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DIVISION: 03 00 00 - CONCRETE Section: 03 31 00—Structural Concrete	REPORT HOLDER: HELIX STEEL, LLC	EVALUATION SUBJECT: HELIX® 5-25, HELIX® 5-25U, HELIX® 5-25BAZ & HELIX® 5-25Z MICRO REBAR™ REINFORCEMENTS

1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

Compliance with the following codes:

- 2021, 2018 and 2015 *International Building Code®* (IBC)
- 2021, 2018 and 2015 *International Residential Code®* (IRC)
- 2013 *Abu Dhabi International Building Code* (ADIBC)†

†The ADIBC is based on the 2009 *International Building Code*. 2018 IBC code sections referenced in this report may be considered as equivalent sections under in the ADIBC.

Properties evaluated:

- Durability
- Structural
- Crack control

2.0 USES

Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements (Helix® 5-25 Micro Rebar™, Helix® 5-25U Micro Rebar™, Helix® 5-25BAZ Micro Rebar™ and Helix® 5-25Z Micro Rebar™) are used as alternatives to the shrinkage and temperature reinforcement specified in Section 24.4 of ACI 318 for plain concrete footings and for plain concrete slabs (as defined by ACI 360) supported directly on the ground.

Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements are also used to increase the modulus of rupture for the design of structural plain concrete using linear elastic design in applications within the scope of ACI 318 Chapter 14, IBC Section 1906 and ACI 332 Section 8.2.1, IRC Sections R404.1.3 and R608.1, or Tables 8.2.1.3a and 8.2.1.3b of ACI 332.

Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements are also used as an alternative to horizontal temperature and shrinkage reinforcement in structural plain concrete walls as described in IBC Section 1906, IRC Sections R404.1.3 and R608.1, and ACI 332 Sections 8.2.1 and 8.2.7.

Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements also applies to slabs-on-ground applications that are designed in accordance with Chapter 7 or Chapter 11 of ACI 360.

Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements also applies to plain concrete parking lot applications that are designed in accordance with Chapter 3 of ACI 330.

Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcement also applies to concrete over composite steel decks when used as temperature and shrinkage reinforcement as an alternative to SDI-C Section 2.4-B-15-a (as referenced by the 2021 and 2018 IBC Section 2210.1.1) or SDI-C Section 2.4-B-13-a (as referenced by the 2015 IBC Section 2210.1.1).

Under the IRC, an engineered design in accordance with IRC Section R301.1.3 must be submitted to the code official for approval, except in the following cases:

1. Below grade walls designed in accordance with the requirements included in EER-3949.
2. When Helix 5-25 is used at a dosage rate of 9 lb/yd^3 (5.4 kg/m^3) to replace temperature and shrinkage reinforcement in footings in Seismic Design Categories A, B and C meeting the requirements of IRC Section R403.1.1.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements are made from minimum 240 ksi (1650 MPa), 0.020 in +/-0.007 in (0.51 mm +/- 0.02 mm) cold drawn steel wire. Each Helix® Micro Rebar™ has a minimum of one 360-degree twist. Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcement is used in minimum dosage of 6.7 lbs/yd^3 (4.0 kg/m^3) for Type C applications, and dosages between 9 lb/yd^3 and 34.5 lbs/yd^3 (5.4 kg/m^3 and 21 kg/m^3) for all other application types as given in Section 4.0 of this report. Helix® 5-25 is electroplated with zinc; whereas Helix® 5-25U is uncoated. Helix® 5-25BAZ Micro Rebar™ and Helix® 5-25Z Micro Rebar™ are used in applications when steel sourced from Domestic and/or Lower GWP processes respectively, are required.

3.1 Structural Plain Concrete: Structural normal-weight plain concrete must comply with Section 1906 of the IBC. Concrete design must follow ACI 211.1 and ACI 318 Section 26.12.3.1 with specified design compressive strength, f'_c, between 3000 psi and 5000 psi (21 MPa and 35 MPa) [minimum 24 MPa is required under ADIBC Appendix L, Section 5.1.1].

4.0 DESIGN & INSTALLATION

4.1 Type N (Temperature and Shrinkage): Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements are used as an alternative to shrinkage and temperature reinforcement specified in Section 24.4 of ACI 318 for plain concrete footings and for plain concrete slabs (as defined by ACI 360) supported directly on the ground for dosage rates between 9 lb/yd^3 and 34.5 lbs/yd^3 (5.4 kg/m^3 and 21 kg/m^3).

4.2 Type S (Linear Elastic Design): Type S applications fall within the scope of ACI 318 Chapter 14, IBC Section 1906 and ACI 332 Section 8.2.1, IRC Sections R404.1.3 and R608.1, or Tables 8.2.1.3a and 8.2.1.3b of ACI 332. Design for flexure in accordance with Section 4 of this report must be limited in capacity by the values presented in Table 1 and Equations 1 or 2, and all designs must be verified to meet the criteria of ACI 318 Section 14.1.3 excluding slabs on grade (e.g. slabs designed per ACI 360 Chapter 7.2.1 PCA method where only flexural capacity is required).

a) For pure flexure

$$M_u \leq \lambda_s \, \varphi \, L_f \sqrt{f'_c} S_m \qquad \text{(Equation 1)}$$

b) For combined flexure and axial compression

$$\frac{M_u}{S_m} - \frac{P_u}{A_g} \leq \lambda_s \, \varphi \, L_f \sqrt{f'_c} \qquad \text{(Equation 2)}$$

Where

$L_f \sqrt{f'_c}$ = Maximum limit for flexural capacity (modulus of rupture).

