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Boston - Big Dig Tunnel Failure



Situation

Key message of the synopsis of NTSB report HAR-07-02 regarding the fatal accident in the Big Dig tunnel:

“Insufficient understanding among designers and builders of the nature of adhesive anchoring systems”

Situation

- **The NTSB report concluded that poor creep resistance of the adhesive anchor was the primary contributor to the anchor failure**
- **The report also states that the anchors were not installed correctly and that this influenced their capacity significantly**
- **The Adhesive Anchoring System that failed in the Big Dig tunnel was not a Hilti product**

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What is creep?



“Everything flows...” (Heraclitus ~500 BC)

What is creep?

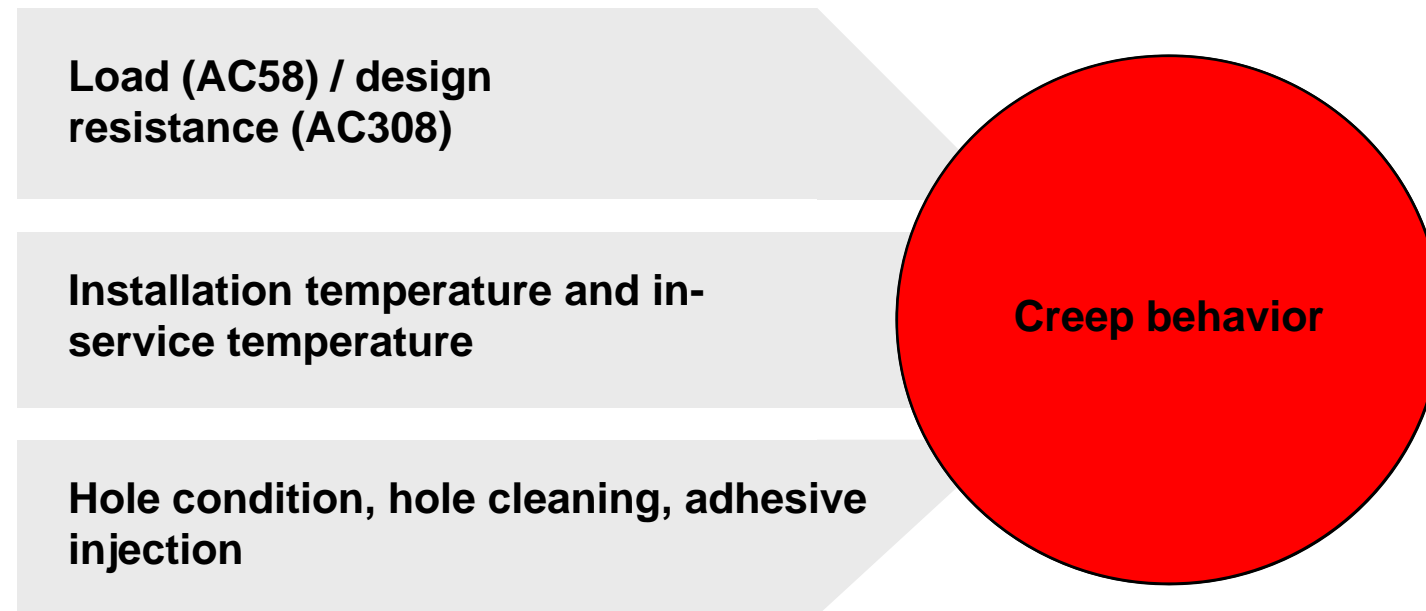
Creep is the slow and continuous deformation of a material under a sustained stress and is mainly influenced by:

- material / product
- load level & duration of loading
- temperature
- installation

Creep can occur in various construction materials such as steel and concrete and is considered e.g. in reinforced concrete design

**Creep is a typical behavior of construction materials
that needs to be considered for design**

Key pillars of Creep behavior

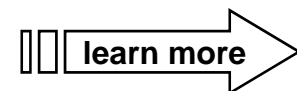


Properly installed adhesive anchors in properly designed applications are extremely reliable

What is creep?

Creep behavior of Adhesive Anchoring Systems:

- Adhesive anchors exposed to sustained tension loads must have sufficient creep resistance for long term loading
- Rule of thumb: A higher temperature, a higher sustained load or a longer duration of loading → increased creep displacement
- The creep displacement rate significantly decreases over time for a properly selected, designed and installed anchor → viscoelastic behavior

