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THREADED LIFTING LOOP - THL

Threaded lifting loops are suitable for use with all sizes of threaded lifting sockets. It is an economical lifting system that can be used for most applications, especially for on-site operations. Threaded lifting loops are not suitable for turning or tilting. If the loops are kept in storage for reuse, they must be inspected every six months and retested every year. These lifting systems are not recommended for intensive reuse conditions.

Threaded lifting loops should only be attached to the concrete unit and used after the concrete strength has reached 15 MPa. In some cases, it may be economical and practical to leave this lifting loop with the concrete unit for final installation.

The threaded lifting loop is made of high-grade steel wire rope according EN 12385-4, swaged in a steel ferrule S355J0. It is zinc-plated for protection against corrosion. A label marked with the admissible load, the thread type and the code number of the testing is attached to each threaded lifting loop. Before use, check that the wires are in good condition. Lifting loops with broken strands or other signs of damage, kinking, bird caging, corrosion that require discarding according EN 13414-1 must not be used for any further lifting.





THL-M	Thread	Product no.	THL-Rd	Thread	Product no.	Load group	I ₁	Ι	Wire diam.	L (approx.)
	м	i roudot no.		Rd	i roudot no.	[t]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]
THL-M12	12	45079	THL-Rd12	12	45737	0.5	18	30	6	155
THL-M16	16	45081	THL-Rd16	16	45738	1.2	24	37	8	155
THL-M20	20	45083	THL-Rd20	20	45739	2.0	30	45	10	215
THL-M24	24	45084	THL-Rd24	24	45740	2.5	36	54	12	255
THL-M30	30	45085	THL-Rd30	30	45741	4.0	45	68	16	300
THL-M36	36	45086	THL-Rd36	36	45742	6.3	54	82	18	340
THL-M42	42	45087	THL-Rd42	42	45743	8.0	63	96	20	425
THL-M52	52	45088	THL-Rd52	52	45744	12.5	85	110	26	510



THL - APPLICATIONS

SCREWING DETAILS

Ensure that the thread is fully bottomed out in the socket before lifting. Backing off one turn is permitted to ensure that the wire is correctly aligned for lifting. No gaps are permitted between the concrete element and the body of the lifting system: the thread must be fully threaded inside the socket.



ADMISSIBLE LOAD DIRECTION

Threaded lifting loops are not suitable for turning or tilting.





STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Lifting systems and anchors must be stored and protected in dry conditions, under a roof. Large temperature variations, snow, ice, humidity, or salt and salt water impact may cause damage to anchors and shorten the service life.



SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Warning: Use only trained personnel. Use the anchor and the lifting device by untrained personnel poses the risk of incorrect use or falling, which may cause injury or death. The lifting systems must be used only for lifting and moving precast concrete elements.

Obligatory instructions for safe working:

- All lifting anchors must be operated manually
- Visually inspect lifting anchors before use; check and clean all lifting inserts prior to use
- Hook in all lifting systems separately, without using force
- Respect local regulations for safe lifting and hoisting at all times.

Incorrect use may result in safety hazards and reduced load-carrying capacity. This may cause the lifted object to fall and pose a hazard to life and limb. Lifting anchor systems must be used only by suitable trained personnel.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Thread-lifting systems are used in the precast industry and are suitable for lifting, transport and installation of precast concrete elements on site.

Some of the advantages of this system include:

- a wide range of lifting sockets
- threaded lifting loops and cast-in lifting loops,
- capability of establishing a connection in a safe, simple manner
- most of the lifting systems can be re-used
- CE-certified system. All Terwa lifting systems have the CE marking which guarantees conformance with the European regulations.

The threaded lifting system combines a lifting anchor embedded in a concrete unit and a lifting device.

The design for Terwa threaded lifting anchors and technical instructions comply with the national German guideline VDI/BV-BS6205 "Lifting inserts and lifting insert for precast concrete elements". Based on this guideline, the manufacturer must also ensure that the lifting systems have sufficient strength to prevent concrete failure.

A failure of lifting anchors and lifting anchor devices can endanger human lives as well as can lead to significant damage. Therefore, lifting anchors and lifting devices must be produced with high quality, carefully selected and which are designed for the respective application and used by skilled personnel according to lifting and handling instructions.

