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MMFX 2 STEEL Concrete Reinforcing Bars

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CORE OF THE TECHNOLOGY

- MMFX initial core technology was the result of 25 years of research at UC Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.
- MMFX's initial proprietary technology was developed at the University of California Berkeley under the guidance of world-renowned scientist and inventor, Professor Gareth Thomas.

The first high-voltage transmission Electron Microscope

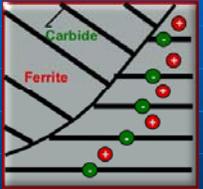


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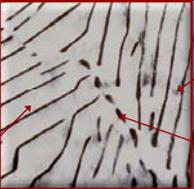


Corrosion of Conventional Pearlitic Steels

Schematic of Micro Galvanic Cells in the Ferrite-Iron Carbide Microstructure



Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) Micrograph of the Ferrite – Iron Carbide Microstructure



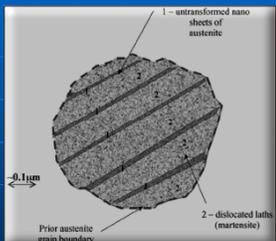
Labels: Carbide, Ferrite, Grain Boundary with Carbides, Carbide (Typical)

Microgalvanic Cell Formation Between Iron-Carbide and Ferrite Phases

Corrosion Can Be Minimized By Avoiding Microgalvanic Cell Formation



MICROCOMPOSITE STEELS



Labels: 1 – untransformed nano sheets of austenite, 2 – dislocated laths (martensite), Prior austenitic grain boundary, 0.1 μm

Microcomposite Steels, Packet Lath Martensite

Dislocated laths of martensite enveloped by stable retained austenite films

CARBIDE FREE MICROSTRUCTURE to Eliminate Formation of Microstructural Galvanic Cells

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What Makes MMFX 2 (ASTM A1035) Different? **MMFX**

1. Chemical Composition
 Low-carbon
 Chromium alloy

Chemical Constituents (Weight %)

Element	ASTM A1035/A1035M Maximum Amount *	Typical MMFX2
Carbon	0.15%	0.08%
Chromium	8 to 10.9%	9%
Manganese	1.5%	0.5%
Nitrogen	0.05%	0.05%
Phosphorus	0.035%	0.035
Sulfur	0.045%	0.045%
Silicon	0.50%	0.50%

*Maximum unless range indicated

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2. Processing **MMFX**

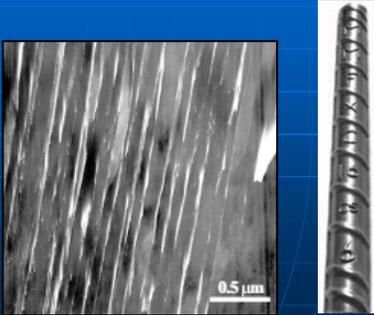
Controlled - rolling and production process



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RESULTS IN NEW MICROSTRUCTURE



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A Green Commercial Reality



- Utilizes 90% recycled material
- Operates on hydroelectric power
- Less steel to accomplish the same job greatly reduces greenhouse emissions
- Lowest cost construction system

Production and Availability

MMFX + Zamil Group → UNIROL

MMFX Steel Billets are produced at MMFX Steel Mill in Welland, Canada 400,000 Ton Capacity

MMFX Steel Billets Shipped to UNIROL Steel for rolling into different bar sizes per ASTM A1035 Specifications

MMFX steel bars and coils are stocked and distributed in Bahrain by UNIROL Steel





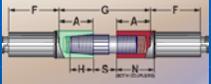
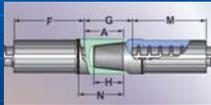


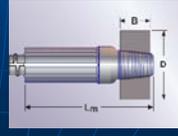

GRIP-TWIST 'XT' Mechanical Splices

BarSplice PRODUCTS INC. SUBSIDIARY OF FC INDUSTRIES, INC.

