

ARMOGRIP BC

ARAMID CONNECTORS TO BE USED IN COMBINATION WITH ARMOSHIELD BC CARBON-FIBRE BARS FOR ANCHORING STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENTS



The **ARMOGRIP BC** connectors are anchoring devices consisting of high-strength aramid fibres woven in bundles resulting in a hollow braid to be used coupled with the ARMOSHIELD BC protruded bars; ideal for anchoring and enhancing the bars with the reinforcements carried out with the fabrics of the ARMOSHIELD line. Available in various lengths, they are applied by simply impregnating them with ARMOFIX MT or MTX epoxy bonding adhesives depending on the type of application.

BENEFITS

- ✓ High mechanical resistance to traction, chemicals and corrosion.
- ✓ Increased resistance without weight gain.
- ✓ Light and easy to apply.
- ✓ High resistance to aggressive substances and to alkali hydroxides.
- ✓ High tensile strength on uneven substrates too.
- ✓ Reliability and durability of the system.



WHERE TO USE

- ▶ Structural anchoring of reinforcements carried out with ARMOSHIELD fabrics.
- ▶ Structural anchoring interconnecting the protruded bars and the ARMOSHIELD carbon-fibre tapes.
- ▶ Anchoring of structural reinforcements of vaults, continuous and discontinuous walls, load bearing structures in stone or tuff and concrete structures.



SUBSTRATES PREPARATION

The surface to be treated, if damaged, should be carefully prepared before introducing connectors or bars.

CLEANING AND RESTORATION

- 1. Remove all loose and crumbling parts** from the area to be restored, by taking care not to damage the structures; **remove stains, efflorescences or residues of oil, grease, varnish**, dust, dirt, form-release agents, etc.;
- 2. Before any work on walls and vaults** the surface must be carefully brushed and dedusted. Any cracks must be saturated with **ARMOLIME** line mortars, specifically used to treat masonry structures or for lime-based grouts.
- 3.** On well-preserved concrete substrates proceed with a simple sandblasting process. In case of deteriorated substrates remove the damaged layer by means of milling or hydroblasting.
- 4.** The rebars, if present, must exhibit no rust or residues that might cause corrosion. To this purpose proceed with sandblasting or brushing. Milling by hydrosandblasting the substrate effectively cleans the rebars too, thus making sandblasting not necessary. Then the rebars must be treated with the passivating product **DRACOSTEEL** inhibiting corrosion.
- 5.** If necessary proceed with the substrate restoration and with the volumetric reconstruction of concrete with mortars of the FLUECO line. For restoring edges or repairing micro-fissures it is possible to use ARMOFIX MTL. In the presence of fissures and cracks, restore the structure's load-bearing capacity and monolithic nature, by injecting highly diffusive special resins (EPOX INIEZIONE R.M.2 or R.M.3).

ARRANGEMENT OF HOUSING HOLES

Drill the holes in the wall according to the connector size, whose diameter is comprised between 14 and 18 mm and with a depth of at least 20 cm. The actual sizes will be evaluated on the basis of the size and type of wall, as defined by the designer. The edges of the outer profile of the hole must be rounded (minimum radius 1 cm), whereas dust and loose material must be removed by vacuum cleaner.

PRIMING

Proceed then with the application of ARMOPRIMER 100 by brush (or pipe cleaner) inside the holes. For particularly absorbent substrates a second coat of product may be applied.

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The sizes of the aramid thread must be calculated according to the wall thickness on specific indication by the designer, and must be cut in such a way that the outer thread length be at least 20 cm. The connector is supplied with a plastic tube inside to keep the connector's shape and permit its impregnation during the laying process. The tube shall be pulled out before introducing the carbon-fibre bar into the connector.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The aramid fibre connector **ARMOGRIP BC** is used in combination with the carbon-fibre fabrics ARMOSHIELD C for connecting the existing structures to the reinforcement system. While positioning the carbon-fibre tapes ARMOSHIELD C, in compliance with the prescriptions of the relative technical sheets, special attention must be paid to the holes made previously, where the aramid connectors shall be housed: the weave of the carbon-fibre fabrics must be gently enlarged to uncover the hole, by taking care not to break the fibres, to allow the connectors to protrude.

SELECTION AND APPLICATION OF THE ADHESIVE PRODUCT

According to the type of hole to be filled, the following must be used:

- ARMOFIX MT, epoxy adhesive for applications in horizontal position on the floor or in the extrados of vaults.
- ARMOFIX MTX, thixotropic product for applications on vertical walls.

Prepare the product by mixing as specified on the technical sheet.

CONNECTOR APPLICATION

Introduce **ARMOGRIP BC** into the hole and proceed with filling the connector's cavity with suitable resin, by slowly pulling out the plastic tube. Slowly proceed with the introduction of the bar into the impregnated aramid connector. The end portion of the aramid connector which has not been impregnated, coming out of the hole (thread), should be opened like a fan and fixed to the surface surrounding the hole by resin impregnation.

The adhesive should be applied first on the surface to be bonded, then on the fibres suitably opened like a fan. In order to protect the connector, on the coat of resin which is still fresh apply a portion of carbon-fibre fabric ARMOSHIELD C of such a size to adequately cover the thread completely, trying to make no wrinkles. The fabric must be impregnated again with epoxy resin, by using the special spiked roller, to facilitate the product permeation into the fibres. Where finishing is also requested, quartz sand must be applied over the fresh resin coat.



1. CONNECTOR INTRODUCTION



2. FILLING AND IMPREGNATION
WITH EPOXY RESIN



3. OPENING AND FASTENING
OF THE THREAD

PRECAUTIONS

Use rubber gloves and safety glasses while applying and cleaning. Avoid contact of resin with skin, mucous membranes and eyes; if contact occurs, wash with plenty of water and neutral soap.

LAYING RECOMMENDATIONS

Do not apply the product at temperatures below +5°C. The presence of humidity might affect the proper product adhesion. Protect the surfaces from rain and wind for at least 24 hours with temperatures up to 15°C. With lower temperatures protect the surfaces for at least 3 days.

PACKAGING AND STORAGE

ARMOGRIP BC is available in varying lengths and diameter of 10-12 mm. The connectors may be cut in portions of variable lengths according to the project requirements. Store the product in its original packaging indoors in a dry location at a temperature not below +10°C.

PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

APPEARANCE	Hollow braid consisting of interwoven filaments and pultruded carbon-fibre bar
FIBRE TYPE	High-strength aramid fibre
AVAILABLE DIAMETERS	10-12 mm
INNER BAR	Ø 8 mm

CHARACTERISTICS OF ARMOGRIP BC

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTIC	PRODUCT PERFORMANCE
TENSILE STRENGTH (MPa)	2900
MODULUS OF ELASTICITY (GPa)	120
ELONGATION AT BREAKAGE (%)	2.5

CHARACTERISTICS OF CONNECTOR

A10F20 - LENGTH FROM 20 CM	connector length 10
A20F20 - LENGTH FROM 20 CM	connector length 20
A10F20 - LENGTH FROM 20 CM	connector length 30

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