Amendments to the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013 (2020 Edition) (June 2023)



Amendments to the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013 (2020 Edition) in June 2023 included:

- (a) Clause 3.2.8.3 and Annex A Addition of referenced standard ISO 15835-2 for the test method on mechanical coupler; and
- (b) Clause 9.9.1.3(b) and Figure 9.6a Addition of alternative arrangement for links/ties for beam.

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2. Clause 3.2.8.3 ¹	 3.2.8.3 Performance of type 1 mechanical couplers Type 1 mechanical coupler satisfying the following criteria may be used as an alternative to tension or compression laps: (a) when a representative gauge length assembly comprising reinforcement of the diameter, grade and profile to be used, and a coupler of the precise type to be used, is tested in tension the permanent elongation after loading to 0.6fy should not exceed 0.1 mm; and 	 3.2.8.3 Performance of type 1 mechanical couplers Type 1 mechanical coupler satisfying the following criteria may be used as an alternative to tension or compression laps: (a) when a representative gauge length assembly comprising reinforcement of the diameter, grade and profile to be used, and a coupler of the precise type to be used, is tested in tension the permanent elongation after loading to 0.6fy should not exceed 0.1 mm¹; and Reference may be made to clause 5.4, excluding sub-clause 5.4.4, of ISO 15835-2 for the test method. 		
3. Clause 9.9.1.3(b) ²	 (b) Anchorage Links should be adequately anchored by means of hooks with bend not less than 135° in accordance with clause 8.5. Anchorage by means of welded cross bars is not permitted. Where 	 (b) Anchorage Links should be adequately anchored by means of hooks with bend not less than 135° in accordance with clause 8.5. Alternatively, links/ties should be adequately anchored by means of hooks bent through an angle of not less than 135° at one end and 90° at the other end, and should be alternated end for end along the longitudinal bars (see Figure 9.6a). Anchorage by means of welded cross bars is not permitted. Where 		

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