Bolted Connections

For In-pavement Airfield Lighting

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Bolted Connections Outline

- Engineering of a bolted connection
- Torque vs. Tension
- Tension Meter demonstration
- Conclusion/Questions









- Clamping force
 - Clamp force resists the shear load of the fixture



Clamping and shear force is spread over (6) bolts on an IPL



13,400 / 6 = approx. 2300 lbs. per bolt

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Stainless Alloy Group	Condition	Nominal Dia. (in.)	Tensile Strength (psi)	Core Hardness Rockwell		Min. Yield Strength	Grade Identification
				Min.	Max.	(psi)	Marking
1 (303, 304, 304L, 305, 384, XM1,	CW	1/4 - 5/8	100,000 - 150,000	B95	C32	65,000	F593C
18-9LW, 302HQ, 303Se)	CW	3/4 - 1 1/2	85,000 - 140,000	B80	C32	45,000	F593D
2 (316, 316L)	CW	1/4 - 5/8	100,000 - 150,000	B95	C32	65,000	F593G
	cw	3/4 - 1 1/2	85,000 - 140,000	B80	C32	45,000	F593H

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• P = St x As

P = Tensile Load (lbs)St = Yield Strength (psi)As = Tensile stress area of the bolt (square inches)

St = 65,000 psi For a 3/8-16 bolt ... As = .0775 sq inches

Max tensile load before yield = $65,000 \times .0775$ = 5037 lbs



Max Tensile load = 5037 lbs

Recall from before:



2300 lb requirement per bolt ... but it can withstand 5000 lbs without permanently deforming











Skidmore-Wilhelm

Model P

For 3/8" diameter bolts

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100 ft-lbs 1200 in-lbs

400 in-lbs / 35 ft-lbs

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Bolt	Anti- Seize	Tension (lbs)	Torque (in-lbs)
S30400 (304 SS)	none (dry)	2450	178
S30400 (304 SS)	Loctite 51609	2450	139
S30400 (304 SS)	Loctite 37230	2450	126
LSO1-2416x1.75 "orange ceramic"	none	2450	119





Procedure for use of torque-tension meter in airfield lighting

- Determine tension requirement (2300 lbs)
- Select anti-seize / lubricant (if required)
- Sample using calibrated torque-tension meter along with calibrated torque wrench
- With different bolt/lube/nut combination, recheck tension using selected torque value
- Install fixtures using calibrated torque wrench
- After install, re-verify torque-tension on another bolt/lube/nut (to insure torque wrench still operational)

Conclusion









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