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Foreword

This document (EN 13906-2:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 407 "Project Committee - Cylindrical helical springs made from round wire and bar - Calculation and design", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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This European Standard constitutes a revision of EN 13906-2:2001 for which it has been technically revised. The main modifications are listed below:

- updating of the normative references,
- technical corrections.

EN 13906 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Cylindrical helical springs made from round wire and bar — Calculation and design*:

- *Part 1: Compression springs;*
- *Part 2: Extension springs;*
- *Part 3: Torsion springs.*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the calculation and design of cold and hot coiled helical extension springs made from round wire and bar with values according to Table 1, loaded in the direction of the spring axis and operating at normal ambient temperatures.

Table 1

Characteristic	Cold coiled extension spring	Hot coiled extension spring
Wire or bar diameter	$d \leq 20 \text{ mm}$	$d \geq 10 \text{ mm}$
Number of active coils	$n \geq 3$	$n \geq 3$
Spring index	$4 \leq w \leq 20$	$4 \leq w \leq 12$

NOTE In cases of substantially higher or lower working temperature, it is advisable to seek the manufacturer's advice.

2 Normative references

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

EN 10270-1, *Steel wire for mechanical springs — Part 1: Patented cold drawn unalloyed spring steel wire*

EN 10270-2, *Steel wire for mechanical springs — Part 2: Oil hardened and tempered spring steel wire*

EN 10270-3, *Steel wire for mechanical springs — Part 3: Stainless spring steel wire*

EN 10089, *Hot-rolled steels for quenched and tempered springs — Technical delivery conditions*

EN 12166, *Copper and copper alloys — Wire for general purposes*

EN ISO 26909:2010, *Springs — Vocabulary (ISO 26909:2009)*

ISO 26910-1, *Springs — Shot peening — Part 1: General procedures*

3 Terms and definitions, symbols, units and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 26909:2010 and the following apply.

3.1.1

spring

mechanical device designed to store energy when deflected and to return the equivalent amount of energy when released

[SOURCE: EN ISO 26909:2010, 1.1]

3.1.2

extension spring

spring (1.1) that offers resistance to an axial force tending to extend its length, with or without initial tension

[SOURCE: EN ISO 26909:2010, 1.3]

3.1.3**helical extension spring**

extension spring (1.3) normally made of wire of circular cross-section wound around an axis, with or without spaces between its coils (open- or close-wound)

[SOURCE: EN ISO 26909:2010, 3.13]

3.2 Symbols, units and abbreviated terms

Table 2 contains the symbols, units and abbreviated terms used in this European Standard.

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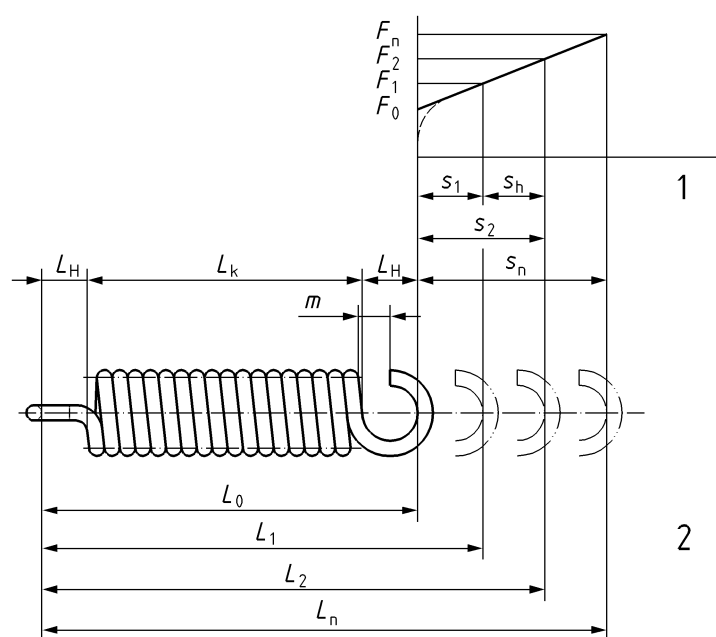
Symbols	Units	Terms
$D = \frac{D_e + D_i}{2}$	mm	mean diameter of coil
D_e	mm	outside diameter of the spring
D_i	mm	inside diameter of the spring
d	mm	nominal diameter of wire (or bar)
E	N/mm ² (MPa)	modulus of elasticity (or Young's modulus)
F_0	N	initial tension force
F	N	spring force
F_1, F_2, \dots	N	spring forces, for the spring lengths L_1, L_2, \dots (at ambient temperature of 20 °C)
F_n	N	maximum permissible spring force for the maximum permissible spring length L_n
G	N/mm ² (MPa)	modulus of rigidity
k	-	stress correction factor (depending on D/d)
L	mm	spring length
L_0	mm	Nominal free length of spring
L_1, L_2, \dots	mm	spring lengths for the spring forces F_1, F_2, \dots
L_H	mm	distance from inner radius of loop to spring body
L_K	mm	body length when unloaded but subject to initial tension force
L_n	mm	maximum permissible spring length for the spring force F_n
m	mm	hook opening
N	-	Number of cycles up to rupture
n	-	number of active coils
n_t	-	total number of coils
R	N/mm	spring rate

