

# **REVISIONS TO THE SCDOT BRIDGE DESIGN MANUAL**

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## Reinforcing Steel Development Lengths for Bars in Tension and Reinforcing Steel Splice Lengths for Bars in Tension - Revised per AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

Due to changed reinforcing steel development and splice lengths required by updates to *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications* (AASHTO), the *SCDOT Bridge Design Manual* (BDM) Figure 15.3-4 – Development Lengths For Straight Bars In Tension (4 ksi), Figure 15.3-5 – Development Lengths For Hooked Bars In Tension (4 ksi), and Figure 15.3-6 – Splice Lengths For Bars In Tension (4 ksi) shall be superseded by the Tables included in this Design Memorandum:

- Table 1: Straight Bar Development Length,  $\ell_d$  [in], for Horizontal Bars with  $> 12"$  Concrete Cast Below;  $f_c = 4$  ksi.;  $f_y = 60$  ksi.
- Table 2: Straight Bar Development Length,  $\ell_d$  [in], for Horizontal Bars with  $\leq 12"$  Concrete Cast Below, or Other Bars;  $f_c = 4$  ksi.;  $f_y = 60$  ksi.
- Table 3: Tension Lap Splice Length,  $\ell_{st}$  [in], for Horizontal Bars with  $> 12"$  Concrete Cast Below;  $f_c = 4$  ksi.;  $f_y = 60$  ksi.
- Table 4: Tension Lap Splice Length,  $\ell_{st}$  [in], for Horizontal Bars with  $\leq 12"$  Concrete Cast Below, or Other Bars;  $f_c = 4$  ksi.;  $f_y = 60$  ksi.
- Table 5: Hooked Bar Development Length,  $\ell_{dh}$  [in];  $f_c = 4$  ksi.;  $f_y = 60$  ksi.
- Notes:

Tables include modification factors for reinforcement location, normal weight concrete, and reinforcement confinement as specified in *AASHTO Articles 5.10.8.2.1b* and *5.10.8.2.1c*.

Reinforcement confinement is conservatively calculated by taking transverse reinforcement index as 0.

Excess reinforcement factor is taken conservatively as 1.0.

Tension lap splice lengths are based on *AASHTO* Article 5.10.8.4.3.

Tension hook development lengths are based on *AASHTO* Article 5.10.8.2.4.

Concrete clear cover is defined as the cover to the bar being considered.

Use Table 1 and Table 2 to determine development length of bars in tension unless the designer performs more refined calculations of development lengths as specified in *AASHTO* Article 5.10.8.2.1. For concrete clear cover or bar spacing that falls between table values, the development length for the smaller clear cover or bar spacing shall be used unless more refined calculations are performed using *AASHTO* Article 5.10.8.2.1.

Use Table 3 and Table 4 to determine lap splice lengths for bars in tension unless the designer performs more refined calculations of lap splices as specified in *AASHTO* Article 5.10.8.4.3a. For concrete clear cover or bar spacing that falls between the table values, the development length for smaller concrete cover or bar spacing shall be used unless more refined calculations are performed using *AASHTO* Article 5.10.8.4.3a.

Use Class B slices unless the designer performs more refined calculations as specified in *AASHTO* Article 5.10.8.4.3a.

Bundled bars are based on *AASHTO* Article 5.10.8.2.3 and SCDOT BDM 15.3.1.8.

For tension splices, the length of a lap splice between bars of different sizes shall be governed by the smaller bar.









**Table 5: Hooked Bar Development Length,  $\delta dh$  [in];  $f'c = 4$  ksi.;  $fy = 60$  ksi.**

Bar Size US [M]	For hooks with side cover normal to the plane of the hook $\geq 2 \frac{1}{2}$ "  AND For 90° hooks with cover on the bar extension beyond hook $\geq 2"$	For hooks with side cover normal to the plane of the hook $< 2 \frac{1}{2}"$  OR For 90° hooks with cover on the bar extension beyond hook $< 2"$
#3 [10]	6	8
#4 [13]	8	10
#5 [16]	10	12
#6 [19]	12	15
#7 [22]	14	17
#8 [25]	16	19
#9 [29]	18	22
#10 [32]	20	25
#11 [36]	22	27
#14 [43]	33	33
#18 [57]	43	43