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### General Part

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Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik

Trade name of the construction product

TUF-S

Product family  
to which the construction product belongs

Fastener for the rear fixing of facade panels made of  
high-pressure decorative laminates (HPL) according  
to EN 438-7:2005

Manufacturer

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Manufacturing plant

Plants of SFS Group Schweiz AG

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## Specific Part

### 1 Technical description of the product

The TUF-S-6xL is special anchor made of stainless steel for fixing HPL-facade panels according to EN 438-7:2005 to metal substructures. The anchor consists of a mandrel made of carbon steel zinc coated and a stainless steel sleeve. The anchor is put in a drill hole and placed by pulling out the mandrel. The pull out of the mandrel widens the body of the sleeve and punches the thread of the sleeve into the façade panel.

The product description is given in Annex A. The material values, dimensions and tolerances of the components of the fastener not indicated in the annexes shall correspond to the values laid down in the technical documentation.

### 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 fastener is used in compliance with the specifications and conditions given in Annex B.

The verifications and assessment methods on which this European Technical Assessment is based lead to the assumption of a working life of the fasteners 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
Characteristic resistance to breakout or pull-out failure under tension load	See Annex C 1 and C 2
Characteristic resistance to breakout or pull-out failure under shear load	See Annex C 1 and C 2
Characteristic resistance to breakout or pull-out failure under combined tension and shear load	See Annex C 1 and C 2
Edge distance and spacing	See Annex C 1 and C 2
Durability	Corrosion Resistance Class (CRC) III in accordance with EN 1993-1-4:2015
Characteristic resistance to steel failure under tension and shear loads	See Annex C 2

#### 3.2 Safety in case of fire (BWR 2)

Essential characteristic	Performance
Reaction to fire	Class A1

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

In accordance with EAD No. 330030-00-0601 the applicable European legal act is: [97/161/EG].  
The system to be applied is: 2+

**5 Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system, as provided for in the applicable European Assessment Document**

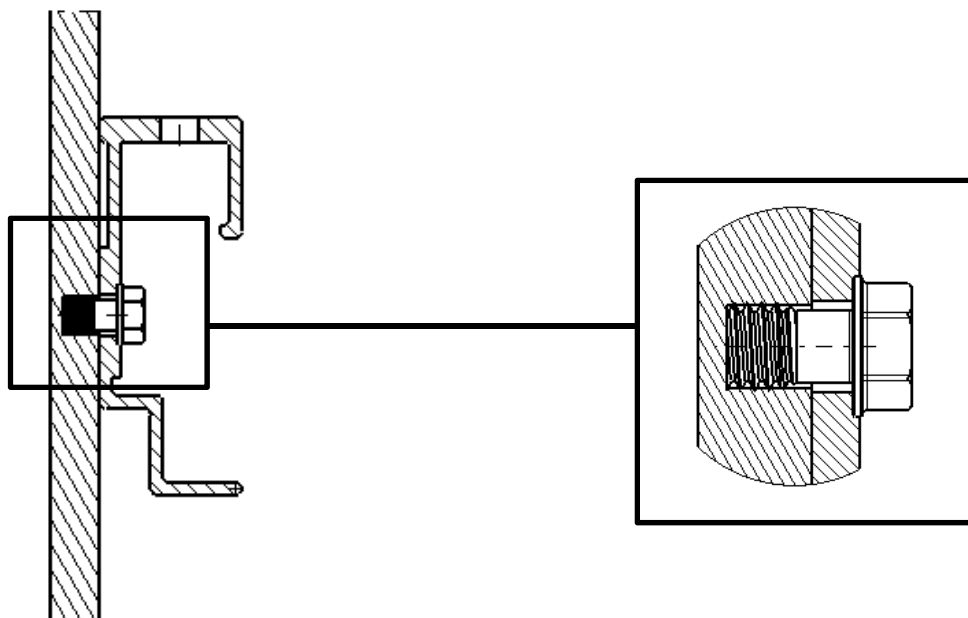
Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system are laid down in the control plan deposited with Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

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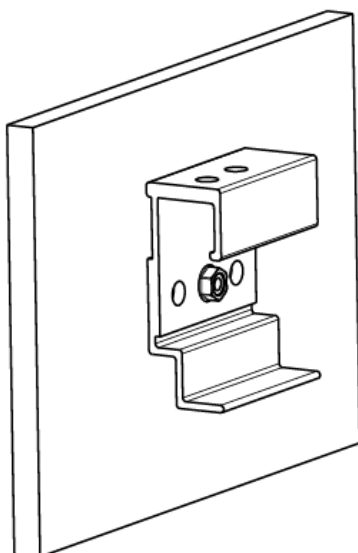
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### Installed Anchor



### Fixing example



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**Product description**  
Installed anchor and fixing example

