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1. Status of research work

Recent basic research activities have resulted in further deepening the hitherto available state of knowledge, know-how and information included in the bibliographical references /1/, /2/ and /3/ as listed at the end of this paper.

In 1987, investigations have been accomplished in the GDR concerning the adaptation factors /4/, as to checking the load-bearing capacity of connecting means (timber fasteners) /8/, for acquiring basic values with nailed connections /17/, as to designing (dimensioning) compressed members /9/, /14/, /22/, concerning the compressive strength of structural timber /15/, as to the creep behaviour of structural timber /16/, and concerning the adaptation factors as to "aggressive media" /11/, /13/.

Furthermore, the latest publications were reviewed and evaluated and investigations into the material factor, into the standard values of the flexural strength of glued laminated timber, into the influence of the key-dovetail skew notch on the flexural strength of glued laminated timber, and into the tensile strength of key-dovetailed layers of timber boards have been performed. The results and findings of said investigations including a summary of all other results and findings are provided in reference /5/.

The hitherto existing draft code /1/ has been further improved.

A comparison of the improved draft code with the international trend shows that it complies widely with the ISO draft specification /23/ concerning the designations, the grades of moisture, the grades of load duration and with regard to the conditions prevailing for the experimental determination of the strength parameters of structural timber, glued laminated timber and connections (fasteners).

The great number of tests and experiments performed with a view to scientifically establishing and consolidating the new timber design code was effected in accordance with the standard recommendations as prepared by RILEM/CIB concerning the testing of structural timber and connections.

With the standard values of the design strength and of the magnitude of the material factor, in the main the Eurocode /25/ was followed. The adaptation factor as to "long-term behaviour" has been determined in accordance with the factors applied by the ISO Code and the Eurocode /25/, with the influence of the moisture on the strength as included in said factor being derived from the results of our own tests and experiments performed with beams when subjected to bending /2/.

The adaptation factors as to "cross-sectional height" and "curvature of timber" were obtained in accordance with the Swiss Code. In spite of the fact that the results and findings of our own tests and experiments performed with glued laminated timber beams with depths ranging between 192 mm and 900 mm - as related to the 5 % quantile - did not show any decrease in strength /3/, for the time being the proposed adaptation factor for the cross-sectional height will not be changed.

The adaptation factor for aggressive media considers mainly results and findings obtained from comprehensive investigations performed in the GDR.

In addition, investigations have been initiated with a view to preparing a special standard specification (code) concerning the analysis of the structural state of repair, the calculation (design) and restoration of historical timber structures /6/. Essential fundamentals for such a code are included in the papers as mentioned under /11/ to /13/ and /18/ to /21/.

2. Draft code

2.1. Basic values of the design strength and of the moduli of elasticity

The basic values of the design strength and of the moduli of elasticity are being obtained from the 5 % quantiles according to the formulae (1) and (2) as follows :-

$$R^0 = \frac{R_{5\%} \cdot k_t}{\gamma_{m,0}} \quad (1)$$

$$E^0 = \frac{E_{5\%} \cdot k_t}{\gamma_{m,0}} \quad (2)$$

k_t = time factor = 0.75 with tension across the grain, shear stress in the limit state of the load-bearing capacity for structural timber and glued laminated timber

k_t = time factor = 0.85 with bending and compressive stress and strain (across and parallel to the grain), tensile stress and strain parallel to the grain in the limit state of the loadbearing capacity for structural timber and glued laminated timber

$\gamma_{m,0} = 1.3$ with bending and tensile stress and strain (across and parallel to the grain, shear stress and strain for structural timber and glued laminated timber

$\gamma_{m,0} = 1.1$ with compressive stress and strain parallel to and across the strain in the limit state of the loadbearing capacity for structural timber and glued laminated timber

Since our own investigations into the influence of the load duration on the strength of structural timber and glued laminated timber are not yet completed, the time factor k_t was determined in accordance with the reviewed and evaluated international status. In this connection, mainly the standard recommendations included in /23/ and /24/ have been followed.

The material factor was obtained from a comparison with the method of permissible stresses and in accordance with the reviewed international publications. Additional investigations to be performed on a probabilistic basis are planned.

The calculated basic values as included in table 1 are based on the standard values as indicated in /2/.

2.2. Adaptation factor as to "long-term behaviour" $\gamma_{m,1}$

$\gamma_{m,1}$ covers the influence of the magnitude of loading, duration of loading, moisture of timber and temperature. As compared with /1/, the number of time grades has been increased from 3 to 4 (with time grade D applying to instantaneous load action - see table 2 b). The grouping into time grades subject

to the possible load combinations is represented in table 2 c. The tables 2 d and 2 e are indicating the values of $\gamma_{m,1}$ for the limit state of the loadbearing capacity and for the limit state of the usability.

2.3. Adaptation factor as to "cross-sectional height" $\gamma_{m,2}$

$\gamma_{m,2}$ is included in table 3 which has not been changed as compared with /1/.

2.4. Adaptation factor as to "curvature of timber" $\gamma_{m,3}$

$\gamma_{m,3}$ is included in table 4 which has not been changed as compared with /1/.

2.5. Adaptation factor as to "aggressive media" $\gamma_{m,4}$

Investigations recently performed by Erler as indicated in /11/ and /13/ resulted in an improvement of the recommendation included in /1/. $\gamma_{m,4}$ is given in the tables 5a to 5e subject to 3 stress degrees and to the cross-sectional size. The stress degrees are obtained from the grouping of available aggressive media (gases, solutions and solids) into ranges of aggressivity. With gases and solids, the grade of moisture must be considered when grouping them.

