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## Decision

**renewing the national technical approval /  
general construction technique permit  
of 12 October 2018**

**Number:  
Z-16.32-455**

**Applicant:  
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**Validity**  
from: **11 January 2022**  
to: **9 February 2027**

**Subject of decision:  
Calenberg bi-Trapez Bearing**

This decision renews national technical approval (*allgemeine bauaufsichtliche Zulassung*) / general construction technique permit (*allgemeine Bauartgenehmigung*) no. Z-16.32-455 of 12 October 2018. The subject concerned was granted the first national technical approval on 9 February 2017. This decision contains one page and applies only in conjunction with the above-mentioned national technical approval / general construction technique permit and shall not be used without it.

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## I GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1 This decision confirms the fitness for use and application of the subject concerned in accordance with the Building Codes of the federal states (*Landesbauordnungen*).
- 2 This decision does not replace the permits, approvals and certificates required by law for carrying out building projects.
- 3 This decision is granted without prejudice to the rights of third parties, in particular private property rights.
- 4 Notwithstanding further provisions in the 'Special Provisions', copies of this decision shall be made available to the user and installer of the subject concerned. Furthermore, the user and installer of the subject concerned shall be made aware of the fact that this decision must be available at the place of use or application. Upon request, copies of the decision shall be provided to the authorities involved.
- 5 This decision may be reproduced in full only. Partial publication requires the consent of Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik. Texts and drawings in promotional material shall not contradict this decision. In the event of a discrepancy between the German original of the general construction technique permit and this authorised translation, the German version shall prevail.
- 6 This decision may be revoked. The provisions may subsequently be supplemented and amended, in particular if this is required by new technical findings.
- 7 This decision is based on the information and documents provided by the applicant. Alterations to this basis are not covered by this decision and shall be notified to Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik without delay.
- 8 The general construction technique permit included in this decision also serves as a national technical approval for the construction technique.

## II SPECIAL PROVISIONS

### 1 Subject concerned and field of use or application

The approved construction product is an unreinforced profiled elastomeric bearing made of the material EPDM used as a bearing pad in buildings with a nominal Shore A hardness of 67. The contact areas in compression have trapezoidal profiles on both sides. The trapezoidal profiles on the top and bottom sides of the bearing are offset.

The product is divided up over its width by tearing seams spaced 50 mm apart. For a thickness of 20 mm, the tearing seams are spaced 100 mm apart.

Rectangular bearings shall be formed. They may be supplied in point or strip form.

The bearings may only be used for static or quasi-static loads imposed on structural members. The national technical approval covers bearings used at temperatures between -25 °C and 50 °C. The bearings may be exposed to temperatures up to +70 °C for short-term recurring periods of less than 8 hours.

The resultant bearing rotation may be up to 4.0% depending on the size and shape of the bearing and in consideration of the total loads imposed simultaneously. Rotations of 4.0% at maximum shall be permitted on each bearing side.

The national technical approval shall apply to the transfer of forces and deformations perpendicular to the bearing plane. Although elastomeric bearings can transfer shear deformations, they may not be used for the planned transfer of constant external shear forces.

### 2 Provisions for the construction product

#### 2.1 Properties and composition

##### 2.1.1 Dimensions

The product shall be manufactured with nominal thicknesses of 10 mm, 15 mm and 20 mm.

For the bearing dimensions, the following conditions shall be complied with:

bearing thickness:  $t = 10 \text{ mm}, 15 \text{ mm}, 20 \text{ mm}$ .

For bearings of thickness  $t = 10 \text{ mm}$  or  $t = 15 \text{ mm}$ :

$a \geq 50 \text{ mm}$

$b \geq 100 \text{ mm}$ .

For bearings of thickness  $t = 20 \text{ mm}$ :

$a \geq 100 \text{ mm}$

$b \geq 100 \text{ mm}$ .

where:

t thickness of unloaded bearing

a short side of bearing

b long side of bearing.

Regarding the tolerances to be adhered to:

length class L3 in accordance with Table 6 of DIN ISO 3302-1:1999

width class L3 in accordance with Table 6 of DIN ISO 3302-1:1999

thickness class M4 in accordance with Table 1 of DIN ISO 3302-1:1999.

### 2.1.2 Materials

The physical characteristics and the chemical composition as well as the material properties of the bearings are deposited with Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

The properties of the starting materials used shall be verified through inspection certificate type 3.1 in accordance with DIN EN 10204:2005-01.

## 2.2 Manufacture, transport and marking

### 2.2.1 Manufacture and transport

The bearings shall be produced in the shape of rolls using the vulcanisation technique and then cut to size.

Detailed information on the manufacturing process is deposited with Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

Regarding the transport and installation of the bearings the manufacturer's specifications shall be observed.