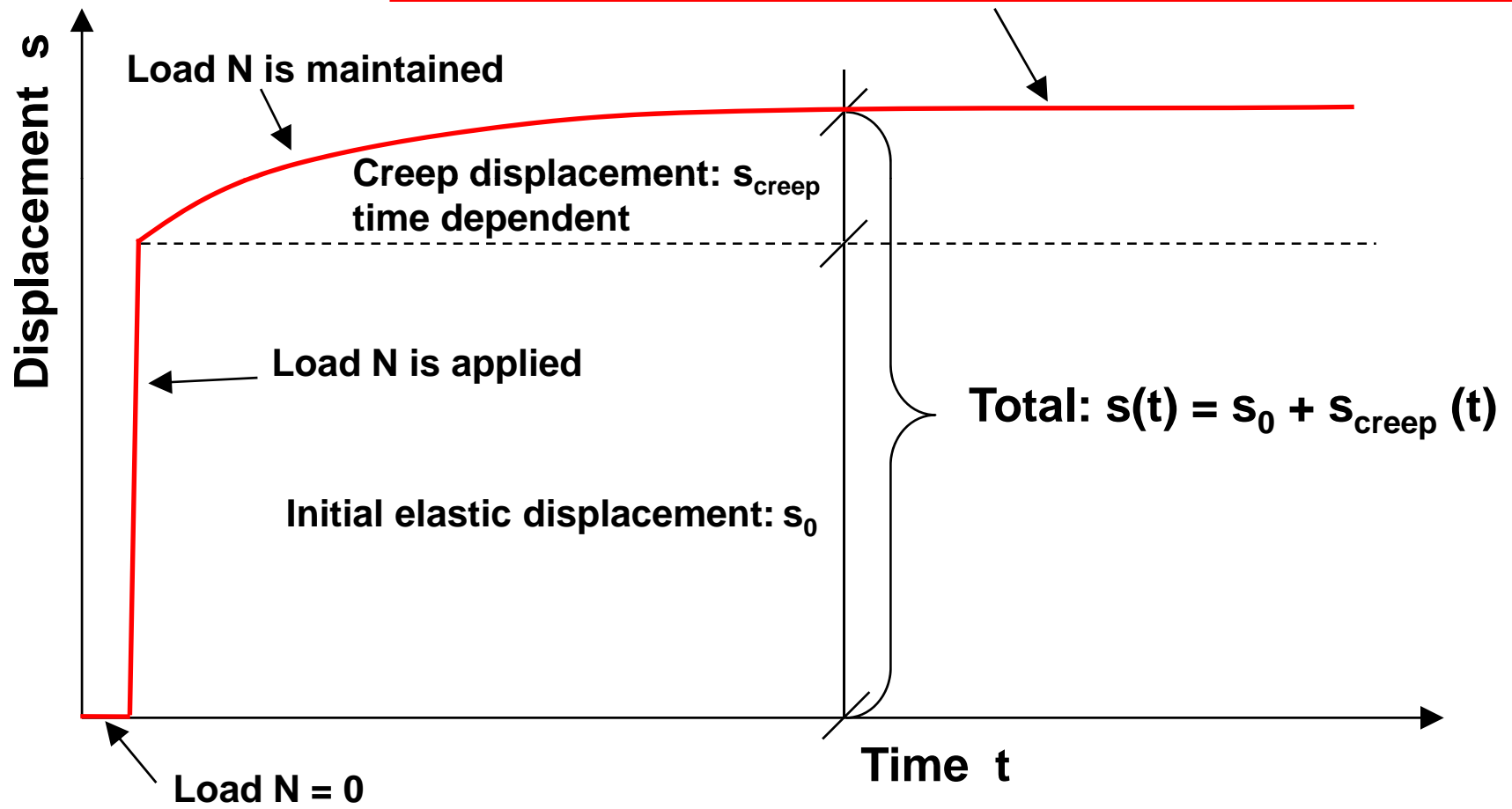


**Creep of Adhesive Anchoring Systems under sustained tension loads
can be described as viscoelastic behavior**

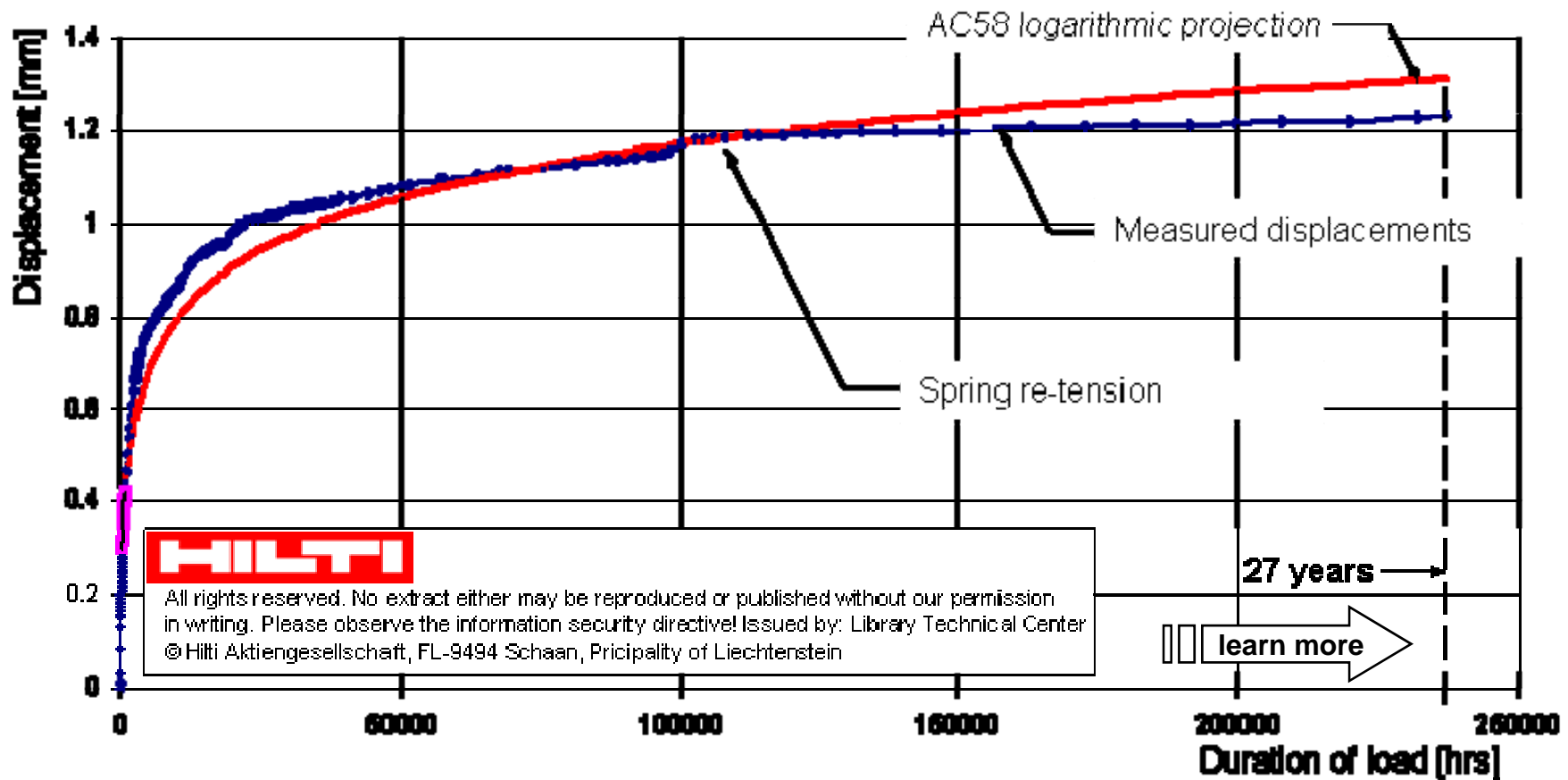
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Creep basics:

The creep displacement rate significantly decreases over time
 → the displacement stabilizes



What is creep?



Hilti's Expertise: Some creep tests with an Adhesive Anchoring Systems have been already running or the last 27 years and continue

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How was the creep behavior tested?

