

AASHTO GFRP-Reinforced Concrete Design Training Course



Course Content Areas

1. Introduction & Materials
2. Flexure Response
3. Shear Response
4. Axial Response
5. Case Studies & Field Operations



Course Overview & Expectations



Concepts

- Introduction of concepts
- Understanding of methods
- Use of available resources

Questions
&
Examples

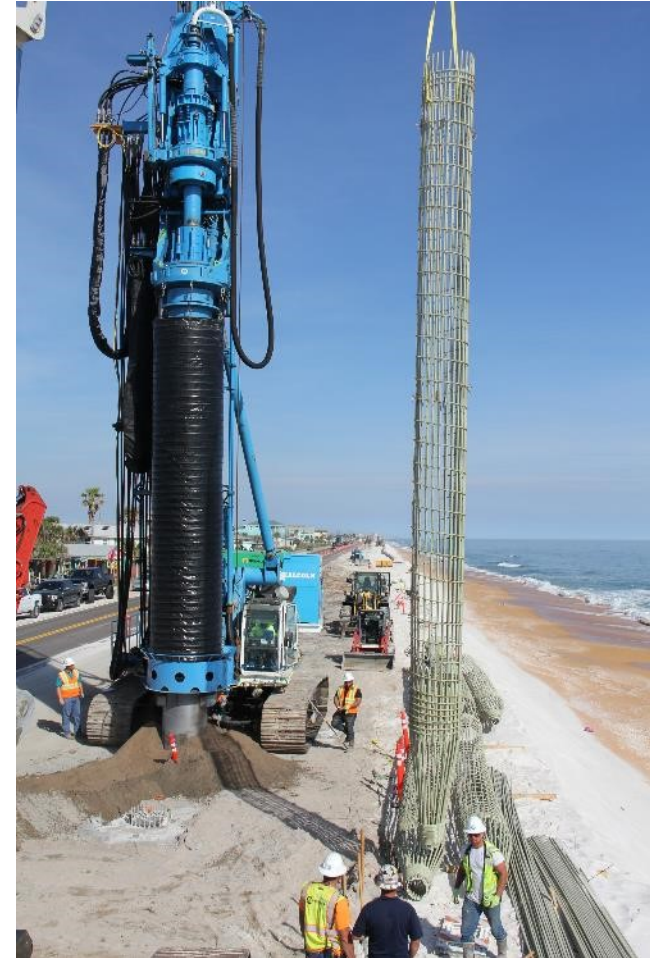
- Review questions
- Reinforce methods
- Apply concepts

Participation

- Active participation needed
- Ask questions
- Opportunity for discussions

Learning Objectives

- Know what FRP reinforcement is
- Learn the fundamental mechanical properties of FRP bars and bends
- Become aware of some major material-based design provisions of concrete members internally reinforced with **GFRP** bars with particular reference to **AASHTO** and **FDOT** documents
- Become aware of relevant FRP-RC projects in and out of state



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1. INTRODUCTION TO FRP-RC & MATERIAL PROPERTIES OF GFRP



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Problem Statement

- Failure mechanism for structures exposed to aggressive environments is often corrosion of steel reinforcement
- Traditional corrosion mitigation efforts:
 - ✓ Admixtures
 - ✓ Increase Concrete Cover
 - ✓ Alter Concrete Mix
 - ✓ Membranes & Overlays
 - ✓ Epoxy-Coated, Galvanized or Stainless Steel

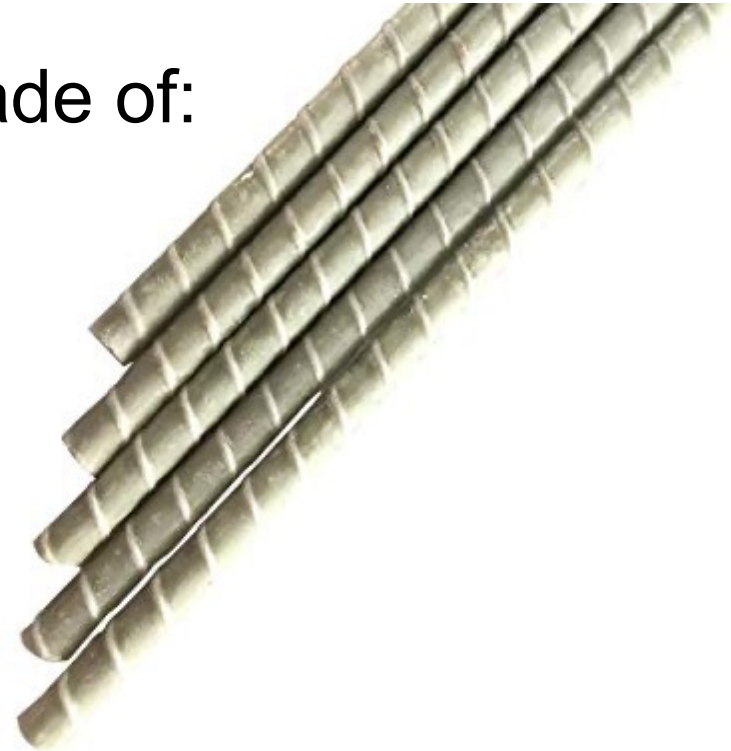


**SERVICE LIFE OF STRUCTURES
GREATLY REDUCED BY CORROSION**

FRP Rebars

Fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) bars as alternative reinforcement for concrete

A composite material system made of:
Fibers + Resin



FRP Rebars

Key Benefits

- Corrosion resistant
- High strength-to-weight ratio
- Ease of application & installation
- Lightweight $\frac{1}{4}$ the weight of steel
- Transparent to magnetic fields and radar frequencies
- Electrically & thermally non-conductive



FIRST COST COMPARABLE WITH EXPOXY-COATED STEEL

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Where Should FRP Be Used?

- **Concrete structures susceptible to corrosion**
 - Steel corrosion by chlorides
 - Environments that lower concrete pH
 - Structures with minimum concrete cover
- **Concrete structures requiring non-ferrous reinforcement due to**
 - Electro-magnetic considerations
 - Thermal non-conductivity
- **Where machinery will “consume” the reinforced concrete member (i.e., mining and tunneling)**



Ready for Prime Time



- Structural design defined by **ACI** & **AASHTO** (and *FDOT*)
- Bar properties defined by **ASTM** D7957 (and *FDOT*)
- 600+ installations in US & Canada
- Traditional procurement & construction methods

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Types of Fiber in FRP Bars

- Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP)
- **Glass** Fiber Reinforced Polymer (**GFRP**)
- Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer (BFRP)
- Aramid Fiber Reinforced Polymer (AFRP)



Types of Resin in FRP Bars

Some Thermoset Resins (Only ones allowed for now):
Two-part system composed of resin and hardener resulting in a one-way (irreversible) chemical reaction

- Vinyl Ester
- Epoxy
- ~~Polyester~~
Not allowed in structural applications
because of poor durability



