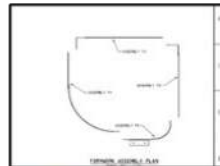
- Reaction rollers prone to seize up from corrosion.
- Replaced with UHMW slides.
- Cheaper by two magnitudes.
- Initial Savings = \$2.7 M (20 gates)
- 50 Year Savings = \$11M



## FRP Wrap Repair

### Chickamauga L&D – Nashville District

- ASR caused cracking in discharge port columns.
- Steel jackets installed by divers weighed 358 lbs.
- Repaired with polymer mastic grout and water-cured FRP composite wrap.
- Rapid repair – short lead time.
- Initial Savings = \$430k (30 ports)



## FRP Filler Panels

### Willow Island L&D – Huntington District

- Steel panels significantly corroded.
- FRP panels fabricated with pultruded shapes and housed in steel frames.
- Initial Savings = \$48k (12 panels)
- 50 Year Savings = \$580k

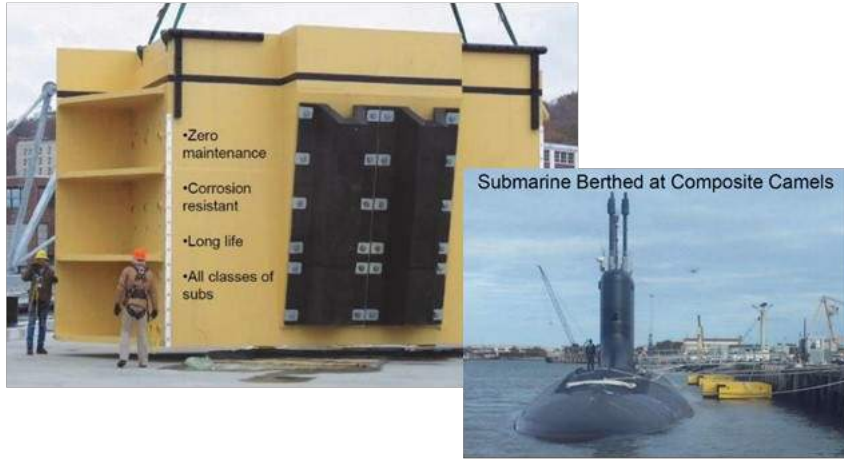




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Navy FRP composite submarine berthing camels (Composite Advantage).



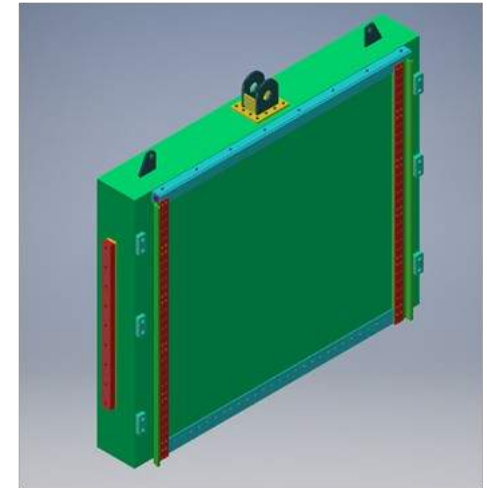
FRP composite wicket gates for IWW.



Navy FRP composite aircraft carrier berthing camels (Composite Advantage).



FRP composite culvert valves for IWW.





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## What are we doing?

- Structural composites for infrastructure
- Structural thermoplastics
- Thermoplastic rebar
- Advanced polymers and fibers
- Repair and rehabilitation
- Guidance modernization