M_u = Ultimate moment, lb.-in.

P_u = Ultimate axial load, lb.

S_m = Section modulus, in^3.

A_g = Gross section area, in^2.

f'_c = Specified compressive strength as defined in ACI 318-14 26.12.3.1 and ACI 214R.

φ = Strength reduction factor as reported in Table 1 for Type S.

λ_s = Scale-effect adjustment factor per Table 2 of this report, or computed using Equation 3 by a registered design professional (RDP).

$$\lambda_s = \frac{2.5\left(\frac{h_b}{h_o}\right)^{0.7}}{1+1.5\left(\frac{h_b}{h_o}\right)^{0.7}} \qquad \text{(Equation 3)}$$

Where:

h_o = depth of member being designed.

h_b = depth of test beam 12.00 in (300 mm).

Axial compression and shear capacity, when required for design, must be based on the requirements of Sections 14.5.3 and 14.5.5 of ACI 318, respectively. Resistance to lateral forces, as part of a lateral force resisting system, must be based on the requirements of ACI 318, Chapter 14. Connections between members must be based on ACI 318, Chapter 16. Provisions of Section 14.6.1 of ACI 318-14, IRC Section R608.8.1, and Section 8.2.7 (g) of ACI 332 must apply.

See Tables 3 and 4 for prescriptive square pad and wall strip footings designs, respectively. See Examples 1, 2 and 3 for sample calculations using the Type S Method.

4.3 Type G (Design Limits for Slabs-on-Ground):

4.3.1 Plain Concrete Method: When the modulus of rupture is required for plain concrete slabs-on-ground design in accordance with ACI 360, Chapter 7, the modulus of rupture (f_r) must be applied using Equation 4 and the values presented in Table 1:

$$f_r = L_f \sqrt{f_c'} \qquad \text{(Equation 4)}$$

4.3.2 Fiber Reinforced Concrete Slabs-on-Ground: When the modulus of rupture is required for plain concrete slabs-on-ground design using the Elastic method or Yield Line Method in accordance with ACI 360, Sections 11.3.3.2 and 11.3.3.3, respectively, the modulus of rupture (f_r) must be taken as Equation 4 using the values presented in Table 1.

4.3.3 Factor of Safety: For all plain concrete slabs-on-ground design, a factor of safety must be applied to the loads in accordance with ACI 360 Section 5.9. The resistance factors specified for Type S structures do not apply.

See Example 4 and 6 for sample calculations using the Type G Methods. See Table 8 for slab on ground maximum allowable unfactored load designs.

4.4 Type P (Design Limits for Concrete Parking Lots):

4.4.1 Plain Concrete Method: When the modulus of rupture is required for design of plain concrete parking lots in accordance with Chapter 3 of ACI 330. The modulus of rupture (f_r) must be determined using Equation 5 and the values presented in Table 1. Factor of safety of the pavement design (reliability) must be in accordance with ACI 330 Appendix A provisions.

$$f_r = L_f \sqrt{f_c'} \qquad \text{(Equation 5)}$$

See Tables 5 and 6 for prescriptive commercial and industrial parking pavement designs, respectively. See Example 5 for sample calculation using the Type P Method.

4.5 Type C – Composite Concrete Slabs Over Steel Deck: Helix® Micro Rebar™ are used in applications that are alternative to SDI-C Code Section 2.4-B-15-a (as referenced by the 2021 and 2018 IBC Section 2210.1.1) or SDI-C Code Section 2.4-B-13-a (as referenced by the 2015 IBC Section 2210.1.1), as applicable, for concrete over composite steel decks as temperature and shrinkage reinforcement. See Table 7 for composite metal deck minimum reinforcements.

4.6 Installation: Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements may be added to the concrete at the concrete batch plant or to the ready-mix truck at the jobsite. The manufacturer's published installation instructions and this report must be strictly adhered to for adequate dispersal of fibers throughout the batch mixture. A copy of the manufacturer's published installation instructions must be available at all times at the location of the Helix® Micro Rebar™ installation into the concrete.

4.7 Special Inspection: Periodic special inspection is required in accordance with Sections 1705.1.1 and 1705.3 of the IBC.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to, what is specified in those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

5.1 For Type S, Type G and Type P designs, the design modulus of rupture, ($f_r = L_f \sqrt{f_c'}$) must be clearly stated on design documentation.

5.2 Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements must be blended into the concrete mixture in accordance with the installation requirements in the ICC-ES evaluation report and the manufacturers published installation instructions.

5.3 When Helix® 5-25 Micro Rebar™, Helix® 5-25U Micro Rebar™, Helix® 5-25BAZ Micro Rebar™ and Helix® 5-25Z Micro Rebar™ reinforcements are added at the ready-mix plant, a batch ticket signed by a ready-mix representative shall be available to the code official upon request.

5.4 Type N applications must comply with Section 4.1 of this report. Joints as specified in Chapter 14.3.4 of ACI 318 (IBC and IRC) are required.