FRP Bar Types

Several commercially available GFRP **solid round** bars with different external surface (**not standardized**) deformations:

- (A & F) Sand coated + helical wrap
- (B) Helically wrapped
- (C) Ribbed
- (D) Sand coated
- (E) Helically grooved



FRP Bar Shapes

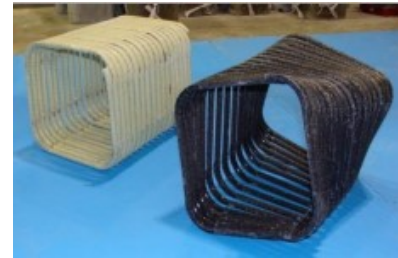
- Straight bars



- Bent bars



- Spirals



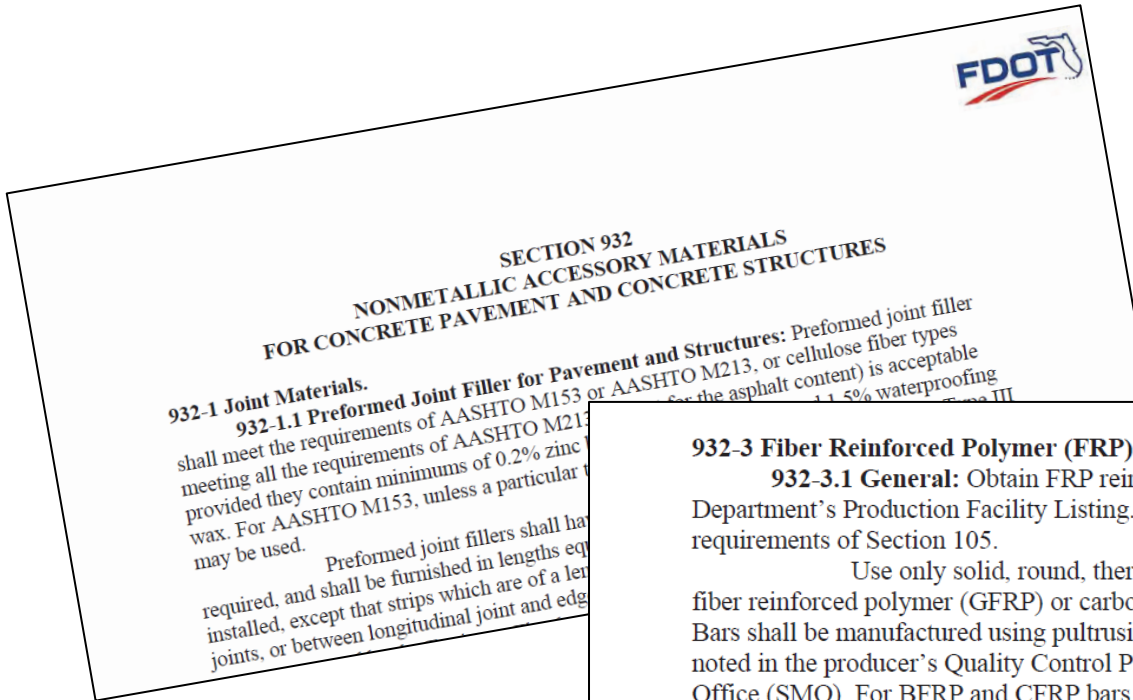
- Twisted strands (PC use)



Material Specifications

FDOT 932-3 and ASTM D7957 specs set minimum QUALIFICATION & QC for Glass (and Basalt)* FRP bars

Bar manufacturer not known/selected at the design stage



* FDOT only

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FRP Bar Sizes

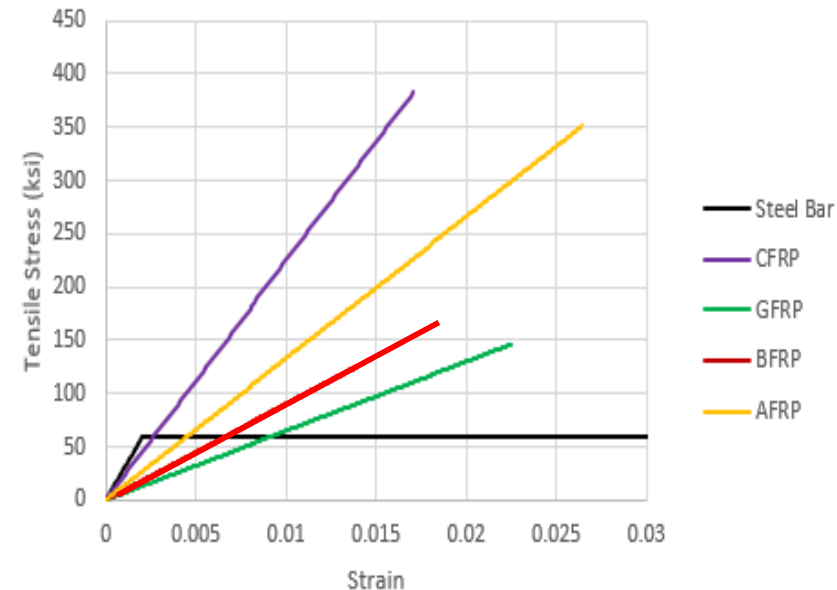
Same as steel bars, specified per **FDOT 932-3**, Table 3-1 and **ASTM D7957**. Area range (min-max) given for measured values for any surface type

Bar Size Designation	Nominal Bar Diameter (in)	Nominal Cross Sectional Area (in ²)	Measured Cross-Sectional Area (in ²)		Minimum Guaranteed Tensile Load (kips)	
			Minimum	Maximum	BFRP and GFRP Bars	CFRP Bars
2	0.250	0.049	0.046	0.085	6.1	10.3
3	0.375	0.11	0.104	0.161	13.2	20.9
4	0.500	0.20	0.185	0.263	21.6	33.3
5	0.625	0.31	0.288	0.388	29.1	49.1
6	0.750	0.44	0.415	0.539	40.9	70.7
7	0.875	0.60	0.565	0.713	54.1	-
8	1.000	0.79	0.738	0.913	66.8	-
9	1.128	1.00	0.934	1.137	82.0	-
10	1.270	1.27	1.154	1.385	98.2	-

FRP Mechanical Properties

- **Higher tensile strength, but less stiff than steel**
 - ✓ Provides less confinement to concrete and RC members have more deflection than steel-RC
- **Anisotropic behavior**
 - ✓ High strength in the fiber direction
 - ✓ Low shear strength and dowel action (resin dominated)
- **Elastic up to failure - no ductility**
 - ✓ Cannot be used in seismic areas, no plastic hinges formed in RC members