Quality

Terwa continuously controls the anchor production process in terms of strength, dimensional and material quality, and performs all of the required inspections for a superior quality system. All of the products are tracked from material acquisition to the final, ready to use product.

Marking and traceability

All anchors and lifting clutches have the CE marking and all data necessary for traceability, thread type and load class.









Anchor testing

Terwa lifting anchors are designed to resist at a minimum safety factor of **3x load group**



Application of lifting anchor system

Load carrying devices - are equipment that is permanently connected to the hoist for attaching lifting devices, lifting accessory or loads.

Lifting accessory – equipment that creates a link between the load carrying device and the lifting device.

Lifting device (lifting key) – equipment that connects the loads to the load carrying device by means of lifting accessories.

Lifting anchor – steel part embedded in the concrete element, which is intended as an attachment point for the lifting device.

Lifting anchor system - consists of a lifting anchor (insert), which is permanently anchored in the precast concrete element and the corresponding lifting device, which is temporarily fixed to the embedded lifting anchor.



Interaction between the parts of the series of guidelines VDI/BV-BS 6205





CE MARKING

CE marking means that a product is manufactured and inspected in accordance with a harmonised European standard (hEN) or a European Technical Approval (ETA). ETA can be used as the basis for CE marking for cases in which there is no hEN. However, ETA is voluntary and not required by EU directives or legislation.

Manufacturers may use the CE marking to declare that their construction products meet harmonised European standards or have been granted ETA Approvals. These documents define properties the products must have to be granted the right to use the CE marking and describe how the manufacture of these products is supervised and tested.

EU Construction Products Regulation takes full effect on 1 July 2013. There are no harmonised EN standards for detailed building parts, such as connections used in concrete constructions, excluding lifting items and devices, which are covered by the EU Machinery Directive. For steel constructions, CE marking will become mandatory as of 1 July 2014 as covered by the EU Construction Products Directive.

PRODUCT RANGE

LIFTING SYSTEMS

REUSABLE THREADED LIFTING SYSTEM

Terwa offers various types of reusable threaded lifting keys suitable for lifting, transport and installation of precast concrete elements.

• CAST-IN LIFTING SYSTEM

Steel wire loops swaged into a ferrule without an additional tail which can be used in combination with a standard crane hook. Can be cut off after use.

• TRANSPORT ANCHORS

Various anchors made from a socket swaged onto wavy reinforcement steel, plain socket lifting inserts, sockets welded to a plate and anchors made from a socket swaged to a standard bolt for thin units.

• RECESS FORMERS AND MOUNTING ACCESSORIES

Mounting accessories for fixing the anchors to the formwork during the production of the precast element.





TECHNICAL INFORMATION – CHOOSING THE TYPE OF ANCHOR

Terwa has 3 types of lifting systems:

- 1D threaded lifting system
- 2D strip anchor lifting system
- 3D T-slot anchor lifting system

The method for choosing the anchor is identical for all these types and depends on the lifting method and/or experience.

The 1D threaded lifting system is mainly used when the hoisting angles are limited, while the 2D strip anchor lifting system and the 3D T-slot anchor lifting system can be used for all hoisting angles, with minor limitations for the 2D strip anchor lifting system. The difference between the 2D strip anchor lifting system and the 3D T-slot anchor lifting system lies principally in the experience one has in using one or the other system.

Terwa also has software for making the anchor calculations.



SAFETY RULES

The lifting system consists of a threaded anchor embedded in concrete and a threaded lifting device. The threaded lifting loop is connected to the anchor only when required for lifting. Ensure that the concrete has reached MPa strength of at least 15 before beginning lifting.

min. 15 MPa

These lifting systems are not suitable for intensive re-use.

