

# Methods of test for ancillary components for masonry —

## Part 3: Determination of shear load capacity of welds in prefabricated bed joint reinforcement

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the shear strength of the welds in prefabricated bed joint reinforcement.

## 2 Normative references

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## 3 Principle

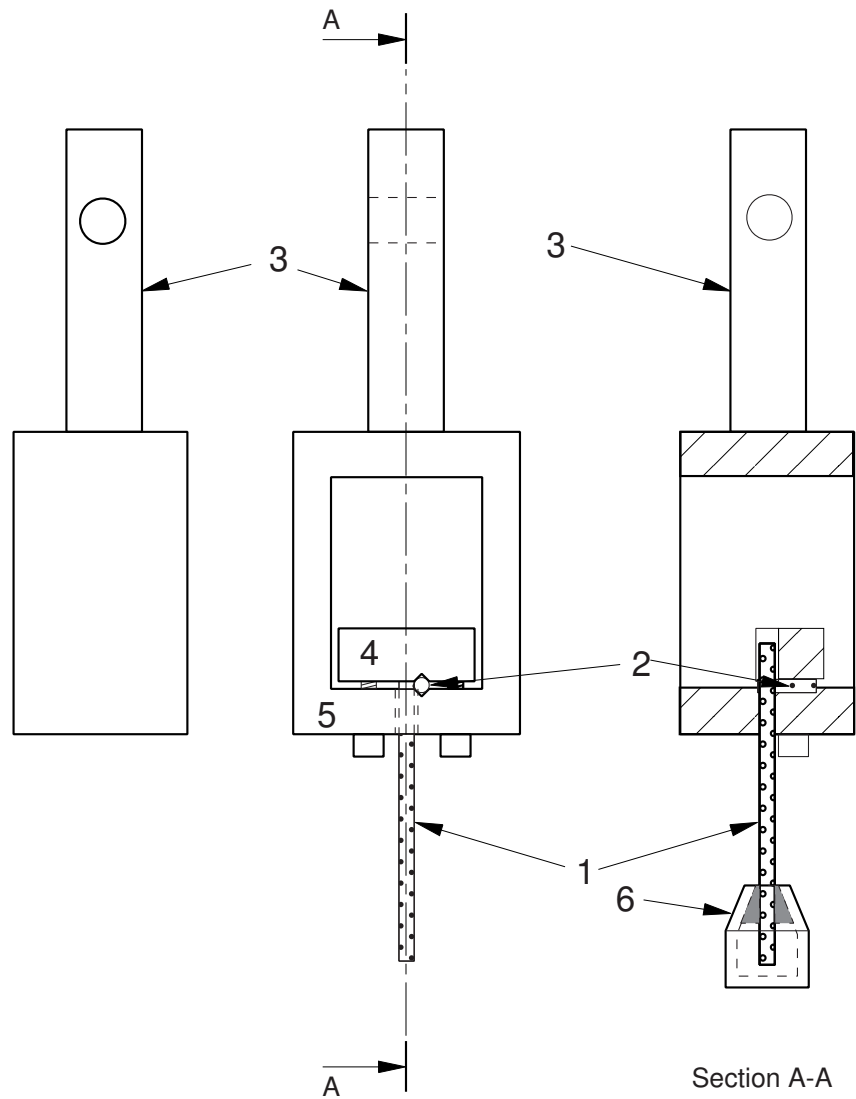
Samples of the welds in truss type prefabricated bed joint reinforcement are straightened (see Figure 2) and tested in a normal tensile test machine. Samples of the welds in ladder type reinforcement are held in a special clamp at one end and then tested in a normal tensile test machine.

## 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Clamp**, for ladder type welds that holds the specimen such that the cross wire is totally supported and prevented from turning or bending.

Note: A typical form of such a clamp is shown in Figure 1.

**4.2 Test system**, with a suitable load capacity. The load shall be measured using a device having a maximum error of 2 % of the full scale reading. The read-out shall be such that the maximum load reading or the reading at a specimen displacement of 0,1 mm, whichever is the lesser, occurs above 20 % of the full scale reading.



