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There are no signs of monolith misalignment or structural damage; therefore, after the surface concrete has been repaired, the concrete dam will be in excellent condition.
PREFACE

An evaluation of concrete cores from Waterbury Dam, Waterbury, Vt., was conducted for the U. S. Army Engineer District, New York, by the Structures Laboratory (SL) of the U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES). Authorization for this investigation was given in Intra-Army Order for Reimbursable Services No. NYD 81-115(c), dated 26 May 1981.

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PART I: INTRODUCTION

Background

1. Waterbury Dam is located on the Waterbury River, 3 miles* north of Waterbury, Vt. It was completed in 1938 as one of the units in the comprehensive plan for flood control in the Winooski River Basin. Besides the steel gates and the concrete spillway and outlet works (Figure 1), the dam is of rolled-earthfill construction, 155 ft high and 1800 ft long.

2. A modification completed in November 1959 raised the earthfill dam 3 ft, added one 35-ft flood gate, and included other incidental work to increase the spillway capacity of the dam in the interest of safety of the structure. No additional flood storage was provided.

3. The project provides protection for Waterbury and, in conjunction with other units in the comprehensive plan for flood control in the Winooski River Basin, provides protection for other downstream damage centers. In addition to this flood protection, the Waterbury reservoir is used for power storage by a 5500-kw power plant constructed immediately below the dam in 1953 by the Green Mountain Power Corporation and provides a regulated flow which results in considerable benefits to downstream hydroelectric plants of the Green Mountain Power Corporation on the Winooski River.

Objective

4. The objective of this study was to make an onsite inspection

* A table of factors for converting non-SI units of measurement to SI (metric) units is presented on page 3.
of Waterbury Dam, evaluate concrete cores recovered from the dam, correlate information obtained from the observations of the dam with the condition of concrete cores from the dam, and recommend repair/rehabilitation materials and procedures if necessary.

Scope

5. This study was limited to a general inspection and evaluation of the concrete spillway and outlet works of Waterbury Dam. Concrete cores were examined, tested, and evaluated. Repair materials and procedures are suggested.
PART II: PETROGRAPHIC EXAMINATION AND CORE LOGS

Samples

6. Twenty-six concrete cores taken from Waterbury Dam were received during April 1981 from the U. S. Army Engineer District, New York. The cores from the different parts of the structure were assigned Structures Laboratory (SL) serial numbers as presented in Table 1.

Test Procedure

7. All of the cores were examined visually, logged, and photographed. The portions of core of sufficient length were identified for physical tests, while cores representing various conditions of the concrete were selected for more detailed petrographic examination.

8. The portions of cores or the entire core representing 10 locations were examined in more detail. Some of these cores were sawed longitudinally, and the sawed surfaces were ground smooth. These smoothed surfaces were examined using a stereomicroscope.

9. Some core pieces were broken to allow examination of fresh fracture surfaces. Materials that are subject to erosion during sawing, grinding, or coring can be examined by this procedure. It was necessary at times to isolate particles and examine the material by X-ray diffraction or by using a polarizing microscope in the identification of particles.

10. All X-ray patterns were made with an X-ray diffractometer using nickel-filtered copper radiation.

11. Samples examined using a polarizing microscope were first crushed to a powder and then examined as oil immersion mounts.

Results

12. The physical condition of the concrete varied from good sound intact concrete illustrated by cores NY-8 CON-1, 6A, 6B, 6C, 7, 8, 9A,
12, 3, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 23 to fractured and fragmented concrete illustrated by cores NY-8 CON-2, 5, 11, 14, and 15 (Figure 2). Other cores showed areas of poor consolidation and loose contact of new concrete with old concrete. The core logs (Figures 3-28) describe the nature of the cores received for examination. Maximum depth of deterioration was 1.4 ft as shown by core NY-8 CON-5.

13. Microscopic examination of cores indicated that all mortar overlays were air entrained while all original concrete did not contain entrained air. Cracking parallel or subparallel to the formed surfaces was evident in some of the original concrete. No such cracking was observed in the air-entrained mortar. Longitudinal cracks containing white exudation were present in some cores with and without a mortar topping. Cracks traversed aggregate particles as well as the paste.

