

# A Modern Strategy for Municipal Infrastructure Projects

## Utilizing New Structural Fiber Composites In A Harsh Florida Environment

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# What do you think of when you hear the word **Fiberglass**?



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# How about the word Fiberglass Composites?



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# Composites Today

## Intertwining Science, Chemistry, and Engineering

- **Polymer Matrix Resins**

- Polyester Resin
- Vinylester Resin
- Epoxy Resin

- **Fiber Components**

- Glass Fiber (Many Variations)
- Carbon Fiber
- Basalt Fiber



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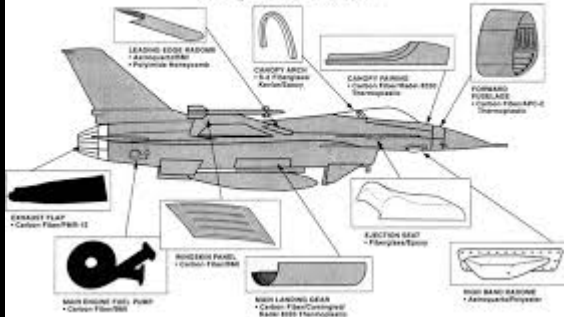
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**Military Aircraft  
Composite Structures**



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# Composites Today

- Today it has become the material of choice in Corrosive Locations and in applications Where Mass Matters.
  - Desalinisation Plants (pipes / tanks)
  - Mineral Extraction
  - Aeronautical – originally NASA and now Airbus (A380) and the Boeing Dreamliner
  - Formula 1 (and now Audi / BMW etc)
  - Sporting Equipment



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# Pultruded Fiberglass

## What is it?



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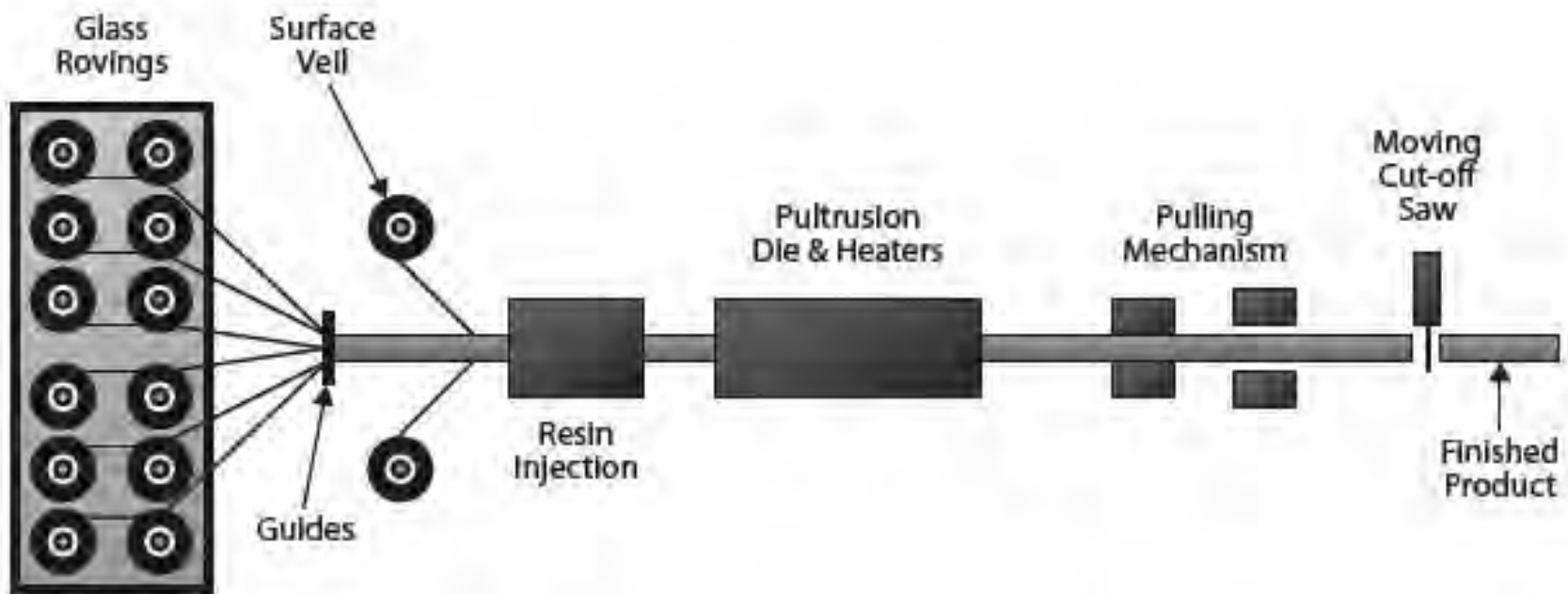


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# Pultruded Sections

## Pultrusion Process



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# Pultruded Sections

Wagners produces modular building components from which engineered solutions can be manufactured.

- 100x75x5 SHS (4" x 3" nom)
- 100x100x5 SHS (4" x 4" nom)
- 125x125x6.5 SHS (5" x 5" nom)
- 300x6 Flat (12" x ¼" nom)
- 300x24 Flat (12" x 1" nom)



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# Bonded Sections



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# Section Properties

## Comparison with Steel and timber

	CFT	Steel Gr250	Timber
Section	4" x 4" x 5.2 SHS	4" x 4" x 5 SHS	4" x 4" x F17
Mass (PSF)	0.82	2.9	1.8
Tensile strength Long (PSI)	88,473	59,465	4,351
Compressive strength Long (PSI)	70,343	50,763	7,252
Youngs Modulus E (KSI)	5,221	29,008	1,595

Lighter than timber – Stronger than steel !!