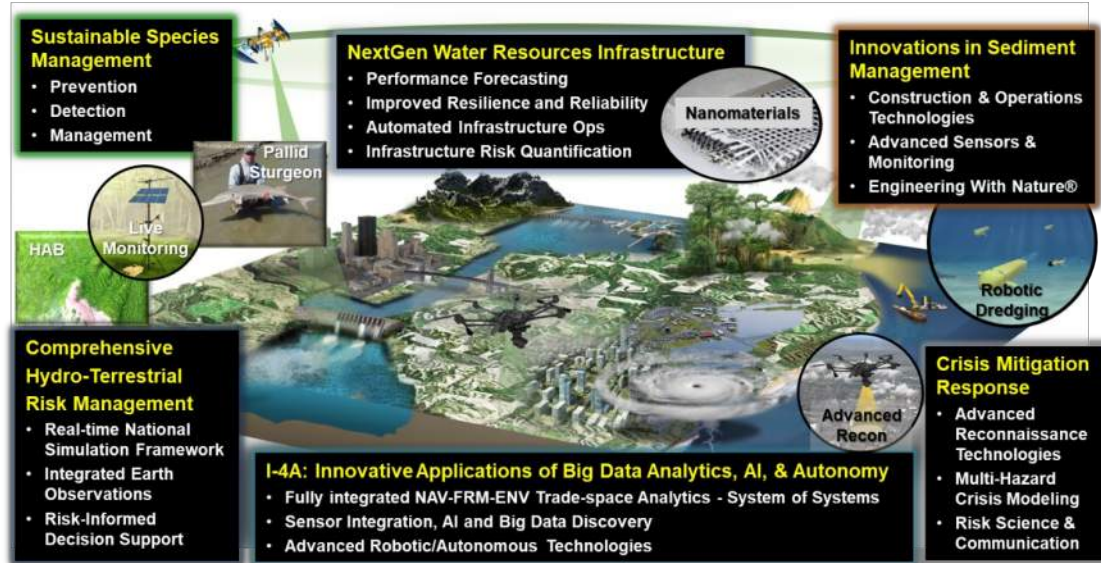
## Where are we going?

- Infrastructure bill
- Advanced materials (WRDA, IMAGINE)
- R&D expansion and transition

## What are the challenges?

- Tech transition
- AGING INFRASTRUCTURE
- Resilient infrastructure
- Specialized vs. commodity

## Civil Works R&D Strategic Focus Areas



## Example Extramural R&D Partnerships



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## Standards & Specifications Perspective on the use of FRP Rebar, AFGC French working group

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## USE of GFRP in France for RC concrete structures



*Tunnels, basement*

**COROSION  
FREE**

Soft-eye opening for the Bangkok Metro  
(<http://aslanfrp.com>)



Grand Paris construction site



(<https://www.sireggeotech.it>)

*Building (Precast concrete wall)*

**Thermal  
conductivity**



**Schöck**  
Solutions constructives innovantes

# Use of GFRP in « Grand Paris » underground



[www.solscope.fr](http://www.solscope.fr)



## Working group

### Use of GFRP bars for RC structures

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"The working group focuses on the use of internal "composite" reinforcements (long fibers and organic matrix) for the reinforcement of reinforced concrete in the case of new structures. These structures can be of various nature (structures, building, foundations, tunnels, ...). Its objective is to propose recommendations adapted to the national situation, in accordance with international work on the subject.

