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When does a house become a home? When the members of the household live in a safe and secure environment.

Building a structure that is inherently strong and is able to resist external forces such as earthquakes and other natural forces lays the foundation of a safe home.

Bricks, mortar, even cement, cannot provide this strength. Plain concrete, although compression-resistant, is very weak in tension and therefore is not a very good structural member by itself. However, concrete can be made extremely useful by reinforcing it with steel material like TMT bars which have the desired ductility and bond characteristics to absorb tensile forces.

Thermo Mechanically Treated (TMT) bar is a type of reinforced steel bar which undergoes an additional process during its production cycle to obtain these required characteristics. This additional processes are **Quenching and Self-Tempering**.

Good quality TMT bars have high ductility which is why they can resist earthquake shocks. Their design also helps in improved bonding with cement. Strong bonding between steel bars and cement results in buildings becoming earthquake resistant.

The Indian subcontinent has a history of devastating earthquakes. Geographical data shows that almost 54% of land in India is vulnerable to earthquakes. A World Bank and United Nations report estimates that around 200 million city dwellers in India will be exposed to storms and earthquakes by 2050. Natural disasters bring huge economic losses in their wake.

Keeping all these factors in mind, a person planning to build a home should therefore give priority to purchase of TMT bars, which

- Gives a house a long life
- Is economical due to use of less quantity
- Has the dependability of a trusted brand
- Is resistant to natural occurrences like earthquakes, cyclones etc.

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise with one of the largest steel making capacity in the country, pioneered the production of TMT bars in India. SAIL has been in the forefront of the country's infrastructural development, be it railway infrastructure, airports, rail/road bridges, dams, oil refineries, power plants or industries, and defence applications. On the safety aspect, too, SAIL has been one of the most dependable and trusted steel suppliers in the country; in fact, SAIL has been the sole supplier of rails to the Indian Railways for decades.

With five integrated steel plants and three special steel plants, SAIL offers the widest range of steel products in the country. These steel products are marketed through a pan-India network of 4 Regional Offices, 37 Branch Sales Offices, 10 Customer Contact Offices and 49 Stockyards. In addition SAIL also has a wide network of Distributors and dealers across the entire country for sale of products like TMT bars.

SAIL has recently installed state-of-the-art new rolling mills in its major plants, among which are modern mills producing new-age TMT bars branded as SAIL SeQR (Pronounced as SAIL secure). These bars are produced through advanced manufacturing processes by the modernised integrated steel plants of SAIL using virgin iron ore from SAIL's own mines.

For home builders, SAIL SeQR TMT bars, available in dia from 8 mm to 25 mm, promise the highest levels of safety and security at affordable prices.



- **Superior Strength with High Ductility**

SAIL SeQR TMT bars possess the unique combination of high strength and high ductility that surpasses the minimum specified level of BIS. This combination is achieved through carefully controlled cooling which forms a hard martensitic surface and a softer ferrite pearlite inner core. There are many potential benefits to the use of high-strength reinforcement bars in concrete construction. These include cost savings, reduced construction time, reduction in reinforcement congestion and more flexibility for architects.

- **Clean Steel**

Usage of primary steel making route from virgin iron ore and secondary refining processes leads to highly clean steel with low levels of sulphur and phosphorous as well as gaseous content. (High phosphorous level makes steel brittle under cold condition leading to cracking, while high sulphur level reduces the strength under high temperature conditions). Lower levels of phosphorous and sulphur as well as use of electro magnetic stirrer impart internal soundness of material thereby improving ductility in terms of higher capability for uniform elongation and better bendability.

- **Bond Strength**

The prominent and uniform rib pattern of SAIL SeQR TMT bars is produced through the usage of special quality CNC machined rings which provide capability for stronger bonding with concrete.

- **High Earthquake Resistance**

SAIL SeQR TMT bars are characterised by high UTS/YS ratio due to which they are capable of absorbing more energy when stressed beyond yielding point. This enables the bars to maintain their internal strength in the face of sudden occurrences such as earthquake/tsunami, etc., avoiding any catastrophic failures. Capability for higher uniform elongation also enables SAIL SeQR TMT bars to accommodate plastic deformation without necking, thereby resisting ultimate failure and providing higher safety to structures during occurrences like earthquake/tsunami/cyclones, etc.

