

DESCRIPTION

POST-INSTALLED ANCHOR

5 **Technical Field**

[0001] The present invention relates to a post-installed anchor to be inserted and fixed in an anchor insertion hole formed in a structure and, more particularly, to a post-installed anchor that can be recovered and reused.

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Background Art

[0002] Conventionally, there are various types of post-installed anchors available which are each to be inserted and fixed in an anchor insertion hole formed in a structure such as an existing
15 concrete structure. For example, JP 2012-233490A discloses a post-installed anchor which is formed by subjecting a single pipe material to pressure-forging and is a one-piece product including a first bolt part and a second bolt part connected by a connecting part. The first bolt part has a tapered part formed by
20 pressure-forging to reduce the diameter of the pipe material. The second bolt part is shaped by pressure-forging to have four slits and a concavo-convex part at a bolt top, in which an inner circumferential wall in a back face area of the concavo-convex part serves as a guide face to be joined with an outer circumferential
25 face of the tapered part. The connecting part is a vestige of forging to connect the first bolt part and the second bolt part at the bolt top, and is thin and rupturable.

[0003] Further, JP 2012-184581A discloses a post-installed anchor which includes a cylindrical body part, an expandable part having

a plurality of slits formed on the tip side of the body part, leaving a prescribed interval in a circumferential direction and extending in an axial direction, a female screw formed in the inner surface of the expandable part, and a male screw body screwed with the female screw. The inner surface of the expandable part in which the female screw is formed is tapered toward the side at which the expanded expandable part closes as the male screw body is retracted. By screwing the male screw body into the female screw and advancing the male screw body toward the tip side of the body part, the expandable part is opened and expanded, and the expandable part closes as the male screw body is retracted.

Citation List

Patent Document

[0004] Patent Document 1: JP 2012-233490A
Patent Document 2: JP 2012-184581A

Disclosure of the Invention

Problems to be Solved by the Invention

[0005] However, the post-installed anchor disclosed in Patent Document 1 cannot be reused when it is removed and recovered from a structure after being used once.

[0006] The post-installed anchor disclosed in Patent Document 2 has a configuration in which the expandable part closes as the male screw body is retracted; however, plastic deformation remains due to pressure generated when the expandable part is opened and expanded, preventing smooth recovery of the anchor.

[0007] The object of the present invention is to provide a post-installed anchor capable of solving the problems of the conventional post-installed anchors, that is, capable of being used

repeatedly and being easily removed and recovered.

Means for Solving the Problems

[0008] To solve the above problems, according to the present
5 invention, there is provided a post-installed anchor to be inserted
and fixed in an anchor insertion hole formed in a structure,
including: a cylindrical anchor body; expandable pieces obtained
by dividing the tip side of the anchor body into a plurality of
pieces by a plurality of slits 16 which are formed on the tip side,
10 leaving equal intervals in a circumferential direction and
extending in the axial direction of the anchor body, the expandable
pieces each having a plate-like part whose surface is formed into
a flat surface and which has spring force, a fixing part formed
at the tip of the expandable piece and having a larger thickness
15 than that of the plate-like part, and an inclined part whose inner
surface is gradually inclined inward toward the tip of the
expandable piece; a female screw formed in an inner surface of an
unexpandable part side of the anchor body; and a male screw body
formed into a substantially columnar shape that can be inserted
20 into the anchor body, having a wedge part with a truncated conical
shape at its tip, having a male screw screwed with a female screw
formed in the anchor body at its rear end side, and having a rotary
tool engagement part at its rear end surface. The male screw body
is advanced with the male screw of the male screw body screwed with
25 the female screw of the anchor body to make the truncated conical
shaped wedge part at the tip of the male screw body abut against
the inclined part formed so that the inner surface thereof is
gradually inclined inward toward the tip side of the expandable
piece to expand the expandable piece by wedge action, pressing the

outer surface of the fixing part against the hole wall of the anchor insertion hole, which thereby fixes the post-installed anchor in the anchor insertion hole, and the male screw body is retracted to close the expanded expandable piece by spring force of the

5 plate-like part of the expandable piece for recovery and reuse.

[0009] Further, in the post-installed anchor according to the present invention, in a state where the male screw of the male screw body is screwed with the female screw to expand the fixing part of the expandable piece to thereby fix the post-installed anchor

10 to the anchor insertion hole, a screwable part of the female screw formed in the inner surface of the anchor body remains by a predetermined length from the upper end of the male screw body.

[0010] Further, in the post-installed anchor according to the present invention, the plate-like part of the expandable piece is

15 formed as a plate spring.

[0011] Further, in the post-installed anchor according to the present invention, the number of the expandable pieces is six.

