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### General Part

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Trade name of the construction product

SORMAT injection system ITH-EPOXe  
for rebar connection

Product family  
to which the construction product belongs

Post-installed rebar connection with  
SORMAT injection System ITH-EPOXe

Manufacturer

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Manufacturing plant

SORMAT Plant 8

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contains

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**Specific Part**

**1 Technical description of the product**

The subject of this European Technical Assessment is the post-installed connection, by anchoring or overlap connection joint, of reinforcing bars (rebars) in existing structures made of normal weight concrete, using the "SORMAT Injection System ITH-EPOXe for rebar connection" in accordance with the regulations for reinforced concrete construction.

Reinforcing bars made of steel with a diameter  $\phi$  from 8 to 25 mm and injection mortar SORMAT ITH-EPOXe are used for rebar connections. The reinforcing bar is placed into a drilled hole filled with injection mortar and is anchored via the bond between embedded element, injection mortar and concrete.

The product description is given in Annex A.

**2 Specification of the intended use in accordance with the applicable European Assessment Document**

The performances given in Section 3 are only valid if the rebar connection is used in compliance with the specifications and conditions given in Annex B.

The verifications and assessment methods on which this European Technical Assessment is based lead to the assumption of a working life of the rebar connection of at least 50 years. The indications given on the working life cannot be interpreted as a guarantee given by the producer, but are to be regarded only as a means for choosing the right products in relation to the expected economically reasonable working life of the works.

**3 Performance of the product and references to the methods used for its assessment**

**3.1 Mechanical resistance and stability (BWR 1)**

Essential characteristic	Performance
Design values of the ultimate bond resistance	See Annex C 1

**3.2 Safety in case of fire (BWR 2)**

Essential characteristic	Performance
Reaction to fire	Rebar connections satisfy requirements for Class A1
Resistance to fire	No performance determined (NPD)

**3.3 Hygiene, health and the environment (BWR 3)**

Regarding dangerous substances there may be requirements (e.g. transposed European legislation and national laws, regulations and administrative provisions) applicable to the products falling within the scope of this European Technical Assessment. In order to meet the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, these requirements need also to be complied with, when and where they apply.

**3.4 Safety in use (BWR 4)**

The essential characteristics regarding Safety in use are included under the Basic Works Requirement Mechanical resistance and stability.

**3.5 Protection against noise (BWR 5)**

Not applicable.

**3.6 Energy economy and heat retention (BWR 6)**

Not applicable.

**3.7 Sustainable use of natural resources (BWR 7)**

The sustainable use of natural resources was not investigated.

**3.8 General aspects**

The verification of durability is part of testing the essential characteristics. Durability is only ensured if the specifications of intended use according to Annex B are taken into account.

**4 Assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP) system applied, with reference to its legal base**

According to Decision of the Commission of 24 June 1996 (96/582/EC) (OJ L 254 of 08.10.96 p. 62-65), the system of assessment and verification of constancy of performance (see Annex V and Article 65 Paragraph 2 to Regulation (EU) No 305/2011) given in the following table applies.

Product	Intended use	Level or class	System
Metal anchors for use in concrete (heavy-duty type)	For fixing and/or supporting concrete structural elements or heavy units such as cladding and suspended ceilings	—	1

**5 Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system, as provided for in the applicable European Assessment Document**

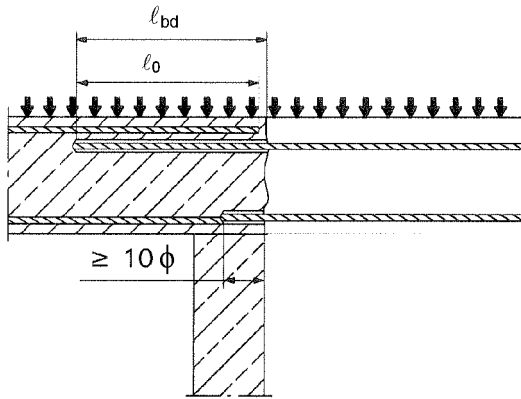
Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system are laid down in the control plan deposited at Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

