



## CINTEC America provides anchoring systems for NYC MTA subway station retrofit project

CINTECAmerica, aworld leader in the field of structural masonry retrofit strengthening, repair, and preservation, has announced that after extensive site testing and evaluation it will supply a new anchoring system for the

overhead glass fiber reinforced concrete (GFRC) panels for the NYC MTA subway station retrofit project for station platforms at 168th station and 181st



station. The NYC MTA. subway station retrofit project is aimed at providing overhead support for the GRFC panels used for the underground suspended dome ceiling. Live onsite testing validated the strength and effectiveness of the anchors, which now support the over 2,000 pound ceiling panels firmly in place. For more information, call 1-800-363- 6066 or visit www.cintec.com.



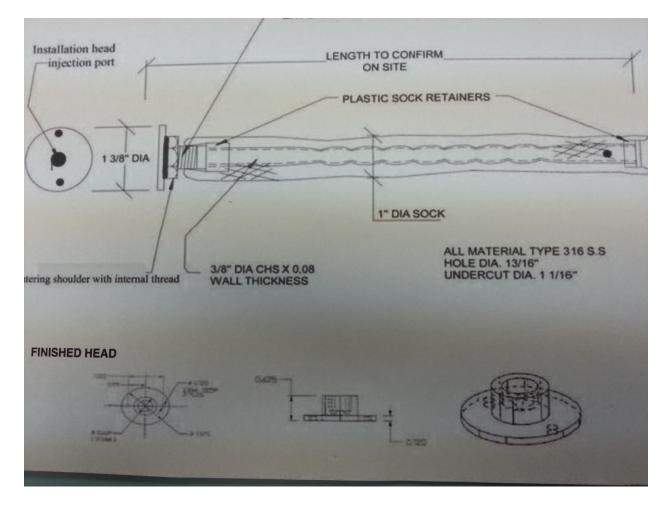


Cintec Anchor Testing for the New York City Transit Authority Contract A36193 168 & 181 Station –Broadway/7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Line Repair of Brick Arch

