

Uniquely Engineered Electrodes and Wires Designed to Resist Severe Cavitation-Erosion Damage

CaviTec™



WELDING



- Extends the service life of hydro-turbine blades
- Reduces maintenance costs
- Available as stick electrode (SMA) or cored wire (GMA)
- Outlasts 308/309 stainless steel by up to six times
- High integrity weld deposits
- Free from micro-cracking
- Readily profiled and contoured

Castolin Eutectic®
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Description

A patented, proprietary alloy uniquely engineered to resist damage from severe cavitation-erosion, CaviTec is manufactured under license from Hydro-Quebec-Canada. CaviTec, with its enhanced properties, is an austenitic-type alloy containing controlled amounts of chromium, cobalt, silicon and manganese. The finely controlled balance of these elements significantly improves strain-hardening and shock-dampening properties. The result: improved cavitation-erosion resistance.

CaviTec is proven to last up to six times longer than traditional stainless steel overlays. This high strain, work-hardening austenitic stainless steel delivers maximum protection for areas needing frequent or major repairs. CaviTec's all position weldability also makes controlled overlapping and profiling very easy to do.

Essentially an austenitic γ -phase structure. This metastable phase transforms under cyclical stress to an α -martensitic phase which results in a very fine deformation twinning.

Typical applications

For use on...

- Francis turbines
- Draft tubes
- Kaplan turbines
- Impellers
- Propeller turbines
- Pumps & valves
- Bulb turbines
- Wicket gates

Technical data

SMA AND GMA	
Typical Hardness (HV ₅₀)	250-280 - As deposited 270-300 - Work hardened 230-260 - 308/309 stainless steel
Typical Work (HV ₅₀)	400-450 Work hardened
Polarity for SMA	AC ~ or (-)

Recommended welding procedure*:

Preparation: Remove damaged area with arc-air or plasma gouging. Grind gouged surface to remove oxides and slag. Minimum depth of preparation should be 3,2 mm or 1/8". If the refill depth is greater than 9,5 mm or 3/8" first fill with a grade 309L. This preparation is needed to maintain a maximum CaviTec deposit depth of 9,5 mm or 3/8".

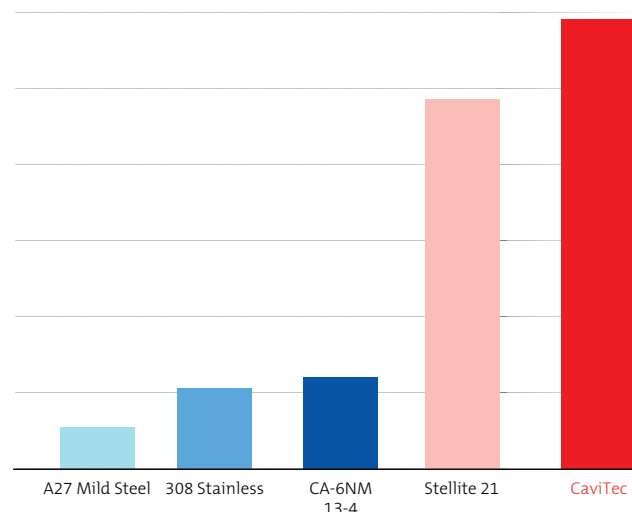
Technique: Maintain a medium-to-short arc and incline the electrode at a 45° angle in the direction of travel. The preferred bead profile should be a non-weave. Back-fill craters to reduce crater-cracking tendencies.

Parameters: Full information package available on www.castolin.com/product/endotec-cavitec-gma.

Post-welding: Grind to profile.

(* In highly stressed regions of the turbine runner it is recommended that a buttering layer of 309L be deposited. In such cases, the minimum depth of preparation should be increased to 1/4" (6mm).)

Relative cavitation-erosion resistance



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