

# A review on application of fiber reinforced ferro-cement as a material for water tanks

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## ABSTRACT

Concrete based construction in structures had its inception from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Concrete, today being the predominant construction material has been employed in almost every component of a structure. Portland cement had a steady growth in production rate at 5 percentage per annum (Intergovernmental panel on climate change, IPCC, 2007). Portland cement is the single most contributor to the carbon emissions it's been estimated that 1 ton of cement is averaging to equal amounts of carbon di oxide the alarming rate causes a great apprehension in the minds of environmentalists and also growing concerns in the living community. There is also the risk of the resource depletion in an exponential rate due to the rapid urbanization throughout the world with concert as their major component. Amongst the hothouse gas, CO<sub>2</sub> contributes about sixty five percentage of worldwide warming (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2010). CO<sub>2</sub> has been released excessively during the production of OPC owing to calcinations of limestone and incineration of relic petroleum is approximately at the rate of tonne for each tonne of Ordinary Portland Cement manufactured. Though the application of Portland cement in construction is inevitable there has been varied efforts made to find an alternative to the crisis arising based upon its usage. Sustainability means to show continuous progress Moreover, due to owing to the non-homogeneity in concrete it's hard to make it sustainable and repairing becomes cumbersome.

**KEY WORDS:** Fiber, Ferro-Cement, Water Tanks.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Due to the growing environmental concerns there is an immediate need to find an alternative building material which also comply ti the structural requirements and has better service with less cost. This effort led to development of new innovative sustainable construction material ferrocement which reduces usage of these materials significantly.

**Ferrocement for avoiding waterproofing and rehabilitation:** The sustainability is obtained totally by use of ferrocement. Ferrocement is a multi-sustainable water proofing crack resistance material. At the same time there shall not be any spalling, deterioration, attack of atmospheric gases, carbonation and corrosion of reinforcement. The ferrocement shall be the shield against all these negative aspects of reinforced cement concrete. As such the durability shall be increased to a great extent and it will not be necessary to carry out Repairs rehabilitation as well as waterproofing treatment of RCC structures during its life time.

**Ferro cement mortar:** The material used is a composite material, the binder must also further be mixed with sand having the sieve size range less than 1.18mm.admixtures are another addition which must be added in order to improve the non-corrosiveness and offer less porosity (Ferrocement Model Code).

The mix proportion for ferro cement based concrete should also suit the standard mixing criteria which suits the standard mix preparation of the reinforced cement concrete mix. The ferrocement technology has advanced so much that now it is possible to construct any structure with ferrocement for which R.C.C has been used. It saves valuable resources reducing the cost and time of construction and is eco-friendly.

**History of Ferro cement:** The development of ferrocement technology began in the 1840s with Lambot, who constructed a rowing boat using a composite of wires and cement. At the same time others were developing conventional reinforced concrete. Further development of ferrocement did not occur until the beginning 1943 when Pier Luigi Nervi rejuvenate the true ferrocement perception. The development of ferrocement technology has primarily been done in the boat building industry although ferrocement has successfully been used for many other applications such as roof systems and silos (ACI Manual of Concrete Practice).

Ferrocement obtained ample acknowledgement on the onset of early 1962 in U K, kiwis land, Australia. In 1965, an U.S –controlled ferrocement catch constructed in New Zealand, the 16m Awahnee, travelled throughout the globe a couple of times not undergoing primal hinderance, although it faced many hurdles.

In 1958, the expertise then reached soviet nations by the building of a number of structural elements. One such Illustration is a ferrocement vault of seventeen meter spans in the metro station of Leningrad, the interiors of the hall were made of ferrocement parts. Among recent times constructed ferrocement buildings includes the Opera House of sydney, established in 1973. As surfacing material on the vaults Ferrocement tiles have been employed in the house of opera, at a major arts centre in Sydney. Various buildings and mosques were constructed in India and Indonesia as well.

In this chapter, we studied out by the various investigators on the flexure, impact, durability/corrosion, properties of ferrocement. Fibrous ferrocement, applications of ferrocement etc..., are summarized and presented.

**Inference of this study:** This research finding will encourage the use of the new approach to produce lightweight thin ferrocement water tank (i.e. thickness in the order of 10-50mm) (Naaman, 2000) and evaluate its compatibility of using PVC mesh and high strength of the mortar from the mortar study. Since corrosion is more evident and severe in ferrocement, and dependent on type/ composition of cement used, grading of sand, composition of cement mortar, minimum cover to reinforcement, casting processes including compaction, PVC mesh reinforcement, water proofing methods and construction practices (Shanaang, 2008).

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