3. Results and findings of special investigations

3.1. Strength of key-dovetailed connections

When producing glued laminated timber, individual uniformly distributed layers of timber boards have been sampled from which test specimens subjected to tensile stress and strain (sized 10 by 70 by 550 mm - see figure 1) with and without key-dovetailing were manufactured.

With mechanically sorted layers of timber boards, 6 tests have been performed covering 20 to 68 specimens each (see tables 6a to 6d). Visually sorted layers of boards representing the quality grades I to III according to /26/ were sub-

jected to 3 tests covering 21 to 96 specimens each (see tables 7a and 7b).

The tests have been accomplished in the standard condition as follows :-

- temperature of 20°C,
- moisture of timber from 8 to 13 %,
- test duration from 3 to 5 minutes.

The standard values are the 5 % quantiles of the three-parametric Weibull distribution according to /27/. The results and findings are shown in the tables 6a, 6c and 7a.

To an extent of 78 % of the test specimens with key-dovetailing, the failure occurred within the zone of the key-dovetailed connection whereas the specimens without key-dovetailing failed in the cross sections with large knot areas.

Layers of timber boards without key-dovetailing have a tensile strength being in part very much higher than that of key-dovetailed layers of boards. In addition, the tensile strength of mechanically sorted layers of boards (without key-dovetailing) considerably exceeds the values obtained for visually sorted layers of timber boards. Analogous results are achieved with regard to the moduli of elasticity of layers of boards without any key-dovetailing. The values for the tensile strength of key-dovetailed layers of boards correspond to international values stated by Larsen /28/, Ehlbeck and others /29/.

3.2. Influence of the key-dovetailed connection on the flexural strength of glued laminated timber

Girders of glued laminated timber (hereinafter sometimes referred to as GLT in English or as BSH when abbreviated in German within figures and/or tables) are being produced the layers of boards of which were sorted mechanically (see figure 2). The GLT (or BSH, respectively) cross sections correspond to those included as BSH 4 and BSH 6 in table 8. The bottom layer within the test zone - abbreviated in German as PB (see figure 3, layer 1) - was provided both with and without key-dovetailing (abbreviated in German as KZ). The key-dovetail skew notching (abbreviated in German as KZV) between the first

and second layer amounts to 250 mm whereas with all other layers it is at choice. The key-dovetail length (abbreviated in German as KZL) amounts to 50 mm with these connections. With a view to providing a zone being free from transverse forces, a four-point loading has been selected for the test design and arrangement of the GLT girders. In order to avoid shear (diagonal tension) failures, an analysis of investigations performed by means of structural timber results in obtaining a ratio of 22 concerning the bending stress to shear stress, and in obtaining a ratio of 15 concerning the effective span to test-specimen height for a shear influence of about 6 per cent. Thus, the length of the test zone is obtained as $4h$ (see figure 3).

By comparing the tests accomplished with and without key-dovetailing in layer 1, statements can be made concerning the effect of the key-dovetailing on the flexural strength of glued laminated timber (see table 9; comparison of test B1 with B2 and B3 with B4). Among other data, average values, 5 % quantile values and 1 % quantile minimum values of the flexural strength and of the modulus of elasticity in bending for the GLT girders are being indicated. The values are derived from three-parametric Weibull distributions. The results and findings one can state are as follows :-

1. As to their magnitude, the minimum values of the flexural strength and of the modulus of elasticity in bending correspond to the 5 % quantiles (see table 9; comparison of $R_{m,min}$ with $R_{m,5\%}$ and of $E_{m,min}$ with $E_{m,5\%}$).

2. Flexural strength and modulus of elasticity in bending are increasing with an improving quality of glued laminated timber (see table 9: B4 compared with B2; B3 compared with B1). Thus, the amounts of the increase in strength for the standard value of $R_m^n = R_{m,5\%}$ are with: BSH 6 (test B4) as compared with BSH 4 (test B2) equal to 43 %; BSH 6 (test B3) as compared with BSH 4 (test B1) equal to 42 %. The amounts of the increase in the modulus of elasticity in bending for the standard value of $E_m^n = \bar{E}_m$ are with: BSH 6 (B4) as compared with BSH 4 (B2) equal to 16 %; BSH 6 (B3) as compared

with BSH 4 (B1) equal to 16 %. One can see that the amounts of the increase in flexural strength and modulus of elasticity in bending with an improving quality of GLT in case of the girders without any key-dovetailing (tests B4 and B2) are nearly equal to those prevailing in case of the girders with key-dovetailing (tests B3 and B1).

3. The tests performed by means of BSH 4 without key-dovetailing in layer 1 of the test zone (see table 9: test B2) result in increased strength values being higher by 12 % for $R_{m,5\%}$ as compared with those tests accomplished by means of GLT with key-dovetailing (see table 9: test B1). The tests performed by means of BSH 6 without key-dovetailing (table 9: B4) result in increased strength values being higher by 11 % for $R_{m,5\%}$ as compared with those tests accomplished by means of GLT with key-dovetailing (table 9: B3). Thus, the key-dovetailing has adverse effects on the flexural strength of GLT (BSH) girders.

4. The failure of the GLT girders is initiated by the rupture of the first layer in the key-dovetailing area to an extent of about 80 % and in the layer cross section with large knots to an extent of about 20 % only.

3.3. Influence of the key-dovetail skew notch on the flexural strength of glued laminated timber

14 GLT girders have been selected the key-dovetail skew notching of which between the first and second layer (when counted from the bottom) amounted to 0 up to 800 mm; during the tests, the failure occurred always in the key-dovetailing of the first layer. The influence of the key-dovetail skew notch on the flexural strength R_m should be determined by means of a regression analysis. The regression analysis yields the regression equations with the appropriate correlation coefficients as indicated in table 10. The highest correlation coefficient amounting to $r = 0.473$ is provided by equation 4. However, the connection is weak (see reference /31/, page 85). The reason for this must be sought in the fact that the scattering or deviation due to the effect of

influencing factors other than key-dovetail skew notching is considerable.

