

MECHANICAL BUTT SPLICING FOR REINFORCING STEEL

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1.0 GENERAL

When mechanically butt splicing reinforcing steel, use a standard metal filled sleeve, cement mortar filled sleeve, threaded steel couplings, forged steel sleeve, cold-forged sleeve or an exothermic process whereby molten filler metal, contained by a high strength steel sleeve of larger inside diameter than the bars, is introduced into the annular space between the bars and the sleeve and also between the ends of the bars. Provide a splice that is capable of transferring at least 125% of the yield strength of the bars from one bar to the other by the mechanical strengths of the splice components.

The following is a list of approved connectors:

Brand Name	Approved Size
Bar Lock Couplers	#4 - #11 (#13 - #36)
Barsplice Products	
Bar-Grip System	#4 - #18 (#13 - #57)
Grip-Twist System	#4 - #18 (#13 - #57)
Threaded Dowel Bar Coupler	#4 - #8 (#13 - #25)
Erieo	
Lenton Interlok Grout-Filled Coupler	#6 - #11 (#19 - #36)
Lenton Position Coupler	#4 - #18 (#13 - #57)
Lenton Standard Coupler	#4 - #18 (#13 - #57)
Quick-Wedge Coupler	#4 - #6 (#13 - #19)
Richmond DB SAE Dowel Bar Splicer	#4 - #11 (#13 - #36)
Williams Form Engineering Flange Coupler	#4 - #14 (#13 - #43)
Zap Screwlok	#4 - #11 (#13 - #36)

For splices not on the approved list, as a condition of approval, assemble three test splices in the presence of the Engineer for each of the bar materials identical to that which is proposed for use in the structure and forward the test splices to N. C. Department of Transportation Materials and Test Unit in Raleigh, N.C.

When an exothermic connector is used, do not let the splice depend upon fusion of the filler metal with the bars. Select a temperature for heating the bars that is below the melting point of the bars and is sufficiently low so as not to significantly affect the original hardness nor decrease the structural properties of the bars. Visual inspection of the finished splices is sufficient; the splice is acceptable if sound filler metal is present at both ends of the splice sleeve and at the sleeve entry port.

Splice the bars in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations using the manufacturer's required accessories as approved by the Engineer. Use mechanical butt splices only where specified on the plans. Additional splices require approval.

If bars are epoxy coated, strip the epoxy coating within the limits of the sleeve prior to splicing. After making the splice, paint any unprotected areas of the reinforcing bar and the coupling sleeve with epoxy paint as described in the Standard Specifications.

2.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

~~No separate measurement or payment will be made for this work. The following pay items will be full compensation for the above work as follows:~~

~~☐ The unit contract price bid for "Reinforced Concrete Deck Slab" will be full compensation for mechanical butt splices in concrete decks.~~

~~☐ The unit contract price bid for "Reinforcing Steel" or "Epoxy Coated Reinforcing Steel" will be full compensation for mechanical butt splices in bridge substructures and cast-in-place culverts.~~