Annex A 1

**Fastener**

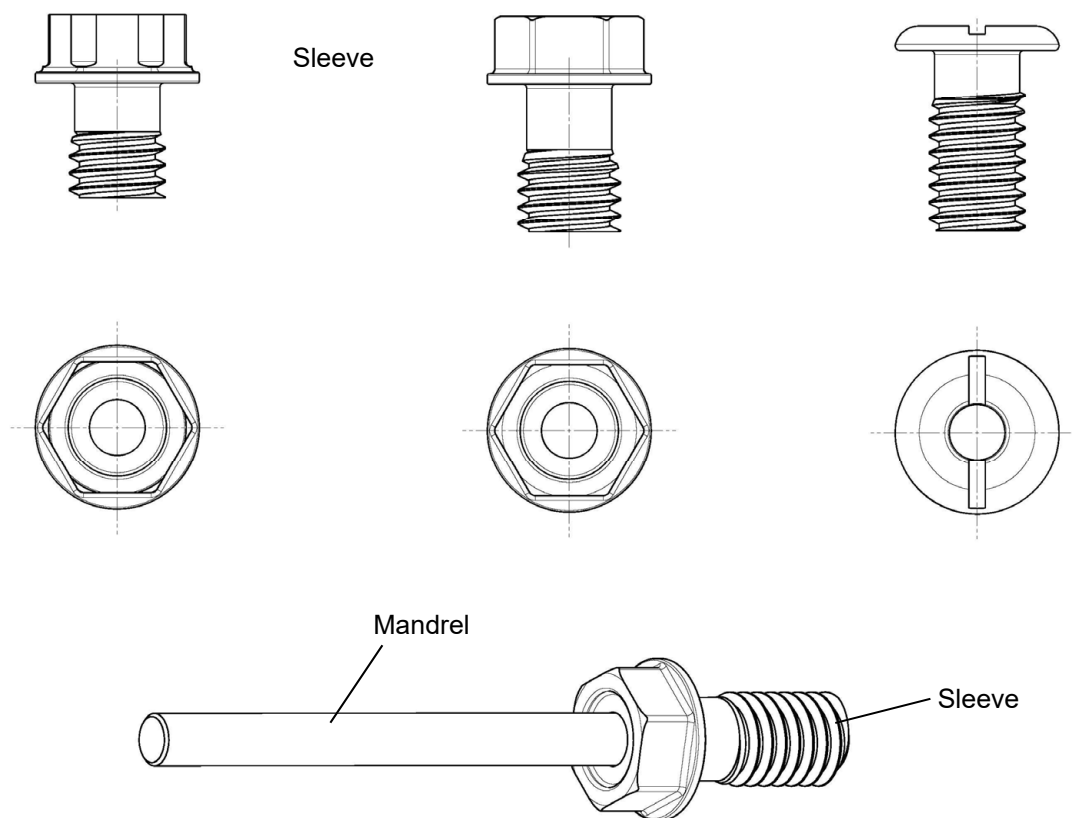


Table 1

Anchor parts	Material
Sleeve	Stainless steel A4
Mandrel	Carbon steel zincd

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**Product description**  
System components

Annex A 2

## Specifications of intended use

### Anchorage subject to

- Static and quasi-static loads

### Base material

- The HPL façade panels shall be classified “EDS” or “EDF” in accordance with EN 438-6:2014
- The minimum requirements for the façade panels are documented in the following table

Table 2: Minimum requirements for the façade panel

Characteristic values for the façade panel	Thickness of the panel	$h \geq$	[mm]	8
	Bending stress <sup>1)</sup>	$\sigma_{fm,T}^{2)}$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	$\geq 100$
		$\sigma_{fm,L}^{2)}$		$\geq 130$
	Bending modulus	$E_T^{3)}$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	10000
		$E_L^{3)}$		14000
Maximum mass increase in accordance with EN 438-2:2016-06, section 15 (Resistance to wet conditions)	$\delta_w$		[%]	2,00

1)  $\sigma_{fm}$  in accordance with EN ISO 178:2013-09

2)  $\sigma_{fm,T}$  : Bending strength transverse

$\sigma_{fm,L}$  : Bending strength longitudinal

3)  $E_T$  : Bending modulus transverse

$E_L$  : Bending modulus longitudinal

### Use conditions (Environmental conditions):

- In accordance with EN 1993-1-4:2015 according to the Corrosion Resistance Class (CRC) of the fastener III

### Design:

- The design of the façade panels and their fixing is carried out according to the conditions given in Annex D 1 and D 2.

