

Self-Drilling Hollow Bar System Series R38

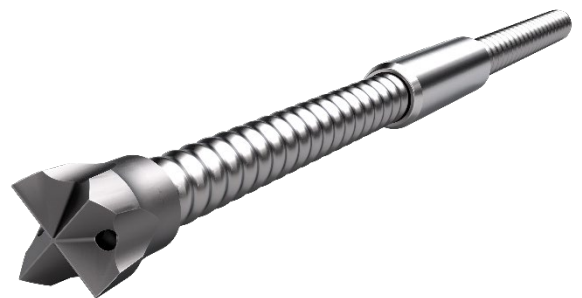
Product code: HBS R38-500(N)

Product specification: Tunneling and Mining

Category: Hollow Bar, continuous bonded

Introduction

The Self-Drilling Hollow Bar System is a self-drilling ground control solution used for underground applications and in civil engineering. Underground, it can be used for bolting, piling, face stabilization, as forepoling element for pre-support, or as a lance for injection works. The Self-Drilling Hollow Bar System also features a wide range of applications in civil engineering such as rock and soil nails, micropiles, or ground anchors. The system is an “all in one” tool for drilling, flushing, post- or simultaneous grouting, and finally the load-carrying member itself. Installations in weak ground and unstable borehole conditions represent no difficulty and are ideal for the application of the Self-Drilling Hollow Bar System. Sandvik Ground Support has long-term experience in the design, development, manufacturing, testing, and distribution of the Self-Drilling Hollow Bar System.



Key features

- Self-drilling ground control solution
- Preferably used under unstable borehole conditions
- Self-drilling installation without casing using a lost drill bit
- Installation with standard rotary or rotary-percussive drilling machines
- Hollow bar with continuous left-hand, cold-rolled outside thread utilized as drill rod during installation
- Easy extension of hollow bars using couplings
- Grouting can either be performed simultaneously during drilling with a rotary injection adapter or after the drilling operation (post injection)
- Threaded profile allows an ideal bond between the hollow bar and the grouting medium

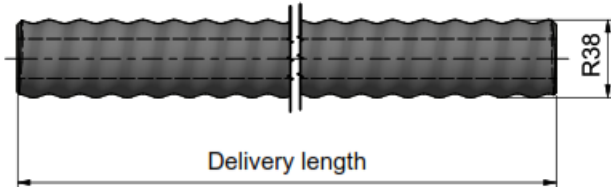
Main advantages

- Fast and safe self-drilling installation
- Trouble-free application in unstable boreholes
- Easy and similar operating principle using on-site personnel and standard drilling machinery
- Drilling, installation, and optional grouting in a single operational step
- Proven installation process in difficult ground conditions
- Sound and efficient alternative compared to time-consuming cased drilling installation methods and products
- Same installation principle for all applications and ground conditions

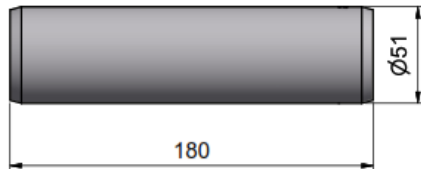
System components

Basic elements

- Hollow bar
Used as drill rod during installation
Suitable for simultaneous or subsequent grouting
Tension or compression member



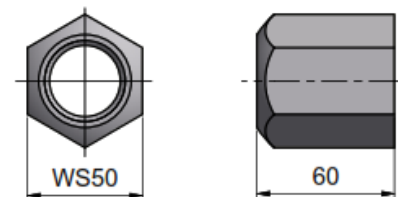
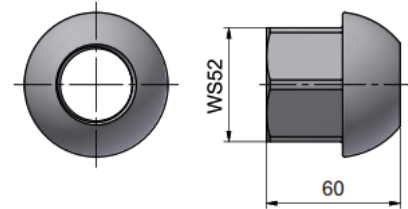
- Coupling
Continuous inside thread with middle stop or center bridge
Controlled drilling energy transmission
Full load-bearing capacity



- Drill bit
One drill bit per installed unit
Different diameters and designs
Hardened and carbide insert versions
Optimized for various ground conditions

Anchorage and foundation constructions

- Nut
Hex or domed version
Weldable square nut
Different designs and dimensions available



- Plate
Flat or domed
Plate design adjusted to system demands
Various solutions for angle compensations and special plate designs available

Specifications

No.	Characteristic value/ type ¹⁾	Symbol	R38-500(N)
1	Nominal external diameter	$D_{e,nom}$	38 mm
2	Actual external diameter	$D_{e,act}$	38.0 mm
3	Nominal internal diameter	$D_{i,nom}$	22 mm
4	Nominal cross-sectional area ²⁾	S_0	630 mm ²
5	Nominal weight ³⁾	m	4.95 kg/m
6	Yield load	$F_{p0.2,nom}$	400 kN
7	Ultimate load	$F_{m,nom}$	500 kN
8	Yield strength ⁴⁾	$R_{p0.2}$	640 N/mm ²
9	Tensile strength	R_m	795 N/mm ²
10	Elongation	A_5	8 %

1) status: 2026-06, note: all values are subject to changes.

2) calculated from the nominal weight: $S_0 = 10^6 \times m / 7.850 \text{ kg/m}^3$, rounded.

3) Deviation: $\pm 5\%$.

4) Rounded. Steel grade: 40Cr.

Order information

Article number	Article Designation	Unit Weight (kg)	COO
382010501020F	R38-500(N), L=2,000 [mm], 40Cr	9.9	CN
382010501030F	R38-500(N), L=3,000 [mm], 40Cr	14.9	CN
382010501040F	R38-500(N), L=4,000 [mm], 40Cr	19.8	CN
382010501060F	R38-500(N), L=6,000 [mm], 40Cr	29.7	CN
302030060180	Coupling R38x180 [mm], Series "B"	1.38	CN
302020023050	Nut R38, Series "B"	0.45	CN
302020065055	Domed Nut R38, Series "B"	0.61	CN

- Off-size hollow bar lengths are available on request.
- For GeoTech applications in requirement of a system approval, refer to the DSI Hollow Bar System.
- Order information for further system components is available on request.

System accessories

Structural elements

- S-D expansion bolt
- Expansion shell
- Yielding anchor head
- Lock nut
- Eye nut and loop nut
- Bail nut
- Reverse anchor head
- Lock coupling
- Angle compensation disk
- Sleeve for free length
- Protective cap

Drilling, grouting, and monitoring

- Bayonet connector
- Injection adapter
- Rotary injection adapter
- Grout mixing pump
- DSI Inject Systems
- Sealing coupling
- Post-injection coupling
- Drill bit adapter
- Rock drilling equipment
- Centralizer
- Injection flow-pressure meter
- Pull testing equipment
- Drill rod wrench
- Tensioning tools

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