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# Reinforcing Bar Coupler System

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Unbrako Rebar Coupler Systems, also known as reinforcing bar couplers or coupler splicing connection, is a threaded sleeve that guarantees an ultimate tensile strength of the splice (joint) greater than that of the parent bar. Coupler splicing system is suitable for joining reinforcement bars end to end. Unbrako Rebar Couplers are designed and manufactured in accordance with governing specifications of ASTM A615, ASTM A706, ASTM A775 and comply to ACI 318, ACI 349, A.A.S.H.T.O, IS 1786, IS 16172:2014, and UBC 1997.

Unbrako STANDARD COUPLERS are produced from carbon steel with tensile strength of 600 MPa. If higher tensile strength is required, Unbrako SUPER COUPLERS can be customized to 800-900 MPa according to specific project needs.

Unbrako couplers are generally supplied in self colour. Unbrako couplers are also available with Galvanized coating & in Stainless Steel.



New Method : Rebar Coupler

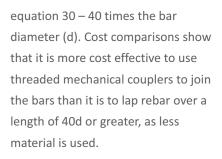
# Advantages Over Lap Splice Joints

Unbrako Rebar Couplers are an effective and efficient alternative for lap splice or overlapping joints. A lap splice is when two pieces of rebar are tied together where the bars overlap. The length of the overlap is calculated by using the

Rebar Overlap

Old Method:

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Further lap splice joints depend upon the concrete for load transfer. Thus any degradation in the integrity of the concrete could significantly affect the performance of the joint. The strength of Unbrako rebar coupler however is independent of the concrete in which it is located and therefore will retain its strength even with loss of cover either due to impact damage or seismic event.

Unbrako rebar couplers are easy to install, quickly and safely, saving you the time that would be otherwise spent in planning costly laps design & installation. Thus speed up the construction time.

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# Features of Unbrako Rebar Couplers:

- Quick and easy installation
- Simpler design details
- Increased productivity and safety of the connection.
- Strength joint allows full ductile elongation of reinforcing bars.
- Manual assembly. No special calibrated wrenches required. Can be assembled using a pipe or chain wrench.
- No risk of cross threading, as it can be visually inspected.
- Reduced congestion of bars, unlike lapping where greater congestion within the concrete can lead to production of transverse forces having the effect of pushing the bars apart.
- Faster construction time.
- Reduced cost of erection.

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# Unbrako Upset Parallel Threaded Coupler

The Unbrako upset rebar coupler is perfect for large scale projects. It is a parallel threaded system for reinforcing bars dia 12 mm. to 50 mm diameter. It is fully capable of producing full strength joint in the rebar connection. Threads are ISO-metric with 60° angle to provide sufficient strength to the joint.



Standard Unbrako Couplers are produced from carbon steel with tensile strength of 600 MPa.

|          | Bar Diameter |        | eter                        | Outer            |                 |             |
|----------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Part No. | Inch.        | Metric | Bar Designation<br>No. [mm] | Diameter<br>[mm] | Length in<br>mm | Thread size |
| 787739   | 1/2"         | 12     | 4 [13]                      | 20               | 28              | M14x2       |
| 787740   | 5/8"         | 16     | 5 [16]                      | 26               | 40              | M20x2.5     |
| 787741   | 3/4"         | 20     | 6 [19]                      | 34               | 48              | M24x3       |
| 787742   | 7/8″         | 22     | 7 [22]                      | 36               | 54              | M27x3       |
| 787743   | 1"           | 25     | 8 [25]                      | 42               | 60              | M30x3.5     |
| 787744   | 1 1/8"       | 28     | 9 [29]                      | 48               | 66              | M33x3.5     |
| 787745   | 1 1/4"       | 32     | 10 [32]                     | 53               | 72              | M36x4       |
| 787746   | 1 1/2"       | 36     | 11 [36]                     | 60               | 84              | M42x4.5     |
| 787747   | 1 5/8"       | 40     | 14 [43]                     | 65               | 90              | M45x4.5     |
| 787748   | 2″           | 50     | 18 [57]                     | 80               | 110             | M56x5.5     |

If higher tensile strength is required, SUPER COUPLERS can be customized to 800-900 MPa according to specific project needs.

