

European Technical Approvals and CE Marking

The British Board of Agrément (BBA) has been designated by Government both to issue European Technical Approvals (ETA) and to represent the UK in the co-ordinating European Organisation for Technical Approvals (EOTA).

ETAs are issued to products for which no mandated and harmonised European Standard has been agreed and, coupled with an appropriate Attestation of Conformity procedure, will allow their manufacturers to affix the CE Marking to them and place them on the market anywhere in the EU.

CE Marking will show that a product allows construction works to meet the six Essential Requirements in the Construction Products Directive:

- Mechanical resistance and stability
- Safety in case of fire
- Health, hygiene and the environment
- Safety in use
- Protection against noise
- Energy economy and heat retention.

Most ETAs will be issued on the basis of common methods of assessment agreed by all EOTA members and published as European Technical Approval Guidelines. However some ETAs have been issued on the basis of individual assessments carried out by national approval bodies, such as the BBA, after agreement amongst EOTA members under what is known as the Common Understanding of Assessment Procedures (CUAP).

The introduction of ETAs and European Standards will not outlaw existing British Standards and Agrément Certificates. There will be a lengthy lead-in period, where both European and UK approval and certification schemes will have validity in this country.

Increasingly the pan-European systems will supersede the national schemes in many product areas, although this is likely to take several years and Agrément Certificates will continue to provide specifiers, users and building control personnel with information on a wide range of products for which no British or European Standards exist. In the meantime the BBA has developed a new service, called CE Marking Application Guides (CEMAGs). This takes the information in a ETA or European Standards Certification and compares this to the requirements as Building Regulations and Codes of Practice applying in the UK. Further information on CEMAGs is available on a separate Data Sheet

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European Technical Approval ETA-05/0233

Trade name:	Profix PBA Bolzenanker
Holder of approval:	Profix AG 4414 Fullinsdorf Switzerland Tel: +41 61 906 6040 Fax: +41 61 906 6049
Generic type and use of construction product:	Zinc-plated steel torque-controlled expansion anchor in sizes of M8, M10, M12, M16 and M20, for use in non-cracked concrete
Valid from:	19th October 2005
to:	28th February 2010
Manufacturing plant:	Manufacturing Plant P1
This European Technical Approval contains:	8 pages including two Annexes which form an integral part of the document

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