# FIBER REINFORCED POLYMER (FRP) COMPOSITES REBAR

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### About ACMA

- □ Formed in 1979
- World's largest composites trade association representing:

Manufacturers

Material Suppliers & Distributors

#### **Composites Industry**

3000+ Companies 280,000+ employees North America

Industry Consultants

Academia



## **ACMA Industry Council**

Mission - Promote the use and growth of FRP reinforcement (rebar, tendons & grids) in concrete and masonry applications through development of quality procedures, industry specifications, performance standards, and field application guidelines.





#### FRP-RMC Manufacturers

- □ BP Composites (TUFF-Bar)
- Composite Rebar Technologies, Inc.
- Hughes Brothers, Inc. (AslanFRP)
- Marshall Composite Technologies, Inc. (C-Bar)
- □ Pultrall, Inc. (V-Rod)



#### Introduction

- □ The Problem Corrosion
  - Corrosion and deterioration of steel reinforced concrete
  - Mitigation techniques High costs to rehabilitate and remediate structures
  - Safety Construction zones and detours
- □ The Solution FRP Rebars
  - Non corrosive concrete reinforcement
  - Increase service life (durability)
  - Hundreds of applications in service in North America



# Traditional Approach to Corrosion Problems

- Reduce, Eliminate, or Negate the Current Flow of the Electrochemical Corrosion Cell Inherent With Steel Reinforced Concrete
  - Admixtures
  - Increase Concrete Cover
  - Efforts to reduce permeability & mitigate cracking HPC
  - ✓ Alter Concrete Mix
  - Membranes & Overlays
  - Epoxy coated steel
  - Cathodic protection
  - Sacrificial anodes



## FRP Materials

Why are composites different?

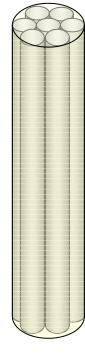


#### What is FRP?

#### **Fibers**

Provide strength and stiffness

Carbon, glass, aramid



#### **Matrix**

Protects and transfers
load between fibers
Polyester, Epoxy,
Vinyl Ester, Urethane

#### FiberComposite Matrix

Creates a material with attributes superior to either component alone! fibers **and** matrix both play critical roles in the composites material...



# Factors Affecting Material Characteristics

- □ Type of fiber
- □ Fiber volume
- □ Type of resin
- Fiber orientation
- Quality control procedures during manufacturing
- □ Rate of curing
- Void content
- Service temperature



### What is different?

- □ FRP is Anisotropic
  - High strength in the direction of the fibers
  - This anisotropic behavior affects the shear strength, dowel action, and bond performance
- FRP does not exhibit yielding: the material is linear elastic until failure
  - Design should account for lack of ductility
  - Member does have substantial deformability



## **Composites Features**

- Impervious to chloride ion and chemical attack
- Tensile strength is greater that steel
- □ 1/4 the weight of steel
- Transparent to magnetic fields and radar frequencies
- Electrically non-conductive
- Thermally non-conductive