5.5 Design for Type S applications must follow Section 4.2 of this report.

5.6 Design for Type G applications must follow Section 4.3 of this report.

5.7 Design for Type P applications must follow Section 4.4 of this report.

5.8 For Type C applications, the minimum dosage rate that is permitted to be used as minimum temperature and shrinkage reinforcement as alternative to SDI-C Section SDI-C 2.4-B-15-a (2021 and 2018 IBC Section 2210.1.1) or SDI-C Section SDI-C 2.4-B-13-a (2015 IBC Section 2210.1.1), as applicable, is 6.7 lbs/yd^3 (4.0 kg/m^3) when used in normal-weight concrete with minimum specified design compressive strength of 3000 psi (20.6 MPa).

5.9 The fire-resistance rating of constructions with Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements have not been evaluated by ICC-ES and is outside the scope of this report. When requested, evidence of the fire-resistance rating of the construction must be submitted to the code official for their approval.

5.10 For Type G design applications, residual strength, when required, is outside the scope of this report.

5.11 Special inspection must comply with Section 4.6 of this report.

5.12 Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements are produced by Helix Steel, LLC under an inspection program with inspections by ICC Evaluation Service, LLC.

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Use of Twisted Steel Micro-rebar (TSMR) in Concrete (AC470), approved May 2020 (editorially revised June 2023).

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

7.1 The ICC-ES mark of conformity, electronic labeling, or the evaluation report number (ICC-ES ESR-3949) along with the name, registered trademark, or registered logo of the report holder must be included in the product label.

7.2 In addition, each container of Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcement must bear the manufacturer's name, trademark and address; and the product name.

7.3 The report holder's contact information is the following:

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TABLE 1—CALCULATED L_f VALUES[1,2,3,4]

Dosage rate (lbs/yd^3)	Compressive strength (psi)				
	3000	**3500**	**4000**	**4500**	**5000**
	φ Strength Reduction Factor				
	0.56	0.58	0.59	0.6	0.6
9	8.93	9.25	9.58	9.90	9.90
13.5	9.01	9.43	9.84	10.25	10.25
18.0	9.10	9.60	10.10	10.61	10.61
22.5	9.19	9.78	10.37	10.96	10.96
27.0	9.28	9.96	10.63	11.31	11.31
31.5	9.37	10.13	10.90	11.66	11.66
33.8	9.41	10.22	11.03	11.84	11.84
34.5	9.43	10.25	11.08	11.90	11.90

For **SI**: 1 psi = 0.0069 Mpa. 1 lb/yd^3 = 0.59 kg/m^3.

[1]Interpolation between dosage rates and compressive strengths is permitted. Minimum of 24 Mpa compressive strength is required under ADIBC Appendix L, Section 5.1.1.

[2]Structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F must be in compliance with Section 14.1.4 of ACI 318, and combined flexure and axial compression must be considered in accordance with Section 14.5.4 of ACI 318.

[3]RDP must calculate project-specific scale-effect factor (Equation 3) and multiple it with Table 1 values.

[4] To convert L_f from psi to Mpa, reported values must be multiplied by 0.083, which is $\sqrt{0.0069}$.

TABLE 2—SCALE-EFFECT ADJUSTMENT FACTOR*, λ_s

Member Depth, h_o		λ_s
in	mm	
4 through12	100 Through300	1.00
18	460	0.88
24	600	0.80
36	910	0.68

* See Section 4.2, Equation 3 of this report for other member depths.

TABLE 3 – SQUARE PAD FOOTING THICKNESS[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

	Minimum Thickness w/ 13.5 lb/yd³ Helix® 5-25			
Bearing Pressure	2000 psf		3000 psf	
Footing Width (ft)	f'c = 3000 psi	f'c = 4000 psi	f'c = 3000 psi	f'c = 4000 psi
	d, in		*d, in*	
3	8	8	9	8
4	11	10	13	11
5	13	12	16	14
6	16	14	20	17
7	19	17	24	21
8	23	20	28	25
9	26	22	33	28
10	29	25	37	32

For **SI**: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 ft = 305 mm, 1 psi = 0.0069 Mpa, 1 kPa = 21 psf, 1 lb/yd³ = 0.59 kg/m³

1. Ultimate moment taken as factored moment due to effective allowable bearing pressure; assuming top of footing is at grade. More detailed analysis based on loads may allow for smaller/thinner designs (refer to example 2).
2. Live load is no more than 3 times dead load (Effective Load Factor = 1.5)
3. Column base plate is assumed 12in. x 12 in.
4. Minimum footing thickness is 8 inches per IBC 1809.8
5. Subtract 2 inches from thickness when footing is not cast against soil (ACI 318 14.5.1.7)
6. Subject to ICC-ES ESR 3949 Class S restrictions and limited to seismic design category A, B & C only
7. Interpolation is permitted.

