Design and Durability



The deterioration of structures, structural elements and components over time is inevitable. It is possible however to predict the state of deterioration on several factors, namely: materials used in construction, severity of the surrounding environment and deterioration mechanisms present. Therefore, tools such as durability design, durability assessments and durability planning are vital elements in minimising the long-term corrosion risks of any asset.

Durability design is the practice of minimising the overall cost of the total design life of structural components taking into account both the ongoing maintenance required to achieve long term performance, and the maximum design life. The most efficient designs from a durability and corrosion perspective are generated by incorporating corrosion mitigation techniques and engineered materials selection to enhance the effectiveness of the design process, in the effort to reduce long term expenditure on asset protection and maintenance.



Extrin has extensive experience in assessing durability issues for a wide range of assets including large scale mining structures, desalination plants and port facilities, to smaller scale residential and commercial buildings. Extrin can provide practical advice of what material will be suitable for use within the proposed location, taking into account all macro and micro environments which will be present. Extrin has a diverse knowledge base and can provide comment on a wide variety of construction materials such as concrete, metals, composite materials and protective coatings.

Extrin understands the benefits of durability design and planning in construction. Our approach to durability planning encompasses the following key criteria:



Risk of Deterioration



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Cost of Control Stratagies

Cost of Preventative Measures

Our understanding of durability allows us to deliver a wellbalanced and optimised whole life cost design.



What extrin can do...



Durability Plans
Materials Selection
Protective Coatings
Waterproofing membranes and sealants
Concrete Mix Design and Performance Criteria
Modeling of Deterioration Parameters
Cathodic Protection and Prevention
Chemical Attack Resistance Concrete

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