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# Material Properties and Testing



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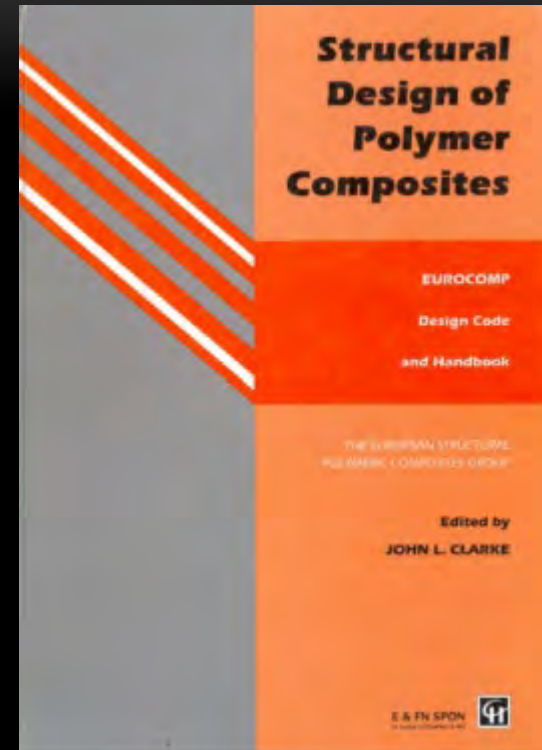
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# Design Standards

- Euro-Comp Code
  - European Polymeric Structural Composites Group
- factors evaluated based on process
- ASCE Pre-standard
  - for LRFD of pultruded fiber reinforced polymer structures – November 2010



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# Testing Standards

All product from the pultrusion process is batch controlled, with batch testing undertaken. Batch testing results must be greater than allowable design values set from prototype testing.

Tests include:

- Shear strength and modulus testing
- Tensile strength and modulus testing
- Compression strength and modulus testing
- Completeness of cure



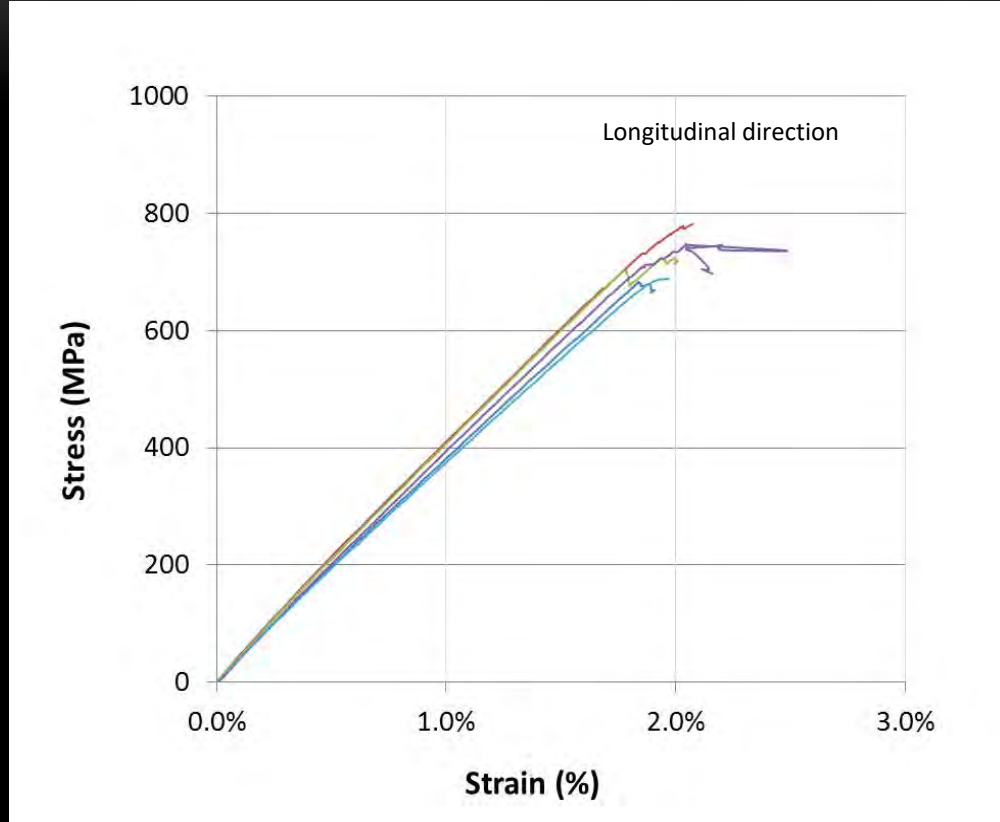
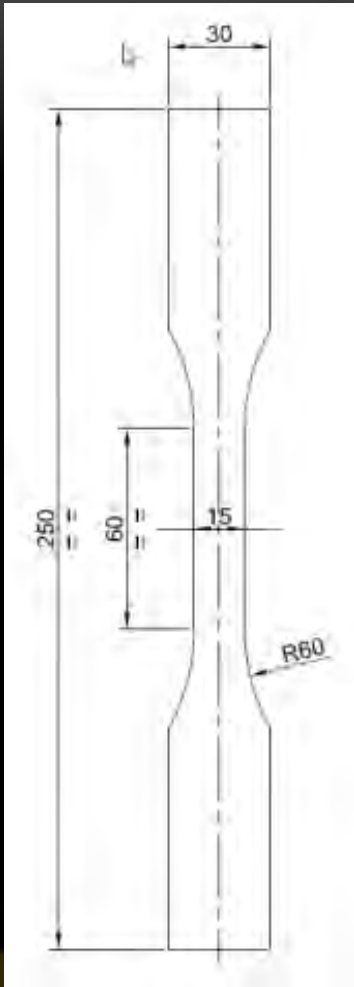
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# Tension



