

# Report on Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Reinforcement for Concrete Structures

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*and application purposes. ACI Committee 440 is also in the process of developing new guides and thus the current availability of guides should be checked by the reader. In addition to the material properties of the constituent materials (that is, resins and fibers) and products, current knowledge of FRP applications, such as internal reinforcement including prestressing, external strengthening of concrete and masonry structures, and structural systems, is discussed in detail. The document also addresses durability issues and the effects of extreme events, such as fire and blast. A summary of some examples of field applications is presented.*

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The purpose of this report is to present the current state of knowledge with regard to applications of fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) materials in concrete. This report summarizes the fundamental behavior, the most current research, design codes, and practical applications of concrete and masonry structures containing FRP. This document is intended to complement other reports (for example, standards and design guidelines) produced by ACI Committee 440, either