With $r = 0,473$, R_m is equal to $32.71 (KZV)^{0.0066} \left(\frac{N}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$.

Measured values and functional values of the equation 4 are plotted in figure 4. As for a deviation of 1 % of the flexural strength with $KZV = 800 \text{ mm}$, the result will be a minimum key-dovetail skew notch (min.KZV) between the first and second layer amounting to 150 mm.

3.4. Influence of the key-dovetail length

(a) Influence of the key-dovetail length on the flexural strength of glued laminated timber girders

GLT girders of the production A having a key-dovetail length (abbreviated in German as KZL) of 50 mm the failure of which during the tests occurred always in the key-dovetailing (abbreviated in German as KZ) are being selected and compared with GLT girders of the production B having a key-dovetail length of 20 mm.

The GLT girders consist of visually sorted layers of timber boards of grade II coniferous sawn timber (abbreviated in German as NSH II). The results of the tests are indicated in table 11 from Weibull distributions. When comparing the 5 % quantiles of the flexural strength, one will find out that glued laminated timber having a key-dovetail length of 20 mm (KZL 20) has an increased strength being by 23 % higher than that of glued laminated timber having a key-dovetail length of 50 mm (KZL 50).

The reasons for the increased strength values may be not only the key-dovetail lengths but also the different level of wear and tear (deterioration) of the technologies concerned (see table 11). Thus, for instance, the key-dovetailing press employed in case of production A is obsolete as compared with that employed in case of production B.

(b) Influence of the key-dovetail length on the tensile strength of key-dovetailed layers of timber boards

The tensile strengths obtained as a result of tests performed by means of visually sorted key-dovetailed layers of

timber boards (see table 7a) are being indicated in table 12. The test specimens are sampled from the productions A and B. When comparing the 5 % quantiles of the tensile strength (see table 12), one will find out that glued laminated timber of production B having a key-dovetail length of 20 mm (KZL 20) has an increased tensile strength being by 24 % higher than that of glued laminated timber of production A having a key-dovetail length of 50 mm (KZL 50). However, production B is also provided with a technology being better than that of production A. When comparing the 5 % quantiles of the flexural strength with those of the tensile strength (i.e. a comparison of table 11 with table 12), one will find out that the value of the flexural strength amounts to 1.7 times the value of the tensile strength in case of both the productions A and B.

4. Summary - Problems to be solved in future

The hitherto available draft code /1/ was further improved by making use of the latest knowledge, know-how and information. Changes and modifications occurred concerning the grades of load duration and with regard to the adaptation factor as to "aggressive media". The basic values of the design strength for structural timber and glued laminated timber were defined. A comparison of the tensile strength of key-dovetailed layers of timber boards with that of layers of boards without any key-dovetailing results in determining a decrease in strength by 38 % for key-dovetailed layers of timber boards.

The tensile strength of mechanically sorted layers of timber boards without any key-dovetailing is considerably higher than that of visually sorted layers. Glued laminated timber girders without any key-dovetailing have an increased flexural strength (being higher by 11 to 16 %) - when related to the 5 % quantile - as compared with girders with key-dovetailing in the test zone.

The research activities to be performed in future shall be orientated towards investigations into the following problems :-

1. The possibility of increasing the strength of glued laminated timber girders.

2. The loadbearing capacity of glued laminated timber girders subjected to a long-term loading (stress and strain).

3. Fundamentals required for the restoration of historical timber structures.

4. Fundamentals required for preparing a separate code applying to timber-based engineering material structures.

5. Fundamentals required for improving the methods and procedures of sorting.

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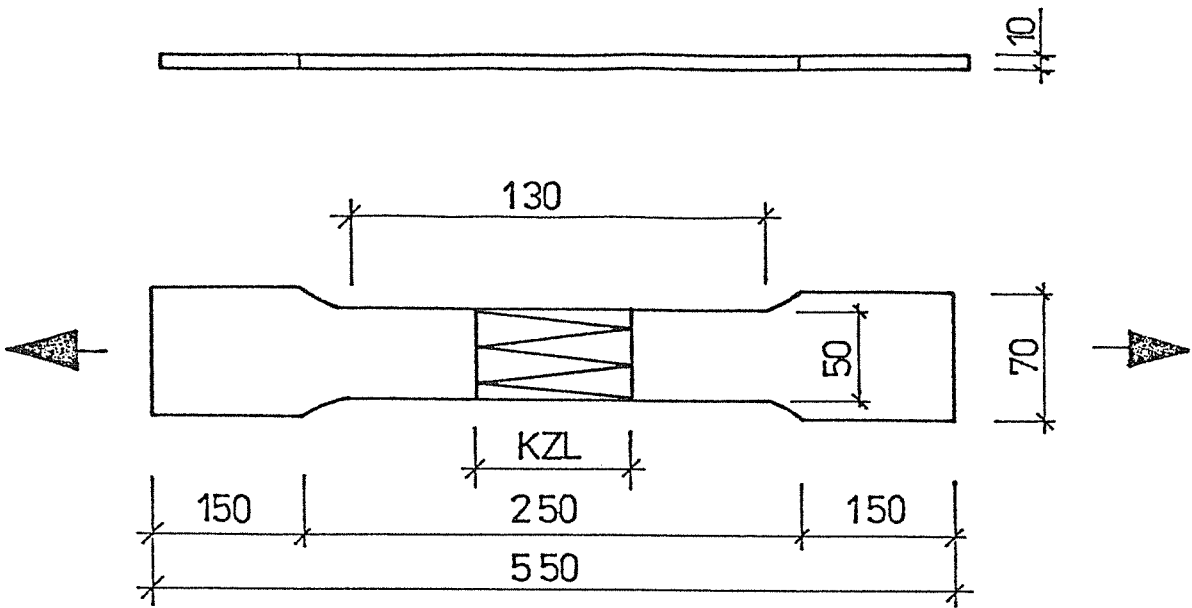
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quality grade II sawn coniferous timber