- FOR HIGH STRENGTH, LOW CARBON, CHROMIUM STEEL BARS, ASTM A 1035
- FAST, EFFICIENT INSTALLATION
- ELIMINATES LONG LAP LENGTHS, REDUCES CONGESTION
- DEVELOPS STRENGTH: $1.25 \times f_y$, GRADE 100
- ULTIMATE CAPACITY: $1.50 \times f_y$, GRADE 100

f_y = SPECIFIED YIELD OF REINFORCING BAR

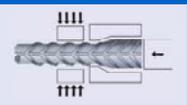



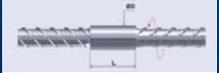


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BARTEC Parallel Thread Couplers

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MMFX 2 (ASTM A1035)
THE SOLUTION TO
THE CORROSION PROBLEM



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The Corrosion Process and the Result

The diagram illustrates the corrosion process where chloride ions (Cl^-) penetrate the concrete and attack the steel reinforcement. The resulting rust expands, causing concrete cracking and delamination. Photographs show the physical damage to concrete columns and rebar exposed in a structure.

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Critical Issues Associated with Corrosion Induced Reinforced Concrete Deterioration

The onset of active corrosion at T_I occurs when a critical Cl^- concentration, C_T , is reached at the steel depth. Consequently, C_T is a fundamental parameter that must be understood in order to project service life of reinforced concrete structures.

The graph shows cumulative corrosion damage increasing over structure age. T_I is the time when corrosion begins, and T_c is the time when it reaches the surface, causing cracking and damage.

C_T is a function of 1) pore water composition (pH), 2) in-place concrete quality, 3) reinforcement composition, microstructure, surface condition, and 4) type of exposure.

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Simulated Deck Slab Specimens Determination of C_T

The graph plots current density against exposure time for specimens: 5 STD1-BB-1, 5 STD1-BB-2, 5 STD1-BB-3, 5 STD1-MMFX-1, 5 STD1-MMFX-2, and 5 STD1-MMFX-3. The current remains near zero until approximately 100 days, after which it increases significantly.

Definition of C_T : Time at which a sustained macro-cell current ≥ 0.1 mA occurs.

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Rate of Attack Once Corrosion Has Initiated – Defining T_p : MMFX 2 and BB

The graph shows macrocell current density over time. BB specimens (LSTD1-BB-1, -2, -3) show higher current densities (up to 1.5 µA/cm²) compared to MMFX specimens (LSTD1-MMFX-1, -2, -3) which stay below 0.5 µA/cm².

Alloy	Steady-State CR(BB)/CR(alloy)
2201	x2
MMFX-2	x3

For BB, corrosion induced cracks typically appear at the concrete surface about five years subsequent to C_T being achieved at the rebar depth. Consequently, the corresponding time for such cracking in the case of a corrosion resistant rebar should be five years multiplied by the above difference factor.

Life-Cycle Modeling

The universally accepted approach to calculating T_i is based upon Fick's second law for non steady-state diffusion:

$$\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial T^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right]$$

The one-dimensional solution to Fick's Second Law applied to defining the time at which corrosion initiates, T_i :

$$\frac{C_s - C_r}{C_i} = \text{erf} \left[\frac{x}{\sqrt{D_o \cdot T_i}} \right]$$

C_s = Surface [Cl]
 x = Reinforcement cover
 D_o = Effective diffusion coefficient

Time-to-Repair/Rehabilitation = $T_i + T_p$.

Damage Accumulation Projection for Black Steel vs MMFX Steel Reinforcements

Maintenance Free Service Life = $T_i + T_p$

Time-to-Concrete Surface Cracking

Cumulative Corrosion Damage

Black Steel

Corrosion Initiation Time, T_i (Black Bar)

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Corrosion Initiation Time, T_i (MMFX)

Time

Corrosion Properties

Based on macro-cell current in reinforced concrete slabs, ASTM A1035 corrosion rate is up to 20% of black steel bars.

ASTM A1035 Provides a four-fold enhancement of the chloride threshold and up to 5 fold reductions in wastage rate once corrosion initiates.

Corrosion performance compared to 2201 LDX Stainless Steels

Choice for corrosion applications requiring 75+ years service life at the lowest cost.

Service Life Projection Examples – Black Bar and MMFX 2

Black Steel:

C_r (black steel) ~ 1.0 kg/m³ (corresponds to 2% of steel having initiated corrosion)

Design Parameters:
 Cl⁻ Diffusion Coefficient 10⁻¹² m²/s
 Concrete Cover 63 mm. **Time-to-Corrosion: 12 years.**

Time after corrosion initiation for surface cracks to appear: ~ 5 years.

If repair commences 10 years later: Maintenance-free life: ~ 22 years.

