

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Regarding hinge load values  
Reference value **40 kg**

## Overview of load values for hinges

It is identified with medium duty an application where hinges are installed on doors in housing or other living areas and in buildings where there is a medium frequency of use by persons with some incentive to exercise care and with some chance of accidents occurring or of misuse.

This description represents the typical "residential door" for which ANSELMi hinges are developed.

Assuming a reference value with door leaf dimensions of 900 x 2100 mm (W x H), the use of 2 hinges and a hinge gap of 1700 mm, the permissible load values change with different width and height ratios.

The following tables provides an overview of the maximum load value for the individual hinge type, taking the interaction of width and height of the door as well as the hinge gap into account.

**Blue** load value = reference value **Green** load value < reference value

Door height mm	Hinge gap mm								
2800	2400	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
2700	2300	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
2600	2200	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
2500	2100	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
2400	2000	40	40	40	40	40	40	37	
2300	1900	40	40	40	40	40	39	35	
2200	1800	40	40	40	40	40	37	33	
2100	1700	40	40	40	40	38	34	32	
2000	1600	40	40	40	39	36	32	30	
		600	750	800	900	1000	1100	1200	

→ Leaf width in mm

The use of a third hinge positioned in the middle of the door leaf has no influence on the load capacity of the hinge system. However, in case of particularly high doors (above 2200 mm), doors positioned in rooms with high levels of humidity (i.e. bathrooms) or doors between rooms with different temperatures (i.e. stairwell) and doors produced with light material (i.e. honeycomb) the use of more than two hinges is suggested in order to prevent the door from warping.

The specifications above are guidelines. Especially in the case of borderline load requirements, please approach us.

**An accurate, professional fitting in accordance with the ANSELMi installation instructions is always a prerequisite.**

Installation site (residential building, public building, school, administration, barracks, kindergarten etc.)

Type of material of the element

Frequency of operation

Door dimensions (e.g. excess widths)

Positioning of hinges

Assembly of hinges

Outward opening doors (porch)

Door stop

Door closer

Swing-door operator

Wall soffits

Closing sequence control systems, etc.

**When selecting or deciding on a hinge, the load alone is already often viewed as being identical to the weight of the door. However, the hinge load can often be several times the door weight, caused by various influential factors.**

Even taking these various criteria into account, an additional reserve should always still be included when selecting the hinge.

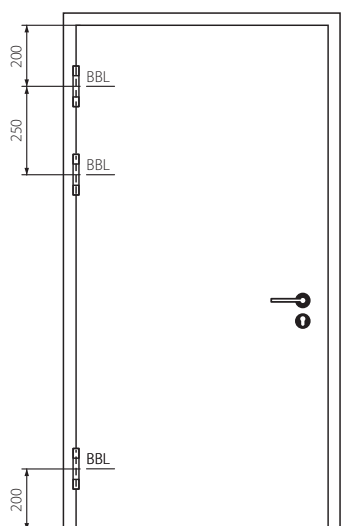
Especially in buildings where extra loads are incurred due to the high opening frequency and stress which is not always calculable (kindergarten, hospitals etc.), sufficiently dimensioned hinges should be used even if this would not have been necessary merely based on the door weight as such. Our technicians are at your disposal to identify the appropriate hinge system for your application.

#### Reference details

The load specifications for ANSELMi hinges are based on a maximum door weight. Additionally, the named influential factors must be taken into account for hinge loads.

#### All indications are based on the following references:

Door leaf dimensions	900 x 2100 mm
Use of	2 hinges
Hinge distance	1700 mm



#### Third hinge position on extra wide doors

In addition to the factors mentioned above the use of a third hinge can have a significant impact on the load capacity. In practice often a third hinge is located in the middle of the door in order to meet the optical demands and to minimize warping in the centre of the door. Under certain circumstances however it may be useful or even necessary to additionally support the upper hinge which takes most of the major tractive forces - this could be true, for instance, in the case of extra-wide doors ( $\geq 900$  mm), where additional forces occur due to the lever action. For these applications the third hinge has to be located in the upper third since only then the load capacity of the hinge is positively influenced. In case of door widths equal or above 900 mm ANSELMi suggests the use of a third hinge at 250 mm from the top one.

#### Door closers

Several models of ANSELMi hinges have been tested in combination with door closers. When door closers are used, ANSELMi recommends the use of a third hinge in the upper third of the door. The correct adjustment of the closer is a fundamental requirement for a long-lasting, problem-free functioning. It is recommended to get in touch with ANSELMi to obtain the technical specifications.

#### Wall openings, door stoppers

Factors such as door stoppers, projecting wall openings or similar cannot be measured or estimated and need to be considered individually, due to the lever action and forces that may occur if the door is opened too far resp. beyond a defined level. As a result of the doors' masses/weights, this can quickly lead to damage to the fastening, the hinges or similar. If it is necessary to use a door stopper, this should either be mounted on the wall or, instead, on the floor placed at 75% of the door's width away from the hinge axis in the direction of the lock.

#### Miscellaneous

The points given here are simply guidelines. In practice, it may very well make sense, depending on the door's composition, usage levels, location, etc., to take the above factors into account even for door widths  $\leq 900$  mm. This needs to be decided on a case-by-case basis. In any case, care must be taken to ensure that the hinges are of a sufficient size to be able to cover the extraneous factors.

