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Product Guide Specification

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SECTION 03240 (03 24 00)

FIBROUS REINFORCING

Specifier Notes: This section covers Solomon Colors Solomon UltraFiber 500™ concrete reinforcing fiber manufactured from alkali-resistant, virgin cellulose fibers. Consult Solomon Colors for assistance in editing this section for the specific application.

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Alkali-resistant, virgin cellulose concrete reinforcing fiber.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

Specifier Notes: Edit the following list of related sections as required for the project. List other sections with work directly related to this section.

- A. Section 03300 (03 30 00) – Cast-in-Place Concrete.

- B. Section 03400 (03 40 00) – Precast Concrete.

1.3 REFERENCES

Specifier Notes: List standards referenced in this section, complete with designations and titles. This article does not require compliance with standards, but is merely a listing of those used.

- A. ASTM C 94 – Standard Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete.
- B. ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) AC217 – Acceptance Criteria for Concrete with Virgin Cellulose Fibers.
- C. ICC Evaluation Service ESR-1032.

1.4 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Reinforcing fibers, at a dosage rate of 1.5 pounds/cubic yard (0.6 kg/m³), meet ICC-ES AC217 as reported in ICC-ES ESR-1032.
- B. Can be used at a dosage rate of 3.0 -4.0 pounds/cubic yard to replace mild temperature steel

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Comply with Section 01330 (01 33 00) – Submittal Procedures.
- B. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's product data, including mixing instructions, dosage rate, and fiber dispersion assessment procedure.
- C. Manufacturer's Certification:
 - 1. Submit manufacturer's certification that reinforcing fibers comply with specified requirements.
 - 2. Submit manufacturer's ISO 9001:2000 certification.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer's Qualifications: ISO 9001:2000 certification.

1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Delivery: Deliver bagged reinforcing fibers in manufacturer's original, unopened containers and packaging, with labels clearly identifying product name, manufacturer, and weight of fibers.
- B. Storage: Store reinforcing fibers in dry area in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
 - 1. Bagged Reinforcing Fibers: Keep bags sealed until ready for use.
 - 2. Bulk Packaged Reinforcing Fibers: Install manufacturer's dispensing system in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to provide dry, watertight environment, when bulk packaged reinforcing fibers are loaded into dispensing system.
- C. Handling: Protect reinforcing fibers during handling to prevent contamination.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Solomon Colors Inc., 4050 Color Plant Road, PO Box 8288, Springfield, Illinois 62702. Toll Free (800) 624-0261. Website www.ultrafiber500.com.
- B. Fiber Sales Representative is Solomon Colors, Inc. Springfield, Illinois

2.2 FIBROUS REINFORCING

- A. Fibrous Reinforcing: "Solomon UltraFiber 500" concrete reinforcing fiber.
 - 1. Material: Alkali-resistant, virgin cellulose fibers.
 - 2. Average Length: 2.1 mm (0.083 inch).
 - 3. Average Denier: 2.5 g/9,000 m.
 - 4. Average Diameter: 18 μ (0.63×10^{-3} inch).
 - 5. Count: 1,590,000 fibers/g (720,000,000 fibers/pound).
 - 6. Density: 1.10 g/cm³.
 - 7. Surface Area: 25,000 cm²/g (12,200 ft²/pound).
 - 8. Average Tensile Strength: 750 N/mm² (110 ksi).
 - 9. Average Elastic Modulus: 8,500 N/mm² (1,200 ksi).
 - 10. Fiber Spacing: 550 μ m at 0.9 kg/m³ dosage rate (0.026 inch at 1.5 pounds/cubic yard dosage rate).

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 MIXING

- A. Add reinforcing fibers into concrete mixture in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and ASTM C 94.
- B. Add reinforcing fibers at a dosage rate of 1.5 pounds/cubic yard (0.6 kg/m³) of concrete directly into concrete mixer at beginning of batch cycle. Higher dosage rates of 2 -4 pounds can be used for replacement of welded wire or mild temperature steel. Please refer to manufacturer's recommendations.
- C. Allow a minimum of 4 minutes at mixing speed in concrete mixer for full reinforcing fiber dispersion.

Specifier Notes: Edit the following sentence as required. Specify Section 03300 (03 30 00) for cast-in-place concrete or Section 03400 (03 40 00) for precast concrete.

- D. Concrete shall be as specified in Section [03300 (03 30 00)] [03400 (03 40 00)].

3.2 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Confirm uniform fiber dispersion throughout concrete in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

END OF SECTION