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# The correct way of earthing: Concrete earthing for traffic engineering, in kit form



#### General

Some important points have to be taken into account when earthing reinforced concrete components.

Earth connections may either be fed through the concrete, or the existing reinforcement can be used for earthing – assuming that the reinforcing steel has an adequate cross-section of 200 mm<sup>2</sup>. In such cases, the earth conductors must always have freely accessible connecting points.

The task of the PFEIFER Concrete Earthing Bridges (BEB), which have been tested by Deutsche Bahn, is to earth the reinforcement of concrete components in the vicinity of electrical equipment carrying high voltages. The sufficiently large cross sections allow immediate potential equalisation to be achieved with the lowest possible earthing impedance. This provides protection for the technical equipment as well as for the supporting reinforcement, and simultaneously protects human beings in the vicinity of this equipment. At the same time, the inductive effect on telecommunications systems, DB signalling systems, pipework and third party electrical equipment is reduced.

Unlike other processes, a secure and rapid earth connection can be made with PFEIFER Earthing Bridges by simple electric welding.

The extensive product range also allows the user to make use of a number of possible combinations and therefore gives him great flexibility when laying out the earthing.

#### Kit system

The PFEIFER BEB range consists of a kit system with variable end fixings and connection elements.

The following end fixings are available:

- Sockets, consisting of precision steel tube with a welded-on stainless steel disc
  - welded socket (copper plated)
- pressed sleeve (copper plated)
- Welding tongueCable lug
- Cable lug (insulated connection)

These end fixings are connected via:

- Flat steel (40 mm x 5 mm)
- Reinforcing steel (Ø 16 mm)
- Insulated copper cable with cross sections 50 mm<sup>2</sup>, 70 mm<sup>2</sup> and 95 mm<sup>2</sup>

## Advantages for the designer

- Approved by the Federal Railway Office (Approval No. 736017)
- Tested by DB (Ebs drawing number: 3 Ebs 15.03.19 Sht. 2, Sht. 3, Sht. 4, Sht. 5) and ÖBB
- · Variants for every application
- · Special lengths available, i.e. variable design

## Advantages for the construction site

- Designs using easily welded reinforcing rods
- · Anti-twist locking for tightening bolts under torque
- No corrosion due to washers made from non-rusting materials
- Insulation of cable lugs against ingress of water into the cable
- Easy fixing to the framework using stainless steel nails

## Advantages for purchasing

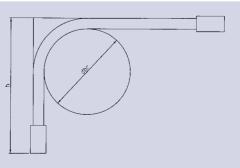
- Cost-effective solution
- Different cross-sections can be combined with different end fixings for an economic solution
- Standard systems can be supplied immediately from stock
- Threads protected and identified by signal foil
- Easy ordering, see page 11

# Connection dimensions for end fixings



		Ø D [mm]	M [mm]	H [mm]	t [mm]	b [mm]	 [mm]	Ø d [mm]	d <sub>S</sub>	BEB- types
Socket welded	Ø3 HI HI	50	16	58	5	40	_	_	-	BEB 1
Socket pressed onto reinforcing steel		50	16	58	_	_	_	_	Ø 16 mm (201mm²)	BEB 2 BEB 3 BEB 8
Socket pressed onto Cu-cable		50	16	60	_	_	-	-	Ø 17 mm (70 mm²) Ø 19 mm (95 mm²)	BEB 4 BEB 5 BEB 6 BEB 7
Welding tongue Steel St 52 copper coated		-	_	_	7,5	30	80	_	Ø 17 mm (70 mm²) Ø 19 mm (95 mm²)	BEB 4 BEB 5 BEB 9 BEB 10
Cable lug		30	-	-	-	_	60	17	Ø 17 mm (70 mm <sup>2</sup> ) Ø 15 mm (50 mm <sup>2</sup> )	BEB 15 BEB 17 BEB 19 BEB 16 BEB 18 BEB 20

Conductor type	Ø <b>d</b> [mm]	Cross-sectional area [mm²]	<b>min d<sub>br</sub></b> [mm]	<b>h min</b> [mm]
Reinforcing steel	16	201	64	$\frac{d_{br}}{2} + (2 \cdot d_S) + H$
Copper cable	15	50	225	$\frac{d_{br}}{2} + H$
Copper cable	17	70	255	$\frac{d_{br}}{2} + H$
Copper cable	19	95	285	$\frac{d_{br}}{2} + H$



## The BEB Range:

Туре			Ref. No.	Standard length mm	Weight (approx.) kg/each	Outline	Symbol
BEB	1		05.450.162.040.01	400	0,66	Threaded socket with flat steel	▽
BEB	2*		05.450.162.040.02**	400	0,95	h**	Y
BEB	3*		05.450.162.040.03	400	0,75	Threaded socket with angled reinforcing bar	
BEB	8*		05.450.162.050.08	500	1,00	2x threaded socket with reinforcing bar	
BEB BEB	4 5	(70 mm <sup>2</sup> ) (95 mm <sup>2</sup> )	05.450.162.050.04 05.450.162.050.05	500 500	0,61 0,70	Threaded socket with copper cable and welding	b
BEB BEB	6 7	(70 mm²) (95 mm²)	05.450.162.050.06 05.450.162.050.07	500 500	0,59 0,70	2x threaded socket with copper cable	
BEB BEB	9 10	(70 mm <sup>2</sup> ) (95 mm <sup>2</sup> )	05.450.162.050.09 05.450.162.050.10	500 500	0,61 0,70	2x welding tongue with copper cable	
BEB <sup>-</sup> BEB <sup>-</sup>		(70 mm²) (50 mm²)	05.450.162.050.15 05.450.162.050.16	500 500	0,61 0,50	2x cable lug with copper cable	
BEB <sup>-</sup> BEB <sup>-</sup>		(70 mm²) (50 mm²)	05.450.162.050.17 05.450.162.050.18	500 500	0,61 0,50	2x cable lug with copper cable – sealed by a son one side	shrinkage sleeve
BEB <sup>2</sup> BEB 2		(70 mm²) (50 mm²)	05.450.162.050.19 05.450.162.050.20	500 500	0,61 0,50	2x cable lug with copper cable – sealed by a son both sides	shrinkage sleeve