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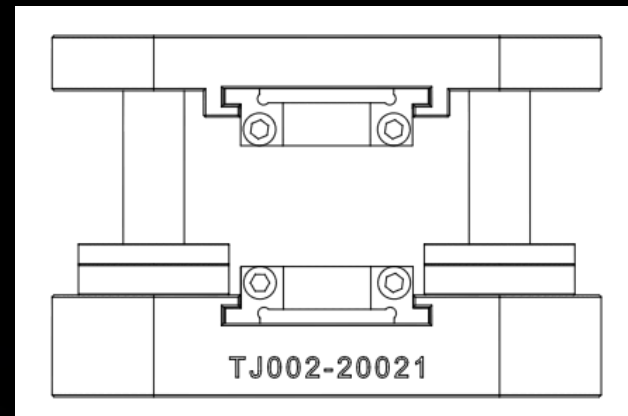
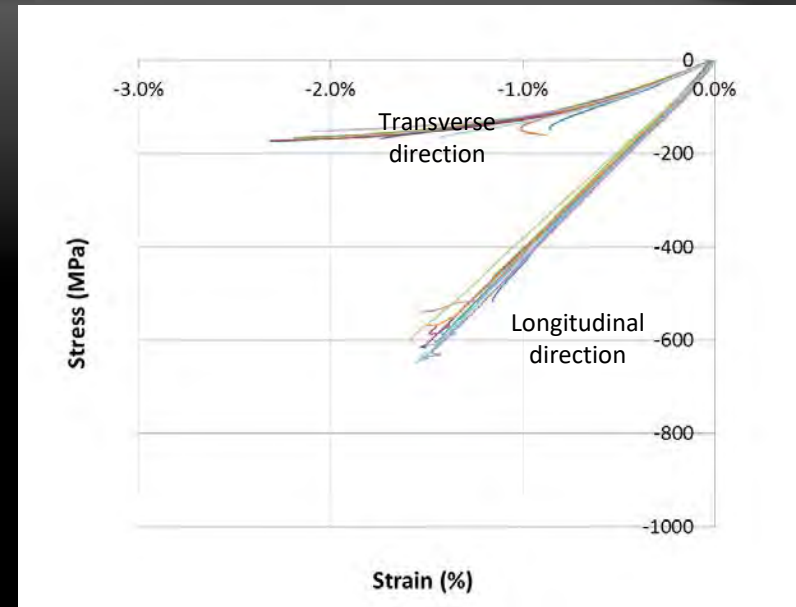
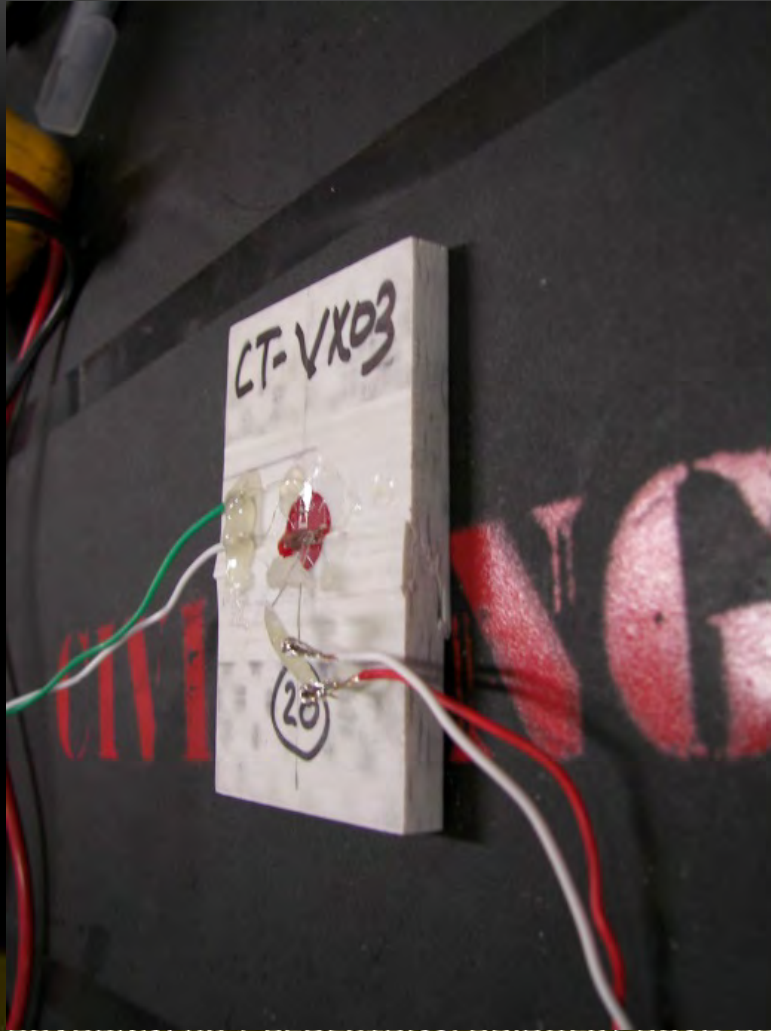


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# Compression



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# Wagners Pultruded Sections



## WAGNERS PULTRUDED FRP STRUCTURAL SECTIONS

### PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

75x100x5, 100x100x5, 125x125x6.5 SHS



### SECTION PROPERTIES

Designation			Ratio		Geometrical Section Area	About x, y and z-axis					
Depth	Width	Thickness	Internal	External		Moment of Inertia about the x axis	Moment of Inertia about the y axis	Elastic Section Modulus for bending about the x axis	Elastic Section Modulus for bending about the y axis	Elastic Section Modulus for bending about the z axis	Torsion Constant
a	b	t	i <sub>x</sub>	i <sub>y</sub>	A <sub>g</sub>	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	Z <sub>x</sub>	Z <sub>y</sub>	Z <sub>z</sub>	J
(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )	(10 <sup>8</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	(10 <sup>8</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	(10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	(10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	(10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	(10 <sup>9</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )
100	75	5.25	4.75	10	1664.98	3.26	1.431	45.29	18.16	-	2.89
100	100	5.25	4.75	10	1843.88	7.86	2.86	57.28	57.28	42.83	4.65
125	125	6.5	4.75	10	3024.55	6.98	6.98	112.3	112.3	82.52	11.67

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Designation	Mass m	Density ρ	Ultimate Tensile Strength		Ultimate Compressive Strength		Shear Strength	Modulus of Elasticity		Moment Capacity	
			σ <sub>t</sub>		σ <sub>c</sub>			E		M	
			Longitudinal	Transverse	Longitudinal	Transverse		Longitudinal	Transverse	X axis	Y axis
			(kg/m)	(kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	(MPa)	(MPa)		(MPa)	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
100x75x5 SHS	3.28	1970	650	42	550	104	84	33400	12900	15.17	9.44
100x100x5 SHS	3.83	1970	650	42	550	104	84	33400	12900	17.74	17.74
125x125x6.5 SHS	5.94	1970	650	42	550	104	84	33400	12900	33.35	33.35

### MATERIAL REDUCTION FACTORS

Material Partial Safety Factor	Short Term Loading	Long Term Loading
Load Multiplier	1.3	1.16
Material Reduction Factor	0.79	0.52

