

November 17, 2023

TO: PARTIES INTERESTED IN TEXTURED EPOXY COATED REINFORCING BARS

SUBJECT: Proposed Acceptance Criteria for Textured Epoxy Coated Reinforcing Bars, AC562-0224-R1 (AV/MC)

Hearing Information:

WebEx Event Meeting

[Wednesday, February 21, 2024](#)

8:00 am Pacific Standard Time

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Dear Colleague:

You are invited to comment on a proposed new ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Textured Epoxy Coated Reinforcing Bars (AC562), which will be discussed at the Evaluation Committee hearing noted above. The proponent is The Sherwin-Williams Company.

The proposed criteria is being developed to provide requirements to evaluate textured epoxy coated reinforcing bars under the 2021 and 2018 *International Building Code*® (IBC) and the 2021 and 2018 *International Residential Code*® (IRC).

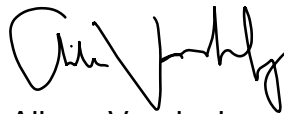
You are invited to submit written comments on this or any other agenda item and attend the Evaluation Committee hearing to support your written comments in person. If you wish to contribute to the discussion, please note the following:

1. Regarding written comments and presentations:
 - a. You should submit these via e-mail to es@icc-es.org by the applicable due date.
 - b. The deadline for submitting written comments is **December 14, 2023**. These comments will be forwarded to the committee and posted on the ICC-ES web site shortly after the deadline. Comments that are not submitted by this deadline will not be considered at the meeting.
 - c. The deadline for submitting rebuttal comments, from the proponent noted in this letter, is **January 10, 2024**. These comments will be forwarded to the committee and posted on the ICC-ES web site shortly after the deadline. Comments that are not submitted by the deadline will not be considered at the meeting.

- d. The deadline for submitting a presentation is **January 24, 2024**. If a company wants to present a visual presentation at the hearing, it shall be received in PowerPoint format. These will be forwarded to the committee and posted on the ICC-ES web site approximately two weeks before the hearing. Presentations that are not submitted by the deadline cannot be presented at the meeting. **Note:** Videos will not be posted on the web site.
 - e. ICC-ES staff memo addressing public comments, rebuttal comments, and presentations (as deemed necessary) will be posted to the ICC-ES web site on **February 7, 2024**.
2. Keep in mind that all materials submitted for committee consideration are part of the public record and will not be treated as confidential. It is the presenter's responsibility to certify to ICC-ES staff that no materials infringe copyright.
 3. Please do not communicate with committee members before the meeting about any items on the agenda.

We appreciate your interest in the work of the Evaluation Committee. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 423-6587, extension 3256, or Manuel Chan, P.E., S.E., Principal Structural Engineer, at extension 3288. You may also reach us by e-mail at es@icc-es.org.

Yours very truly,



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ICC EVALUATION SERVICE, LLC, RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Evaluation Committee is to review and approve acceptance criteria on which evaluation reports may be based.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 The Evaluation Committee has a membership of not fewer than nine, with one of the members named by the ICC-ES president each year to serve as the chairman–moderator.

2.2 All members of the committee shall be representatives of a body enforcing regulations related to the built environment.

2.3 Persons are appointed to the committee by the ICC-ES president, from among individuals who have formally applied for membership.

2.4 The ICC-ES Board of Managers, using simple majority vote, shall ratify the nominations of the president.

2.5 Committee membership is for one year, coinciding with the calendar year. Members may be renominated and reappointed.

2.6 In the event that a member is unable to attend a committee meeting or complete a term on the committee, the ICC-ES president may appoint a replacement to fill in at the meeting or for the remainder of the member's term. Any replacement appointed for only one meeting must have prior experience as a member of the Evaluation Committee. Appointments under this section (Section 2.6) are subject to ratification as noted in Section 2.4.

3.0 MEETINGS

3.1 The Evaluation Committee shall schedule meetings that are open to the public in discharging its duties under Section 1.0, subject to Section 3.0.

