

**ENGINEERING SPECIFICATION**  
**FIBERPLATE<sup>®</sup> STAIR TREAD COVER**

## SECTION 06610

### FIBERGLASS REINFORCED PLASTICS (FRP) FABRICATIONS

#### STAIR TREAD COVER

#### 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 stair tread covers 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 and erection of components including, but not limited to, location, lengths, type and sizes of fasteners, clip angles, member sizes, and connection details.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall submit the manufacturer's published literature including structural design data, structural properties data, corrosion resistance tables, certificates of compliance, test reports as applicable, concrete anchor systems and

their allowable load tables, 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 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 9001-2000 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. Adhesives, resins and their catalysts are to be stored 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 tread covers shall be Fiberplate<sup>®</sup> 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, *or* Polyester - *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, free of voids and without 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 Covers shall have a tested flame spread rating of 25 or less per ASTM E-84 Tunnel Test. Plate 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 per ASTM D635.
- F. All mechanical plate clips shall be manufactured of Type 316SS (stainless steel).

## 2.3 MOLDED FRP STAIR TREAD COVERS

- A. **Manufacture:** Stair Tread Cover shall be of a one piece molded construction manufactured by building up multiple layers of resin-impregnated, bi-directional fiberglass mat reinforcements which are continuous and equally oriented in the length and width directions. The cover shall have a nominal thickness of 1/8". 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. All surfaces shall be smooth and uniform with no evidence of fiber orientation irregularities, interlaminar voids, resin rich or resin starved areas.

- B. Non-slip surfacing: Stair Tread Cover shall have an aluminum oxide grit surface, integrally molded into the cover.
- C. Fire rating: Stair Tread Cover shall be fire retardant with a tested flame spread rating of 25 or less when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84. Certifications shall be dated within the past two years and test data performed only on the resin shall not be acceptable.
- D. Resin system: The resin system used in the manufacture of the plate shall be {Vi-Corr<sup>®</sup>, or Corvex<sup>®</sup> - *choose one*}. Manufacturer may be required to submit corrosion data from tests performed on actual plate products in standard chemical environments. Corrosion resistance data of the base resin from the manufacturer is not a true indicator of plate product corrosion resistance and shall not be accepted.
- E. Color : { *varies by resin - consult your catalog* }. Nosing of the tread shall be readily discernable from the landing of the tread for compliance with OSHA standards.
- F. Depth: (1/8" or 1/4" - *choose one*) with a tolerance of plus or minus 1/16".
- G. Load/Deflection: Stair Tread Covers are to be fully supported over existing steel, wood, concrete or fiberglass stair treads.
- H. Substitutions: Other products of equal strength, stiffness, corrosion resistance and overall quality may be submitted with the proper supporting data to the engineer for approval.

## 2.4 STAIR TREAD COVER FABRICATION

- A. Measurements: Stair Tread Covers 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 fit field conditions as required by 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 plate fabrication. Contractor shall provide manufacturer with hold-down clip spacing or shall field locate. If field locating clip spacing for open grating treads, set tread in place and mark hole locations from the bottom to avoid bar interference. If field locating clip spacing for solid, existing concrete or wood treads, mark desired hole from the top, then turn tread over and drill from the bottom to minimize damage to twist drills by contact with the aluminum oxide grit.
- B. Sealing: All shop fabricated plate cuts and holes shall be coated with vinyl ester resin to provide maximum corrosion resistance. All field fabricated plate 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 at a maximum of three feet apart with a minimum of four per cover, or as recommended by the manufacturer. Fasteners should be low profile round or truss head bolts or screws.

## 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 cover 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 covers in accordance with manufacturer's assembly drawings. Lock tread covers 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.