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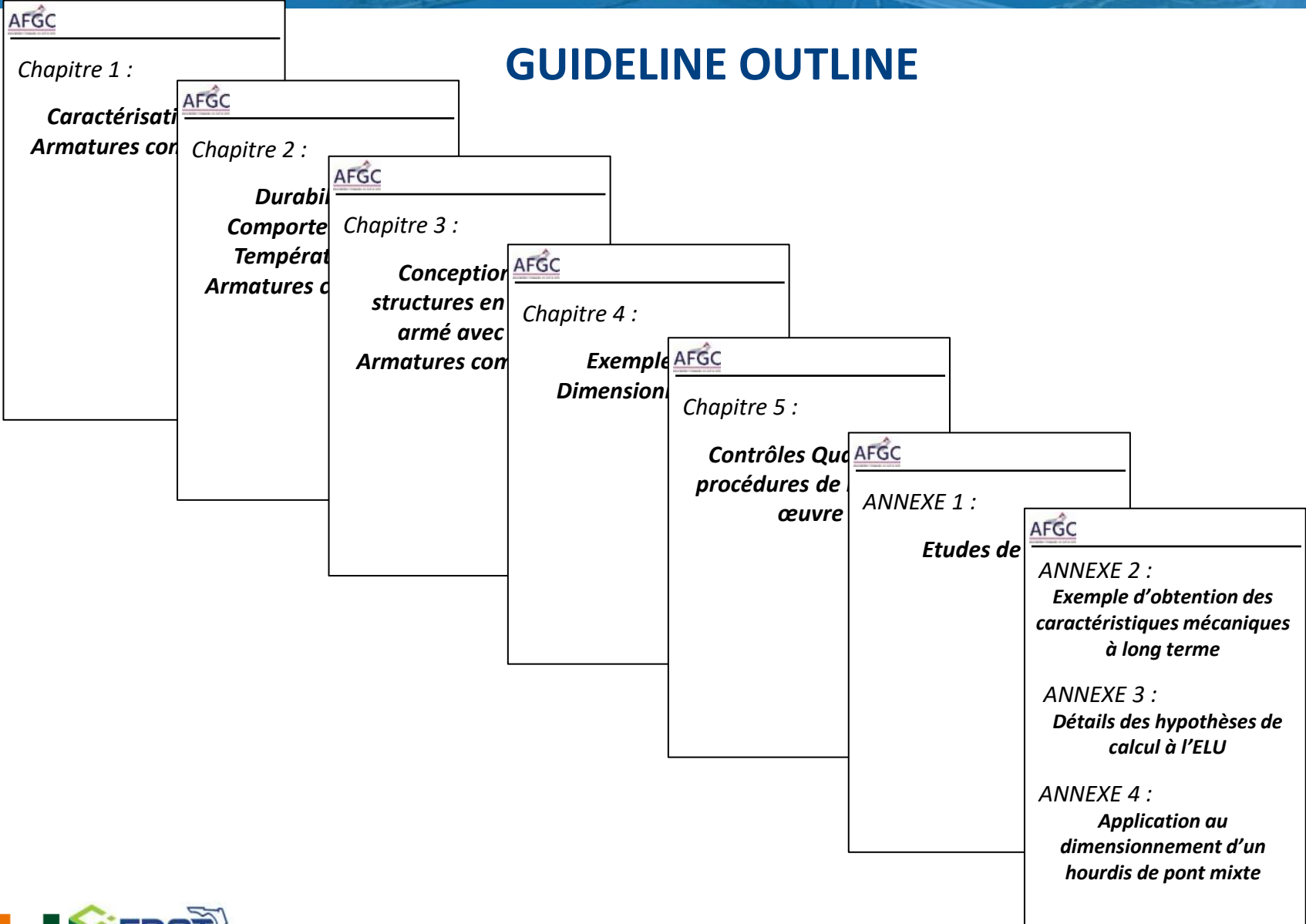
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**50 members with at least  
30 participants at each  
meeting  
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## GUIDELINE OUTLINE



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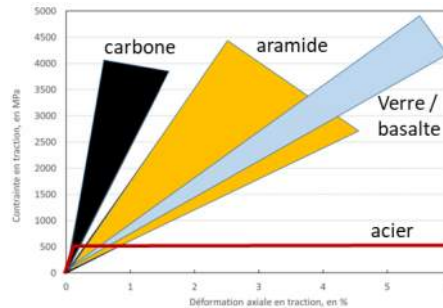
## CHAPTER 1 : MATERIAL PROPERTIES

Chapitre 1 :

*Caractérisation des Armatures composites*

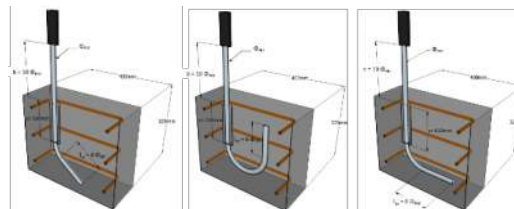
- Intoduction to GFRP**

Kind of fibers, surface properties



- Geometrical, physical and mechanical properties1**

- Geometrical properties;
- Glass temperature  $T_g$  ;
- coefficient of thermal expansion ;
- Degree of crosslinking ;
- Density.



