

#### **Innovative Features**

- Core Technology:
  - Frictional Press
- Patent (if applicable):
  - 1500034.8, IPD H.K.
- Comparison with current practice and popular models:
  - Technology Accurate, Consistence, Efficiency & Safety
  - Specification Unique type to meet both Type 1 & Type 2 rebar coupler
  - Benefits including cost benefits (product prices vs merits) Labour saving & fast production
- Comparison with similar Pre-approved list products and competitors:
  - Technology No comparison
  - Specification No comparison
  - Benefits including cost benefits (product prices vs merits) No Comparison
- First Launch Date: 2005 & 2015
- Awards (if applicable):
  - CE Approval
  - Hong Kong Building Department (B.D.) Approval

- Project for Illustration:
  - SABLIER 5-17 Western St.
  - Alibaba Logistic Chek Lap Kok Airport
- Work Process:
  - Rebar Coupler
- Use/ Function in project:
  - Pile Cap (Foundation)
  - Column
  - Beam



WK.LP Positional Coupler for Pile Cap Application (When both rebars cannot be rotated)



On-site Rebar Coupler Fabrication by ONE-GO PROCESS



WK.S Standard Coupler for Column Application

### **Benefits – Productivity**

- Improve productivity by:
- One go full automated production: At least 3 times faster than standard threading by 3-4 production processes (Cutting + Hardening + Chamfering + Threading)
- High accuracy & consistence by one go full automated production: Noncircularity rebar cannot be fabricated with traditional threading process and one internal thread coupler cannot be suited to different outside diameter of imported rebars
- Traditional Output: (i.e. Y40)
- ➢ 150 no. / manday
- Output by [Frictional Press Process]:
- ✓ 400 no. / manday
- Total Saving in Mandays:
- ✓ 250 no.
- Total Saving in Project Period:
- ✓ 50% completion date for rebar coupler process

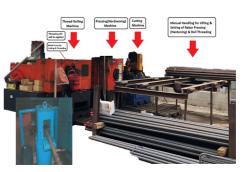
Step	Traditional Threading Process (Min)		Frictional-Press Process (Min)		Time Saving (Min)
1)	Hardening process by min. 2 directions	5.0	Nil	0.0	5.0
2)	Threading process	3.0	Frictional- press process	1.5	1.5
3)	Handling process (lifting & pushing rebars at the pressing/har dening & threading heads) for 1) & 2) by manual	6.0	Handling process for 2) only by automati on	1.0	5.0
Total		14.0		2.5	11.5

# Benefits – Quality

- Improve Quality by:
- Prefabricated machine threads at factory with negligible errors.
- ✓ High yield strength of coupler with 1000 Mpa = 2 Times of Rebar Strength (500 Mpa).
- Good quality control of prefabricated threads at factory with less tolerance.
- Non-skillful labor will be required for automated frictional press machine.



GOOD ACCURACY & CONSISTENCE OF THREADING QUALITY. PERFECT MATCHING MUST BE BETTER THAN TRADITIONAL THREADING



Good quality threads should be required by frequent change of tooling & strict inspection checking (QITP) which included go & no go gauge for thread length & pitch gauge for thread accuracy



One-go frictional-press process by fully automated (numerical control) operation with factory pre-fabricated (good quality) coupler

# Benefits – Safety

- Improve Safety by:
- Numerical control of revolution (speed)
  & pressure with CE approval for exact coupler's plus 1<sup>st</sup> shift internal tensile test.
  Safety tracking, detection and warning.
- Safety stop & device for revolution parts, automated lifting & feeding device for loading & unloading rebars. To avoid dangerous work and improve safety working environment.
- Full automation control will eliminate manual handling & improve labor safety.



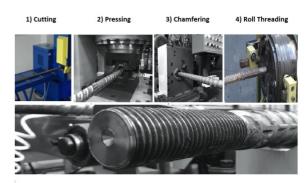
TRADITIONAL METHODManual lifting & handling rebar is too dangerous & risky



**ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOY** Remote control for handling rebars (lifting, feeding & unloading) with good safety device

- Improve Environmental Performance by:
- Good quality of rebar coupler with lesser waste reduction. In general, No cut end & threading scrap will have good material saving.
- ✓ One-go fabrication process with noise reduction.
- No pressing oil & cutting lubricate. The hydraulic oil of frictional-press machine is only internal circulation.
- ✓ Good accuracy & one-go fabrication process will improve energy efficiency.
- ✓ No cut end, no threading scraps and the additional length of male & female coupler will reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emission & solid waste. Total reduction is around ≥ 20%.
- ✓ Fuel consumption will be reduced by one-go fabrication process.

#### Traditional Threading Process



Metal scraps & lubricant (cutting & threading) will be raised higher CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION, NOISE & WATER POLLUTION ....



