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## Introduction

This document provides a test method for assessing the screw pull out forces from screw thread channels used frequently in the fenestration (doors, windows and curtain walling) market.

Using the results from this test method, a manufacturer has the ability to determine the number of screws to be applied to make sure that a given connection is able to withstand a particular loading scenario.

## 1 Scope

This document provides a test method for determining the bearing capacity (pull out force) of a connection consisting of a screw in a screw thread channel, which cannot be calculated in accordance with current codes or conventional calculations. This document can be applied to screw thread channels used in several products, including doors, windows and curtain walling.

This document is applicable to screw thread channels made out of metal, as well as metal screws.

The pull out forces of such connections can already be assessed indirectly with another test method e.g. wind load resistance for doors/windows according to EN 12211 or curtain walling kits according to EN 12179. Additional information with respect to the mechanical performance of connections and direct applications can be determined with the test method described in this document.

The bearing capacity of non-metallic components under the combination of high temperature and load is not considered in the standard. Additional verifications are performed depending on the type of the non-metallic material used.

## 2 Normative references

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EN ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials - Calibration and verification of static uniaxial testing machines - Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines - Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system (ISO 7500-1)*

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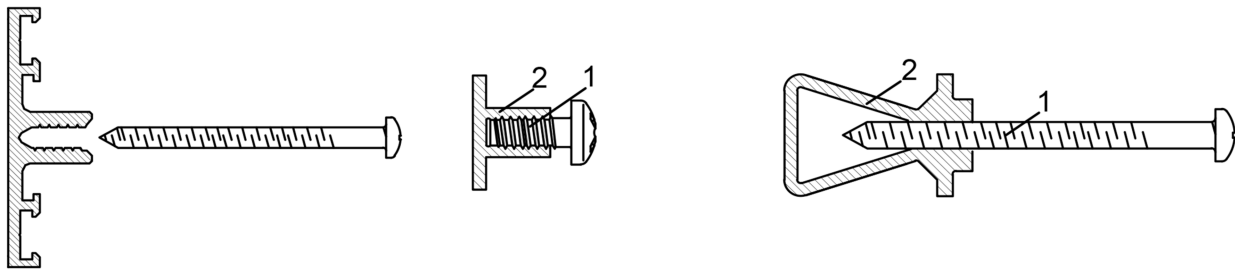
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### 3.1 connection

set of components consisting of a screw and a screw thread channel designed to transfer loads between different framing members

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

Note 2 to entry: There may be other components such as plastics in the area of the screw thread channel that are not contributing to the load-bearing capacity of the connection (e.g. the thermal break in stick construction curtain walling kits).



a) Examples of typical connections made out of aluminium extruded profile

b) Example of typical connections made out of formed steel sheet

#### Key

- 1 screw  
2 screw thread channel

**Figure 1 — Examples of typical connections made out of a) aluminium extruded profile or b) formed steel sheet**

### 3.2 proof load

force at break of the connection

### 3.3 pressure plate

length of profiled material attached to mullions and/or transoms around the perimeter of a pane of glass, insulating glass unit or infill panel to provide restraint and usually compress the glazing gasket

## 4 Symbols and abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following symbols and abbreviations apply.

$F$	Applied force
$F_{des,u}$	Design force at the ultimate limit state
$F_{max,i}$	Maximum force at ultimate limit state for the sample "i"
$F_{u,5}$	Characteristic force giving 75 % confidence that 95 % of the test results is be higher than this value
$e$	$((\text{width of actuator clamp slot}) - (\text{diameter of screw head}))/2$
$n$	Number of samples
$s_{dev}$	Standard deviation of the series under consideration
$ULS$	Ultimate Limit State
$X$	In-depth of the screw (mm)
$Y$	Width of the profile (mm)
$\gamma_u$	partial factor for the connection applicable to break
$\tau_{\alpha\beta}$	Statistical eccentricity of 5 % with 75 % confidence