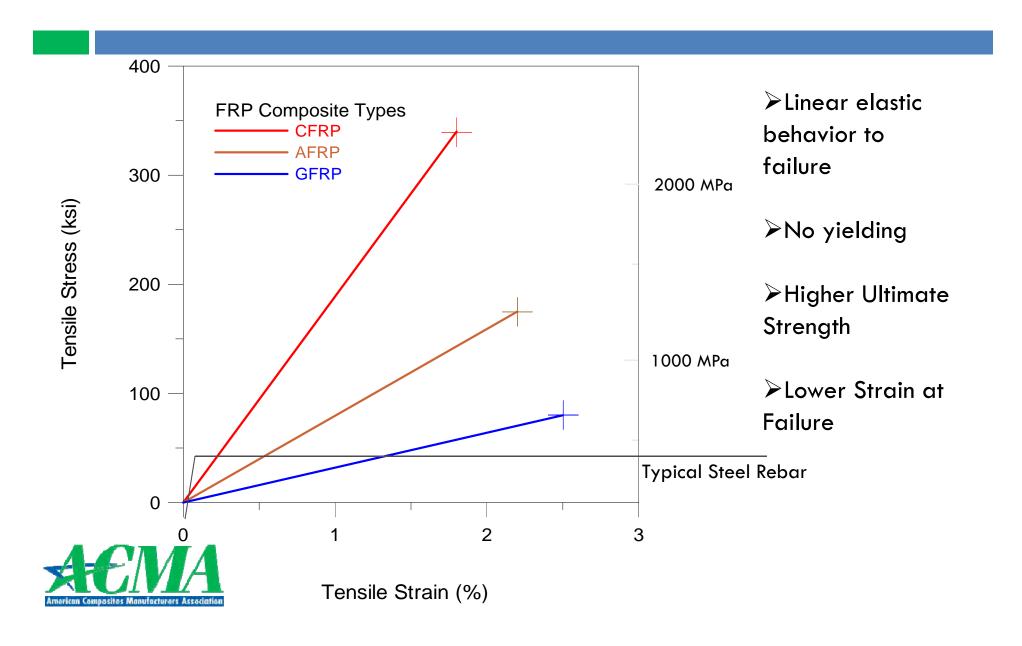


#### Where should FRP rebar be used?

- Any concrete member susceptible to corrosion by chloride ions or chemicals
- Any concrete member requiring non-ferrous reinforcement due to Electro-magnetic considerations
- As an alternative to epoxy, galvanized, or stainless steel rebars
- Where machinery will "consume" the reinforced member ie. Mining and tunneling
- Applications requiring Thermal non-conductivity



### Tensile Stress-Strain Characteristics



# FRP Properties

	Steel	GFRP	CFRP	AFRP
Yield Stress				
ksi	40 - 75	N/A	N/A	N/A
(MPa)	(276 - 517)			
Tensile Strength				
ksi	70 - 100	70 - 230	87 - 535	250 - 368
(MPa)	(483 - 690)	(483 - 1600)	(600 - 3690)	(1720 - 2540)
Elastic Modulus				
X 10³ ksi	29	5.1 - 7.4	15.9 - 84	6.0 - 18.2
(MPa)	(200)	(35 - 51)	(120 - 580)	(41 - 125)
Yield Strain %	.1425	N/A	N/A	N/A



Source: ACI 440.1R-06

## Coefficient of Thermal Expansion

CTE 
$$(10^{-6})$$
 F)

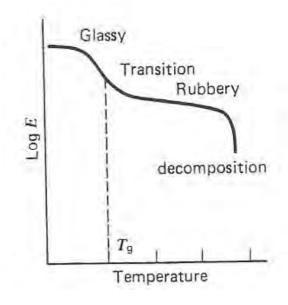
Material	Longitudinal Direction	Transverse
Concrete	4 ~ 6	4 ~ 6
Steel	6.5	6.5
GFRP	<b>3.5</b> ∼ <b>5.6</b>	» 12
CFRP	-4 ~ 0	41 - 58
AFRP	- 3.3 ~ - 1.1	33 - 44

• Values of CTE differ between FRP materials and concrete.



## Effect of High Temperatures

- Resins will soften due to excessive heat
- The tensile, compressive, and shear properties of the <u>resin</u> diminish when temperatures approach the Glass
   Transition Temperature, T<sub>a</sub>
- □ T<sub>g</sub> values are approximately 250°F (120°C) for vinylester resins which are typically used with <u>GFRP rebars</u>
- T<sub>g</sub> lowers as a result of moisture absorption





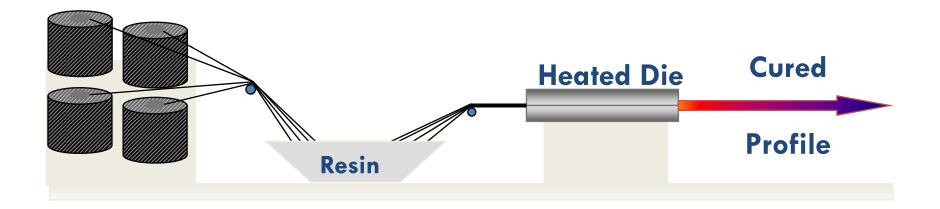
## FRP bars

Looks are deceiving



### **Pultrusion Process**

**Manufacturing Processes** 

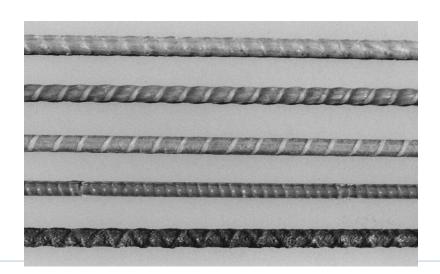


Most products are manufactured with this process



## FRP Bar Types

- Materials
  - □ Glass/ vinylester
  - Carbon/ vinylester
- □ Forms
  - Solid





## FRP bar types

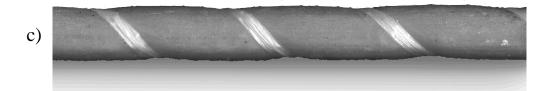
#### Surface

- Ribbed (a)
- Sand Coated (b)
- Wrapped and Sand Coated (c)
- Deformed
- Helical











## Innovation – hollow bar - coming soon





## **Bar Sizes**

Bar Size		<b>Nominal Diameter</b>		
Imperial	Metric	Imperial	Metric	
Inches	mm	inches	mm	
#2	6	0.25	6.35	
#3	10	0.375	9.53	
#4	13	0.4	12.7	
#5	16	0.625	15.88	
#6	19	0.75	19.05	
#7	22	0.875	22.23	
#8	25	1	25.4	
#9	29	1.125	28.65	
#10	32	1.25	31.75	



## Strength and Modulus Grades

- Strength grade is based on ultimate tensile strength of the bar.
- Lowest grade is 60 ksi
- Strength is provided on 10 ksi increments

Grade F 60 
$$\rightarrow$$
  $f_{fu}^*$  >60 KSI Grade F 300  $\rightarrow$  1 300 KSI

Modulus grade corresponds to minimum modulus of the selected bar.



