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## Australian Engineered Fasteners & Anchor Council

*Setting standards for the specification, selection &  
application of anchors & fasteners in Australia*

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## Overview

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1. Overview of AEFAC
2. Examples of anchors
3. Types of anchors
4. Mechanics of post-installed anchors
5. Installation
6. Factors affecting performance
7. Transfer of load to anchors
8. Modes of anchor failure
9. ETAG Design Method
10. Failure examples
11. Questions and answers

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## Overview of AEFAC – Industry review

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### AS3600

#### Cl. 14.3 (d) Fixings

*“In the case of shallow anchorages, cone-type failure in the concrete surrounding the fixing shall be investigated taking into account edge distance, spacing, the effect of reinforcement, if any, and concrete strength at time of loading.”*

## Overview of AEFAC – Industry review

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- ✓ Directional advancement of our largely unmonitored industry
- ✓ United approach
- ✓ Improved safety
- ✓ Minimum standards
- ✓ Consistency in test methods and specification
- ✓ Education



UNIQUE AND EXCITING DEVELOPMENT

## Overview of AEFAC – Industry needs

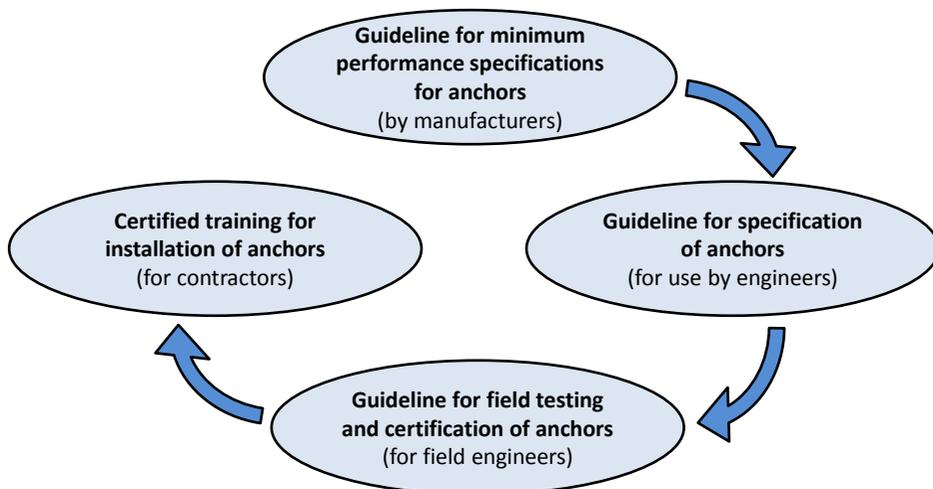
To:

1. Develop technical materials for the specification, selection and application of anchors and fasteners
2. Appropriate training and education for design engineers and specifiers
3. Improve installation practices via training and accreditation
4. Safeguard the quality of anchors and fasteners through standardisation of specification and certification of products
5. Conduct research and development to advance the industry

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## Overview of AEFAC – Industry needs



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## Overview of AEFAC – The concept

### Founders

- **Professor Emad Gad**  
Swinburne University of Technology
- **James Murray-Parkes**  
Swinburne University of Technology

} 12 month journey:  
- Concept development  
- Lobbying  
- Engagement

**Stimulated by anchor failure in Melbourne**

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## Overview of AEFAC – Looking abroad

### Europe

- ETAG 001 – Guideline for European Technical Approval of Metal Anchors for use in Concrete
- CEN/TS 1992-4:2009 “Design of fastenings for use in concrete”

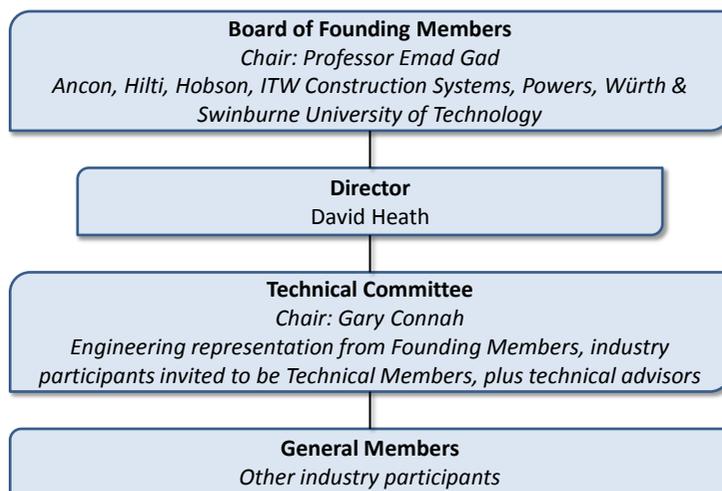
### United States of America

- ACI 318 – Appendix D *Anchoring to Concrete* (design)
- ACI 355.2 – Qualification of post-installed mechanical anchors in concrete and commentary (qualification)
- ACI 355.4 – Qualification of post-installed adhesive anchors in concrete and commentary (qualification)

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## Overview of AEFAC



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## Overview of AEFAC - Aims

Short Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum performance specifications for manufacturers</li> <li>• Guideline for specification of anchors by engineers</li> <li>• Commence lobby of ABCB, Worksafe, Standards Australia</li> <li>• Provide educational seminars</li> </ul>
Medium Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guideline for field testing and certification of anchors</li> <li>• Develop certification program for training of installers</li> <li>• Continue lobby with ABCB, Standards Australia, Worksafe</li> <li>• Further develop educational materials</li> </ul>
Long Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain developed Guidelines/Standards</li> <li>• Develop new guidelines for other fasteners</li> <li>• Continue the educational development and delivery</li> <li>• Develop and maintain a certification database</li> </ul>

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## Overview of AEFAC - Scope

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### Initial

- Bonded anchors
- Cast-in anchors (headed studs, cast-in channel)
- Mechanical anchors

### Future

- Screws
- Fasteners

# EXAMPLES OF ANCHORS

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## Examples

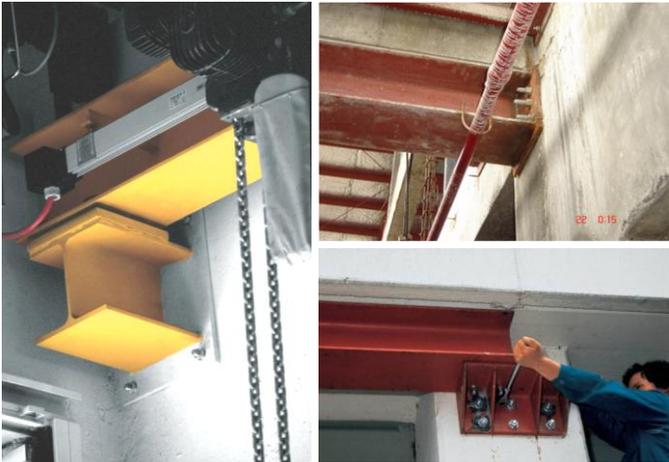


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## Examples



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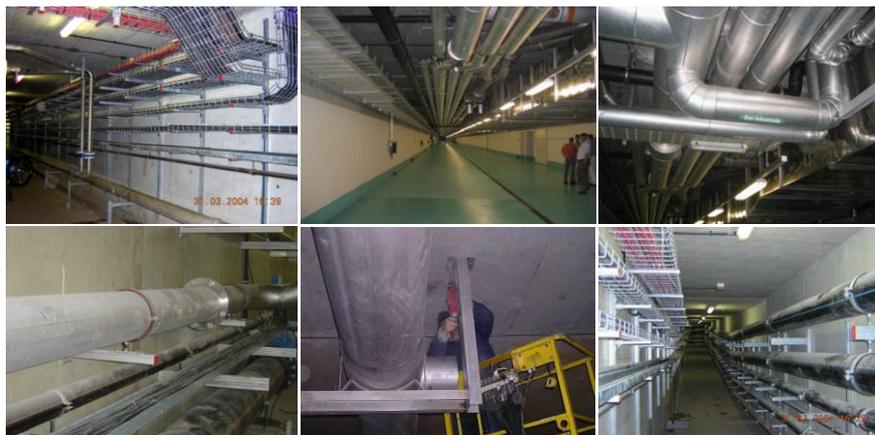