A standard method to test and evaluate the creep behavior of Adhesive Anchoring Systems can be found in ICC-ES AC58

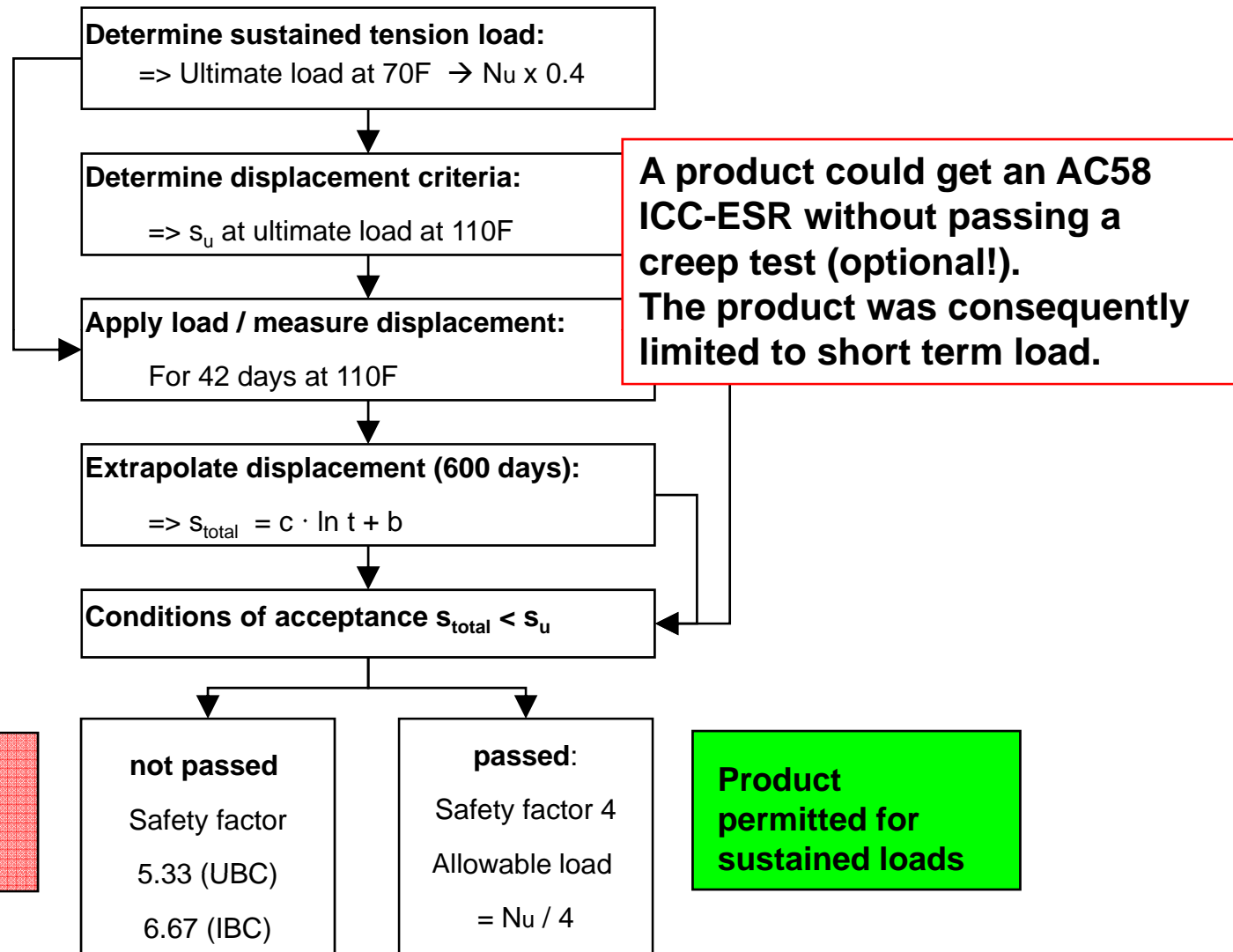
- AC58 was introduced in January 1995
- More than 25 different products from various manufacturers have been tested and evaluated
- The NTSB expressed no concern or criticism in AC58 qualifying suitable creep-resistant adhesives, instead stating that failing AC58 testing indicated an adhesive's inappropriateness for sustained-loading applications
- The creep test was optional

