

TEST REPORT

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1 INTRODUCTION

FH Brundle design and manufacture sleeve fit brackets to be used as architectural features in new and existing buildings in conjunction with various post based balustrade systems.

As part of their product development, they required a programme of testing to determine their products performance in accordance with British and European standards.

2 TEST ARRANGEMENT

1 No. concrete block of dimensions 2000 mm x 700 mm x 500 mm was fastened to the laboratory strong-floor.

A single post was bolted to the concrete block by representatives of FH Brundle.

A sleeve fit bracket was then attached to the post as per manufacturer's instructions by representatives of FH Brundle.

3 TEST METHOD

3.1 Vertical Load

A hydraulic ram was positioned directly below the sleeve fit bracket.

A calibrated load cell was attached to the hydraulic ram by way of a steel cage to measure the load during testing.

A calibrated Linear Voltage Displacement Transducer (LVDT), to measure the deflection directly above the sleeve fit bracket.

A load was applied steadily up to a maximum of 5 Kn.

Photographs can be seen in the Plates Section.

3.2 Horizontal Load

A reaction frame consisting of 2 No. steel stanchions and a steel cross-member was fastened to the laboratory strong-floor such that a ram could be clamped to the steel cross member at the same height as sleeve fit bracket.

A calibrated load cell was attached to the hydraulic ram by way of a steel cage to measure the load during testing.

A calibrated Linear Voltage Displacement Transducer (LVDT), to measure the deflection, was attached to the opposite side of the sleeve fit bracket as the load was applied.

A load was applied steadily up to a maximum of 3 kN.

Photographs can be seen in the Plates Section.



4 RESULTS

Orientation of Load Test	Maximum Load Applied (kN)	Deflection at Maximum Load (mm)	
Vertical	5.31	2.74	
Horizontal	3.05	8.53	

NOTE: The results given in this report apply only to the samples that have been tested.

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PLATES



Plate 1 - Typical Test Set-Up Vertical Loading

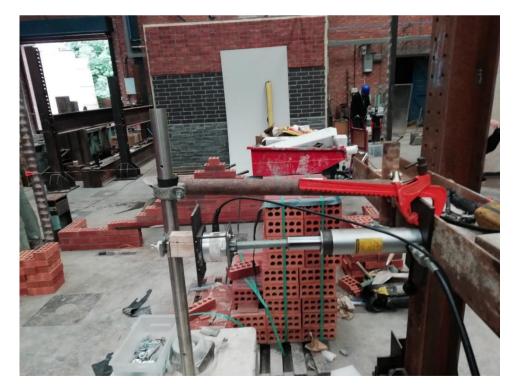
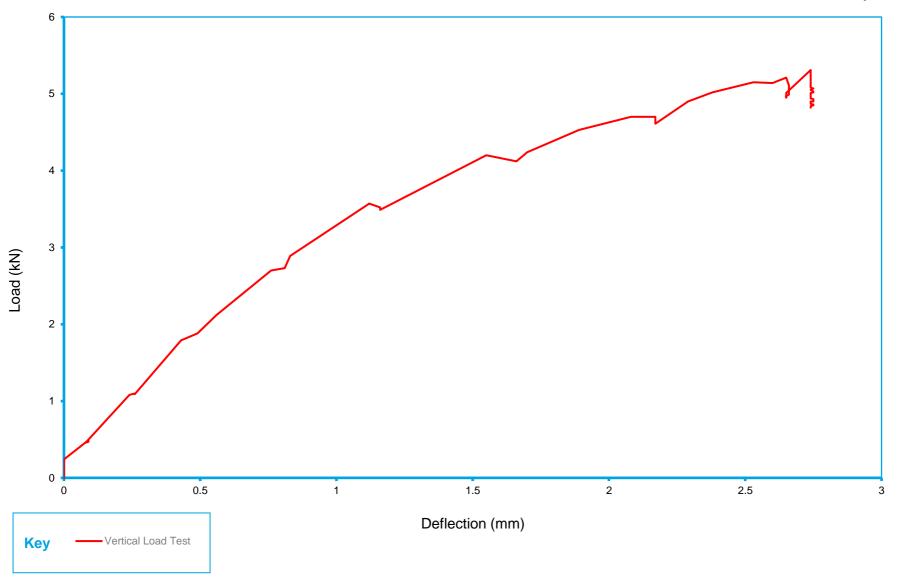