TABLE 4 – WALL STRIP FOOTING THICKNESS[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

	Minimum footing thickness w/ 13.5 lb/yd³ Helix® 5-25			
Bearing Pressure	2000 psf		3000 psf	
Footing Width (ft)	f'c = 3000 psi	f'c = 4000 psi	f'c = 3000 psi	f'c = 4000 psi
	d, in		*d, in*	
2	8	8	8	8
2.5	8	8	9	8
3	9	8	10	10
3.5	10	9	12	11
4	12	10	14	12
4.5	13	12	16	14
5	14	13	18	15

For **SI**: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 ft = 305 mm, 1 psi = 0.0069 Mpa, 1 kPa = 21 psf, 1 lb/yd³ = 0.59 kg/m³

1. Ultimate moment taken as factored moment due to effective allowable bearing pressure; assuming top of footing is at grade. More detailed analysis based on loads may allow for smaller/thinner designs (refer to example 3).
2. Live load is no more than 3 times dead load (Effective Load Factor = 1.5).
3. Wall Thickness is assumed 7.5 inches.
4. Minimum footing thickness is 8 inches per IBC 1809.8.
5. Subtract 2 inches from thickness when footing is not cast against soil (ACI 318 14.5.1.7)
6. Subject to ICC-ES ESR 3949 Class S restrictions and limited to seismic design category A, B & C only.
7. Interpolation is permitted.

TABLE 5 – COMMERCIAL PARKING PAVEMENT THICKNESS [1,2,3,4,5,6]

		13.5 lb/yd³ Helix® 5-25			9 lb/yd³ Helix® 5-25		
		f'c = 3500 psi			f'c = 4500 psi		
Category	Trucks	k=100 pci	k=200 pci	k=300 pci	k=100 pci	k=200 pci	k=300 pci
		d, in			*d, in*		
A	1	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
A	10	4.75	4.25	4.00	4.25	4.00	4.00
B	10	5.50	5.00	4.75	4.75	4.25	4.00
B	25	5.50	5.00	4.75	5.00	4.50	4.25
B	50	5.50	5.00	4.75	5.00	4.50	4.50
C	5	7.75	7.25	6.75	7.00	6.25	6.00
D	1	5.25	4.75	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.00
D	10	5.50	5.00	5.00	5.25	5.00	4.75
D	25	6.00	5.50	5.25	6.00	5.50	5.25
E	1	6.75	6.50	6.25	6.25	6.00	5.50

For **SI**: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 psi = 0.0069 MPa, 1 pci = 271 kN/m³, 1 lb/yd³ = 0.59 kg/m³
1. No dowels at joints
2. Design Life: 20 years
3. Reliability A/B: 60%, C/D/E: 75% (ACI 330 Table A1.1b)
4. Crack 15% at end of life (ACI 330 Table A1.1b)
5. Helix Design Per ICC-ES ESR 3949 Type P (ACI 330).
6. Interpolation is permitted.

TABLE 6 - INDUSTRIAL PARKING PAVEMENT THICKNESS [1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

No. of trucks per day	13.5 lb/yd³ Helix® 5-25		9 lb/yd³ Helix® 5-25	
	f'c = 3500 psi		f'c = 4500 psi	
	k =150 pci	k=300 pci	k =150 pci	k=300 pci
	d, in		*d, in*	
10	5.50	5.00	5.00	4.75
50	6.00	5.75	6.00	5.50
100	6.50	6.00	6.50	6.00
200	7.00	6.50	6.75	6.25
500	7.50	6.75	7.25	6.50
1000	7.50	7.00	7.75	7.00

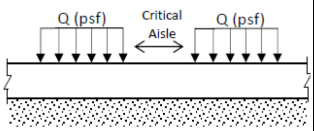
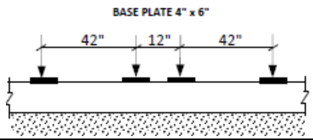
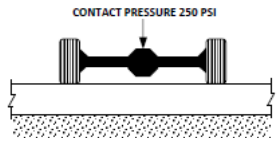
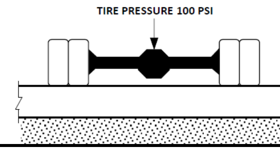
For **SI**: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 psi = 0.0069 MPa, 1 pci = 271 kN/m³, 1 lb/yd = 0.59 kg/m³
1. No dowels at joints
2. Category D Traffic
3. Design Life: 20 years
4. Reliability 85%
5. Crack 15% at end of life
6. Helix Design: Per ICC-ES ESR 3949 Type P (ACI 330.2R).
7. Interpolation is permitted.

TABLE 7 - COMPOSITE METAL DECK MININUM REINFORCEMENT [1,2,3]

Depth of slab above deck	Minimum Welded Wire Fabric	Helix® 5-25 Dosage (lb/yd³)
2.0 - 3.0"	6x6-W1.4xW1.4	6.7
	6x6-W2.1xW2.1	9
up to - 4.5"	6x6-W2.1xW2.1	6.7
	6x6-W2.9xW2.9	9

For **SI**: 1 lb/yd³ = 0.59 kg/m³
1. Minimum WWF is based on SDI - C 2.4-B-15-a or SDI - C 2.4-B-13-a
2. Minimum Helix dosage per ESR 3949 5.7 (Type C)
3. Helix 5-25 Dosage only replaces minimum temperature & shrinkage reinforcement required by SDI - C 2.4-B-15-a or SDI - C 2.4-B-13-a (ρ=0.00075) as referenced by IBC Section 2210.1.1