The test method under AC58 is appropriate for identifying the general suitability of Adhesive Anchoring Systems for sustained tension loads

How was the creep behavior tested?

AC58 Creep Test

ESR-TextExample:
 “The allowable load values for the Adhesive installed with threaded rod or fully threaded bolts is permitted for short-term loads, such as those resulting from wind or earthquake forces only.”

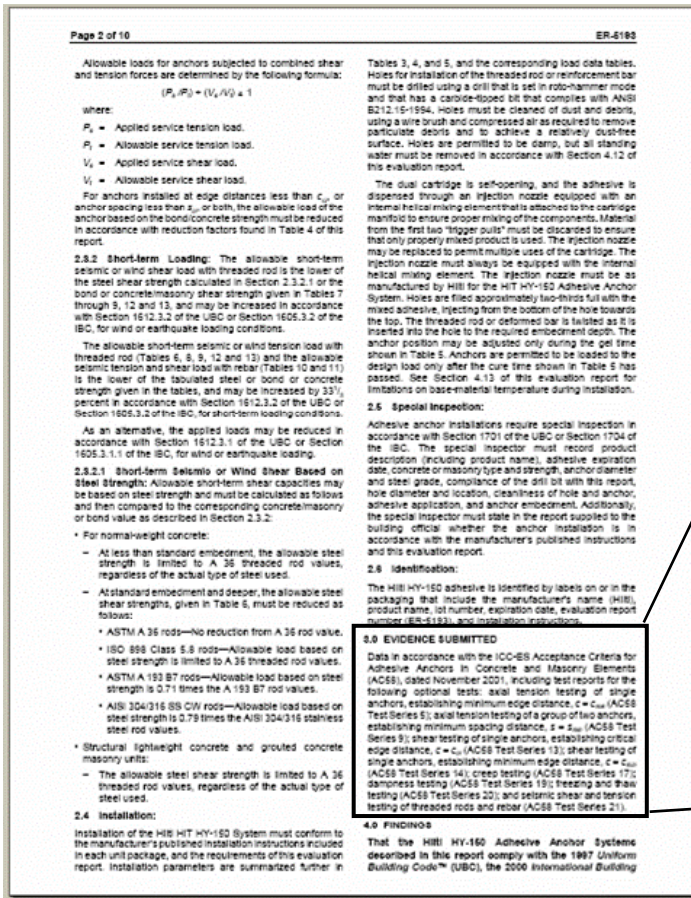


Product not permitted for sustained loads

Product permitted for sustained loads

How was the creep behavior tested?

If a creep test report (Series 17) was passed / submitted can be found in an ICC-ES ER / ESR in accordance with AC58:



3.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICBO ES Acceptance Criteria for Adhesive Anchors in Concrete and Masonry Elements (AC58), dated November 2001, including test reports for the following optional tests: axial tension testing of single anchors, establishing minimum edge distance, $c = c_{min}$ (AC58 Test Series 5); axial tension testing of a group of two anchors, establishing minimum spacing distance, $s = s_{min}$ (AC58 Test Series 9); shear testing of single anchors, establishing critical edge distance, $c = c_{cr}$ (AC58 Test Series 13); shear testing of single anchors, establishing minimum edge distance, $c = c_{min}$ (AC58 Test Series 14); creep testing (AC58 Test Series 17); dampness testing (AC58 Test Series 19); freezing and thaw testing (AC58 Test Series 20); and seismic shear and tension testing of threaded rods and rebar (AC58 Test Series 21).

Evidence Submitted?
ESR → Section 6
ER → Section 3

How was the creep behavior tested?