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## Examples



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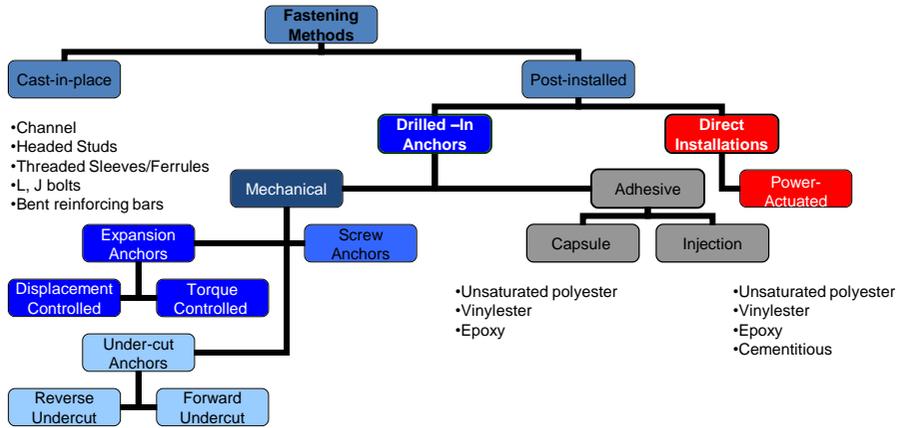
- Types of Anchors
- Working Principles
- Different types of Adhesives
- Installation procedure

- Tension failure modes
- Shear failure modes
- ETAG design method for adhesives

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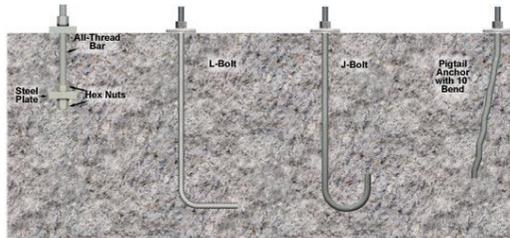


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## Cast-in-place anchors



Pros

- High loading capabilities
- Mechanical Interlock
- Can be installed in heavily reinforced elements
- The structure can be pre-designed by appropriate reinforcement to withstand external loads

Cons

- layout and planning problems
- Not flexible for fastened part adjustments (change in design)
- Tedious installation and potential for errors

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**Cast-in-place anchors**

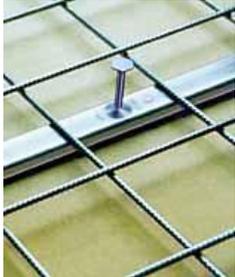
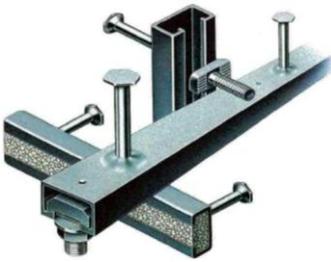
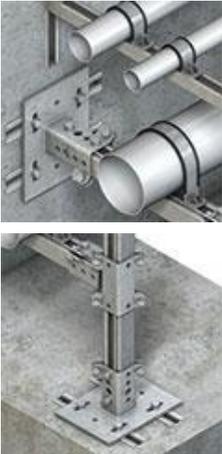


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**Cast-in-place channels**



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## Cast-in-place channels



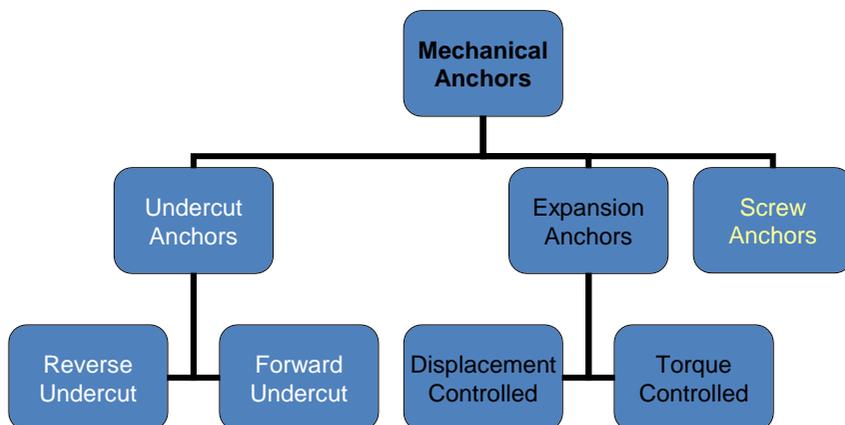
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## Post-Installed (Mechanical Anchors)



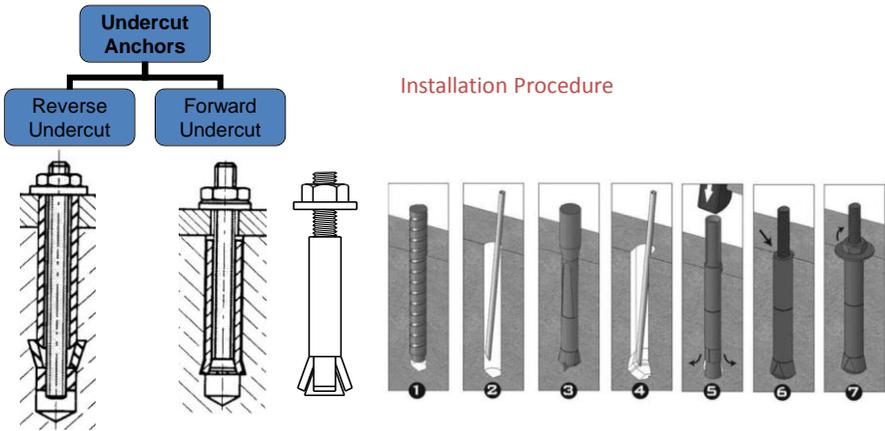
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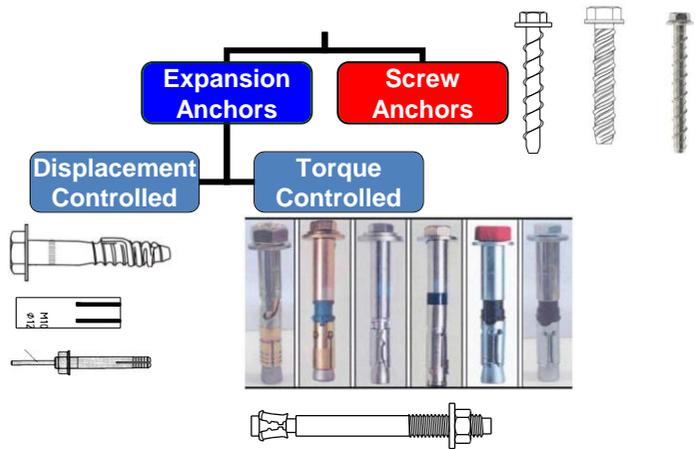
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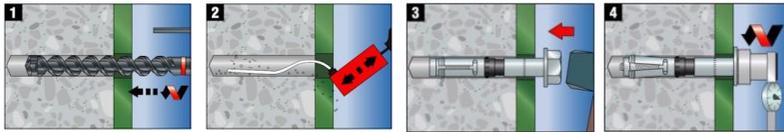
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## INSTALLATION - Proper hole cleaning technique

