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Description

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Scope

This Study report consist of the following parts:

- Current use of EWPs
- Which EWPs are being used and on which building types
- Receptions of Structural Adhesives
- Benefits and Drawbacks of EWPs
- Future use of EWPs

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