Other locations in an ER / ESR where information can be found:

- Footnotes in load tables stating Factors of Safety (FS):

FS= 4 → creep test passed,
 FS = 5.33 (UBC) or
 FS = 6.67 (IBC) → creep test not submitted

- Other locations:
 - “Findings” (ER - Section 4)
 - “Design” (ER - Section 2)
 - “Conditions of Use” (ESR – Section 5)

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TABLE 8—HILTI, INC., RECOMMENDED CURE TIMES FOR HIT HY 150 MAX ADHESIVE

MINIMUM BASE-MATERIAL TEMPERATURE		APPROXIMATE GEL TIME ¹	APPROXIMATE CURE TIME ²
°F	°C		
54	-10	100 min	12 hours
33	-5	40 min	4 hours
32	0	20 min	2 hours
50	10	8 min	1 hour
65	20	6 min	30 min
65	30	3 min	25 min
104	40	2 min	20 min

For SI: °C = (°F - 32) ÷ 1.8.

¹Section 4.2.1.1 of this report describes significance of gel time and pot life in anchor installations.

TABLE 9—ALLOWABLE TENSION AND SHEAR VALUES IN NORMAL-WEIGHT CONCRETE FOR THREADED RODS INSTALLED WITH HILTI HIT HY 150 MAX ADHESIVE (pounds)^{1,2,3,4}

ANCHOR DIAMETER (inches)	EMBEDMENT DEPTH (inches)	TENSION			SHEAR						
		BASED ON BOND OR CONCRETE		BASED ON STEEL STRENGTH	BASED ON BOND OR CONCRETE		BASED ON STEEL STRENGTH				
		F _t = 2,000 psi	F _t = 4,000 psi	ISO 933 Class 5.8 ASTM A 193 B7	F _t = 2,000 psi	F _t = 4,000 psi	ISO 933 Class 5.8 ASTM A 193 B7	ISO 50534 SS			
3/8	1 1/2	725	1155		1,255	1,770					
	2 1/2	2110	3255	2,640	4,555	3,045	2,355	3,345			
	4 1/2	2150	3255		3,540	5,145	1,300	2,345	1,875		
1/2	2 1/4	1385	2090		2,060	2,815					
	4 1/2	4300	4580	4,700	8,100	6,480	4,325	5,550	2,420	4,170	3,325
	6	4705	4880		8,475	9,155					
5/8	2 3/4	1940	2730		3,075	4,240					
	4 1/2	5965	8410	7,340	12,855	10,125	8,570	9,295	3,780	6,520	5,215
	7 1/2	7230	8410		10,120	14,310					
3/4	3 1/4	2625	4295		4,580	6,475					
	6 1/2	4460	5955	10,570	18,225	12,390	14,990	13,260	5,445	9,390	8,385
	9	11175	11175		14,570	20,500					
1	4	3375	5300		5,750	8,130					
	7 1/2	9210	14815	14,385	24,805	16,685	12,880	18,215	7,410	12,780	8,690
	10 1/2	14385	15345		18,830	28,040					
1 1/8	4 1/2	5270	8270		7,490	10,590					
	9	11655	17475	18,710	32,420	22,020	18,825	23,790	9,680	16,690	11,250
	12	17540	19685		25,900	36,620					
1 1/4	5 1/2	6985	9235		8,885	13,980					
	11 1/2	16345	30065	29,260	50,820	34,425	25,285	37,875	15,125	26,680	17,735
	15	29275	30065		49,470	57,225					

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm; 1 pound-force = 4.448 N; 1 psi = 6.895 kPa.

¹Allowable load must be the lesser of tabulated bond and steel values. Load reduction factors given in Table 7 for reduced edge distance (E) and spacing (S) must be applied to values in the bond or concrete capacity columns. Linear interpolation may be used for intermediate spacing, edge distances, embedments and concrete strengths. Load reduction factors are cumulative for anchors with multiple anchor spacings or base-to-base edge distances.

²The tabulated values must be for anchors installed in concrete complying with Section 3.2.5 and having the designated compressive strength (f'_c) or higher at the time of installation.

³Allowable loads based on bond strength have been calculated using a safety factor of 4.0 applied to the mean ultimate strength.

⁴Concrete thickness must be equal to or greater than 5.5 times the anchor embedment depth.

The allowable tension and shear values for threaded rods to resist short-term loads, such as wind or seismic, must be calculated in accordance with Sections 5.3, 5.5 or 5.6, and 5.7, and Table 6, of this report.