### Mechanical anchor installation



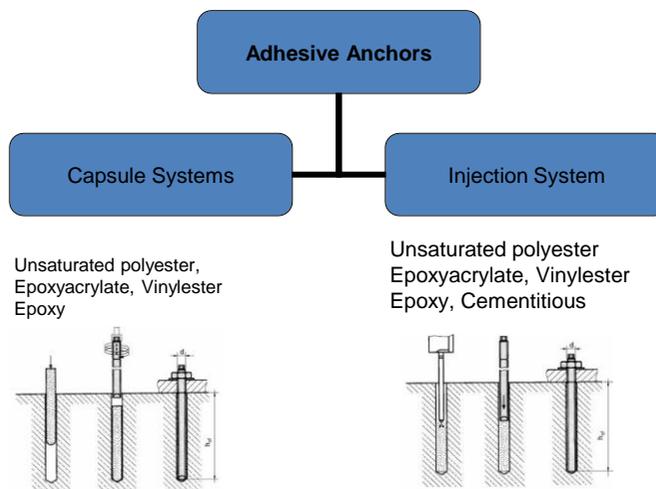
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## Post-Installed (Adhesive Anchors)



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## Post-Installed (Adhesive Anchors)

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### Unsaturated Polyesters

- Polymer type with styrene monomer
- Styrene based (concerns over its safety both transport and health)
- Styrene-free are now available (improved performance over the styrene based)
- Gives a reasonable strength performance for the majority of applications and is best suited to fixings into hollow blocks or masonry.
- Low cost due to lesser amount of catalyst
- Limited chemical resistance
- Fast cure
- Less sensitive to mix ratios (10:1 ratio) as chemical reaction starts as long as the base resin in contact with ANY amount of the catalyst.

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## Post-Installed (Adhesive Anchors)

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### Epoxy acrylate / Vinylester

- These resins should not be confused with pure Epoxy
- Cure in the same way as polyesters (fast cure and good low temperature performance)
- Fast cure
- Higher performance than polyesters due to different polymer
- Better chemical resistance
- Possess improved thermal, physical and chemical properties
- Available in styrene based or styrene-free formulations
- Less sensitive to mix ratios (available in 10:1 to 3:1 ratios) as chemical reaction starts as long as the base resin in contact with ANY amount of the catalyst.

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## Post-Installed (Adhesive Anchors)

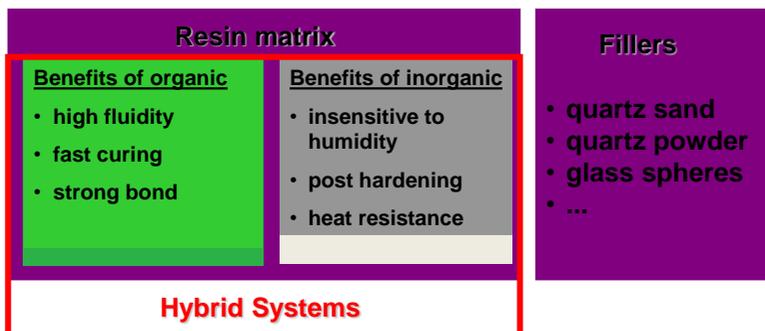
### EPOXY

- Cure slower than Polyester/Epoxyacrylate/Vinylester as it is non-catalytic resin, cure by addition cure mechanism
- Complete mixing of pure epoxies is vital
- Supplied at closer to equal mix proportions (1:1 to 3:1)
- Slow curing (advantageous in hot climates and also for rebars)
- Virtually no shrinkage
- Considerable better load performance
- Suitable in diamond cored holes and for large annular gaps
- Good chemical resistance and excellent adhesion
- Generally not recommended for use below +5degC
- Suitable for underwater applications due to its water impervious nature.
- Good thermal and mechanical properties and excellent chemical resistance
- Good bonding properties

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## Post-installed anchors - chemical



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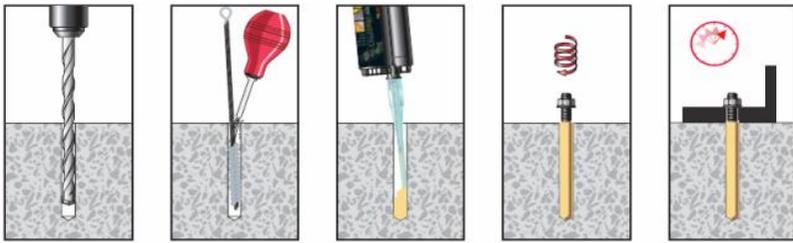
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## INSTALLATION - Proper hole cleaning technique

### Chemical anchor installation



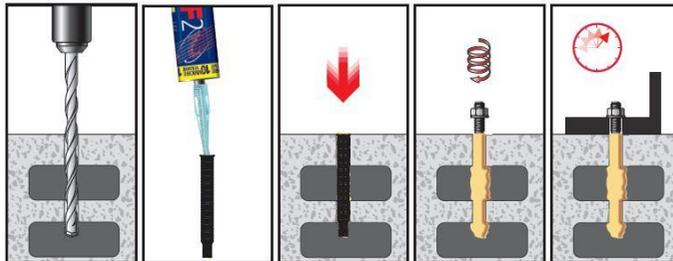
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## INSTALLATION – Hollow base material

### Chemical anchor installation



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# MECHANICS OF POST-INSTALLED ANCHORS

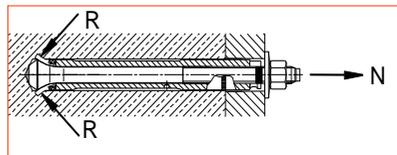
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## Working principles of post-installed anchors

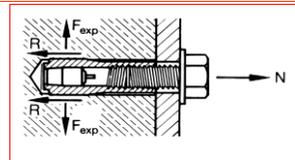
### Keying

The tensile load,  $N$ , is in equilibrium with the supporting forces,  $R$ , acting on the base material



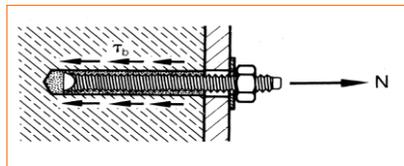
### Friction

The tensile load,  $N$ , is transferred to the base material by friction,  $R$ . To build up the friction an expansion force is necessary



### Bonding

An adhesive bond is produced between the anchor rod / rebar and the mortar and between mortar and borehole walls



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## Post-installed anchors - Mechanical

Performance considerations in the use and design of mechanical anchors:

- Must be properly installed
- Must have an acceptable “load to deformation” behaviour
- Must perform on a long term basis
- Smaller edge and spacing requirements.
- Variety of versions for different applications.
- Capable of very high loadings.



