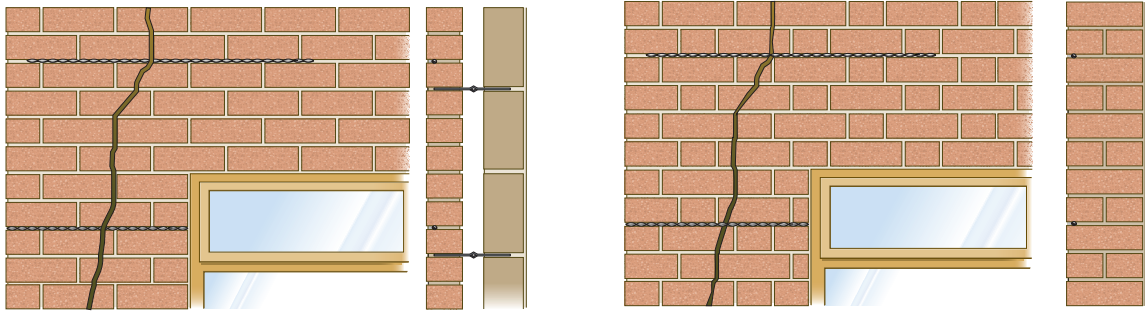


# Crack Stitching a Cavity or Solid Wall using Thor Heliforce Bars



## Method Statement

1. Use a twin bladed, diamond tipped wall chasing unit to cut out horizontal slots in a mortar bed as required by the specification. For clean, dust free cutting use a vacuum attachment on the chasing unit.  
Note. When installing bar in a mortar bed joint ensure all the mortar is removed from the joint. Failure to do so will result in reduced effectiveness of the repair.
2. Remove all dust and debris from the slot and thoroughly soak with clean water.
3. Cut the required number of Thor Heliforce bars to the appropriate lengths, ensuring they fit into the prepared slots.
4. Mix the Thor W60 Grout constituents together, as directed, in the bucket provided using a powered mixing paddle. Additional liquid should not be added.
5. Load the Thor W60 Grout into the Thor Crack Stitch Gun.
6. Inject a 10-15mm thick bead of grout into the back of the prepared slot. Insert the Thor Heliforce bar pushing the bar to the back of the slot to ensure full embedment in the grout.
7. Inject a further 10-15mm bead of grout and compress the grout and bar composite into the slot using a suitable finger trowel.
8. The grout should be finished approx. 10mm below the surface of the brickwork to allow the application of a colour matched mortar pointing to finish the repair.
9. Note. Re-pointing can be commenced when grout has begun to set.  
Note. Thor W60 Grout has an accelerated gelling time. Should the grout become too stiff to inject, empty the contents of the grout gun back into the mixing bucket and re-mix using the powered mixing paddle without adding additional liquid. Reload the injection gun and proceed as before.

## Specification Notes

The following criteria are to be used unless specified otherwise:

- A. Finished depth of slot: 35-40mm.
- B. Thor Heliforce bars to extend a minimum of 500mm into sound masonry either side of the crack. (Bars may have to be extended further into weak masonry substrates).
- C. Maximum vertical spacing between bars should be 450mm.
- D. Where a crack is less than 500mm from a corner or opening the Thor Heliforce bar should be continued for a minimum of 100mm around the corner or reveal avoiding any DPC membrane.
- E. Climatic Conditions. In hot conditions Thor W60 grout should be stored and mixed in the shade to maximize the working life of the mixed product. As Thor W60 grout is a cementitious product it should not be used when the temperature is +4°C and falling.

## General Notes

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