MMFX 2:

C_r (MMFX 2) ~ 4x greater: 4.0 kg/m³ (corresponds to 2% of steel having initiated corrosion)

Design Parameters:
 Cl⁻ Diffusion Coefficient 10⁻¹² m²/s
 Concrete Cover 63 mm. **Time-to-corrosion: ~ 22 years.**

If corrosion rate, once initiated, is 3x less than for black bar, then time after initiation for surface cracks to appear: ~ 15 years.

If repair commences 30 years later: Maintenance-free life: 52 years.

VTRC Recommendations

- "Corrosion protection for structures designed for a 100-year+ service life as currently recommended by FHWA, the report recommends that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) amend its specifications regarding the use of ECR to require the use of corrosion-resistant metallic reinforcing bars such as ASTM A1035, stainless steel clad, and solid stainless steel."
- "ASTM A1035 costs about the same as ECR but can extend the life of a deck approximately 5 times longer."
- "ASTM A1035 is clearly the most cost-effective reinforcement for the majority of VDOT decks."

CORROSION APPLICATIONS

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Church Street Extension Bridge over Metro North Railroad
 New Haven, CT

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
California Academy – Exhibition Education and Research Center, San Francisco, CA

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MARINELAND OF FLORIDA
Seawater Lagoon Dolphin Tank – Marineland, FL

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US NAVY NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND (NFSEC)
Modular Hybrid Pier – San Diego, CA (Constructed - Tacoma, WA)

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Solution to Congestion

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MMFX 2 (ASTM A1035) Solution to Congestion **MMFX**

Using The MMFX 2 (ASTM A1035) Strength And Corrosion Advantages

The use of MMFX 2 (ASTM A1035) allows the structural engineer and design team to achieve the following:

- Reduce rebar congestion (at selected structural components)
- Reduce member dimensions (e.g. mat foundation thickness)
- Improves constructability
- Extends Service Life of Structure
- Deliver project cost savings

MAT FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS

Figure 4 - 3D Rendering of #11@4" o.c. (A615 Grade 60 Reinforcing)

Figure 6 - 3D Rendering of #11@6" o.c. (MMFX Grade 100 Reinforcing)

MMFX 2 (ASTM A1035) CONFINEMENT

Full-Size Replica of two columns:

Column in Back is reinforced with 60 ksi #5 confinement ties at 2-1/4" vertical spacing

Column in Front is reinforced with 690 (100ksi) ASTM A1035 #5 confinement ties at 4" vertical spacing

Confinement Application

3D Models of two columns:

Column on left is reinforced with 60 ksi #5 confinement ties at 4" vertical spacing

Column on right is reinforced with 690 (100ksi) ASTM A1035 #5 confinement ties at 4" vertical spacing (same spacing, but with almost half the number of cross ties)

Figure 7 - A615 Gr. 60 Ties

Figure 8 - MMFX 100ksi Ties

MMFX 2 (ASTM A1035) APPROVALS
(Alternate Method of Construction per IBC)

- City of Los Angeles, CA (LARR)
- City of Long Beach, CA
- City of San Diego, CA
- City of Irvine, CA
- Clark County, Nevada (Las Vegas Strip)
- Miami-Dade County, FL (incl. City of Miami)
- City of Orlando, FL
- Abu Dhabi, UAE
- JAFZA, UAE

MMFX - Proven, Credible, Effective

American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM)
 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
 American Concrete Institute (ACI)

FHWA validated – used by 24 state DOTs

**Project Cost Savings
 Utilizing MMFX 2
 (ASTM A1035) Rebar**

Example Project in Las Vegas

- Original Design with #11 jamb steel
- A1035 alternate design with 40% less #11 jamb steel
- Reduces or eliminates intermediate layers of jamb steel
- Reduces or eliminates intermediate crossies
- LEADS TO MORE EFFICIENCY PLACEMENT \$\$\$

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MAT FOUNDATION CONCRETE SAVINGS USING NEW 690 MPA DESIGN

Mat Foundation Comparisons

Drawing Sheet ID	PC ID	Overall Dimensions			Original Design		Revised MMFX Alternate	
		L (ft)	H (ft)	Area (ft ²)	Thick (ft)	Volume (cy)	Thick (ft)	Volume (cy)
S4.21 ALT	PC5	140.00	80.00	11,200	14	5,897	11	4,563
S4.22 ALT	PC6	143.50	69.00	9,902	14	5,134	11	4,034
S4.23 ALT	PC7	92.00	91.00	6,829	12	3,029	10.5	2,656
S4.24 ALT	PC8	90.50	44.00	3,982	9	1,327	7	1,032
S4.25 ALT	PC9	80.75	56.00	4,522	12	2,010	9	1,507
S4.26 ALT	PC10	85.33	80.50	7,674	10	2,842	8	2,274
					20,156			16,066

