



## **Study of a new simple form of armour unit used for coastal protection**

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### **Abstract:**

Compact artificial units with protrusions (such as Accropod<sup>TM</sup>II or Xbloc<sup>®</sup>) are used in rubble mound breakwaters for their efficiency in extreme wave events. Recent research studies on such kind of units (Starbloc<sup>®</sup>) have focused on fluid processes close to the armour layer related its roughness, permeability and stability. Lessons drawn for the resulting knowledge of these research works have led to design a new armour unit offering stability, controlled run-up and easy placement. In this paper, 2D hydraulic stability tests are discussed.

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