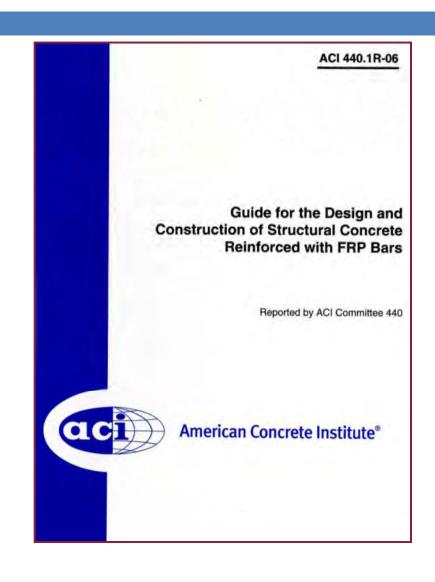
# Standards & Specifications

Translating research into industry standards



## ACI – rebar design guideline

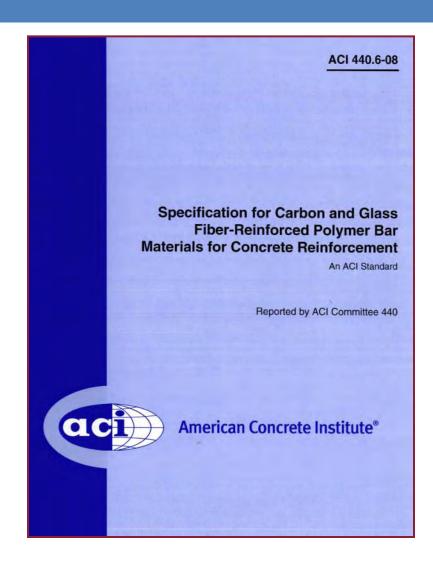
- Design principles well established through extensive research
- Guideline documents published in North America, Europe,
   Japan
- Non-mandatory language





## ACI – rebar, materials spec

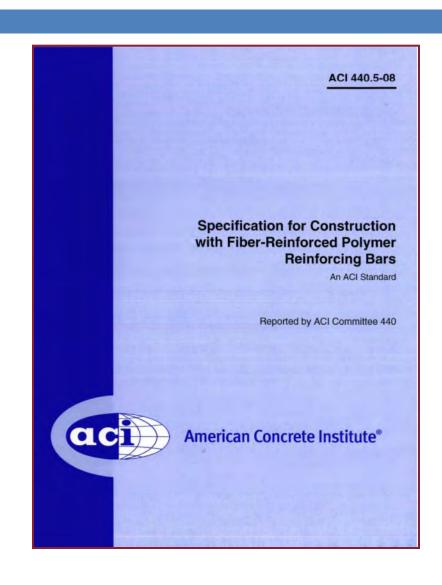
- ► ACI 440.6-08, mandatory language (standard document)
- Provisions governing testing and evaluation for certification and QC/QA
- Describes permitted constituent materials, limits on constituent volumes, and minimum performance requirements





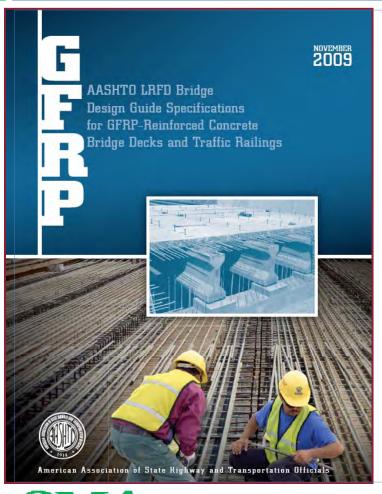
## ACI – rebar, construction spec

- ► ACI 440.5-08, mandatory language (standard document)
- ► GFRP bar preparation, placement (including cover requirements, reinforcement supports), repair, and field cutting





## AASHTO design guide



- New AASHTO LRFD design guide specifications published 11/2009
- Bridge decks and traffic railings, glass FRP (GFRP) bars
- Specific properties of GFRP reinforcement, design algorithms and resistance factors, detailing, material and construction specifications



#### **ACI** Test methods

ACI 440.3R-04

Guide Test Methods for Fiber-Reinforced Polymers (FRPs) for Reinforcing or Strengthening Concrete Structures

Reported by ACI Committee 440



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Designation: D 7205/D 7205M - 06

#### Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Fiber Reinforced Polymer Matrix Composite Bars<sup>1</sup>

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#### 1. Scope

1.1 This test method determines the quast-static longitudinal lensile strength and clongation properties of fiber reinforced polymer matrix (FRP) composite bars commonly used as tensile elements in reinforced, prestressed, or post-tensioned concrete.