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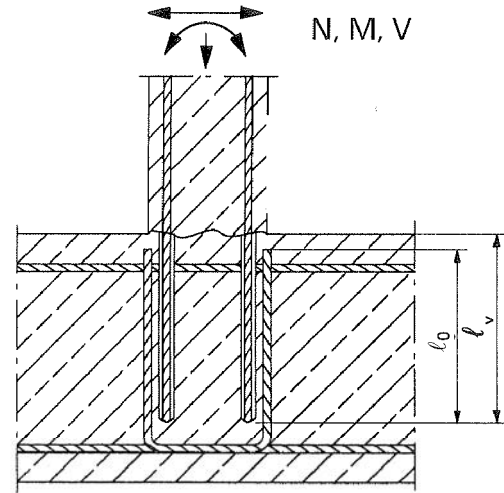
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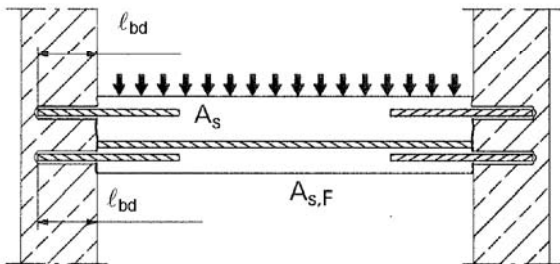
**Figure A1:** Overlapping joint for rebar connections of slabs and beams



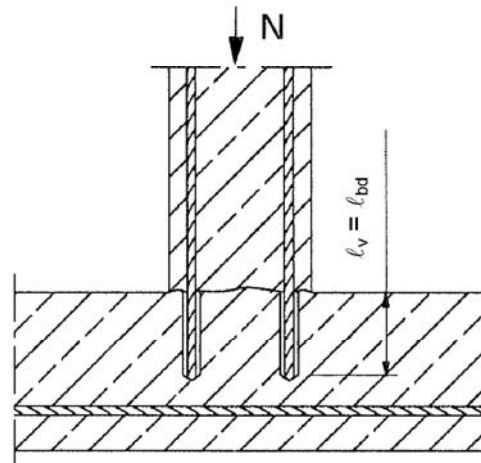
**Figure A2:** Overlapping joint at a foundation of a wall or column where the rebars are stressed in tension



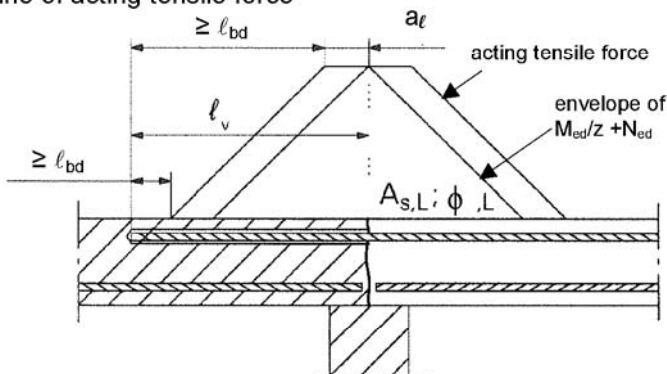
**Figure A3:** End anchoring of slabs or beams (e.g. designed as simply supported)



**Figure A4:** Rebar connection for components stressed primarily in compression. The rebars are stressed in compression



**Figure A5:** Anchoring of reinforcement to cover the line of acting tensile force



**Note to Figure A1 to A5:**

In the Figures no transverse reinforcement is plotted, the transverse reinforcement shall comply with EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010.

