

Abstract**Fixing element having an expander element**

A fixing element (1) is disclosed, having an expansion zone which is formed by a longitudinal slot (5) having a trapezoidal cross-section and produced by stamping and an expander element (6) inserted in the longitudinal slot (5) and displaceable therein. On the two sliding surfaces (22, 23) of the longitudinal slot (5) arranged at an angle to one another the expander element (6) rests with its two bearing surfaces (24, 25), likewise arranged at an angle to one another, wherein the external surface of the expander element (6) provided with teeth (8) of roof-shaped construction projects beyond the shank (2) of the fixing element (1) at least with a part of the height of the teeth. The expander element (6) lying in the longitudinal slot (5) so that it is easily displaceable allows subsequent expansion of the anchored fixing element (1) in the event that the drilled hole widens as a result of cracks forming. (Figure 1).