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# Why Dramix® SFRC



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### Dramix® 's application to industry floor

#### Dramix® SFRC generals

- A. Why using steel fibre in concrete
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#### Dramix® - steel fibre

#### Plain concrete

- ✓ High compressive strength
- ✓ Brittle material
- ✓ Low tensile strength

#### Tensile bending stresses can be taken up

- ✓ Either by bar/mesh
- ✓ Either by pre-stressing
- ✓ Either by fibre reinforcement

#### Dramix®, an innovative reinforcement



Floor

Road bridge Pavement



Pre-cast Lining



Shotcrete





Pre-cast pipe



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#### A. Why using steel fibre in concrete

- 1 Increase toughness-flexural strength
- 2 Impact resistance
- Resist crack formation
- 4 Shear strength
- 5 Energy absorption
- 6 Fatigue resistance
- 7 Durability





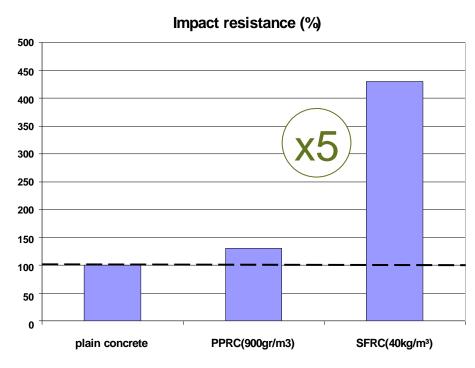
# 1 Increase toughness-flexural strength

Test set-up	Plain concrete	Dramix® concrete
beam-test	P no ductility	P   high ductility
	δ	δ



# 2 Increase impact resistance

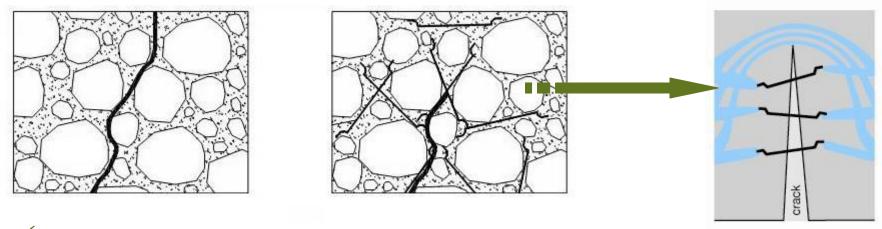




Postpone and reduce the crack happening and increase the post-crack stiffness and load carrying capacity.



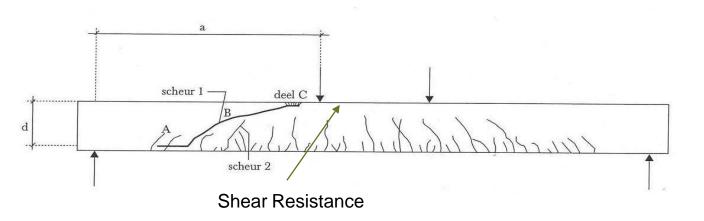
### 3 Resist crack formation



- ✓ High quantity and dispersion, make concrete ductility.
- ✓ A good ductility resist crack arising by temperature and shrinkage stress.
- High tensile strength ≥1100MPa and long anchorage.
- Well redistribute stress and keep crack fine.