14. Much of the mortar overlay material separated along the mortar to concrete interface; this was the case in cores NY-8 CON-3, 4, 8, and 17, as indicated in Figure 29. In core NY-8 CON-10, the mortar and about 0.10 ft of concrete separated from the remainder of the core. The mortar and concrete of core NY-8 CON-18 remained intact and with good bond, as shown in Figure 30.

15. The aggregate was a natural siliceous gravel and sand of mixed composition. Both the fine and coarse aggregates were composed of schist, gneiss, quartz, weathered granite, quartzite, and sandstone as rock types.

16. Old fractured surfaces were often coated with white reaction product. Some of this material was needle-like crystals of ettringite and calcite which was probably due to calcium hydroxide leached from the portland cement paste and carbonated when exposed to carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Alkali-silica gel was found filling voids (Figure 31) and at times saturated the fractured surfaces.

17. Alkali-silica gel appeared as a clear to translucent material coating the fractured surfaces. Drying shrinkage cracks were often observed as the samples are allowed to dry in the atmosphere.

18. X-ray examination of the gel indicated crystalline material
similar to that described by Buck and Mather.*

19. The alkali-silica gel was of a salt and pepper texture when examined with a polarizing microscope. The gel had an index of refraction of 1.478.

Conclusions

20. Some of the concrete was intact and in good condition, but frost action on critically saturated concrete had caused some incipient cracks to develop in the nonair-entrained concrete. The crack development was exacerbated by deleterious alkali-silica reaction which accelerated the deterioration of some near-surface concrete.

21. Previous repairs made to the concrete may not be adequate to prevent continued deterioration since frost action continues to attack the near-surface underlying susceptible concrete. One evidence of this was the lack of bond generally observed at the mortar contact with original concrete.

PART III: CONCRETE INTEGRITY AND REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

22. A general plan view of Waterbury Dam is presented in Figure 32. Concrete cores were taken from locations as presented in Figure 33 and Table 1. A list of the cores which were examined is presented in Table 1.

23. The spillway openings from east to west are designated as A-1, A-2, A-3, and A-4. The spillway sections from the crest downstream at openings A-4 and A-3 on the overflow portion are severely deteriorated. Pattern cracking on the order of about 3 to 4 ft apart covers a greater portion of the spillway area in openings A-4 and A-3. An example is presented in Figure 34. There are some horizontal cracks greater than 2 mm in width, as can be noted in Figure 35. The cracks have efflorescence and exudation associated with them. Spillway sections A-1 and A-2 are not quite as deteriorated as sections A-3 and A-4 but have similar surface deterioration. Pattern cracking exists in sections A-1 and A-2. Some cracks are open while some are closed and exudation products are present.

24. The upstream vertical faces of the four spillway sections have pattern cracking every 3 to 4 ft on centers. Some of the cracks are open and white exudation products are present. Views of these surfaces are presented in Figures 36 and 37.

25. The bridge decking across spillway sections A-1 through A-4 is in relatively good condition. Light pattern cracking is seen on the top surface (Figure 38). There is light deterioration on the bridge decking where it comes in contact with the spillway piers No. 6, 7, and 8. The piers are numbered from east to west. A slight offset of about 1 in. on the upstream edge of one of the bridge deck sections is presented in Figure 39. The offset appears to be due to construction and not an indication of a structural deficiency.

26. In general, piers No. 1 through 8 are in good condition (Figures 37 and 40). They have small local areas of deterioration due to freezing and thawing action. Pattern cracking is present, but it is nowhere so prominent as it is in the spillway section. Few cracks or exudation products are present.
27. The concrete in the right retaining wall on the upstream side is in good condition. Several local areas of deterioration are present; white exudation is also present. Looking downstream on the right retaining wall there are a number of areas of deteriorated concrete; these areas show scaling for approximately 5 or 6 cm. Exudation is also present. The downstream retaining wall has severe surface concrete deterioration as can be seen in Figure 41.

28. The left abutment wall is a concrete retaining wall that has its upstream portion abutted into the rock slope (Figure 42) and the downstream section offset from the rock slope (Figure 43). The back side of that retaining wall is in good condition.

