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# StandardSpecification for "Twist Off" Type Tension Control Structural Bolt/Nut/Washer Assemblies, Alloy Steel, Heat Treated, 200 ksi Minimum Tensile Strength<sup>1,2</sup>

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#### 1. Scope

- 1.1 This specification covers one style of heat treated, alloy steel, tension control bolt-nut-washer assemblies, also referred to as "sets," having a tensile strength of 200 to 215 ksi. These assemblies are capable of developing a minimum predetermined tension when installed by applying torque to the nut, while at the same time applying a counter torque to separate the spline end from the body of the bolt using an appropriate spline drive installation tool.
- 1.2 An assembly consists of a tension control bolt with spline end, nut and washer covered by this specification.
- 1.3 The assemblies are available with round heads described in Section 10, in sizes 1 in. to 11/4 in. inclusive.
- 1.4 The fastener assemblies are intended for use in structural connections in the following environmental conditions:
- 1.4.1 Interiors, normally dry, including interiors where structural steel is embedded in concrete, encased in masonry or protected by membrane or noncorrosive contact type fireproofing.
- 1.4.2 Interiors and exteriors, normally dry, under roof, where the installed assemblies are soundly protected by a shop-applied or field-applied coating to the structural steel system.
- 1.5 The fastener assemblies are not intended for use in structural connections in the following environments, with or without protection by a shop-applied or field-applied coating to the structural steel system:
- <sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F16 on Fasteners and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F16.02 on Steel Bolts, Nuts. Rivets and Washers.
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- 1.5.1 Exteriors not under roof.
- 1.5.2 Chemical environments in which strong concentrations of highly corrosive gases, fumes, or chemicals, either in solution or as concentrated liquids or solids, contact the fasteners or their protective coating.
- 1.5.3 Heavy industrial environments severe enough to be classified as a chemical environment as described in 1.5.2.
- 1.5.4 Condensation and high humidity environments maintaining almost continuous condensation, including submerged in water and soil.
- 1.5.5 Cathodically protected environments, in which current is applied to the structural steel system by the sacrificial anode method or the DC power method.
- 1.6 *Units*—The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.
- 1.7 The following precautionary statement pertains only to the test method portions, Section 13, Section 14 and Annex A2 of this Specification: This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

#### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

A751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products

E709 Guide for Magnetic Particle Testing

E1444 Practice for Magnetic Particle Testing

F606 Test Methods for Determining the Mechanical Properties of Externally and Internally Threaded Fasteners, Washers, and Rivets (Metric) F0606\_F0606M

F788/F788M Specification for Surface Discontinuities of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.



Bolts, Screws, and Studs, Inch and Metric Series

F812/F812M Specification for Surface Discontinuities of Nuts, Inch and Metric Series

F1470 Practice for Fastener Sampling for Specified Mechanical Properties and Performance Inspection

F1789 Terminology for F16 Mechanical Fasteners

F2328 Test Method for Determining Decarburization and Carburization in Hardened and Tempered Threaded Steel Bolts, Screws, Studs, and Nuts

2.2 ASME Standards:<sup>4</sup>

B1.3 Screw Thread Gaging Systems for Acceptability: Inch and Metric Screw Threads (UN, UNR, UNJ, M, and MJ)

B1.15 Unified Inch Screw Threads (UNJ Thread Form)

B18.2.6 Fasteners for Use in Structural Applications

### 3. Terminology

- 3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:
- 3.1.1 The definition of terms used in this specification shall be as specified in Terminology F1789, unless otherwise defined herein.
- 3.1.2 component lot, n—component lot, for the purpose of assigning an identification number and from which test samples shall be selected, shall consist of all tension control bolts, all nuts or all washers processed essentially together through all operations to the shipping container, of which each component has the following common characteristics: heat number (mill heat); nominal dimensions (size), grade, and heat treatment lot.
- 3.1.3 *manufacturer*, *n*—entity that assembles, lubricates, tests, and certifies compliance with this specification.