In designing the lifting system, the safety factors for the failure mode steel rupture derived from the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC are:

- for steel component (solid sections) γ = 3
- for steel wires $\gamma = 4$

For this, the load-side dynamic working coefficient $\psi_{dyn} = 1.3$

For the determination of the characteristic resistances based on method A in accordance with DIN EN 1990 - Annex D for the concrete break-out, splitting, blow-out and pull-out failure modes, the safety factor is $\gamma = 2.5$

The safety concept requires that the action E does not exceed the admissible value for the resistance Radm:

 $E \leq R_{adm}$ Where: E - action, R_{adm} - admissible load (resistance)

The admissible load (resistance) of lifting anchor and lifting device is obtained as follows:

 $R_{adm} = \frac{Rk}{\gamma}$ Where: R_k - characteristic resistance of the anchoring of a lifting anchor or lifting device, γ - global safety factor

Notice: The lifting anchors must always be installed above the centre of gravity. Otherwise, the element can tip over during transport.

The maximum permitted load on the components quoted in the tables has been obtained by applying a safety factor on test data.



POSSIBLE TYPES OF FAILURE OF A LIFTING ANCHOR

Failure type	Fracture pattern: tensile force	Fracture pattern: transverse shear force
Concrete break-out Failure mode, characterised by a wedge or cone shaped concrete break-out body, which was separated from the anchor ground and is initiated by the lifting anchor		
Local concrete break-out (blow-out) Concrete spalling at the side of the component that contains the anchor, at the level of the form- fitting load application by the lifting anchor into the concrete break-out at the concrete surface.		
Pry-out (rear breakout of concrete) Failure mode characterised by the concrete breaking out opposite the direction of load, on lifting anchors with shear load.		
Pull-out Failure mode, where the lifting anchor under tension load is pulled out of the concrete with large displacements and a small concrete break-out.		
Splitting of the component A concrete failure in which the concrete fractures along a plane passing through the axis of the lifting anchor.		





DIMENSIONING OF LIFTING ANCHOR SYSTEM

For the safe dimensioning of lifting anchor systems for precast concrete elements, the following points must be made clear at the start:

- The type of the structural element and the geometry
- Weight and location of centre of gravity of the structural element
- Directions of the loads on the anchor during the entire transport process, with all loading cases that occur.
- The static system of taking on the loads.

To determine the correct size of lifting anchor, the stresses in the direction of the wire rope sling must be determined for all load classes. These stresses must then be compared with the applicable resistance values for the type of loading case.

Stress ≤ Resistance always applies

Direction of stress					
Axial tension		Parallel shear pull			
Load or load component action in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the lifting anchor.		Load or load component action at an angle β to the longitudinal axis of the lifting anchor in the plane of the precast component.	B		
	lel to the structural element	Transverse shear pull perpendicular to the structural element plane			
Load or load component parallel to the surface of structural element and to the plane of the element, acting at an angle β perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the lifting anchor.	90°	Load or load component parallel to the building component surface and perpendicular to the surface of the component.	90°		



LOAD CAPACITY

The loading and capacity of the anchors depend on multiple factors such as:

- The total weight of the precast concrete element " F_G "
- Adhesion to the formwork
- The load direction, angle of pull
- Number of load bearing anchors
- The edge distance and spacing of the anchors
- The strength of the concrete when operating, lifting or transporting
- The embedded depth of the anchor
- Dynamic forces
- The reinforcement arrangement

WEIGHT OF PRECAST UNIT

The total self-weight " F_{G} " of the precast reinforced concrete element is determined using a specific weight of: $\rho = 25$ kN/m³. For prefabricated elements composed of reinforcing elements with a higher concentration, this will be taken into consideration when calculating the weight.



ADHESION TO FORMWORK COEFFICIENT

When a precast element is lifted from the formwork, adhesion force between element and formwork develops. This force must be taken into consideration for the calculation of the anchor load and depends on the total area in contact with the formwork, the shape of the precast element and the material of the formwork. The value " F_{adh} " of adhesion to the formwork is calculated using the following equation:

$F_{adh} = q_{adh} \times A_f [kN]$

Where: Fadh-action due to adhesion and form friction, in kN

- q_{adh} the adhesion to formwork and form friction factor corresponding to the material of the formwork
- A_f the area of contact between the formwork and the concrete element when starting the lift

Adhesion to the formwork	q_{adh} in kN/m ²
Oiled steel formwork, oiled plastic-coated plywood	≥ 1
Varnished timber formwork with panel boards	≥ 2
Rough timber formwork	≥ 3

In some cases, such as π - panel or other specially shaped elements, an increased adhesion coefficient must be taken into consideration.

