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3D Concrete Printing with Technical Fibres

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ABOUT US

STW

FOCUS ON

Circular Economy
Sustainability
Reduction of GHG Emissions

TURNOVER

10.000 to/a capacity

CERTIFICATION

ISO 9001:2015
ISO 50001:2011
ecovadis – silver medal

COMPETENCIES

Short Cut Fibres
Fibre Fillers
Fibrids/Pulp

EXPORT

Worldwide



ABOUT US

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3D CONCRETE PRINTING

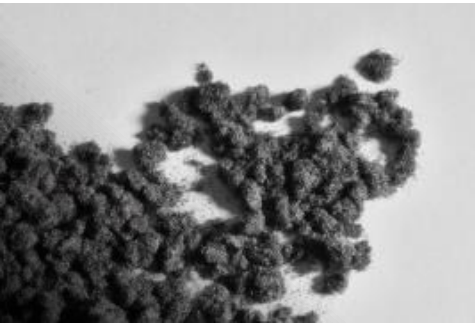
BASICS ABOUT FIBRES

FIBRE PRODUCTS

0.2 – 3.0 mm

Glass, Basalt and Mineral Fibres
Natural Fibres (Cotton, Flax, Sisal, Jute, etc.)
Synthetic Fibres (PAN, PA, PES)

FIBRE FILLERS



1.0 – 24.0 mm

Polyacrylonitrile
Polyamide
Polyester
Polypropylene
Cellulose

SHORT CUT FIBRES



0.2 – 3.0 mm

Polyethylene
Polyacrylonitrile
Aramid
Lyocell

FIBRIDS & PULP

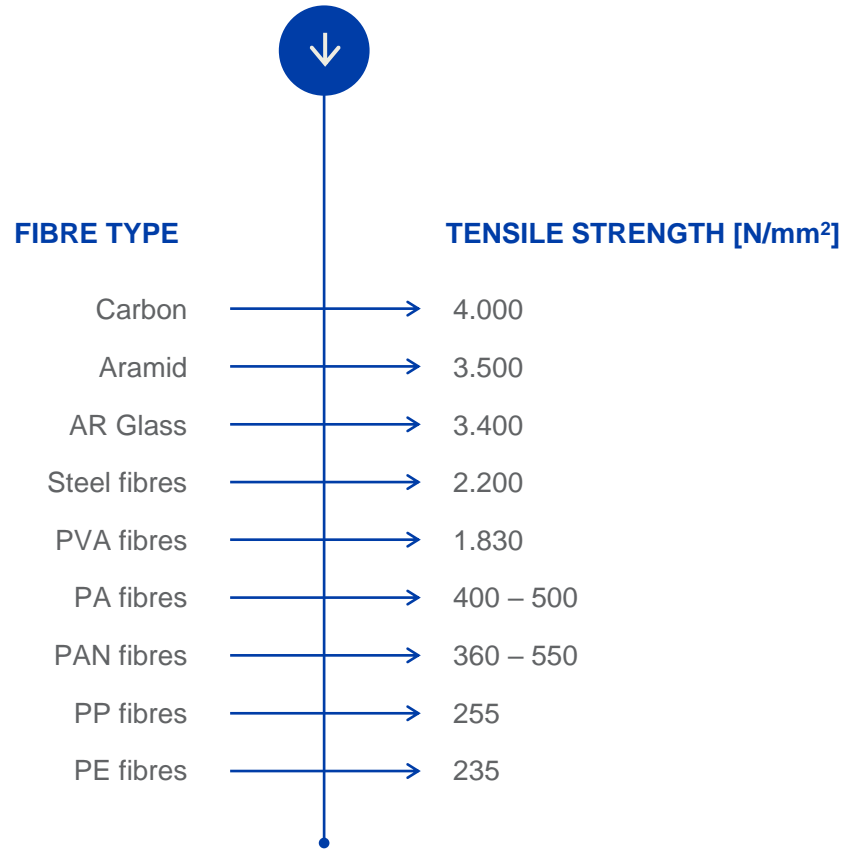


Thixotropic agent
„Compound“
Cotton threads and chips
Chopped cord
Etc.