#### 4. Ordering Information

- 4.1 Orders for assemblies shall include the items of information below. Optional items not on the purchase order shall be considered as not being required (see Note 1): 73 ed 5761-61
  - 4.1.1 Quantity of assemblies,
- 4.1.2 Size, including nominal tension control bolt diameter, bolt length (without the spline end), and thread pitch,
  - 4.1.3 Grade, that is, Grade 1 or Grade 2,
- 4.1.4 Name of product, that is, twist off type tension control bolt/nut/washer assemblies<sup>2</sup>,
  - 4.1.5 ASTM designation and year of publication, and
  - 4.1.6 Special requirements, if required.

Note 1—A typical order description follows: 1000 assemblies, 11/4 diameter by 4 in. long with 7 threads per in., Grade 2, Tension Control Bolt/Nut/Washer Assemblies, Round Heads, ASTM F3043.

# 5. Materials and Manufacture

- 5.1 Tension Control Bolt/Nut/Washer Assemblies:
- 5.1.1 The assemblies shall be of the round head style.
- 5.1.2 The assemblies shall consist of one tension control bolt, with one nut and one washer assembled on the bolt and the nut threaded on the bolt a minimum of one turn.
  - 5.1.3 All nuts shall be heavy hex.
- <sup>4</sup> Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, http://www.asme.org.

- 5.1.4 All washers used in the assembly shall be circular and through hardened.
- 5.1.5 *Protective Coatings*—The bolts, nuts and washers shall not be coated by hot dip zinc coating, mechanical deposition, electroplating, dip-spin, dip-drain, or spray methods with zinc or other metallic coatings.

Note 2—Protective coatings may be shop-applied or field-applied to installed assemblies.

- 5.1.6 *Lubrication*:
- 5.1.6.1 The assemblies shall be lubricated by the manufacturer to meet the Assembly Lot Tension requirements in Section 9.
- 5.1.6.2 Lubrication other than that applied by the manufacturer shall not be permitted, as the type and amount of lubrication is critical to meeting the minimum clamping forces specified.
- 5.1.7 *Secondary Processing*—Secondary processing shall not be permitted to an assembly lot.
  - 5.2 Tension Control Bolts:
  - 5.2.1 *Heat Treatment:*
- 5.2.1.1 If phosphate coating has been applied to the raw material, the residual phosphate shall be removed prior to heat treatment, and a record of the application of this processing step shall be maintained by the processor.
- 5.2.1.2 Tension control bolts shall be heat treated by quenching in oil from the austenitizing temperature and then tempering by reheating to a temperature not less than 1000°F.
- 5.2.2 *Thread*—The threads of tension control bolts shall be rolled.
  - 5.3 Nuts:
  - 5.3.1 Nuts shall be made by hot forming.
- 5.3.2 Nuts shall be heat treated by quenching in a liquid medium from a temperature above the transformation temperature and tempering at a temperature of at least 850°F.
  - 5.3.3 Threads shall be formed by tapping.
  - 5.4 Washers:
  - 5.4.1 Washers shall be through hardened.

#### 6. Chemical Composition

- 6.1 Tension Control Bolts:
- 6.1.1 Steel for tension control bolts shall be made by the basic oxygen process.
- 6.1.2 Bolts shall be alloy steel conforming to the chemical composition in Table 1.
- 6.1.3 Product analysis may be made by the purchaser on finished bolts representing each lot. The chemical composition shall conform to the requirements in Table 1, Product Analysis.
- 6.1.4 Heats of steel to which bismuth, selenium, tellurium, lead or boron has been intentionally added shall not be permitted.
- 6.1.5 Compliance with 6.1.4 shall be based on certification that heats of steel having any of the listed elements intentionally added were not used to produce the bolts.
- 6.1.6 Chemical analysis shall be performed in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751.
  - 6.2 Nuts:

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements for Tension Control Bolts<sup>A</sup>

		Compo	sition, %		
Element	Heat Analysis, %		Product A	Product Analysis, %	
	min	max	min	max	
Carbon	0.38	0.42	0.36	0.44	
Manganese	0.40	0.60	0.37	0.63	
Phosphorus		0.01		0.015	
Sulfur		0.01		0.015	
Silicon		0.10		0.12	
Chromium	1.20	1.40	1.15	1.45	
Molybdenum	0.60	0.80	0.57	0.83	
Vanadium	0.30	0.40	0.27	0.43	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Aluminum, cobalt, niobium / columbium, nickel, titanium, tungsten, zirconium, or any other alloying elements may be added to obtain the desired alloying effect.