Adhesion to the formwo	rk
Double-T beams	$F_{adh} = 2 \times F_G \ [kN]$
Ribbed elements	$F_{adh} = 3 \times F_G [kN]$
Waffled panel	$F_{adh} = 4 \times F_G [kN]$



Adhesion to the formwork should be minimised before lifting the concrete element out of the formwork by removing as many parts of the formwork as possible.

Before lifting from the table, the adhesion to the formwork must be reduced as much as possible by removing the formwork from the concrete element (tilting the formwork table, brief vibration for detachment, using wedges).

DYNAMIC LOADS COEFFICIENT

During lifting and handling of the precast elements, the lifting devices are subject to dynamic actions. The value of the dynamic actions depends on the type of lifting machinery. Dynamic effect shall be considered by the dynamic factor ψ_{dyn} .

Lifting equipment	Dynamic factor	
	ψ_{dyn}	
Tower crane, portal crane and mobile crane	1.3 *)	
Lifting and moving on flat terrain	2.5	
Lifting and moving on rough terrain	≥ 4.0	
*) lower values may be appropriate in precast plants if special arrangements are made.		

For special transport and lifting cases, the dynamic factor is established based on the tests or on proven experience.

LIFTING OF PRECAST CONCRETE ELEMENT UNDER COMBINED TENSION AND SHEAR LOADING

The load value applied on each anchor depends on the chain inclination, which is defined by the angle β between the normal direction and the lifting chain.

The cable angle β is determined by the length of the suspension chain. We recommend that, if possible, β should be kept to $\beta \leq 30^{\circ}$. The tensile force on the anchor will be increased by a cable angle coefficient "**z**".

 $z = 1/cos\beta$

$$F = \frac{F_{tot} \times z}{z}$$

n Where:

z - cable angle coefficient

n - number of load bearing anchors



Cable angle	Spread angle	Cable angle factor
β	а	Z
0 °	-	1.00
7.5 °	15 °	1.01
15.0 °	30 °	1.04
22.5 °	45 °	1.08
30.0 °	60 °	1.16
*37.5°	75 °	1.26
*45.0°	90 °	1.41

* preferred $\beta \le 30^{\circ}$

Note: If no lifting beam is used during transport, the anchor must be embedded symmetrical to the load.



ASYMMETRIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE LOAD

For asymmetrical elements, calculate the loads based on the centre of gravity before installing the anchors. The load of each anchor depends on the embedded position of the anchor in the precast unit and on the transport mode:

a) If the arrangement of the anchors is asymmetrical in relation to the centre of gravity, the individual anchors support different loads. For the load distribution in asymmetrically installed anchors when a spreader beam is used, the forces on each anchor are calculated using the following equation:

$$F_a = F_{tot} \times \mathbf{b}/(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$$

$$F_b = F_{tot} \times a/(a+b)$$

Note: To avoid tilting the element during transport, the load should be suspended from the lifting beam in such a way that its centre of gravity (Cg) is directly under the crane hook.



b) For transporting without a lifting beam, the load on the anchor depends on the cable angle (ß).

ANCHORS LIFTING CONDITIONS











LOAD DIRECTIONS

Various scenarios may occur during transport and lifting, such as tilt-up, rotation, hoisting and, of course, installation. The lifting anchors and clutches must have the capacity for all these cases and combinations of them. Therefore, the load direction is a very important factor for proper anchor selection.





POSITIONING THE ANCHORS IN WALLS





Lifting the walls from horizontal to vertical position without tiltup table.

In this case, the anchors are loaded with half of the element weight, since half of the element remains in contact with the casting table.