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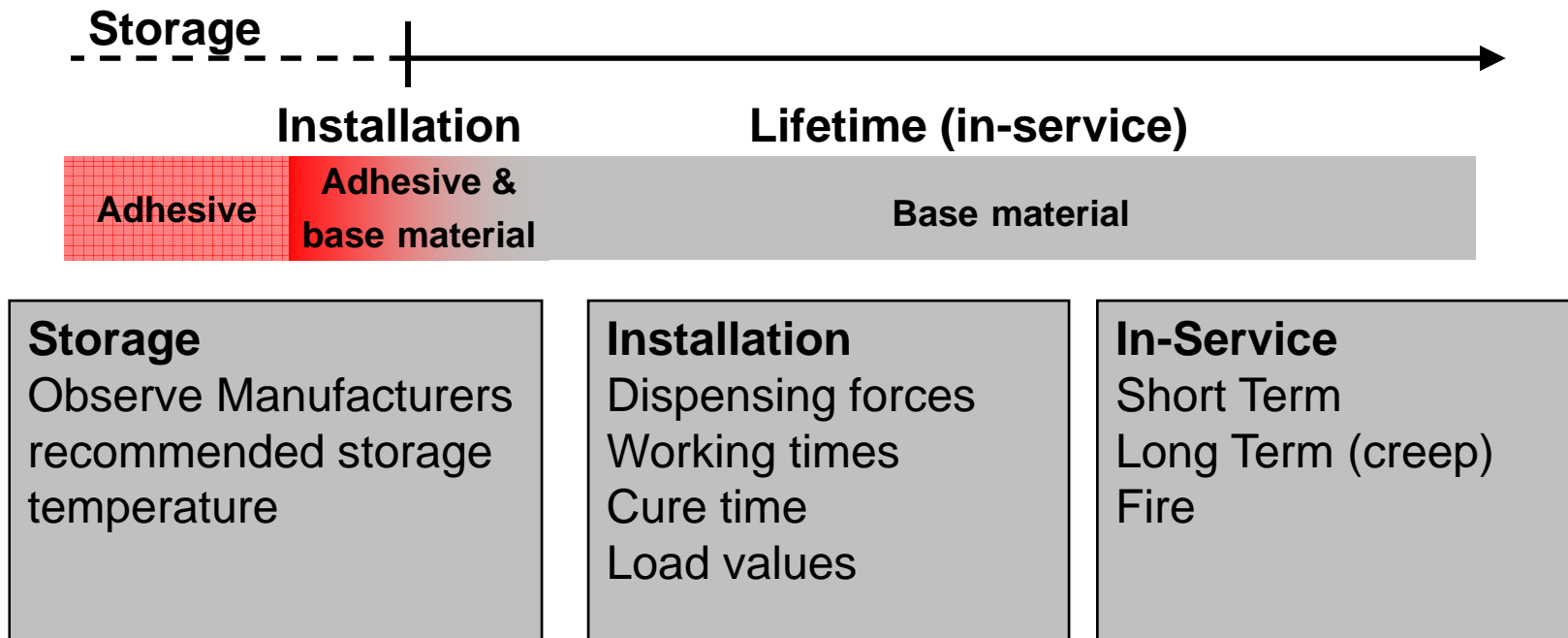
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Effects of temperature on Adhesive Anchoring Systems

Temperature influences have to be considered throughout the lifecycle of an Adhesive Anchoring System:



Temperature must be considered for Adhesive Anchoring Systems for the various stages of the fastening's lifecycle