key-dovetail length of 50mm with production A

key-dovetail length of 20mm with production B

Figure 1: Tensile test with key-dovetailing

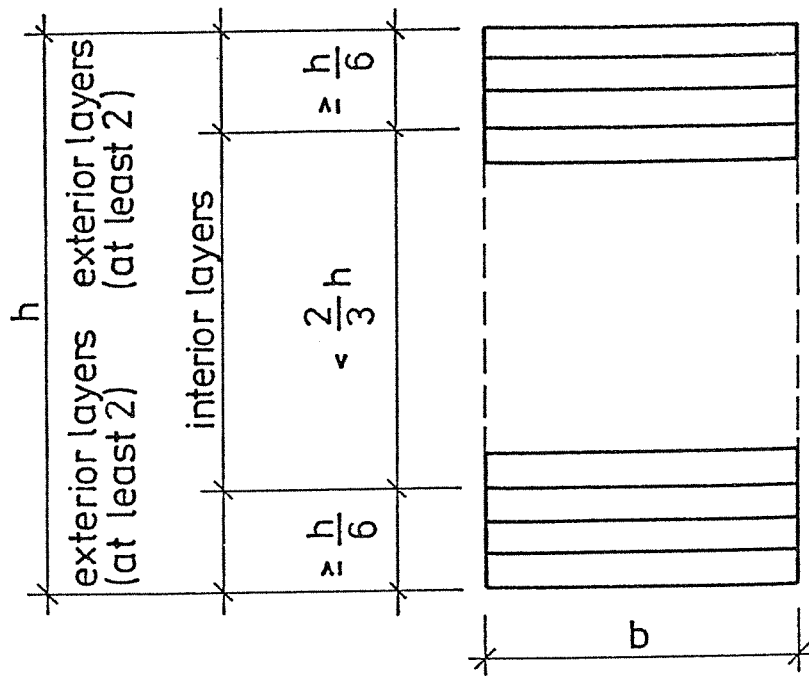
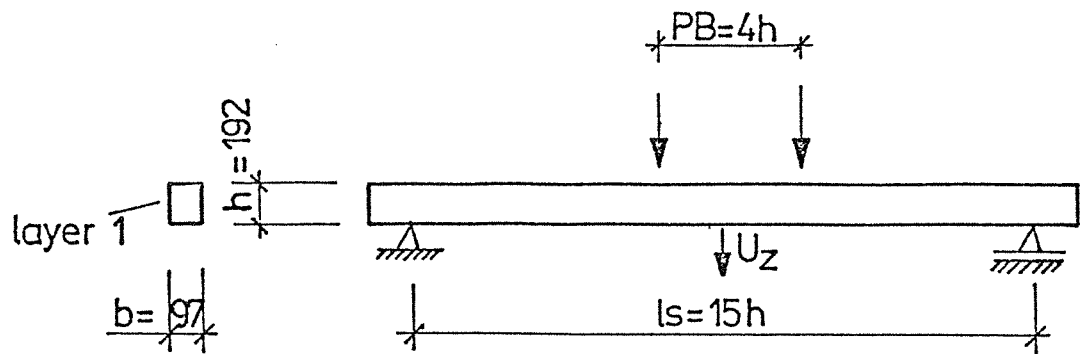


Figure 2: Design of glued laminated timber



12 test specimens for each test

Designations :