Tensile Stress-Strain Characteristics



Typical Tensile Properties

	Steel	GFRP
Yield Stress ksi (MPa)	40-75 (276-517)	
Guaranteed Tensile Strength, ($f_{f,u}^*$), (Average – 3 sigma) ksi (MPa)		78-160 (534-1240)
Average Elastic Modulus, (E_f) (Average) Ksi (GPa)	29,000 (200)	6,500 – 8,700 (45-60)
Yield Strain, (ϵ_y)	0.14-0.25%	N/A
Guaranteed Tensile Ultimate Strain, ($\epsilon_{f,u}^*$)	~10-12%	1.2-2.4%

Design Tensile Strength

- Design tensile strength and strain are:

$$f_{fu} = C_E f_{fu}^*$$

AASHTO GFRP 2.4.2.1-1

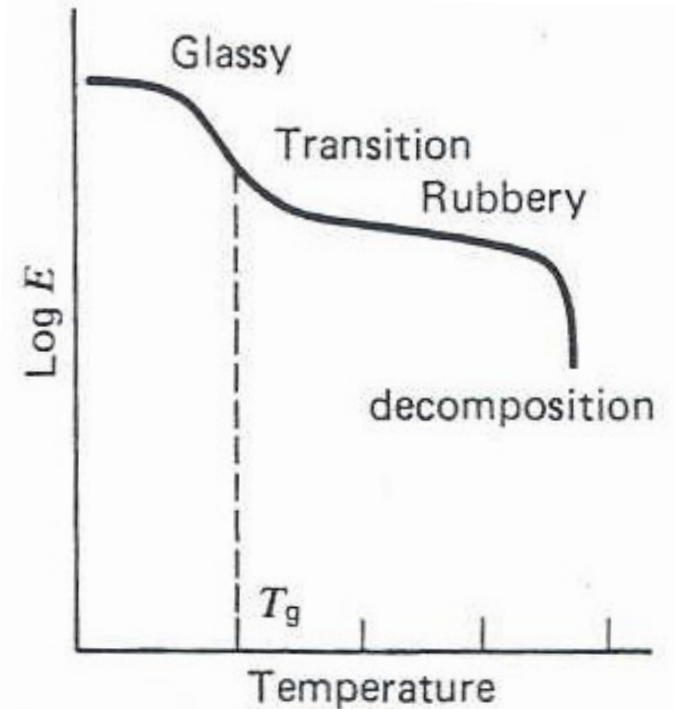
$$\varepsilon_{fu} = C_E \varepsilon_{fu}^*$$

Where C_E is the environmental reduction factor from **AASHTO** Table 2.4.2.1-1 (red box) (proposed new factors in **ACI 440** in green)

Fiber	Concrete not exposed to earth or weather	Concrete exposed to earth or weather
Glass	0.9 0.8	0.85 0.70

Behavior Function of Temperature

- Thermosets are characterized by **Glass Transition Temperature, T_g**
- Resin tensile, compressive, and shear properties diminish when temperatures approach T_g
- T_g values of approximately 212 °F (100 °C) are required for Vinyl Ester typically used GFRP rebars
- T_g lowers as a result of moisture absorption



*Elastic Modulus vs
Temperature*

Summary: GFRP Differences with Steel

PROs

- High longitudinal strength-to-weight ratio
- Corrosion resistance
- Electro-magnetic neutrality
- Good fatigue endurance
- Low thermal & electrical conductivity
- Lightweight

CONs

- No yielding
- Low transverse strength
- Relatively low modulus
- High CTE perpendicular to fibers
- Sensitive to UV, moisture & alkaline environment
- Susceptible to fire & smoke production

Other Mechanical Properties

Strength of FRP at bend

- FRP bars can be fabricated with bends, however the tensile strength at bend is reduced by about 40%

Compressive behavior of FRP bars

- Reduced strength and stiffness as compared to tensile properties

Shear behavior of FRP bars

- Unidirectional FRP materials have a lower interlaminar shear modulus and shear strength as compared to steel

Behavior under sustained and cyclic loading

- FRP bars can undergo creep-rupture under sustained loading and fatigue rupture under cyclic loading

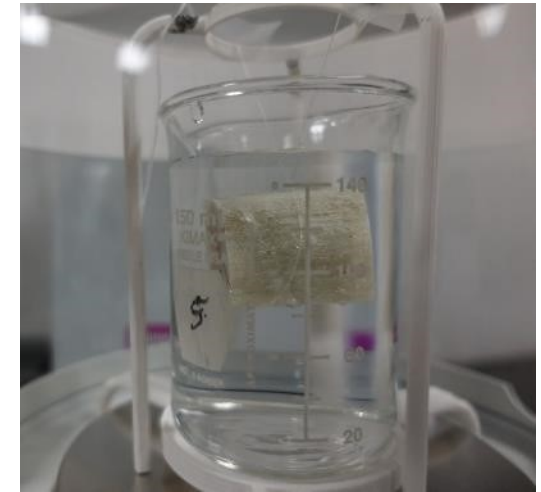
Material Characterization



Moisture absorption
[ASTM D570]



Fiber content
[ASTM D2484]



Cross-sectional area
[ASTM D792]

Minimum requirements: **FDOT 932, Table 3.2** (straight bars) & **3.3** (bent bars)

Material Characterization



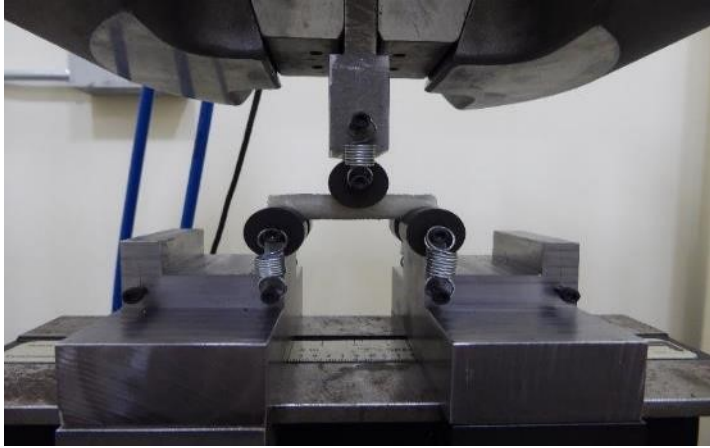
**Tensile test
[ASTM D7205]**

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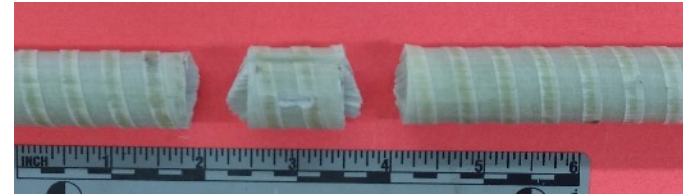
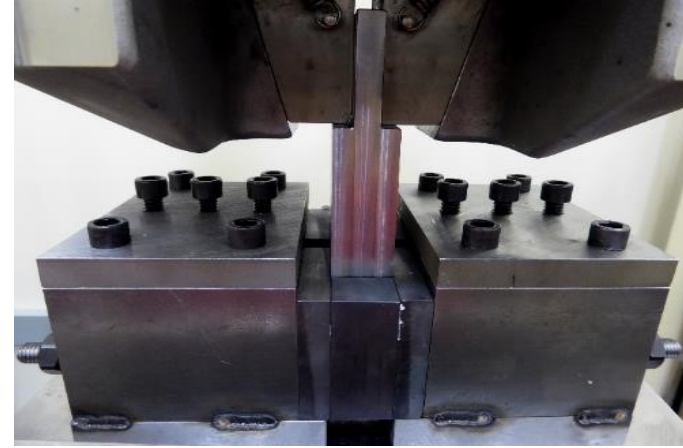
AASHTO 2.4.2.1:

f_{fu} → **Guaranteed tensile strength** = average minus three standard deviations