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Symbols	Units	Terms
R_m	N/mm ² (MPa)	minimum value of tensile strength
s	mm	spring deflection
$s_1, s_2 \dots$	mm	spring deflections, for the spring forces $F_1, F_2 \dots$
s_h	mm	deflection of spring (stroke) between two positions
s_n	mm	spring deflection, for the spring force F_n
W	Nmm	spring work
$w = \frac{D}{d}$	-	spring index
ρ	kg/dm ³	density
τ	N/mm ² (MPa)	uncorrected torsional stress (without the influence of the wire curvature being taken into account)
τ_0	N/mm ² (MPa)	uncorrected torsional stress, for the initial tension force F_0
$\tau_1, \tau_2 \dots$	N/mm ² (MPa)	uncorrected torsional stress, for the spring forces $F_1, F_2 \dots$
τ_k	N/mm ² (MPa)	corrected torsional stress, (according to the correction factor k)
$\tau_{k1}, \tau_{k2} \dots$	N/mm ² (MPa)	corrected torsional stress, for the spring forces $F_1, F_2 \dots$
τ_{kh}	N/mm ² (MPa)	corrected torsional stress range, for the stroke s_h
τ_{kn}	N/mm ² (MPa)	corrected torsional stress, for the spring force F_n
τ_n	N/mm ² (MPa)	uncorrected torsional stress, for the spring force F_n
τ_{zul}	N/mm ² (MPa)	permissible torsional stress

4 Theoretical extension spring diagram

The illustration of the extension spring corresponds to Figure 5.1 from EN ISO 2162-1:1996. The theoretical extension spring diagram is given in Figure 1.



Key

- 1 spring deflection
- 2 spring lengths

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Figure 1 — Theoretical extension spring diagram

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5 Types of loading

5.1 General

Before carrying out design calculations, it should be specified whether they will be subjected to static loading, quasi-static loading or dynamic loading.

5.2 Static and/or quasi-static loading

A static loading is:

- a loading constant in time.

A quasi-static loading is:

- a loading variable with time with a negligibly small torsional stress range (stroke stress) (e.g. torsional stress range up to 10 % of fatigue strength);
- a variable loading with greater torsional stress range but only a number of cycles of up to 10^4 .

5.3 Dynamic loading

In the case of extension springs dynamic loading is loading variable with time with a number of loading cycles over 10^4 and torsional stress range greater than 10 % of fatigue strength at:

- a) constant torsional stress range;
- b) variable torsional stress range.

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Depending on the required number of cycles N up to rupture it is necessary to differentiate between two cases as follows:

- 1) infinite life fatigue in which the number of cycles

— $N \geq 10^7$ for cold coiled springs

In this case, the torsional stress range is lower than the infinite life fatigue limit

- 2) limited life fatigue in which

— $N < 10^7$ for cold coiled springs

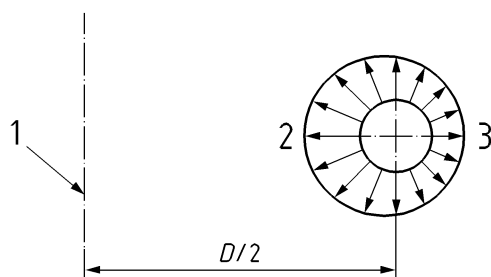
In this case, the torsional stress range is greater than the infinite life fatigue limit but smaller than the low cycle fatigue limit.