# Unbrako Transitional Splices

Unbrako transitional splices or reduced thread couplers are used to join bars of different diameters. The transitional coupler is internally threaded with 2 different threads. The diameter of each thread corresponds to the respective bar size. Consequently transitional splices help to change one bar size to another, as per engineers design, most commonly found in column structures that get narrow as they rise.

| Thread<br>at one end | Thread at second end  |
|----------------------|---|
|                      |   |
| M20x2.5              | M14x2   |
| M24x3                | M20x2.5   |
| M27x3                | M24x3   |
| M30x3.5              | M27x3   |
| M33x3.5              | M30x3.5   |
| M36x4                | M33x3.5   |
| M42x4.5              | M36x4   |
| M45x4.5              | M42x4.5   |
| M56x5.5              | M45x4.5   |
|                      | M24x3<br>M27x3<br>M30x3.5<br>M33x3.5<br>M36x4<br>M42x4.5<br>M45x4.5 |



# What you build is only as good as what holds it together



The GANGA RIVER BRIDGE in Patna, DAHEJ (SEZ) CHEMICAL PLANT in Gujrat and J3 JAMNAGAR PROJECT in Gujarat (World's Largest Refinery Project) are all built using Unbrako Rebar couplers.

# **Bar-End Preparation Process**

For Upset Parallel Threaded Coupler

First, the ends of the reinforcing bars are cut on a saw machine to achieve an end to end flat surface. This sawn end is then enlarged by cold forging process. This increases the core diameter of the bar to ensure that the joint is stronger than the bar, & makes it suitable for threading. Parallel standard ISO metric threads are then cut onto the enlarged ends that match the threaded coupler.

Parallel threads reduce the risk of cross-threading and the risk of mismatch. The threaded ends are protected by external plastic caps. Finally mechanically splice the rebar with parallel threaded Unbrako couplers. Generally, a nominal allowance should be made per threaded bar end for the length consumed in cutting and cold forging, by adding extra length to the required length of the bar.

#### **OPERATION:1**

Make parallel face of bar by cutting in saw machine

#### **OPERATION : 2**

The sawn cut end of the reinforcing bar is enlarged by cold forging process, thus increasing its diameter

#### **OPERATION:3**

Standard ISO metric threads are then cut onto the enlarged end & covered by plastic caps to protect the thread of rebar.



Finally splice the rebar by using threaded Unbrako rebar couplers.









The couplers are supplied with protective end caps that protect their internal threads from dirt & concrete water. Unbrako couplers can be assembled easily and do not require special calibrated wrenches. For further information contact Unbrako today.

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# Unbrako Parallel Threaded Coupler

The Unbrako parallel threaded rebar coupler is suitable for small scale projects. It involves a simple process using only one machine & one operator for all the peeling, ribbing & threading operations. Unbrako production facilities are ISO 9001 and ISO/TS 16949 certified. Our quality measures go beyond to include *Total Traceability*. Our patented E-code head marking system allows tracing of test records for each production lot.

|       |          | Bar Diameter |        |                             | Longht | Thread            | Size of    |             |  |
|-------|----------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------|------------|-------------|--|
| Model | Part No. | Inch.        | Metric | Bar Designation<br>No. [mm] | OD(mm) | Lenght<br>(mm) +2 | Pitch (mm) | Thread      |  |
| UNB12 | 795922   | 1/2"         | 12     | 4 [13]                      | 21     | 36                | 1.75       | 12.1 x 1.75 |  |
| UNB16 | 795924   | 5/8″         | 16     | 5 [16]                      | 24     | 38                | 2.5        | 16.8 x 2.5  |  |
| UNB20 | 795926   | 3/4"         | 20     | 6 [19]                      | 29     | 48                | 2.5        | 20.6 x 2.5  |  |
| UNB22 | 795927   | 7/8"         | 22     | 7 [22]                      | 33     | 53                | 2.5        | 22.6 x 2.5  |  |
| UNB25 | 795928   | 1″           | 25     | 8 [25]                      | 37     | 58                | 3          | 26.0 x 3.0  |  |
| UNB28 | 795929   | 1 1/8"       | 28     | 9 [29]                      | 41     | 63                | 3          | 28.6 x 3.0  |  |
| UNB32 | 795930   | 1 1/4"       | 32     | 10 [32]                     | 47     | 73                | 3          | 32.8 x 3.0  |  |
| UNB36 | 795931   | 1 1/2"       | 36     | 11 [36]                     | 54     | 83                | 3.5        | 36.7 x 3.5  |  |
| UNB40 | 795932   | 1 5/8"       | 40     | 14 [43]                     | 59     | 88                | 3.5        | 40.4 x 3.5  |  |

# **Bar-End Preparation Process**

## For Parallel Threaded Coupler

### 1. Cutting :

The end of the reinforcing rebar is sawn square

## 2. Peeling

The transverse and longitudinal ribbing at the end of the rebar is peeled.