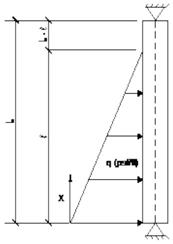
TABLE 8 - SLAB ON GROUND MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LOADS[1,2,3,4,5,6]

k = 100 psi/in[10] f'c = 4000 psi	Uniform Load[7] - lb/ft^2			Rack Post Load - lb			Forklift Axle Load[8] - lb			Truck Axle Load[9] - lb		
Slab Thickness (inches)												
	Helix 5-25 Dosage			Helix 5-25 Dosage			Helix 5-25 Dosage			Helix 5-25 Dosage		
	9 lb/yd^3	13.5 lb/yd^3	22.5 lb/yd^3	9 lb/yd^3	13.5 lb/yd^3	22.5 lb/yd^3	9 lb/yd^3	13.5 lb/yd^3	22.5 lb/yd^3	9 lb/yd^3	13.5 lb/yd^3	22.5 lb/yd^3
5.5	800	900	1,000	6,000	6,250	8,500	12,000	14,000	24,000	18,000	20,000	30,000
6.0	900	1,000	1,100	7,000	7,250	9,500	14,000	16,000	30,000	20,000	22,000	35,000
6.5	1,000	1,050	1,200	8,000	8,250	11,000	18,000	20,000	35,000	24,000	26,000	40,000
7.0	1,100	1,150	1,400	9,000	9,250	12,500	20,000	24,000	40,000	28,000	30,000	48,000
7.5	1,200	1,200	1,500	10,000	10,250	13,500	25,000	28,000	45,000	32,000	36,000	54,000
8.0	1,300	1,350	1,700	11,000	11,250	15,000	30,000	32,000	50,000	36,000	40,000	60,000

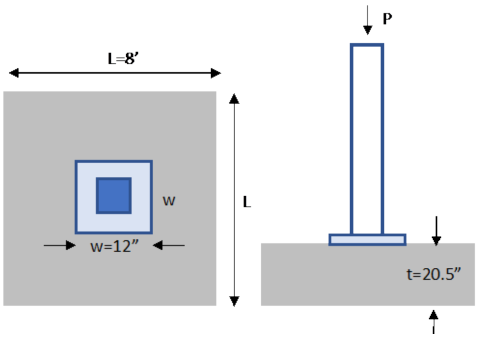
For **SI**: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 psi = 0.0069 MPa, 1 psi/in = 271 kN/m^3, 1 lb/yd^3 = 0.59 kg/m^3, 1 lb/ft^2 = 0.0479 kN/m^2, 1 lb = 0.00445 kN

1. Slabs supported directly on ground only
2. Joint detailing and spacing meets ACI 360R-10, Chapter 6
3. Constructed in accordance with ACI 302.1R
4. Design per ACI 360R-10, Section 11.3.3.3 Yield line method
5. Residual strength of 30% for Helix 5-25 dosage of 22.5 lb/yd^3 and 0% for lower dosages
6. Loads considered acting at central, doweled joint and sawcut joint slab locations. Free edge or free corner load application not considered.
7. Uniform load based on critical aisle width
8. Spacing of forklift tires based on Table 5.1 of ACI 360R-10
9. Spacing of truck tire duals of 14 in.
10. Subgrade modulus "k" is not modified to account for load duration; designer to make appropriate adjustments

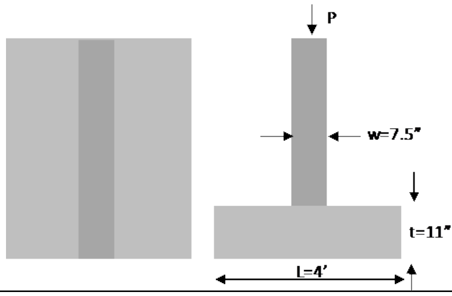
Example 1: Foundation Wall (Type S Design)

	L=9 ft. tall ℓ= 8 ft. backfill t = 8 in. b= 12 in. q = 45 lb/ft^3 soil pressure f_c' = 3000 psi with 9 lb/yd^3 Helix® 5-25 Neglect Axial Load Seismic Design Category B
Step 1: Find Governing Load Combinations (ASCE 7-16)	Ultimate: $U = 1.2\text{D} + 1.6\text{H} = 0 + 45 \text{ x } 1.6 = 72 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ Assume lateral loads only, neglect self-weight
Step 2: Compute M_u	$e = L - (L - l) - \frac{2}{3}l = 2.67\ ft$ $R_A = \frac{Ul^2 e}{2L} = 683\ lbs$ $M_{max} = R_A((L - l) + \frac{2}{3}l\sqrt{\frac{e}{L}} =$ 2665 lb-ft/ft = 31,970 lb-in/ft
Step 3: Compute V_u	$V_u = R_B = \frac{Ul^2}{2} - R_A = 1621\ lb$
Step 4: Check Shear (ACI 318 14.5.5.1 Table 1)	Allowable Shear, $V_{c1} = 0.6\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{f_c'}bt = 4206 \text{ lb}$ $1621\ lb < 4206 \text{ lb}$ (OK)
Step 5: Scale Effect Adjustment Factor ESR 3949 Eq 3	$\lambda_s = 1.0$
Step 6: Compute Section Modulus	$S_m = \frac{bt^2}{6} = 128\ \frac{in^3}{ft}$
Step 7: Compute Flexural Limit ESR 3949 Table 1	$f_c' = 3000\ psi \quad \varphi L_f = 0.56 \times 8.93 = 5.0$
Step 8: Compute M_u & Check Capacity ESR 3949 Eq 1	$M_u \leq 1.0 \times 5.0\sqrt{3000} \times 128 = 35{,}054$ in-lb/ft 31,970 in-lb/ft < 35,054 in-lb/ft (OK)