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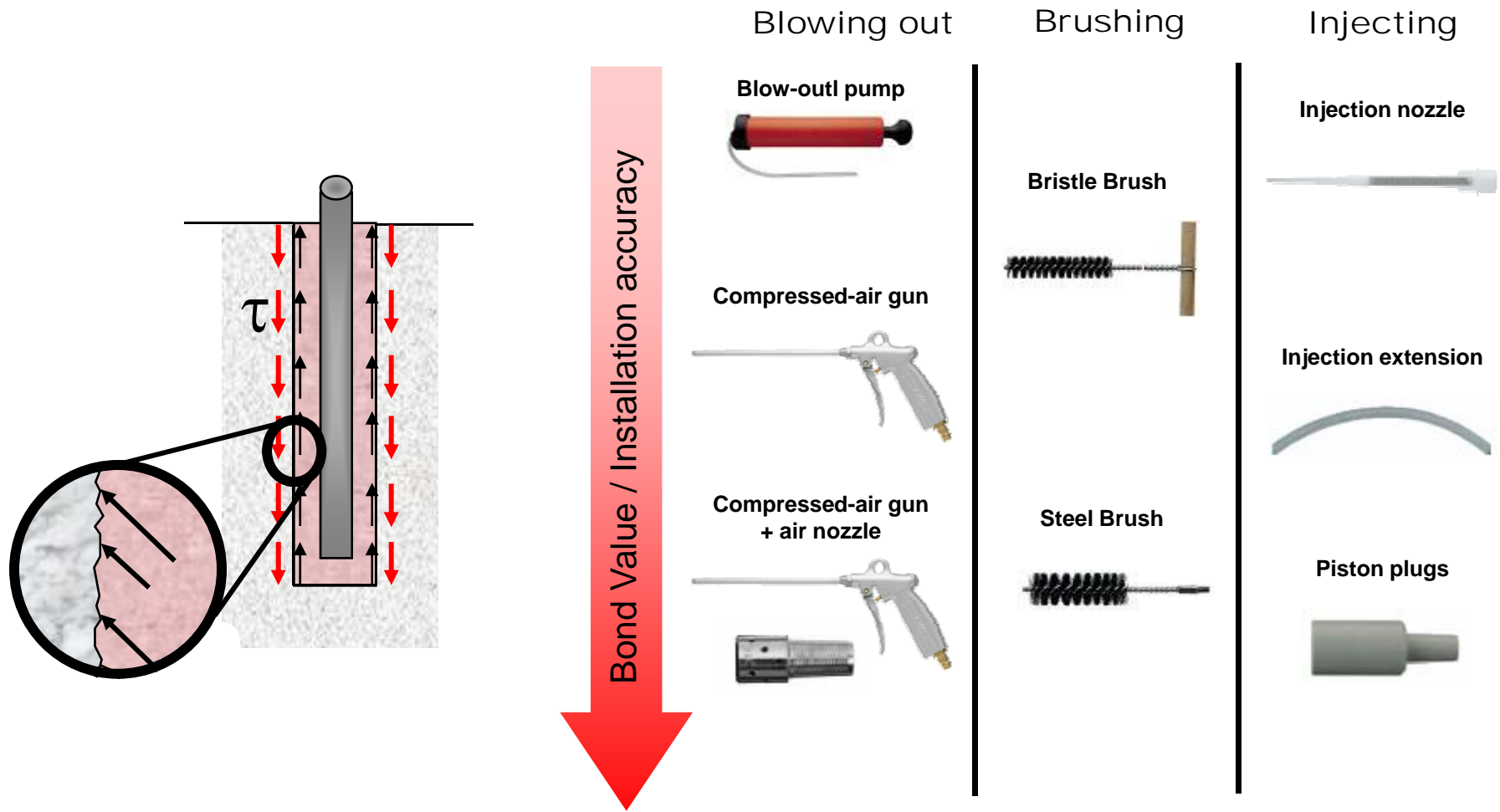
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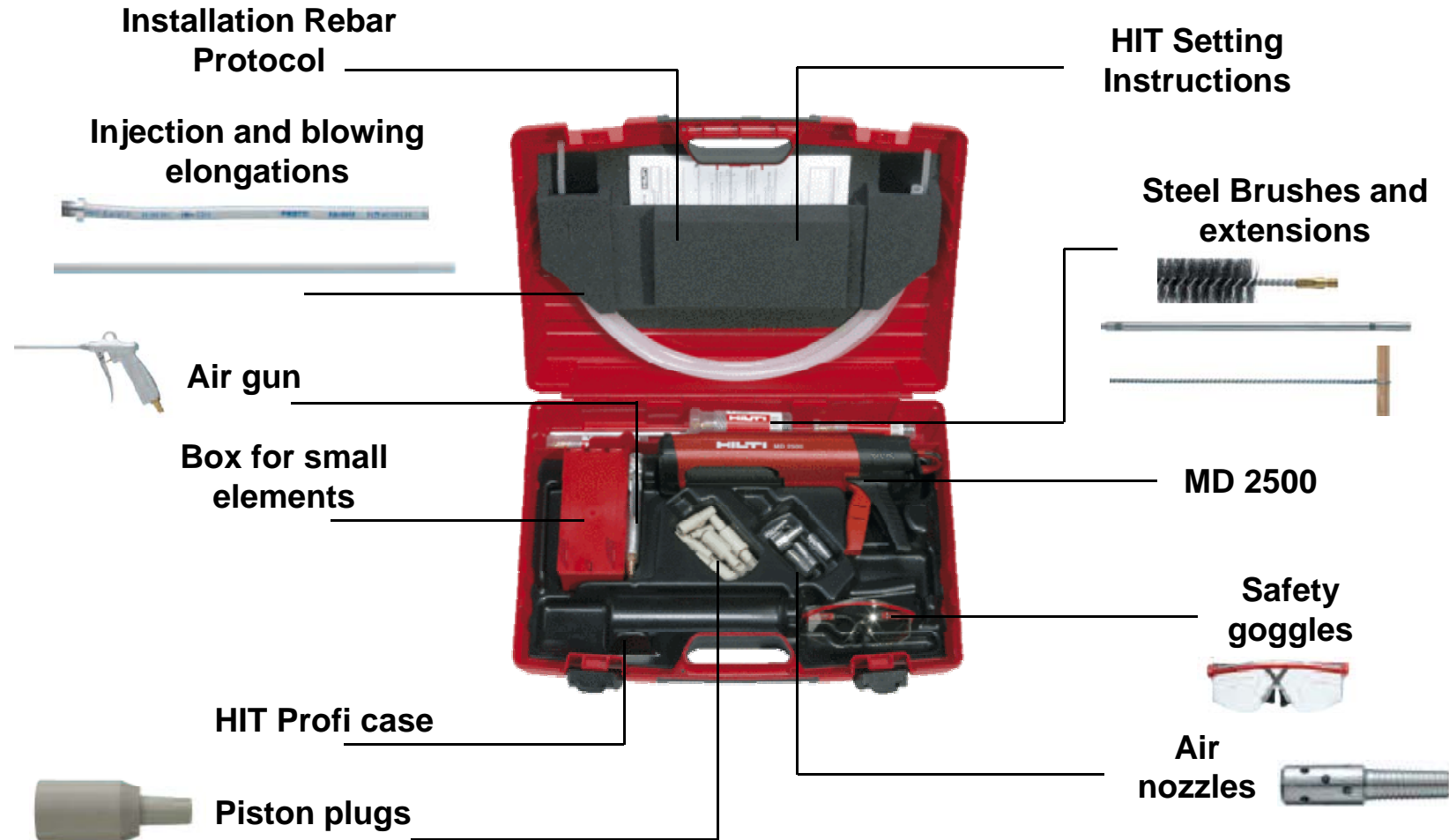
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Performance of adhesive anchors are related to installation procedures and accessories



PROFI Kits Help Ensure Proper Installation



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How do Hilti products perform in creep tests?