Diamètre nominal $\phi_{PRF}$ , en mm	Section nominale, $A_{PRF}$ en mm <sup>2</sup>	Section minimale mesurée, en mm <sup>2</sup>	Section maximale mesurée, en mm <sup>2</sup>
5	19,6	18	25
6	28,3	26	35
7	38,5	36	45
8	50,3	47	57
9	63,6	59	71
10	78,5	73	102
12	113	106	124
13	132	124	144
14	154	144	165
15	176	165	188
16	201	188	246
19	283	266	295
20	314	295	370
25	491	461	565
29	660	620	750
32	804	755	909
36	1018	956	1021
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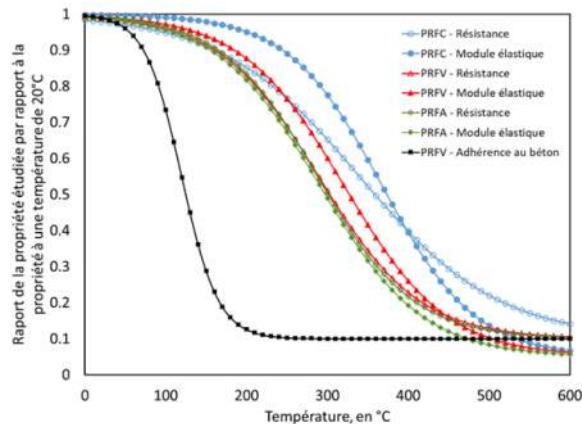
## CHAPTER 2 : DURABILITY

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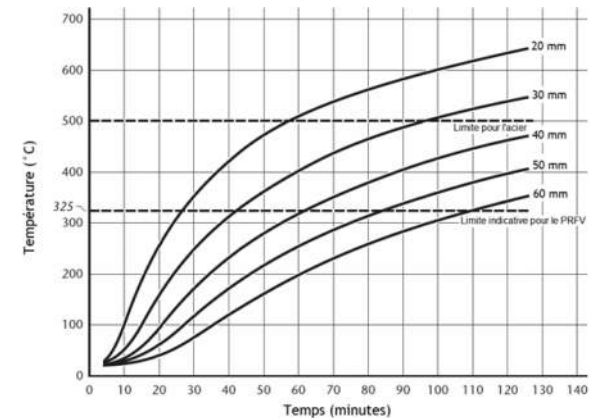
Chapitre 2 :

**Durabilité et  
Comportement en  
Température des  
Armatures composites**

- **Fatigue and creep strength**
- **Alkali sensitivity ;**
- **Serviciability Temperature ;**
- **Fire behaviour**



Evolution en fonction de la température des résistances et modules élastiques des PRFC, PRFA et PRFV ainsi que l'adhérence entre PRFV et béton (Bisby, 2003)



Exemple d'abaque permettant de déterminer l'épaisseur d'enrobage nécessaire à partir de la méthode de la température critique

- **Review of 25 years of background**



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## CHAPTER 3 : DESIGN PROVISIONS

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Chapitre 3 :

*Conception de  
structures en béton  
armé avec des  
Armatures composites*

- ***Covering ;***
- ***Design material properties;***
  - Safety factors
- ***Calculus of beams under flexural and normal loading;***
  - Calculation for ULS
  - Calculation for SLS ;
  - Minimal ratio ;
  - Detailing
- ***Calculus for shear ;***
  - Minimal ratio ;
  - Detailing
- ***Calculus for T beams ;***
- ***Calculus for punching ;***
- ***Calculus of columns under compression and flexural loading ;***
- ***Detailing;***
- ***Fatigue calculation***

Based on  
NF EN 1992-1

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## CHAPTER 4 : DESIGN EXAMPLES



Chapitre 4 :

**Exemples de Dimensionnement**

Based on  
NF EN 1992-1

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**Principe de ferrailage :**

Section à mi-travée :

Disposition longitudinale :

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$$M_{Ed} = f_{FRP,d} \cdot A_{FRP} \cdot \left(d - \frac{\lambda}{2} \cdot x\right) = 0,8 \cdot \frac{600}{1,3} \cdot 0,009424 \cdot \left(0,845 - \frac{0,8}{2} \cdot 0,26\right) = 2564 \text{ kNm}$$

$$\frac{M_{Ed}}{M_{Ed,ult}} = 2,31 > 1 \text{ donc la section est vérifiée à l'ELU.}$$

**Principe de ferrailage :**

La disposition constructive prise pour respecter l'espacement minimal consiste en 2 lits de paquets de 2 barres et 1 lit de paquets de 2 barres et 1 lit additionnel mixant barre seule et paquet de 2 barres.

$$\text{nombre de barres} = \frac{b + esp - 2 \cdot c_{min}}{d_{FRP,d} + \text{espacement}} = 9,43 \text{ barres}$$

Une vérification supplémentaire est nécessaire au regard du nombre de lits. Le cas de flexion ELU doit prendre en compte la distance moyenne entre les différents lits s'assurer que le ferrailage choisi puisse reprendre le moment sollicitant.