PB = test zone

BSH = glued laminated timber

F = strength grade

KZ = key-dovetailing

Figure 3: Test arrangement

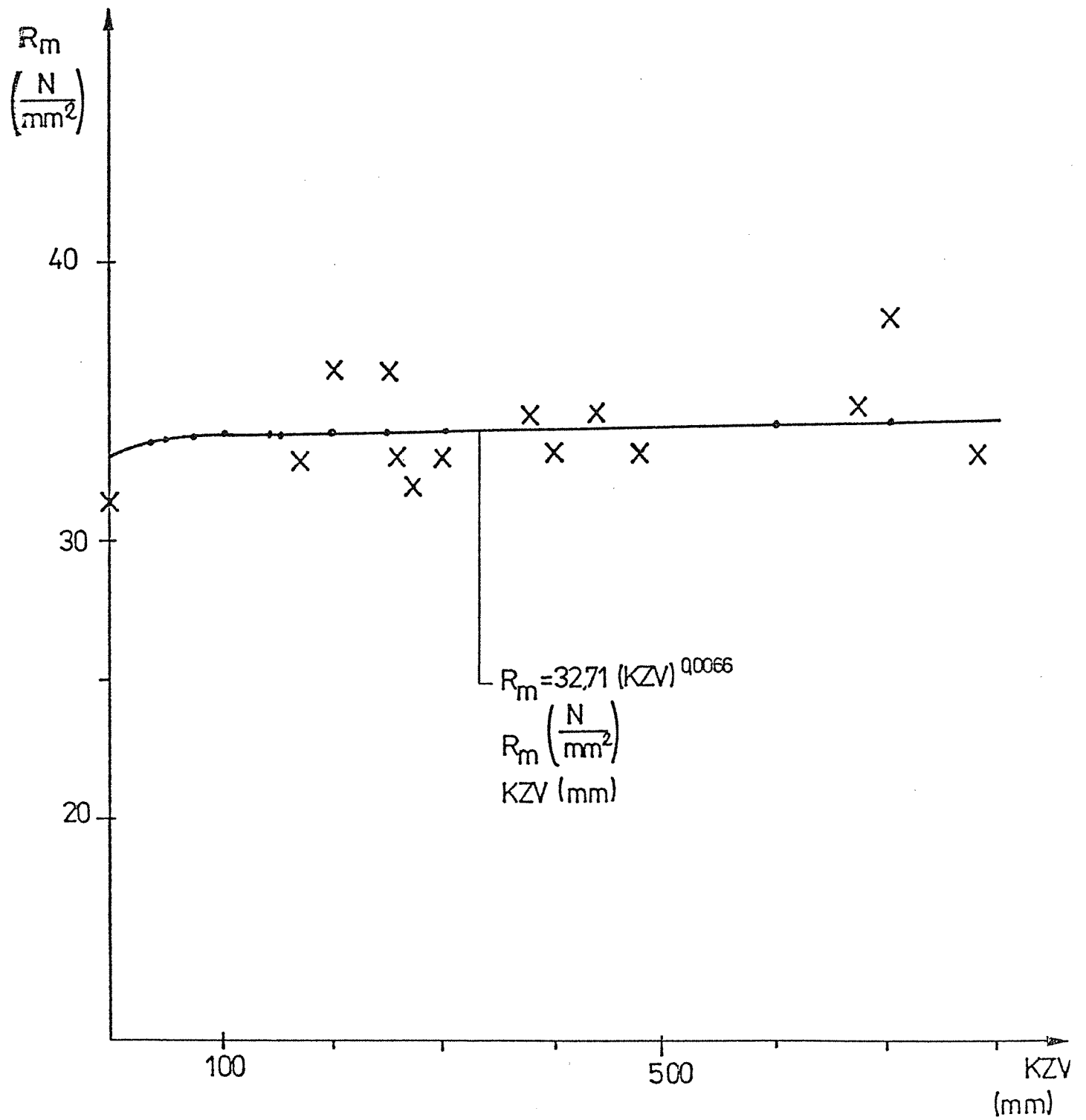


Figure 4: Behaviour of $R_m(KZV)$

KZV=key -dovetail skew notching

Table 1: Basic values of the design strength, standard and basic values of the elastic moduli (E) and shearing moduli (G), in $\frac{N}{mm^2}$

		softwood														hard-wood
		sawn timber						glued laminated timber						round timber		
		quality grade			strength grade			grade								
		I	II	III	I	II	III	1	2	3	4	5	6			
bending	R_m^0	18,6	15,7	14,1	24,9	18,6	14,1	18,6	15,7	14,1	19,6	18,6	15,7	19,6	15,7	19,6
	R_{t0}^0	11,8	8,5	4,9	15,7	11,8	7,2	8,5	6,2	8,5	9,5	10,1	8,8	8,5	13,1	
	R_{t90}^0	0,3	0,25	0,1	0,35	0,3	0,15	0,25	0,2	0,25	0,25	0,3	0,25	0,25	0,3	
compression	$R_{C,0}^0$	20,1	16,2	14,7	23,2	20,1	14,7	16,2	15,1	16,2	13,5	20,1	13,5	16,2	20,1	
	$R_{C,90}^0$	6,2	5,8	5,4	8,5	6,2	5,4	5,8	5,4	5,8	5,8	6,2	5,8	5,8	6,2	
	shearing-off // to the grain	1,3	1,2	1	1,7	1,3	1	1,3	1,2	1	1,4	1,3	1,2	1,2	1,7	
shear from transv. force	R_{ν}^0	1,7	1,6	1,4	2,2	1,7	1,4	1,7	1,6	1,4	1,8	1,7	1,5	1,6	1,7	
moduli	E_0^N	12 000	11 000	10 000	13 500	12 000	10 000	12 000	11 000	10 000	12 500	12 000	11 000	12 500	11 000	12 500
	E_{90}^N	400	350	300	450	400	300	400	350	300	400	400	350	350	400	
	G_{90}^N	750	700	600	850	750	600	750	700	600	800	750	700	700	800	
	E_0^0	5600	4900	4600	6200	5600	4600	5600	4900	4600	5900	5600	4900	4900	5900	
	E_{90}^0	170	140	120	190	170	120	170	140	120	170	170	140	140	170	
	G^0	310	290	250	350	310	250	310	290	250	330	310	290	290	330	

Moisture grade (FK)	Relative air humidity φ (%)	Moisture of timber u (%)	Case of application / Category of structure
FK 1	< 65	≤ 18	Enclosed buildings/structures with and without heating; enclosed and ventilated animal shelter buildings without heating; open and partially open roofed-over buildings
FK 2	$65 \leq \varphi \leq 85$	> 18 to 24	Free-standing loadbearing systems/members without any protection against climatic influences; industrial buildings with corresponding technologies; wet rooms
FK 3	> 85	> 24	Structures subjected to the immediate influence of water

Time grade	Duration of the load action
A	Permanently and/or for a long period (e.g. dead load, live load)
B	For a short period (e.g. live load, snow)
C	For a very short period (e.g. wind)
D	Suddenly (e.g. impact, earthquake)

Load combination	Time grade			
	A	B	C	D
A + B	$IA \geq 85\%$	$IA < 85\%$	-	-
A + C	$IA \geq 85\%$	-	$IA < 85\%$	-
A + B + C	$IA \geq 85\%$	$IC \leq 15\%$	$IC < 15\%$	-
A + B + C + D	$IA \geq 85\%$	$ID \leq 15\%$ $IA \leq 85\%$	-	$ID > 15\%$ -

IA (etc.) means load percentage of time grade A (etc.) of the total load
e.g. $IA = \frac{A}{A+B}$

Table 2 d: Adaptation factor $f_{m,1}$ as to "long-term behaviour" for the limit state of the loadbearing capacity (GZT)

Time grade	Moisture grade (FK)					
	FK 1		FK 2		FK 3	
	BH	BSH	BH	BSH	BH	BSH
A	0.85	0.8	0.75	0.66	0.65	0.4
B	1	1	0.85	0.83	0.75	0.5
C	1.2	1.2	1	1	0.9	0.6
D	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.16	1.05	0.7

BH means structural timber; BSH means glued laminated timber
 For air temperatures of $40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$ and FK 1, $f_{m,1}$ shall be multiplied by 0.85.

