

# TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

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**TAF000003C**  
Revision No:  
**2**

**This is to certify:**  
**that the FRP Grating**

with type designation(s)  
**Reinforced Plastic Molded Grating (Vi-Corr), Reinforced Plastic Molded Grating (ELS), Fiberglass Safe-T-Span  
Firewalk Phenolic Grating**

issued to  
**Fiberglass Composite Structures Inc.**  
**Stephenville, TX, USA**

is found to comply with  
**DNV statutory interpretations DNV-SI-0364 – SOLAS interpretations, Edition July 2021**  
**DNV rules for classification – Ships**  
**DNV offshore standards**

## Application:

**FRP grating for use in locations according to the Structural Fire Integrity Matrix.**

**Application is to be considered and accepted for each case/project.**

Issued at **Høvik** on **2024-05-10**

This Certificate is valid until **2029-05-09**.

DNV local unit: **Houston**

Approval Engineer: **Helge Bjørnara**

for **DNV**



Digitally Signed By:  
**Jowita Permoda**

Location: **DNV Gdynia, Poland**

This Certificate is subject to terms and conditions overleaf. Any significant change in design or construction may render this Certificate invalid.  
The validity date relates to the Type Approval Certificate and not to the approval of equipment/systems installed.

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### Product description

“Reinforced Plastic Molded Grating (Vi-Corr)”,  
 molded fiberglass grating using vinyl ester resin.

Weight: 12.2 - 24.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Structural Fire Integrity Level: L0 (may be used where fire integrity L0 is acceptable)

“Reinforced Plastic Molded Grating (ELS)”,  
 molded fiberglass grating using acrylic-modified polyester resin.

Weight: 12.2 - 24.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Structural Fire Integrity Level: L0 (may be used where fire integrity L0 is acceptable)

“Fibergrate Safe-T-Span Firewalk Phenolic Grating, 38 mm deep, 40-60% open area”,  
 pultruded fiberglass grating using phenolic resin.

Maximum length of unsupported grating: 1118 mm

Weight: 19.0 - 27.3 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Structural Fire Integrity Level: L2 (may be used where fire integrity L2, L3 and L0 are acceptable)

Manufactured at the premises of Fibergrate Mexico, El Marques, Queretaro, CP. 76246 Mexico.

### Application/Limitation

The FRP grating is only evaluated in accordance with fire technical requirements. Other requirements such as strength etc. has to be evaluated in each case.

The FRP grating is for use in locations according to the below Structural Fire Integrity Matrix.

Structural Fire Integrity Matrix (ASTM F3059-18):

Location	Service	Fire Integrity
Machinery Spaces	Walkways or areas which may be used for escape, or access for firefighting, emergency operation or rescue	L1 <sub>A</sub>
	Personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas other than those described above	L3
Cargo Pump Rooms	All personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas	L1
Cargo Holds	Walkways or areas which may be used for escape, or access for firefighting, emergency operation or rescue	L1
	Personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas other than those described above	L0
Cargo Tanks	All personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas	L0 <sub>B</sub>
Fuel Oil Tanks	All personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas	L0
Ballast Water Tanks	All personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas	L0
Cofferdams, void spaces, double bottoms, pipe tunnels, etc.	All personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas	L0 <sub>C</sub>
Accommodation, service, and control spaces	All personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas	Not permitted
Lifeboat embarkation or temporary safe refuge stations in open deck areas	All personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas	L2
Open Decks or semi-enclosed areas	Operational areas and access routes for deck foam firefighting systems on tank vessels	L2
	Walkways and areas that may be used for escape, or access for firefighting systems and AFFF hose reels, emergency operation, or rescue on MODUs and production platforms including safe access to tanker bows	L2 <sub>D</sub>
	Walkways or areas that may be used for escape or access for firefighting, emergency operation or rescue other than those used above	L3
	Personnel walkways, catwalks, ladders, platforms or access areas other than those described above	L3
	Gangway for safe access to bow on tankers according to IMO MSC.62(67)	L2 <sub>E</sub>

**Footnote:**

- A. If machinery space does not contain any internal combustion machinery, other oil burning, oil heating or oil pumping units, fuel oil filling stations, or other potential hydrocarbon fire sources and has not more than 2.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup> of combustible storage, gratings of L3 integrity may be used in lieu of L1.
- B. Gratings that are electrically conductive shall be required. Acceptance criteria for resistance per unit length and to earth is: < 0.1 M Ω to earth. Test standard ASTM D257-91, ref. DNV-CP-0070 "Fibre reinforced thermosetting plastic piping systems - Non-metallic materials".
- C. For passenger ships required to meet the safe return to port regulations, MSC.1/Circ.1369 Interpretation No. 8 to be specially considered to determine if it is a space in which the risk of a fire originating is negligible or not.
- D. Tested with furnace temperature curve according to ASTM E119 (i.e. not tested for Hydrocarbon or Jet fire exposure).
- E. Also required to be tested according to IMO 2010 FTP Code Part 5 and 2 for floor covering (IMO MSC.1/Circ.1504).

This Certificate does not cover testing of the FRP grating subjected to Hydrocarbon or Jet fire exposure. DNV recommend that for any area where FRP grating is arranged and with possible exposure to Hydrocarbon or Jet fire, Risk Assessment is conducted to ensure that the use of FRP does not have any negative effect with respect to Escape, Safe Evacuation, Firefighting and Escalation of the original fire incident.

Each product to be supplied with its manual for installation and use.

### **Type Approval documentation**

Certification in accordance with Class Programme DNV-CP-0338, September 2021.

Test report No. 14-06425 dated 27 June 2014 from Commercial Testing Company, Georgia. (Vi-Corr)  
Test report No. 14-09144 dated 15 September 2014 from Commercial Testing Company, Georgia. (ELS)  
Test report No. 104962836SAT-017 R1 dated 1 December 2023 from Intertek, Texas, USA.  
Test report No. 104962836SAT-014D dated 7 September 2022 from Intertek, Texas, USA.  
Test report No. 105325888SAT-002 dated 20 February 2023 from Intertek, Texas, USA.

### **Tests carried out**

Tested according to ASTM F3059, Section 16 and 17.

### **Marking of product**

Each FRP grating shall be marked as a minimum with the brand and the appropriate fire rating (L1, L2, L3 or L0). The label shall be moulded into the grating or included on a permanently attached label.

### **Periodical assessment**

DNV's surveyor is to be given permission to perform Periodical Assessments at any time during the validity of this certificate and at least every second year. The arrangement is to be in accordance with procedure described in Class Programme DNV-CP-0338, Section 4.