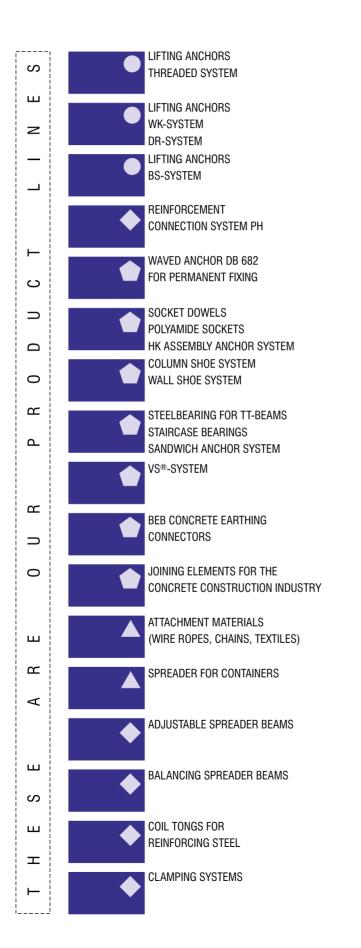
700 PFEIFER BEB 6, ref. no. 05.450.162.150.06

\*\* Please state dimension h when ordering (see order form).



Installation Outline	Description of application
	The BEB 1 Concrete Earthing Bridge is used for earthing the reinforcement of concrete structures in the vicinity of electrical equipment carrying high voltages. The Concrete Earthing Socket is fitted flush so that an earth cable lug can be connected to the structure. For perfect earthing, the reinforcement is welded to the flat bar inside the concrete structure. The 200 mm <sup>2</sup> cross section of the flat bar enables an immediate equalisation of potential as the resistances are extremely low.
	The BEB 2, 3 and 8 Concrete Earthing Bridges enable their use as an earthing connection in concrete structures to be particularly user-friendly. The reinforcing bar can be welded to the continuous reinforcement so that reliable potential equalisation can occur. Special lengths of reinforcing bar are available here to enable individual adaptation to the particular component. In addition, by means of the threaded sockets fitted on both sides, the BEB 8 Concrete Earthing Bridge provides the facility to earth the reinforcement of a component by welding while at the same time acting as a through conductor.
	The BEB 4 and 5 Concrete Earthing Bridges are designed as earthing connections for the particular application where earthing cables have to be fed through a component without earthing the component itself or its reinforcement.
	This is particularly the case with pre-stressed concrete components and also with similar components where it is compulsory to earth the upper structure and the carriageway supports but not the piers.
	Here, the concrete earthing socket is built into the upper edge of the component and the cable, manufactured to the required length, is fed through the component, brought out from the lower edge and fed into the foundations or similar where it is welded.
	The BEB 6 and 7 Concrete Earthing Bridges are designed for applications where an insulated earthing cable is fed through a component without earthing the component and its reinforcement. This is often the case with supports and pre-stressed concrete components.
$\left  \begin{array}{c} \left  \left  \begin{array}{c} \left  $	In this case, the BEB is installed in such a way that the cable, manufactured to the required length, runs through the component and emerges from two surfaces. The earthing connections can then be made to these sockets.
	The BEB 9 and 10 Concrete Earthing Bridges are designed as earthing connections for the particular application where earthing cables have to be extended or branched within a component.
	The advantage of these BEB's is that one can be very flexible when carrying out the earthing due to this facility for extending and branching. Simple electrode welding is sufficient for ensuring the earth connection. This gives rise to a number of different possible earthing designs and enables changes to be made on site at short notice and allows for many combinations without any problem.
	The BEB 15 to 20 Concrete Earthing Bridges are designed for the case where a connection has to be made between two components or earthing points.
	Here, there are two cross sections available of 50 mm <sup>2</sup> and 70 mm <sup>2</sup> copper according to DB drawing No. 4 Ebs 15.03.17, which guarantee a safe equalisation of potential for railway Earthing Bridges of cross section 70 mm <sup>2</sup> and 95 mm <sup>2</sup> in concrete. Compared to Earthing Bridges, the smaller cross section can be used here as these Earthing Connectors are used in the open air and a significantly better heat exchange can take place.
	The way in which the BEB 15 to 20 is used determines the type of insulation required. If the cable runs from the cable lug in a downwards direction, the version that is insulated by a shrinkage sleeve against water penetrating the cable according to 3 Ebs 15.03.01 and 4 Ebs 15.03.17 must be provided.





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