### 2.2.2 Marking

The manufacturer shall affix the national conformity mark (*Ü-Zeichen*) to the delivery note for the bearing and to the bearing in accordance with the Conformity Marking Ordinances (*Übereinstimmungszeichen-Verordnungen*) of the federal states. The mark may only be affixed if the requirements given in Section 2.3 are met. When applied accordingly, the marking shall be permanent with continuous labelling on the rolls produced in accordance with Section 2.2.1.

## 2.3 Confirmation of conformity

### 2.3.1 General

The confirmation of conformity of the bearings with the provisions of this national technical approval shall be issued for every manufacturing plant in the form of a certificate of conformity based on factory production control and regular external surveillance including initial type-testing of the bearings in accordance with the following provisions.

To issue the certificate of conformity and for external surveillance including the associated product testing to be carried out in the process, the manufacturer of the bearings shall use an appropriately recognised certification body and an appropriately recognised inspection body.

The declaration of conformity shall be submitted by the manufacturer through marking of the construction products with the national conformity mark (*Ü-Zeichen*) including statement of the intended use.

The certification body shall send a copy of the certificate of conformity issued by it to Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

A copy of the initial type-testing evaluation report shall also be sent to Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

### 2.3.2 Factory production control

A factory production control system shall be set up and implemented in each production facility. Factory production control is understood to be continuous surveillance of production by the manufacturer to ensure that the manufactured construction products satisfy the provisions of this national technical approval.

Factory production control shall be carried out in accordance with the test plan deposited with Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

The results of factory production control shall be recorded and evaluated. The records shall at least include the following information:

- designation of the construction product or the starting material and the components,
- type of check or test,
- date of manufacture and testing of the construction product or the starting material or the components,
- result of the checks and tests as well as, if applicable, comparison with requirements,
- signature of the person responsible for factory production control.

The records shall be kept for at least five years. They shall be submitted to Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik and the competent supreme building authority upon request.

If the test result is unsatisfactory, the manufacturer shall immediately take the necessary measures to resolve the defect. Construction products which do not meet the requirements shall be handled in such a way that they cannot be confused with compliant products. After the defect has been remedied, the relevant test shall be repeated immediately - where technically feasible and necessary to show that the defect has been eliminated.

### 2.3.3 External surveillance

The factory production control system shall be inspected regularly, i.e. at least twice a year, by means of external surveillance at each bearing manufacturing plant. The results of the checks carried out by the manufacturer in accordance with Section 2.3.2 shall be statistically evaluated.

Initial type-testing of the bearing shall be carried out within the scope of external surveillance. Samples shall also be drawn at random for testing. Sampling and testing shall be the responsibility of the recognised inspection body.

The scope and frequency of external surveillance shall be taken from the test plan deposited with Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

The results of certification and external surveillance shall be kept for at least five years. They shall be presented by the certification or inspection body to Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik and the competent supreme building authority upon request.

## 3 Provisions for planning, design and execution

### 3.1 Planning

The bearings shall be installed in single layers. The dimensions of the bearings shall be taken from the structural engineer's specifications and the installation plans.

Structural analysis shall be carried out in each individual case to verify the structural safety of the bearings in the ultimate limit state for all relevant design situations and load cases.

The verification concept given in DIN EN 1990:2010-12 in conjunction with the National Annex shall apply.

The type, dimensions and arrangement of the bearings shall result from the structural requirements. Based on the bearing selection, an installation plan from which the exact positions of the bearings in the structural layout can be seen shall be drawn up insofar as the installation situation requires it.

Installation shall be carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

### 3.2 Design

The possible load case combinations shall be taken from DIN EN 1990:2010-12.

The design values of the effects of the actions (loads)  $E_d$  shall be determined from the characteristic values of the actions in consideration of the partial safety factors  $\gamma_f$  and the combination coefficients  $\psi$  in accordance with the Technical Building Rules.

In the ultimate limit state, the following verification shall be provided:

$$\frac{E_{\perp,d}}{R_{\perp,d}} \leq 1$$

where:

$E_{\perp,d}$  load on bearing perpendicular to the bearing plane [N/mm<sup>2</sup>]

$R_{\perp,\varepsilon,d}$  design value of associated bearing resistance [N/mm<sup>2</sup>] perpendicular to the bearing plane depending on the ideal shape factor  $S$  for a compressive strain of  $\varepsilon = 40\%$  or  $\varepsilon = 55\%$  in accordance with Table 1