- **Superior Bendability**

All SAIL SeQR TMT bars have lower bend diameter compared to specified bend diameters as per IS 1786-2008, Grade D specification. This allows easier bending with less effort and thus facilitates easier onsite works.

- **Better Weldability**

SAIL SeQR TMT bars are perfectly weldable by normal process of welding with suitable electrodes. They are also weldable without preheating, preferably with low hydrogen electrode.

Unique Product Attributes of SAIL SeQR TMT bars

Attributes	Advantages
Higher Strength	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost reduction (due to lower steel weight) • Reduction in reinforcement congestion • Increased effective floor space (due to reduction in size of structural members) • Increased flexibility for architects
High UTS/YS ratio & high ductility	Provides good plastic energy absorption leading to higher safety of structures during earthquakes / tsunamis / cyclones, etc.
Superior bendability	Easier to bend & rebend - very good for onsite works
Superior rib pattern	High bonding properties with concrete
High uniform elongation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhances plastic energy absorption capacity • High resistance to failure
Clean steel, low Sulphur & Phosphorous levels	Enhances resistance to cold & hot shortness & imparts improved internal soundness

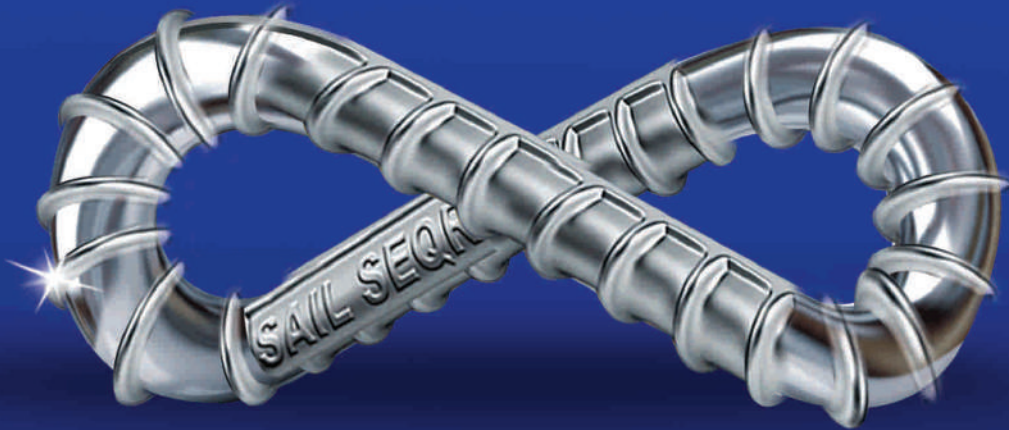




Introducing

SAIL SeQR 550D TMT

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We have added ∞ strength

Bendability • Ductility • Purity



Properties of SAIL SeQR TMT bars

Chemical Properties (Ladle analysis in %)

Element	IS: 1786-2008 Fe-500D	IS: 1786-2008 Fe-550D	SAIL SeQR Fe-550D (Typical values)
Carbon (C) (max.)	0.25	0.25	0.25
Sulphur (S) (max.)	0.040	0.040	0.035
Phosphorus (P) (max.)	0.040	0.040	0.035
S+P (max.)	0.075	0.075	0.070

Mechanical Properties

Parameter	IS: 1786-2008 Fe-500D	IS: 1786-2008 Fe-550D	SAIL SeQR Fe-550D (Typical values)
YS, MPa (min.)	500	550	550
Tensile Strength, MPa (min.)	565	600	15% higher than YS
UTS/YS ratio (min.)	1.10	1.08	1.15
Total Elongation (min.) (GL=5.65A _o)	16.0	14.5	16.0
Bend test min mandrel dia For nominal dia upto 20mm For nominal dia above 20mm	3d 4d	4d 5d	3d 4d
Rebend mandrel dia upto 10mm Rebend mandrel dia above 10mm to 20mm	4d 6d	6d 7d	5d 6d

Rationalised Sizes of SAIL SeQR TMT bars

Length: 12.0 m

Size (in mm)	Weight (in kg/m)
8	0.395
10	0.617
12	0.888
16	1.58
20	2.47
25	3.85

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