Preparing of joints according to Annex B 2

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**Product description**  
Installed condition and examples of use for rebars

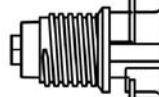
**Annex A 1**

### SORMAT Chemical Injection System ITH-EPOXe:

#### Injection mortar: SORMAT ITH-EPOXe

##### Type "side-by-side":

385 ml, 444ml, 585 ml, 999 ml  
and 1400 ml

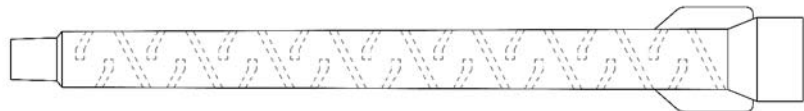


Imprint: SORMAT ITH-EPOXe,  
processing notes, charge-code, shelf life,  
hazard-code, curing- and processing time  
(depending on the temperature), with as well as  
without travel scale

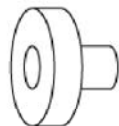


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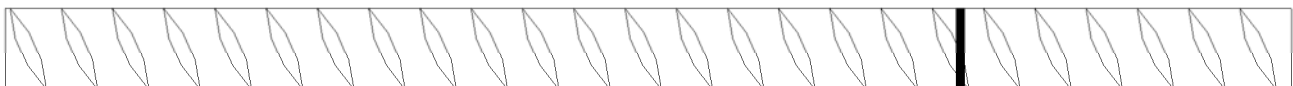
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#### Piston plug and mixer extension



#### Reinforcing bar (rebar): ø8, ø10, ø12, ø14, ø16, ø20, ø22, ø24, ø25



- Minimum value of related rip area  $f_{R,min}$  according to EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010
- Rib height of the bar shall be in the range  $0,05\phi \leq h \leq 0,07\phi$   
( $\phi$ : Nominal diameter of the bar; h: Rip height of the bar)

#### Table A1: Materials

Designation	Material
Rebar EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010, Annex C	Bars and de-coiled rods class B or C $f_{yk}$ and $k$ according to NDP or NCL of EN 1992-1-1/NA:2013 $f_{uk} = f_{tk} = k \cdot f_{yk}$
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Product description Injection mortar / Static mixer / Rebar Materials	<b>Annex A 2</b>

## Specifications of intended use

### Anchorage subject to:

- Static and quasi-static loads.

### Base materials:

- Reinforced or unreinforced normal weight concrete according to EN 206-1:2000.
- Strength classes C12/15 to C50/60 according to EN 206-1:2000.
- Maximum chloride concrete of 0,40% (CL 0.40) related to the cement content according to EN 206-1:2000.
- Non-carbonated concrete.

Note: In case of a carbonated surface of the existing concrete structure the carbonated layer shall be removed in the area of the post-installed rebar connection with a diameter of  $\phi + 60$  mm prior to the installation of the new rebar.

The depth of concrete to be removed shall correspond to at least the minimum concrete cover in accordance with EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010.

The foregoing may be neglected if building components are new and not carbonated and if building components are in dry conditions.

### Temperature Range:

- - 40°C to +80°C (max. short term temperature +80°C and max long term temperature +50°C).

### Design:

- Anchorages are designed under the responsibility of an engineer experienced in anchorages and concrete work.
- Verifiable calculation notes and drawings are prepared taking account of the forces to be transmitted.
- Design according to EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010 and Annex B 2.
- The actual position of the reinforcement in the existing structure shall be determined on the basis of the construction documentation and taken into account when designing.

### Installation:

- Dry or wet concrete.
- It must not be installed in flooded holes.
- Hole drilling by hammer drill or compressed air drill mode.
- The installation of post-installed rebar shall be done only by suitable trained installer and under supervision on site; the conditions under which an installer may be considered as suitable trained and the conditions for supervision on site are up to the Member States in which the installation is done.
- Check the position of the existing rebars (if the position of existing rebars is not known, it shall be determined using a rebar detector suitable for this purpose as well as on the basis of the construction documentation and then marked on the building component for the overlap joint).

