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# Foreword

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This is a full revision of the standard, and introduces the following principal changes:

- restructure and renaming of clauses and tables;
- addition of shape code specified in BS EN 1992-1-1;
- revision to terms and definitions;
- revision to [Table 1](#) to include dowel bars and the note to stainless steel;
- revisions to form of schedule [5.1](#) and [5.2](#);
- revisions to text of form of bar or fabric labels;
- revision to form of schedule, [Figure 1](#);
- revision to purpose made fabric example, [Figure 3](#);
- revision to dimensions, [7.2](#), [7.4](#) and [7.5](#);
- revision to scheduling, [Figure 4](#), [5](#) and [6](#) additional dimensioning added;
- revision to scheduling, [Figure 7](#) added;
- revision of [Table 2](#) to include an allowance for spring back;
- addition of [Table 3](#);
- revision of [Table 4](#) to include both Z-bars and U-bars;
- addition in [Table 5](#) of new shape codes 48 and 52;
- addition in [Table 5](#) of extra dimensions on most shapes with sloping legs;
- revision to [Table 5](#) to update the length formulae and dimension limits on some shapes;
- amendment of [Table 6](#) areas;
- revision of [Table 7](#) to allowable deviations on cutting and bending dimensions;
- addition of note to [Table 7](#);
- revision of [Table 8](#); and
- revision to fabrication and routine inspection, [12.3](#).

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## 1 Scope

This British Standard specifies requirements for the scheduling, dimensioning, cutting and bending of steel for the reinforcement of concrete conforming to [BS 4449](#), [BS 4483](#) and [BS 6744](#) designed to BS EN 1992-1-1, BS EN 1992-2, BS EN 1992-3 and [BS 8110-1](#).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions of this document<sup>1)</sup>. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

[BS 4449:2005+A3:2016](#), *Carbon steel bars for the reinforcement of concrete – Specification*

[BS 4483](#), *Steel fabric for the reinforcement of concrete – Specification*

[BS 6744](#), *Stainless steel bars – Reinforcement of concrete – Requirements and test methods*

[BS 8110-1](#), *Structural use of concrete – Code of practice for design and construction*

BS EN 1992-2, *Eurocode 2: Design of concrete structures – Part 2: Concrete bridges – Design and detailing rules*

BS EN 1992-3, *Eurocode 2: Design of concrete structures – Part 3: Liquid retaining and containment structures*

BS EN ISO 216, *Writing paper and certain classes of printed matter – Trimmed sizes – A and B series*

BS EN 10080, *Steel for the reinforcement of concrete – Weldable reinforcing steel – General*

BS EN 13877-3, *Concrete pavements – Specification for dowels to be used in concrete pavements*

## 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 For the purposes of this British Standard the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1.1 bar

steel product of any cross-section

*NOTE* Where the term “bar” is used in this British Standard, it refers to a bar conforming to either [BS 4449](#) or [BS 6744](#).

### 3.1.2 bend angle

angle by which a bar leg is bent out of line from the preceding leg

### 3.1.3 nominal size

diameter of a circle,  $d$ , with an area equal to the effective cross-sectional area of the bar, sometimes referred to as its size

### 3.1.4 bar mark

identifying mark which cross-refers individual line entries on the schedule to the detailed drawing

*NOTE 1* The bar mark also appears on the delivery label.

*NOTE 2* The bar mark is also known as the fabric mark.

<sup>1)</sup> Documents that are referred to solely in an informative manner are listed in the Bibliography.