

Ferrocement is a form of reinforced concrete made up of closely spaced layers of very thin metallic or nonmetallic mesh or wire soaked in mortar. Ferrocement reinforcement mesh materials ranged from chicken wire to welded steel mesh. Hand plastering, laminating (pushing the mesh into new mortar), shotcreting, or a mixture of these technologies (Holcim) were used to build it. Ferrocement was a type of reinforced concrete, however the reinforcement consisted of tightly spaced, varied layers of mesh or tiny rods fully encased by cement mortar. It was also much thinner than reinforced concrete. It might be shotcreted or plastered by hand (Holcim). The mesh could be made into any shape without using a standard form, which was a major benefit.