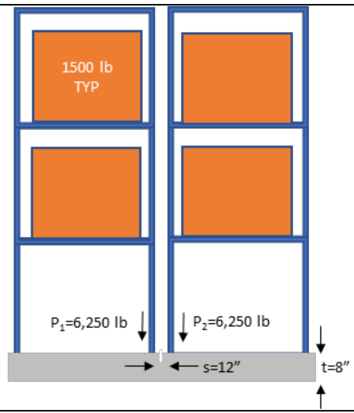
Example 2: Square Footing (Type S Design)

	Square Column Footing, L= 8 ft. x8 ft. Thickness, t = 20.5 in. (design thickness) + 2 in. (soil formed) = 22.5 in. Allowable soil bearing pressure, q = 2000 psf Concrete self-weight, ρ_{conc} = 150 pcf f_c' = 3000 psi with 13.5 lb/yd³ Helix® 5-25 Base Plate Size: w=12 in. x 12 in. Column Gravity Loads (50x50 column spacing) Loads: D=30,000 lb / L_r=75,000 lb
Step 1: Find Governing Load Combinations (ASCE 7-16)	$S\ (ASD) = \mathrm{D} + (\mathrm{L}_r \text{ or } \mathrm{S}) = 105{,}000$ lb (governs) $U\ (LRFD) = 1.2\mathrm{D} + 1.6(\mathrm{Lr \text{ or } S}) + \mathrm{L} = 156{,}000$ lb (governs)
Step 1: Size Footing	Applied Bearing Pressure, $Q_{asd} = \mathrm{S}/L^2 = 1641$ psf Eff. Allowable SBP, $Q_e = \mathrm{q} - \rho_{\mathrm{conc}}\,(t/12) = 1744$ psf $1641 < 1744$ (8 ft. x 8 ft. OK)
Step 2: Ultimate Moment	Cantilever Length, $c_L = \frac{\mathrm{L} \times \frac{"12"}{1'}}{2} - w/2 = 42 \text{ in} = 3.5 \text{ ft}$ Ult. Applied Bearing Pressure, $\mathrm{Q}_u = \frac{\mathrm{U}}{L^2} = 2438\ psf$ Ult. Moment, $M_u = 1'/12'' \times (Q_u \times \mathrm{L} \times c_L{}^2/2) = 1{,}433{,}250$ lb-in
Step 3: Check Bending (ESR 3949 4.2)	Scale Effect Factor (ESR 3949 Eq 3), $\lambda_s = 0.846$ Section Modulus, $S_m = \frac{bt^2}{6} = 6724\ in^3$ ESR 3949 Table 1, $\varphi L_f = 0.56 \times 9.01 = 5.05$ ESR 3949 Eq1, $M_u \le \lambda_s \times \varphi L_f \sqrt{f_c'} \times S_m = 1{,}573{,}440\text{in} - \text{lb}$ $1{,}433{,}250\ in - lb < 1{,}573{,}440 \text{ in} - \text{lb}$ (OK)
Step 4: Check Beam Shear (ACI 318 14.5.5.1 Table 1)	Beam Shear, $V_{u1} = Q_u L \left(\frac{L}{2} - (\frac{w}{2} + t)/(12''/ft)\right) = 34{,}944 \text{ lb}$ Allowable Shear, $V_{c1} = 0.6 \times \left(\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{f_c'}bt\right) = 86233 \text{ lb}$ $34{,}944\ lb < 86{,}233 \text{ lb}$ (OK)
Step 5: Check 2-Way Shear (ACI 318 14.5.5.1 b & c)	Critical Perimeter, $b_0 = 4(t + w) = 130\ in$ Column Ratio, $\beta_c = 1.0$ Shear, $V_{u2} = Q_u * (L^2 - (w/12 + t/12)^2) = 138{,}149 \text{ lb}$ Shear Strength, $V_{c1} = 0.6\left(1 + \frac{2}{\beta_c}\right)\left(\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{f_c'}b_0 t\right) = 350{,}323 \text{ lb}$ Shear Strength, $V_{c2} = 0.6 \times 2\left(\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{f_c'}b_0 t\right) = 233{,}549 \text{ lb}$ $138{,}149 \text{ lb} < 233{,}549 \text{ lb}$ (OK)
Step 6: Adjust for Thickness (ACI 318 14.5.1.7)	Adjusted Thickness (assuming formed against soil), $t_{adj} = t + 2 \text{ in} = 22.5 \text{ in}$ 8 ft. x 8 ft. x 22.5 in. footing with 13.5 lb/yd³ Helix 5-25 (OK)

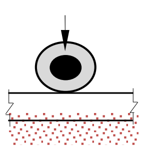
Example 3: Wall/Strip Footing (Type S Design)