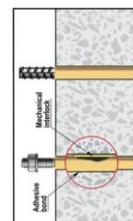
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## Post-installed anchors – Adhesive

Performance considerations in the use and design of bonded anchors:

- Very sensitive to installation procedure –requires thorough hole cleaning. Must be properly installed.
- Require careful handling and storage
- Must have an acceptable “load to deformation” behaviour.
- Must perform on a long term basis.
- Smaller edge and spacing requirements are possible – especially as there is no pre-stress due to installation.
- Variety of versions for different applications.
- Capable of very high loadings.
- Capable of resisting dynamic loads
- It must have a very low shrinkage
- It must be non-toxic



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## Post-installed anchors

Pros

- High loading capabilities (*can be designed as if cast-in depending on the type of anchor*)
- With design criteria
- Flexible for layout adjustments
- Relatively, faster and easy installation
- Wide range of sizes and types available to fulfil the requirements
- Some may be completely removed after use in temporary applications
- Immediate loading is possible (mechanical)

Cons

- Less understood
- Difficulties in densely reinforced concrete
- Need skilled trained staff for proper installations
- Proper storage conditions for adhesive systems



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## Post-installed anchors – Adhesive anchor elements



**Anchor rods**



**Plastic sieve**



**Rebars**



**Injection Systems**



**Internally threaded rods**



**Capsule Systems**



**Special elements**

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# FACTORS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

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## Factors affecting performance

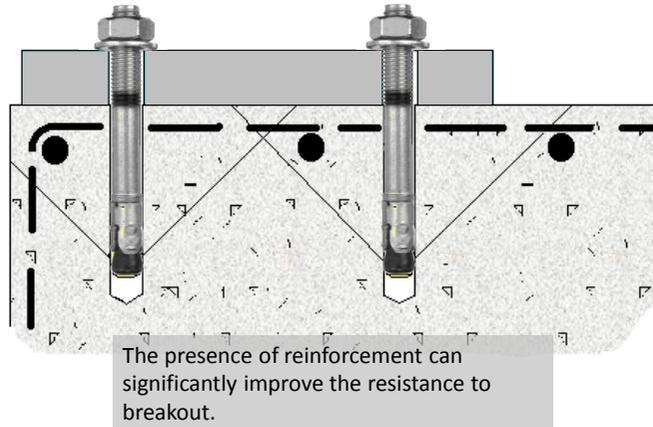
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- **Load on the Anchor & Load Transfer Mechanism**
- **Base Material Strength & Dimension**
- **Anchor Spacing & Edge Distance**
- **Depth of Embedment**
- **Tightening Torque**
- **Reinforcement in Base Material**
- **Temperature (Fire)**
- **Corrosion**
- **Type of Adhesive (BOND STRENGTH)**
- **Method of drilling holes (Diamond Cores or Hammer Drills)**
- **Chemical resistance**
- **Construction Sequence**

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## Effect of reinforcement

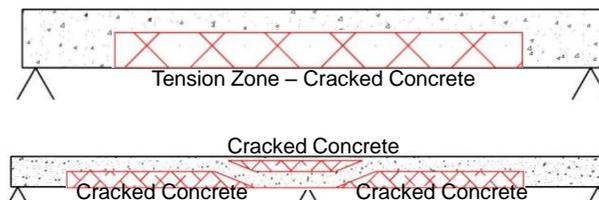


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## Other factors

- Creep
- Fatigue
- Fire
- Durability
- Non-Cracked Concrete (Compression zone)
- Cracked Concrete (Tension zone)
- Special applications



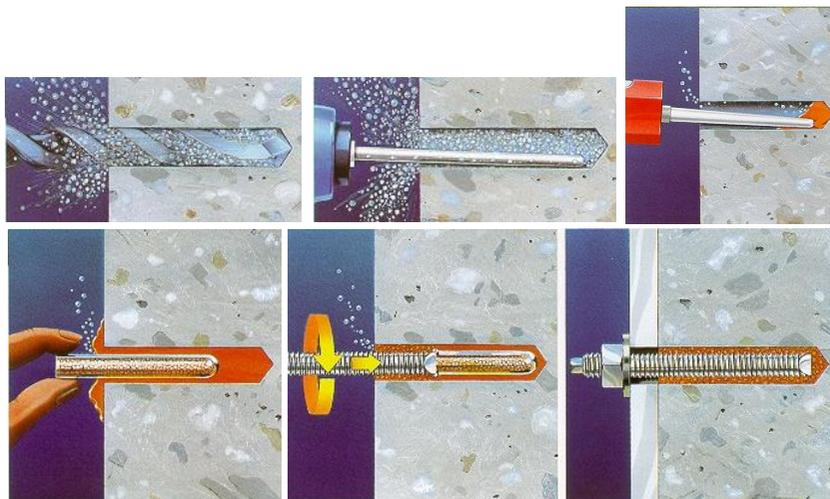
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Special applications: underwater



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## EOTA Technical Report TR - 029 Design of Bonded Anchors

- EOTA - European Organisation for Technical Approvals
- ETA - EUROPEAN TECHNICAL APPROVAL
- ETAG - EUROPEAN TECHNICAL APPROVAL GUIDELINE

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# MODES OF ANCHOR FAILURE

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# TENSION LOAD

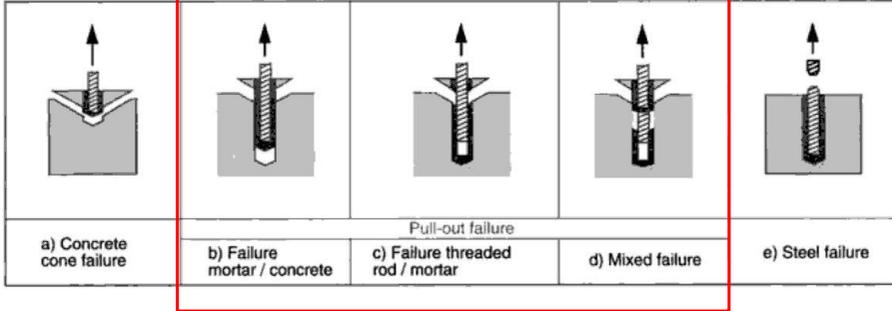
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## TENSION LOADS - Possible failure modes for bonded anchors



Splitting Failure



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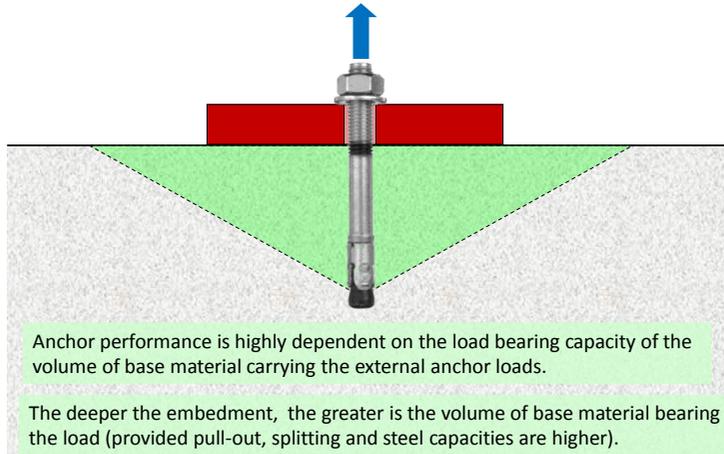
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## Depth of embedment