- 6.2.1 Steel for nuts shall be made by the basic oxygen or electric-furnace process.
- 6.2.2 Nuts shall conform to the chemical composition in Table 2.
- 6.2.3 Product analysis may be made by the purchaser on finished nuts representing each lot. The chemical composition shall conform to the requirements in Table 2, Product Analysis.
- 6.2.4 Chemical analysis shall be performed in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751.
  - 6.3 Washers:
- 6.3.1 Steel used in the manufacture of washers shall be produced by the basic-oxygen or electric-furnace process.
- 6.3.2 Washers shall conform to the chemical composition specified in Table 3.
- 6.3.3 Product analysis may be made by the purchaser on finished washers representing each lot. The chemical composition shall conform to the requirements in Table 3, Product Analysis.
- 6.3.4 Chemical analysis shall be performed in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751.

# 7. Mechanical Property Requirements for Tension Control Bolts, Nuts and Washers

- 7.1 Tension Control Bolts:
- 7.1.1 *Hardness*—Bolts shall conform to the hardness specified in Table 4.
  - 7.1.2 Tensile Properties:
- 7.1.2.1 Bolts shall be wedge tested full size and shall conform to the minimum and maximum wedge tensile load, and proof load or alternative proof load specified in Table 5. The load achieved during proof load testing shall be equal to or greater than the specified proof load.

**TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements for Nuts** 

		Compos	sition, %		
Element	Heat Analysis, %		Product A	Product Analysis, %	
	min	max	min	max	
Carbon	0.30	0.48	0.28	0.50	
Manganese	0.60	0.90	0.57	0.93	
Silicon	0.15	0.35	0.13	0.37	
Phosphorus		0.050		0.055	
Sulfur		0.050		0.055	

**TABLE 3 Chemical Requirements for Washers** 

		Compos	sition, %		
Element	Heat Analysis, %		Product A	Product Analysis, %	
	min	max	min	max	
Carbon	0.42	0.48	0.40	0.50	
Manganese	0.60	0.90	0.57	0.93	
Silicon	0.15	0.35	0.13	0.37	
Phosphorus		0.030		0.035	
Sulfur		0.030		0.035	

**TABLE 4 Hardness Requirements for Tension Control Bolts** 

Bolt Size, in.	Bolt Length, in	Rockwell C	
Doit Size, III.	Boit Length, in.	min max	
1 to 11/4, incl	all	38	45

TABLE 5 Tensile Requirements for Full Size Tension Control Bolts

Bolt Size,	Stress Area,	Tensile L	oad, lbf <sup>C</sup>
Threads per in.	in. <sup>2</sup> A,B	min	max
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Grade 1			
1 in 8	0.615	123 100	132 300
11/8 in 7	0.776	155 200	166 800
11/4 in 7	0.983	196 700	211 400
	Grad	de 2	
1 in 8	0.640	128 000	137 700
11/8 in 7	0.808	161 600	173 600
11/4 in 7	1.019	203 800	219 100

A The stress area for Grade 1 is calculated as:

 $A_s = 0.7854 [0.5 (d_{3 max} + d_{2 max})]^2$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>C</sup>Loads tabulated are based on the following:

Bolt Size, in.	Column 3	Column 4
1 to 11/4	200 000 psi	215 000 psi

- 7.1.2.2 When the length of the bolt makes full size testing impractical, machined specimens shall be tested and shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 6. When bolts are tested by both full size and machined specimen methods, the full size test shall take precedence.
- 7.1.2.3 For bolts on which both hardness and tension tests are performed, acceptance based on tensile requirements shall take precedence in the event of low hardness readings.
- 7.1.2.4 Sample bolts shall be used to verify that the alloy steel material and heat treatment provides resistance to Environmental Hydrogen Embrittlement (EHE), in accordance with the requirements of Annex A2.
  - 7.2 *Nuts*:
- 7.2.1 Nuts shall conform to the surface hardness specified in Table 7.

TABLE 6 Tensile Strength Requirements for Specimens
Machined from Bolts

Nominal Bolt Diameter, in.	Tensile St	rength, ksi	Yield Strength - (0.2 %	Elongation in 2 in. or Reduction of Area,	Reduction
	min	max	offset), 50 mm, min, %	min, %	
1 to 11/4, incl	200	215	180	14	40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> The stress area for Grade 2 is calculated in accordance with Annex A1.

