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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/TS 11686:2017), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- [Figure 1](#) has been completely redrawn and Positions 4 and 5 have been corrected to accurately reflect the position of the washer, nut, O-ring and body.
- [Figure 1](#) Position 3 and [Figure 2](#) have been redrawn to remove horizontal line in the flowpath.

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## Introduction

In fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a fluid (liquid or gas) under pressure within an enclosed circuit. In general applications, a fluid may be conveyed under pressure.

Components may be connected through their ports by connections (connectors) and conductors (tubes and hoses). Tubes are rigid conductors; hoses are flexible conductors.

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# Connectors for fluid power and general use — Assembly instructions for connectors with adjustable stud ends and O-ring sealing

## 1 Scope

This document provides common installation instructions for all connectors that have adjustable stud ends and O-ring sealing. Conformance with the requirements of this document will result in a considerable reduction of leaks in hydraulic systems.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5598 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Instructions for the assembly of connectors with adjustable stud ends and O-ring sealing

### 4.1 Preparation prior to assembly

**4.1.1** To protect the sealing surfaces and prevent dirt and other contaminants from entering the system, protective caps and/or plugs shall not be removed until it is time to assemble the components.

**4.1.2** Just prior to assembly, protective caps and/or plugs shall be removed, and the connector and the port shall be inspected to ensure that both mating parts are free of burrs, nicks, scratches or any foreign material.

**4.1.3** If an O-ring is not present, one shall be installed on the port end of the connector using a proper O-ring installation tool, taking care not to cut or nick the O-ring.

**4.1.4** The O-ring shall be lubricated with a light coat of system fluid or compatible oil.

## 4.2 Assembly

### 4.2.1 Illustration

Figure 1 illustrates the steps specified in 4.2.2 through 4.2.6 and the final assembly.

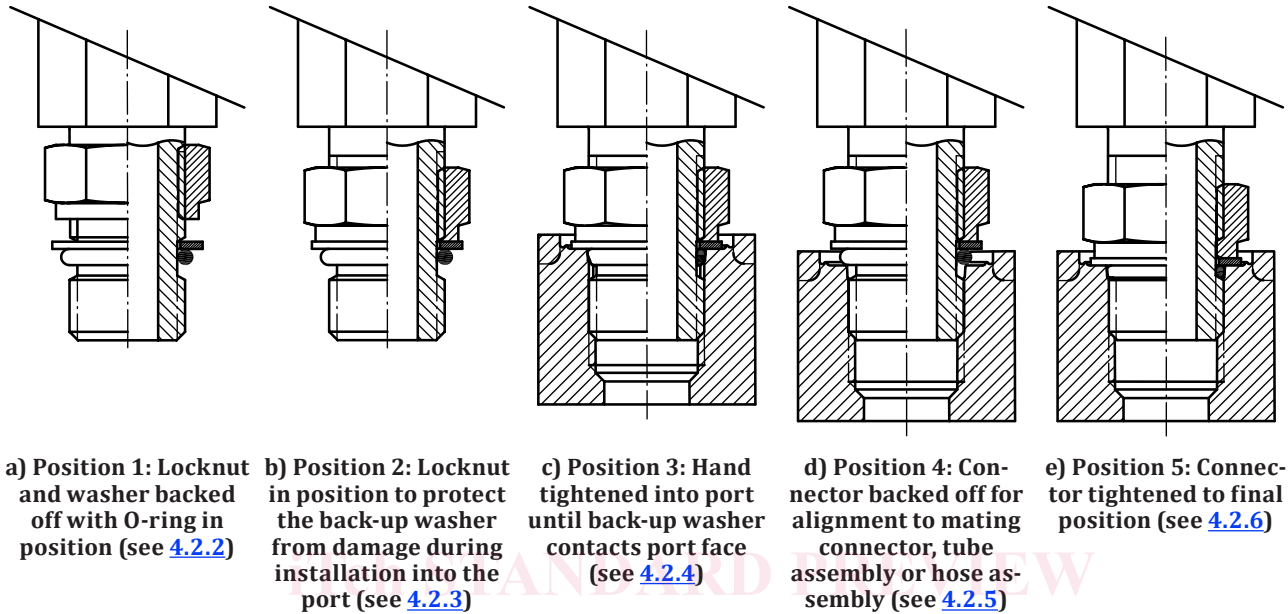


Figure 1 — Illustration of instructions for assembling connectors with adjustable stud ends and O-ring sealing

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### 4.2.2 Location of O-ring (Position 1 in Figure 1)

The O-ring should be located in the groove adjacent to the face of the back-up washer. The washer and O-ring should be positioned at the extreme top end of the groove as shown in Position 1 of Figure 1.

### 4.2.3 Positioning of locknut (Position 2 in Figure 1)

Position the locknut to just touch the back-up washer as shown in Position 2 of Figure 1. Having the locknut in this position will eliminate potential damage to the back-up washer during the next step (see 4.2.4).

### 4.2.4 Installation of connector into the port (Position 3 in Figure 1)

Install the connector into the port until the back-up washer contacts the face of the port as shown in Position 3 of Figure 1.