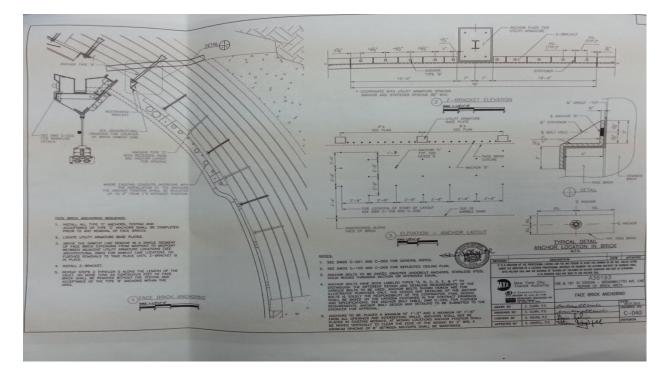
## **Overview**

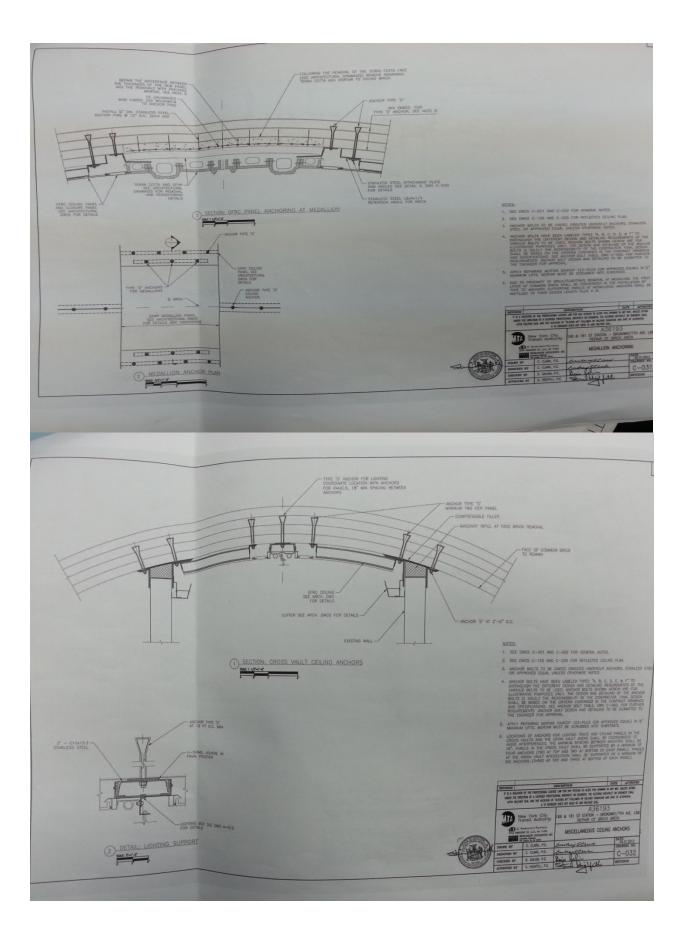
NYC Transit managers had learned in 1999 that a portion of the ceiling at 181st Street was at risk of collapse. However, it did not begin a comprehensive assessment of the ceiling's condition until June 2009. On August 16, 2009, at 10:18 p.m., a large section of the arched brick ceiling at the 181st Street Station on the IRT Line fell onto the platforms and tracks. Fortunately, no one was injured by the falling bricks and subway service to the station was immediately suspended.

In May 2010 Robert Silman & Associates contacted Cintec requesting that we assist them in a designing a wall strengthening anchor system that could be used to hold the face brick to the backup brick. The general scope was to design anchors with an 18" embed into the ceiling masonry that would consolidate and strengthen the wall with a removable head to allow for current and future anchor testing to validate the anchor performance. The final copyrighted design is shown below:



The NYC Transit changed directions and in 2011and Cintec was approached by Weidlinger Associates, Inc/Thornton Tomasetti NYC to assist in a new anchor design for a suspended ceiling application using GFRC Panels. The final anchor design for the panels included lateral, vertical and horizontal attachments. Final drawings with anchor locations for subway stop 168<sup>th</sup> and 181<sup>st</sup> street:



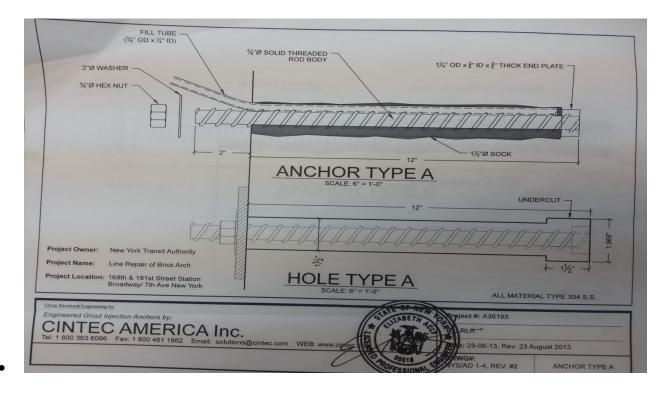


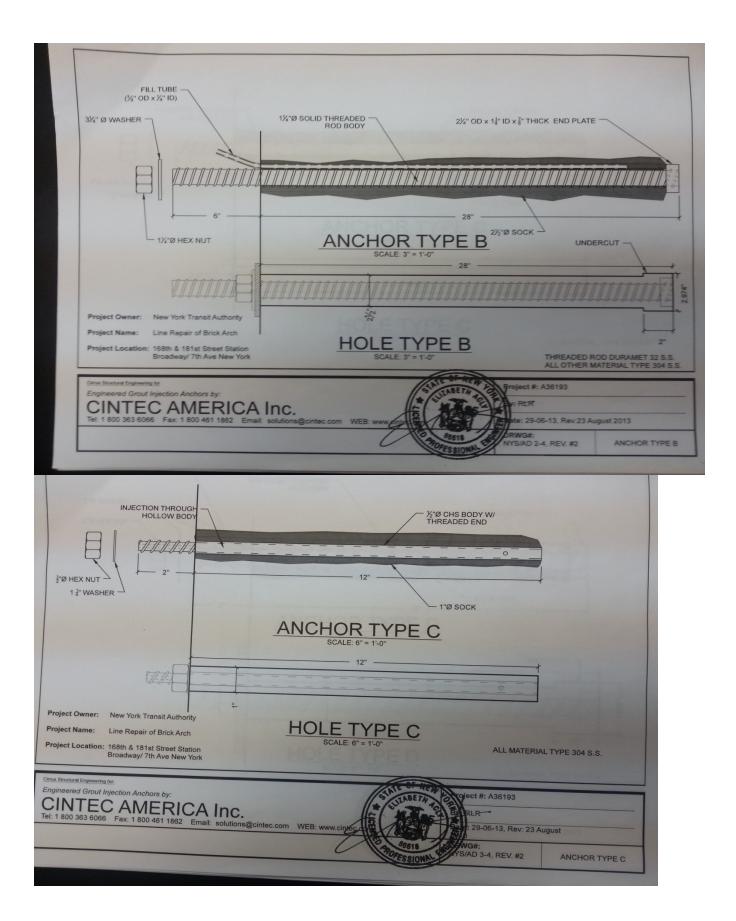
One of the challenges set worth was to design a positive lock system at the back end of the anchor drilled hole. To accomplish this Cintec developed and patented an undercut cutting head that developed a square cut not a taper cut within the drilled hole. This approach to augment hole drilling gives the anchor the ability to handle higher loads in tension.

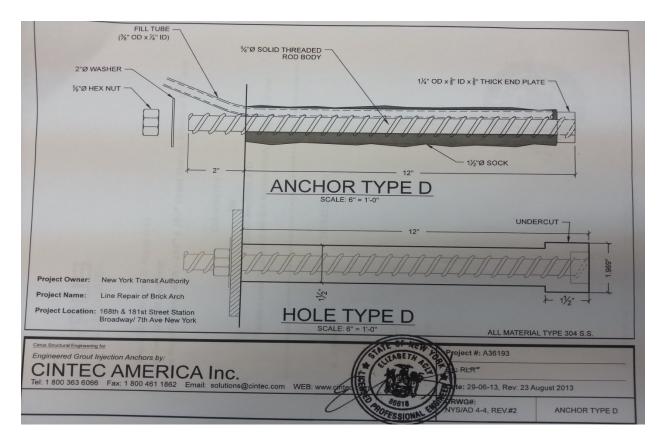
To validate the design, Cintec hired Elizabeth Acly. PE at Cirrus Structural Engineering, Hartford, CT to validate the all anchor types based on the following:

- Embed depth
- Tension load transfer from the anchor shaft to the substrate,
- Bond pull-out analysis
- Transfer of load from end plate to grout
- Transfer of load from grout bulb to substrate
- Contribution of Undercut
- Cone break-out analysis
- Steel yielding analysis
- Transfer of shear load to substrate via bearing

Copyrighted anchor drawings based on calculations:







To validate the required proof load tension and shear values, NYC Transit under contract A36193 hired Future Testing Corporation to conduct on site field testing at both subway stations. All specifications for testing were designed by Weidlinger Associates, Inc. A total of 22 anchors at 168<sup>th</sup> and 22 anchors at 181<sup>st</sup> subway stops. Photo below is the A anchor being tension tested.



