

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

GWU™400 is a unidirectional glass fiber fabric with fiber oriented in the 0° direction. GWU™400 is field laminated using environmentally friendly, two-part 100% solids and structural adhesives to form a glass fiber fabric system used to reinforce and protect structural elements. GWU™400 is used primarily for hand lay-up, airless and air-assisted sprayer and press molding of FRP parts.

PRODUCT FEATURES

- High tensile strength
- Good reinforce and protect structural elements
- Allowing for use in hand lay-up process to produce large-area parts
- Superior acid corrosion resistance
- Strengthening the steel and concrete pipes, silos, chimneys and tanks.
- Compatible with different resins such as: Epoxy Resin, Polyester, Phenolic, Polyurethane and Vinylester

PRODUCT USES

GWU™400 strengthening systems can be used to resolve corrosion, strength deficiencies and increase the load carrying capacity of building, bridges, silos, tanks, chimneys, and other structures.

Loading Increases

- Increasing the loads capacity of floor systems
- Increasing shear and flexural strengths of reinforced and pre-stressed beams
- Increasing the axial capacity of columns
- Increasing bending and strength of the steel and concrete pipe, silos, chimneys and tanks.
- Strengthening the liquid tanks

Seismic Strengthening

- Column confinement for ductility improvement
- Masonry and concrete shear walls strengthening

Structural Parts

- Correct strength deficiency due to deterioration and corrosion
- Restore strength of structural elements damaged by fire

Change in Structural System

- Load redistribution due to removal of walls, beams or columns
- Removal of slab sections for new openings and duct facilities

Design or Construction Defects

- Insufficient amount of shear or flexural reinforcement
- Insufficient size and/or layout of reinforcement
- Insufficient reinforcing bar or lap splice length
- Low compressive strength in beams, slabs, and columns
- Low bending, tensile and pressure strength in industrial elements such as: concrete and steel silos, tanks, chimneys, Manholes, Pipes and etc.



Glass Wrap Unidirectional - GWU™400

HOW TO USE

DESIGN

Design values will vary based on project requirements and applicable environmental and strength reduction factors. Design should comply with ACI 440.2R or recognized design/specification entity, and is typically based on GFRP contribution determined by detailed analysis.

Contact our company to determine applicable design factors.

TECHNICAL DATA & FIBER PROPERTIES (DRY)

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| Arial Weight | 400 gr/m ² |
| Color | White |
| Density | 2.55 gr/cm ³ |
| Penetrating Time | 60 sec |
| Weave Pattern | Unidirectional |
| Primary Fiber Direction | 0° (unidirectional) |
| Fabric Thickness | 0.16 mm |
| Tensile Strength | 2200 MPa |
| Tensile Modulus | 70 GPa |
| Elongation | 3.0% |
| Application Methods | Hand lay-up Spray machine Robot processes |
| Compatible Resins | Epoxy, Polyester, Phenolic, Polyurethane, Vinylester |
| Shelf Time | 10 years |
| Storage Conditions | Store dry at 4°C – 40°C |

SURFACE PREPARATION

- Surfaces to receive GWU™400 must be clean and sound. It must be dry and free of protrusions and frost. All dust, laitance, grease, curing compounds, waxes, deteriorated materials, and other bond inhibiting materials must be removed from the surface prior to application.
- Existing uneven surfaces must be filled with appropriate epoxy putty or repair mortar. Use abrasive blasting, pressure wash, shot blast, grind or other approved mechanical means to achieve an open-pore texture with a concrete surface profile. In certain applications and at the engineer's discretion, the bond between the substrate and the fabric may be determined to be non-critical (such as in column confinement applications).
- All corners must be rounded to 30 mm radius minimum. A minimum overlap [or lap splice] of 100-200 mm is required to achieve continuity.
- The adhesive strength of the concrete may be verified after surface preparation by random pull-

off testing (ACI 503R or ASTM D7522) at the discretion of the engineer. Minimum tensile strength of 1.0 MPa must be achieved. The minimum adhesive strength of the concrete may be greater than 18 MPa.

CUTTING

Fabric can be cut to appropriate length by using a commercial quality heavy-duty scissors.

APPLICATION

- Installation of the GWU™400 strengthening system should be performed only by a specially trained, approved contractor.
- The GWU™400 strengthening system shall consist of GWU™400 glass fabric and epoxy resins such as: EPS™10010 and EPT™10020.
- Note the specified number of plies, ply widths, and fiber orientation. Mix resin components using recommended procedures on product datasheet. Apply one coat of epoxy as a primer to the surface using a nap roller. Fill minor concrete or steel defects such as bug holes and other imperfections with epoxy putty or epoxy mixed with fumed silica or talc or calcium carbonate powder (thickened epoxy). Where the resin sags, can also be used one of these three materials. Apply putty or thickened epoxy using a roller or trowel to primed surface. Adjust the gap between saturator rollers. Using the saturator machine or hand lay-up method, pre-saturate the appropriate length of GWU™400 with AFZIR epoxy adhesive as a saturant. Install the saturated FRP sheet. Use a rib roller to remove all air pockets and ensure intimate contact with the surface. If a splice is needed, a minimum 100-200 mm overlap is required. On multiple plies with splices, stagger the splice locations. If required, apply topcoat material.

LIMITATIONS

- Design calculations must be achieved by a professional company.
- Concrete deterioration and steel corrosion must be resolved prior to application
- Only apply this product when the ambient temperature is within the temperature range of the approved epoxy adhesive. Minimum application temperature is 4°C

PACKAGING

Fabric rolls: 0.5 m Width x 100 m Length

STORAGE

Unless otherwise specified, it should be stored in a dry, cool and rain-proof area. It is recommended that the room temperature and humidity should be always maintained at 4°C~40°C and below 75% respectively.

HANDLING

Approved personal protection equipment should be worn at all times. Particle mask is recommended for possible airborne particles. Gloves are recommended when handling fabrics and resins to avoid skin irritation. Safety glasses are recommended to prevent eye irritation. Wear chemical resistant clothing/gloves/goggles. Ventilate area. In absence of adequate ventilation, use properly fitted respirator.

CLEANUP

Dispose of material in accordance with local disposal regulations. Uncured material can be removed with approved solvents. Cured materials can only be removed mechanically.

FIRST AID

In case of skin contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water. For eye contact, flush immediately with plenty of water; contact physician immediately. For respiratory problems, remove to fresh air. Wash clothing before reuse.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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