Advantages of the Invention

20 [0012] There is provided a post-installed anchor to be inserted and fixed in an anchor insertion hole formed in a structure, including: a cylindrical anchor body; expandable pieces obtained by dividing the tip side of the anchor body into a plurality of pieces by a plurality of slits 16 which are formed on the tip side,

25 leaving equal intervals in a circumferential direction and extending in the axial direction of the anchor body, the expandable pieces each having a plate-like part whose surface is formed into a flat surface and which has spring force, a fixing part formed at the tip of the expandable piece and having a larger thickness

than that of the plate-like part, and an inclined part whose inner surface is gradually inclined inward toward the tip of the expandable piece; a female screw formed in an inner surface of an unexpandable part side of the anchor body; and a male screw body
5 formed into a substantially columnar shape that can be inserted into the anchor body, having a wedge part with a truncated conical shape at its tip, having a male screw screwed with a female screw formed in the anchor body at its rear end side, and having a rotary tool engagement part at its rear end surface. The male screw body
10 is advanced with the male screw of the male screw body screwed with the female screw of the anchor body to make the truncated conical shaped wedge part at the tip of the male screw body abut against the inclined part formed so that the inner surface thereof is gradually inclined inward toward the tip side of the expandable
15 piece to expand the expandable piece by wedge action, pressing the outer surface of the fixing part against the hole wall of the anchor insertion hole, which thereby fixes the post-installed anchor in the anchor insertion hole, and the male screw body is retracted to close the expanded expandable piece by spring force of the
20 plate-like part of the expandable piece for recovery and reuse. The post-installed anchor can thus be recovered and repeatedly used.

[0013] In a state where the male screw of the male screw body is screwed with the female screw to expand the fixing part of the expandable piece to thereby fix the post-installed anchor to the
25 anchor insertion hole, a screwable part of the female screw formed in the inner surface of the anchor body remains by a predetermined length from the upper end of the male screw body. This allows a screw for supporting scaffolding or the like to be screwed with the remaining screwable part of the female screw in the inner surface

of the anchor body.

[0014] By forming the plate-like part of the expandable piece as a plate spring, it is possible to impart spring force sufficient to eliminate an expanded fixed state of the fixing part to the
5 plate-like part.

[0015] By setting the number of the expandable pieces to six, well-balanced spring force can be ensured in the plate-like parts, and well-balanced fixing force can be ensured in the fixing parts.

10 **Brief Description of the Drawings**

[0016]

FIG. 1 is a perspective view illustrating an example of a post-installed anchor according to the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a longitudinal cross-sectional view of the
15 post-installed anchor according to the present invention;

FIGS. 3A, 3B, and 3C are each a cross-sectional view taken along line A-A of FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken along line B-B of FIG.
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20 FIGS. 5A and 5B are a perspective view and a cross-sectional view of a male screw body, respectively;

FIG. 6 is an explanatory view illustrating how to use the post-installed anchor;

FIG. 7 is an explanatory view illustrating how to use the
25 post-installed anchor;

FIG. 8 is an explanatory view illustrating how to use the post-installed anchor;

FIG. 9 is an explanatory view illustrating how to use the post-installed anchor; and

FIG. 10 is an explanatory view illustrating how to use the post-installed anchor.

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

5 **[0017]** An embodiment of a post-installed anchor will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings. The post-installed anchor in the drawings is an anchor to be inserted and fixed in an anchor insertion hole formed in a structure such as an existing concrete structure. While the existing concrete structure is taken
10 as an example in the present embodiment, an object to which a post-installed anchor 1 according to the present invention is fixed is not limited to this, but may be any structure or material such as a plaster board or a PC (Precast Concrete) panel.

[0018] The post-installed anchor according to the present
15 invention includes a cylindrical anchor body 10 and a male screw body 30. The anchor body 10 has expandable pieces 40 obtained by dividing the tip side of the anchor body 10 into a plurality of pieces by a plurality of slits which are formed on the tip side, leaving equal intervals in a circumferential direction and
20 extending in the axial direction of the anchor body 10. Further, a female screw 18 is formed in the inner surface of an unexpandable part of the anchor body 10. The anchor body 10 and male screw body 30 are each made of metal such as steel or resin such as reinforced resin.

25 **[0019]** A flange 12 is formed at the rear end of the anchor body 10, and a reinforcing rib 14 is formed between the flange 12 and the outer peripheral part of the anchor body 10. The flange 12 abuts around the entrance part of the anchor insertion hole formed in a structure C.