EUROCOMP Design Code and Handbook, Edited by John L. Clarke,  
1<sup>st</sup> edition, 1996, Published by E & FN Spon, London SE1 6 HN, UK

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# Characteristic Values

Property	Notation	Value	Unit	Test Method
Tensile Strength – Longitudinal	$f_{Lt}$	610	MPa	ISO 527-4
Tensile Modulus of Elasticity – Longitudinal	$E_{Lt}$	36300	MPa	
Poisson's Ratio – Longitudinal	$\nu_L$	0.28		
Tensile Strength – Transverse	$f_{Tt}$	55.0	MPa	ISO 527-4
Tensile Modulus of Elasticity – Transverse	$E_{Tt}$	10800	MPa	
Poisson's Ratio – Transverse	$\nu_T$	0.09		
Compressive Strength – Longitudinal	$f_{Lc}$	485	MPa	ASTM D6641
Compressive Modulus of Elasticity – Longitudinal	$E_{Lc}$	33300	MPa	
Compressive Strength – Transverse	$f_{Tc}$	120	MPa	ASTM D6641
Compressive Modulus of Elasticity – Transverse	$E_{Tc}$	11600	MPa	
In-Plane Shear Strength – Longitudinal	$f_{Lv}$	84.0	MPa	ASTM D7078
In-Plane Shear Modulus of Elasticity – Longitudinal	$G_L$	4280	MPa	
Interlaminar Shear Strength	$f_{Iv}$	44.0	MPa	ASTM D2344

NOTE: The values in the table are the characteristic values to be used for design in normal ambient conditions. It does not include adjustment factors to account for temperature, humidity, and chemical environments.

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88,473

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12,183

620,762

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# Composite Beams



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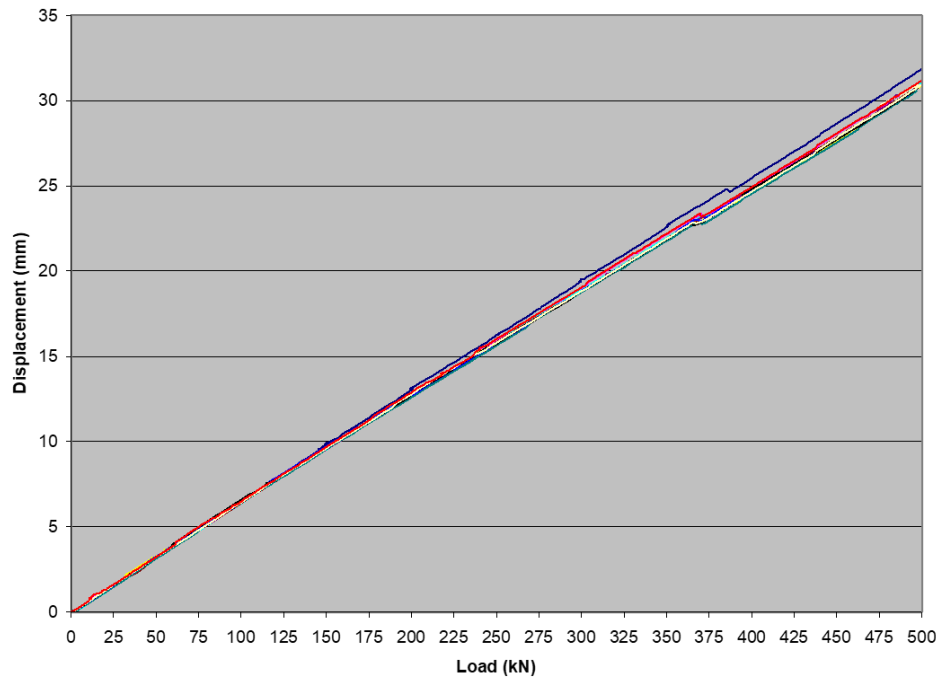
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# Testing Analysis - Fatigue

Displacement Verses Load - Fatigue Test



- 2 Million Cycles
- 4-Point Bending
- 2x 56,000 lb Point Loads (250kN)
- Average 1 ¼" Deflection (32mm)
- No loss of stiffness across test



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# Grout-filled truss (Comparative study)



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	Section / Joint			
Chord	Top	Bottom	Brace	Vertical
Truss 1	250x125 BRB / Grout-filled		250x125 BRB / Glued insert	
Truss 2	250x125 BRB / Glued insert			