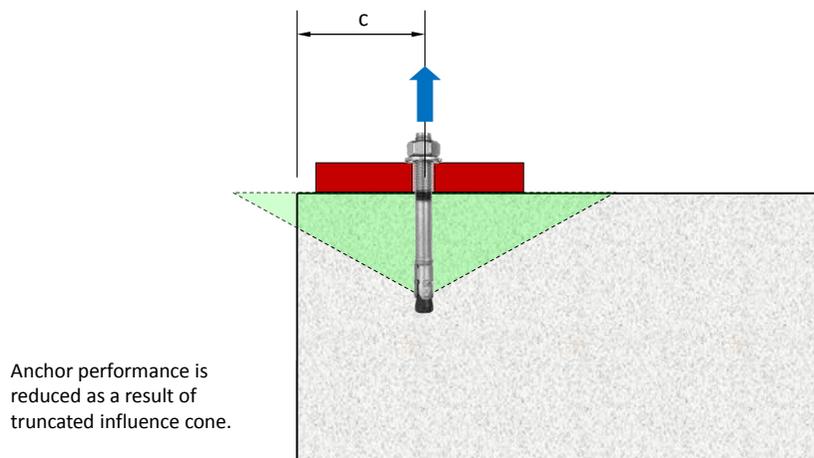
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## TENSION LOADS -Edge distance effect



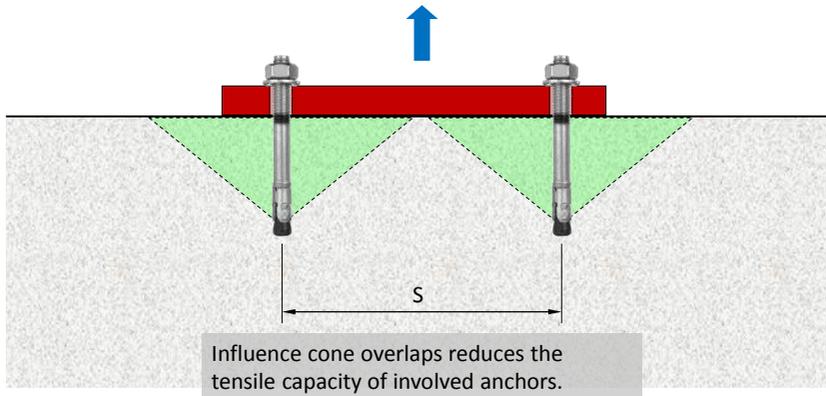
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### TENSION LOADS - Spacing distance effect



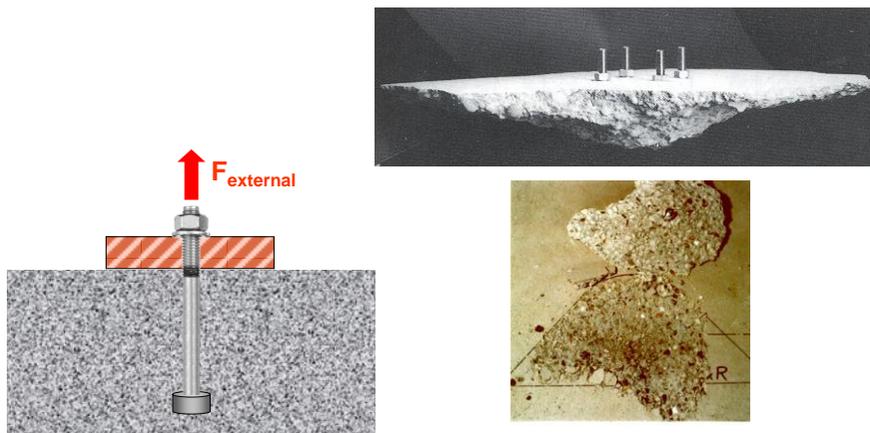
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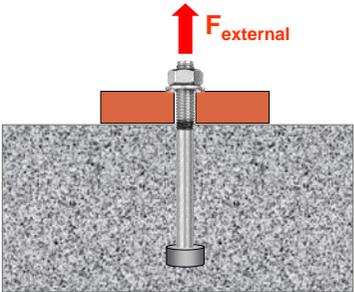
### TENSION LOADS - Concrete breakout



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**TENSION LOADS - Anchor material failure**



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**SHEAR LOAD**

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**Anchor material (Steel) failure in shear: without lever arm**

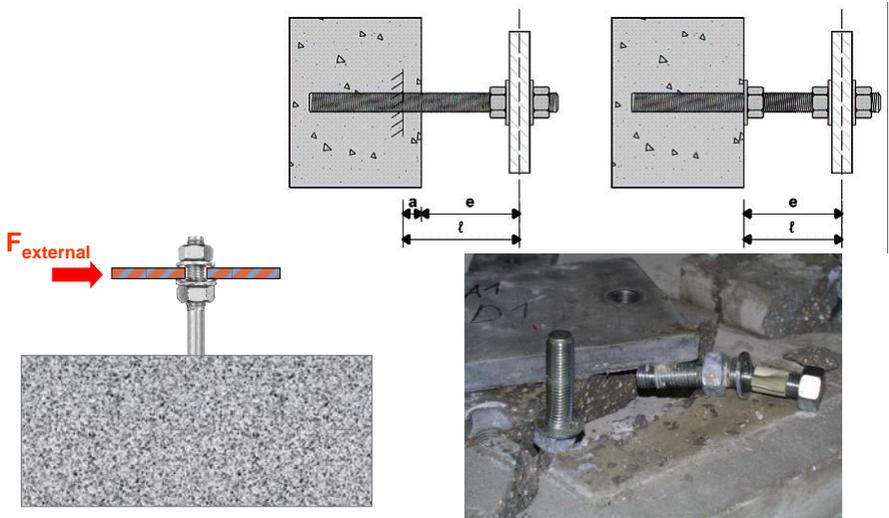


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**Anchor material behaviour in shear: with lever arm (bending)**



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## Anchor material behaviour in shear: bending

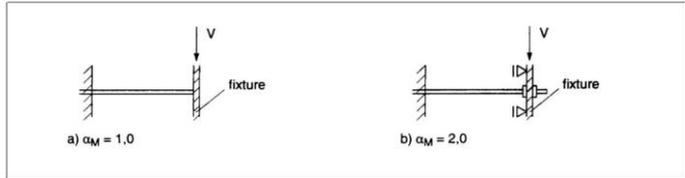


Figure 4.9 Fixture without (a) and with (b) restraint

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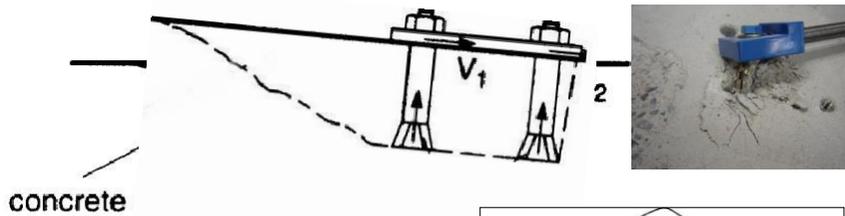
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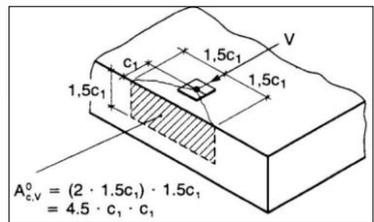


## Anchor behaviour in shear: Concrete Failures

### Concrete Pry-out failure



### Concrete Edge failure



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# TRANSFER OF LOAD TO ANCHORS