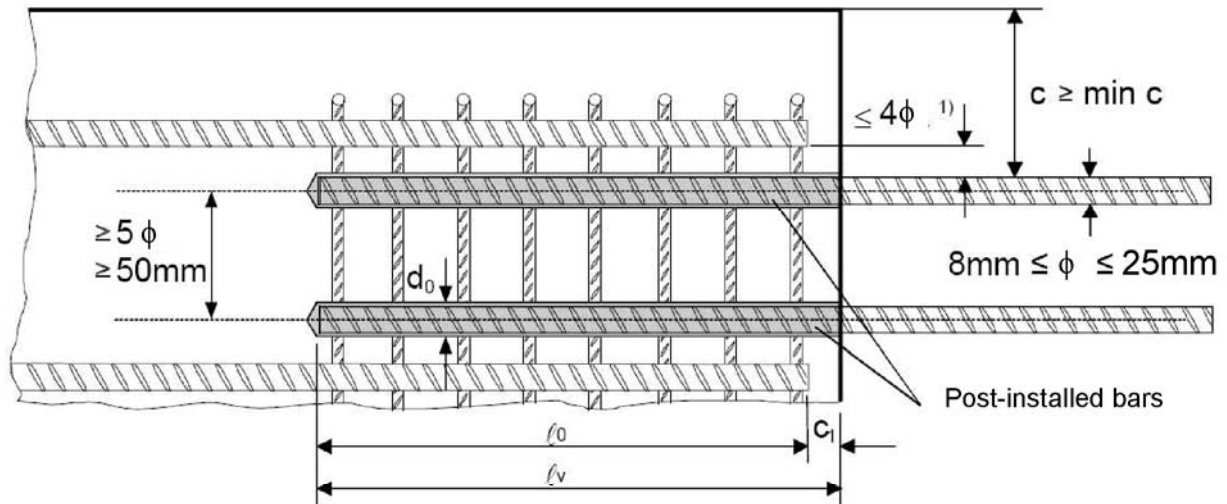
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Intended use  
Specifications

Annex B 1

**Figure B1: General construction rules for post-installed rebars**

- Only tension forces in the axis of the rebar may be transmitted
- The transfer of shear forces between new concrete and existing structure shall be designed additionally according to EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010.
- The joints for concreting must be roughened to at least such an extent that aggregate protrude.



- 1) If the clear distance between lapped bars exceeds  $4\phi$ , then the lap length shall be increased by the difference between the clear bar distance and  $4\phi$ .

The following applies to Figure B1:

- $c$  concrete cover of post-installed rebar
- $c_1$  concrete cover at end-face of existing rebar
- min  $c$  minimum concrete cover according to Table B1 and to EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010, Section 4.4.1.2
- $\phi$  diameter of post-installed rebar
- $l_0$  lap length, according to EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010, Section 8.7.3
- $l_v$  effective embedment depth,  $\geq l_0 + c_1$
- $d_0$  nominal drill bit diameter, see Annex B 6

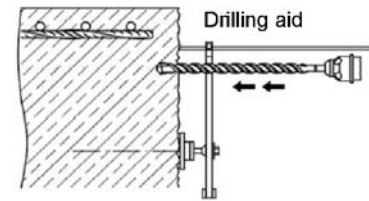
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**Intended use**  
General construction rules for post-installed rebars

**Annex B 2**



**Table B1: Minimum concrete cover  $\min c^{1)}$  of post-installed rebar depending of drilling method**



Drilling method	Rebar diameter	Without drilling aid	With drilling aid
Hammer drilling (HD)	< 25 mm	$30 \text{ mm} + 0,06 \cdot l_v \geq 2 \phi$	$30 \text{ mm} + 0,02 \cdot l_v \geq 2 \phi$
	= 25 mm	$40 \text{ mm} + 0,06 \cdot l_v \geq 2 \phi$	$40 \text{ mm} + 0,02 \cdot l_v \geq 2 \phi$
Compressed air drilling (CD)	< 25 mm	$50 \text{ mm} + 0,08 \cdot l_v$	$50 \text{ mm} + 0,02 \cdot l_v$
	= 25 mm	$60 \text{ mm} + 0,08 \cdot l_v$	$60 \text{ mm} + 0,02 \cdot l_v$

<sup>1)</sup> see Annexes B2, Figures B1  
Comments: The minimum concrete cover acc. EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010 must be observed

**Table B2: maximum embedment depth  $l_{v,max}$**

Rebar $\phi$	$l_{v,max}$ [mm]
8 mm	1000
10 mm	1000
12 mm	1200
14 mm	1400
16 mm	1600
20 mm	2000
22 mm	2000
24 mm	2000
25 mm	2000

**Table B3: Base material temperature, gelling time and curing time**

Concrete temperature	Gelling- / working time <sup>1)</sup> $t_{gel}$	Minimum curing time in dry concrete <sup>2)</sup> $t_{cure,dry}$
$\geq 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	120 min	50 h
$\geq + 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	90 min	30 h
$\geq + 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	30 min	10 h
$\geq + 30 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	20 min	6 h
$\geq + 40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	12 min	4 h

<sup>1)</sup>  $t_{gel}$ : maximum time from starting of mortar injection to completing of rebar setting.






