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Introduction

Joist hangers are an integral part of timber constructions in that they provide a necessary means of connection between timber elements and also between timber elements and other materials such as metal, concrete and masonry. Hangers are made predominantly from light gauge steel sheet which is electrolytically or hot-dipped galvanised and which is bent into a formed three-dimensional element – mostly U-shaped to allow for a bearing seat and lateral support to the joist. For high corrosion zones, stainless steel is often used in lieu of galvanised steel sheet. Hangers may also be made from welded steel plates.

To provide a suitable connection, the joist hangers are capable of transferring forces in a range of directions depending on the make-up of the joint. Fasteners (e.g. nails, screws, bolts and dowels and proprietary fasteners) are inserted in the pre-punched or pre-drilled holes of the joist hanger plates (bearing seat, face and top plate) to secure the connection between the joint elements. The purpose of this document is to provide standard test procedures that can be used to determine the strength of a joint incorporating a joist hanger.

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Timber structures — Joist hangers — Test methods

1 Scope

This document provides standard test methods for determining the vertical load, axial load and torsional moment capacity as well as deflection characteristics of preformed three-dimensional joist hangers that are used primarily for securing one timber member to another (the header can be concrete or masonry). The joist hangers primarily transfer vertical loads from the supported member to the supporting member, but they can also be required to transfer axial loads from the supported member to the supporting member.

NOTE 1 Structural steel sections can also be substituted as the header, but are not covered in this document.

NOTE 2 One secondary mechanism to be considered is the effect of rotation of the supported member about its longitudinal axis on the joist hanger.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1920-4, Testing of concrete - Part 4 Strength of hardened concrete

ISO 1920-6, Testing of concrete — Part 6: Sampling, preparing and testing of concrete cores

ISO 7500-1, Metallic materials describeration and verification of static unlaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines (b) Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system

ISO 8970, Timber structures — Testing of joints made with mechanical fasteners — Requirements for wood density

ISO 9652-4, Masonry — Part 4: Test methods

ISO 10984-1, Timber structures — Dowel-type fasteners — Part 1: Determination of yield moment

ISO 10984-2, Timber structures — Dowel-type fasteners — Part 2: Determination of embedding strength

ISO 13061-1, Physical and mechanical properties of wood — Test methods for small clear wood specimens — Part 1: Determination of moisture content for physical and mechanical tests

ISO 13061-2, Physical and mechanical properties of wood — Test methods for small clear wood specimens — Part 2: Determination of density for physical and mechanical tests

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp
- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1

supporting member

header

member supporting a joist hanger

3.2

supported member

joist

bending or a tension member supported by a joist hanger

3.3

joist hanger

metal device, usually cold-formed from light-gauge steel sheet, used to transfer loads from a joist to a header member or wall in building construction

Note 1 to entry: Face-mounted joist hangers contact the side surface of the header and do not contact the top of the header. Top-mounted hangers are joist hangers that contact the side and top surface of the header.

Note 2 to entry: Joist hangers may also be constructed from welded steel plate. Joist hangers may also fit within a vertical recess in the joist (concealed). Joist hangers may also consist of two interacting brackets, one connected to the header and one connected to the end of the joist.

4 Symbols

*P*t mean of the maximum loads achieved in the vertical load test **VIEW**

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5 Materials

5.1

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 Timber
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5.1.1 The timber shall be selected in accordance with ISO 8970.

NOTE When timber is selected in accordance with ISO 8970 the measured load carrying capacities need not be modified, provided that the coefficient of variation of the density of the selected timber reflects the natural variation of density.

5.1.2 For the determination of the vertical load strength, tensile strength (along the line of the supported member axis) and torsional strength of the joist hanger, the timber shall be sufficiently strong for failure to occur in the joist hanger and/or its fixings.

5.1.3 The supported member timber width shall match the manufacturer's specified width for the joist hanger being tested.

5.1.4 The timber used as joist and headers shall be consistent with the timber being used in construction, i.e. sawn timber or structural composite lumber (SCL) or glue laminated timber. Installation (including web stiffeners, filler blocks and backer blocks for I-joists) shall also replicate the manufacturer's specifications.

5.1.5 The joist and the header members for the specimens shall be cut so that the area where the joist hanger is located are free from knots, local grain disturbance, fissures (such as shakes, checks and splits) and wane. Elsewhere, the members shall be free from major defects that can lead to premature failure in the timber.

5.1.6 The moisture content of the timber shall be determined in accordance with ISO 13061-1, and its density in accordance with ISO 13061-2. When measuring the moisture content of manufactured wood products, care shall be taken to avoid the effect of adhesives or other non-wood material on readings.

5.1.7 The moisture content at the time of testing shall be greater than 11 %.

NOTE For certain investigations, other moisture conditions can be appropriate.

5.1.8 The identity of the species shall, if necessary, be confirmed by a botanical examination.

5.1.9 A minimum period of seven days shall elapse between the assembly and testing of the test specimens to allow for fibre relaxation.