Material Characterization



Horizontal shear
[ASTM D4475]



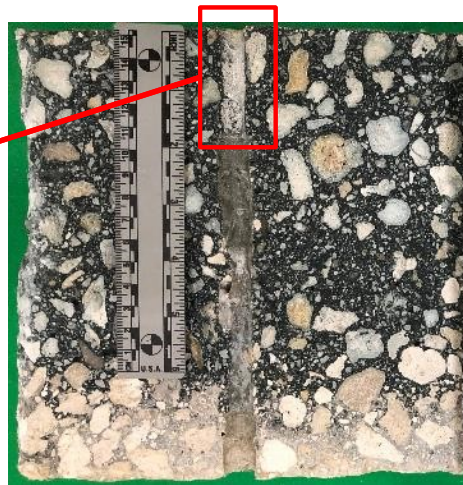
Transverse shear
[ASTM D7617]

Minimum requirements: **FDOT 932, Table 3.2** (straight bars) & **3.3** (bent bars)

Material Characterization

Bond-to-concrete [ASTM D7913]

Minimum requirements: **FDOT 932, Table 3.2**



Strength of FRP at Bend

- FRP bars can be fabricated with bends; however, the tensile strength of the bend is reduced up to 40% per **ASTM D7957**
- Bend internal diameter is larger than for steel
- FDOT 932-3.3** includes additional specifications for properties of FRP bent bars at bend locations

Bar Designation, mm [U.S. Standard]	Minimum Bend Diameter mm [in.]
M6 [2]	38 [1.50]
M10 [3]	58 [2.25]
M13 [4]	76 [3.00]
M16 [5]	96 [3.75]
M19 [6]	114 [4.50]
M22 [7]	134 [5.25]
M25 [8]	152 [6.00]

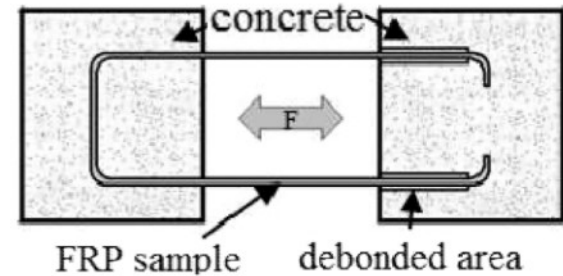


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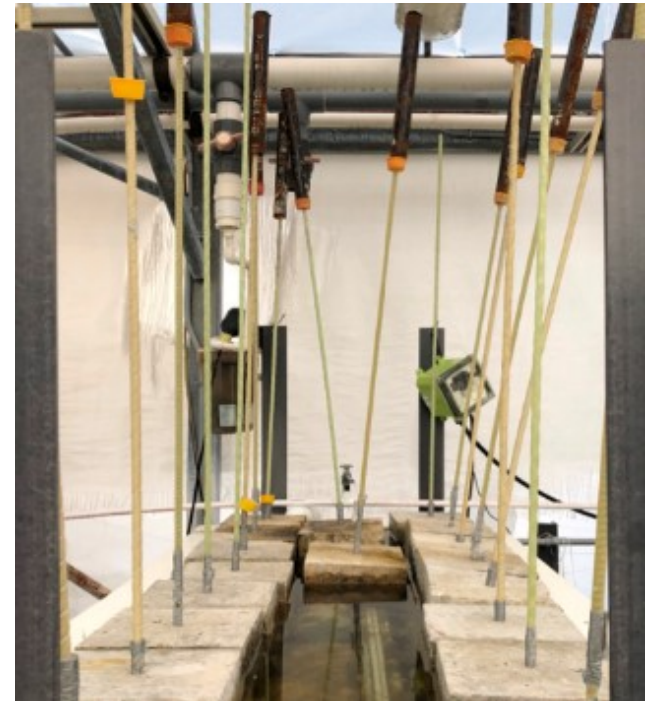
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Durability Assessment

Methods used to assess and validate the durability of FRP bars:

1. Accelerated aging protocols (high temperature; immersion in water w/ or w/o high pH and/or salt)
→ fast
2. Extraction of samples from real life structures
→ slow

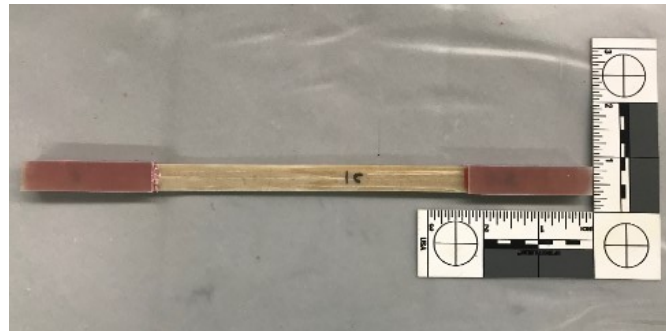
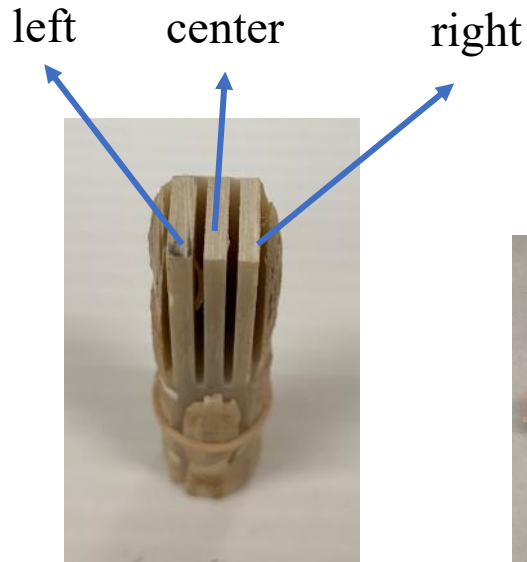


GFRP Bars Extracted from Bridges 15-20 Years Old

- Investigation to assess long-term **durability of GFRP bars** after at least 15 years in service
- Cores extracted from **eleven bridges** located across the United States