Table 2 e: Adaptation factor $f_{m,1}$ as to "long-term behaviour" for the limit state of the usability (GZU)

Time grade	Moisture grade (FK)					
	FK 1		FK 2		FK 3	
	BH	BSH	BH	BSH	BH	BSH
A	0.65	0.8	0.4	0.5	-	-
B	0.75	0.85	0.5	0.6	-	-

Table 3: Adaptation factor $f_{m,2}$ as to "cross-sectional height" for the GZT limit state

Cross-sectional height h (mm)	Structural timber	Glued laminated timber
$h \leq 200$	1	1.00
$200 \leq h < 300$	0.95	1.00
$300 \leq h < 500$	-	0.95
$500 \leq h < 800$	-	0.9
$800 \leq h < 1500$	-	0.85
$h \geq 1500$	-	0.8

Table 4: Adaptation factor $f_{m,3}$ as to "curvature of timber" for the GZT limit state

$\frac{t}{r}$	0	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	10^{-2}
$m,3$	1	0.92	0.83	0.76	0.68	0.6

r is the radius of curvature of the curved timber.
 t is the thickness of the curved timber or - with glued laminated timber - the thickness of one curved layer.

Table 5: Adaptation factor $f_{m,4}$ as to "aggressive media" for the GZT and GZN limit states for BH and BSH

The kind of the media is grouped into gases, solutions and solids. By considering the criteria as to concentration of the medium concerned and the grade of moisture, the stress degrees (BG) I, II, III are obtained:

Stress degree (BG)	Explanation
BG I	Not or slightly aggressive
BG II	Moderately aggressive
BG III	Heavily aggressive

Upon grouping the medium concerned into a specific range of aggressivity, the stress degree (BG) can be determined by means of the tables following hereinafter. Depending on the cross-sectional size of the timber components concerned, the adaptation factor $f_{m,4}$ for aggressive media can be drawn from table 5e with the stress degree concerned.

Ranges of aggressivity and stress degrees for gases

Table 5 a: Ranges of aggressivity for gases

Gas, increasing aggressivity	Gas group with a concentration (mg/m^3) of:		
	A 1	A 2	A 3
1. CH_2O (formaldehyde)	1 ... 200	-	-
2. NH_3 (ammonia)	0.5... 20	-	-
3. SO_2 (sulphur dioxide)	0.2... 10	10...200	-
4. NO_2 (nitric oxide)	0.1... 5	5... 25	above 25
5. HCl (hydrogen chloride)	0.05... 1	1... 10	above 10
6. Cl_2 (chlorine)	0.02... 1	1... 5	above 5

Table 5 b: Stress degrees for gases

Range of aggressivity	M o i s t u r e g r a d e		
	FK 1	FK 2	FK 3
A 1	I	I	I
A 2	I	II	II
A 3	II	II	II

Table 5 c: Stress degrees for solutions

Group	Solution	pH-value	Concentration of the solution	Degree of dissociation	Stress degree
Acids	nitric acid HNO_3	below 2	up to 5 above 5	high	III III
	hydrochloric acid HCl		up to 5 above 5	high	III III
	sulphuric acid H_2SO_4		up to 5 above 5 / above 15	medium	I II/III
	acetic acid $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$	4	above 15	low	I
Bases	soda lye NaOH	above 13	up to 2 above 2	high	II III
	potash lye KOH		up to 2 above 2	high	II III
	ammonium hydroxide NH_4OH		up to 5 above 5	low	I II
Salt solutions	chlorid solutions KCl, NaCl	7	up to 10 above 10	medium	I II
	sulphate solutions: Na_2SO_4 (Glauber's salt)		up to 10 above 10	medium	I II
	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ (ammonium sulphate)	5	up to 40		I
(Organic compound)	urea $\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2$	2	up to 40		II

Table 5 d: Stress degrees for solid media

Solid medium	pH-value	Solubility in water	Hygros-copici-ty	Stress degree (BG) with		
				FK1	FK2	FK3
potash fertilizer	8	good (up to 20 %)	good	I	II	II
urea	9	good (up to 40 %)	high	I	II	II
superphosphate	3	(up to 5%)	good	I	I	II
sodium chloride	7	good	good	I	I	II
ammonium sulphate	5	good (up to 40 %)	low	I	I	I

Table 5 e: Adaptation factors $f_{m,4}$ for aggressive media subject to the timber cross-sectional size

Note: Minimum dimension of the timber component with stress degrees BG II and BG III: 40 mm
 Minimum cross-sectional area: 4000 mm²

Stress degree (BG)	Cross-sectional size (10 ³ mm ²)	Factor $f_{m,4}$
BG I		1.0
BG II	< 9	0.75
	< 30	0.85
	≥ 30	0.95
BG III	< 9	0.65
	< 30	0.75
	≥ 30	0.85