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**Intended use**  
Specifications

Annex B 1

**Installation**

- Each façade panel shall be fixed technically strain-free with at least four anchors in a rectangular arrangement.
- The substructure is constructed such that the façade panels are fixed technically strain free via skids (loose bearings) and one fixed point (fixed bearing).
- The thickness of the fixing member (clamp or panel load-bearing profile) shall be at least 2,0 mm and shall be at least made of aluminum with  $R_m \geq 215 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .
- The drillings are done at the factory or on site. The drillings are executed with special drill bits made available by SFS intec AG. The drillings are executed by skilled personnel.
- The façade panel is pre-drilled with diameter  $\varnothing 5,9 \text{ mm}$  to  $6,0 \text{ mm}$ .
- The drilling is always in a  $90^\circ$ - angle to the panel's surface.
- The minimum edge distance of the drilling is  $40,0 \text{ mm}$ .
- The clamps are predrilled with diameter  $\varnothing 6,5 \text{ mm}$  to  $7,0 \text{ mm}$ .
- The geometry of the drill hole shall be checked minimum on 1 % of all drillings.
- The façade panels, their fixings as well as the substructure including its connection to wall brackets and their connection to the construction works are designed for the respective case of application under the responsibility of an engineer skilled in the field of façade construction.
- The panels are installed by skilled specialists and the laying instructions of the manufacturer shall be paid attention to.
- Overhead mounting is for façade panels of Trespa International B.V and Fundermax GmbH allowed.

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<b>Intended use</b> Requirements to the HPL-facade panels	

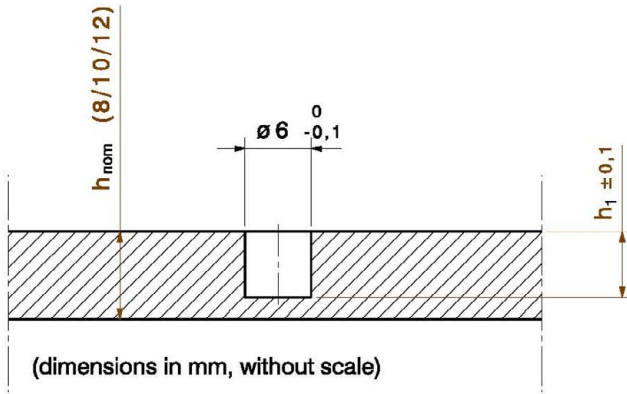


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**Drill hole geometry and drill bit**

special drill bit

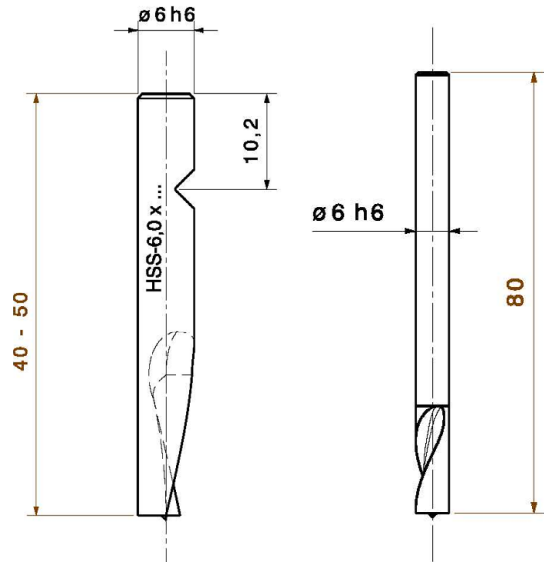
Drill hole geometry



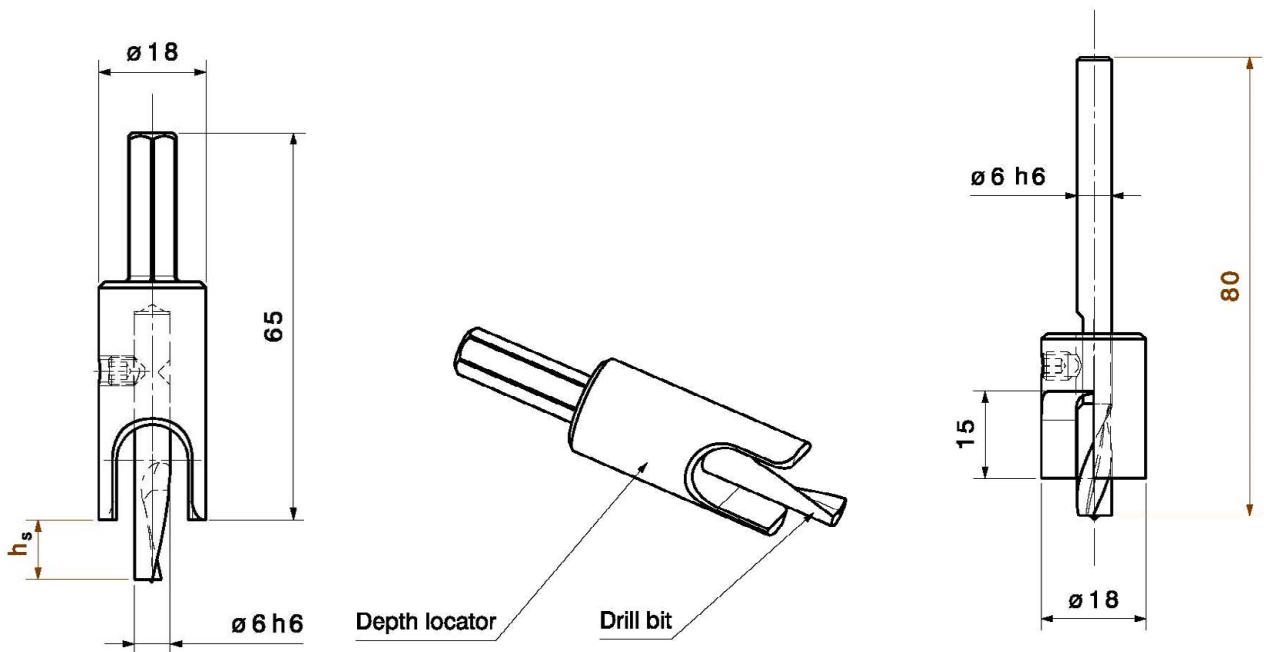
$h_{nom}$	8 / 10 / 12			10 / 12			
$h_1$	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8
$h_s$	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8

