

## Epoxy Rebar: Still The Best Value

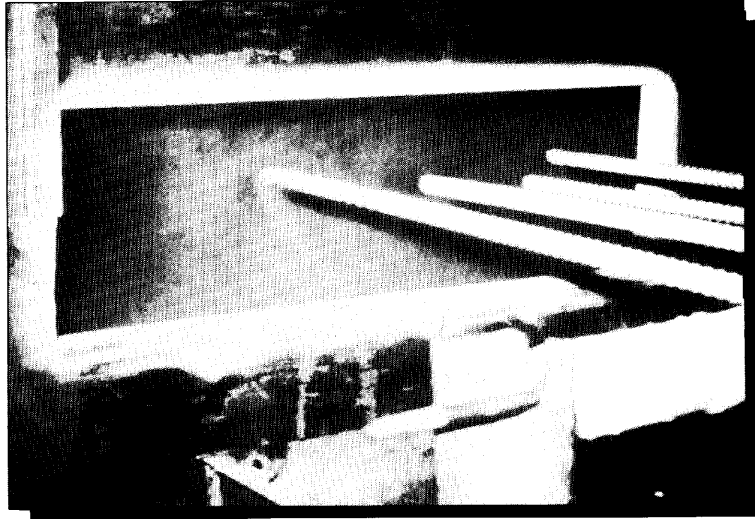
With the improvement in adhesion properties, epoxy coated rebar again becomes the the most economical method of corrosion protection for concrete construction. The corrosion protection properties of epoxy coating are always present; its protection is available from the moment it is installed. It cannot wash off and protects the steel in corrosive environments whether or not the concrete is cracked.

Properly handled and placed, epoxy coatings will not degrade over time. Concrete structures built with epoxy coated rebar require only the monitoring and inspection resources required for any well thought-out maintenance program.

Epoxy coated rebar has a long history of some very good performance. With improved adhesion, its performance will only get better.

## CRSI Certification Endorsed By RSIC

The Reinforcing Steel Institute of Canada recognizes and endorses the CRSI Voluntary Certification Program for Fusion-Bonded Epoxy Coating Applicator Plants as an effective tool in maintaining a uniformly high level of excellence in



plant facilities, production procedures, and quality assurance. The program offers direction on many components of plant operations that are not addressed in specifications but are required to maintain a high level of quality assurance.

The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) has now reported 18 certified epoxy coating plants in North America. The plants have been inspected and graded by an independent agency, (Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) of Northbrook Illinois). WJE performs an announced initial inspection and subsequent unannounced inspections to ensure continued compliance to the program. On average, these plants have increased their certification grades after their second, unannounced, inspection.

We encourage owners, architects, and engineers to specify and recommend this certification program on their projects. Copies of this program are available through CRSI (phone 708-517-1200, Att: Mr. Ted Neff) for the cost of \$US 15.00 per copy.

## Coated Rebar Improves

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technology to them. As the year progresses and the results of various industry and specifier research is concluded (see **Research Continues**, this issue), product improvement will continue. The RSIC member epoxy coated rebar producers are committed to improved corrosion protection.



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