

ENGINEERING SPECIFICATION
FIBERTRED[®] MOLDED STAIR TREADS

SECTION 06610

FIBERGLASS REINFORCED PLASTICS (FRP) FABRICATIONS

MOLDED STAIR TREADS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE OF WORK

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish, fabricate (where necessary), and install all fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) items, with all appurtenances, accessories and incidentals necessary to produce a complete, operable and serviceable installation as shown on the Contract Drawings and as specified herein, and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

1.2 REFERENCES

- A. The publications listed below (latest revision applicable) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein. The publications are referred to within the text by the designation only.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS (ASTM) Test Methods:

ASTM D 635 Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Self-Supporting Plastics in a Horizontal Position

ASTM E 84 Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials

1.3 CONTRACTOR SUBMITTALS

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish shop drawings of all fabricated stair treads and accessories in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
- B. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish manufacturer's shop drawings clearly showing material sizes, types, styles, part or catalog numbers, complete details for the fabrication of and erection of components including, but not limited to, location, lengths, type and sizes of fasteners, support member sizes, and connection details.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall submit the manufacturer's published literature including structural design data, structural properties data, stair tread load/deflection tables, corrosion resistance tables, certificates of compliance, test reports as applicable, concrete anchor systems and their allowable load tables (as applicable) and design calculations for

systems not sized or designed in the contract documents.

- D. The CONTRACTOR may be requested to submit sample pieces of each Fibertred[®] item specified herein for acceptance by the ENGINEER as to quality and color. Sample pieces shall be manufactured by the method to be used in the WORK.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. All items to be provided under this Section shall be furnished only by manufacturers having a minimum of ten (10) years experience in the design and manufacture of similar products and systems. Additionally, if requested, a record of at least five (5) previous, separate, similar successful installations in the last five (5) years shall be provided.
- B. Manufacturer shall offer a 3 year limited warranty on all FRP products against defects in materials and workmanship.
- C. Manufacturer shall be certified to the ISO 9001-2001 standard.
- D. Manufacturer shall provide proof of certification from at least two other quality assurance programs for its facilities or products (UL, DNV, ABS, USCG, AARR).

1.5 PRODUCT DELIVERY AND STORAGE

- A. Delivery of Materials: Manufactured materials shall be delivered in original, unbroken pallets, packages, containers, or bundles bearing the label of the manufacturer. Adhesives, resins and their catalysts and hardeners shall be crated or boxed separately and noted as such to facilitate their movement to a dry indoor storage facility.
- B. Storage of Products: All materials shall be carefully handled to prevent them from abrasion, cracking, chipping, twisting, other deformations, and other types of damage. Store adhesives, resins and their catalysts and hardeners in dry indoor storage facilities between 70 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit (21 to 29 degrees Celsius) until they are required.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Stair treads shall be Fibertred[®] as manufactured by:

Fibergrate Composite Structures Inc.
5151 Belt Line Road, Suite 700
Dallas, Texas 75254-7028 USA
(800) 527-4043 (972) 250-1530 Fax

2.2 GENERAL

- A. All FRP items furnished under this Section shall be composed of fiberglass reinforcement and resin in qualities, quantities, properties, arrangements and dimensions as necessary to meet the design requirements and dimensions as specified in the Contract Documents.
- B. Fiberglass reinforcement shall be continuous roving in sufficient quantities as needed by the application and/or physical properties required.
- C. Resin shall be { Vinyl Ester, Isophthalic Polyester, Polyester or Modified Acrylic - choose one), with chemical formulations as necessary to provide the corrosion resistance, strength and other physical properties as required.
- D. All finished surfaces of FRP items and fabrications shall be smooth, resin-rich, and as free as commercially possible of voids, dry spots, cracks, crazes or unreinforced areas. All glass fibers shall be well covered with resin to protect against their exposure due to wear or weathering.
- E. All stair tread products shall have a tested flame spread rating of 25 or less per ASTM E-84 Tunnel Test. Stair treads shall also have tested burn time of less than 30 seconds and an extent of burn rate of less than or equal to 10 millimeters when tested in accordance with ASTM D635.
- F. All mechanical stair tread clips and fasteners shall be manufactured of Type 316SS (stainless steel).