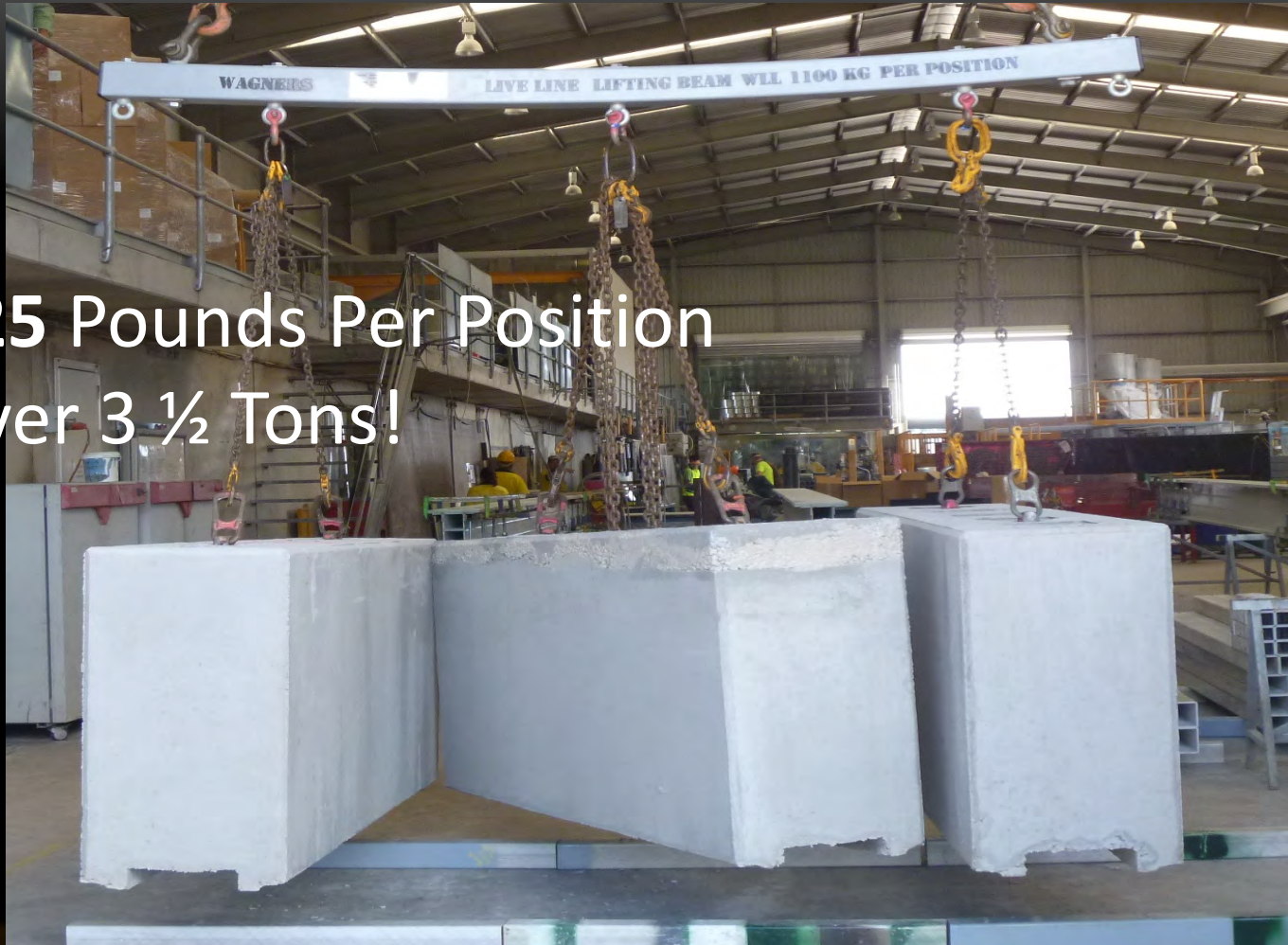
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# Cross Arms – How Strong ?

2,425 Pounds Per Position  
= Over 3 ½ Tons!



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# Product Longevity

- 75 Years before any sign of Degradation – Unpainted
  - Painted 100 Years Plus
- University of New South Wales Independent Testing



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# Paint and Finish

- Paint is Vitreflon V700

## Manufacturers Warranty

- 25 Years Design Life to First Maintenance  
40 Years Expected Life
- Can Be Produced in Nearly Any Color
- Suggested Programmed Maintenance:
  - Every 2 years
  - Touch up where required
  - Zero on major for minimum 25 years



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# Making Your Dollars Go Further

- Longevity - Zero Maintenance:



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# Wagners Composite Fiber Technology



Ocala Aquafer Recharge Park Boardwalk (Under Construction)  
Ocala, Florida



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# Projects



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# Designing For Extreme Environments

## DfMA – Design for Manufacture and Assembly

### Rehab of Cooktown Wharf, Australia



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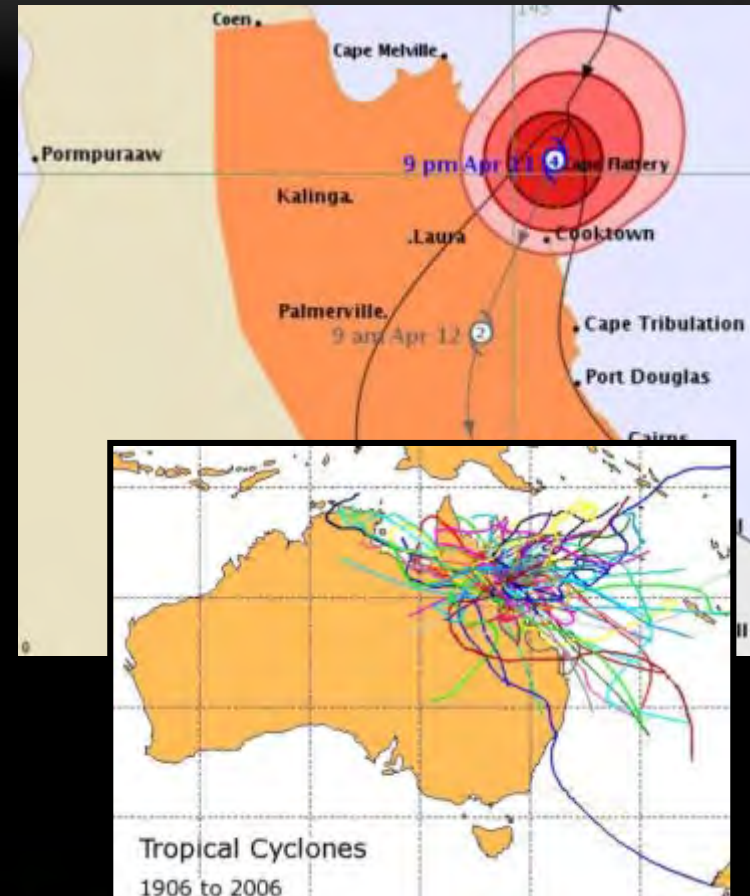
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# Designing For Extreme Environments

## Design Considerations

- Designed IAW AS4997 – Maritime Structures
- Environmental – Highly Corrosive exposed position
- Close proximity to Important Natural Habitats
- Use by Commercial operators and general Public
- Live Load – 24 ton Hino Truck (20kN on 150x150mm) and 5kPa
- Dead Load on existing piles – not to be increased
- Cyclone Rated – Wind Load and Wave uplift + Storm Surge
  - Wave Crest approx. ~20" above deck surface
  - Uplift Pressure across deck in storm surge ~150 PSF