**Key**

- 1 Wire in tension
- 2 Anchored wire
- 3 Adapter for attachment to testing machine loading system
- 4 Upper clamp
- 5 Lower clamp
- 6 Wire chuck

**Figure 1 - Test arrangement for ladder type weld specimens**

## 5 Preparation of test specimens

### 5.1 Sampling

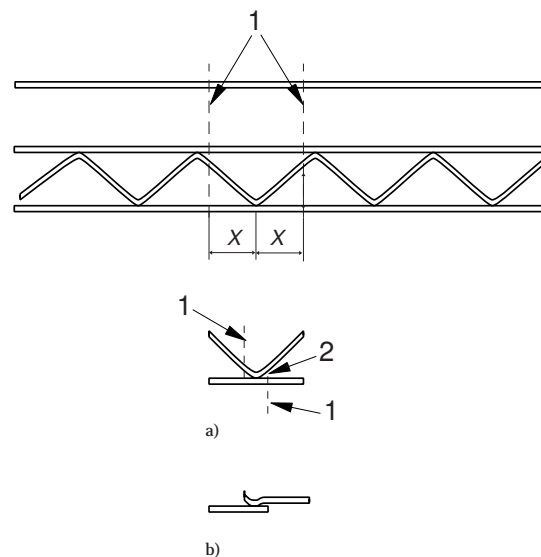
The cutting pattern should produce specimens suitable for clamping and applying longitudinal shear stress at or near the weld. At least five specimens shall be tested.

### 5.2 Test sample for truss type bed joint reinforcement

A length of bed joint reinforcement shall be cut from both sides of the weld as shown in Figure 2. On one side of the weld the longitudinal wire shall be cut away and on the other side the cross wire shall be cut away. The remaining cross wire shall then be straightened till it becomes almost the prolongation of the remaining longitudinal wire.

### 5.3 Test sample for ladder type bed joint reinforcement

A length of bed joint reinforcement shall be cut from either side of a weld and the cross wire shall be cut as shown in Figure 3.



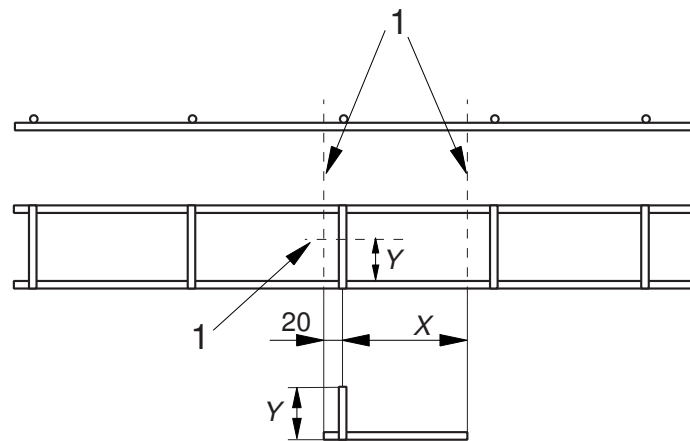
Note:  $X = 150$  mm (recommended).

#### Key

- 1 Cut
- 2 Bend
- a) Intermediate specimen
- b) Resultant specimen

**Figure 2 - Test specimen for truss type weld**





a)

Note:  $X = 180$  mm and  $Y = 30$  mm (recommended).

## Key

1 Cut

a) Resultant specimen

**Figure 3 - Test specimen for ladder type weld**

## 6 Procedure

### 6.1 Setting the specimen in the test machine

Fix truss type weld specimens in the jaws of the tensile test machine so that it will apply the load axially. Fix the clamp holding the specimen of ladder type weld in one jaw of the tensile test machine and the other end of the specimen in the other jaw.

### 6.2 Test environment

Carry out test under normal laboratory conditions.

### 6.3 Loading

Apply load at a uniform rate such that the specimen fails at  $1,5 \text{ min} \pm 0,5 \text{ min}$  from the commencement of load application. Record the load capacity of the weld to the nearest 50 N.

## 7 Expression of results

Calculate the mean shear load capacity as the arithmetic mean of the individual test results, to the nearest 50 N.

## 8 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) the number, title and date of issue of this European Standard;
- b) the description of the bed joint reinforcement, to the relevant standard prEN 845-3;
- c) the name of the laboratory;
- d) the date of testing the specimens;
- e) the shear load capacity of each weld, to the nearest 50N;
- f) the mean shear load capacity of the welds, to the nearest 50 N;
- g) remarks, if any.



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