

SUPER DUPLEX STAINLESS STEEL

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

Swimming pool support structures, Strands for mast rigging, Architectural support / restraint structures, Marine environment towing, mooring and equipment deployment, Architectural / corrosion environment balustrades, Lifting equipment, pulley and support systems in chemical process industries, Civil engineering structure components.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

AMINOX 255 strand and wire rope are produced from high performance stainless steel wire, this wire having been drawn from FERRINOX 255 (see separate data sheet) rod coil. FERRINOX 255 is described as a super duplex (austenitic / ferritic) stainless steel that combines high mechanical strength and good ductility with outstanding resistance to corrosion in marine conditions and a wide, diverse range of industrial environments. The alloy contains 25.5% chromium, 6% nickel with significant additions of molybdenum, copper and nitrogen and has been very successfully employed over many years in the form of bar, plate and forgings in applications in Defence, Oil & gas production, Chemicals processing, Nuclear engineering and Architecture.

Now, with the availability of AMINOX 255 strand and wire rope (covered by UK patent 2354264B) in this high grade stainless steel, there is a choice. It is possible to specify high performance products that have been specifically developed for demanding corrosive environments as an alternative to standard, lower strength / less corrosion resistant products in, for example, type 316 stainless steel. AMINOX 255 1x19 strand has been employed successfully for up to five years for swimming pool flume supports in a pool where flume supports in Type 316 had corroded and severely degraded after less than two years service (please see comparative photographs overleaf). It has also been installed for swimming pool ducting supports and diver training harnesses (a project list is available upon request).

MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

- UNS S32550 (chemical composition)
- EN 10088 1.4507 (chemical composition)

AVAILABILITY

Strand – 6, 8 and 10mm 1x19 available from stock. Other strand constructions and compact strand available to order. Wire rope – Available to order – please enquire.

CORROSION RESISTANCE

AMINOX 255, with a PReN (pitting resistance equivalent) of ≥ 40.0 , offers high resistance to pitting and crevice corrosion in seawater and other chloride ion containing environments and to general corrosion in acidic and many other industrial environments. AMINOX 255 1x19 strands have proved to be an ideal choice for the support of flumes and ducting in swimming / leisure complex pools. Dramatic changes in the past few decades in the nature of swimming

pool equipment, for example, the advent of flumes, has resulted in the need for stainless steel products with the ability to perform reliably in 'safety critical' areas. Also changes in operating environments within pool halls such as higher water/air temperatures, the addition of turbulent water features and greater reliance upon chlorine based disinfectants combined with pool water contamination from bathers has resulted in potentially highly corrosive conditions. AMINOX 255 successfully resists these conditions and the phenomenon of stress corrosion cracking to which 300 series stainless steels can be susceptible. There have been several examples since the mid 1980's of catastrophic failure, attributed to stress corrosion cracking, of load bearing, safety critical components produced in Type 304 and 316 steels.

PRODUCT ATTRIBUTES

High inherent corrosion resistance

Outstanding pitting/crevice corrosion resistance

Excellent corrosion resistance in acids

Highly resistant to stress corrosion cracking

High resistance to chloramines at high temperature/humidity

High mechanical strength

Good fatigue strength

High modulus of elasticity

CUSTOMER BENEFITS

No need to protect by surface coating or sheathing

Ideal for oil & gas, defence and marine application

Ideal for chemical industry application

Suitable for highly loaded components in chloride environments

Suitable for use for 'safety critical' supports in swimming pools

Scope to use smaller diameters and associated fittings \Rightarrow weight savings

