

Typical Data for V-Wrap Carbon Fiber Rod

Storage Conditions:	Store dry at 40°F – 90°F (4°C – 32°C)
Color:	Black
Primary Fiber Direction:	0° (unidirectional)
Shelf life:	10 years
Fiber Type:	Carbon
Matrix Type:	Epoxy Vinylester Resin
Fiber Volume Fraction:	70%
Tensile Strength:	330,000 psi (2,275 MPa)
Modulus of Elasticity:	19,000 ksi (131,000 MPa)
Elongation at Break:	1.7%



Rod Sizes:	#3	#4
Rod Diameter:	0.375" (9.5 mm)	0.47" (12 mm)
Design Area:	0.11 in ² (71 mm ²)	0.19 in ² (122 mm ²)

DESCRIPTION:

V-Wrap Carbon FRP Rod is a family of high strength, pre-manufactured composite carbon/resin rods. These rods are used as internal or external reinforcement providing additional strength and stiffness to concrete and masonry structural elements. As a strengthening system, V-Wrap Carbon FRP Rods are utilized for a technique known as “Near Surface Mounted” or NSM reinforcement. This strengthening system consists of the FRP rods embedded in grooves made on the surface of the member. The rods are bonded in the grooves, below the surface, using V-Wrap 770 Adhesive and/or V-Wrap PF – Putty Filler. Because it is embedded below the surface, V-Wrap Carbon FRP Rods are especially attractive for strengthening of surfaces that could be subject to abrasive or mechanical damage, such as parking decks, slabs and walkways. For masonry structures, the rods can be installed in the existing joints, thus upgrading the capacity without negative aesthetic impact.

PRODUCT USES:

NSM STRUCTURAL STRENGTHENING

- When member surface is exposed to vehicular, snow plow, or pedestrian traffic
- When use of externally bonded fabric and laminates is not feasible due to poor concrete surfaces that require extensive preparation
- When member surface is exposed to mechanical impact
- Where final aesthetics of FRP sheets is not acceptable
- For anchoring the end of FRP sheets

MASONRY STRENGTHENING

- Masonry wall strengthening for increasing in-plane or out-of-plane bending capacity
- For increasing wall in-plane or out-of-plane shear capacity

ADVANTAGES:

- Reinforcement protected from mechanical and environmental damage
- Effective topside strengthening system for slabs and beams
- FRP rods can be effectively anchored into adjacent members
- Used for shear or flexural strengthening
- Non-corrosive reinforcement system
- Light-weight
- High-strength
- Low impact on member appearance and aesthetically pleasing

PACKAGING:

V-Wrap Carbon FRP Rod is furnished in 20 ft (6 m) long pieces.

HOW TO USE DESIGN:

Design should comply with ACI 440 and is typically based on CFRP contribution determined by detailed analysis. The design should be based on force equilibrium and strain compatibility principles. The minimum dimension of the grooves should be taken at least 1.5 times the diameter of the FRP rod. Design parameters will vary based on project requirements and applicable environmental, groove surface condition, and strength reduction factors. Contact STRUCTURAL TECHNOLOGIES to determine applicable design requirements and reduction factors.

SURFACE GROOVE INSTALLATION AND PREPARATION:

- Integrity of the surface concrete should be checked prior to installing the rod. Corrosion of internal steel reinforcement should be adequately addressed prior to installing the strengthening system.
- Make grooves onto the surface of the slab. Minimum groove width and depth is 1.5 times the rod diameter.
- The inside faces of the groove should be roughened using sand blasting or pressure washing to ensure adequate bond properties. All grooves shall be cleaned to remove loose particles and dust.
- Groove surfaces must be clean and sound. It must be dry and free of frost. All dust, laitance, grease, curing compounds, waxes, deteriorated materials, and other bond-inhibiting materials must be removed from the surface prior to application using clean pressurized air.

CUTTING V-WRAP FRP CARBON ROD:

- Rods can be cut to appropriate length using a reciprocal saw with a fine-tooth blade, grinder or wall chaser tool.

ADHESIVES AND COATINGS:

- Construction materials will vary based on project requirements and applicable environmental and surface condition. Contact STRUCTURAL TECHNOLOGIES to determine applicable adhesive resin and coatings for a specific use.

LIMITATIONS:

- Design calculations must be made and certified by an independent licensed professional engineer.
- Concrete deterioration and steel corrosion must be resolved prior to application.
- Only apply V-Wrap Carbon FRP Rod when the ambient temperature is within the specified temperature range of the adhesive resin.

STORAGE:

- Store out of direct sunlight in a dry place between 40°F – 90°F (4°C – 32°C).
- Store rods in original packaging until ready to use. Keep dry and free from dust and oil.

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