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Grade 75 Reinforcing Bars Have Been Removed from ASTM A615

An updated ASTM A615, *Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement* (A615/A615M-18^{e1}) has been released with two important revisions: (1) Grade 75 [520] reinforcing bars has been removed from the main body of the specification and (2) Annex A2 has been added which describes a Grade 75 [520] bar for other applications (roof mining bolts, etc.). Specification A615 now covers four Grades of reinforcing bars: 40 [280], 60 [420], 80 [550] and 100 [690].

Licensed Design Professionals who specify Grade 75 [520] A615 reinforcing bars for their projects will need to revise their designs by substituting Grade 80 [550] A615 reinforcing bars ***and should also be open to substitution requests from Reinforcing Bar Fabricators as the Reinforcing Bar Mills work through this transition.***

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