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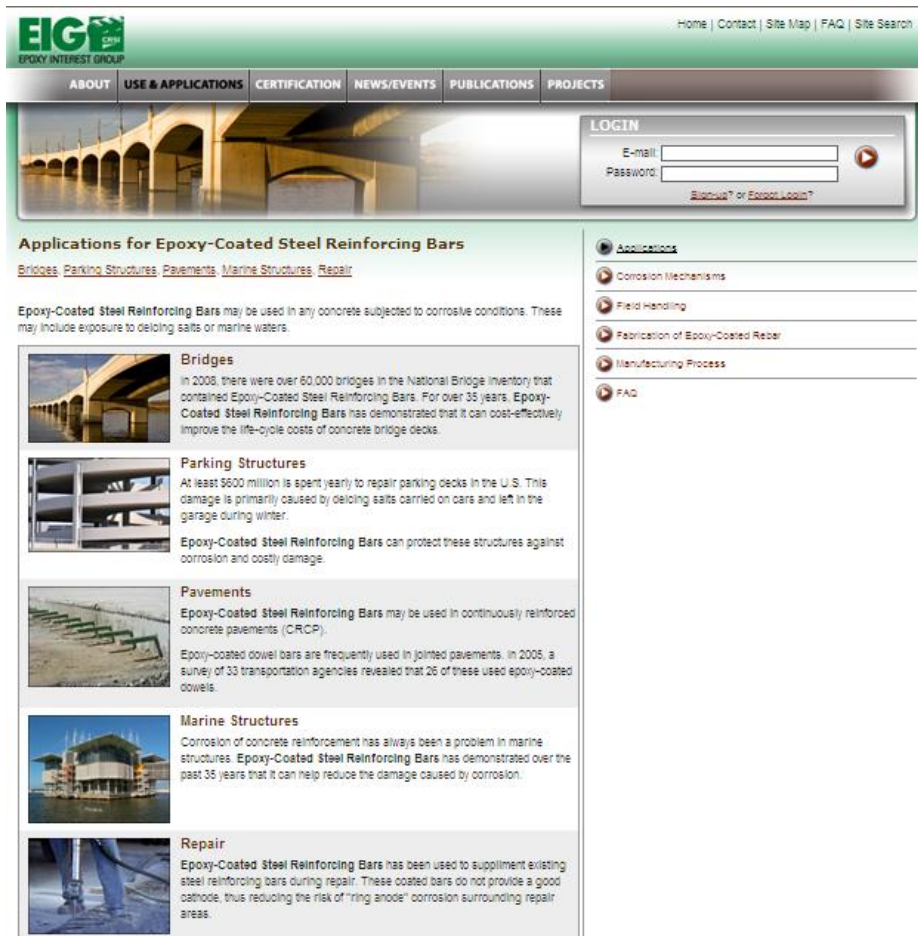
Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI launches new website

SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS, April 16, 2009 - The Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI is pleased to announce the launch of their new website at www.epoxyinterestgroup.org. This website contains information on the manufacture, fabrication, handling and performance of epoxy-coated reinforcing steel bars. Users of the site may also register to receive information automatically as it is updated. Fusion-Bonded epoxy-coated steel reinforcing bars have been used for over 35 years to reduce corrosion-related damage to concrete in structures exposed to marine and deicing salts. Over 60,000 bridges in the US currently use this technology.

For additional information about the Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI, contact David McDonald, Managing Director, Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI at 847 517 12000 or via email at info@epoxyinterestgroup.org

About the Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI

The Epoxy Interest Group (EIG) of the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) operates within the charter of CRSI, EIG promotes and markets epoxy-coated bars and is able to create awareness and interest in epoxy-coated reinforcing steel and its important benefits for DOT's, engineering specifiers and contractors. Founded in 1924, CRSI is a trade association that stands as the authoritative resource for information related to steel reinforced concrete construction. CRSI members are manufacturers, fabricators and placers of steel reinforcing bar and related products, as well as professionals who are involved in the research, design and construction of reinforced concrete.



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Applications for Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars

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Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars may be used in any concrete subjected to corrosive conditions. These may include exposure to deicing salts or marine waters.

- Bridges**
In 2008, there were over 60,000 bridges in the National Bridge Inventory that contained Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars. For over 35 years, Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars has demonstrated that it can cost-effectively improve the life-cycle costs of concrete bridge decks.
- Parking Structures**
At least \$600 million is spent yearly to repair parking decks in the U.S. This damage is primarily caused by deicing salts carried on cars and left in the garage during winter. Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars can protect these structures against corrosion and costly damage.
- Pavements**
Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars may be used in continuously reinforced concrete pavements (CRCP). Epoxy-coated dowel bars are frequently used in jointed pavements. In 2005, a survey of 33 transportation agencies revealed that 26 of these used epoxy-coated dowels.
- Marine Structures**
Corrosion of concrete reinforcement has always been a problem in marine structures. Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars has demonstrated over the past 35 years that it can help reduce the damage caused by corrosion.
- Repair**
Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars has been used to supplement existing steel reinforcing bars during repair. These coated bars do not provide a good cathode, thus reducing the risk of "ring anode" corrosion surrounding repair areas.

Applications

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