<sup>2)</sup> In wet concrete the curing time  $t_{cure,dry}$  has to be doubled up

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**Intended use**  
Minimum concrete cover  
Maximum embedment depth / working time and curing times

**Annex B 3**

**Table B4: Dispensing tools**

Cartridge type/size	Hand tool		Pneumatic tool
Side-by-side cartridges 385, 444, 585 ml	 e.g. SA 296C585	 e.g. Type H 244 C	 e.g. Type TS 444 KX
Side-by-side cartridge 999 ml	-	-	 e.g. Type TS 4104
Side-by-side cartridge 1400 ml	-	-	 e.g. Type TS 471

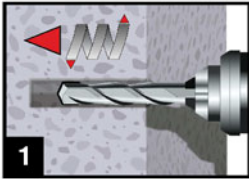
All cartridges could also be extruded by a battery tool.

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**Intended Use**  
Dispensing tools

**Annex B 4**

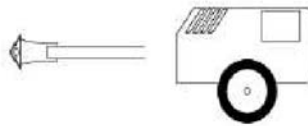
### A) Bore hole drilling



1. Drill a hole into the base material to the size and embedment depth required by the selected reinforcing bar with carbide hammer drill (HD) or a compressed air drill (CD). In case of aborted drill hole: the drill hole shall be filled with mortar.



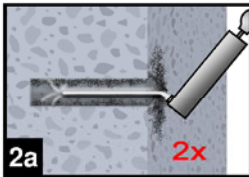
Hammer drill (HD)



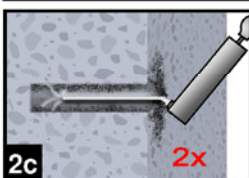
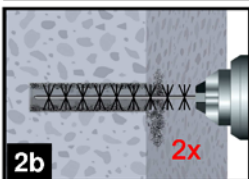
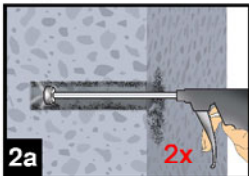
Compressed air drill (CD)

Rebar - $\emptyset$	Drill - $\emptyset$
$\phi$	[mm]
8 mm	12
10 mm	14
12 mm	16
14 mm	18
16 mm	20
20 mm	25
22 mm	28
24 mm	32
25 mm	32

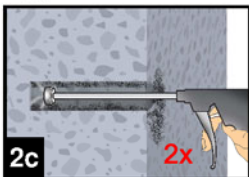
### B) Bore hole cleaning



or



or



- 2a. Starting from the bottom or back of the bore hole, blow the hole clean with compressed air (min. 6 bar) or a hand pump a minimum of two times. If the bore hole ground is not reached an extension shall be used.

For bore holes deeper than 240 mm, compressed air (min. 6 bar) **must** be used.

- 2b. Check brush diameter (Table B5) and attach the brush to a drilling machine or a battery screwdriver. Brush the hole with an appropriate sized wire brush  $> d_{b,min}$  (Table B5) a minimum of two times. If the bore hole ground is not reached with the brush, a brush extension shall be used.

- 2c. Finally blow the hole clean again with compressed air (min. 6 bar) or a hand pump a minimum of two times. If the bore hole ground is not reached an extension shall be used.

For bore holes deeper than 240 mm, compressed air (min. 6 bar) **must** be used.