Non-1—Additional procedures for determining tensile properties of polymer matrix composites may be found in test methods D 3039/10 3039M and D 3010.

- 1.2 Linear elements used for reinforcing Portland cement concrete are referred to as bars, rebar, robs, or tendons, depending on the specific application. This test method is applicable to all such reinforcements within the limitations noted in the method. The test articles are referred to as bars in this test method. In general, bars have solid cross-sections and a regular pattern of surface undulations and/or a coating of bonded particles that promote mechanical interlock between the bar and concrete. The test method is also appropriate for use with linear segments cut from a grid. Specific details for preparing and testing of bars and grids are provided. In some cases, anchors may be necessary to prevent grip-induced damage to the ends of the bar or grid. Recommended details for the archors are provided in Annes Al.
- 1.3 The strength values provided by this method are short-term static strengths that do not account for sustained static or fatigue loading. Additional material characterization may be required, especially for bars that are to be used under high levels of sustained or repeated loading.
- 1A This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory himstons prior to use.
- 1.5 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the neth-pound units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system

must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.

#### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards: 2

- A 615/A 615M Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- D 792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement
- D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics
- D 3039/D 3039M Test Method for Tensile Properties of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials
- D3171 Test Methods for Constituent Content of Composite Materials
- D 3878 Terminology for Composite Materials
- D 5916 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Pultruded Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Plastic Rod
- D 5229/D 5229M Test Method for Moisture Absorption Properties and Equilibrium Conditioning of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials
- E.4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines
- E 6 Terminology Relating to Methods of Mechanical Testing
- E 83 Practice for Verification and Classification of Extensometer System
- E 122 Practice for Calculating Sample Size to Estimate, With a Specified Tolerable Error, the Average for a Characteristic of a Lot or Process.
- E456 Terminology Relating to Quality and Statistics
- E 1012 Practice for Verification of Test Frame and Specimen Alignment Under Tensile and Compressive Axiat Force Application
- E 1309 Guide for Identification of Fiber-Reinforced Polymer-Matrix Composite Materials in Databases
- E 1434 Guide for Recording Mechanical Test Data of Fiber-Reinforced Composite Materials in Databases
- E 1471 Guide for Identification of Fibers, Fillers, and Core

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This test method is under the jurisidiction of ASTM Committee D30 on Composite Materials and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D30.05 on

Current edition approved March 15, 2006. Published April 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

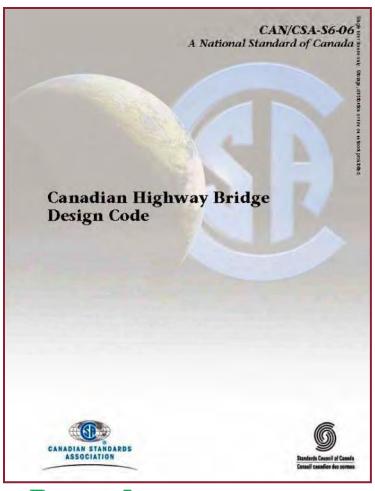
#### Rebar Test Methods

- $\square$  ACI 440.3R-04 (12) test methods for FRP rebars
- ASTM D30 (Composite Materials) and D30.05
   (Structural Test Methods) committees, now D30.10

Test Method	ASTM Standard	
B.1. Bar Cross-Section	D7205-06 (R11)	
B.2. Bar Tension	D7205-06 (R11)	
B.4. Bar Transverse Shear	D7617-11	
B.6. Bar Alkaline Tension	WK27200	
B.8. Bar Creep Rupture	D7337-07	
App. A. Bar Anchors	D7205-06 (R11)	



## Canada - Highway Bridge Design Code



- ► Technology transitioned from government-subsidized research projects to actual commercialization
- Experience gained on viability of construction management practices where FRP reinforcement is adopted through traditional bid letting processes and competitive bidding from multiple FRP bar suppliers