29. The majority of drilled core was recovered from areas that contained very small amounts of deteriorated concrete. Four of the pieces of core that were examined showed evidence of damage due to freezing and thawing. About 10 separate locations were observed where the contractor had drilled core. In all 10 cases, coring was done where the concrete was not damaged. The depth of deteriorated concrete, for the various sections of the concrete dam, cannot be determined from the cores presently in the SL laboratory. The depth of deteriorated concrete is at least a maximum of 1.4 ft as determined by petrographic examination. Some of the severely deteriorated areas in the dam were not cored. The concrete dam can in all probability be repaired by removing the deteriorated concrete and replacing it with a durable overlay.

30. There was no evidence of settlement or misalignment of the concrete structural elements in the spillway section or the gated tainter gate section. Alignment of the concrete appears to be very good. The concrete section of the dam is founded on rock which is exposed both upstream and downstream of the tainter gate sections. No undercutting was observed between the base of the concrete and the foundation rock.

31. Significant structural cracks were not seen in the concrete section of the dam. Cracking of the concrete from a structural standpoint does not appear to be a problem. The concrete at Waterbury Dam is relatively sound except in the spillway sections where areas of severely damaged concrete exist. Freeze-thaw action caused most of the damage.
32. The concrete core strengths (Table 2) indicate that the interior concrete is in good condition. If the deteriorated concrete is removed and replaced with a frost-resistant overlay, the dam should be in excellent condition for future service.

33. It is suggested that the dam be repaired by removing the deteriorated concrete and replacing it with a frost-resistant concrete overlay. The overlay should be doweled into the existing concrete and reinforced. Adequately frost-resistant concrete to withstand the most severe natural weathering can be produced if three criteria are met: (a) adequate air-void system, (b) sound aggregate, and (c) adequate maturity prior to being allowed to freeze and thaw in a critically saturated condition. The latter is met if concrete develops a compressive strength of 3500 psi prior to freezing. Some thin layers of overlay concrete may have a low modulus of elasticity to have more strain capacity to resist cracking. The use of organic additives ("latices") including products such as so-called "acrylic polymers" has been advertised for this objective and may merit consideration when the overlay is less than 2 in. thick.
PART IV: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

34. The interior concrete at Waterbury Dam is of excellent strength and quality. There are no signs of stability or structural problems.

35. The main problem at Waterbury Dam is surface concrete deterioration which has mainly been caused by freezing and thawing action.

36. It is recommended that Waterbury Dam be repaired by removing the deteriorated concrete and replacing it with a doweled and reinforced overlay of frost-resistant, wear-resistant concrete. The original concrete should be surface dry and no special bonding used other than concrete to concrete bond. After this repair has been accomplished, the dam will not experience accelerated deterioration due to water entering cracks and freezing and thawing.

37. After the deteriorated surface concrete has been removed and replaced, the dam should give economical service for many more years.
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*Note 1: Due to thickness of catwalk (18 in.) 24-in. core was not possible.

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<td>Spillway retaining wall - east face Location: 70.1 ft north of reservoir face of spillway. 4.0 ft from ground level Depth: 21 in. Recovery: In 2 parts, 7 in. + 12.5 in. = 19.5 in.</td>
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<td>Spillway retaining wall - east face Location: 49.5 ft north of downstream end of wall. 3.5 ft from ground level Depth: 21 in. Recovery: In 2 parts, 8.5 in. + 12.0 in. = 20.5 in.</td>
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<td>Spillway retaining wall - west face Location: 52.8 ft north of downstream edge of wall. 3.2 ft from ground level Depth: 20 in. Recovery: In 2 parts, 6.5 in. + 12.0 in. = 18.5 in.</td>
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| CON-23        | Core No. 23 | Turbine house - north wall  
Location: 20.2 ft west of east wall. 3.3 ft from platform level  
Depth: 9 in.  
Recovery: 9 in. |
Table 2
Six-Inch Concrete Core Strengths

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Average ≈ 5790 psi
Figure 1. Spillway and outlet works, Waterbury Dam