**CAUTION — Overtightening beyond contact may cause damage to the back-up washer if the washer is not supported by the locknut.**

### 4.2.5 Connector adjustment (Position 4 in Figure 1)

Adjust the connector to the proper position by turning it out, in a counterclockwise manner, up to a maximum of one turn as shown in Position 4 of Figure 1, to provide proper alignment with the mating connector, tube assembly or hose assembly.

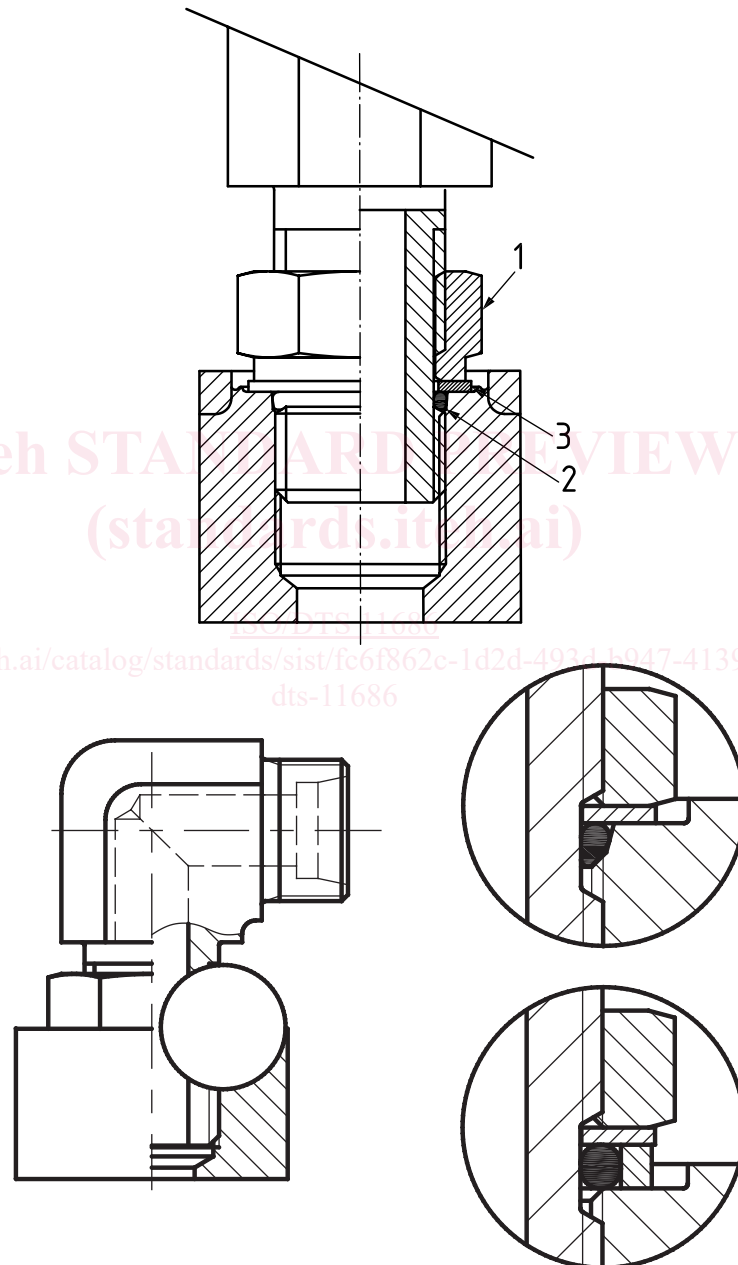


#### 4.2.6 Final tightening (Position 5 in [Figure 1](#))

Using two wrenches, use the backup wrench to hold the connector in the desired position and then use the torque wrench to tighten the locknut to the appropriate torque level given by the manufacturer.

#### 4.2.7 Final inspection

Visually inspect, where possible, the joint to ensure that the O-ring is not pinched or bulging out from under the washer and that the backup washer is properly seated flat against the face of the port. [Figure 2](#) provides an illustration of the final assembly.



#### Key

- 1 locknut
- 2 O-ring
- 3 back-up washer

**Figure 2 — Illustrations of final assembly of adjustable stud ends with O-ring sealing**

## Annex A (informative)

### Identification of ports, stud ends and plugs and potential for incompatible intermixing

#### A.1 General

[Table A.1](#) provides a summary of

- a) how to identify the most common ports, stud ends and plugs used in hydraulic fluid power systems and
- b) how ports and stud ends of different types can potentially be intermixed in an incompatible way, which should be avoided.

For threaded ports and stud ends specified in new designs in hydraulic fluid power applications, the ISO 6149 series should be used because these International Standards specify ports and stud ends with metric threads and O-ring sealing and because the sub-committee would like to help users by recommending one preferred system. The threaded ports and stud ends specified according to the ISO 1179 series, ISO 9974 series and ISO 11926 series should not be used for new designs in hydraulic fluid power applications; these International Standards will be maintained because they specify ports and stud ends that are currently used in hydraulic systems worldwide.

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