

DIVISION: 03 00 00—CONCRETE
Section: 03 20 00—Concrete Reinforcing
Section: 03 21 00—Reinforcement Bars

REPORT HOLDER:

NEUVOKAS CORPORATION

EVALUATION SUBJECT:

GATORBAR FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMER (FRP) BAR

1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

Compliance with the following codes:

- 2021 and 2018 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2021 and 2018 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)

Properties evaluated:

- Physical
- Structural
- Durability

2.0 USES

The GatorBar fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) bar is used as tension reinforcements in flexural concrete members such as beams, shallow foundations and one-way or two-way elevated slabs, and as vertical reinforcement in concrete columns and walls in normal-weight concrete. The GatorBar FRP bar may also be used where an engineering design is submitted in accordance with IRC Section [R301.1.3](#) and where approved by the building official in accordance with IRC Section [R104.11](#).

3.0 DESCRIPTION

The GatorBar is fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) bar that is solid and have circular cross section composed of glass fiber embedded in a resin matrix. Available bar size and properties are provided in Table 1 of this report.

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

4.1 Design:

The GatorBar must be designed in accordance with Neuvokas Corporation’s Design Manual Document Number D-IM-Gatorbar dated March 12, 2021, Chapter 19 of the IBC (ACI 318-19 for 2021 IBC and ACI 318-14 for the 2018 IBC), and ACI 440.1R-15, as applicable. The registered design professional must be responsible for determining, through

analysis, the strengths and demands of the structural elements, subject to the approval of the building official.

The following limitations also apply:

1. The GatorBar is limited for use as (a) tension reinforcement in flexural concrete members; (b) vertical reinforcement in concrete columns and walls.
2. The GatorBar is limited to concrete members in normal-weight concrete.
3. The bond coefficient, K_b of the GatorBar must be 1.4.
4. Bent shapes, continuous closed stirrups and ties (hoops) are outside the scope of this report.
5. There is no restriction for the shape of flexural concrete member cross-section (e.g., rectangular, T-shape, L-shape).
6. For multiple bar layers, the relevant provisions for steel reinforcing bar in ACI 318 must also apply to FRP bars, because the FRP bars have no plastic region and the stress in each reinforcing layer varies depending on its distance from the neutral axis. Thus, the analysis of the flexural capacity must be based on a strain-compatibility approach.

4.2 Installation:

The GatorBar FRP bar must be installed in accordance with the approved drawings and specifications. Reinforcement details, including tolerances, reinforcement relation, concrete cover and reinforcement supports, must comply with the applicable provisions in Chapter 3 of ACI 440.5-08 and Neuvokas Corporation’s installation instruction, Document Number D-IM-Gatorbar, dated March 12, 2021.

4.3 Special Inspection:

Special inspection is required in accordance with Table 1705.3 of IBC. The special inspector must verify, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The GatorBar is of the type and size specified and is labeled in conformance with this report.
2. The GatorBar is placed within tolerances set forth in ACI 440.5-08 Section 3.2 and are adequately supported and secured to prevent displacement during concrete placement.
3. The minimum concrete cover is provided in accordance with ACI 440.5-08 Section 3.3.
4. The placement, quantity and size of the GatorBar comply with the approved drawings and specifications.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The GatorBar described in this report complies with, or is a suitable alternative to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 Design and installation must be in accordance with this report, the Neuvokas Corporation’s Design Manual Document Number D-IM-Gatorbar dated March 12, 2021 and the IBC or the IRC, as applicable. In case of conflict, this report governs.
- 5.2 When requested, copies of the Neuvokas Corporation’s Design Manual Document Number D-IM-Gatorbar dated March 12, 2021 must be submitted to the code official for each project using the product.
- 5.3 Complete construction documents, including plans and calculations verifying compliance with this report, must be submitted to the code official for each project at the time of permit application. The construction documents must be prepared and sealed by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.
- 5.4 The fire-resistance rating of the GatorBar reinforced concrete assembly is outside the scope of the evaluation report, and concrete assemblies with GatorBars are limited to Type VB construction under the IBC or IRC.
- 5.5 GatorBar must be stored above the surface of the ground on platforms, skids or other supports as close as possible to the point of placement. If stored outdoors, the GatorBar shall be covered with opaque plastic or other types of cover that will protect the bars from ultraviolet rays.

- 5.6 Application of FRP bars to be used in structures in Seismic Design Categories (SDC) C through F has not been evaluated and it outside the scope of this report.
- 5.7 Special inspection must be provided in accordance with Section 4.3 of this report.
- 5.8 GatorBar is manufactured under a quality control program with inspections by ICC-ES.

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Fiber-reinforced Polymer (FRP) Bars for Internal Reinforcement of Concrete Members (AC454), dated December 2020 (editorially revised February 2021), including fiber mass content, moisture absorption and alkaline resistance, and quality control documentation.

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 The GatorBar is identified by packaging labeled with the company name (Neuvokas Corporation) and contact information, product name, bar size, lot number and evaluation report number (ESR-4526).
- 7.2 The report holder’s contact information is the following:

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TABLE 1—GATORBAR DIMENSIONS AND PROPERTIES

BAR DESIGNATION NUMBER	NOMINAL DIAMETER (in)	NOMINAL CROSS SECTIONAL AREA (in ²)	GUARANTEED ULTIMATE TENSILE FORCE (kip)	MEAN TENSILE MODULUS OF ELASTICITY (ksi)	MEAN ULTIMATE TENSILE STRAIN (%)	GUARANTEED TRANSVERSE SHEAR STRENGTH (ksi)	GUARANTEED BOND STRENGTH (ksi)
3	3/8	0.11	17.1	6810	2.5	27.0	1.40

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 kip = 4.45kN, 1 psi = 6.89 kPa, 1 ksi = 6.89 MPa