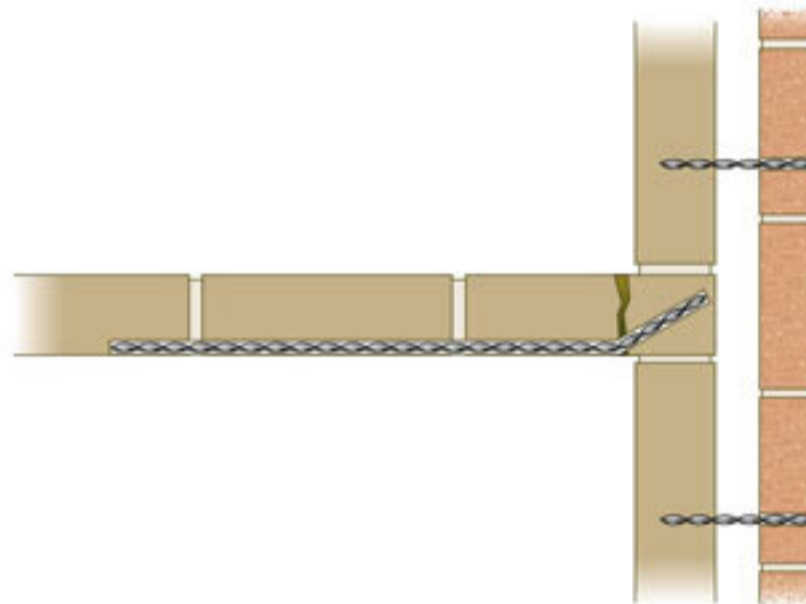


Reconnecting an Internal Partition Wall to an External Cavity Wall using Thor Heliforce Bars & Thor Drive Fix Ties

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. Use a power/hand chisel to continue slots into the internal corner.
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. Drill 12mm dia. holes from within the slots to almost the full thickness of the masonry, remove all dust and flush with water.
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. Fill the drilled holes with grout using a short Grout Tie pinning nozzle.
8. 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.
9. Inject a further 10-15mm bead of grout and compress the grout and bar composite into the slot using a suitable finger trowel.
10. The grout can be finished approx. 10mm below the surface of the render/plaster to allow the application of a matched mortar or finished flush with the surface where finishes allow.
11. Mark the positions of the Drive Fix Ties and drill pilot holes of the correct diameter from the face of the brickwork.
12. **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.



SPECIFICATION NOTES

The following criteria are to be used unless specified otherwise:

- A. Finished depth of slot: 35-40mm plus the thickness of the render or plaster.
- B. Thor Heliforce bars to extend a minimum of 500mm into sound masonry either side of the crack. (Bars may have to be extended further into weak masonry substrates)
- C. Maximum vertical spacing between bars should be 450mm.
- D. It is not essential that the Heliforce bars are installed in the horizontal bedjoints and may be installed in the face of the masonry blocks.
- E. **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.
- F. Thor Drive Fix Ties to be inserted at 225mm vertical spacing, 225mm back from the junction and staggered on alternate sides

RECOMMENDED TOOLING

- A. Twin bladed wall chasing unit with vacuum attachment.
- B. 12mm dia. drill bit of appropriate length.
- C. Thor Grouting gun and injection nozzle
- D. Power mixing paddle.
- E. Suitable finger trowel for mortar finishing.
- F. 2.5kg SDS hammer drill.
- G. Grout Tie pinning nozzle of appropriate length.
- H. Thor Drive Fix Tie installation tool and pilot drill of the correct diameter.

General Notes

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