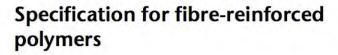


### Canadian Standards

- □ CSA S807 09
- Qualification and QA criteria



5807-09

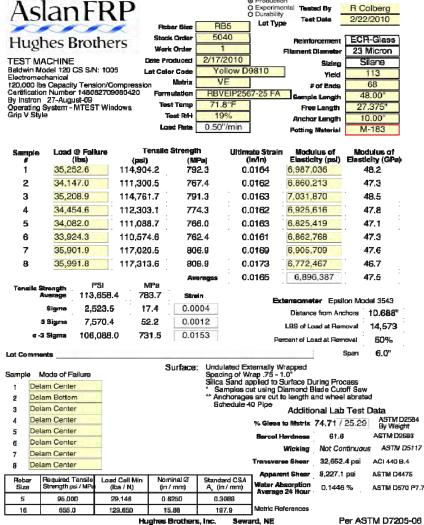






# Quality Assurance - Verification and traceability of bar properties





Tensile Testing of GFRP Rebar



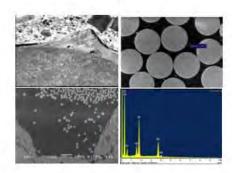
## Durability

- ISIS Canada reports
   on Durability
   performance of GFRP
   bars in Bridge Decks in
   Service for 8-10 years
- Multiple reports from several institutions

GFRP Durability Study (Project 5.17) - University of Manitoba

#### DURABILITY OF GFRP REINFORCED CONCRETE FROM FIELD DEMONSTRATION STRUCTURES

#### Final Report



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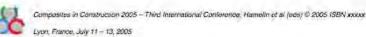
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May 2005



# NO Degradation of GFRP bars found!





#### REPORT ON THE STUDIES OF GFRP DURABILITY IN CONCRETE FROM FIELD DEMONSTRATION STRUCTURES

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ABSTRACT: In 2004, ISIS Canada studied the durability of GFRP in concrete by removing concrete cores containing GFRP from five Canadian field demonstration structures built during the last 5 to 8 years. Three teams working independently at several Canadian universities used a variety of analytical methods to (a) investigate whether or not the GFRP in concrete field structures had been attacked by alkali, and (b) compare the composition of GFRP removed from in-service structures to that of control specimens, which were saved from the projects and not exposed to the concrete environment. The analytical results have confirmed that the GFRP in concrete has not suffered any discernible damage during the last five to eight years. As a result of this study, the Technical Subcommittee of Fibre Reinforced Structures of the CHBDC has recommended that GFRP can now be used as primary reinforcement and prestressing tendons in concrete structures. The paper reports on the findings of the durability study conducted by the ISIS Canada Research Network.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

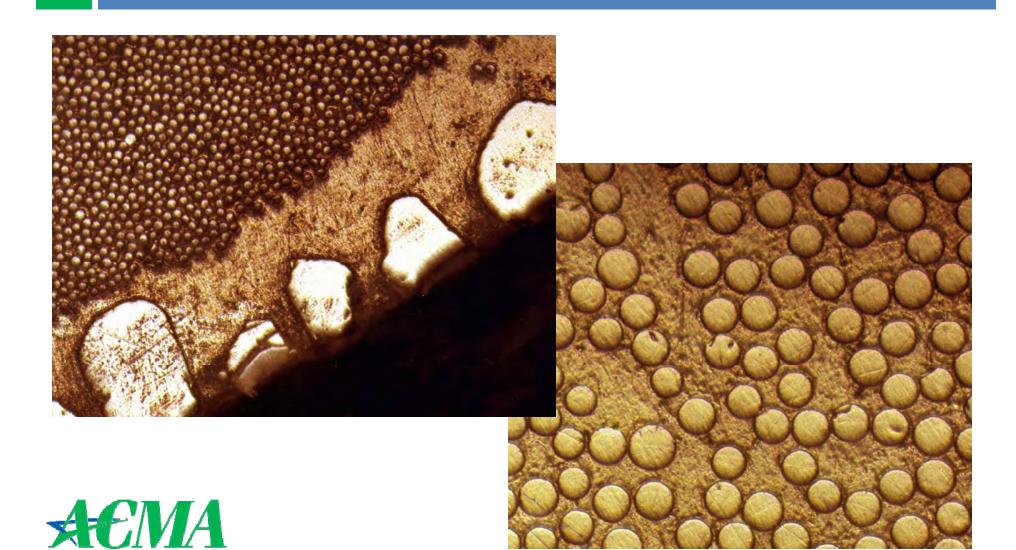
Recently, Professor U. Meier reviewed the activities of ISIS Canada [1]; he recommended that Canada, having invested significantly in innovative concrete structures with GFRP, should study the durability of GFRP in concrete. Following his advice, ISIS Canada initiated in 2004 a project, in which concrete cores containing GFRP were removed from five Canadian structures, and analyzed the GFRP for its composition at a micro level. Since previous simulated studies of the durability of GFRP in concrete [e.g., 2,3] had indicated that GFRP is not stable in the alkaline environment of concrete, the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code (CHBDC) [4] restricted the use of GFRP as only secondary reinforcement. It has been argued in [5] that the simulated tests, whether accelerated or non-accelerated, were conducted in an alkaline environment, which is likely to be different from the concrete environment found in field structures. The objective of the study described in this paper was to provide data on the performance of GFRP in several Canadian concrete demonstration structures built during the past five to eight years. The paper reports on the findings of the durability study conducted by the ISIS Canada Research Network. The names of the authors are those of the project leader.