$h_{nom}$  = Panel nominal thickness  
 $h_s$  = anchorage depth  
 $h_1$  = depth of drill hole

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**Depth locator and Drill bit**

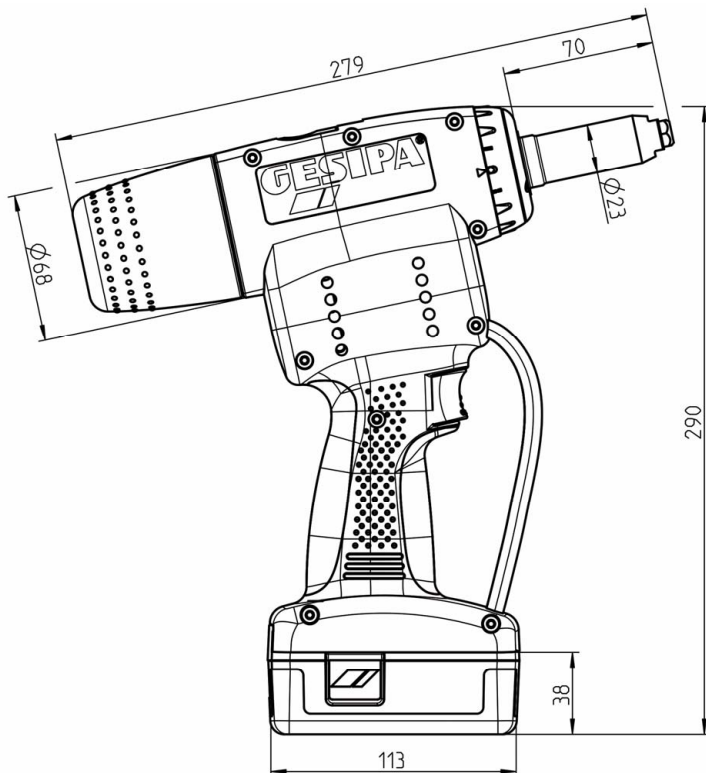


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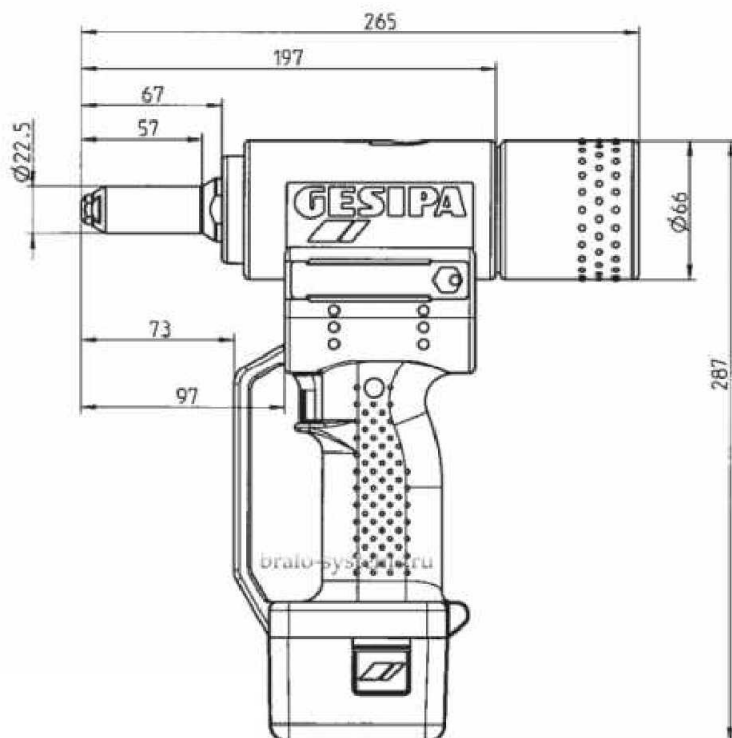
**Intended use**  
Drill hole dimensions and drill bit

Annex B 3

Setting tools



Riveting tool  
GESIPA PowerBird Pro



Riveting tool  
GESIPA PowerBird

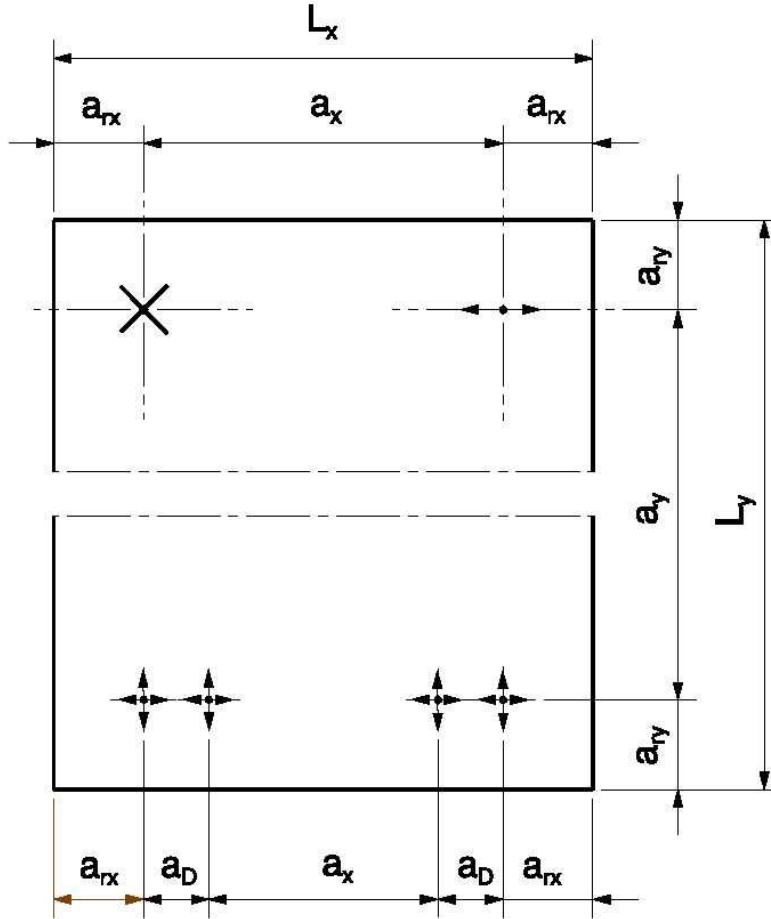
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Intended use  
Setting tool

Annex B 4

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**Definition of edge distance and spacing**



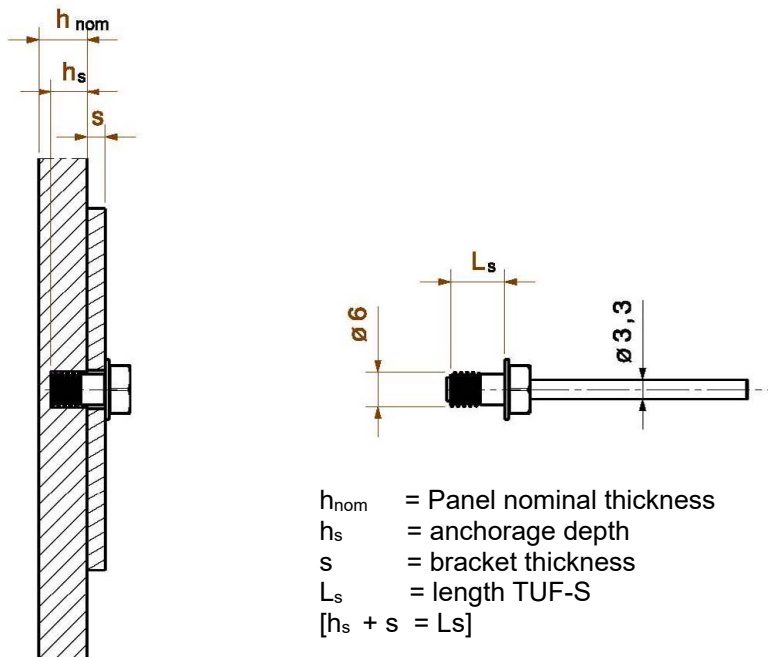
**Legend:**

- $a_{r,x,y}$  = edge distance – distance of an anchor to the panel edge
- $a_{x,y}$  = spacing between outer anchors in adjoining groups or between single anchors distance between anchors
- $a_D$  = spacing of anchors in an anchor group
- $L_x$  = greater length of the façade panel
- $L_y$  = smaller length of the façade panel
- ✕ = fixed point (fixed bearing)
- ↔ = horizontal skid (loose bearing)
- ↕ = horizontal and vertical skid (loose bearing)