$$d_{eq} = \frac{d_1 \cdot A_{FRP,1} + d_2 \cdot A_{FRP,2} + d_3 \cdot A_{FRP,3} + d_4 \cdot A_{FRP,4}}{A_{FRP}} = 813 \text{ mm}$$

$$x = \frac{\epsilon_c}{\epsilon_c + \epsilon_{FRP,d}} \cdot d_{eq} = \frac{3,5}{3,5 + 7,4} \cdot 0,813 = 26 \text{ cm}$$

$$M_{Ed} = f_{FRP,d} \cdot A_{FRP} \cdot \left(d - \frac{\lambda}{2} \cdot x\right) = 0,8 \cdot \frac{600}{1,3} \cdot 0,009424 \cdot \left(0,813 - \frac{0,8}{2} \cdot 0,26\right) = 2467 \text{ kNm}$$

$$\frac{M_{Ed}}{M_{Ed,ult}} = 2,24 > 1 \text{ donc la section est vérifiée à l'ELU.}$$

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**Calcul des combinaisons :**

Etat limite ultime :

$$M_{ult} = 1,35 \cdot G + 1,35 \cdot Q = 228 \text{ kNm}$$

$$V_{ult} = 1,35 \cdot 67,5 + 1,35 \cdot 30 = 132 \text{ kN}$$

Etat limite de service :

$$M_{serv} = G + Q = 169 \text{ kNm}$$

$$M_{req} = G + 0,60 \cdot Q = 141,75 \text{ kNm}$$

$$M_{sp} = G = 101,25 \text{ kNm}$$

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- **Beams ;**
- **Sustaining RC wall ;**
- **columns**

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Chapitre 5 :

***Contrôles Qualité et  
procédures de mise en  
œuvre***

## CHAPTER 5 : QUALITY CONTROL

- ***List of initial evaluation tests on reinforcements;***
- ***List of internal factory production controls;***
- ***On-site implementation procedures;***
- ***On-site storage procedures;***
- ***Rules of transport;***
- ***Rules for setting up reinforcements ...***

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## CHAPTER 6 : CASE STUDY

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ANNEXE 1 :

Etudes de cas

- **Dextra ;**
- **Mateenbar ;**
- **Owens Corning ;**
- **Pultrall ;**
- **Schöck ;**
- **Sireg**

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**Hôtel de Burj Al Arab aux Emirats Arabes Unis**  
Le seul hôtel de 7 étoiles au monde entier

**Description du contexte du projet**

Le Burj Al Arab est l'emblématique hôtel 7 étoiles situé sur une île artificielle à Dubai. Cet hôtel mesure 321 m et était le plus haut hôtel jusqu'à 2007. C'est l'hôtel le plus connu au monde entier conçu en 1993 par l'architecte Tom Wright et a été construit en 1999. Cet hôtel est protégé par 1500 unités en béton armé nécessaires à la protection de l'île artificielle. Dans le cadre de leur programme d'entretien et après 15 ans de mise en service, la corrosion est apparue dans ces unités à cause de leur proximité avec la mer. Le client a exigé un

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**Metro de Melbourne – 2017/2020**  
**Description du contexte du projet**

Le métro de Melbourne est le plus grand projet d'infrastructure de transport public jamais réalisé dans l'histoire de l'état de Victoria. Il consiste à construire un tunnel, bitube, d'une longueur de 9 kilomètres, cinq stations de métro souterraines, ainsi que l'aménagement de parcs, de zones piétonnes et de commerces dans les espaces publics autour de ces stations. Le tunnel est particulièrement complexe à la vue de la géologie de la région et de la nécessité de passer sous la

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**Nipigon river bridge – 2014 à 2017**  
Division nord-ouest du ministère des Transports de l'Ontario

**Description du contexte du projet**

Premier pont à haubans sur l'autoroute 11, à portée double, piliers centraux, 4 voies de circulation, 252 m de long, 37 m de large, 70 m de haut.

