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  (1)

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## **Tabela 1:** Legenda

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Teste | *ke*.0 (kN/mm) | *FRd* (kN) |
| T1 | 75.95 | 67.02 |
| P15 | 132.00 | 80.73 |

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 Examples:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Fig 23(EEP_10_2a) |
| a) Example 1 | b) Example 2 |

**Fig. 1:** Subtitle



**Fig. 2:** Subtitle (example for a graphic)

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The main conclusions are:

1. conclusion 1;
2. etc.

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|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *b* | Width |
| *e* | Distance |
| *E* | Young’s Module |
| *b* | Screw stretching |
|  | Axial stretching |

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[1] Weynand K, Jaspart JP, Steenhuis M. “The stiffness model of revised annex J of Eurocode 3”, *Proceedings of the 3rd International Workshop on Connections* (Eds.: R. Bjorhovde, A. Colson, R. Zandonini), Trento, Itália, 441-452, 1995.

[2] Zoetemeijer P. “A design method for the tension side of statically loaded bolted beam-to-column connections”, *Heron*, 20(1), 1-59, 1974.

[3] Owen DRJ, Hinton E. *Finite elements in plasticity – theory and practice*, Swansea: Pineridge Press Limited, 1980.