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## Foreword

This document (EN 846-6:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 125 "Masonry", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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This document supersedes EN 846-6:2000.

The principal changes in this document from the previous edition relate to the number of ties to be tested, the location of the clamp during testing and the treatment of slope and movement tolerant ties. Ties are to now be placed at the minimum declared embedment length rather than a length calculated from the tie length and design cavity width. Ten ties are tested in tension and ten in compression. In the compression tests the ties are loaded over an extended cavity, or alternatively provision is made for evaluating the cavity section by calculation. Where ties are designed to tolerate either an induced slope or movement then prior to test they are cycled fifty times through the slope or movement for which they have been designed.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the tensile and compressive load capacity and load displacement characteristics of wall ties screwed, nailed, grouted or otherwise attached to frame elements or to inner leaf materials. The test is intended for ties for connecting masonry leaves to frame structures and to the inner leaves of cavity walls other than by embedding the inner connection in a mortar joint.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 300, *Oriented Strand Boards (OSB) — Definitions, classification and specifications*

EN 338, *Structural timber — Strength classes*

EN 771-1, *Specification for masonry units — Part 1: Clay masonry units*

EN 771-2, *Specification for masonry units — Part 2: Calcium silicate masonry units*

EN 771-3, *Specification for masonry units — Part 3: Aggregate concrete masonry units (Dense and lightweight aggregates)*

EN 771-4, *Specification for masonry units — Part 4: Autoclaved aerated concrete masonry units*

EN 771-5, *Specification for masonry units — Part 5: Manufactured stone masonry units*

EN 771-6, *Specification for masonry units — Part 6: Natural stone masonry units*

EN 772-1, *Methods of test for masonry units — Part 1: Determination of compressive strength*

EN 772-10, *Methods of test for masonry units — Part 10: Determination of moisture content of calcium silicate and autoclaved aerated concrete units*

EN 845-1, *Specification for ancillary components for masonry — Part 1: Ties, tension straps, hangers and brackets*

EN 206-1, *Concrete — Specification performance, production and conformity*

## 3 Principle

The tie is screwed, nailed, grouted or attached using other devices such as keys in slots, to a representative section of the frame element or inner leaf material using normal site techniques. The tie is then subjected to tension or compression until failure occurs.

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