#### 2. ANALYTICAL STUDIES

Five field demonstration projects were chosen for the study under consideration, these being the Hall's Harbor Wharf, the Joffre Bridge, the Chatham Bridge, the Crowchild Trail Bridge, and the Waterloo Creek Bridge; these structures, exposed to a wide range of environmental conditions, are well

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# ....a closer look



# Applications

Many installations and growing



#### **TEA-21**

- □ FY 98-03 IBRC Program
- □ 124 FRP Projects \$87M funded
  - 44 decks
  - 14 rebar
  - 33 repair
  - 6 tendons
  - 27 others (i.e. FRP glulam)
- □ 19 states with FRP decks
- □ Future funding uncertain



### Installations Today

- □ In the U.S.
  - >190 installations that use FRP composites
  - >50 installations where FRP bars are used in bridge decks
  - 15 states (CO, FL, IA, IN, KY, MO, NC, NY, OH, OR, TX, UT, VT, WI, WV) use FRP bars in bridge decks
- □ In Canada,
  - >195 installations that use FRP composites
  - 190 installations use FRP bars in bridge decks, parapets, barriers, sidewalks



### **Applications**

- Cast in Place
- Precast
- □ Top mat
- □ Top and bottom mat
- □ Decks, parapets, sidewalks
- Other applications: tunneling (soft eye, seawalls, MRI rooms, light rail foundations, railway girders, culverts, and many more.



# FRP Rebar for Decks & Approach Slabs

**Applications** 









Sierrita de la Cruz Creek Bridge, Amarillo, TX 2000, USA

Taylor Bridge Manitoba Canada Pierce Street Bridge, Lima OH USA Wotton, Quebec Canada



# Morristown Bridge Vermont 2002





Concrete cast-in-place May 2002

Bridge opened to traffic July 2002



# Emma Park Bridge, Pleasant Grove, Utah DOT, 2009







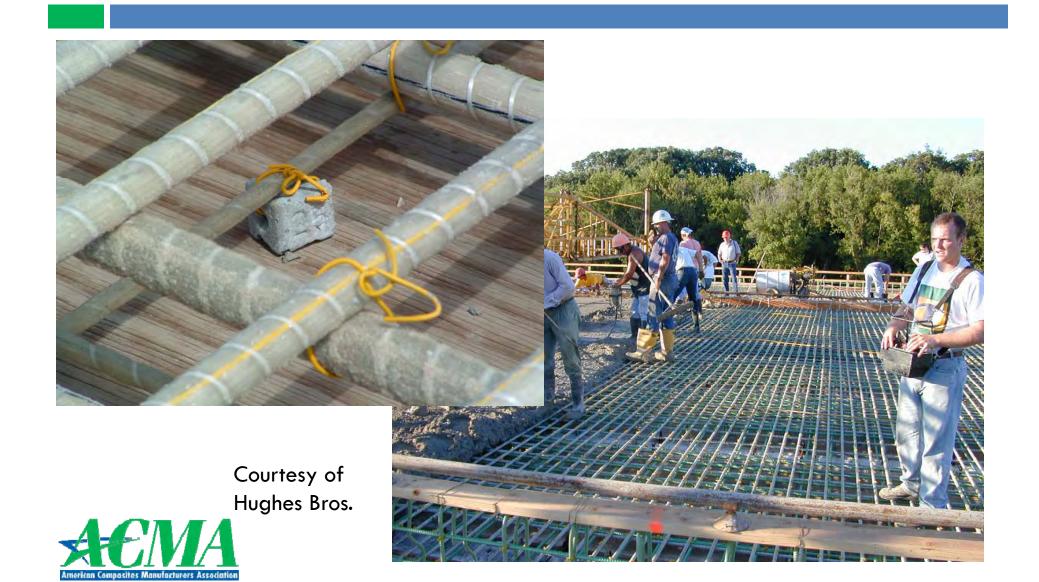


### Emma Park Bridge

- □ Full Depth Precast top & bottom mat
- Cost premium in 2009 to use GFRP over Epoxy bar
  - □ 14% greater deck cost due in large part to additional girders
  - □ On a 1:1 basis, GFRP bars equal in unit price to epoxy steel

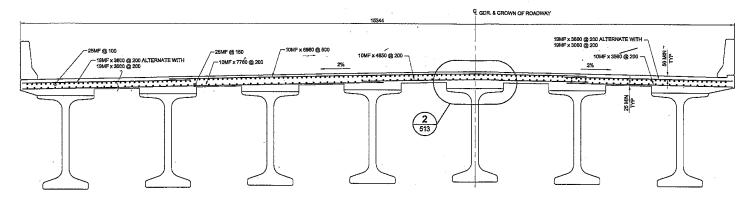


### 53rd Ave Bridge Bettendorf, IA 2001



# Floodway Bridge, Manitoba, Canada (2005)

- 2 Bridges 8 spans each
- 2 Lanes Each Bridge
- 142 feet typical span
- $\square$  1136 feet total length (1/5 mile)
- □ 50 foot Wide
- 9 inch thick Deck Slab
- 8 feet Girder Spacing