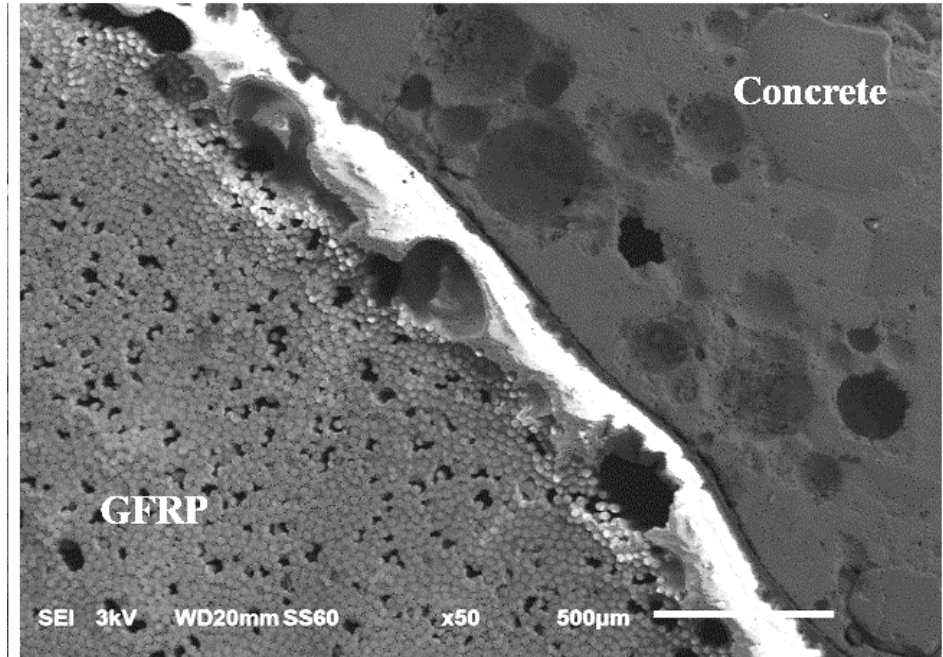
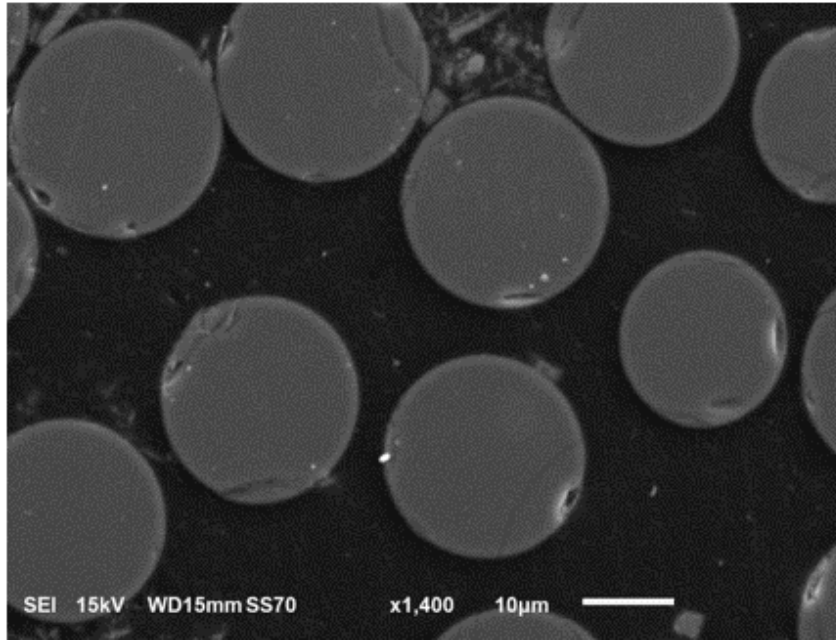


GFRP Bars Extracted from Bridges 15-20 Years Old



Results indicated reduction in tensile strength of **2.13%** over a period of **17 years of service** that would correspond to drop in strength of **12.5%** over a period of **100 years** with degradation rate assumed to be linear

Durability



Source: Long-term Durability of GFRP Reinforcement in Concrete: A Case Study after 15 Years of Service - O. Gooranorimi, E. Dauer, J. Myers, A. Nanni

NO SIGN OF BOND DEGRADATION NOR LOSS OF CONTACT AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES AFTER 15 YEARS IN SERVICE

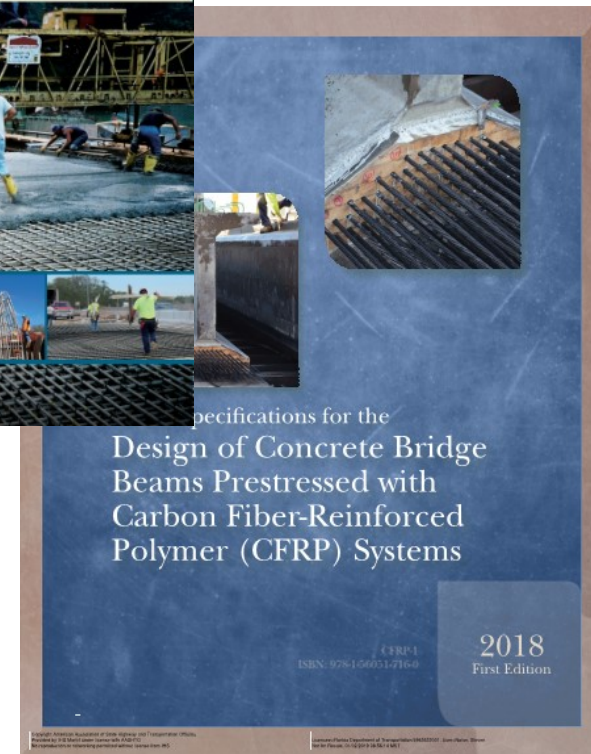
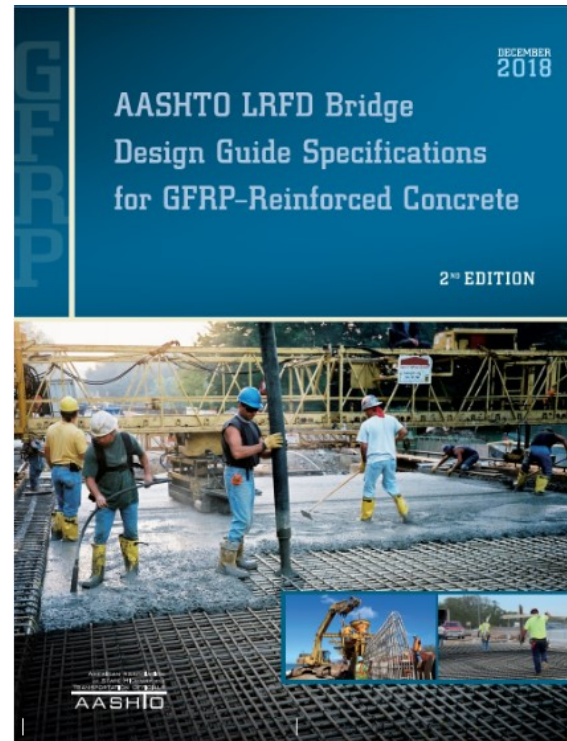
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Design Guides and Tools