	Wall Footing, L= 4 ft. Thickness, t = 11 in. (design thickness) + 2 in. (soil formed) = 13 in. Allowable soil bearing pressure, q = 3000 psf Concrete self-weight, ρ_{conc} = 150 pcf f_c' = 3000 psi with 13.5 lb/yd³ Helix® 5-25 Wall thickness, w = 7.5" Loads: D=9250 lb/ft / L_r=750 lb/ft
Step 1: Find Governing Load Combinations (ASCE 7-16)	$S\ (ASD) = \text{D} + (\text{L}_r \text{ or S}) = 10{,}000\ \text{lb/ft}$ (governs) $U\ (LRFD) = 1.4\text{D} = 12{,}950\ \text{lb/ft}$ (governs)
Step 1: Size Footing	Applied Bearing Pressure, $Q_{asd} = S/L = 2{,}500\ \text{psf}$ Eff. Allowable SBP, $Q_e = \text{q} - \rho_{\text{conc}}\,(t/12\,"/\text{ft}) = 2863\ \text{psf}$ $2500 < 2863$ (4 ft. OK)
Step 2: Ultimate Moment	Cantilever Length, $c_L = \text{L} \times 12"/1'/2 - w/2 = 20.25\ \text{in} = 1.6875\ \text{ft}$ Ult. Applied Bearing Pressure, $\text{Q}_u = \frac{\text{U}}{L} = 3{,}238\ \text{psf}$ Ult. Moment, $M_u = 1'/12"(\,Q_u \times {c_L}^2/2) = 55324\ \text{lb} - \text{in/ft}$
Step 3: Check Bending (ESR 3949 4.2)	Scale Effect Factor (ESR 3949 Eq 3), $\lambda_s = 1$ Section Modulus, $S_m = \frac{bt^2}{6} = 242\ in^3/\text{ft}$ ESR 3949 Table 1, $\varphi L_f = 0.56 \times 9.01 = 5.05$ ESR 3949 Eq1, $M_u \le \lambda_s \times \varphi L_f \sqrt{f_c'} \times S_m = 66{,}880\ \text{in} - \text{lb/ft}$ $66{,}880\ in - lb/ft < 70{,}487\ \text{in} - \text{lb/ft}$ (OK)
Step 4: Check Beam Shear (ACI 318 14.5.5.1 Table 1)	Beam Shear, $V_{u1} = Q_u\left(L/2 - (\frac{w}{2} + t)/(12"/ft)\right) = 2158\ \text{lb/ft}$ Allowable Shear, $0.6 \times \left(\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{f_c'}bt\right) = 5784\ \text{lb/ft}$ $2158 < 5784\ \text{lb}$ (OK)
Step 5: Adjust for Thickness (ACI 318 14.5.1.7)	Adjusted Thickness (assuming formed against soil), $t_{adj} = t + 2\ \text{in} = 13\ \text{in}$ 4 ft. wide x 13 in. thick footing with 13.5 lb/yd³ Helix 5-25 (OK)

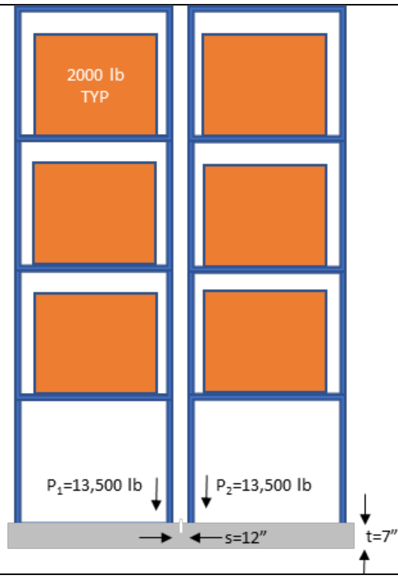
Example 4: Slab on Grade Design Elastic Design (Type G Section 4.3.1)

	Two Post Loads, P=6250 lb. each, base plate size = 4 in. x 6 in. Back-to-back at S = 12 in. spacing), located adjacent to sawcut joint Concrete thickness, h =8 in. f_c' = 4000 psi, Poisson's Ratio, μ = 0.15 Helix® 5-25 Dosage = 9 lb/yd^3 Modulus of Subgrade Reaction, k = 100 pci Factor of Safety, FS= 1.7 (ACI 360R Table 5.2)
Step 1: Modulus of Elasticity (ACI 318-14, Eq 19.2.2.1.b)	Modulus of Elasticity, $E_c = 57000\sqrt{f_c'} = 3{,}605{,}000$ psi
Step 2: Radius of Relative Stiffness (ACI 360R-10, Equation 7-3)	Radius of relative stiffness, $L = \sqrt[4]{\frac{E_c \times h^3}{12\times(1-\mu^2)\times k}} = 35.4\ in$
Step 3: Radius of Contact Area	Total Contact Area, $A_c = 4" \times 6" = 24\ in^2$ Radius of Contact Area, $a_w = \sqrt{(A_c/\pi)} = 2.8\ in$
Step 4: Combined Load (Principle of Superposition)	$P = P_1 + P_2\left(1-\left(\frac{S}{1.5L}\right)\right) = 11{,}088\ lb$
Step 4: Bending Stress at Edge (ACI 360R-10, Equation 7-5)	Bending Stress, $f_b = 0.572\frac{P}{h^2}\left[\log(h^3) - 4\log\left(\sqrt{1.6a_c^2 + h^2} - 0.675h\right) - \log(k) + 5.77\right] = 435psi$
Step 5: Bending stress at sawcut (ACI 360R-10 Example A6.2.2)	$0.8f_b = 348\ psi$ (20% of load transfers across joint)
Step 4: Compute Flexural Strength (ICC-ESR 3949 Equation 4)	Modulus of Rupture Factor (ICC-ESR 3949 Table 1), L_f = 9.58 Modulus of Rupture, f_r = $L_f\sqrt{f'c} = 606\ psi$
Step 5: Compute Allowable Bending Stress (ICC-ESR 3949 Equation 4)	Allowable Bending Stress = f_r/FS = 356 psi Check Stress, $348\ psi < 356\ psi$ (OK)