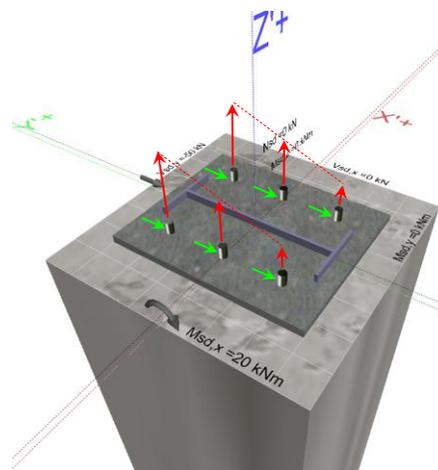
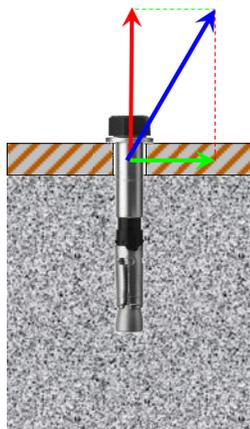
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**Load direction**

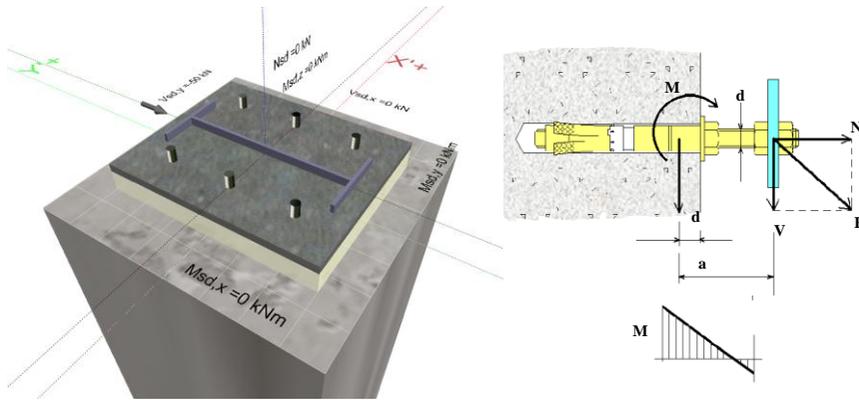


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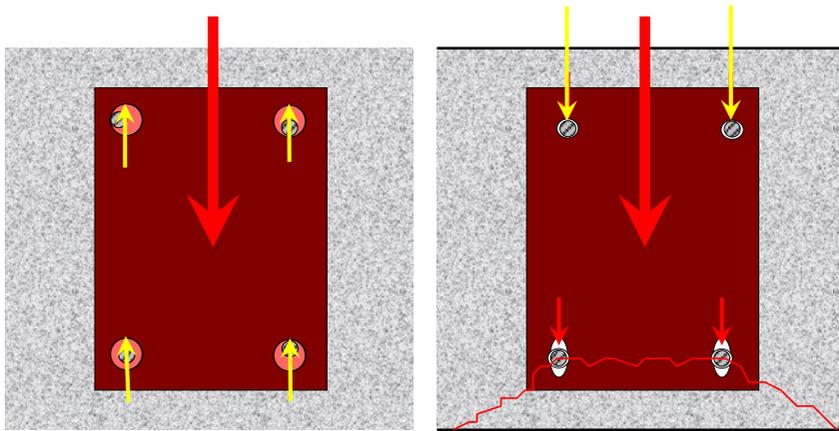


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## Load transfer



Is this simultaneous distribution of load?

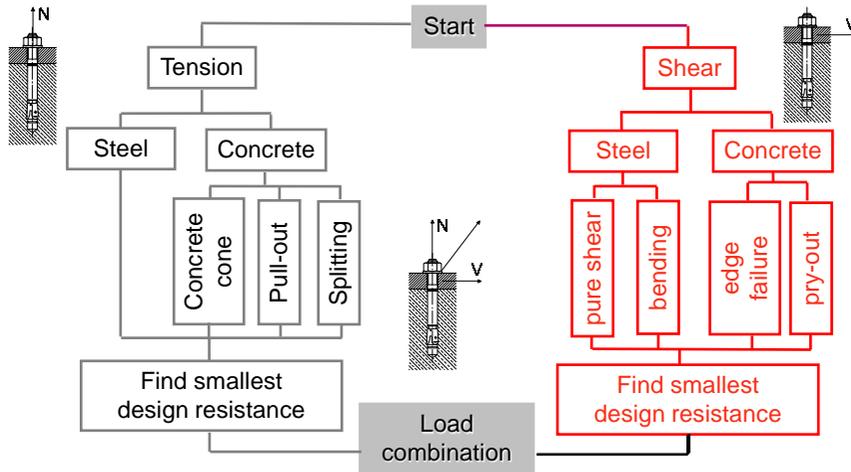
Which anchor is carrying which load?

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## Anchor design considerations

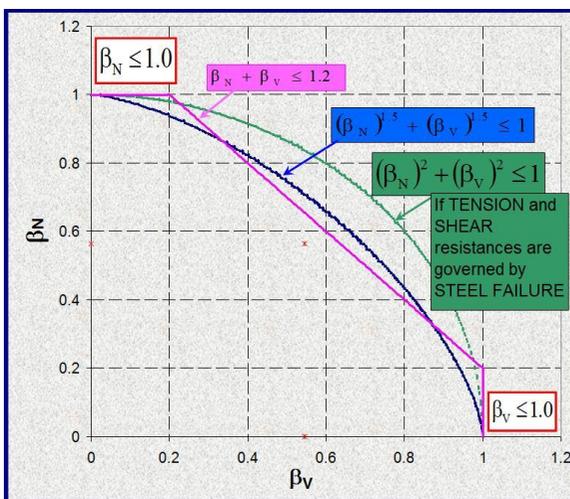


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## Anchor design considerations : Combined Loads



$$\beta_N = \frac{N_{Sd}}{N_{Rd}}$$

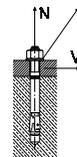
$$\beta_V = \frac{V_{Sd}}{V_{Rd}}$$

$N_{Sd}$  = Design value of ACTING Tension load

$N_{Rd}$  = Design Value of tension RESISTANCE

$V_{Sd}$  = Design value of ACTING shear load

$V_{Rd}$  = Design Value of shear RESISTANCE



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# EOTA Technical Report TR-029

## Design of Bonded Anchors

### DESIGN STEPS

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#### Anchor design considerations: Tension Loads



STEEL



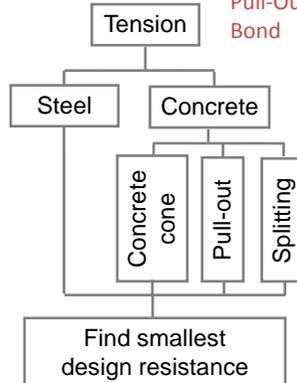
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Pull-Out / Bond



SPLITTING



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## EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors – Tension Loads

	Steel Capacity	$N_{Rk,s} = A_s \cdot f_{uk}$
	Concrete Capacity (Use $c_{cr,N}$ and $s_{cr,N}$ )	$N_{Rk,c} = N_{Rk,c}^0 \cdot \frac{A_{c,N}}{A_{c,N}^0} \cdot \Psi_{s,N} \cdot \Psi_{ec,N} \cdot \Psi_{re,N}$
	Pull-Out Capacity (Use $c_{cr,Np}$ and $s_{cr,Np}$ )	$N_{Rk,p} = N_{Rk,p}^0 \cdot \frac{A_{p,N}}{A_{p,N}^0} \cdot \Psi_{s,Np} \cdot \Psi_{ec,Np} \cdot \Psi_{re,Np} \cdot \Psi_{g,Np}$
	Splitting Capacity (Use $c_{cr,sp}$ and $s_{cr,sp}$ )	$N_{Rk,sp} = N_{Rk,c}^0 \cdot \frac{A_{c,N}}{A_{c,N}^0} \cdot \Psi_{s,N} \cdot \Psi_{ec,N} \cdot \Psi_{re,N} \cdot \Psi_{h,sp}$

