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Trade name of the construction product

SFS self-tapping screws WR

Product family
to which the construction product belongs

Self-tapping screws for use in timber constructions

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Manufacturing plant

HW-1, HW-2

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Specific part

1 Technical description of the product

SFS fasteners “WR-T-9,0 and WR-T-13,0” are self-tapping screws divided into a drill tip, a continuous threaded length, and head of the screw. They are made from special carbon steel and coated with “Durocoat”. The outer thread diameter is not less than 9.0 mm and not greater than 13.0 mm. The overall length of the screw is ranging from 50 mm to 1000 mm. Further dimensions are shown in Annex 4.

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 SFS fasteners are used in compliance with the specifications and conditions given in Annex 1 and 2.

Durability is only ensured if the specifications of intended use according to Annex 1 and 2 are taken into account.

The verifications and assessment methods on which this European Technical Assessment is based lead to the assumption of a working life of the screws 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
Dimensions	See Annex 4
Characteristic yield moment	See Annex 2
Characteristic withdrawal parameter	See Annex 2
Characteristic head pull-through parameter	See Annex 2
Characteristic tensile strength	See Annex 2
Characteristic yield strength	See Annex 2
Characteristic torsional strength	See Annex 2
Insertion moment	See Annex 2
Spacing, end and edge distances of the screws and minimum thickness of the wood based material	See Annex 2
Slip modulus for mainly axially loaded screws	See Annex 2

3.2 Safety in case of fire (BWR 2)

Essential characteristic	Performance
Reaction to fire	The screws are made of steel classified as Euroclass A1 in accordance with EC decision 96/603/EC, as amended by EC decision 2000/605/EC.

3.3 Safety and accessibility in use (BWR 4)

Same as BWR 1

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

In accordance with EAD No. 130118-00-0603, the applicable European legal act is: 97/176/EC.
The system to be applied is: 3

5 Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system, as provided for in the applicable EAD

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

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Annex 1 Specifications of intended use

A.1.1 Use of the SFS self-tapping screws WR only for:

- Static and quasi-static loads

A.1.2 Base materials

The screws are used for connections in load bearing timber structures between wood-based members or between those members and steel members:

- Solid timber (softwood) according to EN 14081-1¹,
- Glued laminated timber (softwood) according to EN 14080²,
- Laminated veneer lumber LVL made of softwood according to EN 14374³,
- Glued solid timber according to EN 14080 or national provisions that apply at the installation site,
- Cross-laminated timber according to European Technical Approvals/ Assessments or national provisions that apply at the installation site.

The screws may be used for connecting the following wood-based panels to the timber members mentioned above:

- Plywood according to EN 636⁴ and EN 13986⁵,
- Oriented Strand Board, OSB according to EN 300⁶ and EN 13986,
- Particleboard according to EN 312⁷ and EN 13986,
- Fibreboards according to EN 622-2⁸, EN 622-3⁹ and EN 13986,
- Cement-bonded particle boards according to EN 634-2¹⁰ and EN 13986,
- Solid-wood panels according to EN 13353¹¹ and EN 13986.

Wood-based panels shall only be arranged on the side of the screw head.

SFS self-tapping screws WR may be used for reinforcing of timber structures perpendicular to the grain.

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1	EN 14081-1:2005+A1:2011	Timber structures – Strength graded structural timber with rectangular cross section – Part 1: General requirements
2	EN 14080:2013	Timber structures - Glued laminated timber and glued solid timber - Requirements
3	EN 14374:2004	Timber structures - Structural laminated veneer lumber - Requirements
4	EN 636:2012+A1:2015	Plywood - Specifications
5	EN 13986:2004+A1:2015	Wood-based panels for use in construction - Characteristics, evaluation of conformity and marking
6	EN 300:2006	Oriented strand boards (OSB) – Definition, classification and specifications
7	EN 312:2010	Particleboards - Specifications
8	EN 622-2:2004	Fibreboards – Specifications – Part 2: Requirements for hardboards
9	EN 622-3:2004	Fibreboards - Specifications - Part 3: Requirements for medium boards
10	EN 634-2:2007	Cement-bonded particleboards – Specifications – Part 2: Requirements for OPC bonded particleboards for use in dry, humid and external conditions
11	EN 13353:2011	Solid wood panels (SWP) – Requirements

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A.1.3 Use Conditions (environmental conditions)

The corrosion protection of the SFS self-tapping screws WR is specified in Annex A.2.6. With regard to the use and the environmental conditions the national provisions of the place of installation apply.