SPECIAL PRODUCTS



TENSILE STRENGTH

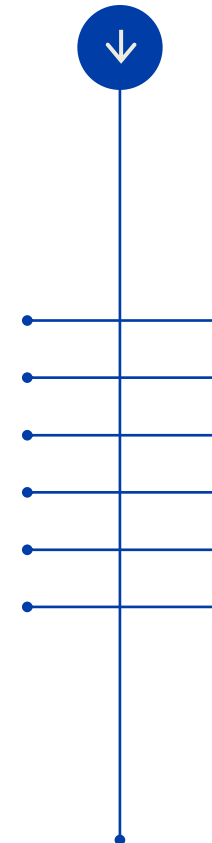


BASICS ABOUT FIBRES

ALKALI RESISTANCE

FIBRE TYPE

ALKALI RESISTANCE



AR Glass	Very good
PVA fibres	Very good
PAN fibres	Very good
PE fibres	Very good
PP fibres	Good
PA fibres	Poor

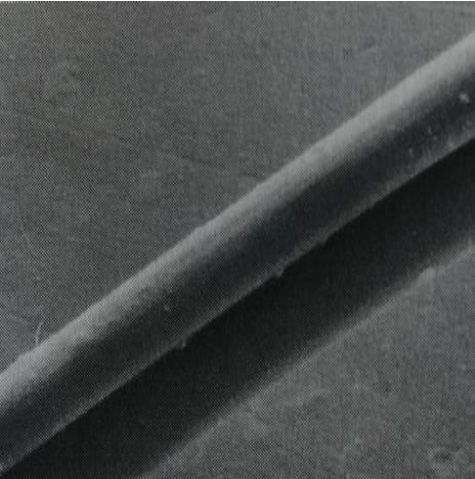
BASICS ABOUT FIBRES

FIBRE SURFACE AND SHAPE

smooth surface

round shape in cross section view

GLASS FIBRE



POLYPROPYLENE FIBRE



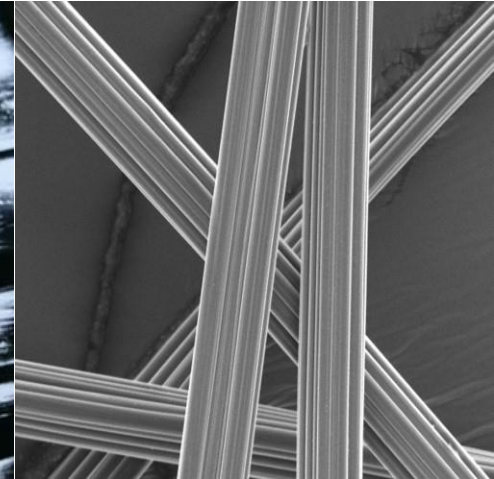
textured surface

kidney-shaped in cross section view

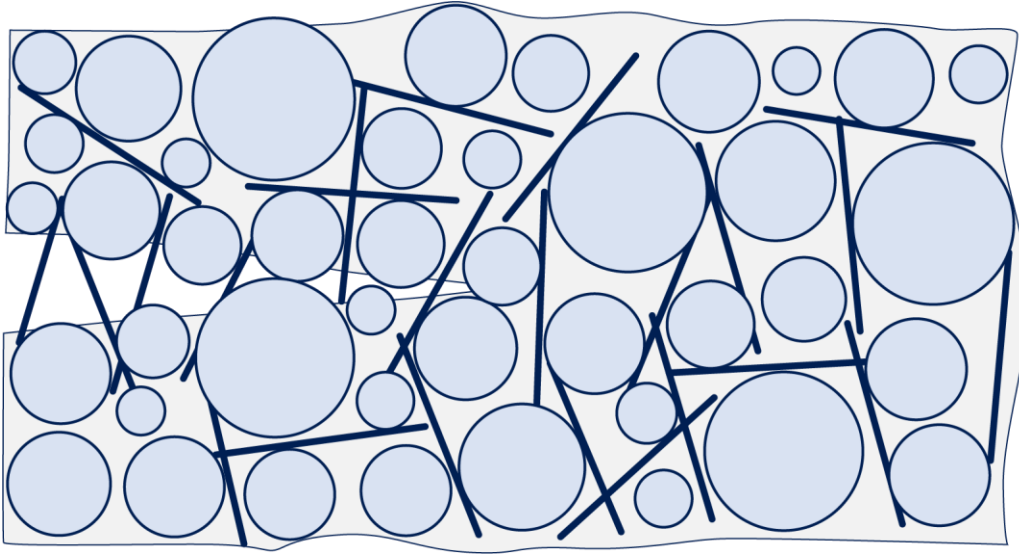
POLYACRYLONITRILE FIBRE



VISCOSE FIBRE



EFFECT OF THE FIBRES



Fibres produce a matrix that gives the composite strength and flexibility

The fibre addition level must be chosen carefully:



fibre content too low:
only a few cross points in the
matrix, no strengthening effect



fibre content too high:
danger of lumps / cluster
formation



FIBRES IN CONSTRUCTION

ADVANTAGES OF FIBRES

- Replaces steel reinforcement
- Higher green strength
- Minimises fractures during hardening
- Good flow properties
- High alkali - resistance
- Very good dispersibility

FIBRE SUGGESTIONS

PAC 251/60 dtex

Polyacrylonitrile High Modulus Fibres

F FGCS 70-30... X

Glass Short Cut Fibres (AR-Glass)

