Waterstop Installation Guide

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Waterstop Design- Purpose of Waterstop

... to prevent the passage of liquid through a joint













The goal...not this!







Waterstop Materials

- PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)
- Rubber SBR and Neoprene
- TPE-R (Thermoplastic Elastomeric Rubber)
- Polyethylene
- Stainless Steel

Not highly recommended for chemical containment

- Strip-applied Hydrophilic Rubber
- Strip-applied Hydrophilic Bentonite
- Strip-applied Mastic







Typical Waterstop Profile Options





Ribbed Centerbulb Profile



Ribs give good interlock and difficult fluid path

"The ribbed centerbulb is generally regarded as a universal type waterstop for application to both expansion and contraction joints. It's ability to accommodate both transverse and lateral movements provide an additional dimension of safety..." -Army COE Engineering Manual, Waterstops and Other Joint Materials





Gaps between concrete and waterstop create leak paths oncrete Loss of contact with





Construction



Purpose of Centerbulb?







Installation Procedures – Key Items for Success

- Installed prior to concrete placement
- Tie off to adjacent rebar through factoryinstalled grommets/hog rings
- Proper alignment with joint (centered in joint)
- Heat welded connections only
- Proper consolidation of concrete around waterstop
- Split-formwork often required



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Proper Concrete Coverage



Waterstop coverage = $\frac{1}{2}$ waterstop width



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Waterstop coverage = ½ waterstop



Waterstop must be installed prior to first pour – No "wet setting"







Correctly installed prior to first pour

Correctly installed prior to first pour



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Waterstop not tied off



Suspending Waterstop in Place





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Split-form bulkheads may be required







Waterstop Positioning – Must be centered on the joint



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Avoid Waterstop/Rebar Interference





Improper concrete consolidation



Gaps in Waterstop Design



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Standard Factory Fabrications

Factory Fabrications

Complex fabrications made in the shop leave only butt welds to be performed in the field





Incorrect corner splice