# 4 Increase shear strength



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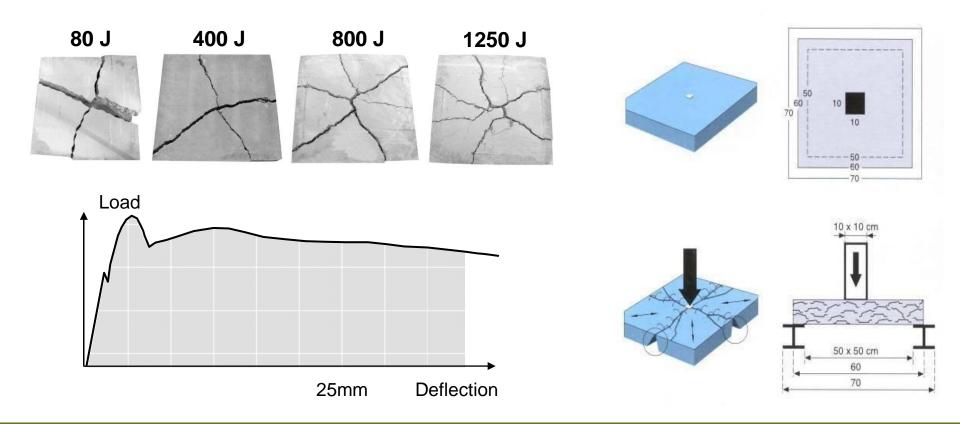
$$Vfcs = Vfc+Vsv - Vfc = Vc (1+\beta_v+\lambda_f)$$

20kg/m³ (0.25%), RC80/60BN, 12% increase!



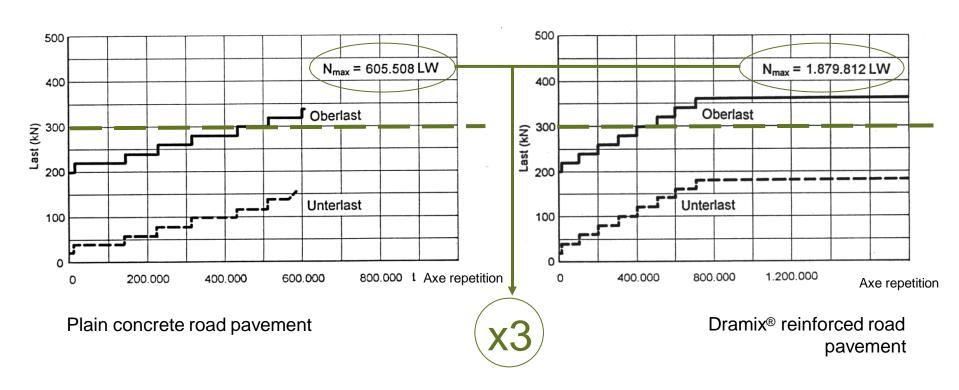


5 Increase energy absorption - Test set-up Efnarc-panel





## 6 Increase fatigue resistance



## 3x more Axe repetition



# Increase durability

- ✓ Small crack width avoids chloride ion penetration
- No concrete spalling problems due to small increase in volume if corroded fibres

**30** years old Dramix® galvanised fibres prove:

- ✓ no rust
- no spalling

Testpanels Decomo, Belgium Since 1980



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### B. Why using Dramix®



Cold drawn steel fibre



**Loose Steel Fibres** 



Shaved cold drawn wire

Different Type...

Different quality...

Why Dramix®?



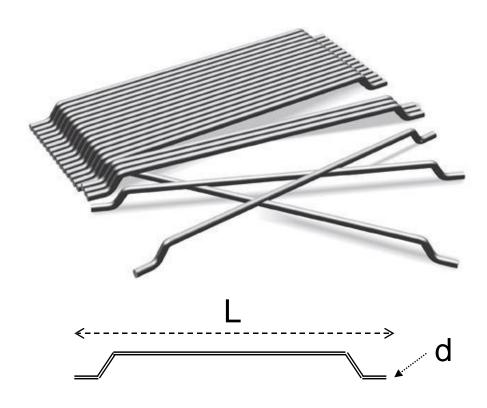
## B. Why using Dramix®



- 1 "Best in class" performance
- 2 Easy mixing due to glued concept
- 3 Stable Quality creates safety



### 1 "Best in Class" Performance



Dramix® fibres have a high I/d ratio, and therefore a high performance:

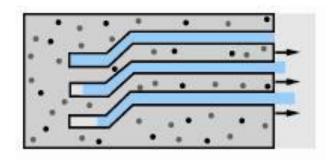
The higher the length, the more difficult to pull the fibres out of the concrete

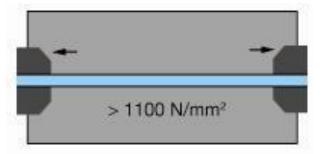
The lower the diameter, the more fibres in 1 m<sup>3</sup>, the denser the network.