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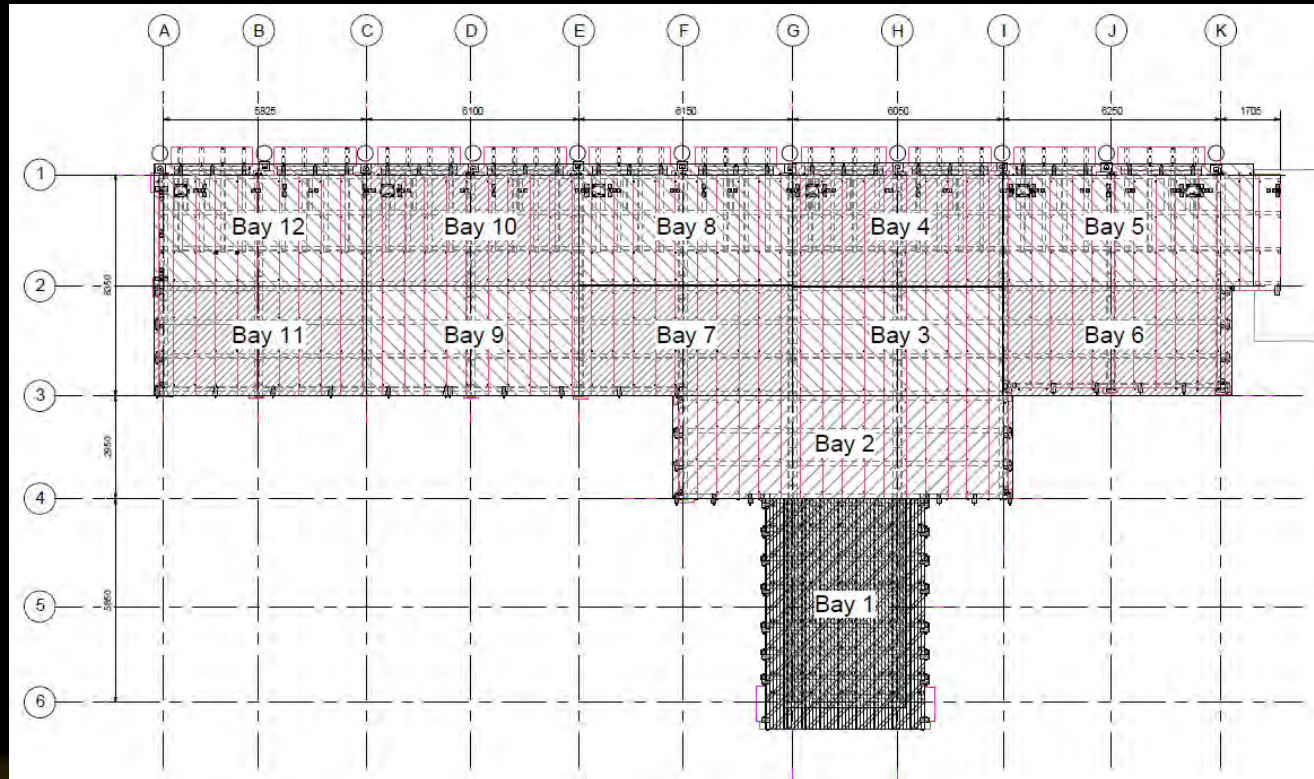
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## DfMA – Design for Manufacture and Assembly

- Design allowed for 'bays' to be made in adjacent carpark, and lifted in with Cook Shire Councils Telehandler
- No requirement for Barge or Water Based Crane

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# Road Bridges on a Single Trailer to Remote Locations



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## Demolition of Wharf

### Construction Sequence

1. Timber superstructure hold down bolts removed
2. Timber superstructure cut, lifted and removed



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## Assembly of Bays

Construction Sequence

1. Composite superstructure assembled on site



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## Installation of Bay 1



Construction Sequence

1. Composite superstructure lifted in



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## Installation of Bay 2



### Construction Sequence

1. Composite superstructure lifted in
2. Install Deck
3. Drive on Composite Superstructure to remove next Timber Bay



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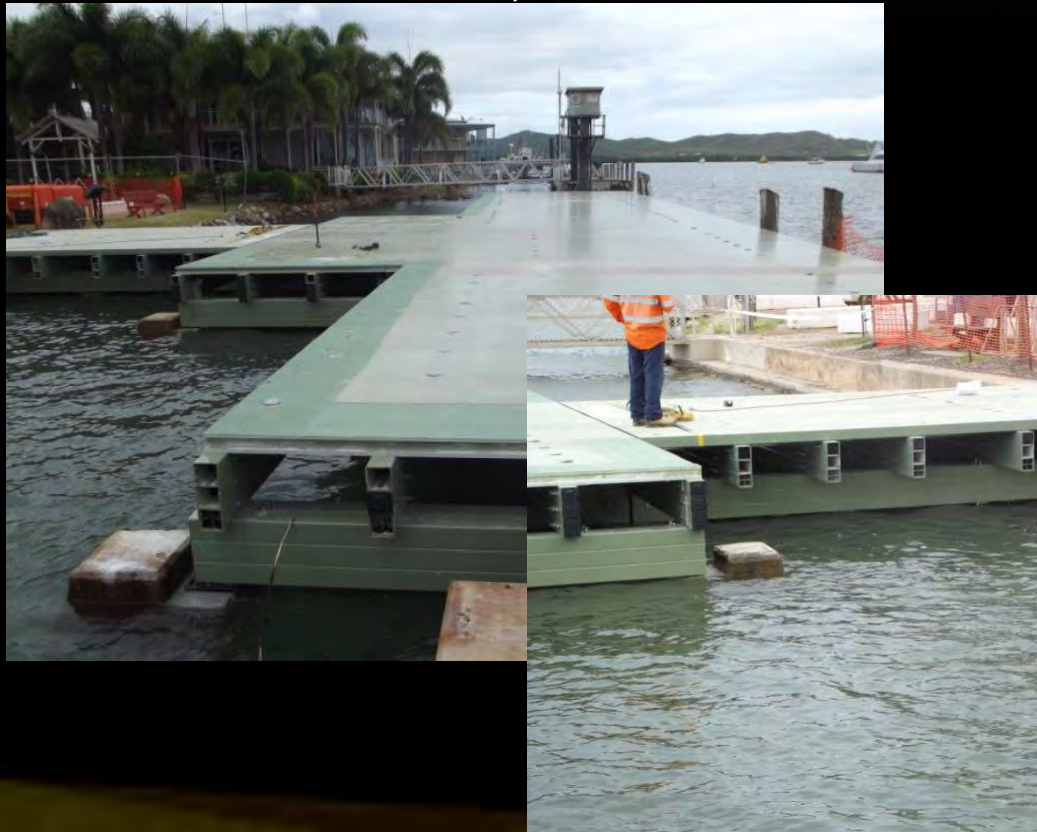
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Decking Completion