Table 6a: Tensile strengths of mechanically sorted layers of boards (values of tests after 3 to 5 minutes, Weibull distributions, production A, KZL 50)

test	sample	n	$\bar{\rho}$ $\left(\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right)$	\bar{u} (%)	\bar{R}_t $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	V_R (%)	Rt 5% $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	Rt 1% $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	Rt min $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$
Z1	FI without KZ	35	582	6,0	67,4	23,8	41,6	33,9	29,7
Z2	FI with KZ	20	548	5,4	32,1	26,1	18,5	14,1	15
Z3	FII without KZ	38	537	5,8	52,5	31,9	25,5	17,4	18,8
Z4	FII with KZ	39	538	5,6	27,4	26,3	15,7	12,1	10,8
Z5	FIII without KZ	68	461	5,6	34,1	40,0	11,3	3,3	7,7
Z6	FIII with KZ	37	459	5,6	21,0	26,1	12,6	10,7	12,1

F = strength grade

KZ = key - dovetailing

KZL 50 = key - dovetail length of 50mm

Table 6b: Moduli of elasticity in tension for mechanically sorted layers of boards (values of tests after 3 to 5 minutes; Weibull distributions; production A, KZL 50)

test	sample	n	ρ $\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$	u (%)	E_t $\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$	V_E (%)	$E_{t,5\%}$ $\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$	$E_{t,1\%}$ $\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$	$E_{t,\text{min}}$ $\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$
Z 1	FI without KZ	7	536	90	14 071	14	12 252	12 181	12 470
Z 2	FI with KZ	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Z 3	FII without KZ	17	499	90	11 475	12,1	9 569	9 249	9 590
Z 4	FII with KZ	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Z 5	FIII without KZ	23	476	90	8 949	19,1	6 533	6 077	6 490
Z 6	FIII with KZ	21	481	—	5 408	20,7	3 691	3 257	3 560

F = strength grade

KZ = key -dovetailing

KZL50 = key-dovetail length of 50 mm

Table 6c: Tensile strengths of mechanically sorted layers of boards (values of tests after 3 to 5 minutes; Weibull distributions, production B, KZL 20)

test	sample	n	$\bar{\rho}$ kg m ³	\bar{u} (%)	\bar{R}_t N mm ²	V_R (%)	$R_{t,5\%}$ N mm ²	$R_{t,1\%}$ N mm ²	$R_{t,min}$ N mm ²
Z 1	FI without KZ	16	4 56	8,7	56,8	15,7	41,1	34,7	42,3
Z 2	FI with KZ	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Z 3	FII without KZ	40	4 41	6,6	45,6	25,6	24,9	15,7	16,2
Z 4	FII with KZ	7	4 34	—	28,4	18,7	19,8	15,2	19,2
Z 5	F III without KZ	13,7	4 13	9,1	30,4	38,7	11,8	6,6	6,1
Z 6	F III with KZ	93	4 20	—	26	28,3	15,2	13,0	11,0

F = strength grade

KZ =key -dovetailing

KZL50=key - dovetail length of 50 mm

Table 6d: Moduli of elasticity in tension for mechanically sorted layers of boards (values of tests after 3 to 5 minutes; Weibull distributions, production B, KZL 20)

test	sample	n	ρ	u	E_t	V_E	$E_{t,5\%}$	$E_{t,1\%}$	$E_{t,min}$
		(-)	$\frac{kg}{m^3}$	(%)	$\frac{N}{mm^2}$	(%)	$\frac{N}{mm^2}$	$\frac{N}{mm^2}$	$\frac{N}{mm^2}$
Z 1	F I without KZ	12	448	9,0	13963	10,9	11778	11343	12030
Z 2	F I with KZ	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Z 3	F II without KZ	20	428	8,7	11394	10,8	9407	8800	6570
Z 4	F II with KZ	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Z 5	F III without KZ	15	416	9,0	9072	28,1	7001	6952	6950
Z 6	F III with KZ	31	435	—	6101	23,6	3740	2973	3340

F = strength grade

KZ = key-dovetailing

KZ 20 = key-dovetail length of 20 mm

Table 7a: Tensile strengths of visually sorted layers of boards (values of tests after 3 to 5 minutes; Weibull distributions, production A, KZL 50)

test	sample	n	\bar{S} $\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$	\bar{u} (%)	\bar{R}_t $\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$	V_R (%)	$R_{t,5\%}$ $\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$	$R_{t,1\%}$ $\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$	$R_{t,\text{min}}$ $\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$
Z 7	GK I without KZ	96	5 23	57	54	36,3	22,7	13,4	7,7
Z 8	GK II without KZ	23	5 12	5,8	392	39,6	13,1	3,0	11,2
Z 9	GK III without KZ	21	4 97	5,8	272	45,5	7,5	1,8	7,7

GK = quality grade

KZ = key-dovetailing

KZL 50 = key-dovetail length of 50 mm

test	sample	n	$\bar{\rho}$ kg m ³	u (%)	E_t N mm ²	VE (%)	$E_{t,5\%}$ N mm ²	$E_{t,1\%}$ N mm ²	$E_{t,min}$ N mm ²
Z 7	GK I without KZ	17	5 14	8,9	11 760	21,9	8 317	7 791	8 390
Z 8	GK II without KZ	12	4 38	8,9	11 236	18,6	7 441	5 433	6 960
Z 9	GK II without KZ	18	4 78	9,1	9 148	20,3	6 327	5 638	6 490

GK = quality grade

KZ = key-dovetailing

KZL 50 = key-dovetail length of 50mm

Table 7b: Moduli of elasticity in tension for visually sorted layers of boards
(values of tests after 3 to 5 minutes; Weibull distributions, production A, KZL 50)