In the case of springs with a time-variable torsional stress range and mean torsional stress, (set of torsional stress combinations) the maximum values of which are situated above the infinite fatigue life limit, the service life can be calculated as a rough approximation with the aid of cumulative damage hypotheses. In such circumstances, the service life shall be verified by means of a fatigue test.

6 Stress correction factor k

The distribution of torsional stresses over the cross section of the wire or bar of a spring is not uniform. The highest torsional stress occurs at the inside coil surface of the spring due to the curvature of the wire or bar (see Figure 2).

The maximum torsional stress can be determined by approximation with the aid of a stress correction factor k , which is dependent on the spring index. The factor shall be taken into account in the calculation of the maximum torsional stress, the minimum torsional stress and torsional stress range of dynamically loaded springs. Its dependency on the spring index can be calculated with the aid of the approximate Formula (1), or obtained from Figure 3.



Key

- 1 spring axis
- 2 maximum torsional stress
- 3 minimum torsional stress

Figure 2 — Distribution of torsional stresses at the surface of the wire or bar

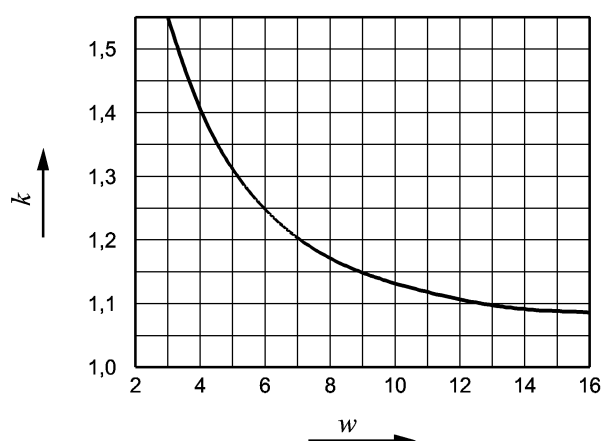


Figure 3 — Stress correction factor k as a function of the spring index w

Approximation formula for the relationship between the stress correction factor k and the spring index w is according to Bergsträsser:

$$k = \frac{w + 0,5}{w - 0,75} \quad (1)$$

NOTE According to Wahl, an alternative to Formula (1) can also be used, giving approximately the same results:

$$k = \frac{4w - 1}{4w - 4} + \frac{0,615}{w}$$

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7 Initial tension force F_0

Initial tension force is the force which shall be applied to the spring in order to overcome the force which presses the coils one against the other. Initial tension force is introduced by coiling the coils so that they exert a certain pressure against each other. The initial tension force obtainable in this way is governed primarily by the quality of the wire (tensile strength), the nominal diameter of the wire d , the spring index w and the manufacturing method applied. In addition, the initial tension force depends on the uncorrected maximum permissible torsional stress τ_n (see 10.4).

The winding in of initial tension force F_0 is only practicable for cold coiled springs which are not given a final annealing heat treatment.

Extension springs with initial tension force have their coils pressed tightly together. It may be specified for an extension spring that its coils shall lie loosely in contact with each other without any initial tension force, in such cases however, a small amount of initial tension force shall be accepted, since it is not possible to achieve uniformly tension-free coiling.

Hot coiled extension springs cannot be made with initial tension force. The heat treatment applied causes gaps to occur between the coils, the size of the gap being dependent on the spring index w and the degree of torsional stress involved.

For hot coiled extension springs up to 25 mm bar diameter the following approximate figures apply:

- Gap between the active coils $\approx 0,5$ mm to 5 mm corresponding to a permissible torsional stress $\tau_{zul} \approx 400$ N/mm² (MPa) to 600 N/mm² (MPa) (at spring force F_n).