Figure 2. Samples NY-8 CON-14 and 15 showing near-surface incipient cracks
Depth

ft

0.0

Intact formed surface with slight erosion of paste over pipe
Paste filled hole over pipe
1-1/4-in.-diameter steel pipe
1-1/2-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air
Good consolidation
No segregation

1.0

New break, end of boring

2.0

Figure 3. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-1 from Spillway Section C
Depth, ft
0.0
1.0
2.0

Formed surface, intact, cracked, white exudation from crack
Cracks are around and through aggregate particles
1-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate

Old break, No entrained air
alkali-silica Good consolidation
reaction gel No segregation

Incipient crack
Old break, end of boring
Break completely coated with white reaction gel

Figure 4. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-2 from Spillway Section C
Finished surface, intact
Mortar cap, air entrained
3/16-in. steel
Incipient crack 1-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
in old concrete at 0.4-ft depth
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air in concrete
Good consolidation
No segregation

New break, end of boring

Figure 5. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-3 from Spillway Section C
Intact finished surface, 1/8-in.-thick exudation coating surface. Mortar cap to 0.25-ft depth, air entrained 3/16-in. wire.

Incipient cracks to 0.4-ft depth.

Some alkali-silica reaction gel on break surfaces.

1-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
New break, end of boring
Good consolidation
No segregation

Poor consolidation of mortar at interface.

Figure 6. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-4 from Spillway Section 4.
Busy surface, intact
Mortar cap, air entrained

White reaction product
coats all broken surfaces

3/16-in. steel rebar
Break along contact

Old break,
end of boring

1-in. maximum size natural siliceous
cracker aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air in concrete
Good consolidation
No segregation

Figure 7. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete
Core NY-8 CON-5 from Spillway Wall
Depth, ft

0.0

- Finished surface
- Mortar cap
- End of boring along contact with concrete
- Natural siliceous fine aggregate
- Entrained air
- Good consolidation
- No segregation

1.0

2.0

Figure 8. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-6A from Cat Walk
Figure 9. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-6B from Cat Walk

- Finished surface, intact
- Mortar cap
- End of boring, along contact with concrete
- Natural siliceous fine aggregate
- Entrained air
- Good consolidation
- No segregation
Finished surface, shallow cracking
Mortar cap, air entrained
Incipient crack

3/4- and 1/2-in. steel rebar
1-1/2-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
Good consolidation
No segregation

1-1/4-in. piece of wood
New break, end of boring

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**Figure 10.** Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-6 from Cat Walk
Formed surface, intact

1-1/2-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air
Good consolidation
No segregation

3/4-in. steel rebar

New break, end of boring

Figure 11. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-7 from Bridge Pier I
Depth, ft

0.0

Formed surface, intact

1-1/2-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air
Good consolidation
No segregation

1.0

New break, end of boring

2.0

Concrete

Figure 12. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-8 from Spillway Retaining Wall Abutment
Figure 13. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-9A from North of Spillway Face
Figure 14. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-9B from North of Spillway Face

Depth
ft

0.0

Formed surface, slightly eroded

Incipient cracks to 0.4 ft

1-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate

Natural siliceous fine aggregate

No entrained air

Good consolidation

No segregation

Old break, end of boring.

Iron stained and some alkali-silica reaction gel.

Fracture

Concrete
Figure 15. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-10 from East of Spillway Abutment Wall
**Figure 16. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-11 from Downstream Face of Spillway Wall**

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- 1-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
- Natural siliceous fine aggregate
- No entrained air
- Good consolidation
- No segregation
- All fractured surfaces contain some alkali-silica reaction gel
Depth, ft
0.0

Formed surface, intact
1-1/2-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air
Good consolidation
No segregation

1/2-in. steel rebar
0.6 to 0.9 ft

New break

New break, end of boring

Figure 17. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-12 from Tainter Gate Abutment Wall
Figure 18. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-13 from Bridge Pier III
Formed surface, cracked, with some exudation

1-1/2-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate

3/4-in. steel rebar

Natural siliceous fine aggregate

No entrained air

Good consolidation

Incipient crack

(0.3 ft-0.5 ft)

No segregation

New break, end of boring

Figure 19. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-14 from Bridge Pier II
Depth

ft

0.0

Gray exudation coating surface
Incipient cracks and fracturing of concrete to 0.8 ft

