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Errata to Clauses C5.1(b)(vii) and C6.1(a)(iv), and to Appendix F are incorporated (and identified by a vertical line in the margin) in the attached replacement pages.

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Appendix C

Recommended Working Loads for Standard Connectors

Note: *This Appendix is not a mandatory part of this Standard.*

C1. General

C1.1

Values for recommended working strengths for some standard connectors are listed in Clauses C5 and C6 to assist designers in selecting connectors for specific purposes. For general design and installation information reference should be made to CSA Standards CAN3-S304-M and CAN3-A371-M.

C2. Derivation of Values

C2.1

The working loads listed in Clauses C5 and C6 have been derived from available test data and from calculations. Because the available test data from which these values have been derived are very sparse, it has been necessary to interpolate and make arbitrary adjustments to obtain some of the values given. In general, however, the values are thought to be conservative. Tests conducted in accordance with Clause 10 of this Standard may indicate that higher values may be used safely.

C3. Factors of Safety and Design Assumptions

C3.1

The factors of safety applied to test data are those listed in Table 3 of this Standard. The factors of safety used in analytical derivations are those generally used in engineering practice, eg, 60% of the yield strength was used in determining the direct tensile strength of steel connectors.

Certain assumptions have been made for the sake of simplicity. For example, a wire tie connecting two wythes of masonry has been considered as a pin-ended column with an effective length equal to the clear distance between the wythes.

C4. Rules for Use of Working Loads

C4.1

The values listed in Clauses C5 and C6 are valid only for the physical conditions of embedment, spacing, etc, given for standard connectors under Clause 8 of this Standard, unless specifically noted otherwise. All values are based on Type N mortar. Test programs may indicate that higher working loads can be used with stronger mortar. When Type O mortar is employed, 50% of the working loads listed in Clauses C5 and C6 may be used.

In any specific application the working load of a connector will be governed by only one of the values given. For example, the strength of a wire tie crossing a wide cavity may be governed by its compressive strength in buckling, but if the cavity is filled with mortar, it may depend on its pullout resistance.

Although load values are given in Clauses C5 and C6 for connectors in wall cavities up to 150 mm wide, it should be noted that the design of the cavity walls themselves must conform either to an engineering analysis or to empirical rules that specifically permit the use of wide cavities.