Plate 2 - Typical Test Set-Up Horizontal Loading

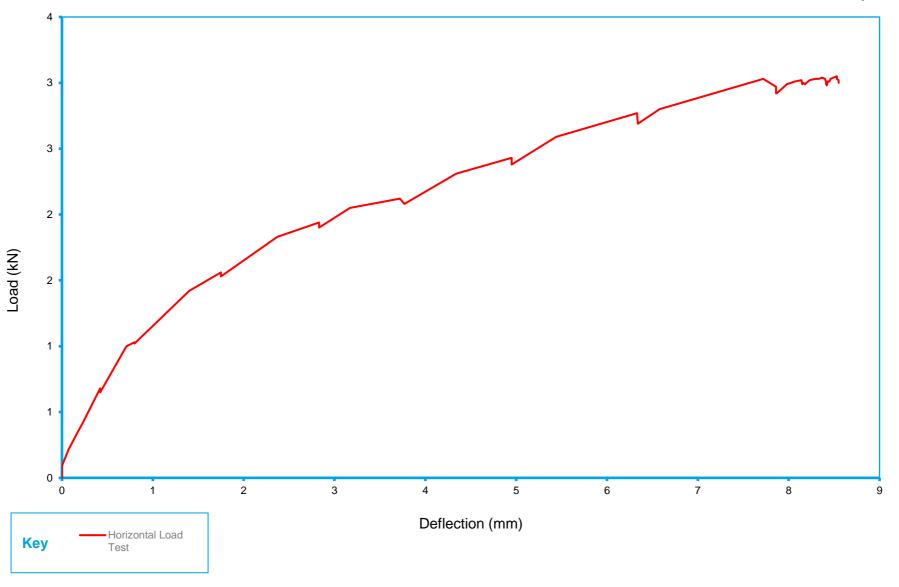


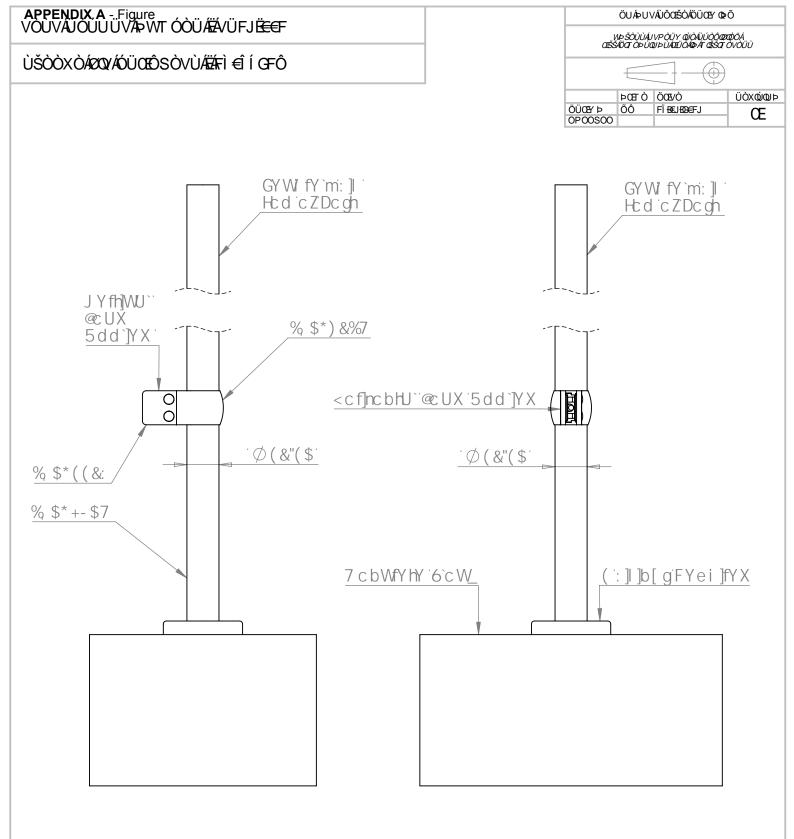
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