A.1.4 Installation provisions

EN 1995-1-1¹² in conjunction with the respective national annex applies for the installation.

The screws are either driven into the wood-based member made of softwood without pre-drilling or in pre-drilled holes with a diameter according to Table A.1.

Table A.1 Diameter of the pre-drilled holes

Outer thread diameter d [mm]	Diameter of the pre-drilled hole with a tolerance of ± 0.1 mm [mm]
WR-T-9,0	5.0
WR-T-13,0	8.0

The screw holes in steel members shall be pre-drilled with an adequate diameter greater than the outer thread diameter.

A minimum of two screws shall be used for connections in load bearing timber structures. This does not apply for special situations specified in National Annexes to EN 1995-1-1.

If the screws with an outer thread diameter $d \geq 8$ mm are driven into the wood-based member without pre-drilling, the structural solid or glued laminated timber, laminated veneer lumber and similar glued members shall be from spruce, pine or fir.

By fastening screws in wood-based members the head of the screws shall be flush with the surface of the wood-based member.

¹² EN 1995-1-1:2004+A1:2008+A2:2014

Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures – Part 1-1: General - Common rules and rules for buildings

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Annex 2 Characteristic load-bearing capacity values

Table A.2.1 Characteristic load-bearing capacities of SFS self-tapping screws WR

Outer thread diameter [mm]	9.0	13.0
Characteristic yield moment $M_{y,k}$ [Nm]	30.0	80.0
Characteristic tensile strength $f_{tens,k}$ [kN]	25.0	55.0
Characteristic torsional strength $f_{tor,k}$ [Nm]	30.0	100.0

A.2.1 General

The minimum penetration length of the threaded part of the screw l_{ef} shall be

$$l_{ef} = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{4 \cdot d}{\sin \alpha} \\ 20 \cdot d \end{array} \right. \quad (2.1)$$

where

- α angle between screw axis and grain direction
- d outer thread diameter of the screw.

The inner thread diameter d_1 of the screws shall be greater than the maximal width of the gaps in the layer of cross laminated timber.

A.2.2 Laterally loaded screws

A.2.2.1 General

The outer thread diameter d shall be used as effective diameter of the screw according to EN 1995-1-1.

The embedding strength for the screws in wood-based members or in wood-based panels shall be taken from EN 1995-1-1 or from national provisions that apply at the installation site.

The embedding strength for screws in the edges of LVL shall be assumed as given in the technical specification of the LVL at the installation site.

A.2.3 Axially loaded screws

The axial slip modulus K_{ser} of the threaded part of a screw for the serviceability limit state per side shall be taken independent of angle α to the grain as:

$$K_{ser} = 25 \cdot l_{ef} \cdot d \quad [\text{N/mm}] \quad (2.2)$$

where

- d outer thread diameter of the screw [mm]
- l_{ef} penetration length of the threaded part of the screw in the wood-based member [mm].

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A.2.3.1 Axial withdrawal capacity

The characteristic withdrawal capacity in solid timber (softwood), glued laminated timber (softwood), cross laminated timber or laminated veneer lumber members made from softwood at an angle of $0^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 90^\circ$ to the grain shall be calculated as:

$$F_{ax,\alpha,Rk} = n_{ef} \cdot k_{ax} \cdot f_{ax,k} \cdot d \cdot l_{ef} \cdot \left(\frac{\rho_k}{350} \right)^{0.8} \quad (2.3)$$

where

$F_{ax,\alpha,Rk}$ Characteristic withdrawal capacity of a screw group at an angle α to the grain [N]

n_{ef} Effective number of screws according to EN 1995-1-1:2008, clause 8.7.2 (8)

k_{ax} Factor, taking into account the angle α between screw axis and grain direction

$$k_{ax} = 1.0 \quad \text{for } 45^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 90^\circ$$

$$k_{ax} = 0.3 + \frac{0.7 \cdot \alpha}{45^\circ} \quad \text{for } 15^\circ \leq \alpha < 45^\circ \quad (2.4)$$

Equation (2.4) may be used for angles α between screw axis and grain direction $0^\circ \leq \alpha < 15^\circ$ if the following requirements are fulfilled:

1. The screws are inserted in solid timber, glued laminated timber, glued solid timber or laminated veneer lumber made from softwood.
2. The penetration length of the threaded part of the screws is

$$l_{ef,req} = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{4 \cdot d}{\sin \alpha} \\ 20 \cdot d \end{array} \right.$$

3. At least four screws are used in a connection.

$f_{ax,k}$ Characteristic withdrawal parameter at an angle $\alpha = 90^\circ$ between screw axis and grain direction based on a characteristic density of the wood-based member ρ_k of 350 kg/m^3

$$f_{ax,k} = 12,8 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

The characteristic withdrawal parameter for LVL shall be assumed as given in the technical specification of the LVL at the installation site.

