



Enhancing Endurance: The Influence of Cement-Based Coatings on GFRP-Wrapped Columns in Maritime Environments

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Abstract

This paper investigates the impact of cement-based coatings on the endurance of Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) wrapped columns in maritime environments. The study focuses on the degradation mechanisms of GFRP columns under harsh conditions, including chloride ingress, abrasion, and moisture exposure. Cement-based coatings are proposed as a protective barrier to enhance the resilience of GFRP-wrapped columns by providing a protective barrier against chloride ingress, abrasion, and moisture exposure. The research aims to evaluate the effectiveness of these coatings in extending the service life of GFRP columns in maritime environments. The study involves laboratory testing and field observations to assess the performance of GFRP columns with and without cement-based coatings over a period of time. The results show that cement-based coatings significantly reduce the rate of chloride ingress and abrasion, thereby improving the durability and endurance of GFRP-wrapped columns in maritime environments. The study also discusses the practical implications of using cement-based coatings in the design and construction of GFRP-wrapped columns for maritime applications.

reinforcement, contribute significantly to the extended service life of marine structures. By forming a robust barrier against corrosive elements, cement-based coatings help preserve the structural integrity of GFRP materials, thereby reducing the likelihood of premature failure and the need for costly repairs or replacements. Moreover, the discussion highlights the importance of considering practical factors such as application techniques and maintenance protocols when implementing cement-based coatings in marine structures. Proper surface preparation, application thickness, and curing procedures are essential to ensure the effectiveness and longevity of the coating system. Furthermore, routine inspection and maintenance activities, including periodic cleaning, inspection of coating integrity, and timely repair of any damage, are crucial for maximizing the performance and durability of cement-based coatings over the lifespan of the structure.

The environmental sustainability of cement-based coatings is also a topic of discussion, with considerations given to the environmental impact of cement production and alternative materials or formulations that may offer improved eco-friendliness without compromising performance. Future research directions may explore the development of innovative coating technologies with enhanced durability, reduced environmental footprint, and compatibility with emerging trends in sustainable construction practices [6-10].

Conclusion

In conclusion, this study provides valuable insights into the impact of cement-based coatings on the endurance of GFRP-wrapped columns in maritime environments. Through a comprehensive review of literature, experimental investigations, and theoretical analyses, the protective properties and durability-enhancing effects of cement-based coatings have been elucidated. These coatings offer a practical and effective solution for mitigating the adverse effects of marine exposure on GFRP materials, thereby extending the service life and improving the resilience of coastal structures. Moving forward continued research efforts are warranted to further refine and optimize the application, performance evaluation, and maintenance of cement-based coatings in

marine environments. Collaboration between researchers, engineers, and industry stakeholders will be instrumental in advancing our understanding of the synergistic relationship between cement-based coatings and GFRP materials, ultimately leading to the development of innovative solutions for sustainable and resilient coastal infrastructure.

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None

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