

# Suggested Development, Splice, and Standard Hook Provisions for Deformed Bars in Tension\*

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*Presents recommendations for code provisions for development, splice length, and hooked anchorages for bars in tension. The recommendations explicitly consider cover, bar spacing, and transverse steel. There is no difference between development and splice length provisions, and hook design is independent of the development of straight bars.*

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### 1.1—Development length of deformed bars in tension

**1.1.1** The development length  $l_d$ , in inches, of deformed bars in tension shall be computed as the product of the basic development length,  $l_{db}$ , from Section 1.1.2 and the applicable modification factor or factors in Section 1.1.3, but  $l_d$  shall not be less than 12 in.

**1.1.2** The basic development length,  $l_{db}$ , for Grade 60 reinforcement may be computed by Section 1.1.2.1 if the limitations therein are satisfied. Otherwise, or to consider transverse reinforcement, Section 1.1.2.2 shall be used.

**1.1.2.1** The basic development length for any of the bars in a layer where the clear cover of the bars is not less than 2 in. and the center-to-center spacing between bars is not less than 5 in. shall be taken as

$$l_{db} = \frac{23d_b}{\phi} \text{ for \#6 and smaller and for } f'_c \text{ equal to or greater than 3000 psi} \quad (A1)$$

and

$$l_{db} = \frac{2200 A_b^*}{\phi \sqrt{f'_c}} \text{ for \#7 and larger} \quad (A2)$$

\*No change is suggested for compression development and compression splices.

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1.1.2.2 The basic development length shall be taken as

$$\ell_{db} = \frac{5500 A_b^\dagger}{\phi K \sqrt{f'_c}} \quad (B)$$

where  $K$  is the confinement factor which is a function of the actual concrete cover and the transverse reinforcement factor  $K_{tr}$ . Transverse steel provided for shear, flexure, or temperature may be included in  $K$ , provided it is placed outside the bar being developed.

1.1.3 The basic development length shall be multiplied by the applicable factor or factors for:<sup>†</sup>

|                                                                                                                   |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.1.3.1 Reinforcement having yield strength other than 60,000 psi                                                 | $\frac{f_y}{60,000}$ |
| 1.1.3.2 Top horizontal reinforcement where more than 12 in. of fresh concrete is cast in the member below the bar | 1.3                  |
| 1.1.3.3 Lightweight aggregate to replace all or a portion of the aggregate                                        | 1.25                 |
| 1.1.3.4 Reinforcement in a flexural member (not subjected to seismic loads) in excess of that required            | $A_{sr} / A_{sp}$    |

## 1.2—Lap splices of deformed bars in tension

1.2.1 The minimum length for lap splices of bars in tension shall be taken equal to the development length  $\ell_d$  in Section 1.1<sup>‡</sup> Only deformed bars #11 or smaller may be lap-spliced. The value of  $C_s$  reflects the effect of splicing only a portion of the reinforcement at one location; bars spliced greater than  $\ell_d/2$  from another splice shall not be considered in the computation of  $C_s$ .

## 1.3—Splices and development of bundled bars in tension

1.3.1 The development or splice length of individual bars within bundles shall be that for the individual bar, increased 20 percent for a three-bar bundle and 33 percent for a four-bar bundle. Individual bar splices within a bundle shall not overlap.

1.3.2 The development and splice length of bundles shall be computed using Sections 1.1 and 1.2, with  $A_b$  being the combined area of the bars in the bundle taken as a single bar with its centroid at the centroid of the bundle and  $d_{be}$  taken as  $\sqrt{A_b}$ . Bundles shall not be spliced if  $d_{be}$  of the bundle is 1.5 in. or greater.

<sup>†</sup>Constant carries unit of lb/in.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>‡</sup>In ACI 318-89, a factor for epoxy-coated reinforcement is included. The factor is 1.5 for cases where  $C_c$  or  $C_s$  is less than  $3d_b$ ; otherwise the factor is 1.2.

<sup>§</sup>In ACI 318-89, the splice length is  $1.0 \ell_d$  for Class A splices (i.e., for cases where up to a maximum of 50 percent of  $A_s$  is spliced within the required splice length and where  $A_{sp}/A_{sr}$  is equal to or greater than 2). For Class B splices (i.e., for cases other than that described in Class A), the splice length is  $1.3 \ell_d$ .

## 1.4—Standard hooks in tension

1.4.1 The development length  $\ell_{dh}$  of a deformed bar in tension terminating in a standard hook shall be computed as the product of the basic development length  $\ell_{hb}$  from Section 1.4.2 and the applicable factor or factors in Section 1.4.3, but  $\ell_{dh}$  shall not be taken less than  $8 d_b$  or 6 in., whichever is greater.

1.4.2 The basic development length for Grade 60 hooked reinforcement shall be computed by

$$\ell_{hb} = \frac{960 d_b^{****}}{\phi \sqrt{f'_c}} \quad (C)$$

1.4.3 The basic development length shall be multiplied by the applicable factor or factors for:

|                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.4.3.1 Reinforcement having yield strength other than 60,000 psi                                                                                                                   | $\frac{f_y}{60,000}$ |
| 1.4.3.2 Confinement                                                                                                                                                                 |                      |
| 1.4.3.2.1 For #11 bars or smaller with side cover normal to the plane of the hooked bar not less than 2½ in. and cover on the tail extension of 90 degree hooks not less than 2 in. | 0.7                  |
| 1.4.3.2.2 For additional confinement by closed stirrups or hoops at a spacing of 3 $d_b$ or less                                                                                    | 0.8                  |
| 1.4.3.3 Lightweight aggregate replacing all or a portion of the aggregate                                                                                                           | 1.25                 |
| 1.4.3.4 Reinforcement in flexural members (not subjected to seismic loads) in excess of that required                                                                               | $A_{sr} / A_{sp}$    |

## Notation

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $A_b$    | = area of bar being developed, in. <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| $A_{sp}$ | = area of flexural reinforcement provided, in. <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| $A_{sr}$ | = area of required flexural reinforcement, in. <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| $A_{tr}$ | = area of transverse reinforcement crossing plane of splitting adjacent to a single anchored reinforcing bar. This reinforcement is parallel to the layer of bars for $C_c$ and perpendicular to the layer of bars for $C_s$ .                                                                       |
| $C_c$    | = the cover measured from extreme tension fiber to the outermost edge of the bar being developed, in.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| $C_s$    | = the smaller of the cover measured along the line through the layer of bars, or half the clear distance between bars in the layer, in. For splices $C_s$ shall be the smaller of the side cover to the edge of the outside bar, or one-half the clear spacing of bars spliced at the same location. |
| $d_b$    | = diameter of main reinforcement, in.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| $d_{be}$ | = equivalent diameter of a bundle, in.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| $f'_c$   | = specified compressive strength of concrete, psi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |