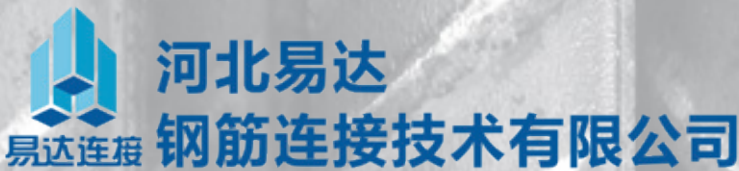


CARES Technical Approval Report TA1-B 5068

Issue 1



**Hebei Yida Reinforcing Bar
Connecting Technology Co., Ltd.**
Standard Coupler

Assessment of the
Hebei Yida Standard
Coupler Product
and Quality System
for Production



Product

Hebei Yida Standard Coupler for reinforcing steel

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1 Product Summary

Hebei Yida Standard Couplers in the size range 16mm - 40mm are for the mechanical connection of deformed high-yield carbon steel bars for the reinforcement of concrete complying with the requirements of BS4449 Grade B500B.

1.1 Scope of Application

Hebei Yida Standard Couplers in the size range of 16mm to 40mm have been evaluated for use as follows:

- a) TA1-B: Eurocode 2 and BS 8110 for static applications in tension only with BS4449 Grade B500B reinforcement.
- b) BS8597:2015 for mechanical splices in reinforced concrete structures under predominantly static loads in tension only using BS4449 Grade B500B reinforcement.

1.2 Design Considerations

BS 8110 Clause 3.12.8.9 *Laps and Joints* states "Connections transferring stress may be lapped, welded or joined with mechanical devices. They should be placed, if possible, away from points of high stress and should preferably be staggered". However, BS 8110 Clause 3.12.8.16.2 *Bars in tension* states "The only acceptable form of full-strength butt joint for a bar in tension comprises a mechanical coupler" satisfying specified slip and tensile strength criteria.

Eurocode 2, Clause 8.7 Laps and mechanical couplers 8.7.1
General (1)P "Forces are transmitted from one bar to another by:

- lapping of bars, with or without bends or hooks;
- welding;
- mechanical devices assuring load transfer in tension-compression or in compression only."

Clause 8.8 Additional rules for large diameter bars goes on to state that "Splitting forces are higher and dowel action is greater with the use of large diameter bars. Such bars should be anchored with mechanical devices."

The specified cover for fire resistance and durability should be provided to the coupler sleeve. All couplers have been designed with controlled mechanical properties to be compatible with reinforcing bars complying with reinforcement of the relevant Grade in accordance with BS4449.

1.3 Conclusion

It is the opinion of CARES that Hebei Yida Standard Couplers in the size range 16mm to 40mm are satisfactory for use within the limits stated in paragraph 1.1 when applied and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of this certificate.



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2 Technical Specification

2.1 General

The function of Hebei Yida Standard Coupler is to connect deformed steel reinforcing bars complying with BS 4449 Grade B500B and thereby create structural continuity of the reinforcing system.

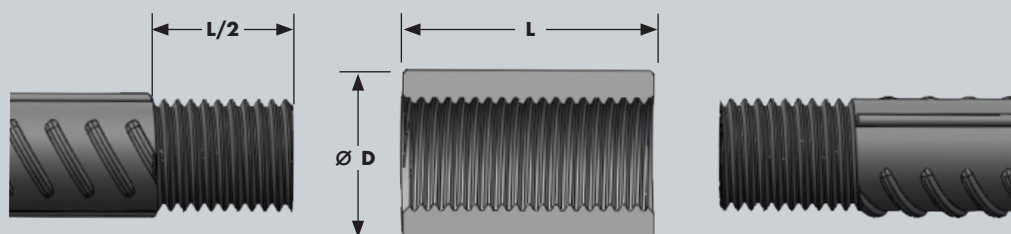
The Hebei Yida Standard Coupler range offer a full strength connection. The ends of the rebar to be connected are cut square and then machine threaded. The standard coupler has an internal parallel thread matching the thread size made on the bars.

2.2 Hebei Yida Standard Coupler

Hebei Yida Standard parallel thread couplers are an internally threaded steel sleeve. The standard coupler is suitable for applications where the continuation bar can be rotated.

The threaded bar ends are either protected by the coupler or an external plastic sheath. The internally thread of the coupler is protected by an internal plastic end cap. For certain applications (such as deep concrete pours), the coupler end caps may not prevent the ingress of concrete fines. For these applications, further protection may be required.

Hebei Yida Standard Coupler



Size (mm)	L (mm)	ØD (mm)	Thread Dimension	Pitch (mm)	Reinforcement Grade	Tension/Compression
16	40	25	M16.8	2	B500B	Tension Only
20	50	31	M20.75	2.5	B500B	Tension Only
25	60	37	M25.75	2.5	B500B	Tension Only
32	75	47	M33.18	3	B500B	Tension Only
40	95	59	M40.93	3	B500B	Tension Only

Table 1

3 Product Performance and Characteristics

Full destructive tests have been carried out to demonstrate compliance with the performance requirements defined in CARES Appendix TA1-B when used with reinforcing steel BS4449 grade B500B.

CARES APPENDIX TA1-B requirements

- Permanent deformation is less than 0.10mm after loading to $0.65f_y$ in tension with BS4449 grade B500B reinforcement.
- 99% characteristic tensile strength is greater than 540MPa with B500B reinforcement.

BS 8597:2015 requirements for slip and tensile strength

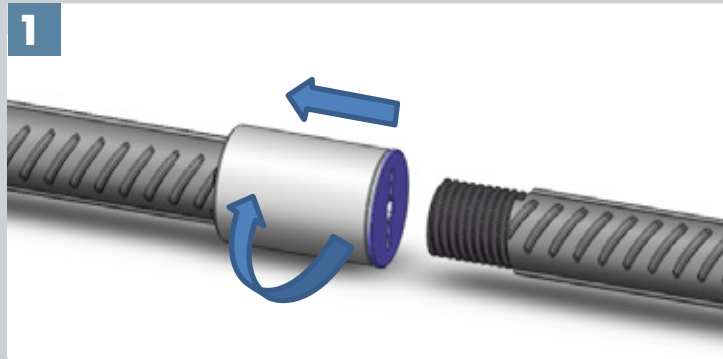
Tests verify compliance with Clause 5 of BS 8597;2015 for the following:

- a) slip under static forces; and
- b) tensile strength under static forces

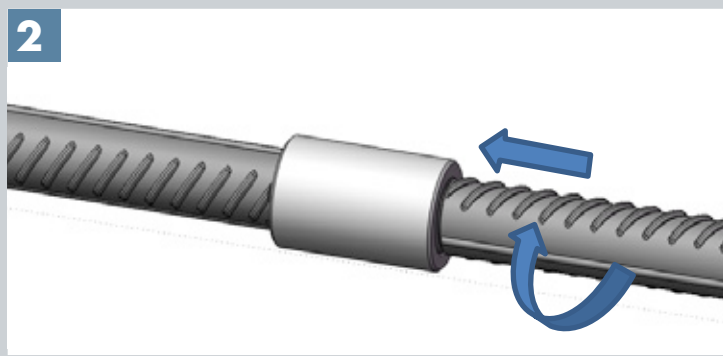


4 Installation

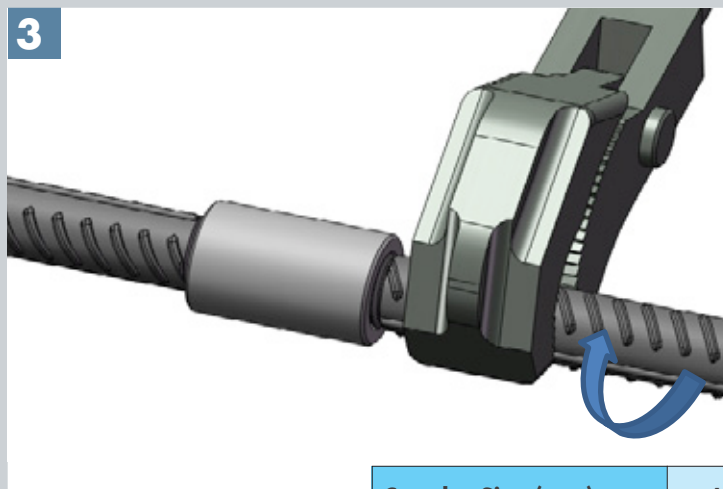
Standard Coupler Sequence



Rotate the coupler to the end of the thread on the fixed bar.



Remove the plastic cap from the coupler. Rotate the second continuation bar in the coupler up to the other threaded end of the fixed bar.



Tighten the joint using a torque wrench on the continuation bar, to reach the specified torque values as given in Table 2 below:

Coupler Size (mm)	16	20	25	32	40
Tighten Torque (K.N)	≥100	≥200	≥260	≥320	≥360

Table 2

5 Safety Considerations

Hebei Yida Standard Couplers are generally supplied in robust cardboard cartons. Cartons/containers weighing up to 25kg are to be handled with care. Heavier cases require the use of mechanical handling equipment. Protective gloves should be worn when installing the couplers.

6 Product Testing and Evaluation

Hebei Yida Reinforcing Bar Connecting Technology Co., Ltd. Standard Couplers have been tested to satisfy the requirements of CARES Appendix TA1-B for Couplers with reinforcing bars to BS4449 Grade B500B.

The testing comprised the following elements:

- Tensile Strength
- Permanent deformation in tension

Tests verify compliance with Clause 5 of BS 8597;2015 for both slip under static forces and tensile strength under static forces.

7 Quality Assurance

Hebei Yida Reinforcing Bar Connecting Technology Co., Ltd. Standard Couplers for reinforcing steel are produced under an EN ISO 9001 quality management system certified by CARES at locations agreed with CARES.

The quality management system scheme monitors the production of the Standard Couplers and ensures that materials and geometry remain within the limits of this technical approval.

The products are subject to a programme of periodic testing to ensure continued compliance.



8 Building Regulations

8.1 The Building Regulations (England and Wales)

Structure, Approved Document A

Hebei Yida Reinforcing Bar Connecting Technology Co., Ltd. Standard Couplers, when used in EC2 based designs using the data contained within this technical approval, satisfy the relevant requirements of The Building Regulations (England and Wales), Approved Document A.

Materials and Workmanship, Approved Document

This technical approval gives assurance that the Hebei Yida Reinforcing Bar Connecting Technology Co., Ltd. Standard Couplers comply with the material requirements of EC2.

8.2 The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland)

Materials and Workmanship

This technical approval gives assurance that Hebei Yida Reinforcing Bar Connecting Technology Co., Ltd. Standard Couplers comply with the material requirements of EC2 by virtue of regulation 23, *Deemed to satisfy provisions regarding the fitness of materials and workmanship.*

8.3 The Building Standards (Scotland)

Fitness of Materials

This technical approval gives assurance that Hebei Yida Reinforcing Bar Connecting Technology Co., Ltd. Standard Couplers comply with the material requirements of EC2 by virtue of *Clause 0.8.*

Structure

Hebei Yida Reinforcing Bar Connecting Technology Co., Ltd. Standard Couplers, when used in EC2 based designs using the data contained within this technical approval, satisfy the requirements of *The Building Standards (Scotland) clause 1.*

9 References

- BS4449: 2005 + A3: 2016 Steel bars for the reinforcement of and use in concrete - Requirements and test methods.
- BS8110: Part 1: 1997: Structural Use of Concrete , Code of Practice for Design & Construction
- BS 8597:2015 Steels for the reinforcement of concrete – Reinforcement couplers – Requirements and test methods.
- BS EN 1992-1-1:2004 Eurocode 2 Design of concrete structures - General rules for buildings.
- BS EN ISO 9001: Quality management systems - Requirements.
- CARES Appendix TA1-B: Quality and Operations Schedule for the Technical Approval of Couplers for Reinforcing Steel and Reinforcement Anchors For BS8110 and EN1992-1-1 Static Loading in Tension or Tension and Compression.



10 Conditions

1. The quality of the materials and method of manufacture have been examined by CARES and found to be satisfactory. This Technical Approval will remain valid provided that:
 - a) The product design and specification are unchanged.
 - b) The materials, method of manufacture and location are unchanged.
 - c) The manufacturer complies with CARES regulations for Technical Approvals.
 - d) The manufacturer holds a valid CARES Certificate of Product Assessment.
 - e) The product is installed and used as described in this report.
2. CARES make no representation as to the presence or absence of patent rights subsisting in the product and/or the legal right of Hebei Yida Reinforcing Bar Connecting Technology Co., Ltd. to market the product.
3. Any references to standards, codes or legislation are those which are in force at the date of this certificate.
4. Any recommendations relating to the safe use of this product are the minimum standards required when the product is used. These requirements do not purport to satisfy the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 or any other relevant safety legislation.
5. CARES does not accept any responsibility for any loss or injury arising as a direct or indirect result of the use of this product.
6. This Technical Approval Report should be read in conjunction with CARES Certificate of Product Assessment No 5068. Confirmation that this technical approval is current can be obtained from UK CARES.

Hebei Yida Standard Coupler Applications



Hebei Yida Standard Coupler is very suitable for the steel bars connection in various reinforced concrete structures, and has the advantages of easy operation and fast construction.

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