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<b>Intended use</b> Definition of edge distance and spacing	

**Installation parameters**



$h_{nom}$  = Panel nominal thickness  
 $h_s$  = anchorage depth  
 $s$  = bracket thickness  
 $L_s$  = length TUF-S  
 $[h_s + s = L_s]$

**TUF-S-6X7-A4**

TUF...name product  
 S.....stainless steel  
 6..... $\emptyset$  (diameter)  
 7..... $L_s$  (length)  
 A4.....stainless steel A4 material

Table 4

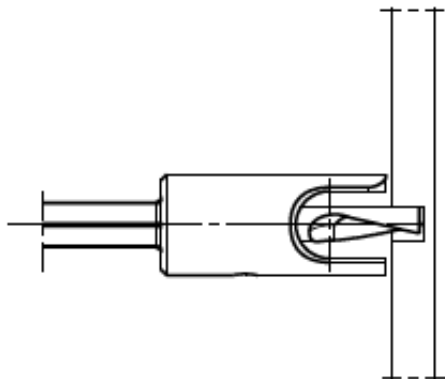
Panel nominal thickness	Bracket thickness	anchorage depth	TUF-S	
8,0 mm	2,0 mm	5,0 mm	TUF-S-6x7-A4	
		5,5 mm	TUF-S-6x7.5-A4	
		6,0 mm	TUF-S-6x8-A4	
	2,5 mm	3,0 mm	5,0 mm	TUF-S-6x7.5-A4
			5,5 mm	TUF-S-6x8-A4
			6,0 mm	TUF-S-6x8.5-A4
	3,0 mm	3,5 mm	5,0 mm	TUF-S-6x8-A4
			5,5 mm	TUF-S-6x8.5-A4
			5,5 mm	TUF-S-6x9-A4
	5,0 mm	5,0 mm	5,0 mm	TUF-S-6x10-A4
			6,0 mm	TUF-S-6x11-A4
			6,0 mm	TUF-S-6x11-A4
10,0 mm	3,0 mm	6,0 mm	TUF-S-6x9-A4	
		7,0 mm	TUF-S-6x10-A4	
		8,0 mm	TUF-S-6x11-A4	
	3,5 mm	5,0 mm	6,5 mm	TUF-S-6x10-A4
			7,5 mm	TUF-S-6x11-A4
	5,0 mm	5,0 mm	7,0 mm	TUF-S-6x12-A4
			8,0 mm	TUF-S-6x13-A4
12.0 mm - 13.0 mm	3,0 mm	8,0 mm	TUF-S-6x11-A4	
	3,5 mm	8,5 mm	TUF-S-6x12-A4	
	5,0 mm	8,0 mm	TUF-S-6x13-A4	

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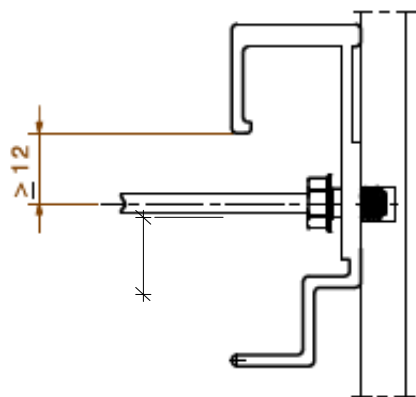
**Intended use**  
Installation parameters

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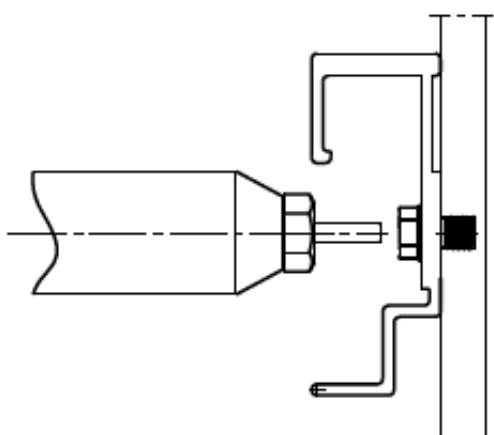
### Installation instructions



Pilot drilling in the panel with the 6 mm dia. HSS drill bit with depth locator or CNC machine



Position the pre-drilled bracket over the hole in the panel and push through the TUF-S blind fastener



Apply pressure with the rivet setting tool during the setting process.  
Remove the mandrel completely with the riveting tool (GESIPA PowerBird, PowerBird Pro, use nosepiece 17/36 or 17/40)

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**Intended use**  
Installation instructions