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Fender Installation (Piles By FenderTec)



Handrails and Light  
Post Installation



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Completed  
Wharf



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# Boardwalk Project - Before

- Brisbane City Council – Freshwater Apartments Boardwalk



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# Boardwalk Project - During

- Brisbane City Council – Freshwater Apartments Boardwalk



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# Boardwalk Project - After

- Brisbane City Council – Freshwater Apartments Boardwalk



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# Anzac Walk – The Build



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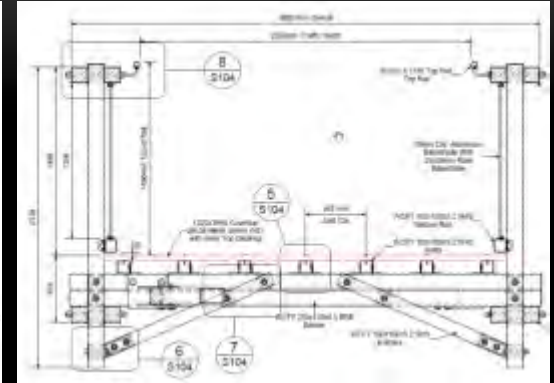
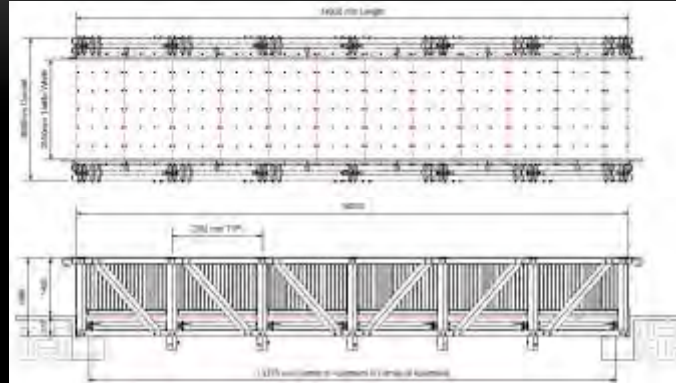
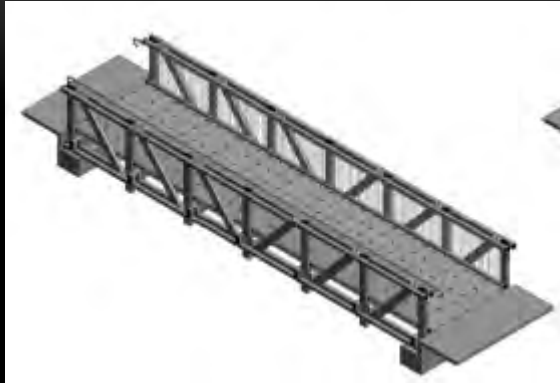
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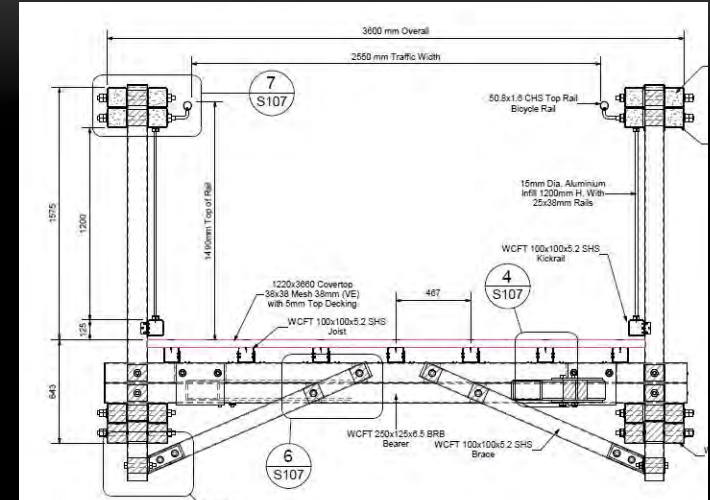
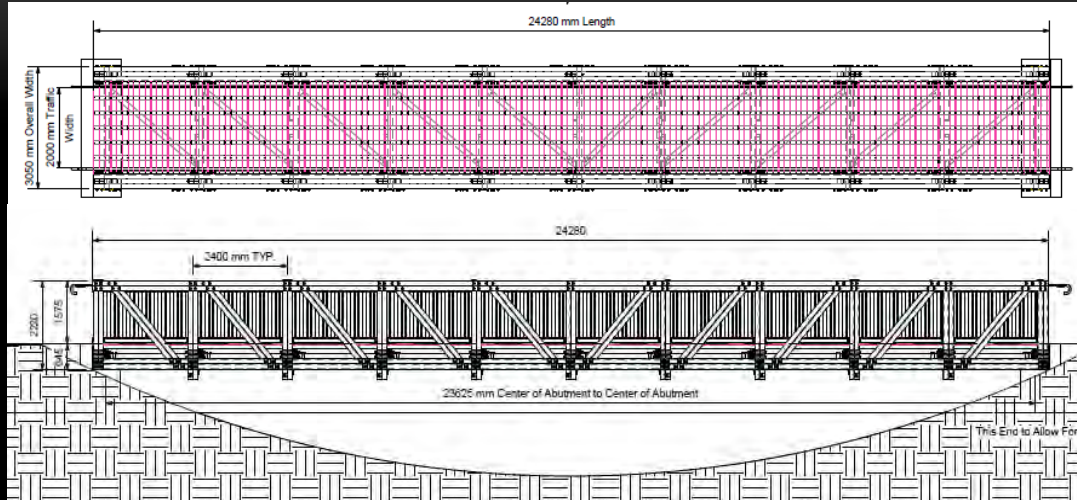


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# Stage 2 - Mercy Footbridge replacement



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# Bluewater Trail Environmental Park