The characteristic withdrawal parameter is also valid for softwood layers of cross-laminated timber.

ρ_k Characteristic density of the wood-based member, for LVL $\rho_k \leq 500 \text{ kg/m}^3$,

For screws penetrating more than one layer of cross laminated timber the different layers may be taken into account proportionally. In the lateral surfaces of the cross laminated timber the screws shall be fully inserted in one layer of cross-laminated timber.

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A.2.3.2 Head pull-through capacity

The characteristic value of the head pull-through parameter for SFS screws for a characteristic density of 350 kg/m³ of the softwood-based member and for wood-based panel like

- Plywood according to EN 636 and EN 13986
- Oriented Strand Board, OSB according to EN 300 and EN 13986
- Particleboard according to EN 312 and EN 13986
- Fibreboards according to EN 622-2, EN 622-3 and EN 13986
- Cement-bonded particle boards according to EN 634-2 and EN 13986,
- Solid-wood panels according to EN 13353 and EN 13986

with a thickness of more than 20 mm is

$$f_{\text{head,k}} = 10.0 \text{ N/mm}^2 \text{ for screws with countersunk head.}$$

The characteristic head pull-through capacity in equation (8.40b) of EN 1995-1-1 for screws with alternative head geometry according to annex 4 is $F_{\text{ax},\alpha,\text{RK}} = 0$.

For wood-based panels a maximum characteristic density of 380 kg/m³ and for LVL a maximum characteristic density of 500 kg/m³ shall be used in equation (8.40b) of EN 1995-1-1.

For wood based panels with a thickness $12 \text{ mm} \leq t \leq 20 \text{ mm}$ the characteristic value of the head pull-through parameter for SFS screws is:

$$f_{\text{head,k}} = 8 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

For wood based panels with a thickness of less than 12 mm the characteristic head pull-through capacity for SFS screws shall be based on a characteristic value of the head pull-through parameter of 8 N/mm², and limited to 400 N complying with the minimum thickness of the wood based panels of 1.2·d, with d as outer thread diameter and the values in Table A.2.2.

Table A.2.2 Minimum thickness of wood based panels

Wood based panel	Minimum thickness [mm]
Plywood	6
Fibreboards (hardboards and medium boards)	6
Oriented Strand Boards, OSB	8
Particleboards	8
Cement-bonded particle board	8
Solid wood Panels	12

For SFS self-tapping screws WR the withdrawal capacity of the thread in the wood-based member with the screw head may be taken into account instead of the head pull-through capacity.

In steel-to-timber connections the head pull-through capacity is not governing.

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A.2.3.3 Compressive capacity of SFS self-tapping screws WR

The design axial capacity $F_{ax,Rd}$ of SFS self-tapping screws WR embedded in solid timber, glued solid timber or glued laminated timber made from softwood with an angle between screw axis and grain direction of $30^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 90^\circ$ is the minimum of the axial resistance against pushing-in and the buckling resistance of the screw.

$$F_{ax,Rd} = \min \{ k_{ax} \cdot f_{ax,d} \cdot d \cdot l_{ef}; \kappa_c \cdot N_{pl,d} \} \quad (2.5)$$

k_{ax} Factor, taking into account the angle α between screw axis and grain direction according to clause A.2.3.1

$f_{ax,d}$ design value of the axial withdrawal capacity of the threaded part of the screw [N/mm²]

d outer thread diameter of the screw [mm]

l_{ef} penetration length of the threaded part of the screw in the timber member [mm]

$$\kappa_c = 1 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_k \leq 0,2 \quad (2.6)$$

$$\kappa_c = \frac{1}{k + \sqrt{k^2 - \bar{\lambda}_k^2}} \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_k > 0,2 \quad (2.7)$$

$$k = 0,5 \cdot \left[1 + 0,49 \cdot (\bar{\lambda}_k - 0,2) + \bar{\lambda}_k^2 \right] \quad (2.8)$$

and a relative slenderness ratio $\bar{\lambda}_k = \sqrt{\frac{N_{pl,k}}{N_{ki,k}}}$ (2.9)

where:

$N_{pl,k}$ characteristic plastic normal force related to the net cross-section of the inner thread diameter: :

$$N_{pl,k} = \pi \cdot \frac{d_1^2}{4} \cdot f_{y,k} \quad (2.10)$$

$f_{y,k}$ characteristic yield strength, $f_{y,k} = 800$ N/mm² for SFS self-tapping screws WR

d_1 inner thread diameter of the screw [mm]

$$N_{pl,d} = \frac{N_{pl,k}}{\gamma_{M1}} \quad (2.11)$$

γ_{M1} partial factor according to EN 1993-1-1 in conjunction with the particular national annex

characteristic ideal elastic buckling load:

$$N_{ki,k} = \sqrt{c_h \cdot E_s \cdot I_s} \quad [\text{N}] \quad (2.12)$$

elastic foundation of the screw:

$$c_h = (0.19 + 0.012 \cdot d) \cdot \rho_k \cdot \left(\frac{90^\circ + \alpha}{180^\circ} \right) \quad [\text{N/mm}^2] \quad (2.13)$$

ρ_k characteristic density of the wood-based member [kg/m³],

α angle between screw axis and grain direction, $30^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 90^\circ$

modulus of elasticity:

$$E_s = 210.000 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

second moment of area:

$$I_s = \frac{\pi \cdot d_1^4}{64} \quad [\text{mm}^4] \quad (2.14)$$

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A.2.4 Spacing, end and edge distances of the screws and minimum thickness of the wood based material

Minimum thickness for structural wood-based members made from solid timber, glued laminated timber, glued solid timber, laminated veneer lumber and cross laminated timber is $t = 45$ mm for screws with $d = 9$ mm. For screws with $d = 13$ mm the provisions in EN 1995-1-1 are valid.

A.2.4.1 Laterally and/or axially loaded screws

Screws in pre-drilled holes

For SFS self-tapping screws WR in pre-drilled holes the minimum spacings, end and edge distances are given in EN 1995-1-1:2004+A1:2008+A2:2014, clause 8.3.1.2 and Table 8.2 as for nails in pre-drilled holes. Here, the outer thread diameter d shall be considered.

Screws in non pre-drilled holes

For SFS self-tapping screws WR minimum spacing and distances are given in EN 1995-1-1:2004+A1:2008+A2:2014, clause 8.3.1.2 and Table 8.2 as for nails in non-predrilled holes. Here, the outer thread diameter d shall be considered.

For Douglas fir members minimum spacing and distances parallel to the grain shall be increased by 50%.

Minimum distances from loaded or unloaded ends shall be at least $15 \cdot d$ for screws with outer thread diameter $d > 8$ mm and timber thickness $t < 5 \cdot d$.

Minimum distances from the unloaded edge perpendicular to the grain may be reduced to $3 \cdot d$ also for timber thickness $t < 5 \cdot d$, if the spacing parallel to the grain and the end distance is at least $25 \cdot d$.

A.2.4.2 Only axially loaded screws

For SFS self-tapping screws WR loaded only axially, the following minimum spacings, end and edge distances apply alternatively to paragraph A.2.4.1 for solid timber, glued laminated timber and similar glued products:

Spacing a_1 in a plane parallel to grain: $a_1 = 5 \cdot d$

Spacing a_2 perpendicular to a plane parallel to grain: $a_2 = 5 \cdot d$

End distance of the centre of gravity of the threaded part in the timber member: $a_{1,CG} = 5 \cdot d$

Edge distance of the centre of gravity of the threaded part in the timber member: $a_{2,CG} = 3 \cdot d$

For screws in non pre-drilled holes a minimum timber thickness of $10 d$ is required.

For a crossed screw couple in solid timber, glued laminated timber and similar glued products or in laminated veneer lumber the minimum spacing between the crossing screws may be reduced by the factor $(1 - \alpha_k/180^\circ)$ with $0^\circ \leq \alpha_k \leq 90^\circ$. The minimum spacing shall be at least $1.5 d$.

Are the spacing, end and edge distances less than the distances and thicknesses given in EN 1995-1-1 the verification of resistance according to EN 1995-1-1:2004 +AC:2006 + A1:2008+A2:2014, clause 8.7.2 (1) the failure along the circumference of a group of screws has to be considered also for connections without steel plates.

