NIPPON STEEL

CORSPACE Sn-Added Advanced Weathering Steel

Any steel structure exposed to a corrosive environment, such as salt laden air, must be designed to give optimum long term performance with a minimal level of normal maintenance. Conventional steel used in corrosive environments requires a protective coating to be applied in accordance with AS/NZS 2312. Bridges are commonly designed for a 100 year service life. In coastal environments with salt laden air, corrosion is accelerated, requiring higher maintenance levels and regular repainting over the service life.

CORSPACE is very similar to conventional steel, the notable difference is the addition of Tin (Sn) in its formulation. CORSPACE requires protective coating in high corrosion environments with the same coating systems as apply to conventional steel. However, the modified chemical composition of CORSPACE extends the period before repainting is required by suppressing corrosion in areas where flaws or defects in the coating occur. This applies when heavy duty zinc coating systems are used as well as regular paint coatings.

Fig. 1. Appearance of coated samples of Steel & CORSPACE after severe corrosion laboratory test.

	40 cy.	80 cy.	120 cy.	
Conventional	X	X		
CORSPACE	X	X	X	

Zinc coating systems have the best performance in high corrosion zones. Testing with repeated salt washing shows the significant extra corrosion resistance of CORSPACE compared to conventional steel with the same zinc coating system applied.

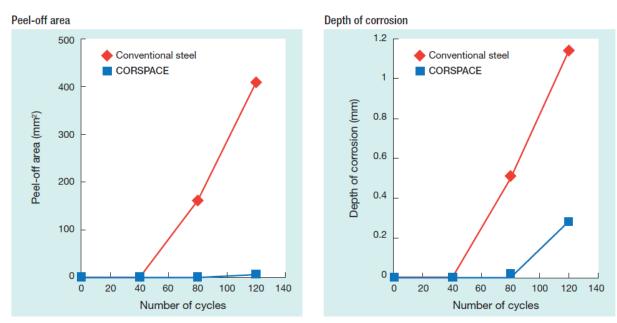


Fig. 2. Comparative Results of Changes to Defects on Zinc System coatings on Steel & CORSPACE after Repeated Washing Cycles.

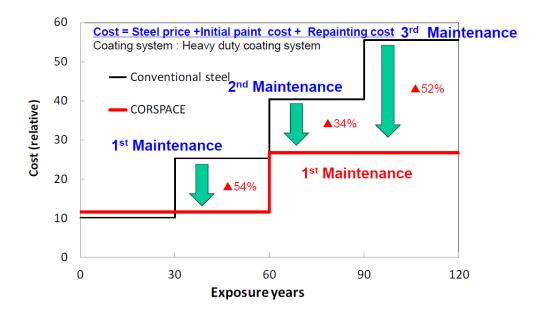
The use of CORSPACE can extend the coating cycle to about double that of conventional steel under the same coating/installation environment. So, while conventional steel requires re-painting usually three times over its serviceable life, CORSPACE can reduce the re-coat to once and approximately halve the life maintenance costs.

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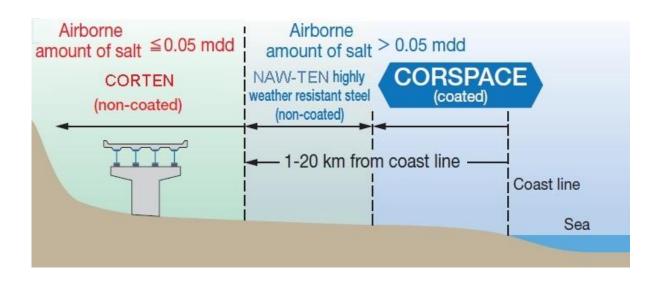
Fig. 3. Protection and Maintenance Costs for a Bridge constructed with CORSPACE compared to Conventional Steel over Serviceable Life.

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As a general guideline, **CORSPACE** is most suitable for use in New Zealand's Corrosion Zones C4 and C5 in areas which are not suitable for NAW-TEN coastal weathering steels, or if a painted surface is required for aesthetic reasons.



CORSPACE Classification

CORSPACE complies with the JIS standards required for steel used in bridge fabrication, corresponding to the tensile strength of class 400-570 N/mm2, as follows. Note: **SBHS** are Steels for High Performance Bridge Structure.

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Type/Brand	Plate Thickness (mm)	JIS Classification	
SM400 - CORSPACE	6 - 200	JIS G3106	
SM490 - CORSPACE	6 - 200	JIS G3106	
SM520 - CORSPACE	6 - 100	JIS G3106	
SM570 - CORSPACE	6 - 100	JIS G3106	
SBHS400 - CORSPACE	6 - 100	JIS G3140	
SBHS500 - CORSPACE	6 - 100	JIS G3140	

CORSPACE Connections - Welding & Bolting

Welding consumables and high strength bolts with matched chemical compositions are specified by Nippon Steel Corporation to prevent different corrosion rates and appearances of weld metal to parent metal.

Steel	Type of Steel	Covered Arc	Solid Wire	Flux Cored Wire		Welding Material for	
Material	(Tensile	All Positions		All Positions	Fillet	Butt	Fillet
	Strength)						
CORSPACE	SM400	L-55·PX	YM-26·PX	SF-1·PX	SM-1F·PX	YF-15 × Y-	YF-800 ×
	SM490					D·PX	Y-D·PX
	SBHS400					DTX	
	SM520	-	YM-55C·PX	-	-	YF-15B × Y-	NF-820 ×
	SM570	I I-60-PX	YM-60C·PX	SF-60·PX	SM-60F·PX	YF-15B × Y-	NF-820 ×
	SBHS500					DM·PX	Y-DM·PX

CORSPACE can prolong the life of, and reduce the lifetime costs of, large steel structures used in coastal areas including bridges, industrial buildings or large equipment.



Higashiharima–Nanboku Road (Mizuashi Shintsuji No. 5 Elevated Bridge) built in 2012.



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