**TABLE 7 Hardness Requirements for Nuts** 

Bolt Size, in. —	Surface Hardne	ess, Rockwell C
Boil Size, III.	min	max
1 to 11/4, incl	30	40

7.2.2 Nuts shall withstand the proof load stress specified in Table 8.

#### 7.3 Washers:

7.3.1 Washers shall conform to the core hardness specified in Table 9.

#### 8. Assembly Lot Tension Test

- 8.1 *Purpose*—The assembly lot tension test shall be performed on fastener assemblies to determine the ability of the assembly to provide the required minimum tension.
- 8.2 *Requirement*—Full size completed assemblies tested in accordance with 14.4 shall develop a bolt tension when the spline end is separated from the bolt conforming to the requirements in Table 10, Column 1.

#### 9. Carburization/Decarburization of Bolts

9.1 This test is intended to evaluate the presence or absence of carburization and decarburization as determined by the difference in microhardness near the surface and core.

#### 9.2 Requirements:

- 9.2.1 *Carburization*—The assemblies shall show no evidence of a carburized surface when evaluated in accordance with 14.1.4.
- 9.2.2 *Decarburization*—Hardness value differences shall not exceed the requirements set forth for decarburization in Test Method F2328 for class <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> H materials when evaluated in accordance with 14.1.4.

# 10. Dimensions of Tension Control Bolts, Nuts, and Washers

- 10.1 Tension Control Bolts:
- 10.1.1 Tension control bolts shall be furnished with round heads.

**TABLE 8 Proof Load Requirements for Nuts** 

Nominal Size - Threads per in.	Stress Area, A <sub>s</sub> , in. <sup>2</sup> A,B	Proof Load Stress, ksi	Nut Proof Load, lbf <sup>C</sup>
	Grad	le 1	
1 in 8	0.615	200	123 100
11/8 in 7	0.776	200	155 200
11/4 in 7	0.983	200	196 700
	Grad	le 2	
1 in 8	0.640	200	128 000
11/8 in 7	0.808	200	161 600
11/4 in 7	1.019	200	203 800

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> The stress area for Grade 1 is calculated as:

 $A_s = 0.7854 [0.5 (d_{3 max} + d_{2 max})]^2$ 

**TABLE 9 Core Hardness Requirements for Washers** 

	Rockwell C
Min 40	Max 45

**TABLE 10 Assembly Lot Tension Test Requirements** 

	Gra	de 1	Grad	de 2
Bolt Size, in.	Manufacturers Acceptance Test Tension, Ibs, min <sup>A</sup>	Tension lbs, min (for information only) <sup>B</sup>	Manufacturers Acceptance Test Tension, Ibs, min <sup>A</sup>	Tension lbs, min (for information only) <sup>B</sup>
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 1	Column 2
1	90 000	86 000	94 000	90 000
11/8	114 000	109 000	119 000	113 000
11/4	145 000	138 000	150 000	143 000

 $<sup>^{</sup>A}$  The manufacturer's acceptance test tension values are 5 % higher than the tension in Column 2 and are rounded to the nearest 1000 lbs (kip).

10.1.2 The head, body and spline dimensions shall conform to the dimensional requirements in Table 11, and ASME B18.2.6 section 6.5 for straightness, 6.6 for true position of head, and 6.11 for incomplete thread diameter.

10.1.3 Threads:

10.1.3.1 The thread length shall be as specified in Table 11.

10.1.3.2 Threads for Grade 1 shall have the coarse series, class 2A UNJ thread as specified in ASME B1.15.

10.1.3.3 Threads for Grade 2 shall be as specified in Annex A1, and shall have Class 2A tolerances as calculated in section 4.3.3 of ASME B1.15.

10.1.3.4 The gauging limit for bolts shall be verified during manufacture. In case of purchaser/supplier controversy over thread compliance, System 21 of ASME B1.3 shall be used for referee purposes.

10.2 Nuts:

- 10.2.1 The dimensions for nuts shall conform to the dimensional requirements in Table 12, and ASME B18.2.6, sections 3.1.4, 3.1.5 and 3.1.6.
- 10.2.2 Threads for nuts for Grade 1 shall be coarse series, class 2B UNJ thread as specified in ASME B1.15.
- 10.2.3 Threads for nuts for Grade 2 shall be as specified in Annex A1, with UNJ thread and without root radius, and shall have Class 2B tolerances as calculated in section 4.3.4 of ASME B1.15.