[0020] The plurality of slits 16 are formed on the tip side of the anchor body 10, leaving equal intervals and extending in the axial direction of the anchor body 10. The plurality of expandable pieces 40 are formed by the plurality of slits 16. Each expandable piece 5 40 includes a plate-like part 22 and a fixing part 20 formed at the tip of the plate-like part 22.

[0021] The plate-like part 22 of the expandable piece 40 is smaller in diameter than the anchor body 10 and smaller in thickness than the fixing part 20. The outer surface of the plate-like part 22 10 is made to be a flat or curved surface and formed so as to keep the expandable piece within the elasticity region even when it is expanded to a maximum extent and so as not to plastically deform the expandable piece even when the expanded expandable piece is closed.

[0022] The fixing part 20 of the expandable piece 40 has an inner surface 24a which is formed into a wedge surface inclined inward toward a tip part 24 side of the fixing part 20. The length of the fixing part 20 in the axial direction is set so that the fixing part 20 is securely fixed to the hole wall of the anchor insertion 15 20 hole.

[0023] Although the number of the expandable pieces 40 is six in the present embodiment, it is not limited to six; however, six is preferable when considering the relationship between well-balanced spring force of the plate-like parts 20 and well-balanced fixing 25 force of the fixing parts 20.

[0024] The female screw 18 is formed in the inner surface of the unexpandable part of the anchor body 10.

[0025] The male screw body 30 has a wedge part 34 having a truncated conical shape at its tip and has a male screw 32 screwed with the

female screw 18 formed in the inner surface of the unexpandable part of the anchor body 10 at its rear end side. A rotary tool engagement part 36 for a rotary tool such as a torque wrench is formed in the rear end surface of the male screw body 30. Although
5 the rotary tool engagement part 36 is formed into a hexagonal groove hole in the example of FIG. 5, it may be formed into a cross-shaped groove hole or other shapes.

[0026] The following describes how to use the thus configured post-installed anchor 1. As illustrated in FIG. 6, a drill is used
10 to drill an anchor insertion hole CH in the concrete structure C at an insertion target position of the post-installed anchor 1. The depth of the anchor insertion hole CH is set so that the inserted post-installed anchor 1 is accommodated within the anchor insertion hole CH. The inner diameter of the anchor insertion hole CH is set
15 slightly larger than the outer diameter of the post-installed anchor 1 before expansion so as to facilitate insertion of the post-installed anchor 1 before expansion into the anchor insertion hole CH.

[0027] As illustrated in FIG. 7, the post-installed anchor body
20 10 is inserted into the anchor insertion hole CH until the flange 12 thereof abuts around the opening entrance of the anchor insertion hole CH. Subsequently, the male screw body 30 is inserted into the anchor body 10 with the wedge part 34 at the tip thereof facing the anchor body 10.

[0028] As the male screw body 30 is inserted into the anchor body
25 10 accommodated in the anchor insertion hole CH, the male screw 32 of the male screw body 30 reaches the female screw 18 formed in the inner surface of the unexpandable part side of the anchor body 10. In this state, the tip of the rotary tool is engaged with

the rotary tool engagement part 36 formed in the rear end surface of the male screw body 30 and rotated, with the result that the male screw body 30 is advanced while the male screw 32 of the male screw body 30 and the female screw 18 of the anchor body 10 are
5 screwed with each other.

[0029] The male screw body 30 is thus advanced toward the tip of the anchor body 10, and the wedge part 34 at the tip of the male screw body 30 abuts against the inner surface 24a formed into a wedge surface inclined inward toward the tip part 24 side of the
10 fixing part 20 of the expandable piece 40. As the male screw body 30 is advanced, the fixing part 22 of the expandable piece 40 is expanded outward against the spring force of the plate-like part 22 by wedge action between the wedge part 34 of the male screw body 30 and the inner surface 24a as the wedge surface of the fixing
15 part 20 of the expandable piece 40. As a result, the outer surface of the fixing part 20 of the expandable piece 40 is pressed against the hole wall of the anchor insertion hole CH, whereby the post-installed anchor 1 is fixed in the anchor insertion hole CH.

[0030] As illustrated in FIG. 8, in a state where the post-installed
20 anchor 1 is fixed to the concrete structure C, the female screw 18 of the anchor body 10 is opened at the opening entrance side of the anchor insertion hole CH, so that, for example, a screw for securing scaffolding or the like is screwed with the opened female screw 18 at the time of use of the post-installed anchor 1. That
25 is, the axial direction length of the male screw body 30, the position of the male screw 32, and the axial direction length of the female screw 18 of the anchor body 10 are set so that the upper part of the female screw 18 remains as a screwable part in a state where the fixing part 20 of the expandable piece 40 is expanded

to be fixed to the hole wall. This allows a screw for supporting scaffolding or the like to be screwed with the remaining screwable part of the female screw in the inner surface of the anchor body.