### Floodway Bridge, Manitoba, Canada

- Largest Steel Free Deck Project
- Largest FRP reinforced bridge in the world
- 8 Truckloads of GFRP Rebar
- $\square$  150 Tons of GFRP = 1.2 million lbs of steel rebar

(30 truckloads)

- Primarily #8 and #3 Longitudinal
- #6 Transverse
- □ 3200 CY concrete (6400 tons





### Floodway Bridge, Manitoba, Canada

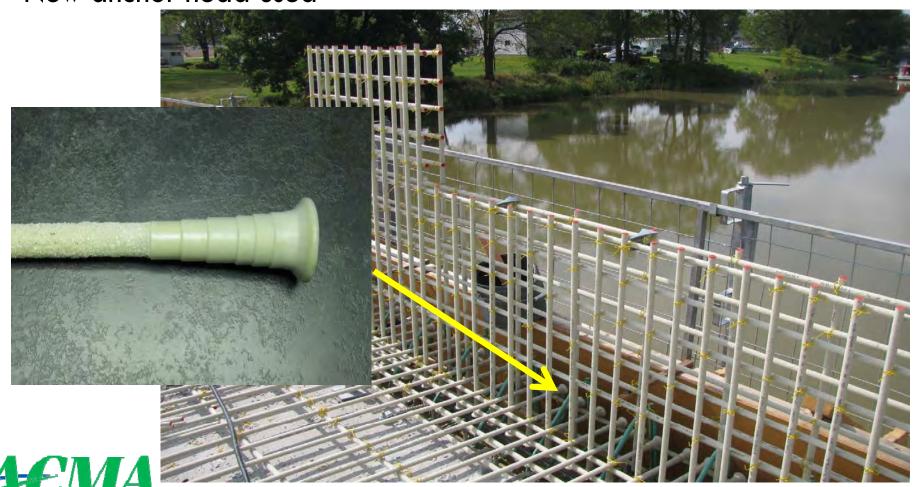


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# O'Reilly Bridge - Canada

New anchor head used



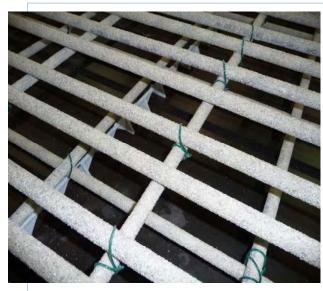
### Noden Causeway

□ Prestressed/precast deck





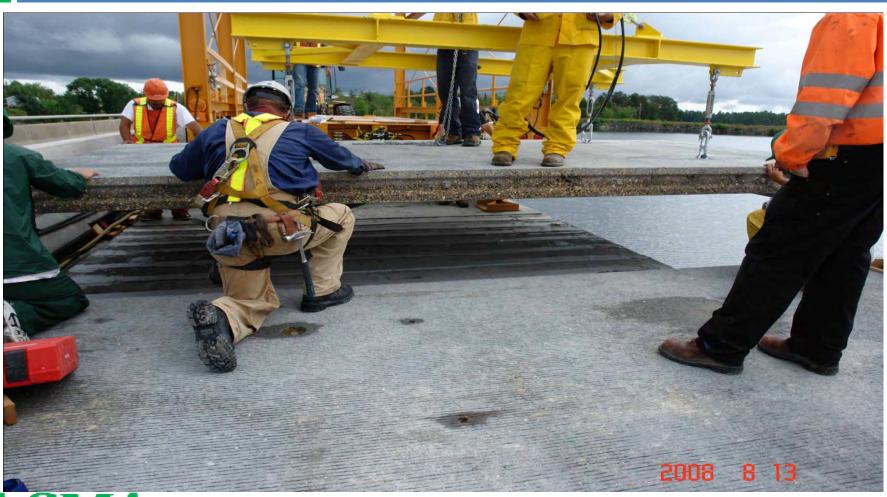
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Courtesy of Pultrall, Inc.

# I-75- Tampa ~ Deck Replacement — NSM Stitching



Courtesy of Hughes Bros.







Courtesy of Hughes Bros.

New Precast deck panels, NSM stitched at night leaving bridge open to traffic during high volume use in daytime.