5.2 Concrete or masonry

5.2.1 If the header is replaced with concrete, a minimum of three concrete test cylinders shall be prepared, stored and cured in accordance with ISO 1920-6 from the same batch of concrete used in the joist hanger test specimen. Cylinders shall be tested in accordance with ISO 1920-4 within 24 h of the test of the joist hanger.

5.2.2 If the header is replaced with masonry, the compressive strength of the masonry shall be determined by the prism test method in accordance with ISO 9652-4.

5.3 Fasteners

5.3.1 When nail and screw fasteners are used with the joist hanger, fasteners from the same manufacturer's lot as were used in the joist hanger test specimen shall/be sampled to determine the fastener bending yield strength in accordance with ISO 10984-1.

5.3.2 When bolt and dowel fasteners are used with the joist hanger, fasteners from the same manufacturer's lot as were used in the joist hanger test specimen shall be sampled to determine the fastener embedding strength in accordance with ISOs 10984-2c-1dfa-49a1-be03-9d6b6e3cd2ea/iso-19323-2018

5.3.3 Fasteners that secure the joist hanger to concrete or masonry header shall be appropriate for the header material and shall have sufficient strength to ensure that the failure under any of the loading conditions tested herein shall be in the joist hanger only. The fastener shall be selected so that the stiffness of the fastener does not affect the global evaluation of the stiffness of the joist hanger in any test.

5.4 Joist hangers

5.4.1 The sizes of joist hangers used for the various tests shall be selected from the range of sizes produced by the joist hanger manufacturer in such a way that the strength values for all sizes can be obtained by interpolation, provided the interpolation is based on at least three data points and where only one variable changes (such as the header depth and number of fasteners). Appropriate regression shall be used and reported.

5.4.2 When tested in accordance with ISO 5002 or an equivalent standard, the mechanical properties (tensile strength, yield stress, elongation and hardness) of the test coil metal shall meet the requirements for the specified structural grade of steel for the joist hanger manufacture.

5.4.3 If the manufacturer's installation instructions require that the joist hangers be free of oil or any substance that can alter the hanger performance in service, they shall be washed in solvent before they are used in the tests.

6 Sampling

The number of joist hangers tested shall be sufficient to fabricate a minimum of five test specimens for each combination of joist hanger size and load condition.

7 Test apparatus

7.1 Testing machine

The testing machine shall be capable of operation at a constant rate of motion of the movable crosshead or a constant rate of loading. The force-measuring device shall be calibrated in accordance with ISO 7500-1.

7.2 Displacement transducers

All tests shall use a displacement transducer on each side of the joist to measure the relative movements between the supported member and header. Devices used for this purpose shall be calibrated and have an accuracy of ± 0.02 mm.

8 Tests

8.1 General

8.1.1 The support and restraint conditions shall be those specified by the manufacturer and shall reflect the declared intended use. In the absence of manufacturer-supplied support and restraint conditions the test specimens shall be supported and restrained as described in the test methods below.

8.1.2 The manufacturer shall specify any assumptions regarding the preparation of the supporting and supported members. (standards.iteh.ai)

EXAMPLE Requirements for pre-drilling holes, tolerance on the hole diameter and any special installation/ maintenance provisions (e.g. re-tightening bolts). ISO 19323:2018

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8.2 Vertical load test

8.2.1 Test setup

8.2.1.1 Test specimens consisting of a length of joist supported by a joist hanger attached to a header shall be constructed as shown in Figure 1.

NOTE The header can be either fully restrained against rotation or simply supported as specified by the manufacturer.

8.2.1.2 The header shall have a length sufficient to provide support against lateral translation at a distance of at least one and a half times the depth of the header or two times the depth of the joist hanger, whichever is the larger, from the centreline of the joist.

8.2.1.3 The joist length shall be sufficient to allow the application of the load at a distance of two times the depth of the joist from the front face of the header and the distance from the load application point to the remote support shall be six times the joist depth.

8.2.1.4 Reinforcement of the joist member in the area of the load application shall be permitted. Reinforcement may be required to prevent joist member failure in bending, shear or compression perpendicular to the grain at the applied load. Wood failure modes, such as joist bending failure and joist top surface crushing at the load transfer block are unrelated to the performance of the joist hanger and if such failures occur, the specimen shall be discarded and additional tests undertaken with appropriate reinforcement included.

8.2.1.5 A minimum clearance of 3 mm shall be provided between the end of the joist and abutting material, i.e. the header if no hanger section between the header and the joist or any hanger section between the header and the joist (see Figure 2). Prior to loading, the 3 mm gap shall be maintained between the joist and header by providing blocking or equivalent between the ends of the headers.

8.2.1.6 A low friction material with a thickness no greater than 1,5 mm shall be inserted into the 3 mm gap prior to loading.

8.2.1.7 The seat of the hanger shall be prevented from direct contact with the header during the test unless provisions are made to prevent the hanger seat from gouging into the header or the hanger seat shall be at or below the bottom of the header.

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