3.2 All scheduled meetings shall be publicly announced. There shall be three to six meetings per year (as necessary).

3.3 More than half of the Evaluation Committee members, counting the chairman, shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of members present is required on any action. To avoid any tie vote, the chairman may choose to exercise or not exercise, as necessary, his or her right to vote.

3.4 In the absence of the chairman–moderator, Evaluation Committee members present shall elect an alternate chairman from the committee for that meeting. The alternate chairman shall be counted as a voting committee member for purposes of maintaining a committee quorum and to cast a tie-breaking vote of the committee.

3.5 Minutes shall be kept and shall be the official record of each meeting.

3.6 An electronic record of meetings may be made by ICC-ES if deemed necessary; no other audio, video, electronic recordings of the meetings will be permitted. Visual aids (including, but not limited to, charts, slides, videos, or presentation software) viewed at meetings shall be permitted only if the presenter provides ICC-ES before the presentation with a copy of the visual aid in a medium which can be retained by ICC-ES with its record of the meeting and which can also be provided to interested parties requesting a copy.

3.7 Parties interested in the deliberations of the committee should refrain from communicating, whether in writing or verbally, with committee members regarding agenda items. All written communications and submissions regarding agenda items must be delivered to ICC-ES and shall be considered nonconfidential and available for discussion in open session of an Evaluation Committee meeting. Such materials will be posted on the ICC-ES web site (www.icc-es.org) prior to the meeting. Comments and submissions not meeting the following deadlines will not be considered at the meeting:

- Initial comments on agenda items shall be submitted at least 28 days before the scheduled meeting.
- A rebuttal comment period shall follow, whereby rebuttal comments to the initial comments may be submitted by the proponent at least 21 days before the scheduled meeting.
- Those planning on giving a visual presentation at the meeting must submit their presentation, in PowerPoint format only, at least 10 days before the scheduled meeting.

The committee reserves the right to refuse recognition of communications which do not comply with the provisions of this section.

4.0 CLOSED SESSIONS

Evaluation Committee meetings shall be open except that at the discretion of the chairman, staff counsel may be necessary. Also, matters related to clients or potential clients covered by confidentiality requirements of ICC-ES Rules of Procedure for Evaluation Reports are discussed only during closed meetings.

5.0 ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

5.1 Acceptance criteria are established by the committee to provide a basis for issuing ICC-ES evaluation reports on products and systems under codes referenced in Section 2.0 of the Rules of Procedure for Evaluation Reports. They also clarify conditions of acceptance for products and systems specifically regulated by the codes.

Acceptance criteria may involve a product, material, or method of construction. Consideration of any acceptance criteria must be in conjunction with a current and valid application for an ICC-ES evaluation report, an existing ICC-ES evaluation report, or as otherwise determined by the ICC-ES President.

EXCEPTIONS: The following acceptance criteria are controlled by the ICC-ES executive staff and are not subject to committee approval:

- The Acceptance Criteria for Quality Documentation (AC10)
- The Acceptance Criteria for Test Reports (AC85)
- The Acceptance Criteria for Inspections and Inspection Agencies (AC304)

5.2 Procedure:

5.2.1 Proposed acceptance criteria shall be developed by the ICC-ES staff and discussed in open session with the Evaluation Committee during a scheduled meeting, except as permitted in Section 4.0 of these rules.

5.2.2 Proposed acceptance criteria shall be available to interested parties at least 30 days before discussion at the committee meeting.

5.2.3 The committee shall be informed of all pertinent written communications received by ICC-ES.

5.2.4 Attendees at Evaluation Committee meetings shall have the opportunity to speak on acceptance criteria listed on the meeting agenda, to provide information to committee members. In the interest of fairness, each speaker requesting to testify on a proposed acceptance criteria or proposed changes to an existing acceptance criteria will be given the same amount of time, as follows:

- a. A 10-minute time limit applies to speakers giving their first testimony on any item, which applies to both verbal testimony and/or visual presentations.
- b. A 5-minute time limit applies to speakers returning to the microphone to offer additional testimony and/or to rebut testimony given by others.
- c. A 2-minute time limit applies to speakers offering testimony on the staff recommendation to criteria.