All fracture surfaces have signs of alkali-silica reaction gel

New break, end of boring

1-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air
Good consolidation
No segregation

Figure 20. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-15 from Downstream Face of Spillway Wall
Depth, ft
0.0

Formed surface, intact

1-1/2-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air
Good consolidation
No segregation

New break

New break, end of boring

Break

Concrete

Figure 21. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-16 from Face of Spillway
Finished surface, intact
Mortar cap, air entrained
3/16-in. steel rebar
Old break, saturated with alkali-silica reaction gel

1-1/2-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air
Good consolidation
No segregation

New break, end of boring

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Figure 22. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-17 from Reservoir Face of Spillway
Finished surface, intact
Mortar cap, air entrained

Poor consolidation
at contact

1-1/2-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air
Good consolidation
No segregation

New break,
end of boring

3/16-in. steel bar at 0.15 ft

Figure 23. Waterbury Dam, New York District. 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-18 from Reservoir Face of Spillway
Figure 24. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-19 from Spillway Retaining Wall Abutment
Formed surface, intact
Longitudinal crack to 0.2-ft depth
1-3/4-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
No entrained air
New
Good consolidation
No segregation

Some alkali-silica reaction gel in voids on break surfaces

New break, end of boring

Figure 25. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-20 from Spillway Retaining Wall, East Face
Figure 26. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-21 from Spillway Retaining Wall, East Face
Formed surface, intact
Incipient cracks every 0.1 ft to 0.55-ft depth
1-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate
Natural siliceous fine aggregate
Old break, saturated with alkali-silica reaction gel
No entrained air
Good consolidation
No segregation

Figure 27. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-22 from Spillway Retaining Wall, West Face
Depth
ft

0.0

1.0

2.0

Formed surface, intact

1-in. maximum size natural siliceous coarse aggregate

1/2-in. rebar Natural siliceous fine aggregate

No entrained air

Good consolidation

No segregation

New, end of boring

Vertical contact between two concrete placements. Poor consolidation along contact. One side consists mostly of aggregate < 3/8-in. size

Break

Concrete

Steel

Figure 28. Waterbury Dam, New York District, 6-in.-Diameter Concrete Core NY-8 CON-23 from Turbine House
Figure 29. The mortar cap separated along the contact zone of sample NY-8 CON-17. This was common in many of the cores with a mortar cap.

Figure 30. Sample NY-8 CON-18 shows good contact of old and new concrete. Bond at the interface continues to be strong.
Figure 31. Void filled with alkali-silica gel from sample NY-8 CON-20. The white granular appearing gel is encapsulated by a translucent outer shell. The gel was in contact with quartzite and gneiss particles as well as portland cement paste.
CONCRETE CORES AT VARYING HEIGHTS ON THE SPILLWAY ABUTMENT WALL

CONCRETE CORE ON THE DOWNSTREAM FACE OF THE SPILLWAY SECTION

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CONCRETE CORES TAKEN HORIZONTALLY IN THE DOWNSTREAM FACE OF THE SPILLWAY WALL

CONCRETE CORE ON THE DOWNSTREAM FACE OF THE SPILLWAY SECTION

Figure 33. Locations where conc
Concrete cores were taken from each of the bridge piers over the spillway.

Concrete cores also taken from catwalk, Tainter gate abutment wall, and north wall of turbine house.

Concrete core taken on the reservoir face of the spillway as shown in A, B, C, and G sections. Concrete cores were taken.
Figure 34. Pattern cracking and concrete deterioration on the downstream surface of spillway section A-4

Figure 35. Horizontal cracks on downstream surface of spillway section A-4
Figure 36. From right to left, spillway sections A-4, A-3, A-2, and A-1 and a partial view of the tainter gate sections.

Figure 37. Spillway section openings A-4, A-3, and A-2 from right to left.
Figure 38. Pattern cracking on the top surface of the bridge deck

Figure 39. One-inch offset at upstream edge of bridge deck section
Figure 40. Typical view of tainter gate pier

Figure 41. Downstream concrete surface of right retaining wall
Figure 42. Upstream portion of left abutment wall

Figure 43. Downstream section of left abutment wall
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