Annex B 7

### Characteristic value of the anchor

Table 5: Characteristic values of the anchor with single clamp

Single clamp											
Characteristic values for the anchor	Setting depth <sup>2)</sup>			[mm]	5,0	5,5	6,0	6,5	7,0	7,5	8,0
	Characteristic resistance	Tension <sup>1)</sup>	N <sub>Rk</sub>	[kN]	1,12	1,26	1,40	1,65	1,90	1,97	2,04
		Shear	V <sub>Rk</sub>	[kN]	2,78	2,89	2,99	3,28	3,57	3,79	4,00
	Partial safety factor		γ <sub>M</sub> <sup>3)</sup>	[-]	1,8						
	Edge distance		a <sub>r</sub>	[mm]	≥ 40						
	Spacing		a	[mm]	≥ 100						
	Value for tri-linear function with combined tension and shear load		X	[-]	1,0						

Table 6: Characteristic values of the anchor with double clamp (20,0 mm ≤ a<sub>D</sub> < 40,0 mm)

Double clamp with 20,0 mm ≤ a <sub>D</sub> < 40,0 mm											
Characteristic values for two anchors	Setting depth <sup>2)</sup>			[mm]	5,0	5,5	6,0	6,5	7,0	7,5	8,0
	Characteristic resistance	Tension <sup>1)</sup>	N <sub>Rk</sub>	[kN]	1,93	2,03	2,11	2,41	2,71	2,71	2,71
		Shear	V <sub>Rk</sub>	[kN]	4,85	4,85	4,85	5,83	6,80	6,80	6,80
	Partial safety factor		γ <sub>M</sub> <sup>3)</sup>	[-]	1,8						
	Edge distance		a <sub>r</sub>	[mm]	≥ 40						
	Spacing		a	[mm]	≥ 100						
	Value for tri-linear function with combined tension and shear load		X	[-]	1,0						

- 1) Values valid for bending angle of the façade panels β ≤ 1,0° (Definition of β see Annex D 1)
- 2) A minimum remaining panel thickness (panel thickness - setting depth) of 2,0 mm is required. For intermediate values of the setting depth, linear interpolation is possible.
- 3) In absence of national regulations.

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**Performances**  
Characteristic value of the anchor

Annex C 1

Table 7: Characteristic values of the anchor with double clamp ( $40,0 \text{ mm} \leq a_D < 100,0 \text{ mm}$ )

Double clamp with $40,0 \text{ mm} \leq a_D < 100,0 \text{ mm}$											
Characteristic values for two anchors	Setting depth <sup>2)</sup>		[mm]	5,0	5,5	6,0	6,5	7,0	7,5	8,0	
	Characteristic resistance	Tension <sup>1)</sup>	$N_{Rk}$	[kN]	2,07	2,26	2,44	3,17	3,89	3,89	3,89
		Shear	$V_{Rk}$	[kN]	4,85	4,85	4,85	5,83	6,80	6,80	6,80
	Partial safety factor		$\gamma_M^{3)}$	[-]	1,8						
	Edge distance		$a_r$	[mm]	$\geq 40$						
	Spacing		$a$	[mm]	$\geq 100$						
	Value for tri-linear function with combined tension and shear load		$\chi$	[-]	1,0						

- 1) Values valid for bending angle of the façade panels  $\beta \leq 1,0^\circ$  (Definition of  $\beta$  see Annex D 1)  
 2) A minimum remaining panel thickness (panel thickness - setting depth) of 2,0 mm is required. For intermediate values of the setting depth, linear interpolation is possible.  
 3) In absence of national regulations.

Table 8: Characteristic resistance for steel failure

Size			TUF-S-6xL
Characteristic resistance under tension load	$N_{Rk,s}$	[kN]	7,19
Partial safety factor	$\gamma_{Ms}^{3)}$	[-]	2,5
Characteristic resistance under shear load	$V_{Rk,s}$	[kN]	5,23
Partial safety factor	$\gamma_{Ms}^{3)}$	[-]	2,5

- 3) In absence of national regulations.

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Performances  
Characteristic resistance in steel resistance

Annex C 2

## Design method

### Loads

The design loads shall be calculated on basis of EN 1990:2010. The combination of loads shall be equal to EN 1990:2010. The loads shall be specified in accordance with EN 1991-1-1:2010 to EN 1991-1-7:2010. Corresponding national regulations shall be taken into consideration. The unfavorable combination is decisive. Where necessary for the design of the anchor and the façade panel several combinations shall be analyzed separately. The typical fundamental combination for façade panels considers loads from dead load  $F_{Ek,G}$  (permanent loads) and wind  $F_{Ek,w}$  (leading variable load)

In accordance with EN 1990:2010 the following fundamental combination depending on the load direction results for a vertical façade panel:

Fundamental combination for loads parallel to the panel:  $F_{Ed||} = F_{Ek,G} \cdot \gamma_G$