Propriétaire: MTO NW Region  
Entrepreneur: BOT Ferrovial Nipigon IV / Harris Rebar  
Pré-mouleur: ARMTEC  
Concepteurs: M/M/Buckland & Taylor, Ray Kriscianus

**Description détaillée**

Figure 1 : Photo de l'ouvrage terminé

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**IDEA project- pieux précontraintes - Miami- USA – 2019**  
**Description du contexte du projet**

Pendant la construction du pont Avenue Bridge au-dessus de l'avenue Broward County (près de Miami, États Unis) plusieurs pieux préfabriqués en béton armé avec des armatures en fibre de verre GLASSFREE® ont été réalisés pour le confortement des fondations du pont.

Ces pieux ont été mis en précontrainte avant d'être installés pour améliorer leur performance.

L'utilisation d'armatures en fibre de verre permettra de réduire les frais d'entretien de l'ouvrage pour éviter notamment la corrosion des armatures métalliques en présence d'eau et d'un taux d'humidité très élevé.

**Description détaillée des armatures**

Après dimensionnement, des barres droites GLASSFREE® 32 mm et des cadres rigorés pour réaliser la cage d'armature des pieux à section rectangulaire.

La ligature entre barres et cadres a été faite au moyen de colliers en plastique.

Figure 1 : Levage du pieu préfabriqué

Figure 2 : Détail de la cage d'armature

Nom commercial de l'armature utilisée : GLASSFREE® - Sireg Geotech  
Type d'éléments armés :  Poteaux  Voiles, murs  Sireg Geotech  
Type de fibre :  Verre  Carbone  Aramide  Basalte  
Quantité d'armatures : 8 tonnes  
Localisation : Miami - États Unis  
Avantages des armatures composites pour le cas présenté : résistance à la corrosion chimique / durabilité

**AFGC** Groupe de travail : Utilisation d'armatures composites (à fibres longues et à matrice organique) pour le béton armé

**Aéroport de Zurich**  
Renforcement des dalles de piste en béton

**Description du contexte du projet**

Les grands aéroports disposent d'un système complexe de pistes de décollage, d'atterrissage et de voies de circulation.

Pour faciliter la gestion du trafic aérien, des boucles d'induction sont intégrées directement dans les voies permettant ainsi de suivre le déplacement des avions.

Figure 1 : Photo de l'ouvrage terminé

**Description détaillée**

Le système de signalisation lumineuse appelé « barre d'arrêt », qui est utilisé pour signaler les points névralgiques qui ne peuvent être franchis sans l'autorisation du contrôle aérien.

Pour assurer le bon fonctionnement de ce système hautement sensible, les dalles en béton à proximité doivent être renforcées avec des armatures magnétiques.

L'armature en fibres de verre Schöck Combar® permet ainsi, grâce à ses propriétés magnétiques et non électro-conductrice, d'éviter les perturbations électromagnétiques et d'assurer le bon fonctionnement des systèmes de détection.

Figure 2 : Photo du chantier

Les boucles d'induction créent un champ électromagnétique qui change dès qu'une masse possédant son propre champ magnétique - en l'occurrence un avion - y pénètre. Le contrôleur aérien peut ainsi suivre le déplacement des avions et ajuster

Figure 2 : Photo du chantier

Nom commercial de l'armature utilisée : Hughes Bros Fibreglas™ Rebar  
Type d'éléments armés :  Poteaux  Voiles, murs  Dalles  Nouveaux  
Type de fibre :  Verre  Carbone  Aramide  Basalte  
Quantité d'armatures : 25 kilomètres de barres Combar  
Localisation : Kloten, Suisse  
Avantages des armatures composites pour le cas présenté : Durabilité de 100 ans, dimensionnement aux Eurocodes selon les concepts de durabilité de la FIB bulletin 82, propriétés magnétiques et non électro-conductrice.



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## CONCLUSION

Open working group (approx. 50 participants)

10 meetings for 3 years. (+ group meetings)

GFRP bars world wide used

Need to move forward on the French standard (strong industrial demand and some project owners) to allow a wider diffusion of composite reinforcements,

Final proofreading phase in progress.

=> Objective: finalization of the draft at the end of 2021!