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Design Guidance & Tools in Florida

Currently available documents:

- **AASHTO**: Only GFRP
- **FDOT 932-3**: GFRP and BFRP



The screenshot shows the Florida Department of Transportation website. The main navigation bar includes links for Home, About FDOT, Contact Us, Maps & Data, Offices, Performance, and Projects. The page is titled "Structures Design" and "Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing". A "Photo Slideshow" section features an image of FRP bars in a truck bed with the caption "FRP bars in a truck bed. Photo courtesy of Highway Blog." Below this is an "Overview" section with a paragraph: "The deterioration of reinforcing and prestressing steel within concrete is one of the prime causes of failure of concrete structures. In addition to being exposed to weather, concrete transportation structures in Florida are also commonly located in aggressive environments such as marine locations and inland water crossings where the water is acidic. Cracks in concrete create paths for the agents of the aggressive environments to reach the reinforcing and/or prestressing steel and begin the corrosion oxidation process. An innovative approach to correct this major issue is to replace traditional steel bar and strand reinforcement with Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) reinforcing bars and strands. FRP reinforcing bars and strands are made from filaments or fibers held in a polymeric resin matrix binder. FRP reinforcing can be made from various types of fibers such as glass (GFRP), basalt (BFRP) or carbon (CFRP). A surface treatment is typically provided that facilitates a bond between the reinforcing and the concrete." Below the overview is a list of "Beneficial characteristics of FRP reinforcing include:" followed by bullet points: "It is highly resistant to chloride ion and chemical attack", "Its tensile strength is greater than that of steel yet it weighs only one quarter as much", and "It is non-corrosive to reinforcing steel and other transportation".

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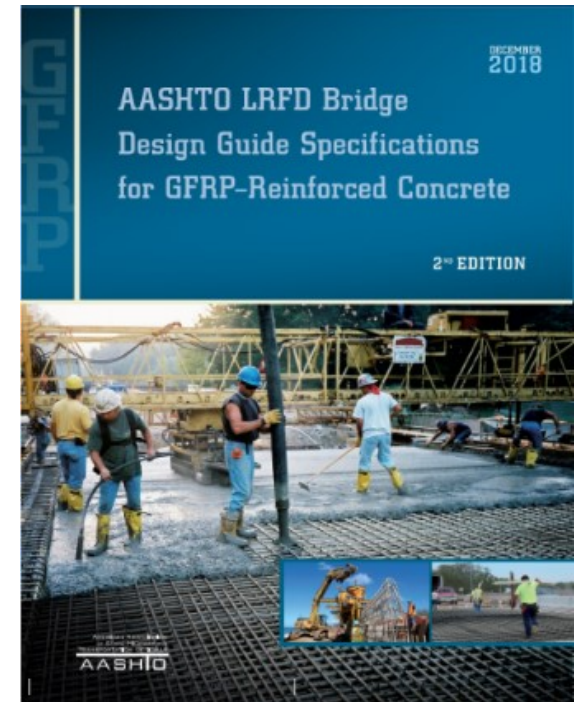


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STRUCTURES MANUAL

- Volume 1 - Structures Design Guidelines
- Volume 2 - Structures Detailing Manual
- Volume 3 - FDOT Modifications to LRFDLTS-1
- Volume 4 - Fiber Reinforced Polymer Guidelines

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The image shows the cover of the "AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Guide Specifications for GFRP-Reinforced Concrete" 2nd Edition, published in December 2018. The cover features a blue background with white text. Below the title is a photograph of construction workers on a bridge deck, with a smaller inset image showing a bridge under construction. The AASHTO logo is visible at the bottom left of the cover.

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- **Uniform Approval Processes**
 - Manufacturer Approval vs. Product Approval

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Fiber Reinforced Polymer Production Facility Listing

FRP-02 OWENS CORNING (SEWARD NE)

Company: Hughes Brothers, Inc.

Contact: DOUG GREMEL

Email: doug@hughesbros.com

Phone: (402) **FRP-06 PULTRALL**

Physical Address: Company: Pultrall Inc

210 North 13th St Seward, NE 68433 **FRP-12 TUF-BAR INC (EDMONTON CANADA)**

Contact: Nathan Sim
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QC Plan Status: Quality Control Plan ACCEPTED 12/11/2017



Material Acceptance Criteria

FDOT 932-3 Table 3-4

Property	Test Method	Requirement	Straight Bar
Fiber Mass Fraction	ASTM D2584 or ASTM D3171	$\geq 70\%$	Yes
Short-Term Moisture Absorption	ASTM D570, Procedure 7.1; 24 hours immersion at 122°F	$\leq 0.25\%$	Yes
Glass Transition Temperature	ASTM D7028 (DMA) or ASTM E1356 (DSC; T_m)/ ASTM D3418 (DSC; T_{mg})	$\geq 230^\circ\text{F}$ $\geq 212^\circ\text{F}$	Yes
Degree of Cure	ASTM E2160	$\geq 95\%$ of Total polymerization enthalpy	Yes
Measured Cross-sectional Area	ASTM D7205	Within range listed in Table 3-1	Yes
Guaranteed Tensile Load		\geq Value listed in Table 3-1	Yes

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Beam v5.2**

11/07/2018

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(Mathcad 15)

***CFCC-PC/GFRP-RC beta version
(to be included in v6.0 with HSSS)***

Bent Cap v1.0

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Exe (Zip)
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GFRP-RC included

**Retaining Wall
v4.0**

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GFRP-RC now included

Used with **FDOT Standard Plan Index 450-010 to 450-299** (formerly **Index 20010 to 20299**) to design simple span prestressed beams (Florida-I, AASHTO, Florida Bulb-T, Florida-U, Florida Double-T, Flat Slab, Inverted-T, FSB) in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification.

Analyzes and designs fixed or pinned bent caps, including lateral loads, in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications.

Used with **FDOT Standard Plan Index 400-010** (formerly **Index 6010**) to design and analyze cast-in-place retaining walls in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification.



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Concluding Remarks

- There is a strong case for use of FRP in structural concrete exposed to corrosive environment
- FRP anisotropic and linear elastic up to failure
- Material Specifications and Design Guides exist (**ASTM D7957**, **FDOT-932**, **AASHTO GFRP**,)
- Accessible design tools exist

Questions?

Thank 



INTRODUCTION TO FRP-RC & MATERIAL PROPERTIES OF GFRP

1.1 Review Questions: Fundamentals



Applied Questions

1.1.1) Where could GFRP reinforcement for concrete be most suitable?

