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Foreword

This document (EN 14545:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 124 "Timber Structures", the secretariat of which is held by SFS.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements and test methods for materials, geometry, strength, stiffness and durability aspects (i.e. corrosion protection) of connectors for use in load bearing timber structures.

Only connectors manufactured from steel are covered by this European Standard, like shear plates, split ring connectors, tooth plate connectors, punched metal plate fasteners and nailing plates. Definitions of these items are given in Clause 3.

This European Standard specifies also the evaluation of conformity procedures and includes requirements for marking of these products.

This European Standard does not cover connectors treated with fire retardants to improve their fire performance.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 912:1999, *Timber fasteners - Specifications for connectors for timber*

EN 1075:1999, *Timber structures - Test methods - Joints made with punched metal plate fasteners*

EN 1995-1-1:2004, *Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures - Part 1-1: General - Common rules and rules for buildings*

EN 10025-2, *Hot rolled products of structural steels - Part 2: Technical delivery conditions for non-alloy structural steels*

EN 10029, *Hot rolled steel plates 3 mm thick or above - Tolerances on dimensions, shape and mass*

EN 10051, *Continuously hot-rolled uncoated plate, sheet and strip of non-alloy and alloy steels - Tolerances on dimensions and shape*

EN 10088-1, *Stainless steels - Part 1: List of stainless steels.*

EN 10088-2, *Stainless steels - Part 2: Technical delivery conditions for sheet/plate and strip of corrosion resisting steels for general purposes*

EN 10143, *Continuously hot-dip coated steel sheet and strip - Tolerances on dimensions and shape*

EN 10204, *Metallic products - Types of inspection documents*

EN 10292, *Continuously hot-dip coated strip and sheet of steels with high yield strength for cold forming - Technical delivery conditions*

EN 10326, *Continuously hot-dip coated strip and sheet of structural steels - Technical delivery conditions*

EN 10327, *Continuously hot-dip coated strip and sheet of low carbon steels for cold forming - Technical delivery conditions*

EN 13271:2001, *Timber fasteners - Characteristic load-carrying capacities and slip-moduli for connector joints*

EN 14358:2006, *Timber structures - Calculation of characteristic 5-percentile values and acceptance criteria for a sample*

EN 26891, *Timber structures - Joints made with mechanical fasteners - General principles for the determination of strength and deformation characteristics (ISO 6891:1983)*

EN 28970:1991, *Timber structures - Testing of joints made with mechanical fasteners - Requirements for wood density (ISO 8970:1989)*

EN ISO 1461, *Hot dip galvanized coatings on fabricated iron and steel articles - Specifications and test methods (ISO 1461:1999)*

EN ISO 9001, *Quality management systems - Requirements (ISO 9001:2000)*

EN ISO 9445, *Continuously cold-rolled stainless steel narrow strip, wide strip, plate/sheet and cut lengths - Tolerances on dimensions and form (ISO 9445:2002)*

ISO 2081, *Metallic coatings - Electroplated coatings of zinc on iron or steel*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1995-1-1:2004 and the following apply.

3.1

connector

shear plates, split ring connectors or tooth plate connectors as defined in EN 912 and punched metal plate fasteners or nailing plates as defined below

3.2

nailing plate

flat rectangular metal plate containing pre-punched holes through which nails or screws are inserted

NOTE Used either on the external faces of a joint to join two or more pieces of timber of the same thickness in the same plane or on one external face of a timber member for anchoring and bracing.

3.3

punched metal plate fastener

metal plate having integral projections punched out in one direction perpendicular to the base of the plate

NOTE Used to join two or more pieces of timber of the same thickness in the same plane.

3.4

plate thickness

nominal steel plate thickness including the thickness of any corrosion protection coating

3.5

stiffness (slip modulus)

the value of k_{ser} defined in EN 26891, calculated per fastener and per shear plane

4 Symbols and abbreviations

For the purposes of this standard, the symbols and abbreviations given in EN 1995-1-1:2004, EN 14358:2006, EN 13271:2001, EN 912:1999 and the following ones apply.