### 1 "Best in Class" Performance







Hooked ends controlled pull-out (due to deformation of the hook).

High tensile strength.



#### 1

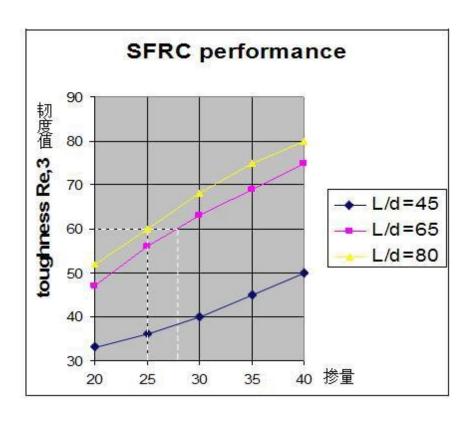
#### "Best in Class" Performance

RC-65/60-BN-I/d = 65 L = 200 m / kg

RC-80/60-BN-I/d = 80 L = 288 m / kg

#### Same performance

- **√ 25 kg** RC-**80**/60-BN
- ✓ 28 kg RC65/60-BN
- ✓ >40 kg RL45/50-BN





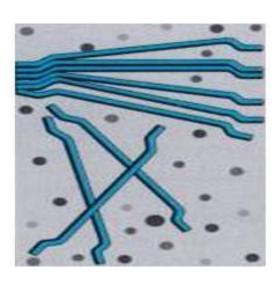


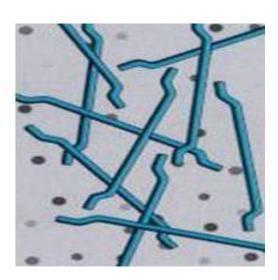


## 2 Easy mixing due to glued concept

#### How to Separate Uniformly









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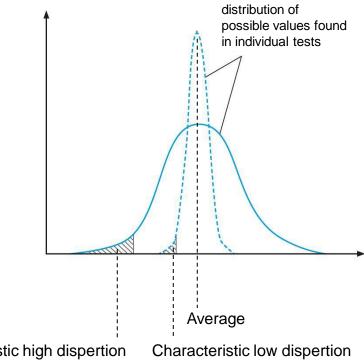


## Stable quality creates safety

- ✓ ISO 9001 production proces
- CE certified products with low tolerances

Translated in lower dispertion on test results

This allows to have higher characteristic design values



Characteristic high dispertion



## 3 Stable quality creates safety

Class 1 The difference between class 1 and class 3

Class 3

#### Field of use

#### Structural use

"Structural use of fibres is where the addition of fibres is designed to contribute to the load bearing capacity of a concrete element" (Copyright EN 14889-1)

#### Non structural use

#### Quality control

Initial type Testing (ITT) under the responsibility of the Notified certification Body

Initial and **Annually** Factory Production Control (FPC) assessment **by Notified Body** 

Certification institute → "Certificate of Conformity"