Should a company have multiple speakers, the speaker time limits above apply the company, in that multiple speakers from the same company shall share the testimony time, i.e., multiple speakers from the same company shall not each get their own testimony times. Time limits do not include time needed to answer questions from the staff and/or committee members. The chairman-moderator shall have limited authority to modify time limitations on testimony. The chairman-moderator shall also have the authority to adjust time limits as necessary in order to get through the hearing agenda.

An automatic timing device shall keep time for testimony and shall provide the time remaining to the speaker testifying. Interruptions during testimony will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of the chairman-moderator to maintain decorum and order during all testimony.

5.3 Approval of any action on an acceptance criteria shall be as specified in Section 3.3 of these rules. Possible actions made by the Evaluation Committee include: Approval; Approval with Revisions; Disapproval; or Further

Study. The Evaluation Committee must give the reason(s) for any Disapproval or Further Study actions with specific recommendations.

5.4 Actions of the Evaluation Committee may be appealed in accordance with the ICC-ES Rules of Procedure for Appeal of Acceptance Criteria or the ICC-ES Rules of Procedure for Appeals of Evaluation Committee Technical Decisions.

6.0 COMMITTEE BALLOTING FOR ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

6.1 Acceptance criteria may be revised without a public hearing following a 30-day public comment period and a majority vote for approval by the Evaluation Committee (i.e., alternative criteria development process), when at the discretion of the ICC-ES executive staff, the subject is a revision that requires formal action by the Evaluation Committee.

6.2 Negative votes must be based upon one or more of the following, for the ballots to be considered valid and require resolution:

- a. *Lack of clarity:* There is insufficient explanation of the scope of the acceptance criteria or insufficient description of the intended use of the product or system; or the acceptance criteria is so unclear as to be unacceptable. (The areas where greater clarity is required must be specifically identified.)
- b. *Insufficiency:* The criteria is insufficient for proper evaluation of the product or system. (The provisions of the criteria that are in question must be specifically identified.)
- c. *The subject of the acceptance criteria is not within the scope of the applicable codes:* A report issued by ICC-ES is intended to provide a basis for approval under the codes. If the subject of the acceptance criteria is not regulated by the codes, there is no basis for issuing a report, or a criteria. (Specifics must be provided concerning the inapplicability of the code.)
- d. *The subject of the acceptance criteria needs to be discussed in public hearings.* The committee member requests additional input from other committee members, staff or industry.

6.3 An Evaluation Committee member, in voting on an acceptance criteria, may only cast the following ballots:

- Approved
- Approved with Comments
- Negative: Do Not Proceed

7.0 COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Direct communication between committee members, and between committee members and an applicant or concerned party, with regard to the processing of a particular acceptance criteria or evaluation report, shall take place only in a public hearing of the Evaluation Committee. Accordingly:

7.1 Committee members receiving an electronic ballot should respond only to the sender (ICC-ES staff). Committee members who wish to discuss a particular matter with other committee members, before reaching a

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decision, should ballot accordingly and bring the matter to the attention of ICC-ES staff, so the issue can be placed on the agenda of a future committee meeting.

7.2 Committee members who are contacted by an applicant or concerned party on a particular matter that will be brought to the committee will refrain from private communication and will encourage the applicant or concerned party to forward their concerns through the ICC-

ES staff in writing, and/or make their concerns known by addressing the committee at a public hearing, so that their concerns can receive the attention of all committee members.■

Revised November 2023

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR TEXTURED EPOXY-COATED STEEL REINFORCING BARS

AC562

Proposed November 2023

PREFACE

Evaluation reports issued by ICC Evaluation Service, LLC (ICC-ES), are based upon performance features of the International family of codes. (Some reports may also reference older code families such as the BOCA National Codes, the Standard Codes, and the Uniform Codes, or other codes as designated by the ICC-ES president.) Section 104.11 of the *International Building Code*® reads as follows:

The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any materials or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been approved. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be approved where the building official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety.

