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### IMPROVING THE PRODUCTION OF REINFORCING BARS OF STRENGTH CLASS 500-600 MPA WITH IMPROVED PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES ON THE EXAMPLE OF EUROPEAN STANDARDS

### УДОСКОНАЛЕННЯ ВИРОБНИЦТВА АРМАТУРНОГО ПРОКАТУ КЛАСУ МІЦНОСТІ 500–600 МПА З ПІДВИЩЕНИМИ ЕКСПЛУАТАЦІЙНИМИ ВЛАСТИВОСТЯМИ НА ПРИКЛАДІ СТАНДАРТІВ ЄВРОПЕЙСЬКИХ КРАЇН

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The modern use of metal products in the construction of civil and industrial facilities, as well as special facilities (nuclear power plants, marine terminals, high-rise buildings, etc.) is focused on the use of reinforced bars (RB) with a wide range of high performance (consumer) properties. This is especially true when it comes to construction in regions with difficult climatic and seismic conditions. Therefore, in the standards of a number of European countries for RB [1; 2], several categories of plastic properties of finished products were specifically introduced. At the same time, the main criteria that determine the applicability of RB in construction are the characteristics of strength (yield point –  $\sigma_T$  or  $\sigma_{0.2}$ ) and plasticity – relative uniform elongation ( $\delta_p$ ) or full relative elongation at maximum load ( $\delta_{max}$ ), as well as the ratio of temporary resistance to the yield point ( $\sigma_V/\sigma_T$ ). Their level is normalized into three groups, which determines the applicability of RB for critical structures, depending on climatic and seismic conditions [1]. The higher are the characteristics of  $\delta_{max}$  and  $\sigma_V/\sigma_T$ , the more reliable are the RB. Therefore, the constant tightening of requirements in the building constructions sets the task for metallurgists to create new cost-efficient steels for mass use. Products from these steels should have high performance properties such as controlled durability while maintaining plasticity in a wide temperature range, increased fatigue strength under static and dynamic loads, corrosion resistance, etc. Among some new performance properties of RB, that are yet to be reflected in the standards, are characteristics such as fire resistance and fire safety. The latter, as well-known events have shown, are especially relevant in countries where terrorist activity is observed (USA, New York, 2001) or in countries with a high probability of potential hostilities (for example, the war in Ukraine).

The purpose of this paper is to develop proposals for improving the production of RB of strength class 500-600 MPa with enhanced performance properties based on a comparative analysis of the requirements for mechanical properties for RB in the national standard of Ukraine [3] with similar requirements in the standards of some European countries [1; 2].

In the national standard of Ukraine [3] amended as of 2019, a number of changes were implemented for requirements for the chemical composition of steel and the magnitudes of mechanical properties. Some new indicators of properties were also introduced, which were absent in the 2006 standard edition. To produce weldable RB, the maximum allowable carbon content and carbon equivalent in steel were reduced. At the same time, the nitrogen content in steel is not limited when the content of aluminum and titanium is more than

0.020%. The last clarification will be used further in the development of an innovative proposal for improving the production of RB. The table below contains Ukraine's and European countries' standards to the minimum level of normalized mechanical properties of RB.

Table

**Requirements for RB in the standards of European countries and Ukraine**

Country, standard number	Strength class	Mechanical properties indicators				
		$\sigma_T$ , H/MM <sup>2</sup>	$\sigma_v$ , H/MM <sup>2</sup>	$\sigma_v/\sigma_T$	$\delta_5$ , %	$\delta_{max}$ , %
United Kingdom, BS4449:2005	B500A	500	525	1,05	12	2,5
	B500B	500	540	1,08	14	5,0
	B500C	500	575	1,15-1,35	-	7,5
Germany, DIN 488-1-2009	Bst500	500	550	1,08	18	5,0
	Bst600	600	670	1,08	15	5,0
Ukraine, DSTU 3760:2019	A500C	500	600	1,08	14	5,0
	A500E	500	-	1,15-1,35	-	7,5
	A600C	600	700	1,08	12	5,0

Previously, the main way to increase the strength properties of RB was by changing the chemical composition of steel (increase in alloying elements) and by the manufacturing technology (thermal hardening) of finished products. While at present, attention is paid to the formation of the internal structure of products to improve their performance properties by microalloying steel by implementing carbonitride hardening (CNH). Traditionally, CHN is carried out by introducing vanadium, niobium, molybdenum or other scarce elements into steel, which greatly increased the cost of RB.

When improving the production of RB with a strength class of 500-600 MPa by implementing CNH, in order to increase the nitrogen content in steel the authors proposed to carry out microalloying of steel with a set of nitrogen-titanium-aluminum. As a result, the production of RB is carried out of steel with a high nitrogen content at the following ratio of components, wt., %: carbon 0.14–0.28; silicon 0.05–0.90; manganese 0.50–1.60; aluminum 0.025–0.060; titanium 0.020–0.035; nitrogen 0.012–0.028; the rest is iron and inevitable impurities. This ratio is consistent with the requirements of the standard [3]. With this ratio of components, it is possible to form evenly distributed over the volume Ti(C,N) and AlN carbonitrides in size from 15–20 nm to 1–2  $\mu\text{m}$ . Thus, it allows to achieve the level of the following operational properties: characteristics of deformability –  $\delta_p \geq 5.0\%$  and  $\sigma_v/\sigma_T \geq 1.15$ ; impact strength  $KCV^{-60} \geq 30 \text{ J/cm}^2$ ; fire resistance and fire safety

threshold of at least 500 °C (Application for utility model u2023 03571 dated July 24, 2023 (Ukraine). Ivchenko A. V., Nurumgaliev A.Kh., Zuiev O. V. and others: Production of reinforcing bars with improved performance properties for ferroconcrete structures).

Thus, the proposed improvement in the production of welded reinforcing bars for reinforced concrete structures with increased performance properties, such as deformability, cold resistance, fire resistance and fire safety from nitrogen micro alloyed steels, will significantly increase reliability of structures during construction in seismically active regions or with large temperature differences.

At the same time, it is more promising, rational and economically justified to carry out carbonitride hardening of reinforcing bars of strength class 500–600 MPa by modifying steel with the “nitrogen – titanium – aluminum” system.

### **Conclusion**

1. A comparative analysis of the data presented in the table showed that the requirements for mechanical properties of RB of strength class 500-600 MPa according to the standards of European countries and Ukraine are almost the same.

2. Production in Ukraine of RB from steel additionally alloyed with nitrogen (via carbonitride hardening) will allow achieving a combination of both high strength and plastic characteristics of products at the level of requirements of European standards (BS 4449, DIN 488).

3. The production of RB with enhanced performance properties from steel that is micro alloyed with the nitrogen-titanium-aluminum set excludes the use of expensive carbide-forming elements (vanadium, niobium, molybdenum) and increases the competitiveness of products in the domestic and European markets.

4. The use of steel of specified composition makes it possible to produce RB of a strength class of 500-600 MPa, both in hot-rolled and in a thermo-mechanically strengthened state. The use of RB in the hot-rolled state, in comparison with the thermo-mechanically hardened state, guarantees increased weldability and less damage from corrosion.

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