#### 3. Threading

Finally, the peeled end of the rebar is rolled thread.

### 4. Mechanical Splice

Coupler can be used to connect the ends rebars of double steel rebar.













# Splicing Systems:

Two types of splicing systems are used as per the requirement at construction site:

- Type A system is used when the connecting rebar is rotatable.
- Type B system is used when the both bars are not rotatable.

## Type A (When the Connecting Rebar is rotatable)

When at least one connecting rebar can be rotated, then ends of both the bars are threaded for half the length of the coupler. After threading, coupler is screwed on the rear of the fixed rebar. Remove the plastic cap from the coupler. The second rebar is then rotated against the initially screwed coupler to fully engage the coupler. Detailed process is shown through appropriate figure below :

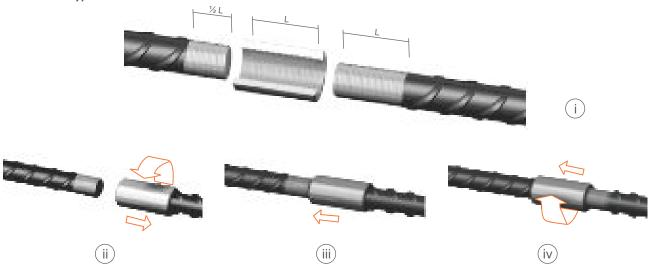
#### **Installation Type A**



## Type B (When both the Bars are not rotatable)

When both bars are not rotatable, then first bar is threaded for the full coupler length to screw coupler fully onto the extended threads. The second bar is threaded to half of the coupler length. The assembly is completed by butting the bars end to end and rotating the coupler onto the second rebar.

Installation Type B



# Technical Data

Unbrako couplers are designed to match the requirements of all the governing specifications ASTM A615, ASTM A706, ASTM A775 and comply to ACI 318, ACI 349, A.A.S.H.T.O and UBC 1997. During design development and testing full attention is paid to critical use of the product.

UNBRAKO coupler system achieves full strength of reinforcement bars grade 60, which is higher ultimate tensile strength than the actual ultimate tensile strength of the bar grade.

| Bar<br>Designation<br>No.[mm] | Diameter<br>inch. [mm] | Cross Sectional<br>Area<br>in. <sup>2</sup> [mm <sup>2</sup> ] | Perimeter<br>inch. [mm] | Load w.r.t<br>Stress<br>Kips[Kn] | Load w.r.t<br>Tensile<br>Kips[Kn] |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Stress KSI<br>[N/mm²]         |                        |  |                         | 75 [520]                         | 100 [690]                         |
| 4 [13]                        | 0.500 [12.7]           | 0.20 [129]   | 1.571 [39.9]            | 15.0 [67.1]                      | 20 [89.0]                         |
| 5 [16]                        | 0.625 [15.9]           | 0.31 [199]   | 1.963 [49.9]            | 23.3 [103.5]                     | 31 [137.3]                        |
| 6 [19]                        | 0.750 [19.1]           | 0.44 [284]   | 2.356 [59.8]            | 33.0 [147.7]                     | 44 [196.0]                        |
| 7 [22]                        | 0.875 [22.2]           | 0.60 [387]   | 2.749 [69.8]            | 45.0 [201.2]                     | 60 [267.0]                        |
| 8 [25]                        | 1.000 [25.4]           | 0.79 [510]   | 3.142 [79.8]            | 59.3 [265.2]                     | 79 [351.9]                        |
| 9 [29]                        | 1.128 [28.7]           | 1.00 [645]   | 3.544 [90.0]            | 75.0 [335.4]                     | 100 [445.1]                       |
| 10 [32]                       | 1.270 [32.3]           | 1.27 [819]   | 3.990 [101.3]           | 95.3 [425.9]                     | 127 [565.1]                       |
| 11 [36]                       | 1.410 [35.8]           | 1.56 [1006]  | 4.430 [112.5]           | 117.0 [523.1]                    | 156 [694.1]                       |
| 14 [43]                       | 1.693 [43.0]           | 2.25 [1452]  | 5.320 [135.1]           | 168.8 [755.0]                    | 225 [1001.9]                      |
| 18 [57]                       | 2.257 [57.3]           | 4.00 [2581]  | 7.090 [180.1]           | 300.0 [1342.1]                   | 400 [1780.9]                      |