ICC-ES may consider alternate criteria for report approval, provided the report applicant submits data demonstrating that the alternate criteria are at least equivalent to the criteria set forth in this document, and otherwise demonstrate compliance with the performance features of the codes. ICC-ES retains the right to refuse to issue or renew any evaluation report, if the applicable product, material, or method of construction is such that either unusual care with its installation or use must be exercised for satisfactory performance, or if malfunctioning is apt to cause injury or unreasonable damage.

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PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR TEXTURED EPOXY-COATED STEEL REINFORCING BARS (AC562)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose: The purpose of this acceptance criteria is to establish requirements for textured-epoxy coated steel reinforcing bars, to be evaluated in an ICC Evaluation Service, LLC (ICC-ES), evaluation report under the 2021 and 2018 *International Building Code*® (IBC) and the 2021 and 2018 *International Residential Code*® (IRC). Bases of evaluation are the 2021 and 2018 IBC Section 104.11 and 2021 and 2018 IRC Section R104.11.

1.2 Scope: This acceptance criteria applies to textured epoxy-coating for steel reinforcing bars applied at the steel rebar manufacturer's facility, as described in Section 1.4 of this criteria, tested in accordance with ASTM A1124, for use as reinforcement in reinforced concrete, subject to the following conditions:

- a) The specified compressive strength for the concrete shall range from 3,000 psi to 10,000 psi (20.7 MPa to 68.9 MPa)
- b) Reinforcement shall comply with sections 20.2.1.3, 20.5.2.1, 20.5.2.2 of ACI 318-19.
- c) Concrete shall comply with section 4.2.1 of ACI 318-19 (Sections 20.2.1.3, 20.6.2.1, 20.6.2.2, and 4.2.1 of ACI 318-14). ACI 318 is referenced in Section 1901.2 of the 2021 and 2018 IBC.
- d) Structural design using textured epoxy-coated steel reinforcing bars shall comply with ACI 318 under the 2021 and 2018 IBC, as summarized in Section 4.1 of this criteria.

The modification factor Ψ_e for textured epoxy-coated bars, that is used in the calculation of development length l_d , shall be the same as for uncoated or zinc-coated (galvanized) reinforcement listed in Table 25.4.2.5 of ACI 318-19 (Table 25.4.2.4 of ACI 318-14).

1.3 Codes and Referenced Standards: 2021 and 2018 *International Building Code*® (IBC), International Code Council.

1.3.1 2021 and 2018 *International Residential Code*® (IRC), International Code Council.

1.3.2 ACI 318 (-19, -14), Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete, American Concrete Institute.

1.3.3 ASTM A615/A615M (-18, -14), Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.

1.3.4 ASTM A706-A706M (-16, -14), Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Low-Alloy Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.

1.3.5 ASTM A775/A775M (-17, -07b(2014)) Standard Specification for Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars, ASTM International.

1.3.6 ASTM A996/A996M (-16, -14) Standard Specification for Rail-Steel and Axle-Steel Deformed Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.

1.3.7 ASTM A1124/A1124M-23, Standard Specification for Textured Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars, ASTM International.

1.4 Definition:

Textured Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars: Deformed steel reinforcing bars with a protective epoxy coating applied by the electrostatic spray method followed by a texturing surface treatment material.

2.0 BASIC INFORMATION

2.1 General: The following information shall be submitted:

Product Description: A description of the coating system and method of application of the reinforcing bars shall be reported, including general specifications, dimensions, and material specifications.

2.2 Installation Instructions: The manufacturer's installation instructions shall be required. Certification requirements for the installing contractor shall also be required.

2.3 Packaging and Identification: Product identification shall be in accordance with the product identification provisions of the ICC-ES Rules of Procedure for Evaluation Reports. A description of the method of packaging of the textured epoxy-coating for reinforcing bars and the method to identify the bars shall be submitted to ICC-ES. The ICC-ES mark of conformity, electronic labeling, and/or the evaluation report number (ICC-ES ESR-XXXX) along with the name, registered trademark, or registered logo of the report holder [and/or listee] must be included in the product label.