Example 5: Parking Lot Design (Type P)

	Industrial Trucking Parking/Site Paving (no dowels at joints) Traffic category D (ACI 330.2R Table 4.2.4a), 1000 trucks/day Composite k-value of substructure: 150 pci Design Life: 20 years / Reliability 85% / Crack 15% at end of life f_c' = 3500 psi Helix® 5-25 Dosage = 13.5 lb/yd^3
Step 1: Modulus of Elasticity (ACI 318-14, Eq 19.2.2.1.b)	Modulus of Elasticity, $E_c = 57000\sqrt{f_c'} =$ 3,372,165 psi
Step 3: Compute 28-day Flex Strength (ICC-ESR 3949 Equation 5)	Modulus of Rupture Factor (ICC-ESR 3949 Table 1), L_f = 9.43 Modulus of Rupture, f_r = $L_f\sqrt{f_c'} = 558\ psi$
Step 2: Compute Thickness ACI 330.2R B1 (www.pavementdesigner.org)	Pavement Structure: computed in step 1 and 2, user defined k Recommended Thickness: 7.5 in / 14 ft joints

Example 6: Slab on Grade Design Yield Line Design (Type G - 4.3.2)

	Two Post Loads, P=13,500 lbs each, base plate size = 4 in. x 6 in. Back-to-back at S = 12 in. spacing), located adjacent to sawcut joint Concrete thickness, h = 7 in. Section width, b = 12 in. f_c' = 4000 psi. Poisson's Ratio, μ = 0.15 Helix® 5-25 Dosage = 22.5 lb/yd^3 Modulus of Subgrade Reaction, k = 100 pci Factor of Safety, FS= 1.7 (ACI 360 Table 5.2)
Step 1: Modulus of Elasticity (ACI 318-14, Eq 19.2.2.1.b)	Modulus of Elasticity, $E_c = 57000\sqrt{f_c'} =$ 3,605,000 psi
Step 2: Radius of Relative Stiffness (ACI 360R-10, Equation 7-3)	Radius of relative stiffness, $L = \sqrt[4]{\frac{E_c \times h^3}{12\times(1-\mu^2)\times k}} = 29in$
Step 3: Radius of Contact Area	Total Contact Area, $A_c = 4 \times 6 = 24\ in^2$ Radius of Contact Area, $a_w = \sqrt{(A_c/\pi)} = 2.8\ in$
Step 4: Combined Load (Principle of Superposition)	$P = P_1 + P_2\left(1-\left(\frac{S}{1.5L}\right)\right) = 23{,}270\ lb$
Step 5: Bending Moment Demand Edge (ACI 360R-10, 11.3.3.3, Case 2)	Moment Demand, $M = \frac{P}{3.5\left[1+\frac{3a_w}{L}\right]} = 5168$ lb-ft/ft $= 62.0$ kip-in/ft
Step 5: Demand at Sawcut	$0.8M = 49.6$ kip-in/ft (20% of load transfers across joint)
Step 6: Compute Flexural Strength (ICC-ESR 3949 Equation 4)	Modulus of Rupture Factor (ICC-ESR 3949 Table 1), L_f = 10.37 Modulus of Rupture, $f_r = L_f\sqrt{f'c} = 656\ psi$
Step 7: Bending Moment Capacity (ACI 360R-10, 11.3.3.3, Case 2)	Moment Capacity, $M_0 = \left[1+\frac{R_{e,3}}{100}\right] \times \frac{f_r \times b \times h^2}{6} = 84.54$ kip-in/ft Allowable Bending = $\frac{M_0}{FS} = 49.7 > 49.6$kip-in/ft. (OK)

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1.0 REPORT PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Purpose:

The purpose of this evaluation report supplement is to indicate that Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements, described in ICC-ES evaluation report ESR-3949, have also been evaluated for compliance with the code noted below as adopted by the New York City Department of Buildings.

Applicable code edition:

2022 *City of New York Building Code* (NYCBC)

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-3949, comply with the NYCBC Sections BC 1908 and BC 1909, and are subject to the conditions of use described in this supplement.

3.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The Helix® Micro Rebar™ reinforcements described in this evaluation report supplement must comply with all of the following conditions:

- All applicable sections in the evaluation report ESR-3949.
- The design, installation, conditions of use and identification of the anchors are in accordance with the 2015 *International Building Code®* (IBC) provisions noted in the evaluation report ESR-3949.
- The design, installation and inspection are in accordance with additional requirements of NYCBC Chapters 16 and 17, and Sections BC 1908 and BC 1909, as applicable.

This supplement expires concurrently with the evaluation report, reissued September 2024.