\* Nominal Dimensions

# E-Code<sup>™</sup> Total Traceability

Your application demands a fastener which outperforms all others. Unbrako's patented E-CODE<sup>™</sup> head marking system allows tracing of test records to specific production batches. Unique letters and numbers in the marking ensure 100% traceability from a single coupler to Unbrako mechanical & dimensional certificates. It is the ultimate in fastener traceability. Even when the box is discarded, and the rebar couplers are used, there is still full traceability. Thus, any Unbrako rebar coupler found in any location can be instantly identified.



| BS       | ХХ  | UNBRAKO | ХХ        | XX     | XXXX         | XXXXXXX                                    |
|----------|-----|---------|-----------|--------|--------------|--|
| Bar Size | Dia | Mfg. ID | Outer Dia | Length | Thread Pitch | Unique Batch No.<br>For Total Traceability |

\* X represents value taken in due course of time.



# Quality Assurance

Unbrako production facilities are ISO 9001, ISO/TS 16949, ISO 14001 and BS OHSAS 18001 certified. Unbrako Rebar Couplers are manufactured in these modern facilities conforming to strict technical specifications and governing standards to provide the ultimate coupler system to our customers. Full traceability of the couplers production batches and raw materials allows for defect-free manufacturing. Note the couplers must be used as per manufactures' specifications & instructions. Unbrako Rebar Couplers are tested in our in-house labs with fully automated testing machines. Full destructive tests are carried out complying with ACI 318, ACI 349, among others.



**Typical Test Results** 

| Nominal<br>Bar Size<br>Dia. mm   | Yield<br>Stress<br>(N/mm²) | Ultimate<br>Stress<br>(N/mm²)   | Elongation<br>% | Failure<br>Mode  |  |
|--|----------------------------|---|-----------------|--|--|
| 16   | 534                        | 588   | 18              | Bar Break  |  |
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# Colour Coded Protective Caps

The colour-coded plastic sealing caps are provided to protect the threads of couplers & bars against penetration of dirt and cement grout. Further they also enable quick identification of the bar size and prevent mismatching of threads.

| BAR SIZE | COLOUR   | _       |
|----------|----------|---------|
| 4 [13]   | Green •  |         |
| 5 [16]   | Blue •   |         |
| 6 [19]   | Red 🗕    |         |
| 7 [22]   | Clear O  |         |
| 8 [25]   | Brown •  |         |
| 9 [29]   | Orange 🔸 | 5 10    |
| 10 [32]  | Yellow 😐 | ALC: NO |
| 11 [36]  | Black •  |         |
| 14 [43]  | Pink 🛛   |         |
| 18 [57]  | Grey     |         |
|          |          |         |

# Mobile Preparation Facility

On large contracts where bar end preparation can be carried out on site, equipment can be made available for hire. For further information please contact Unbrako.



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# ALSO AVAILABLE IN Unbrako Construction Fasteners

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The UNBRAKO ARC Welding Stud is used in the construction of tall buildings, bridges and steel structures. The drawn-arc process produces a full cross-sectional weld forming a bond that is greater than the surrounding material. It improves the strength of the structure. Product Range : Metric: M13, M16, M19, M22, M25 – Any Length

Inch: 1/2", 5/8", 3/4", 7/8", 1" – Any Length

## Direct Tension Indicator



UNBRAKO Direct Tension Indicator also known as Auto Torque Indicator, are single-use mechanical load cells designed to indicate the magnitude of preload in the assembly. It shows if the bolt is properly tensioned, very useful while tensioning High Strength Structural Bolts. Product Range : Metric: M16 – M36 as per BS EN 14399-9 Unbrako Feeler Gauge is available to check if the required torque is achieved.

## High Strength Structural Bolt Assembly



Compared to the conventional methods of riveting or welding, UNBRAKO Pre-load bolts maintain the permanent strength of the joint due to reduced stress concentration. Hence, it does not permit loosening, making it most ideal where vibration is involved. Product Range : Metric: M12 to M36 Any Length

As per BS EN 15048-1/2 & 14399-3/4 or as per IS 3757

## Tension Control Structural Bolt Assembly





UNBRAKO Auto Torque Check Bolt also known as Tension Control Bolt is an easy to install heavy duty bolt used in Steel Frame Construction. It has its own built-in torque control device. The outer socket of electric wrench rotates the nut until the torque control groove in the spline shears off, on achieving proper bolt tension. Product Range : Metric: M12 – M30 (any length) – As Per BS EN 14399 - 10

Unbrako Electric Shear Wrench is also Available.

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