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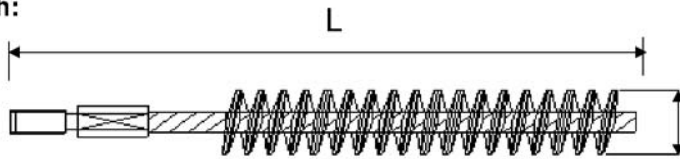
#### Intended Use

Installation instruction: Bore hole drilling and  
Bore hole cleaning

**Annex B 5**

**Table B5: Cleaning tools**

Brush:



SDS Plus Adapter:



Brush extension:



$\phi$ Rebar - $\emptyset$	$d_0$ Drill bit - $\emptyset$	$d_b$ Brush - $\emptyset$	$d_{b,min}$ min. Brush - $\emptyset$	L Total length
(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)
8	12	14	12,5	170
10	14	16	14,5	200
12	16	18	16,5	200
14	18	20	18,5	300
16	20	22	20,5	300
20	25	27	25,5	300
22	28	30	28,5	300
24	32	34	32,5	300
25	32	34	32,5	300

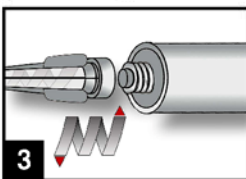


Hand pump (volume 750 ml)

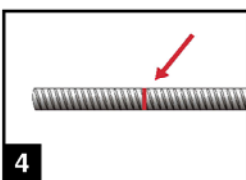


Rec. compressed air tool  
hand slide valve (min 6 bar)

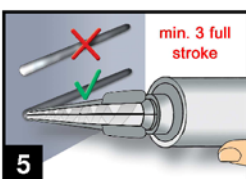
**C) Preparation of bar and cartridge**



3. Attach the supplied static-mixing nozzle to the cartridge and load the cartridge into the correct dispensing tool.  
For every working interruption longer than the recommended working time (Table B3) as well as for every new cartridges, a new static-mixer shall be used.



4. Prior to inserting the reinforcing bar into the filled bore hole, the position of the embedment depth shall be marked (e.g. with tape) on the reinforcing bar and insert bar in empty hole to verify hole and depth  $l_v$ .  
The anchor should be free of dirt, grease, oil or other foreign material.



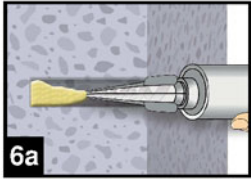
5. Prior to dispensing into the anchor hole, squeeze out separately the mortar until it shows a consistent grey colour, but a minimum of three full strokes, and discard non-uniformly mixed adhesive components.

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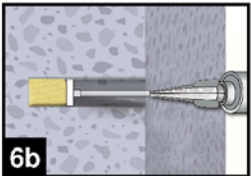
**Intended Use**  
Installation instruction: Cleaning tools and  
Preparation of bar and cartridge

**Annex B 6**

### D) Filling the bore hole



6. Starting from the bottom or back of the cleaned anchor hole fill the hole up to approximately two-thirds with adhesive. Slowly withdraw the static mixing nozzle as the hole fills to avoid creating air pockets. For embedment larger than 190 mm an extension nozzle shall be used.

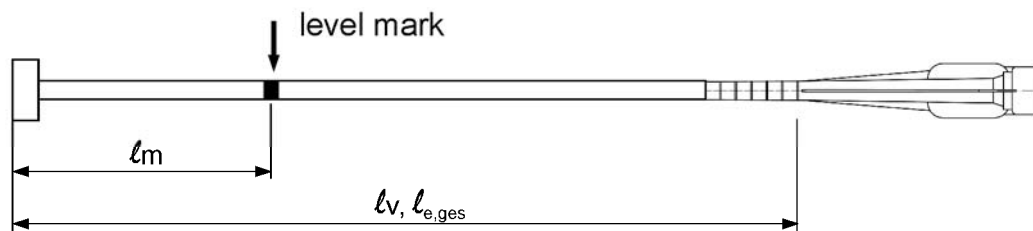


For overhead and horizontal installation and bore holes deeper than 240 mm a piston plug and the appropriate mixer extension must be used.

Observe the gel-/ working times given in Table B3.