DETERMINATION OF ANCHOR LOAD

	Load type	Calculation	Verification
Lifting with formwork adhesion	For Fz Fz Fz Fg FG	$F_Z = rac{(F_G + F_{adh}) imes z}{n}$ F_Z – Load acting on the lifting anchor in kN	$F_Z \leq N_{R,adm}$ $N_{R,adm}$ – admissible normal load
	Fo/2 Fo Fo Fo Fo Fo Fo Fo Fo Fo Fo Fo Fo Fo	$F_Q = \frac{(F_G/2) \times \psi_{dyn}}{n}$ F_Q - Shear load acting on the lifting anchor directed perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the concrete element when lifting from horizontal position with a beam in kN	$F_Q \leq V_{R,adm}$ V_{R,adm^-} admissible shear load
Erecting	F ₆ /2 F ₆ /2 F ₀ /2 F ₀ /2	$F_{QZ} = \frac{(F_G/2) \times \psi_{dyn} \times z}{n}$ F_{QZ} - Shear load acting on the lifting anchor inclined and perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the concrete element when lifting from horizontal position with a beam in kN	$F_{QZ} \leq V_{R,adm}$ $V_{R,adm}$ admissible shear load
Transport	Fz B	$F_Z = rac{F_G imes \psi_{dyn} imes z}{n}$ F_Z – Load acting on the lifting anchor in kN	$F_Z \leq N_{R,adm}$ $N_{R,adm}$ – admissible normal load

INSTALLATION TOLERANCES FOR ALL TERWA LIFTING SOCKET ANCHORS



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CALCULATION EXAMPLE

Example 1: SLAB UNIT



The slab unit has the following dimensions: L = 5 mw = 2 m

t = 0.2 m

Weight $F_G = \rho \times V = 25 \times (5 \times 2 \times 0.2) = 50kN$ Formwork area $A_f = L \times w = 5 \times 2 = 10 m^2$ Anchor number n = 2

General data:	Symbol	De-mould	Transport	Mount
Concrete strength at de-mould [MPa]		15	15	
Concrete strength on site [MPa]				35
Element weight [kN]	F _G	50		
Element area in contact with formwork [m2]	A_f	10		
Cable angle factor at de-mould ($\beta = 15.0^{\circ}$)	z	1.04	1.04	
Cable angle factor on site ($\beta = 30.0^{\circ}$)	z			1.16
Dynamic coefficient at transport	ψ dyn		1.3	
Dynamic coefficient on site	Ψ dyn			1.3
Adhesion to formwork factor for varnished timber formwork [kN/m ²]	q _{adh}	2		
Anchor number for de-mould	n	2		
Anchor number for transport at the plant	n		2	
Anchor number for transport on site	n			2

DE-MOULD AT THE PLANT:

Adhesion to formwork factor: Cable angle factor: Concrete strength: $q_{adh} = 2 \text{ kN/m}^2$ z = 1.04 (β = 15.0°) 15 MPa

$$F_{Z} = \frac{\left[\left(F_{G} + q_{adh} \times A_{f} \right) \times z \right]}{n} = \frac{\left[(50 + 2 \times 10) \times 1.04 \right]}{2} = 36.4 \, kN$$

TRANSPORT AT THE PLANT:

Dynamic coefficient:	Ψ dyn = 1.3
Cable angle factor:	$z = 1.04 \ (\beta = 15.0^{\circ})$
Concrete strength:	15 MPa

$$F_{Z} = \frac{F_{G} \times \psi_{dyn} \times z}{n} = \frac{50 \times 1.3 \times 1.04}{2} = 33.80 \ kN$$

TRANSPORT ON SITE:

Dynamic coefficient:	Ψ dyn = 1.3
Cable angle factor:	z = 1.16 (β = 30.0°)
Concrete strength:	35 MPa

$$F_{Z} = \frac{F_{G} \times \psi_{dyn} \times z}{n} = \frac{50 \times 1.3 \times 1.16}{2} = 37.70 \ kN$$

An anchor in the 40 kN range is required.



Example 2: WALL PANEL



The slab unit has the following dimensions: L = 7.5 m w = 2 mt = 0.18 m

Weight $F_G = \rho \times V = 25 \times (7.5 \times 2 \times 0.18) = 67.5 kN$ Formwork area $A_f = L \times w = 7.5 \times 2 = 15 m^2$ Anchor number n = 2