2.3 STAIR TREADS

- A. Manufacture: Stair treads shall be FIBERTRED[®] as manufactured by Fibergrate Composite Structures Incorporated. Fibertred[®] stair treads shall be of a one piece molded construction and shall have a 1-1/2" x 6" rectangular mesh pattern providing

unidirectional strength in the tread span direction. Fibertred[®] shall be reinforced with continuous rovings in each direction. The top layer of reinforcement shall be no more than 1/8" below the top surface of the tread so as to provide maximum stiffness and prevent resin chipping of unreinforced surfaces. Percentage of glass (by weight) shall not exceed 35% so as to achieve maximum corrosion resistance, and as required to maintain the structural requirements of the CONTRACT. After molding, no dry glass fibers shall be visible on any surface of bearing bars or cross bars. All bars shall be smooth and uniform with no evidence of fiber orientation irregularities, interlaminar voids, porosity, resin rich or resin starved areas.

- B. Non-slip surfacing: Fibertred[®] stair treads shall be manufactured with a concave, meniscus profile on the top of each bar providing maximum slip resistance. For additional safety, and to meet OSHA requirements, stair treads shall be manufactured with a 1-1/2" solid, molded nosing. Nosing shall be gritted with an angular quartz grit, integrally molded into the top surface of the nosing area only.
- C. Fire rating: Fibertred[®] stair treads shall be fire retardant with a tested flame spread rating of 25 or less when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84. Test data performed only on the resin shall not be accepted.
- D. Resin system: The resin system used in the manufacture of Fibertred[®] stair treads shall be {Vi-Corr[®], FGI, Corvex[®], ELS, XFR or Super Vi-Corr - choose one}. Manufacturer may be required to submit corrosion data from tests performed on actual stair tread products in standard chemical environments. Corrosion resistance data of the base resin from the manufacturer is not a true indicator of stair tread product corrosion resistance and shall not be accepted.
- F. Thickness: 1-1/2" thick with a tolerance of plus or minus 1/16".
- G. Mesh Configuration: 1-1/2" x 6" rectangular mesh pattern with double cross bars on 6" centers which allows optimum utilization and ease of fabrication.
- H. Load/Deflection: Fibertred[®] stair treads shall meet manufacturer's published recommended loading with deflection not to exceed the following:

Concentrated load of 500 pounds, placed at the centerline of a 36" tread span with a maximum deflection not to exceed 0.32".

The concentrated load is applied at the centerline of the tread, over a width of 4" and a depth of 6", starting at the nosing edge to simulate the landing of a foot.
- I. The manufacturer shall certify that the stiffness of all panels manufactured are never more than 2.5% below the published load-deflection values.

- J. Substitutions: Other products of equal strength, stiffness, corrosion resistance and overall quality may, with prior approval, be submitted with the proper supporting data to the engineer for approval.

2.4 STAIR TREAD FABRICATION

- A. Measurements: Fibertred[®] stair treads supplied shall meet the dimensional requirements and tolerances as shown or specified. The Contractor shall provide and/or verify measurements in field for work fabricated to conform to field conditions as required by stair tread manufacturer to complete the work. When field dimensions are not required, contractor shall determine correct size and locations of required holes or cutouts from field dimensions before grating fabrication.
- B. Sealing: All shop fabricated stair tread cuts shall be coated with vinyl ester resin to provide maximum corrosion resistance. All field fabricated stair tread cuts shall be coated similarly by the contractor in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- C. Hardware: Type 316 stainless steel hold-down clips shall be provided and spaced as recommended by the manufacturer. A minimum of four hold-down clips shall be required for each tread.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSPECTION

- A. Shop inspection is authorized as required by the Owner and shall be at Owner's expense. The fabricator shall give ample notice to Contractor prior to the beginning of any fabrication work so that inspection may be provided. The Fibertred[®] stair treads shall be as free, as commercially possible, from visual defects such as foreign inclusions, delamination, blisters, resin burns, air bubbles and pits. The surface shall have a smooth finish (except for grit top surfaces).

3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Contractor shall install Fibertred[®] stair treads in accordance with manufacturer's assembly drawings. Fasten stair treads securely in place with hold-down fasteners as specified herein. Field cut and drill fiberglass reinforced plastic products with carbide or diamond tipped bits and blades. Seal cut or drilled surfaces in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Follow manufacturer's instructions when cutting or drilling fiberglass products or using resin products; provide adequate ventilation.