Table 8: Design of the grades of glued laminated timber

BSH - grade		BSH 1	BSH 2	BSH 3	BSH 4	BSH 5	BSH 6
sorting of the layers		visually	visually	visually	mechanically	mechanically	mechanically
exterior layers	kind of timber	NSH GkII	NSH GkII	NSH GkII	NSH F I	NSH F II	NSH F II
	KZV (mm)	≥ 250	≥ 250	≥ 0	≥ 250	≥ 250	≥ 250
interior layers	kind of timber	NSH GkII	NSH GkIII	NSH GkII	NSH F III	NSH F II	NSH F III
	KZV (mm)	≥ 250	≥ 0	≥ 0	≥ 0	≥ 0	≥ 0

Designations: BSH = glued laminated timber
 NSH = sawn coniferous timber
 KZV = key - dovetail skew notching
 GK = quality grade acc. to /10/
 F = strength grade acc. to /1/

Table 9: Results of the bending tests concerning mechanically sorted glued laminated timber

test	test speci- men	ρ $\left(\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right)$	\bar{u} (%)	\bar{R}_m $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	$\frac{S_R}{R_m}$ $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$ (%)	$\frac{V_R}{R_m} = \frac{S_R}{R_m}$ (%)	$R_{m5\%}$ $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	$R_{m1\%}$ $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	$R_{m,\min}$ $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	E_m $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	$\frac{s_E}{E_m}$ $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$ (%)	$\frac{V_E}{E_m} = \frac{s_E}{E_m}$ (%)	$E_{m5\%}$ $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	$E_{m1\%}$ $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$	$E_{m,\min}$ $\left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)$
B 1	BSH 4 + KZ 1)	502	10,8	40,4	4,0	9,8	361	35,8	35,9	12 646	904	7,2	11 155	10 661	11 050
B 2	BSH 4 o. KZ 2)	525	11,1	54,6	7,9	14,5	40,6	34,2	38,3	13 818	1 054	7,6	11 879	10 752	12 040
B 3	BSH 6 + KZ	504	11,2	33,3	5,3	15,8	25,5	23,9	25,1	10 909	968	8,9	9 563	9 320	9 700
B 4	BSH 6 o. KZ	515	10,2	45,1	9,4	20,8	28,3	20,2	30,3	11 876	1 228	10,3	9 915	9 342	10 054

Designations: ρ = density

R_m = flexural strength

s = standard deviation

u = moisture of timber

E_m = modulus of elasticity in bending

v = variation coefficient

1) BSH + KZ = glued laminated timber with key-dovetailing

2) BSH o. KZ = glued laminated timber without key-dovetailing

Table 10: Regression analysis of R_m (KZV)

	R_m $(\frac{N}{mm^2})$	r (-)	r (-)
1	32,87 + 0,003 (KZV) KZV in mm	0,123	0,351
2	32,47 + 0,2648 ln(KZV)	0,212	0,460
3	$7,729 \cdot 10^{-5}$ (KZV) 32,8 · 0	0,128	0,358
4	32,71 (KZV) ^{0,0066}	0,224	0,473
5	32,04 + 0,008 (KZV) - 0,457 · 10 ⁻⁶ (KZV) ²	0,165	0,41

14 glued laminated timber girders; $b=97\text{mm}$, $h=288$, $l_s=4\ 320\text{mm}$
 layers sorted visually, at least grade II sawn coniferous timber
 key-dovetailing (KZ) in the test zone (PB)
 key-dovetail length (KZL) of 20 mm
 moisture of timber $u=8,1$ to $11,7\%$
 failure in the key-dovetailing, 1st layer
 KZV=key-dovetail skew notching

Table 11: Flexural strengths of visually sorted glued laminated timber with key-dovetail skew notching of 50 and 20 mm

KZL=key-dovetail length (mm)	50	20
production	A	B
technology	planing of the glued laminated timber immediately after the curing of the glue	planing of the glued laminated timber immediately after the pressing
glued laminated timber girders	b=97; h= 2 88 l _s = 4 450 mm	b= 97; h= 2 88 l _s = 4 450 mm
sawn coniferous timber layers	at least quality grade II	at least quality grade II
sorting	visually	visually
failure	in key-dovetailing, test zone, layer 1	in key-dovetailing test zone, layer 1
moisture of timber u	6 -11,6 %	7,4 - 13,9%
key-dovetail skew notching layers 1-2	≥ 2 50 mm	≥ 250 mm
number of girders n	16	19
$R_m \left(\frac{N}{mm^2} \right)$	35	34,3
$V_R \text{ (}\% \text{)}$	17,1	9,4
$R_{m, 5\%} \left(\frac{N}{mm^2} \right)$	24,7	30,5
$R_{m, 1\%} \left(\frac{N}{mm^2} \right)$	20,7	30,1
$R_{m, min} \left(\frac{N}{mm^2} \right)$	24,9	30

Table 12: Tensile strengths of visually sorted key-dovetailed layers of timber boards with key-dovetail skew notching of 20 and 50mm (values of tests after 3 to 5 minutes; Weibull distribution)

KZL=key-dovetail length (mm)	50	20
production	A	B
technology	planing of the glued laminated timber after the curing of the glue at 20 °C	planing of the glued laminated timber immediately after the pressing
$R_t \left(\frac{N}{mm^2} \right)$	27,8	31,2
V_R (%)	28,6	26,9
$R_{t,5\%} \left(\frac{N}{mm^2} \right)$	14,4	17,8
$R_{t,1\%} \left(\frac{N}{mm^2} \right)$	9,5	13,9
$R_{t,min} \left(\frac{N}{mm^2} \right)$	9,0	14,4

90 specimens each, made of quality grade II sawn coniferous timber
 $u = 6$ to 12% , failure in the key-dovetailing

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