Hilti's current product portfolio passed an AC58 creep test:

- **HIT-HY 150**
(A, ER-5193)



- **HIT-HY 150 MAX**
(A, ESR-1967)



- **HVU**
(A, ER-5369)



- **HIT-HY 10**
(A, internal)



- **HFX**
(A, internal)



- **HIT-ICE**
(A, internal)



- **HIT-RE 500**
(EP, ESR-1682)



- **HIT-HY 20**
(A, internal)



(A=Acrylate, EP=Epoxy)

Hilti's current product portfolio passed an AC58 creep test

How do Hilti products perform in creep tests?

Fast Cure vs. Slow Cure:

There are two different basic resin types / reaction mechanisms that are currently used for chemical anchoring systems:

- Polymerization → Acrylate: shorter curing time (Fast Cure)
- Polyaddition → Epoxy: longer curing time (Slow Cure)
- There are some Epoxy based products that are chemically accelerated in order to achieve faster curing (Fast Cure Epoxies)
- Creep performance cannot be generalized for a basic resin type

Creep performance can only be determined by testing and evaluation in accordance with the available state of the art (AC58, AC308)

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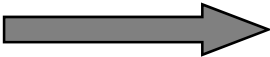
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What changes with AC308 - what are the reasons?

AC58 evolved into AC308. The main developments:

AC58	 AC308	Benefit
Extrapolation to 600 days only	Extrapolation to 10 years (elevated temp.) 50 years (normal ambient temp)	better coverage of relevant time periods
Test temperature fixed (110F)	Test temperature determined through published service temperature range	Wider temperature ranges possible
Pass / Fail	Product can pass with reduced published load and or published temperature range	Application oriented evaluation
Creep test optional	Creep test mandatory	No "backdoor" or misunderstanding

AC308 creep test is mandatory and published technical data directly depend on the result of creep tests

AC58	 AC308	Benefit
No Anchor Categories	Established Anchor Categories	Categories are related to system's sensitivity to hole preparation and gives engineers transparency to system reliability.
Only evaluates one size (1/2") and one embedment (4-1/2")	Test full range of embedments to determine a system's sensitivity to cleaning	A system's sensitivity to hole cleaning is adequately evaluated
Requires continuous inspection for all adhesive anchors	Allows for periodic inspection	Systems proven to be reliable save time and money for the project.
No inspection procedure required	Manufacturer's must submit inspection procedures for adhesive anchors	Guidance on proper inspection of anchors

Hilti HIT-RE 500-SD

- **Strength design solution for adhesive products!**
- **Threaded rod, internally threaded inserts and rebar applications**
- **All seismic design categories under the 2003 and 2006 International Building Code® (IBC).**
- **Holes as deep as 20 times the rod or bar diameter.**
- **ICC-ES ESR-2322 report in accordance with AC308**



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Summary

- **An adhesive anchorage that is properly qualified, designed and installed is appropriate for resisting sustained long-term loading**
- **AC58 is appropriate for identifying the general creep-resistance of Adhesive Anchoring Systems**
- **Hilti's current adhesive products (HIT-RE 500, HVU [foil capsule], HIT-HY150 MAX, HIT-ICE, HIT-HY20, HIT-HY10, HFX, HIT-HY150), and these past adhesive products (HIT-C100, HVA [glass capsule], HSE2421, HIT-C20, HIT-C10) pass creep testing**
- **AC58 evolved into AC308 for adhesive anchors used in concrete – a stricter standard**

Summary

- **AC308 requirements further identify the creep-resistance properties of Adhesive Anchoring Systems for more specific temperature conditions / applications**
- **AC308 was developed prior to the Big Dig accident - it was not a response to that event**
- **The creep test requirements of AC308 have been harmonized with the latest state of the art to reflect the changed design environment associated with IBC 2006**
- **Hilti HIT-RE 500-SD has already successfully been tested under AC308 creep and other test requirements**
- **Hilti continues to implement AC308 testing for other products**

What is “or equal”?

- **There is no such thing as “or equal” based on just loads.**
- **Products have or have not been qualified for sustained tensile loads**
- **Products have limitations in regards to in service and installation temperature**
- **Products have limitations in regards to base material, drilling method, and hole condition.**
- **Only properly installed anchors achieve their optimum performance. Clarity and consistency of installation instructions and availability of these for installers on job sites are very important.**

Suggested specifications:

We recommend the following “or equal” clause:

“Use Hilti [adhesive anchor system] or equal considering load resistance, in-service and installation temperature, availability of comprehensive installation instructions, and creep testing evaluation in accordance with the available state of the art (AC58, AC308) and design method”.



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