$S_{ideal}$  ideal shape factor for which the profile is neglected; the enclosing cuboid is considered

$$S_{ideal} = (a \cdot b) / (2 \cdot t \cdot (a+b)).$$

Table 1: Bearing resistance for load perpendicular to bearing plane

Maximum compressive strain $\varepsilon$ [%]	Shape factor range $S_{ideal}$	Function for determining the design value of resistance [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
40	$1.1 \leq S_{ideal}$	$R_{\perp,\varepsilon,d} = 0.165$
55	$1.1 \leq S_{ideal} \leq 6.0$	$R_{\perp,\varepsilon,d} = 1.095 \cdot S_{ideal}^{1.543}$
55	$S_{ideal} > 6.0$	$R_{\perp,\varepsilon,d} = 17.4$

The design values of resistance shall apply to bearings without drilled holes. The material partial safety factor shall be:

- for a compressive strain  $\varepsilon = 40\%$   $\gamma_{m,40\%} = 1.58$
- for a compressive strain  $\varepsilon = 55\%$   $\gamma_{m,55\%} = 1.30$ .

The structural members adjacent to the bearing shall be designed such that the interaction with the structural behaviour of the bearing is taken into account. It shall be observed that loading of an elastomeric bearing leads to a load concentration. Rotation of the elastomeric bearings leads to eccentricities in the load concentration and hence to a restoring moment. The transverse tensile force arising in the adjacent structural members as a result of the strain constraint of the unreinforced elastomeric bearing shall be verified and transmitted through corresponding measures.

The compression of the bearing shall be taken into account as a product-specific value in the determination of the actions on the overall load-bearing structure. If the contact areas of the adjacent structural members deviate from planar parallelism, e.g. as a result of manufacturing and installation tolerances, these deviations shall be taken into account in the design of the bearing. If more detailed verification is not provided, the angle of rotation of the adjacent structural members shall be determined through adding the following factors:

- obliqueness with 0.01
- unevenness with  $0.625/a$ .

If the adjacent structural members are made of steel or in-situ concrete, the unevenness may be halved.

For rotations on both perpendicular sides of the bearing, amounts for angular displacement shall be proportionally added to the respective design values.

The positional stability shall be verified.

For point bearings, the maximum twist for rotation about an axis shall be determined as follows:

for  $t = 10 \text{ mm}$

$$\alpha_{b,\max} = \frac{3000}{a} \leq 40 \text{ [‰]}$$

for  $t = 15 \text{ mm}$

$$\alpha_{b,\max} = \frac{5000}{a} \leq 40 \text{ [‰]}$$

for  $t = 20 \text{ mm}$

$$\alpha_{b,\max} = \frac{6500}{a} \leq 40 \text{ [‰]}$$

where:

- $\alpha_{b,\max}$  maximum angle of twist for rotation about the central axis parallel to side  $b$
- $t$  thickness of unloaded bearing in mm
- $a$  short side of bearing in mm.

The formula shall be used analogously for determination of the maximum angle of twist about the central axis parallel to side  $a$ . Verification that edge contact with the adjacent structural members is avoided at simultaneous occurrence of compression and the maximum twist shall be provided during the structural design.

For biaxial torsional stress, the following boundary condition shall be adhered to:

$$\alpha_{\text{resultant}} = \sqrt{\alpha_{a,\max}^2 + \alpha_{b,\max}^2} \leq 40 \text{ [‰]}$$

The transverse tensile force acting on the adjacent structural members due to the central load acting on the bearing shall be determined as follows:

$$Z_a = 1.5 \cdot E_{\perp,d} \cdot a \cdot t$$

$$Z_b = 1.5 \cdot E_{\perp,d} \cdot b \cdot t$$

where:

- $Z_a$  transverse tensile force perpendicular to the short side of the bearing  $a$
- $Z_b$  transverse tensile force perpendicular to the long side of the bearing  $b$ .

The bulging of the bearing depends on its size and shape. During the structural design (edge distances etc.) the bulging of the bearing shall be taken into account and requested from the manufacturer in advance.

The lateral areas of the bearing may not be hindered in their planned deformation.

### **3.3 Execution**

The bearings shall be stored in a dry condition. The bearings shall be protected from direct sunlight. The substrate shall be smooth and level. The support surfaces shall be carefully deburred for protecting the bearing. Voids in the adjacent concrete surfaces shall be avoided. If necessary, height compensation may be carried out by means of a suitable mortar bed. The adjacent structural members shall be compatible with the bearing material. It shall be ensured that the bearing and the adjacent structural members are kept free of damaging chemical and physical effects as well as contaminants. The surfaces of the adjacent structural members shall be swept clean and free of snow, ice, grease and bond breakers. Stagnant water shall be avoided.

The manufacturer's specifications regarding installation shall be observed.

## **4 Provisions for use, maintenance and repair**

The bearings shall be installed such that they are maintenance-free.

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