**Total Reduction
4,090 cy**

* Reduction in mat thickness would require localized shear reinforcing

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Concrete Tension Pile Design

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Crack Width and Corrosion in Tension Pile Designs

Based upon the work of Darwin et al.,

- A conservative estimate is that MMFX 2 reinforcement initiates corrosion at the base of relatively wide concrete cracks at exposure times about six times greater than for BB.
- Corrosion rate in cracked concrete, once initiated, is about six times less for MMFX 2 compared to BB.

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Tension Pile Design BB versus MMFX 2

Time (arbitrary units)	BB Cumulative Corrosion Damage (arbitrary units)	MMFX2 Cumulative Corrosion Damage (arbitrary units)
0	0	0
10	2	0.5
20	4	1
30	6	1.5
40	8	2
50	10	2.5
60	12	3
70	14	3.5
80	16	4
90	18	4.5
100	20	5

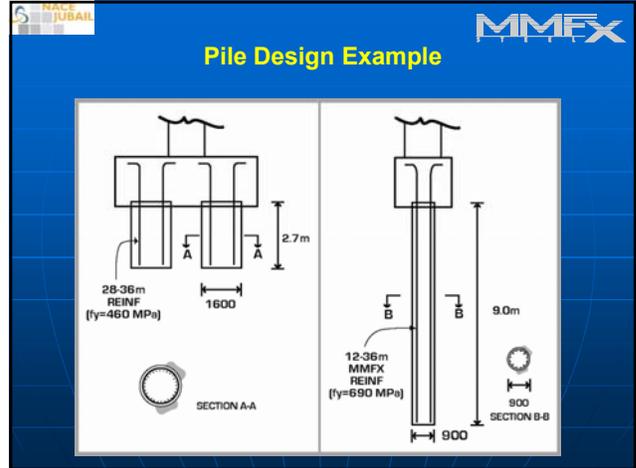
Schematic illustration based on assuming that BB initiates corrosion at an arbitrary time 3 and MMFX2 at time 18 (six times longer)

Effect of Crack Width on Tension Concrete Pile Design

Crack Width Calculation
Based on ACI 224R-01, Section 4.8 for tension cracking

$$w = 0.0145 \times f_s \times (d_c \times A)^{(1/3)} \times 10^{(-3)}$$

	P (kN)	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000
Tension Load	P (kN)	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000
Pile Diameter	D (mm)	1150	1150	1150	1150	1150
Clear Cover	c (mm)	75	75	75	75	75
Transverse Bar Size	dbh (mm)	18	18	18	18	18
Vertical Bar Size	dbv (mm)	36	36	36	36	36
Vertical Bar Area	Abv (mm ²)	1006	1006	1006	1006	1006
Number of Vertical Bars	n	30	33	40	54	66
Steel Yield Strength	fy (MPa)	600	600	600	600	600
Steel stress	fs (MPa)	232	211	174	129	105
Service Stress Ratio	fs / fy (%)	34%	31%	25%	15%	15%
Centroid of Vertical Bars	dc (mm)	109	109	109	109	109
Effective Tension Area per Vertical Bar	A (mm ²)	21277	19342	16957	11820	9671
Bar Spacings	s (mm)	98	89	73	54	44
Maximum Crack Width (Tension)	w _{max} (mm)	0.45	0.39	0.30	0.20	0.16



Pile Design Example

Total Design Load of 5,000 kN Tension per Location

	BASELINE Design	MMFX Design
Pile diameter	1500mm diameter	900 mm diameter
Reinforcement Grade	Reinf w/ fy = 460 MPa	Reinf w/ fy = 690 MPa
Reinforcement per pile	28 – 36M bars	12 – 36M bars
Number of Pile per Loc	2	1
Length of Pile per Loc	2.7 m long	9.0 m long
Concrete Volume	9.56 m ³ per location	5.72 m ³ per location 40% reduction
Steel Volume	1.521 x 108 mm ³ per loc	1.086 x 108 mm ³ per loc 29% reduction

