

STRUCTURAL STRENGTHENING



- design ■
- structural assessment ■
- pultruded plate installation ■
- FRP composite wrap installation ■

CRL IS A NATIONWIDE specialist contractor for the design and installation of FRP composite strengthening schemes for steel, concrete, masonry and cast iron structures. We have been established since 1955 and operate across the UK through a network of 5 regional offices.

CRL was the first company in the UK to use FRP composites for strengthening concrete in 1996. We have played a key role in developing the technique and assisted with the development of standards and guidance documents for the design, installation and management of composite systems. NEEDS ANOTHER TEN WORDS
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- Strengthening design
- Structural assessments
- Pultruded plate installation
- Wet and dry lay wrap systems
- Near surface mounted (NSM) strengthening
- Fire protection
- Overlays
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FRP COMPOSITES are a combination of fibres and polymer based resin which form a structural material which is both lightweight and durable. The resin transfers the stress between the fibres and also protects

them. There is variety of generic resins and fibres which can be used but primarily carbon or aramid fibres are used with epoxy resins. These materials have been

successfully used in many industries for over 60 years. NEEDS ANOTHER 40 WORDS! NEEDS ANOTHER 40 WORDS! NEEDS ANOTHER 40 WORDS! NEEDS ANOTHER 40 WORDS! NEEDS ANOTHER 40 WORDS!

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THERE ARE TWO methods for composite strengthening:

1. Plate bonding where the composite plates, which are usually carbon fibre reinforced, are manufactured off site and then bonded to the structure using epoxy adhesives.
2. FRP wrap where on site the dry fibre fabric is either rolled into the wet resin on the structure surface (dry lay) or the resin is applied to the fibre fabric which is then applied to the structure (wet lay).

Understandably quality control is easier with plates manufactured off site but for strengthening around beams and columns the wrap system is the only solution. In both cases there are strict quality control procedures to follow. CRL is qualified to design and install using both techniques and approved by the leading material suppliers.



CRL CONTINUE to lead the construction industry in the innovative use of FRP composites. We have strengthened many concrete, steel, masonry and cast iron structures in the last 20 years using a combination of techniques and worked closely with Universities to enhance our knowledge and understanding of these materials and their long term performance. Our largest project has been the installation of 15 KM of CFRP plates to strengthen floors in an office building. Recently we have started to develop the use of FRP composites for new bridge structures and replacement decks. These are lightweight, manufactured off site, quick to install and durable. A sustainable solution for the modern construction industry.

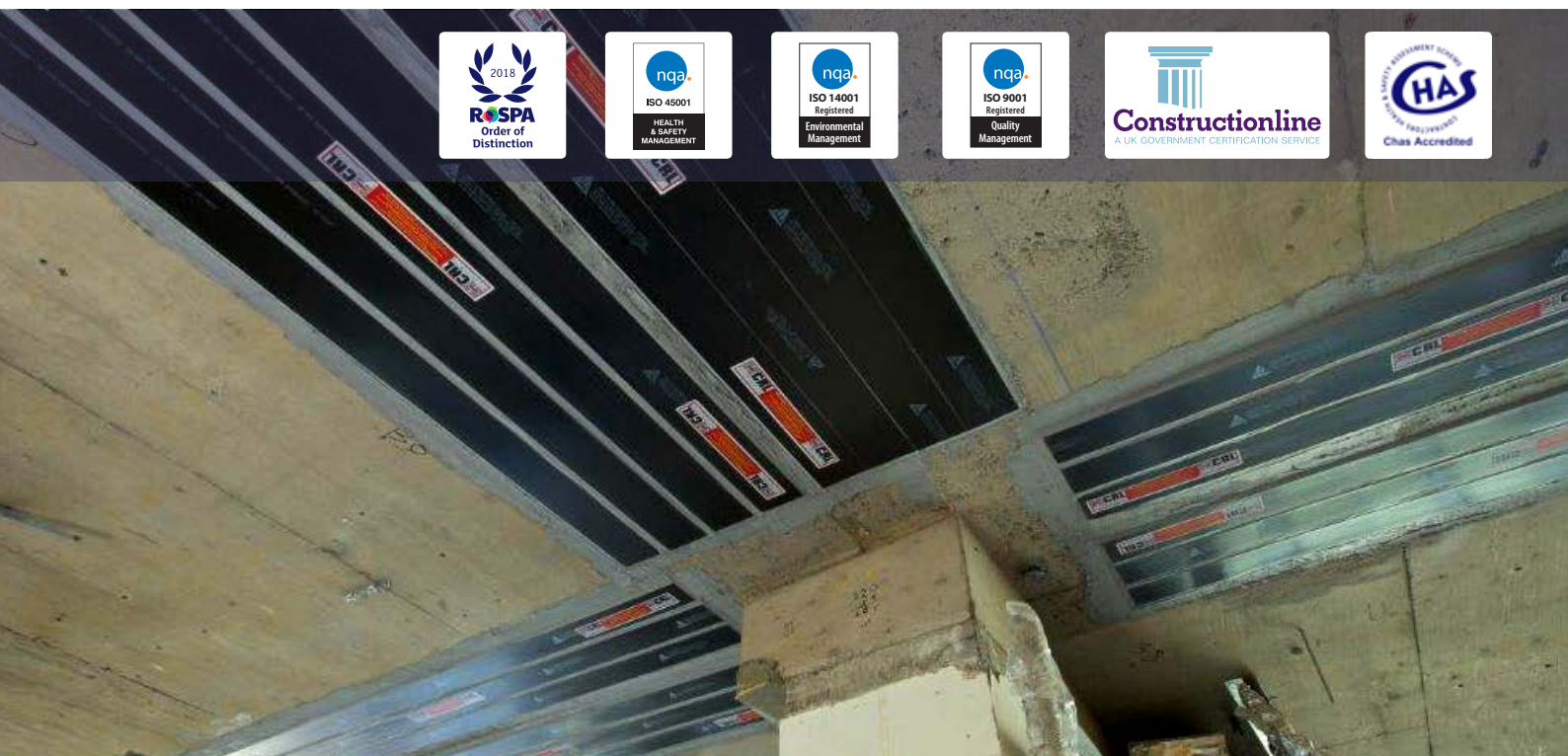
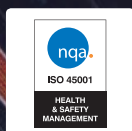


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