# Trail Project – Forest Walk

- Bluewater Trail Environmental Park



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Larger Equipment



Small Equipment



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# Hastings NZ

## a difficult engineering challenge



## The Requirement

### 1500 LF of Clip on Pedestrian Cycleway

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# Hastings - New Zealand Chesterhope Bridge Cycleway Upgrade



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# Road Bridge Replacement

- Wagners through R+D and IBRC Funding Supplied 5 Bridge Decks between 2004 and 2008.
- Each Bridge had its own challenges
  - New Oregon Road, Erie County, NY
  - Collins St, City of Hornell, NY
  - Bemus-Ellery Road Bridge, Chatauqua County, NY
  - English Run Road, Lycoming County, PA
  - PR-139 Bridge over Ausobo Creek, Ponce, Puerto Rico
- Each Bridge also went through the same Design / Validation Process
  - Proposed Section
  - Grillage Analysis
  - FEA Modelling
  - Prototype Manufacture and Testing
  - Manufacturing



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# New Oregon Road – Erie County



- Erie County Department of Public Works oversees 1200 lane mile of road, upon which 24 feet of snow falls every year. The county dumps 96,000 tons of de-icing salts on their roads each year.



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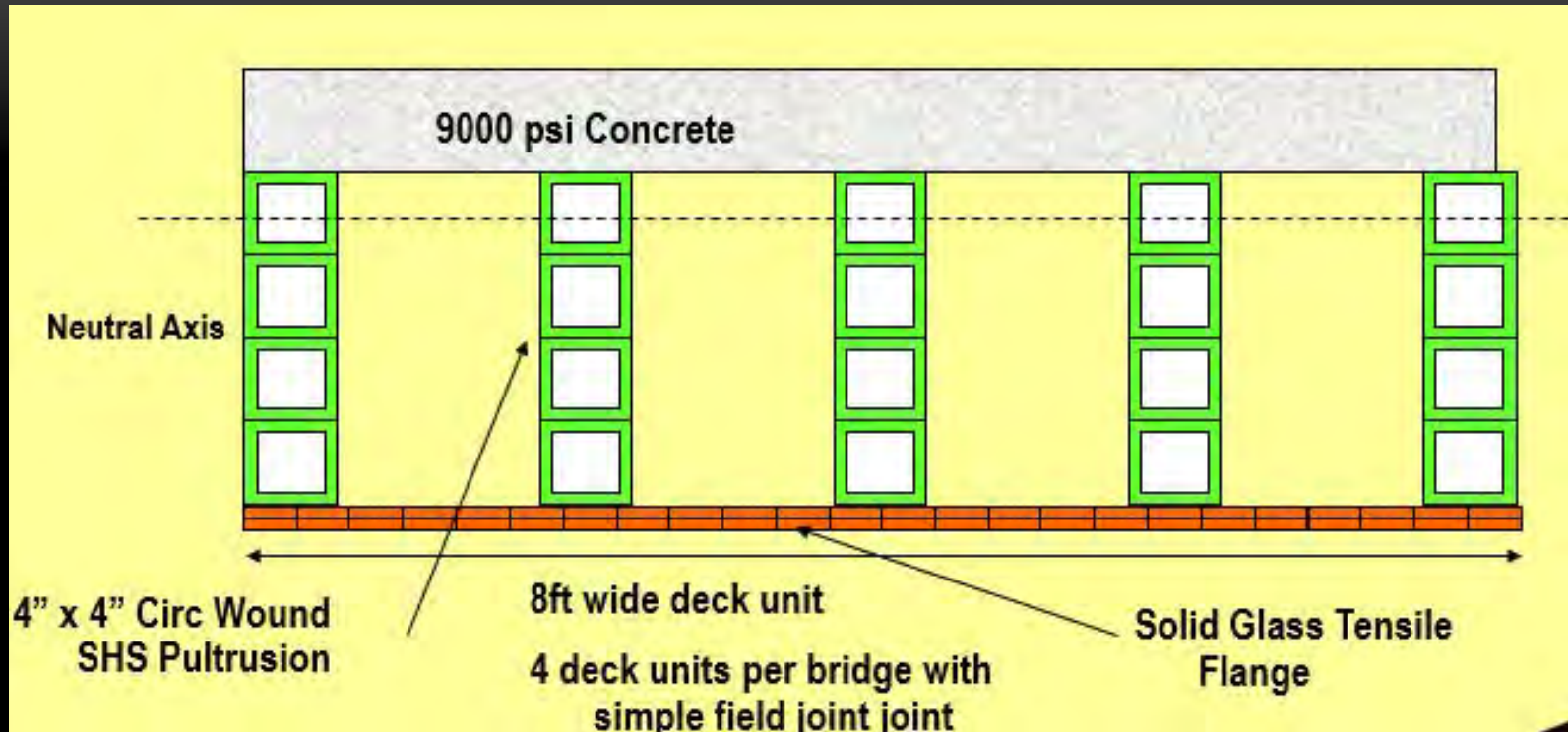


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# Proposed Section



- AASHTO HS25 Design Vehicle
- L/500 allowable deflection under Live Load



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# Results of Observations

After 13 years of service the following observations are made:

- No deck surface deterioration
- No Corrosion of FRP materials
- No Structural failures
- No damage from debris (underside)

Conclusion –

**FRP Materials are living up to the reputation!**



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# Bridge Replacement

## Manly Road Bridge



- Bridge Sections Shipped To Site And Set Into Place



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## Manly Road Bridge

- Completed



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# Key Takeaways

100 year Design Life

+ 25-40 Years of low/ no maintenance  
= Substantial ROI in about 10 years.

- Lightweight Materials Mean Lower Structure Cost And Lower Construction Costs
- Inert Materials = Zero Environmental Effects



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# Key Takeaways

## Fiscally Responsible:

- 1:5 Ratio for replacement
  - Over a 100 year period, conservatively you will replace a wood boardwalk 5 times or every 1 boardwalk built with Fiberglass.
- Manpower:
  - Skilled crew and/or budget required for ongoing maintenance and replacement of deckboards, railings, pilings, etc.



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# Key Takeaways

Bottom Line:

Change your mindset and the mindset of your team.

Material longevity and lifecycle cost savings need to be considered when the opportunity for replacement arises.



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