



# B-TUFF® PLATE

## Pre-impregnated & Cured Pultruded Carbon Fiber Plates

### 1.01 DESCRIPTION

**B-Tuff® Plate** is a range of pultruded carbon-fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP) plates designed for the external structural strengthening of existing concrete, wood, masonry and steel members. **B-Tuff® Plate** is externally bonded onto the surface of the substrate to strengthen and stiffen existing structures, using an epoxy resin specifically designed for the application. Please use the correct product grade that complies with VOC regulations as per federal, state, county and city regulations/codes at the place of installation of product.

### 1.02 USES

- Aging of Construction Materials
- Construction or Design Defects
- Horizontal, Vertical, and Overhead
- Increase Load Capacity of Beams and Slabs
- Increased Live Loads in Structures
- Increased Traffic Volumes on Bridges
- Installation of Heavy Machinery in Buildings
- Insufficient Reinforcement and Structural Depth
- Steel Reinforcement Corrosion
- Stress Reduction in Steel Reinforcement
- Structural Change Support
- Vehicle Impact
- Vibrating Structures

### 1.03 FEATURES

- Ease of Installation with Limited or No Downtimes
- Easy to Integrate into Surroundings
- Excellent Fatigue Resistance
- High Static, Flexural and Shear Capacity
- High Tensile Strength and Modulus of Elasticity
- Lightweight with a High Strength-To-Weight Ratio
- Low Aesthetic Impact
- No Wiping with Solvent Required
- Non-Corrosive and Alkali-Resistant
- Non-Intrusive; No Significant Change to Existing Dimensions of The Structural Member
- Plates can be Ordered in Most Lengths or Cut On-Site
- Removable "Peel-Ply" Protective Plastic Film

### 1.04 TECHNICAL DATA

ACI 440.2R-08, Guide for the Design and construction of Externally Bonded FRP Systems for strengthening concrete structures, July 2008, (USA)

### 1.05 PACKAGING

Available in any length up to 820 ft or 250 m

**B-Tuff® Plate 4** width 4" or 100 mm

**B-Tuff® Plate 5** width 5" or 120 mm

**B-Tuff® Plate 6** width 6" or 150 mm

### 1.06 COLOR

Black

### 1.07 COVERAGE GUIDE

Coverage of **E-Tuff® Paste** resins with CFRP Plates:

**B-Tuff® Plate 4** - approx. 50 LF/gallon

**B-Tuff® Plate 5** - approx. 32 LF/gallon

**B-Tuff® Plate 6** - approx. 22 LF/gallon

### 1.08 PREPARATION

1. All materials being used and surfaces in contact with the **B-Tuff® Plate** System should be conditioned between 40-95°F (4.44-35°C) for proper performance. Provide heating or cooling, as necessary, to compensate for temperature extremes and changes in cure time.
2. For concrete and masonry substrates, mechanically prepare the substrate to remove coatings, laitance, and any other surface contaminants and to provide a proper surface profile. The surface profile should be a minimum of CSP-3, per ICRI 310.2R.
3. For steel substrates, abrasive blast to "white metal" in accordance with Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC) Specification SP-5-89 or NACE No. 1, using clean, dry abrasive to obtain a minimum 3 mil profile (76 microns).
4. The surface flatness should not vary by more than 1/8" (0.3175 cm) over a 3' length (3 mm per meter). The length is measured along the direction that the laminate is to run.
5. Existing surface irregularities must be filled with an appropriate repair mortar such as **B-Tuff® Patch VOH** or **E-Tuff® Paste**. Allow the leveling material to cure no longer than 24 hours before installing the laminate over it.
6. The adhesive strength of the concrete must be verified after surface preparation by random pull-off testing (ACI 503R) at the discretion of the engineer. Minimum tensile strength, 200 psi (1.4 MPa) with concrete substrate failure.

**B-Tuff® Plate** should be cut with tools using a "shearing" force (e.g.) guillotine or heavy-duty shears. Care must be taken to support both sides of the **B-Tuff® Plate** to avoid splintering. A Skill saw may be used

with a diamond blade. Hacksaw or other abrasive cutting methods may also be used. Care must be taken to support the Plate on both sides to avoid splintering. (See caution).

### 1.09 MIXING

Consult **E-Tuff® Paste** technical data sheet for mixing and application information on epoxy resins

### 1.10 APPLICATION

All temperature conditions are acceptable when clean and dry. Apply the neat mixed PSI's Epoxy onto the concrete with a trowel or spatula to a nominal thickness of 1/16" (1.5 mm). Apply the mixed PSI's Epoxy onto the **B-Tuff® Plate** laminate with a "roof-shaped" spatula to a nominal thickness of 1/16" (1.5 mm). Within the open time of the epoxy, depending on the temperature, place the **B-Tuff® Plate** laminate onto the concrete surface. Using light finger pressure, position the laminate in the desired location with the adhesive-coated side against the substrate. Using a hard rubber roller and moderate pressure, press the laminate against the substrate until adhesive begins to exude from under both edges of the laminate. Remove excess adhesive with a steel trowel. Glue line should not exceed 1/8" (3 mm).

### 1.11 CURING

The structure and the external reinforcement must not be disturbed for a minimum of 24 hours and protected from rain and dust. The epoxy will reach its design strength after 7 days.

### 1.12 CLEANUP

Tools and Equipment: Clean tools with PSI's **100 Solvent** (ethyl alcohol, toluene, etc.) before the product dries.

### 1.13 STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

**B-Tuff® Plate** material should be stored between 40–95°F (4–35°C) in a cool, dry area away from direct sunlight. The shelf life of properly stored, unopened bags is 12 months from the date of manufacture. An excessive temperature differential and/or high humidity can shorten the shelf life expectancy.

### 1.14 LIMITATIONS

- Additional precautions, safety information, and first aid are contained in the Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
- Avoid hazards by following all precautions found in the Safety Data Sheets (SDS), product labels, and technical literature.

PHYSICALS	
Tensile Strength	290075 psi (> 2000 MPa avg)
Tensile Modulus	2 x 10 <sup>7</sup> psi (> 138 GPa)
Traverse Tensile Strength	4061 psi (> 28 MPa)
Compression Strength	194350 psi (1340 MPa)
Compression Modulus	2 x 10 <sup>7</sup> psi (> 130 GPa)
ILSS	7.97 x 10 <sup>6</sup> psi (55 GPa)
Flexural Strength	2.17 x 10 <sup>8</sup> psi (1500 GPa)
Flexural Modulus	1.96 x 10 <sup>7</sup> psi (135 GPa)

- Avoid prolonged skin contact.
- Do not dilute.
- DO NOT place at temperatures below 40°F (5°C) unless special provisions are followed.
- Wear protective gloves and goggles.

### 1.15 CAUTION

Wear protective gloves and goggles. Avoid prolonged skin contact. Extra care must be taken to avoid exposure to carbon dust. Caution **B-Tuff® Plate** laminate strips are non-reactive and fully cured. They do not require a material safety data sheet. However, caution must be used when handling the **B-Tuff® Plate** laminates since a fine "carbon dust" may be present on the strips. Gloves must, therefore, be worn to protect against skin irritation.

Caution must also be used when cutting **B-Tuff® Plate** laminates to protect against airborne carbon dust generated by the cutting procedure. Use of an appropriate, properly fitted NIOSH approved respirator is recommended.

**READ SDS PRIOR TO USING PRODUCT. FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. MADE IN THE USA.**

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