# Structural Strengthening – Bridge Cantilever – Old Florida Keys Bridge



Cast in place repair withGFRP & CFRP bars

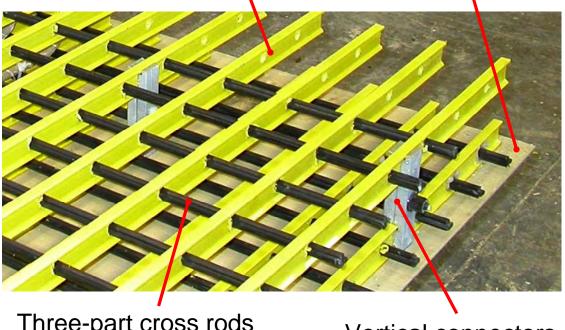


# Prefabricated FRP stay-in-place reinforcement panels

Large-size 24' x 8', double-layer stay-in-place (SIP) reinforcing panels pre-assembled using off-the-shelf pultruded GFRP components

1.5" I-bars (4" o.c. perpendicular to traffic)

1/8" thick epoxy bonded form plate



Three-part cross rods
(4" o.c. parallel to traffic)

Vertical connectors

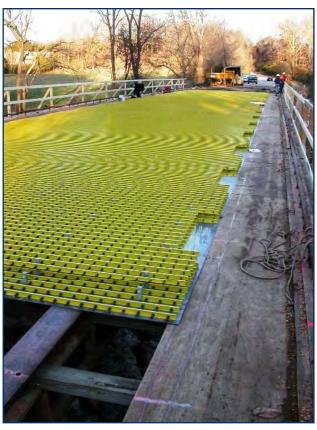




#### Deck construction

Day 1: SIP panels setting and anchoring





### Heavy Rail – Miami MetroRail – MIA 2.4 Miles of elevated rail

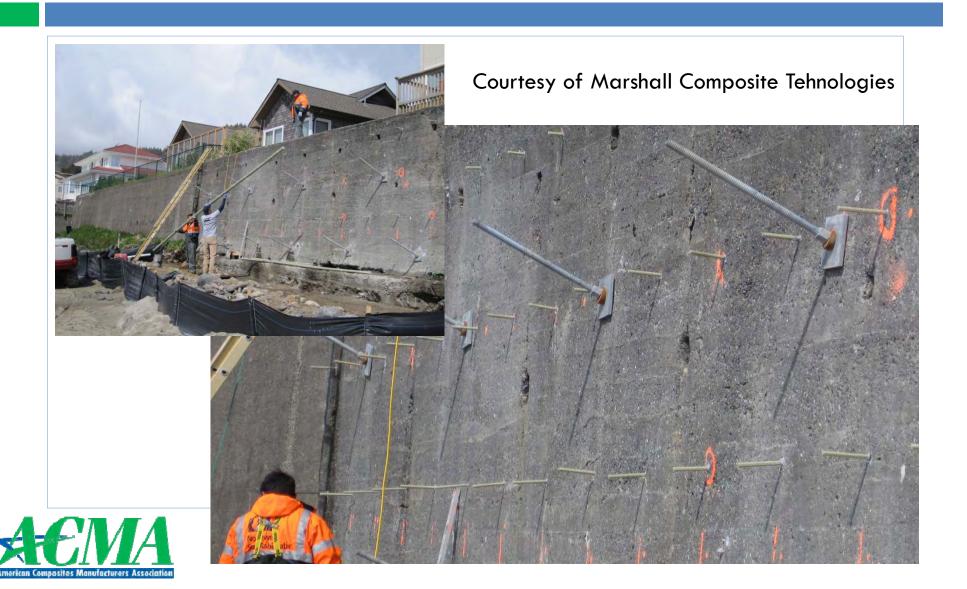
#### □ Rail Plinths 100% reinforced with GFRP Bars







### Seawalls



### Summary

- Complete set of guides, test methods and standards are available for GFRP bars
- Many bridges built with GFRP bars and performing well
- Non-proprietary solution, traditional supply chain acquisition & installation in place
- Extended service life of GFRP reinforced decks is expected
- Many practices adopted for corrosion protection are not necessary with FRP bars
- Holistic view of bridge deck construction makes FRP bars the best value proposition



### Composites Conference

# www.compositesshow.org

- COMPOSITES 2013
- Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL
- January 29-31, 2013
- Over 4,000 attendees
- Technical papers and educational sessions on many topics including infrastructure and construction
- Expo with suppliers and manufacturers



### LRFD - Pultruded Composites

Pre-Standard for Load & Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) of Pultruded Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Structures (Final)

#### Submitted to:

American Composites Manufacturers
Association (ACMA)

November 9, 2010



#### □ Pre-Standard released 2010

- Ch. 1 General Provisions
- Ch. 2 Design Requirements
- Ch. 3 Tension Members
- Ch. 4 Compression Members
- Ch. 5 Flexural and Shear Members
- Ch. 6 Combined Forces & Torsion
- Ch. 7 Plates and Built-Up Members
- Ch. 8 Bolted Connections



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