FGCS HP

Glass Short Cut Fibres (AR-Glass)

Stewathix

Thixotropic Agent

Stewabas 465

Basalt Short Cut Fibres

Stewabas 466 AR

Basalt Short Cut Fibres (AR-Basalt)

PP BKG

Polypropylene Split Fibres, coarse

F 517

Hemp Fibre Filler

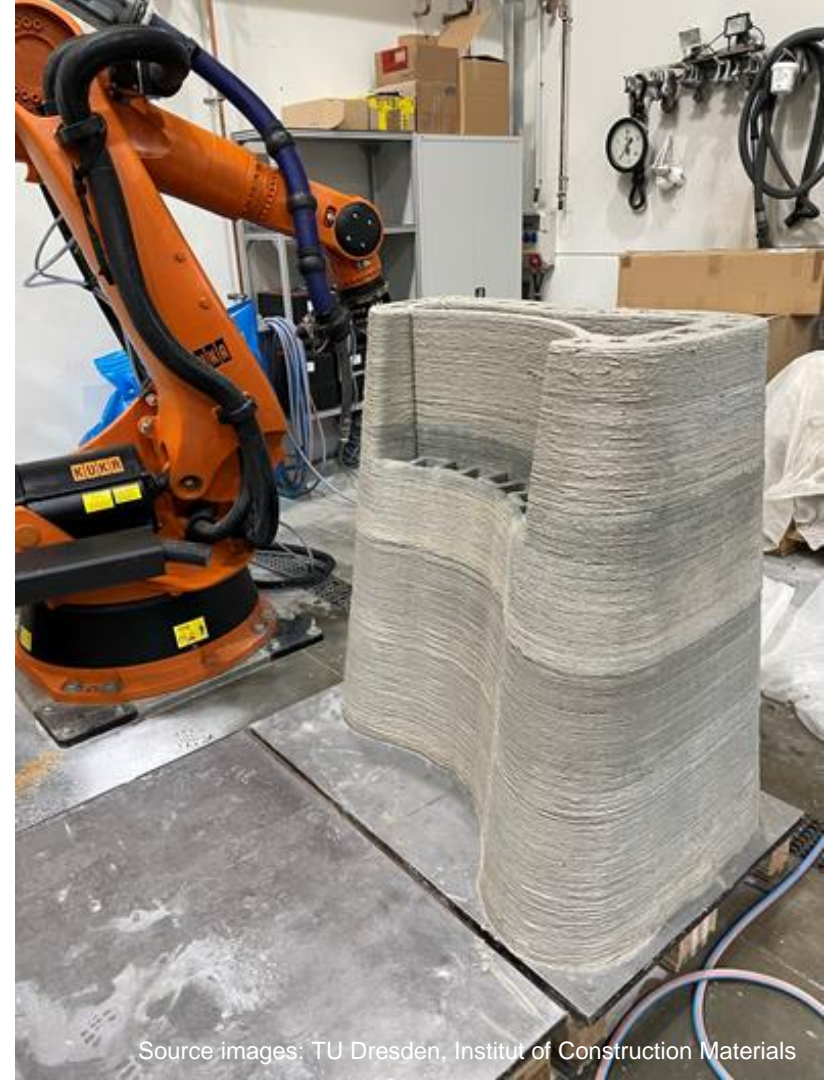
F PE 900, 910, 930 T

Polyethylene Fibre Filler

3D CONCRETE PRINTING

PURPOSE

- Mass printing of high-quality building with automated machines
- Create new possibilities for design
- Add new safety value to the working onsite
- Elimination of the framework
- Saving time and material costs
- Long-term sustainable solutions
- Integrating the construction industry into the Digitalization Era
- High productivity with less space



Source images: TU Dresden, Institut of Construction Materials

FIBRES IN 3D CONCRETE PRINTING

- Fibres are the backbone of the 3D Concrete Printing
- Thicker layers possible
- Strong thixotropic effect
- Reduction of shrinkage cracks
- Improvement of mechanical properties
- Absorption of the wet content of the mixture
- Stability and strengthening for the fresh concrete



3D CONCRETE PRINTING

FIBRES IN 3D CONCRETE PRINTING

- Development of new sustainable non cement mixtures
- Buildings with non 3D printing design using putties strengthened with the same fibres
- More efficiency for the mixing process
- Corrosion, alkali and weather resistance solutions
- Joint solutions between traditional build and 3D printed parts
- The interactions with the other formulation components and with the reinforcement rebars



3D CONCRETE PRINTING



THANK YOU



Concrete



Facilities
Management



Geotechnical
& Engineering



HVAC R



Offsite
& Modular



Project
Management



Solar



Stone Design



Technology



Urban Design
& Landscape