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REINFORCED MASONRY STRUCTURES – EUROPEAN HISTORY – HUNGARIAN PRESENT PRACTICE

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> 1. The actuality and competence of RM
> 2. Historical review
> 3. Weaknesses and benefits of RM
> 4. Hungarian state of RM

1. Historical review

"...They said to one another, `Come, let us make bricks and bake them. 'They used bricks for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, `Let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens.'"

/Holy Bible, Book of Genesis, Chapter XI, Verses 3 and 4/

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1. Historical review

> 1825 Marc Isambard Brunel: Blackwall Tunnel under the Thames







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> 1900-1910 flower stands of the Park Güell



After the 2nd World War: huge lack of steel

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2. Typical weaknesses of masonry

> The sensitivity to cracks

> The low tensile and flexural strength





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Stepped cracks through head and bed joint

Cracks running vertically through the unit and the head joint



Failure modes of the walls subjected to horizontal forces

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2. The benefits of the RM



Horizontal bed joint reinforcement

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The reducing of crackings



The differential settlements can be prevented

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The reducing of crackings

The consequtive layers of the brickwork in case of a T-junction

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Structural application



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A wall of a silo

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A wall of a cellar

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Wall subjected to horizontal load

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Architectural benefits



Non stack bonded brickwork in Moen (Belgium)





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During construction



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