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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15835-1:2009), which has been technically revised with changes made to [Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4](#) and [5, 3.2, 3.5, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5](#) and [5.6, Table 1](#), and Annexes C and D. Clause 6 and Annexes A and B have been revised and have been moved out into a new document: ISO 15835-3.

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# Steels for the reinforcement of concrete — Reinforcement couplers for mechanical splices of bars —

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for couplers for the mechanical splicing of steel reinforcing bars. More onerous requirements can be specified by the customer.

This document is applicable to the continuous production of coupler components. It is intended to be used with adequate control measures for the processing of reinforcing bars, i.e. the production of the mechanical splice.

This document specifies requirements for couplers used for mechanical splices in reinforced concrete structures under predominantly static loads. It specifies additional requirements for couplers used in structures subject to high-cycle elastic fatigue loading and/or low-cycle elastic-plastic reverse loading.

NOTE ISO 15835-3 specifies the quantity of tests.

Compression-only couplers such as end-bearing sleeves are not covered by the ISO 15835 series.

### 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 15630-1, *Steel for the reinforcement and prestressing of concrete — Test methods — Part 1: Reinforcing bars, wire rod and wire*

ISO 15835-2:2018, *Steels for the reinforcement of concrete — Reinforcement couplers for mechanical splices of bars — Part 2: Test methods*

ISO 16020, *Steel for the reinforcement and prestressing of concrete — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16020 and the following 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

##### **coupler length**

actual length of the coupler including all load-transferring parts, if more than one, and including lock nuts, if any

### 3.2

#### length of mechanical splice

coupler length plus two times the nominal bar diameter at both ends of the coupler

Note 1 to entry: This is a theoretical definition aimed at including the length of bar that could have been affected by the bar-end preparation process.

### 3.3

#### mechanical splice

complete assembly of a coupler, including any additional intervening material or other components providing a splice of two reinforcing bars

### 3.4

#### coupler

coupling sleeve or threaded coupler for mechanical splicing of reinforcing bars for the purpose of providing transfer of axial tension and/or compression from one bar to the other where

- coupling sleeve is a device fitting over the ends of two reinforcing bars,
- threaded coupler is a threaded device for joining reinforcing bars with matching threads

### 3.5

#### slip

relative displacement between the components of a mechanical splice while being loaded to a defined load level

### 3.6

#### slip measurement device

ensemble constituted by the extensometer and any system used to fasten it to the mechanical splice

### 3.7

#### batch

number of couplers of the same type and diameter, manufactured from the same cast of incoming material, as a discrete unit defined by the manufacturer

### 3.8

#### lot

number of couplers of the same type and diameter, of various batches, delivered at the same time to the same purchaser

## 4 Symbols

Table 1 — Symbols

Symbol	Unit	Designation
$A_{gt}$	%	Percentage total elongation at maximum tensile force, $F_{max}$
$d$	mm	Nominal diameter of the reinforcing bar
$F_{max}$	kN	Maximum tensile force
$N$	—	Specified number of load cycles in high cycle fatigue test
$R_{eH, spec}$	MPa <sup>a</sup>	Specified characteristic (or nominal) yield strength value of the reinforcing bar
$R_{eH}$	MPa	Yield strength value of the reference bar
$R_m, spec$	MPa	Specified (or nominal) tensile strength value of the reinforcing bar
$(R_m/R_{eH})_{spec}$	—	Specified minimum tensile/yield strength ratio of the reinforcing bar
$u_{20}$	mm	Residual elongation after 20 cycles
<sup>a</sup> 1 MPa = 1 N/mm <sup>2</sup> .		