General data:	Symbol	De-mould	Tilting	Mount
Concrete strength at de-mould [MPa]		15	15	
Concrete strength on site [MPa]				45
Element weight [kN]	F _G	67.5		
Element area in contact with formwork [m ²]	A _f	15		
Cable angle factor at de-mould ($\beta = 0.0^{\circ}$)	z	1.0		
Cable angle factor at tilting ($\beta = 0.0^{\circ}$)	z		1.0	
Cable angle factor on site ($\beta = 30^{\circ}$)	z			1.16
Dynamic coefficient at tilting	Ψdyn		1.3	
Dynamic coefficient on site	Ψdyn			1.3
Adhesion factor for oiled steel formwork [kN/m ²]	q _{adh}	1.0		
Anchor number for de-mould	n	2		
Anchor number at tilting	n		2	
Anchor number for transport on site	n			2

DE-MOULD / TILT-UP AT THE PLANT:

Adhesion to formwork factor:	q_{adh} = 1 kN/m ²
Cable angle factor:	$z = 1 \ (\beta = 0^\circ)$
Concrete strength:	15 MPa

$$F_Q = \frac{\left[\left(F_G/2 + q_{adh} \times A_f \right) \times z \right]}{n} = \frac{\left[(67.5/2 + 1 \times 15) \times 1 \right]}{2} = 24.38 \, kN$$

TRANSPORT AT THE PLANT:

Dynamic coefficient:	Ψ dyn = 1.3
Cable angle factor:	$z = 1 \ (\beta = 0^{\circ})$
Concrete strength:	15 MPa

$$F_Q = \frac{F_G \times \psi_{dyn} \times z}{n} = \frac{67.5 \times 1.3 \times 1}{2} = 43.87 \ kN$$

TRANSPORT ON SITE:

Dynamic coefficient:	$\Psi_{dyn} = 1.3$
Cable angle factor:	$z = 1.16 \ (\beta = 30.0^{\circ})$
Concrete strength:	35 MPa

$$F_Q = \frac{F_G \times \psi_{dyn} \times z}{n} = \frac{67.5 \times 1.3 \times 1.16}{2} = 50.89 \ kN = 51 \ kN$$

For embedding on the lateral side, two anchors in the 75kN range are required. Tail and tilting reinforcement are usually added for this type of anchor reinforcement.

Example 3: DOUBLE-T BEAM



NOTE: Dimensions are in cm

General data:	Symbol	De-mould	Transport
Concrete strength at de-mould and transport [MPa]		25	25
Element weight [kN]	F _G	102	
Formwork area [m ²]	A _f	35.8	
Cable angle factor at de-mould ($\beta = 30.0^{\circ}$)	Z	1.16	
Cable angle factor on site ($\beta = 30.0^{\circ}$)	Z		1.16
Dynamic coefficient at transport	₩dyn		1.3
Anchor number for de-mould and transport	n	4	4

Load capacity when lifting and transporting at the manufacturing plant.

Concrete strength when de-mould	≥ 25 MPa
Cable angle factor	z = 1.16 (ß = 30.0°)
Dynamic coefficient	ψ _{dyn} = 1.3
Anchor number	n = 4

$$\begin{split} F_G &= V \times \rho = (A \times L) \times \rho = (A1 + A2 \times 2) \times L \times \rho = (0.1 \times 3 + 0.09 \times 2) \times 8.5 \times 25 = 102 \, kN \\ L &= 8.5 \, m \\ A1 &= 0.1 \times 3 \, (m^2) \\ A2 &= \frac{\left[(0.35 + 0.25) \times 0.3 \right]}{2} = \frac{(0.6 \times 0.3)}{2} = 0.09 \, (m^2) \end{split}$$

Weight:	$F_G = 102 \ kN$
Adhesion to mould	$F_{adh} = 2 \times F_G = 204 \ kN$
Total load	$F_{tot} = F_G + F_{adh} = 102 + 204 = 306 kN$

LOAD PER ANCHOR WHEN DE-MOULD:

$$F = \frac{F_{tot} \times z}{n} = \frac{[(F_G + F_{adh}) \times z]}{n} = \frac{306 \times 1.16}{4} = 88.74 \, kN$$

LOAD PER ANCHOR WHEN TRANSPORTING:

$$F = \frac{F_{tot} \times \psi_{dyn} \times z}{n} = \frac{F_G \times \psi_{dyn} \times z}{n} = \frac{102 \times 1.3 \times 1.16}{4} = 38.46 \text{ kN}$$

Four anchors in the 100 kN range are required (> 88.74 kN)



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