- a. Any concrete member susceptible to steel corrosion by chlorides
- b. Any concrete member requiring non-ferrous reinforcement due to electromagnetic considerations
- c. As an alternative to epoxy, galvanized, or stainless steel rebars
- d. Applications requiring thermal non-conductivity
- e. All the above

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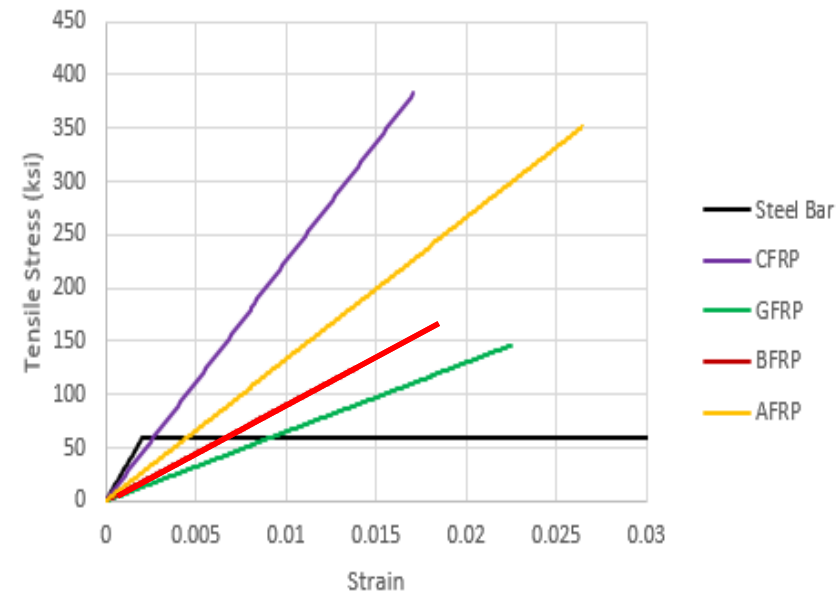
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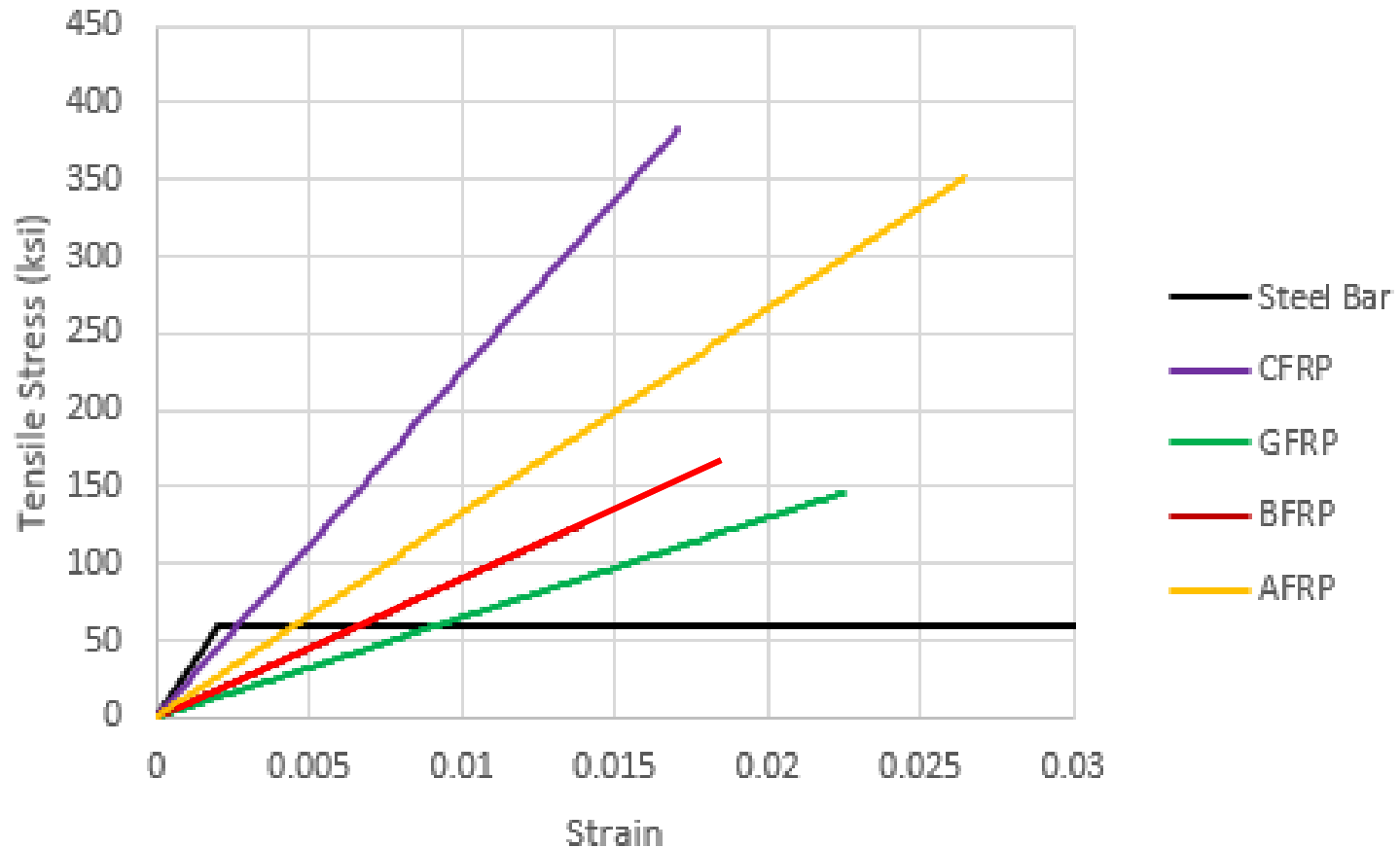
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Applied Questions

1.1.3) The E-modulus of GFRP rebars when compared to steel is approximately _____.

- a. 3 to 4 times lower
- b. Comparable
- c. 2 to 3 times higher
- d. 3 to 4 times higher