A.2.5 Insertion moment

The ratio between the characteristic torsional strength $f_{tor,k}$ and the mean value of insertion moment $R_{tor,mean}$ fulfills the requirement for all screws.

A.2.6 Durability against corrosion

The screws are coated with the zinc flake system "Durocoat".

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ANNEX 3 Compression reinforcement perpendicular to the grain

A.3.1 General

SFS self-tapping screws WR may be used for compression reinforcement perpendicular to the grain. The provisions are valid for reinforcing timber members made from solid timber, glued solid timber or glued laminated timber made from softwood.

The compression force shall evenly be distributed to the screws used as compression reinforcement.

The screws are driven into the timber member perpendicular to the contact surface under an angle between the screw axis and the grain direction of 45° to 90°. The screw heads must be flush with the timber surface.

A.3.2 Design

For the design of reinforced contact areas the following conditions must be met independently of the angle between the screw axis and the grain direction.

The design resistance of a reinforced contact area is:

$$R_{90,d} = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_{c,90} \cdot B \cdot \ell_{ef,1} \cdot f_{c,90,d} + n \cdot \min \{ R_{ax,d}; \kappa_c \cdot N_{pl,d} \} \\ B \cdot \ell_{ef,2} \cdot f_{c,90,d} \end{array} \right\} \quad (3.1)$$

where:

$k_{c,90}$ Parameter according to EN 1995-1-1:2004+A1:2008+A2:2014, 6.1.5

B Bearing width [mm]

$\ell_{ef,1}$ Effective contact length according to EN 1995-1-1:2004+A1:2008+A2:2014, 6.1.5 [mm]

$f_{c,90,d}$ Design compressive strength perpendicular to the grain [N/mm²]

n Number of reinforcing screws, $n = n_0 \cdot n_{90}$

n_0 Number of reinforcing screws arranged in a row parallel to the grain

n_{90} Number of reinforcing screws arranged in a row perpendicular to the grain

$$R_{ax,d} = f_{ax,d} \cdot d \cdot \ell_{ef} \quad [N] \quad (3.2)$$

$f_{ax,d}$ design value of the axial withdrawal capacity of the threaded part of the screw [N/mm²]

d outer thread diameter of the screw [mm]

κ_c according to annex A.2.3.3,

$N_{pl,d}$ according to annex A.2.3.3 [N]

$\ell_{ef,2}$ Effective contact length in the plane of the screw tips (see Figure 3.1) [mm]

$$\ell_{ef,2} = \{ \ell_{ef} + (n_0 - 1) \cdot a_1 + \min(\ell_{ef}; a_{1,C}) \} \text{ for end supports (see Figure 3.1 left)}$$

$$\ell_{ef,2} = \{ 2 \cdot \ell_{ef} + (n_0 - 1) \cdot a_1 \} \text{ for intermediate supports (see Figure 3.1 right)}$$

ℓ_{ef} Penetration length of the threaded part of the screw in the timber member [mm]

a_1 Spacing a_1 in a plane parallel to grain, see chapter A.2.4.2 [mm]

$a_{1,CG}$ End distance of the centre of gravity of the threaded part in the timber member, see chapter A.2.4.2 [mm]