CABI DEVELOPERS
Everglades on the Bay Condominiums Miami, FL

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The Tides – Chicago, IL
51 Floor Condominium Beams

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Project City Center - Pelli Tower – Las Vegas, NV
Load Transfer Beams

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HEAD COMPANIES
Mustique Condominiums, Gulf Shores, AL

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Coastal Residence – Malibu, CA
Drilled Pier Foundation



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BRICKELL'S LAST BAYFRONT SITE
BRICKELL'S FIRST 5-STAR CONDOMINIUM

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- The use of A1035 allows flexibility in design by engineer. In this case, the engineer chose to utilize the high-strength property of MMFX to reduce the thickness of the mat foundation.
- Preliminary Design Info:
 - Mat Foundation (under 1 level basement – below water table):
 - Thickness reduced by an average of 3' (2,500 cy total), at selected heavily-reinforced mats under the structural cores.
 - Reduced excavation, haul-out, dewatering, concrete volume, etc.
 - Tension Piles (36" diameter caissons):
 - Total of about 370 piles supporting mat foundation. Approximately 200 would be utilized as tension piles using MMFX rebars, to resist high hurricane loading in the South Florida region.

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ACI Innovation Task Group 6

Design Guide for the Use of High-Strength Steel Bars (ASTM A 1035-07) for Structural Concrete

A Document being developed by ITG - 6

Design Guide

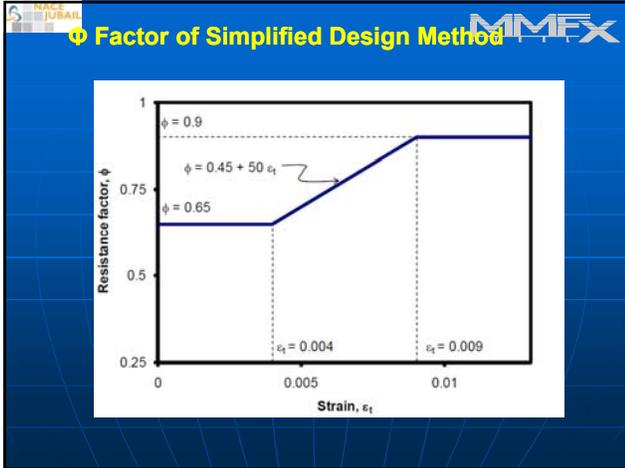
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- Use non-mandatory language
- Cover structural reinforced concrete members under low seismic regions (Category A, B and C):
 - Beams and Columns
 - One-way and two way slab systems
 - Walls and Footings
- Consider both strength and serviceability
- Limit application to slab systems, foundations, and members not designated as part of seismic-force-resisting system for moderate and high seismic regions (Category D, E, and F)
- Investigate use of high-strength bars as primary, secondary and confining reinforcement
- Address development length and anchorage issues

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Tension- and Compression-Controlled Limits

STEEL TYPE	TENSION-CONTROLLED STRAIN LIMIT	COMPRESSION-CONTROLLED STRAIN LIMIT
ASTM A 615 Grade 60	0.005	0.002
ASTM A1035 Grade 100 Theoretical	0.0066	0.004
ASTM A1035 Grade 100 Idealized	0.009	0.004



- Other Design Criteria**
- **Minimum Reinforcement Required by ACI 318-08**
Use $f_y = 100,000$ psi [690 MPa] with Section 10.5 for flexural members and Section 7.12 for shrinkage and temperature
 - **No moment redistribution in continuous member**
 - **Design Stress in Web Reinforcement**
Use $f_y = 60,000$ psi [420 MPa] for crack control
Use $f_y = 80,000$ psi [550 MPa] if hairline cracking is not critical
 - **Compression Stress Limit**
Use $f_y = 80,000$ psi [550 MPa] for flexure compression steel and column longitudinal steel in compression
Use $f_y = 100,000$ psi [690 MPa] for column longitudinal steel in tension and for column spirals
 - **Use moment magnification procedure for column slenderness effect**

- CONCLUSIONS**
- Building Code and Municipality Recognition
 - Effective in corrosive environment application, including marine, humidity, corrosive soil, etc.
 - Effective in mitigating rebar congestion
 - Allows design flexibility
 - Same processes:
 - Steel making (made in conventional steel mills)
 - Fabrication (same equipment)
 - Design (same ACI equations)
 - Detailing (same bend radius)
 - Installation
 - **PROJECT COST SAVINGS**



