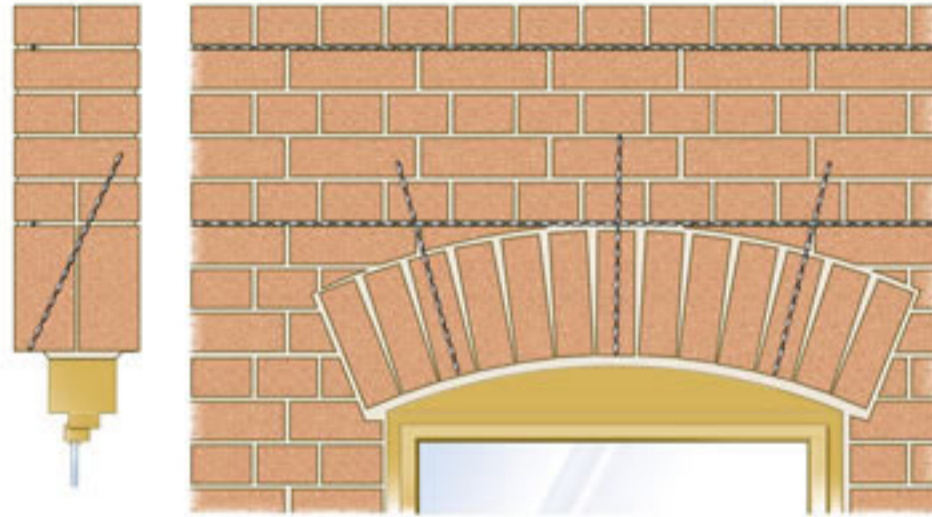


# Repair of Failed Brick Arch Lintels using Thor Heliforce Bars and Thor Drive Fix Ties

## Method Statement

1. Use a twin bladed, diamond tipped wall chasing unit to cut out horizontal slots in a mortar bed as required by the specification. For clean, dust free cutting use a vacuum attachment on the chasing unit. **Note.** When installing bar in a mortar bed joint ensure all the mortar is removed from the joint. Failure to do so will result in reduced effectiveness of the repair.
2. Mark the positions of the Drive Fix Ties and drill pilot holes of the correct diameter from the underside of the brickwork. The pilot holes should pass behind the lower chord of the masonry beam and penetrate at least 50mm into the course of masonry above the reinforcing.
3. Remove all dust and debris from the slot and thoroughly soak with clean water. Use Thor Primer to seal faces of slot where substrate is very porous or water can't be used.
4. Cut the required number of Thor Heliforce bars to the appropriate lengths, ensuring they fit into the prepared slots.
5. Mix the Thor WHO Grout constituents together, as directed, in the bucket provided using a powered mixing paddle. Additional liquid should not be added.
6. Load the Thor WHO Grout into the Thor Crack Stitch Gun.
7. Inject a 10-15mm thick bead of grout into the back of the prepared slot. Insert the Thor Heliforce bar pushing the bar to the back of the slot to ensure full embedment in the grout.
8. Inject a further 10mm thick bead of grout.
9. Insert the second Thor Heliforce bar and cover with a third 10mm thick bead of grout and compress the grout and bar composite into the slot using a suitable finger trowel.
10. The grout should be finished approx. 10mm below the surface of the brickwork to allow the application of a colour matched mortar pointing to finish the repair.
11. **Note.** Re-pointing can be commenced when grout has begun to set. **Note.** Thor WHO Grout has an accelerated gelling time. Should the grout become too stiff to inject, empty the contents of the grout gun back into the mixing bucket and re-mix using the powered mixing paddle without adding additional liquid. Reload the injection gun and proceed as before.
12. Install the Drive Fix Ties into the pre-drilled pilot holes using the Drive Fix Installation Tool and make good holes with a colour matched mortar.



## SPECIFICATION NOTES

The following criteria are to be used unless specified otherwise:

- A. Finished depth of slot: 40-55mm.
- B. The top and bottom chords of each masonry beam should be spaced vertically as far apart as possible upto a maximum spacing of 900mm.
- C. Overlaps in Thor Heliforce bars should be a minimum of 500mm at staggered centres.
- D. Heliforce bars are to extend a minimum of 500mm to each side of the opening.
- E. Masonry fractures within the "beam zone" must be stabilised as appropriate (e.g. backfilling with Thor Epoxy resin, deep repointing etc.)
- F. **Climatic Conditions.** In hot conditions Thor WHO 60 grout should be stored and mixed in the shade to maximize the working life of the mixed product. As Thor WHO 60 grout is a cementitious product it should not be used when the temperature is +4°C and falling.

## RECOMMENDED TOOLING

- A. Twin bladed wall chasing unit with vacuum attachment.
- B. Thor Grouting gun and injection nozzle
- C. Power mixing paddle.
- D. Suitable finger trowel for mortar finishing.
- E. 2.5kg SDS hammer drill
- F. Thor Drive Fix Tie installation tool and pilot drill of the correct diameter.

## General Notes

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