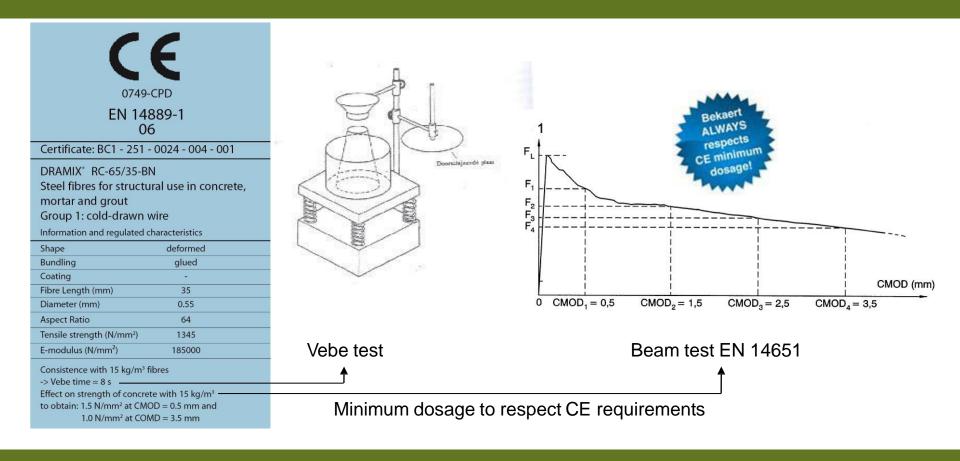
Initial Type Testing by a Notified Laboratory

Factory Production Control (FPC) under responsibility of **the manufacturer** 

The manufacturer creates and signs a "**Declaration of conformity** 



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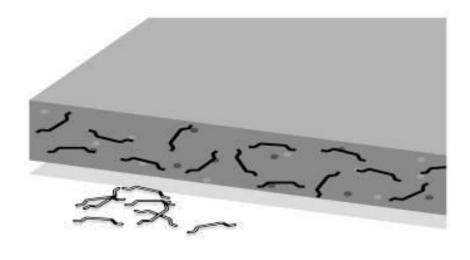
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#### Advantage of steel fibre floor compared with rebar/mesh



- ✓ Make a thinner floor
- Make a better floor

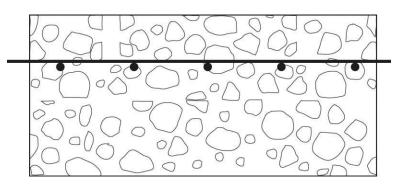
- ✓ Faster execution
- ✓ Greener floor

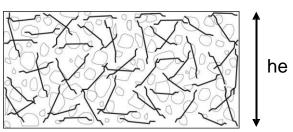




### Advantage of steel fibre floor compared with rebar/mesh

Make a thinner and CHEAPER floor than rebar reinforced





Need no concrete cover with SFRC

a thinner & cheaper floor for a given load





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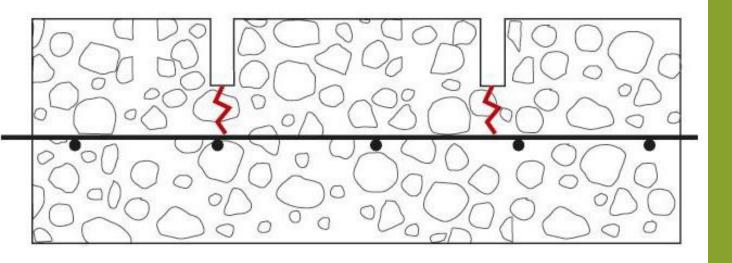
#### Make a BETTER floor than rebar reinforced

- A single mesh in the bottom is not working to avoid crack formation.
- 2 Dramix® delivers reinforcement everywhere
- 3 No unreinforced toplayer
- 4 No problems at joints
- 6 Creating durable floors
- 6 Avoid fixing problems afterwords