Type A Anchors test results

- 5/8" threaded rod, 12" embed, installed in 1.5" hole and 1.5" sock
- Proof load 4800 tension max displacement .125 inches
- Grouping of 4 = 19,200 combined tension load
- Subway station 181 Anchor A1, A2, A3, A4
- Tested to 19,200
- Result 19,200 Passed in Tension max movement .018

Dial Gauge actual reading after 10 minutes at rest. .018, max movement per scope was .220.



## Type A Overhead Anchor



Type A Anchors

- Overhead application
- 5/8" threaded rod, 12" embed, installed in 1.5" hole and 1.5" sock
- Proof load 5,600 tension max displacement .125 inches
- Subway station 181 Anchor D1
- Tested to 5,600
- Result 5,600 Passed in Tension max movement .019



Dial Gauge actual reading after 10 minutes at rest. .019

Type B Anchors side wall brick retention:



Type B Anchors

- 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>""</sup> threaded rod, 22" embed, installed in 2.5" hole and 2.5" sock
- Proof load 6,400 shear max displacement .125 inches
- Subway station 181 Anchor B2
- Tested to 6,400
- Result 6,400 Passed in Shear max movement .018

Dial Gauge actual reading after 10 minutes at rest. .049



To attach the finished GFRP panels they were delivered by a work train during the evening. The working platform that was erected over the track had an access panel in the floor which allowed the finished panel to be hoisted up to the work area. The picture below is an example of the stored finished panel prior to being attached to the wall.

Type C Anchors

- 3/8" circular hollow section, 12" embed, installed in 1.0" hole and 1.0" sock
- Proof load 1200 tension max displacement .125 inches
- Subway station 181 Anchor C3
- Tested to 1,200
- Result 1,200 Passed in Tension max movement .009

Dial Gauge actual reading after 10 minutes at rest. .009





The panel were lifted to the ceiling on a custom designed lifting rig which allowed the finished panel to be aligned with the guide panel installed in the ceiling and side wall. This pictures show the ceiling guide panels.



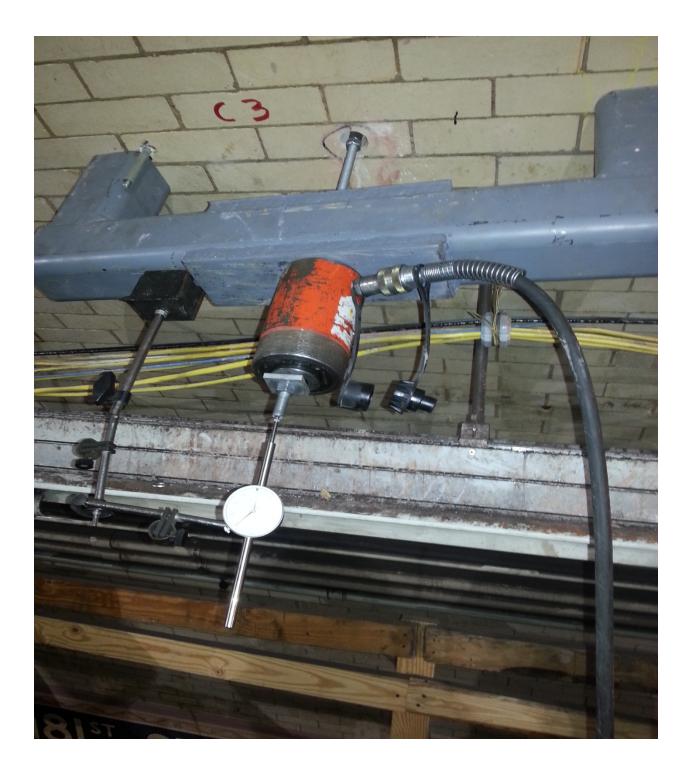
The yellow and gray lift in foreground is used to lift the panels in place.



The panels are attached to the center guide panel and to a safety anchor which can be seen in the far right of the picture with a cable strap. The opening in the picture is for original terra cotta medallion reinstallation location.



## Type C Anchor Test Rig



The finished panels over 168<sup>th</sup>.