[0031] As illustrated in FIG. 9, when the post-installed anchor 1 is recovered from the concrete structure C, the male screw body 30 is rotated reversely to be retracted. As the male screw body 30 is retracted, the fixing part 20 expanded outward is recovered to its original state by the spring force of the plate-like part 22. For ensuring the spring force of the plate-like part 22, the diameter of the plate-like part 22 is made smaller than that of the anchor body 10, the outer surface thereof is made to be a flat or curved surface, and the thickness thereof is made smaller than that of the fixing part 20. The expanded state of the fixing part 20 is smoothly eliminated by the spring force of the plate-like part 22, allowing the post-installed anchor 1 to be easily recovered from the anchor insertion hole CH.

[0032] Although the number of the expandable pieces 40 is six in the illustrated embodiment, it is not limited to six. However, the six expandable pieces 40 constitute a hexagonal shape, allowing the wedge part 34 to be linearly inserted although the shape constituted by the six expandable pieces 40 is close to a circle, which prevents the wedge part 34 from being inserted too tightly as well as enhancing the pull-out strength of the post-installed anchor 1.

[0033] As described below, according to the post-installed anchor 1 of the present invention, the diameter of the plate-like part 22 of each of the plurality of divided expandable pieces 40 is made smaller than that of the anchor body 10, the outer surface thereof is made to be a flat or curved surface, and the thickness thereof

is made smaller than that of the fixing part. Thus, the expandable piece is kept within the elasticity region even when the fixing part 20 is expanded to a maximum extent, and the expandable piece is not plastically deformed even when the expanded expandable piece is closed. This significantly facilitates recovery of the post-installed anchor 1 from the anchor insertion hole CH.

Industrial Applicability

[0034] According to the present invention, there can be provided a post-installed anchor capable of being used repeatedly and being easily removed.

Reference Signs List

[0035]

- 15 1: Post-installed anchor
 - 10: Anchor body
 - 12: Flange
 - 14: Reinforcing rib
 - 16: Slit
- 20 18: Female screw
 - 20: Fixing part
 - 22: Plate-like part
 - 22a: Cut-off part
 - 24: Tip part
- 25 24a: Fixing part inner surface
 - 30: Male screw body
 - 32: Male screw
 - 34: Wedge part
 - 36: Rotary tool engagement part

40: Expandable piece

C L A I M S

1. A post-installed anchor to be inserted and fixed in an anchor insertion hole formed in a structure, characterized by
5 comprising:

a cylindrical anchor body;

expandable pieces obtained by dividing the tip side of the anchor body into a plurality of pieces by a plurality of slits 16 which are formed on the tip side, leaving equal intervals in a
10 circumferential direction and extending in the axial direction of the anchor body, the expandable pieces each having a plate-like part whose surface is formed into a flat surface and which has spring force, a fixing part formed at the tip of the expandable piece, the fixing part protruding outwardly and having a larger thickness
15 than that of the plate-like part, and an inclined part whose inner surface is gradually inclined inward toward the tip of the expandable piece;

a female screw formed in an inner surface of an unexpandable part side of the anchor body; and

20 a male screw body formed into a substantially columnar shape that can be inserted into the anchor body, having a wedge part with a truncated conical shape at its tip, having a male screw screwed with a female screw formed in the anchor body at its rear end side, and having a rotary tool engagement part at its rear end surface,
25 wherein

the male screw body is advanced with the male screw of the male screw body screwed with the female screw of the anchor body to make the truncated conical shaped wedge part at the tip of the male screw body abut against the inclined part formed so that the

inner surface thereof is gradually inclined inward toward the tip side of the expandable piece to expand the expandable piece by wedge action, pressing the outer surface of the fixing part against the hole wall of the anchor insertion hole, which thereby fixes the post-installed anchor in the anchor insertion hole, and the male screw body is retracted to close the expanded expandable piece by spring force of the plate-like part of the expandable piece for recovery and reuse.

10 2. The post-installed anchor according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that:

 in a state where the male screw of the male screw body is screwed with the female screw to expand the fixing part of the expandable piece to thereby fix the post-installed anchor to the anchor insertion hole, a screwable part of the female screw formed
15 in the inner surface of the anchor body remains by a predetermined length from the upper end of the male screw body.

 3. The post-installed anchor according to any one of
20 claims 1 to 3, characterized in that:

 the plate-like part of the expandable piece is formed as a plate spring.

 4. The post-installed anchor according to any one of
25 claims 1 to 4, characterized in that:

 the number of the expandable pieces is six.