Anchor Group

Actual member depth

Edge influence    Eccentricity    Dense Reinforcement

$N_{Rk,c}^0 = k_1 \sqrt{f_{ck,cube} \cdot h_{ef}^{1.5}}$   
 $k_1 = 7.2$  (for cracked concrete)  
 $k_1 = 10.1$  (for non-cracked concrete)

$N_{Rk,p}^0 = \pi \cdot d \cdot h_{ef} \cdot \tau_{Rk}$

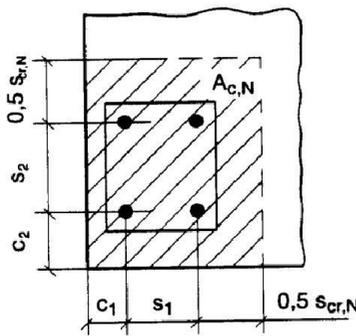
$S_{cr,N} = 3 \cdot h_{ef}$   
 $S_{cr,Np} = 20 \cdot d \cdot \left( \frac{\tau_{Rk,ucr}}{7.5} \right)^{0.5} \leq 3 \cdot h_{ef}$

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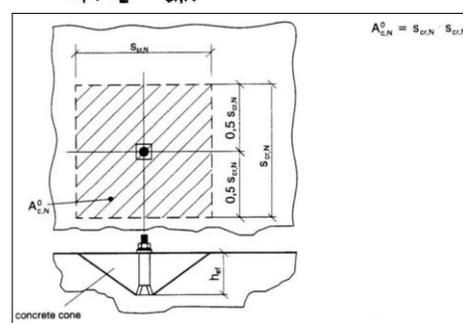
## EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors – Tension Loads

### TENSION – Concrete Failure Influence/Actual Areas



$$A_{c,N} = (c_1 + s_1 + 0,5 s_{cr,N}) \cdot (c_2 + s_2 + 0,5 s_{cr,N})$$

if:  $c_1 ; c_2 \leq c_{cr,N}$   
 $s_1 ; s_2 \leq s_{cr,N}$

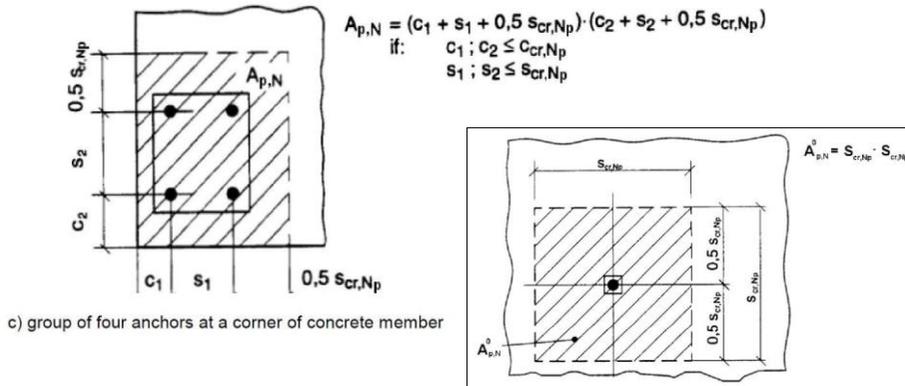


concrete cone

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## EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors – Tension Loads

## TENSION – Pull-Out Failure Influence/Actual Areas



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## EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors - Tension Loads

Edge influence  $\Psi_{s,N} = 0.7 + 0.3 \frac{c}{c_{cr,N}} \leq 1.0$

Dense Reinforcement  $\Psi_{re,N} = 0.5 + \frac{h_{ef}}{200} \leq 1.0$

Eccentricity

$$\Psi_{ec,N} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2e_N}{s_{cr,N}}} \leq 1.0$$

**NOTE:** The influence factors for "edge distance" and "eccentricity" varies for different modes.

Anchor Group

$$\Psi_{g,Np} = \Psi_{g,Np}^0 - \left( \frac{s}{s_{cr,Np}} \right)^{0.5} \cdot \left( \Psi_{g,Np}^0 - 1 \right) \geq 1.0$$

s = mean value of all spacings

$$\Psi_{g,Np}^0 = \sqrt{n} - \left( \sqrt{n} - 1 \right) \cdot \left( \frac{d \cdot \tau_{Rk}}{k \cdot \sqrt{h_{ef}} \cdot f_{ck,cube}} \right)^{1.5} \geq 1.0$$

Actual member depth

$$\Psi_{h,sp} = \left( \frac{h}{h_{min}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

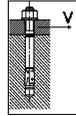
$$1 \leq \Psi_{h,sp} \leq \left( \frac{2 \cdot h_{ef}}{h_{min}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

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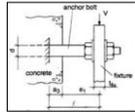
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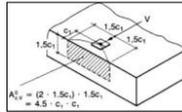
## EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors– SHEAR Loads



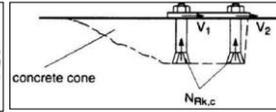
STEEL – Without lever arm



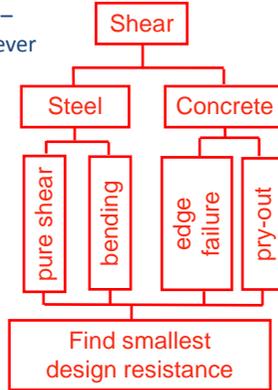
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Concrete Edge



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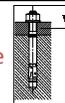
## EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors– SHEAR Loads

- **Shear load without lever arm**

$$V_{Rk,s} = 0.5 \cdot A_s \cdot f_{uk}$$

Stressed Area of anchor

Characteristic Ultimate steel strength



- **Shear load with liver arm**

$$V_{Rk,s} = \frac{\alpha_m \cdot M_{Rk,s}}{\ell}$$

$$M_{Rk,s} = M_{Rk,s}^0 \cdot (1 - N_{sd} / N_{Rd,s})$$

$$N_{Rd,s} = \frac{N_{Rk,s}}{\gamma_{Ms}}$$

$N_{sd}$  = Design Tension Load

$$M_{Rk,s}^0 = 1.2 \cdot W_{ef} \cdot f_{uk}$$

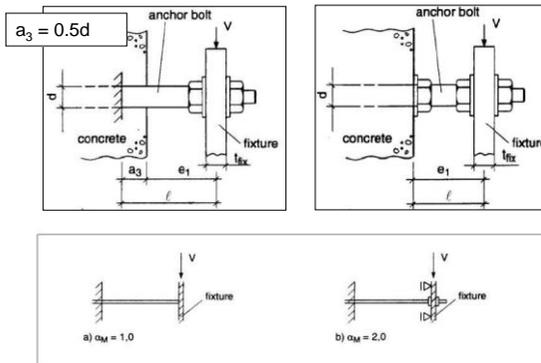


Figure 4.9 Fixture without (a) and with (b) restraint

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## EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors– Shear Loads

$$V_{Rk,c} = V_{Rk,c}^0 \cdot \frac{A_{c,V}}{A_{c,V}^0} \cdot \Psi_{s,V} \cdot \Psi_{ec,V} \cdot \Psi_{re,V} \cdot \Psi_{h,V} \cdot \Psi_{\alpha,V}$$

Direction of loading
Correction factor for  $A_{c,V}/A_{c,V}^0$  for member thickness "h"