Fundamental combination for loads perpendicular to the panel:  $F_{Ed\perp} = F_{Ek,w} \cdot \gamma_Q$   
mit  $\gamma_G = 1,35; \gamma_Q = 1,50$

### Resistance:

$$N_{Rd} = \frac{N_{Rk}}{\gamma_M} \cdot \alpha_{F0} \cdot \alpha_{bend} \cdot \alpha_{wet} \cdot \alpha_{oh}$$

$$V_{Rd} = \frac{V_{Rk}}{\gamma_M} \cdot \alpha_{F0} \cdot \alpha_{wet}$$

$$\sigma_{Rd} = \frac{\sigma_{Rk}}{\gamma_M}$$

with:

$N_{Rk}$  = characteristic tension resistance in accordance with Annex C 1, Table 5 to 7

$V_{Rk}$  = characteristic shear resistance in accordance with Annex C 1, Table 5 to 7

$\sigma_{Rk}$  = characterising bending stress in accordance with EN 438:2005

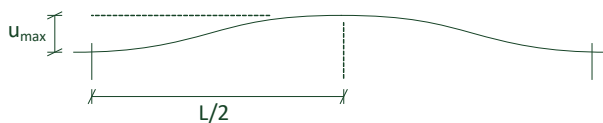
$\alpha_{F0}$  = If the façade panels do not meet the minimum requirements in accordance with Annex B 1, Table 2, the characteristic values of load bearing capacity have to be multiplied additionally by  $\alpha_{F0}$ :

$$\alpha_{F0} = \min \left\{ \frac{\sigma_{f,L,min}}{130 \text{ N/mm}^2}; \frac{E_{L,min}}{14000 \text{ N/mm}^2}; \frac{\sigma_{f,T,min}}{100 \text{ N/mm}^2}; \frac{E_{T,min}}{10000 \text{ N/mm}^2}; 1 \right\}$$

$\alpha_{bend}$  = reduction factor of bearing of facade panel

The bending angle of the façade panel

$$\beta = \arctan \left( \frac{u_{max}}{L/2} \right)$$



$$\beta \leq 1,0^\circ \Rightarrow \alpha_{bend} = 1,0$$

$$1,0^\circ < \beta \leq 1,5^\circ \Rightarrow \alpha_{bend} = 0,89$$

$$1,5^\circ < \beta \leq 2,0^\circ \Rightarrow \alpha_{bend} = 0,80$$

$\alpha_{wet}$  = If the façade panels do not meet the minimum requirements regarding the maximum mass increase of  $\delta_w = 2.0 \%$  according to Table 2, the characteristic values of load bearing capacity have to be multiplied additionally by  $\alpha_{wet} = 0,78$ .

$\alpha_{oh}$  = Overhead mounting, the characteristic tension resistance shall be reduced with 0,9

$$\gamma_M = 1,8$$

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Design method

Annex D 1



### Verification

The calculation shall be carried out in a linear elastic manner. The stiffness of the substructure shall be considered for the respective case of application.

For the determined anchor loads it shall be verified, that the following equations are met.

Equation 1: 
$$\frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{Rd}} \leq 1$$

Equation 2: 
$$\frac{V_{Ed}}{V_{Rd}} \leq 1$$

Equation 3: 
$$\frac{V_{Ed}}{V_{Rd}} + \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{Rd}} \leq X$$

with:

$N_{Ed}$  = design value of the tensile force acting on the anchor

$V_{Ed}$  = design value of the shear force acting on the anchor

$N_{Rd}$  = design value of the tensile load bearing capacity of the anchor

$V_{Rd}$  = design value of the shear load bearing capacity of the anchor

X = see Annex C 1

For the determined panel loads it shall be verified, that the following equation according is met:

Equation 4: 
$$\frac{\sigma_{Ed}}{\sigma_{Rd}} \leq 1$$

with:

$\sigma_{Ed}$  = design value of the bending stress of the façade panel

$\sigma_{Rd}$  = design value of the bending stress resistance of the façade panel

### Verification to steel failure

$$\frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{Rd,s}} \leq 1,0$$

$$\frac{V_{Ed}}{V_{Rd,s}} \leq 1,0$$

$$\left( \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{Rd,s}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{V_{Ed}}{V_{Rd,s}} \right)^2 \leq 1,0$$

$N_{Ed}$ : Design value of the tensile force

$N_{Rd,s}$ : design value of steel failure under tension load

$$N_{Rd,s} = N_{Rk,s} / \gamma_{Ms}$$

$N_{Rk,s}$  : Characteristic resistance to steel failure under tension

$V_{Ed}$ : design value of the shear force

$V_{Rd,s}$ : design value of steel failure under shear load

$$V_{Rd,s} = V_{Rk,s} / \gamma_{Ms}$$

$V_{Rk,s}$  : Characteristic resistance to steel failure shear load

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Design method

Annex D 2