A_{80}	percentage elongation (%)
d_c	connector diameter defined in EN 13271 (mm)

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$f_{a,\alpha,\beta,k}$	characteristic punched metal plate anchorage capacity (N/mm ²)
$f_{v,\alpha,k}$	characteristic punched metal plate shear capacity (N/mm)
$f_{t,k}$	characteristic punched metal plate tension capacity (N/mm)
$f_{c,k}$	characteristic punched metal plate compression capacity (N/mm)
k_{ser}	slip modulus per shear plane per fastener (N/mm ³)
k_s	statistical constant defined in EN 14358
k_1, k_2, α_0	constants used to characterise the shape of the punched metal plate anchorage capacity
k_v, γ_0	constants used to characterise the shape of the punched metal plate shear capacity
l	overall connector length (mm)
t_p	metal plate thickness (mm)
w	overall connector width (mm)
α	maximum bend angle (degrees)
ρ_k	characteristic timber density (kg/m ³)
ρ_m	mean timber density (kg/m ³)

5 Dimensions and tolerances

5.1 Method of measurement and accuracy

Length and width of the connectors shall be measured using a device capable of achieving an accuracy of $\pm 0,5$ mm.

Thickness and diameter shall be measured using a calibrated device capable of achieving an accuracy of ± 1 %.

5.2 Length

Where appropriate, the overall length of the connector shall be measured and the result declared.

When sampled in accordance with Tables 2, 3 and 4 and Tables 5, 6 and 7 and measured, the overall length shall be within -1 mm/+ 2 mm or -1 %/+ 2 %, whichever is the greater, of its declared value.

5.3 Width

Where appropriate, the overall width of the connector shall be measured and the result declared.

When sampled in accordance with Tables 2, 3 and 4 and Tables 5, 6 and 7 and measured, the overall width shall be within -1 mm/+ 2 mm or -1 %/+ 2 %, whichever is the greater, of its declared value.

5.4 Diameter

Where appropriate, the connector diameter shall be measured and the result declared.

Where tolerances on diameter are not otherwise given in EN 912, when sampled in accordance with Tables 2 and 4 and Tables 5 and 7 and measured to an accuracy of 0,01 mm, the nominal diameter shall be within $\pm 2,5$ % of its declared value.

5.5 Thickness

Where appropriate, the thickness of the connector shall be measured and the result declared.

When sampled in accordance with Tables 2, 3 and 4 and Tables 5, 6 and 7 and measured, the plate thickness shall be within the tolerances specified for the parent plate material being used.

5.6 Other dimensions

Where appropriate, other dimensions, e.g. tooth length, etc., shall be measured and result declared. When sampled in accordance with Tables 2 and 3 and measured these dimensions shall be within greater of $\pm 0,75$ mm or $\pm 2,5$ % of the specified values given.

6 Requirements

6.1 Shear plates, split ring and toothed-plate connectors

6.1.1 Materials

For shear plates, split ring connectors and toothed-plate connectors manufactured from steel specified in EN 912, the minimum material specifications shall be as given in that standard.

6.1.2 Geometry

For shear plates, split ring connectors and toothed-plate connectors specified in EN 912, the geometric values specified (i.e. dimensions and tolerances) shall be as given in that standard.

6.1.3 Mechanical strength and stiffness

For joints formed using shear plates, split ring connectors and toothed-plate connectors specified in EN 912, the following characteristics shall be determined according to EN 13271 for:

- a) mechanical strength: as characteristic load bearing capacity, and
- b) mechanical stiffness: as slip modulus.

NOTE The equations for the load-bearing capacity of joints made with the connectors covered by EN 912 are given in EN 1995-1-1.

6.1.4 Corrosion protection

For shear plates, split ring connectors and toothed-plate connectors covered by EN 912, the corrosion protection specifications shall be as given in that standard and shall be declared as appropriate service class according to EN 1995-1-1.

Examples of minimum corrosion protection or material specifications for different service classes are given in EN 1995-1-1.

6.2 Punched metal plate fasteners

6.2.1 Materials

Punched metal plate fasteners shall be formed from the steel specifications given in Table 1 and shall have a minimum elongation (A_{80}) of 16 %.