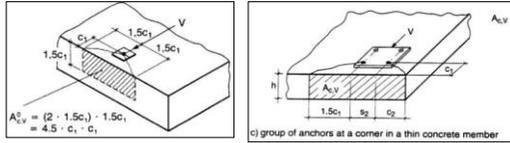
Edge influence due to further edges
Eccentricity
Type of Reinforcement

$$V_{Rk,c}^0 = k_1 \cdot d^\alpha \cdot h_{ef}^\beta \cdot \sqrt{f_{ck,cube}} \cdot c_1^{1.5}$$

$$\alpha = 0.1 \left( \frac{h_{ef}}{c_1} \right)^{0.5}$$

$$\beta = 0.1 \left( \frac{d}{c_1} \right)^{0.2}$$

$k_1 = 1.7$  for cracked concrete  
 $k_1 = 2.4$  for non-cracked concrete



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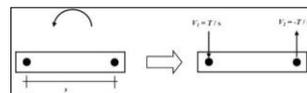
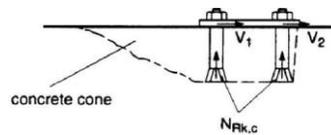
## EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors– Shear Loads

The lowest value of the following

$$V_{Rk,cp} = k \cdot N_{Rk,p}$$

$$V_{Rk,cp} = k \cdot N_c$$

Value of k is taken from the issued ETA  
 or  
 for anchors that fail by concrete cone  
 $k = 1$  (for  $h_{ef} < 60\text{mm}$ )  
 $k = 2$  (for  $h_{ef} \geq 60\text{mm}$ )



NOTE: If the shear force on an anchor in a group is in opposite direction to other anchor in the group, the verification of pry-out failure for the most unfavourable anchor of the group should be considered by taking in to account the influences of both, edge as well as spacing distances.

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## EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors– Shear Loads

Edge influence due to further edges

$$\Psi_{s,v} = 0.7 + 0.3 \frac{c_2}{1.5c_1} \leq 1.0$$

Eccentricity

$$\Psi_{ec,v} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2e_v}{3c_1}} \leq 1.0$$

 $\Psi_{re,v}$ 

Type of Reinforcement

= 1.0 (non - cracked concrete and cracked concrete without edge reinforcement)

= 1.2 (cracked concrete with straight edge reinforcement  $\geq \phi 12\text{mm}$ )= 1.4 (cracked concrete with edge reinforcement and closely spaced stirrups,  $a \leq 100\text{mm}$ )Correction factor for  $A_{c,v}/A_{c,v}^0$   
for member thickness "h"

$$\Psi_{h,v} = \left( \frac{1.5c_1}{h} \right)^{0.5} \geq 1.0$$

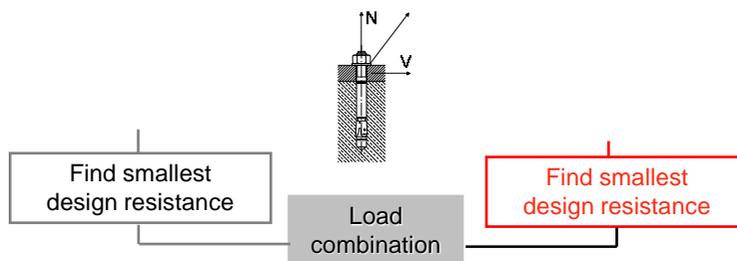
Direction of loading  $\alpha_v \leq 90^\circ$ 

$$\Psi_{\alpha,v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \alpha_v + \left( \frac{\sin \alpha_v}{2.5} \right)^2}} \geq 1.0$$

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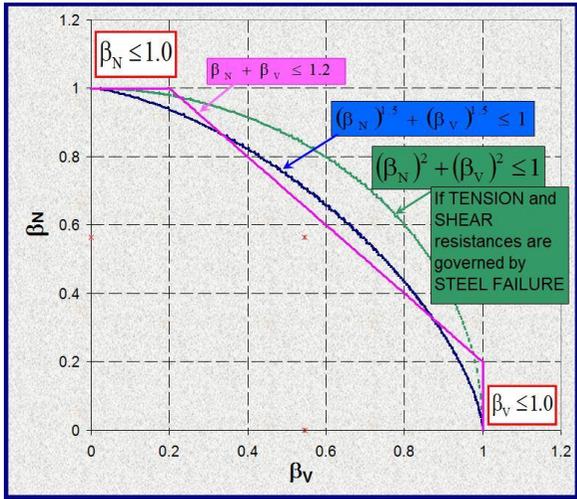
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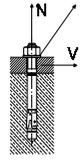
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**EOTA Design Method for Bonded anchors– Combined Loads**



$$\beta_N = \frac{N_{Sd}}{N_{Rd}}$$

$$\beta_V = \frac{V_{Sd}}{V_{Rd}}$$



$N_{Sd}$  = Design value of ACTING Tension load  
 $N_{Rd}$  = Design Value of tension RESISTANCE  
 $V_{Sd}$  = Design value of ACTING shear load  
 $V_{Rd}$  = Design Value of shear RESISTANCE

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**FAILURE EXAMPLES**

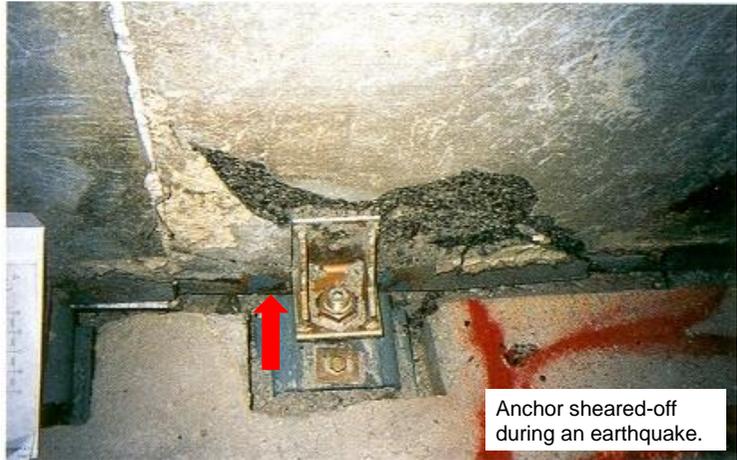
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## Anchor material failure in shear



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## Base material failure in tension



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## Anchor pullout failure in tension



Anchors were completely pulled out as the tank tumbled down during the earthquake.

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## Anchor pullout failure in tension



Chemical anchors were completely pulled out during an earthquake.

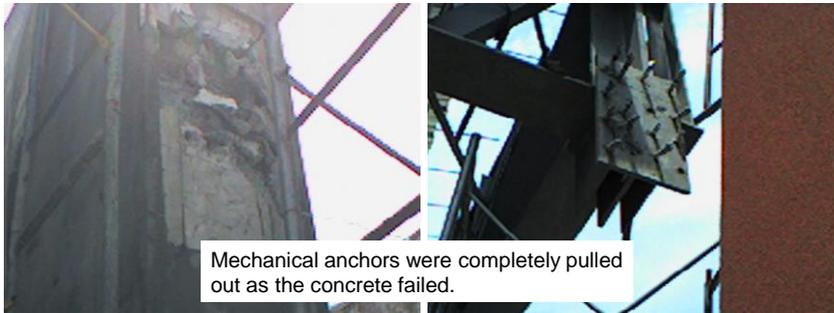
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## Anchor pullout failure in tension



Mechanical anchors were completely pulled out as the concrete failed.

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## Base material failure in shear



Base material cracking as a result of a relatively small edge distance.

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## 11. Questions and Answers