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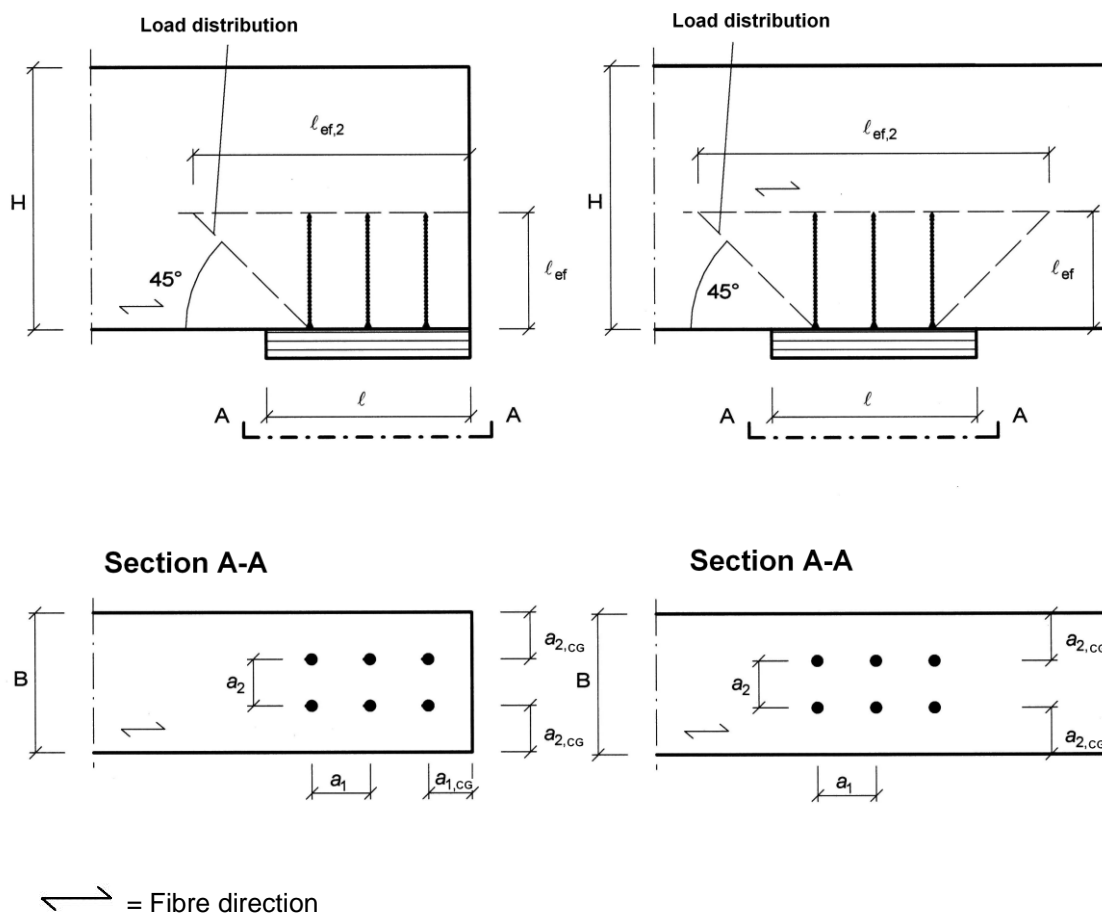
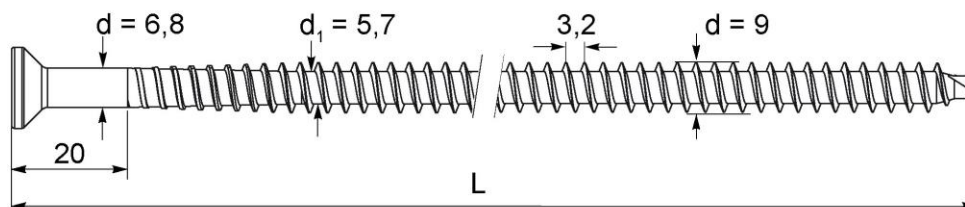
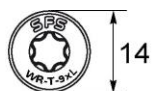


Figure A.3.1: Reinforced end support (left) and reinforced intermediate support (right)

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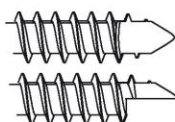
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alternative head geometry

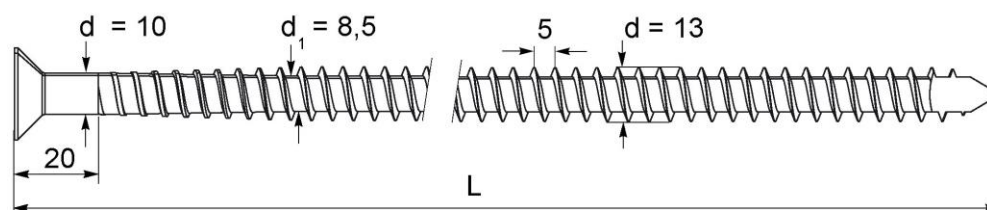
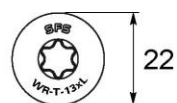


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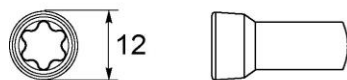


50 mm ≤ L ≤ 500 mm

WR-T-13 x L



alternative head geometry



300 mm ≤ L ≤ 1000 mm

Tolerances	
Length	± 5%
Diameter	± 5%

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Dimensions

Annex 4