



Specification for

**High strength friction
grip bolts and
associated nuts and
washers for structural
engineering metric
series —**

**Part 2: Higher grade bolts and nuts and
general grade washers**

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Foreword

This standard makes reference to the following British Standards:

BS 18, *Methods for tensile testing of metals*.

BS 240, *Method for Brinell hardness test*.

BS 240-1, *Testing of metals*.

BS 427, *Method for Vickers hardness test*.

BS 427-1, *Testing of metals*.

BS 891, *Method for Rockwell hardness test*.

BS 891-1, *Testing of metals*.

BS 1916, *Limits and fits for engineering*.

BS 3643, *ISO metric screw threads*.

BS 3643-1, *Thread data and standard thread series*.

BS 3643-2, *Limits and tolerances for coarse pitch series threads*.

BS, *The use of high strength friction grip bolts in structural steelwork. Metric series — Part 2: Higher grade*¹⁾.

This British Standard has been prepared under the authority of the Mechanical Engineering Industry Standards Committee as a result of the decision taken to adopt the ISO metric screw thread system in the United Kingdom (see Appendix A), and requests received from industry for the provision of a specification for high strength friction grip bolts to basic metric dimensions.

Although at present there are no ISO Recommendations, draft recommendations or draft proposals relating specifically to high strength friction grip bolts, account has been taken of current documentation prepared by ISO Committee ISO/TC 2, “*Bolts, nuts and accessories*”, and where appropriate the provisions of the following ISO Recommendations have been incorporated in the text of this standard:

ISO Recommendation R 225, “*Bolts, screws and nuts, dimensions*”.

ISO Recommendation R 272, “*Hexagon bolts and nuts, metric series, widths across flats, heights of heads, thicknesses of nuts*”.

ISO Recommendation R 733, “*Hexagon bolts and nuts, metric series, tolerances on widths across flats, widths across corners*”.

ISO Recommendation R 885, “*Bolts and screws. Radii under the head for general purpose bolts and screws. Metric series*”.

ISO Recommendation R 888, “*Nominal lengths for bolts, screws and studs, thread lengths for general purpose bolts*”.

ISO Recommendation R 898/I, “*Mechanical properties of fasteners*” — Part I “*Bolts, screws and studs*”.

ISO Recommendation R 898/II, “*Mechanical properties of fasteners*” — Part II “*Nuts with specified proof load values*”.

Although the basic hexagon sizes for the bolts and nuts are in accordance with ISO Recommendation R 272, the next larger width across flats for any given diameter, as shown in the normal metric series, have been selected in order to provide greater bearing areas for both bolts and nuts.

¹⁾ In course of preparation

The diametral dimension for the flat washers given in this specification have been based on the “large diameter series” detailed in ISO Recommendation R 887, “*Washers for hexagon bolts, metric series*”. The thicknesses for the flat washers have been based on those currently given in BS 3139²⁾, and the American Standard ASTM A 325³⁾, since it was felt that these thicknesses were more compatible with the function for which these washers are used. The washer thicknesses quoted in ISO/R 887 being more applicable to ordinary hexagon bolts and nuts.

The dimensions of square taper washers given in this British Standard have been based on the inch sizes at present given in BS 3139, since it seems unlikely that BS 4, “*Structural steel sections*”, will be revised to provide rational metric sizes for sections in the near future. It also seems unlikely that a metric version of BS 4 would in any way change the flange angles, and there appears to be justification for retaining them as at present, since ISO is currently considering the adoption of structural steel sections covered by BS 4.

Part 1 of this standard provides for a general grade of parallel shank high strength friction grip bolts and their associated nuts and washers. The mechanical properties of the bolts conform to metric equivalents of USA standard SAE grade 5 material used in BS 3139-1²⁾ and ASTM A 325³⁾.

This publication (Part 2), gives requirements for a higher grade of parallel shank bolt with mechanical properties conforming to ISO/R 898/I⁴⁾, strength grade 10.9. The requirements for the nuts in this part of the standard are in accordance with ISO/R 898/II⁵⁾, strength grade 12.