Applicable for cyclically loaded assemblies

Low propensity to elastic stretch

FITTINGS

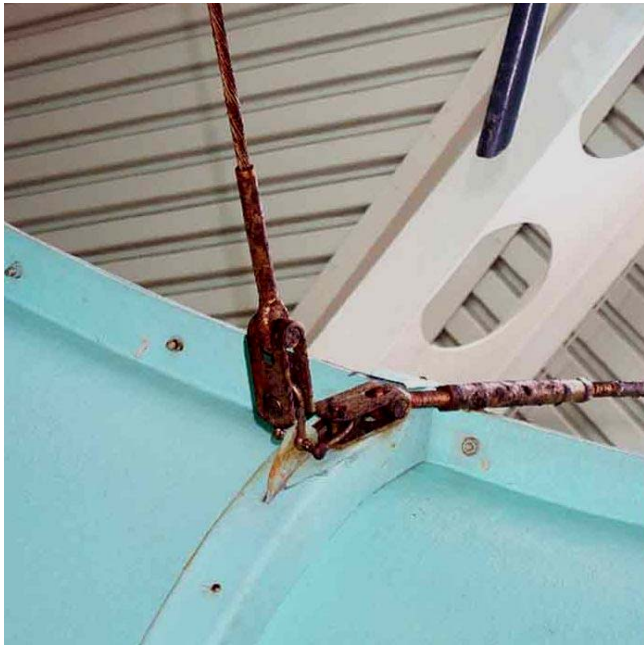
Compression and swage end fittings, turnbuckles and other fittings are available to order in FERRINOX 255. These fittings are completely compatible with AMINOX 255 strand / wire rope, both being produced in a material of identical highly alloyed chemical composition, and are over twice as strong as similarly sized fittings in type 316 stainless steel.

APPLICATION EXAMPLE

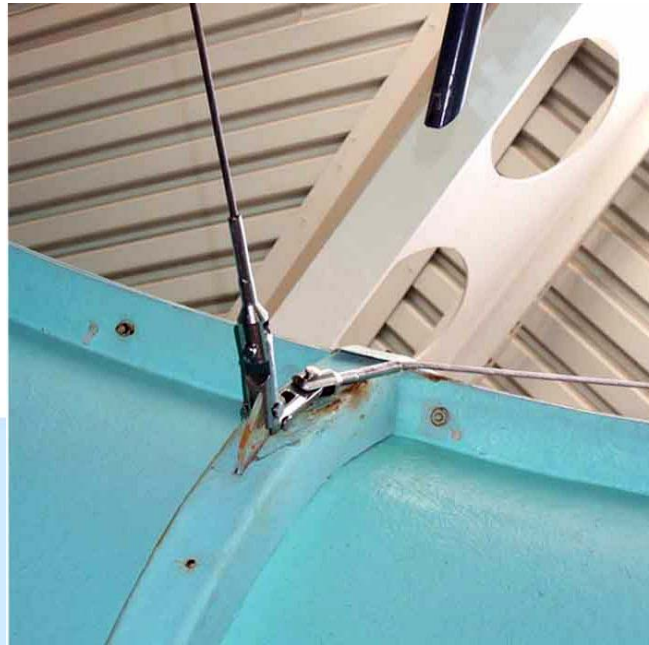
A typical application for AMINOX 255 is support strands for high chlorine environments such as swimming pools. The images overleaf show a support strand (and fitting) manufactured from type 316L stainless steel showing severe corrosion after less than 2 years in service. To the right is the same component manufactured from AMINOX 255 after more than five years service.

TYPE 316L STAINLESS STEEL

AMINOX 255 SUPER DUPLEX STEEL



Severe corrosion / catastrophic degradation after less than two years in service



Completely corrosion free after more than five years in service

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

Weight (%)	C	Mn	Si	S	P	Cr	Ni	Mo	Cu	N	Fe	PREn
Min.						24.00	5.50	3.00	1.50	0.15	Bal	40.0
Max	0.04	1.50	1.00	0.030	0.040	27.00	6.50	3.90	2.50	0.25		

$PREn = Cr \% + 3.3Mo\% + 16N\%$

MINIMUM BREAKING LOADS (1x19 strand)

Strand diameter (mm)	AMINOX 255 (Kg)	AMINOX 255 (KN)	Type 316 steel (KN)	Type 316 steel (Kg)
6	3,640	33.9	2,880	28.2
8	5,750	56.4	4,640	45.5
10	8,950	87.8	7,250	71.1
12	12,900	126.5	10,400	102.0

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Wire density at 20 ⁰ C		7.81	Kg/dm ³
Strand (1x19) weight	6mm diam.	172.6	Kg/1000m
	8mm diam.	311.7	Kg/1000m
	10mm diam.	486.3	Kg/1000m
	12mm diam.	706.4	Kg/1000m
Magnetic permeability		33	

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