2.4 Testing Laboratories: Testing laboratories shall comply with Section 2.0 of the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Test Reports (AC85) and Section 4.2 of the ICC-ES Rules of Procedure for Evaluation Reports.

2.5 Test Reports: Test reports shall comply with AC85.

2.6 Product Sampling: Sampling of the textured epoxy-coated reinforcing steel bars for tests under this criteria shall comply with Section 3.1 of AC85.

2.7 Qualification Test Plan: A qualification test plan shall be submitted to and approved by ICC-ES staff prior to any testing being conducted.

3.0 TEST AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General: Textured Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars shall be tested and comply with ASTM A1124 and the mandatory Annex for the following steel reinforcing bar grades only:

Tests shall be conducted on coated steel reinforcing bars complying with ASTM A615, ASTM A706, and ASTM A996. Testing on coated steel reinforcing bars complying with other steel reinforcing bar material standards referenced by ACI 318-19 is optional.

4.0 DESIGN METHODS

4.1 The evaluation report shall include the following modifications to ACI 318 for the 2021 and 2018 IBC identified in Sections 4.1a and 4.1b of this acceptance criteria:

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- a) Nonprestressed coated reinforcement: Modify ACI 318-19 Section 20.5.2.2 (ACI 318-14 Section 20.6.2.2) to read as follows:

Deformed bars with a protective textured epoxy coating as noted in Section 1.4 of this criteria, shall conform to Section 20.2.1.3 (a), (b) or (c) of ACI 318 and shall be permitted to be used subject to the specific modifications to ACI 318 given in this acceptance criteria.

- b) Development of Deformed Bars in Tension: Modify ACI 318-19 Section 25.4.2.5 (ACI 318-14 25.4.2.4) by adding the following:

For the calculation of l_d , the modification factor Ψ_e for textured epoxy-coated bars shall be the same as for uncoated or zinc-coated (galvanized) reinforcement.

5.0 QUALITY CONTROL

5.1 Quality documentation complying with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Quality Documentation (AC10) shall be submitted. A qualifying inspection shall be conducted at each manufacturing facility when required by the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Inspections and Inspection Agencies (AC304)..

5.2 Quality documentation shall include implementation procedures of requirements indicated in ASTM A1124 for the following Sections:

- a) Sections 5 (Materials)
- b) Section 6 (Surface Preparation)
- c) Section 7 (Coating and Texturing Surface Treatment Material Application)
- d) Section 8 (Requirements for Textured Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars)
- e) Section 9 (Number of Tests)
- f) Section 10 (Retests)
- g) Section 11 (Permissible Amount of Damaged Coating and Repair of Damaged Coating)

- h) Section 12 (Inspection)
- i) Section 13 (Rejection)
- j) Section 15 (Handling and Identification)

6.0 EVALUATION REPORT

6.1 Basic information required by Section 2.1, including product description, installation procedures, packaging and identification.

6.2 Identification method of the reinforcing bars showing the coating and identification method used for the coatings in the field.

6.3 The following statements shall be included in the evaluation report as Conditions of Use:

1.1.1 A statement indicating that the textured epoxy-coated steel bars are for use as steel reinforcement in reinforced concrete structures that are designed and installed in accordance with the IBC and ACI 318, subject to the conditions summarized in Sections 1.2 of this criteria.

1.1.1 A statement indicating that deformed bars evaluated in this report, shall conform to Section 20.2.1.3 (a), (b) or (c) of ACI 318.

1.1.1 A statement indicating that for the calculation of l_d , the modification factor Ψ_e for textured epoxy-coated bars shall be the same as for uncoated or zinc-coated (galvanized) reinforcement listed in Table 25.4.2.5 of ACI 318-19 (Table 25.4.2.4 of ACI 318-14)

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION (Optional):

Environmental impacts shall be assessed via an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) based on a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). The LCA and EPD shall be conducted in accordance with ISO 21930 and the appropriate Product Category Rule(s) for the product type. ■