10.3 Washers:

- 10.3.1 All circular washers shall conform to the dimensions shown in Table 13.
- 10.3.2 The deviation from flatness shall not exceed 0.010 in. per inch as the maximum deviation from a straight edge placed on the cut side.
- 10.3.3 Circular runout of the outside diameter with respect to the hole shall not exceed 0.030 FIM.
- 10.3.4 Burrs shall not project above the immediately adjacent washer surface more than 0.010 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> The stress area for Grade 2 is calculated in accordance with Annex A1.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>it C}$  To determine nut proof load in pounds, multiply the appropriate nut proof load stress by the tensile stress area of the thread.

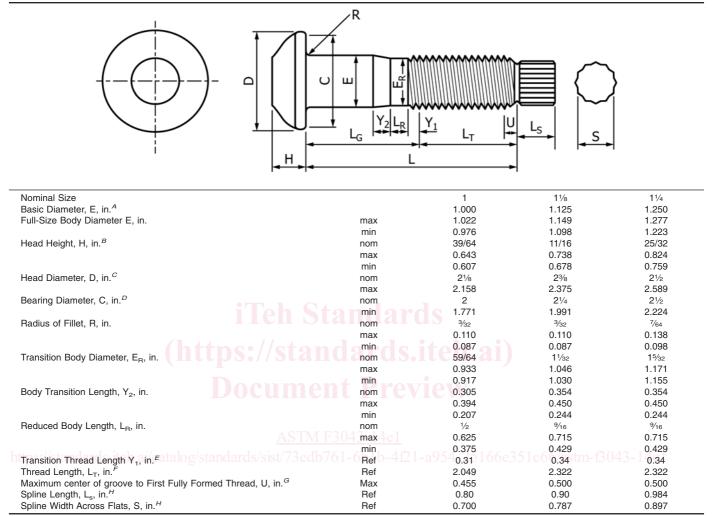
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> The values in Column 2 are equal to 70 % of the specified minimum tensile strength for tests of full size F3043 bolts tested in axial tension and are rounded to the nearest 1000 lbs (kip).



#### **TABLE 11 Tension Control Bolts**

Note 1—The bolt length L shall be the distance measured parallel to the axis of the bolt from the bearing surface of the head to the center point of the groove through which shear will occur. Bolts are normally supplied in ½ in. length increments.

Note 2—For bolts 1 in. diameter with length up to 6 in., inclusive, length tolerance is 3/16 in. underlength. For longer 1 in. diameter bolts and other diameters, length tolerance is 1/4 in. underlength.



A Where specifying nominal size in decimals, zeros preceding the decimal shall be used and the fourth decimal place shall be omitted.

# 11. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

11.1 For tension control bolts, the allowable limits, inspection, and evaluation of the surface discontinuities, quench cracks, forging cracks, head bursts, shear bursts, seams,

folds, thread laps, voids, tool marks, nicks, and gouges shall be in accordance with Specification F788/F788M.

11.2 For the nut component, the allowable limits, inspection, and evaluation of surface discontinuities, quench

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> The head height shall be that overall distance measured parallel to the axis of the product from the top of the head to the bearing surface and shall include the thickness of the washer face. Raised grade and manufacturer's identification are excluded from head height.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>it C}$  The circumference may be irregular with a rounded or flat edge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>D</sup> The bearing surface shall be flat and perpendicular to the body within the FIM limits specified for total runout. Measurement of FIM shall extend as close to the periphery of the bearing surface as possible while the bolt is being held in a collet or other gripping device at a distance of one bolt diameter from the underside of the head. A die seam across the bearing surface is not permissible.

F Transition thread length, Y<sub>1</sub>, is a reference dimension, intended for calculation purposes only, that represents the length of incomplete threads and tolerance on grip gaing length.

F See ASME B18.2.6, section 6.10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>G</sup> Unless otherwise specified, bolts need not be pointed. The distance, U, is from the center of the groove to the first fully formed thread crest. This shall be determined by measuring how far the point enters into a cylindrical NOT GO major diameter ring gage.