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## **Standards & Specifications on the Use of FRP Rebar: *Perspective in Australia***

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## Current Australian market

- Between 2012 and 2017, there are more than **1.5 million meters** of GFRP bars installed in actual construction projects.
- Mostly used as **reinforcement in concrete structures in harsh environmental conditions** with 20% of market are for electrical and magnetic non-conductive applications.
- Market value for GFRP bars is around AU\$8.0 million in 2021 and **increases by 13% per year.**



<https://www.tuf-bar.com/>



<https://www.buildaustralia.com.au/products/mateenbar-concrete-reinforcement/>



<https://www.bandbfrp.com/>



<https://basaltfrp.com.au/basalt-products-reinforcement-bar-mesh-fabric/fibreglass-rebar/>



<http://galencomposite.com/products/composite-reinforcement-rockbar/>



# Current Australian market

- **3 grades of FRP bars**

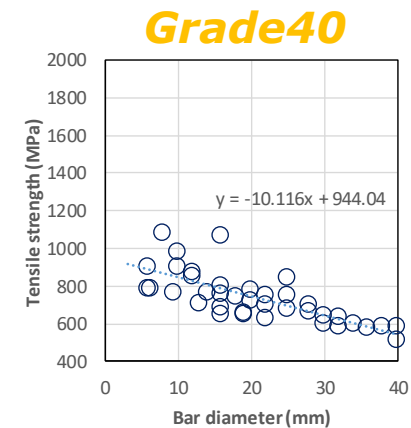
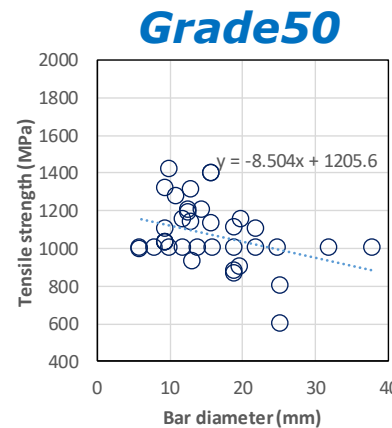
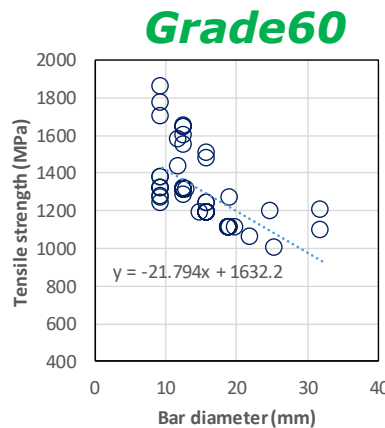
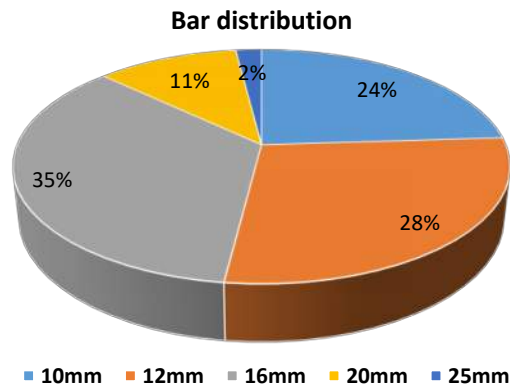
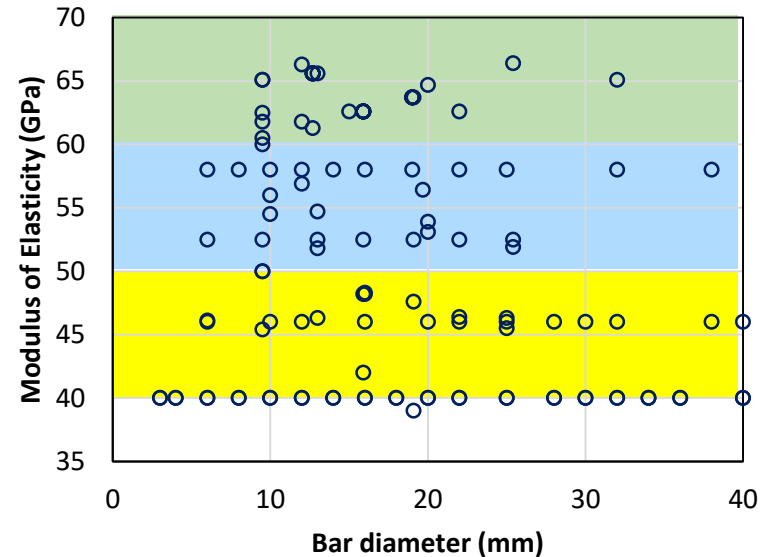
**Grade40**:  $40 \text{ GPa} \leq E < 50 \text{ GPa}$