1 A single mesh in the bottom is not working to avoid crack formation



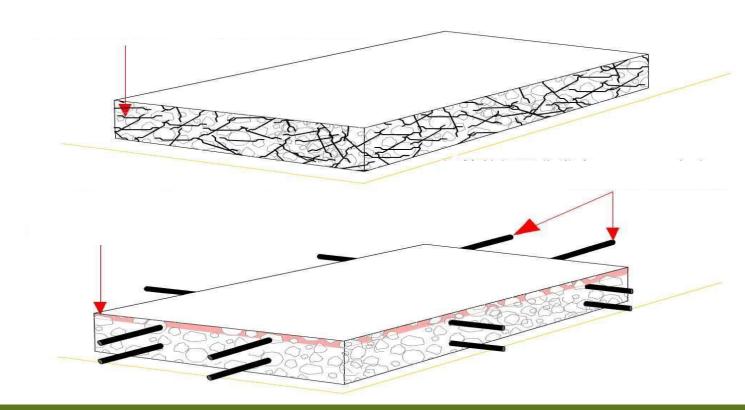
Reinforcement mesh is continue, joint is not working

allows uncontrolled cracks



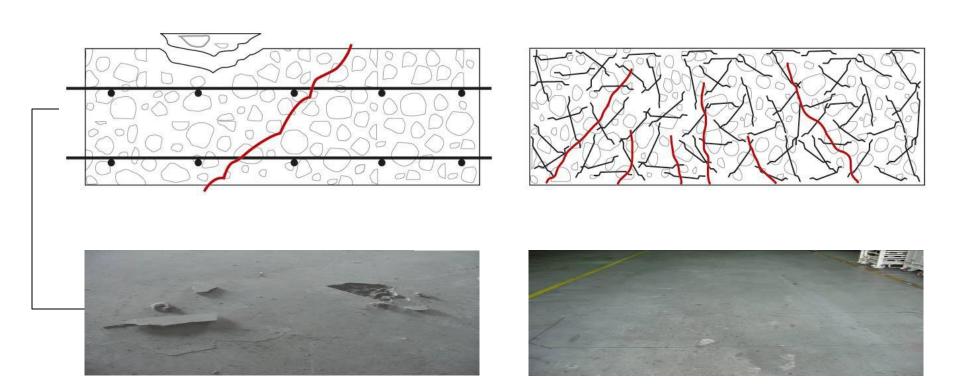


## 2 Dramix® delivers reinforcement everywhere





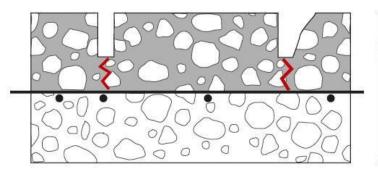
## 3 No unreinforced toplayer, avoiding spalling

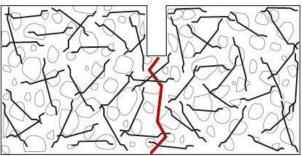




# 4 Avoid problems at joints

#### Concrete broken at slab joint

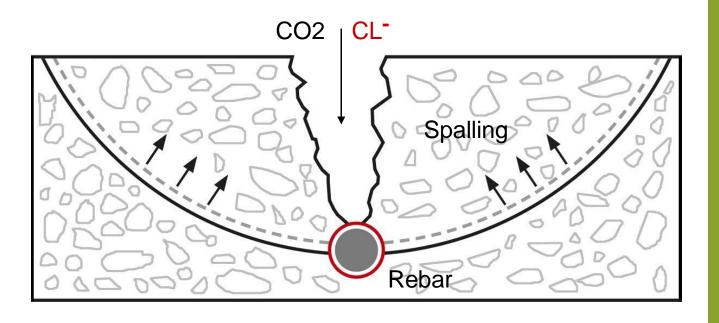








## 5 Creating durable floors



Create durable floors

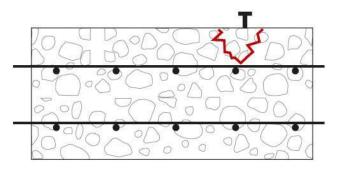
Minimalizing crack widths

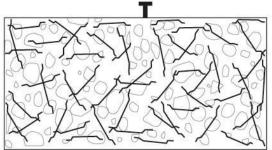
Avoid spalling



# 6 Avoid fixing problems

Easily install equipment such as rack etc.











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