<sup>H</sup> The spline dimensions and groove dimensions are reference dimensions and shall be at the discretion of the manufacturer. Users should consult with the supplier to

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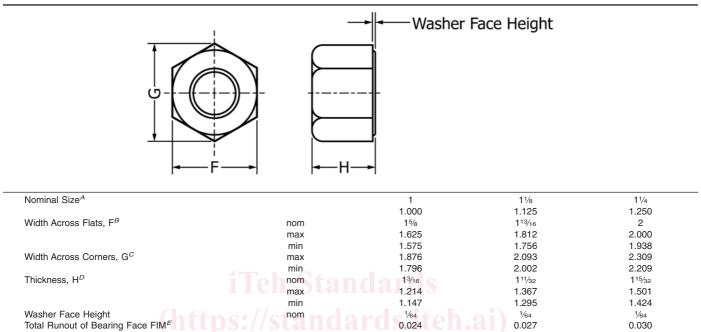


#### **TABLE 12 Nut Dimensions**

Note 1—The tops of washer faced nuts shall be flat and the diameter of chamfer circle shall be equal to the maximum width across flats within a tolerance of -15%. The length of chamfer at hex comers shall be 5% to 15% of the basic thread diameter. The surface of chamfer may be slightly convex or rounded.

Note 2—Bearing surfaces shall be flat and perpendicular to the axis of the threaded hole within the total runout (FIM) tabulated for the respective nut size.

Note 3—FIM = Full Indicator Movement



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Where specifying nominal size in decimals, zeros preceding the decimal shall be used and the fourth decimal place shall be omitted.

cracks, forging cracks, inclusion cracks, bursts, shear bursts, seams, voids, tool marks, nicks and gouges shall be in accordance with Specification F812/F812M.

11.3 Washers shall be free of excess mill scale and foreign material on bearing surfaces.

# 12. Magnetic Particle Inspection for Tension Control Bolt Longitudinal Discontinuities and Transverse Cracks

- 12.1 Requirements:
- 12.1.1 Each sample representative of the bolt lot shall be magnetic particle inspected for longitudinal discontinuities and transverse cracks.
- 12.1.2 The lot, as represented by the sample, shall be free from nonconforming bolts, as defined in Specification F788/F788M, when inspected in accordance with Section 12.2.
  - 12.2 Inspection Procedure:
- 12.2.1 The inspection sample shall be selected at random from each bolt lot in accordance with 13.4.2.4 and examined for longitudinal discontinuities and transverse cracks in the threads, body, fillet, and underside of the head.

- 12.2.2 Magnetic particle inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Guide E709 or Practice E1444. Guide E709 shall be used for referee purposes. If any nonconforming bolt is found during the manufacturers examination of the lot selected in 12.2.1, the lot shall be 100 % magnetic particle tested and all nonconforming bolts shall be removed and scrapped or destroyed.
- 12.2.3 Eddy current or liquid penetrant inspection may be substituted for the 100 % magnetic particle inspection when nonconforming bolts are found and 100 % inspection is required. On completion of the eddy current or liquid penetrant inspection, a random sample selected from each bolt lot in accordance with Guide F1470, shall be reexamined by the magnetic particle method. In case of controversy, the magnetic particle test shall take precedence.
- 12.2.4 Magnetic particle indications of themselves shall not be cause for rejection. If in the opinion of the quality assurance representative the indications may be cause for rejection, a sample taken in accordance with Guide F1470 shall be examined by microscopic examination or removal by surface

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> The width across flats of heavy hex nuts shall be the overall distance measured, perpendicular to the axis of the nut, between two opposite sides of the nut. No transverse section through the nut between 25% and 75% of the actual nut thickness, as measured from the bearing surface, shall be less than the minimum width across flats. <sup>C</sup> A rounding or lack of fill at junction of hex comers with chamfer shall be permissible, provided the width across comers is within specified limits at and beyond a distance

equal to 17.5% of the basic thread diameter from the chamfered faces.

<sup>D</sup> The nut thickness shall be the overall distance measured parallel to the axis of the nut, from the top of the nut to the bearing surface, and shall include the thickness of the washer face where provided.

E Nuts shall have a washer faced bearing surface and chamfered top. The diameter of washer face shall be within the limits of the maximum width across flats and 95% of the minimum width across flats.