Applied Questions



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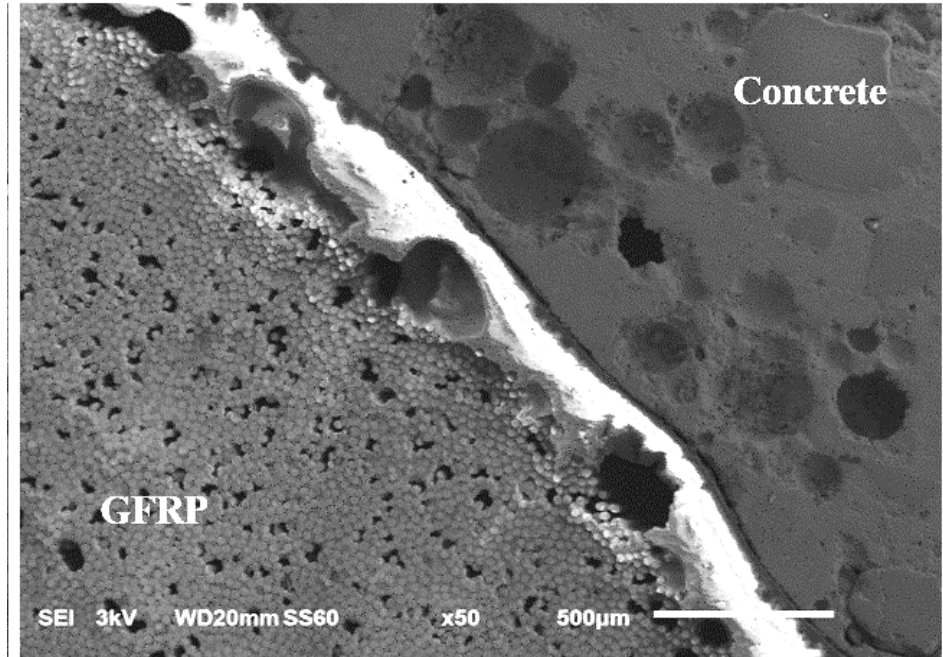
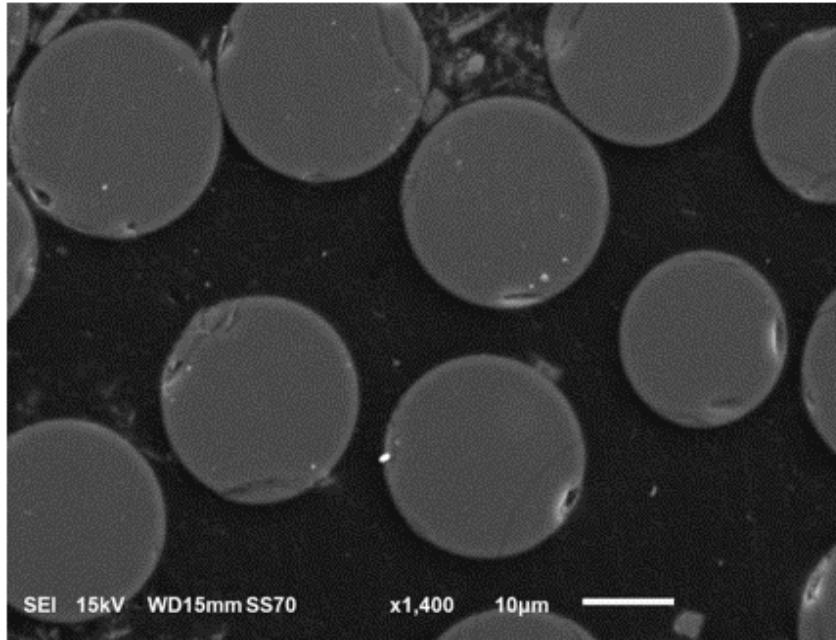
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- b. Comparable
- c. 2 to 3 times higher
- d. 3 to 4 times higher

Applied Questions

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Durability



Source: Long-term Durability of GFRP Reinforcement in Concrete: A Case Study after 15 Years of Service - O. Gooranorimi, E. Dauer, J. Myers, A. Nanni

NO SIGN OF BOND DEGRADATION NOR LOSS OF CONTACT AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES AFTER 15 YEARS IN SERVICE

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FRP Density

Rebar type	Density (lb./ft ³)	Nominal weight (lb./ft)		
		#3	#5	#8
GFRP	125	0.38	1.05	2.68
Steel	505	0.09	0.26	0.66

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Transverse vs. Parallel Strength

Parallel - Tensile



- 70 ksi to >150 ksi
- Strength varies per bar size (shear lag effect)

Transverse - Shear



- > 22ksi
- Almost independent of bar size

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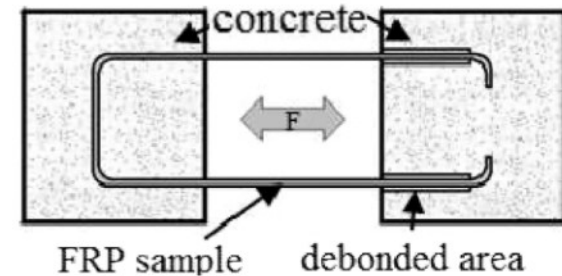
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Strength of FRP at Bent

- FRP bars can be fabricated with bends, however the tensile strength of the bend is reduced up to 60% per **ASTM D7957**
- Bend radius is larger than for steel
- **ASTM D7914** includes specifications for strength of FRP bent bars in bend locations

Bar Designation, mm [U.S. Standard]	Minimum Bend Diameter mm [in.]
M6 [2]	38 [1.50]
M10 [3]	58 [2.25]
M13 [4]	76 [3.00]
M16 [5]	96 [3.75]
M19 [6]	114 [4.50]
M22 [7]	134 [5.25]
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Material Characterization



**Tensile test
[ASTM D7205]**

Minimum
requirements: **FDOT
932-3, Table 3.2 & 3.3**

AASHTO 2.4.2.1:

f_{fu} → **Guaranteed tensile strength** = mean minus three standard deviations

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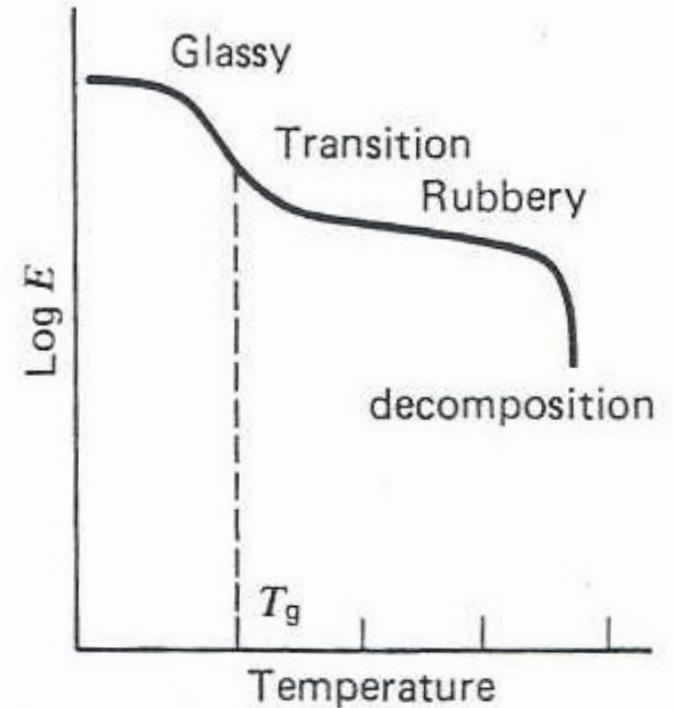
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- b. 212 °F
- c. 1220 °F
- d. 2500 °F

Behavior at High Temperatures

- Thermosets are characterized by Glass Transition Temperature, T_g
- Resin tensile, compressive, and shear properties diminish when temperatures approach T_g
- **T_g values are approximately 212 °F (100 °C) for Vinyl Ester typically used GFRP rebars**
- T_g lowers as a result of moisture absorption



*Elastic Modulus vs
Temperature*

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