**Table B6: Piston plugs, max anchorage depth and mixer extension**

Bar size $\phi$	Drill bit - $\emptyset$		Piston plug	Cartridge: side-by-side (385, 444, 585, 999, 1400 ml)				Cartridge: side-by-side (999, 1400 ml)		
				Hand or battery tool		Pneumatic tool		Pneumatic tool		
	HD	PD		$l_{v,max}$	Mixer extension	$l_{v,max}$	Mixer extension	$l_{v,max}$	Mixer extension	
(mm)	(mm)		No.	(cm)		(cm)		(cm)		
8	12	-	-	70	VL 10/0,75	80	VL 10/0,75	80	VL 10/0,75	
10	14	-	#14			100		100		100
12	16		#16			140		140		120
14	18		#18			160		160	140	
16	20		#20			200		200	160	
20	25	26	#25	50	VL 16/1,8	70	VL 16/1,8	200	VL 16/1,8	
22	28		#28			50				50
24	32		#32							
25	32		#32							



Injection tool must be marked by mortar level mark  $l_m$  and anchorage depth  $l_v$  resp.  $l_{e,ges}$  with tape or marker.

Quick estimation:  $l_m = 1/3 \cdot l_v$

Continue injection until the mortar level mark  $l_m$  becomes visible.

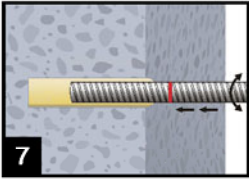
Optimum mortar volume:  $l_m = l_v$  resp.  $l_{e,ges} \cdot \left( 1,2 \cdot \frac{\phi^2}{d_0^2} - 0,2 \right)$  [mm]

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Installation instruction: Filling the bore hole

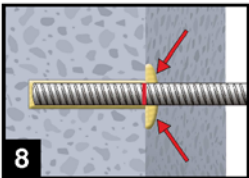
**Annex B 7**

## E) Inserting the rebar

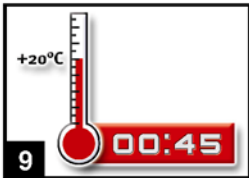


7. Push the reinforcing bar into the anchor hole while turning slightly to ensure positive distribution of the adhesive until the embedment depth is reached.

The bar should be free of dirt, grease, oil or other foreign material.



8. Be sure that the bar is inserted in the bore hole until the embedment mark is at the concrete surface and that excess mortar is visible at the top of the hole. If these requirements are not maintained, the application has to be renewed. For overhead installation fix embedded part (e.g. wedges).



9. Observe gelling time  $t_{gel}$ . Attend that the gelling time can vary according to the base material temperature (see Table B3). It is not allowed to move the bar after gelling time  $t_{gel}$  has elapsed. Allow the adhesive to cure to the specified time prior to applying any load. Do not move or load the bar until it is fully cured (attend Table B3). After full curing time  $t_{cure}$  has elapsed, the add-on part can be installed.

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**Intended Use**  
Installation instruction: Inserting rebar

**Annex B 8**

## Minimum anchorage length and minimum lap length

The minimum anchorage length  $\ell_{b,min}$  and the minimum lap length  $\ell_{0,min}$  according to EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010 ( $\ell_{b,min}$  acc. to Eq. 8.6 and Eq. 8.7 and  $\ell_{0,min}$  acc. to Eq. 8.11) shall be multiplied by a factor according to Table C1.

**Table C1: Factor related to concrete class and drilling method**

Concrete class	Drilling method	Factor
C12/15 to C50/60	Hammer drilling and compressed air drilling	1,0

**Table C2: Design values of the ultimate bond resistance  $f_{bd}$  in N/mm<sup>2</sup> for all drilling methods for good conditions**

according to EN 1992-1-1:2004+AC:2010 for good bond conditions  
(for all other bond conditions multiply the values by 0.7)

Rebar - $\varnothing$	Concrete class								
	C12/15	C16/20	C20/25	C25/30	C30/37	C35/45	C40/50	C45/55	C50/60
$\phi$									
8 to 25 mm	1,6	2,0	2,3	2,7	3,0	3,4	3,7	4,0	4,3

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**Annex C 1**