**Grade50**:  $50 \text{ GPa} \leq E < 60 \text{ GPa}$

**Grade60**:  $E \geq 60 \text{ GPa}$

- Tensile strength: 500-2000 MPa

- Tensile strain: 1.1 to 2.7%

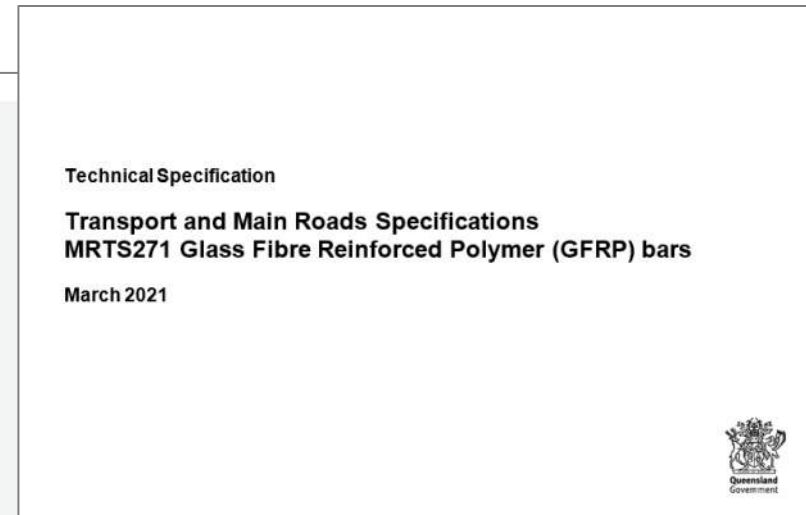
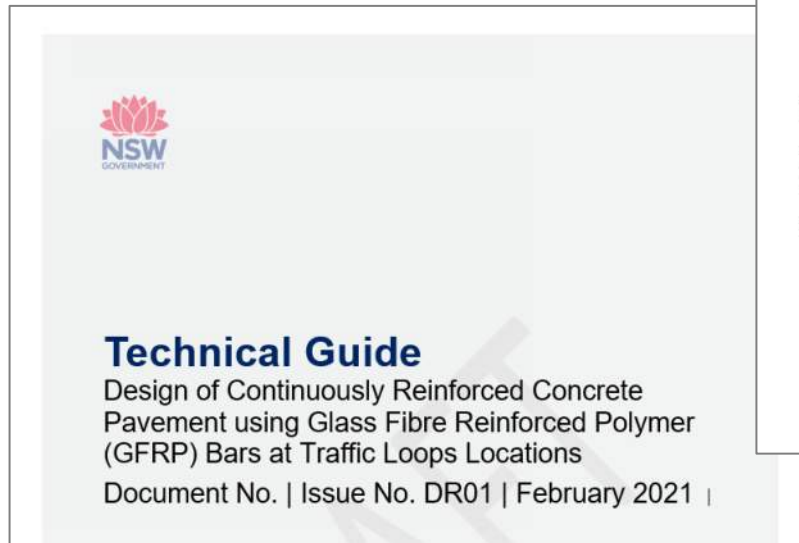


# *Design codes and specifications*



## **BD-108 Fibre-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Bars**

***AS 5204: Material Standards for Fibre-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Composite Bars as Internal Reinforcement for Concrete Structures***  
*(proposal under stakeholders and public consultation)*



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## Advanced Queensland Industry Research Fellowship GFRP-reinforced precast concrete in boating and marine infrastructure



Precast concrete pontoons



Wharves and jetties

<https://www.xypex.com.au/Flinders-Ports-Berth-8-Outer-Harbour-Grain-Wharf-572>



Testing of GFRP-reinforced precast planks under torsion



Rehabilitation of marine infrastructure



Precast concrete marine piles

<https://lockesolutions.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/4.jpg>



## Summary

- GFRP bar is now an accepted alternative reinforcement in concrete structures exposed to aggressive environment and in electrical and magnetic non-conductive applications.
- The properties of GFRP bars available in Australia are in alignment with the property limits suggested by CSA S807 and ASTM D7957.
- The complete acceptance of the GFRP bars for concrete structures can be achieved by the development of materials and design standards.

Case Study



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