The envisaged Part 3 of this standard will deal with the higher grade of waisted shank high strength friction grip bolts.

NOTE 1 The standard thread lengths for the higher grade bolts specified in this Part of the standard have been increased slightly compared with those quoted in ISO/R 888 and Part 1 of this standard. This increase in thread length has been incorporated to align with current UK/USA practice concerning higher grade parallel shank bolts.

NOTE 2 Although the minimum radii under the head specified for bolts in this standard are in accordance with ISO/R 885, the transition diameter (d_a max.) quoted in Table 2 falls between the values quoted for finished and semi-finished products in the recommendation. This minor deviation was justified by the committee on the grounds that these products were not general purpose bolts and as such, it was felt desirable to specify a maximum transition diameter consistent with their specialized function.

NOTE 3 Although the mechanical requirements specified in this standard are in metric technical units (i.e. kgf/mm²), in accordance with present ISO agreements (ISO/R 898/I), comparable SI units have been included in anticipation of future international agreement in this respect. 1 kgf = 9.806 65 newtons. For further information about SI units see PD 5686, “*The use of SI units*”, and Supplement No. 1 to BS 350-2, “*Additional tables for SI conversions*”.

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Summary of pages

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This standard has been updated (see copyright date) and may have had amendments incorporated. This will be indicated in the amendment table on the inside front cover.

²⁾ BS 3139, “*High strength friction grip bolts for structural engineering*” — Part 1: “*General grade bolts*”.

³⁾ ASTM A 325, “*High-strength carbon steel bolts for structural joints, including the suitable nuts and plain hardened washers*”.

⁴⁾ ISO Recommendation R 898/I, “*Mechanical properties of fasteners*” — Part I: “*Bolts, screws and studs*”.

⁵⁾ ISO Recommendation R 898/II, “*Mechanical properties of fasteners*” — Part II: “*Nuts with specified proof load values*”.

1 General

1.1 Scope

Part 2 of this British Standard relates to the higher grade (10.9) of quenched and tempered high strength friction grip hexagon head bolts and their associated nuts (Grade 12) and washers for use in structural engineering.

Dimensions are given for a range of nominal sizes from 16 mm (M 16) to 33 mm (M 33) inclusive and mechanical properties are specified. Full details of tests, inspection procedure and provisions for marking are also included.

NOTE Attention is drawn to the importance of ensuring that these bolts are correctly used if satisfactory results are to be obtained. Recommendations giving guidance in the use of this form of fastener are given in BS, "The use of high strength friction grip bolts in structural steelwork. Metric series" — Part 2: "Higher grade" (in course of preparation).

Any alternative method of use shall be the responsibility of the engineer and shall be noted on the appropriate drawings and/or documents.

1.2 Terminology

The term "high strength friction grip bolts" relates to bolts of high tensile steel, used in conjunction with high tensile steel nuts and quenched and tempered steel washers, which are tightened to a predetermined shank tension in order that the clamping force thus provided will transfer loads in the connected members by friction between the parts and not by shear in or bearing on the bolts or plies of connected members.

2 Bolts

2.1 Material

Steel used in the manufacture shall be that produced by the open-hearth, electric or any of the oxygen processes⁶⁾. The maximum content of sulphur and phosphorus shall not exceed 0.06 % each. In the case of the oxygen processes the maximum content of nitrogen shall not exceed 0.008 %.

2.2 Heat treatment

Bolts shall be heat-treated under uniform conditions. They shall be hardened by quenching in oil or water and shall then be tempered.

2.3 Mechanical properties

Bolts shall meet the requirements of Table 4 for all properties selected for the test programme (see 2.4).

NOTE The figures given in Columns 4 to 10 inclusive of Table 4 are minimum values.

The manner in which tests are to be carried out is specified in Appendix B.

2.4 Test programme

Appendix D is a list of mechanical properties for bolts and indicates by the symbol "●" the tests to be carried out by the supplier for all bolts. The tests indicated by the symbol "⊕" may be carried out at the special request of the purchaser. If these tests are required, this should be clearly stated in the enquiry, order or contract.

2.5 General test requirements

2.5.1 Number of tests. Each test selected from Appendix D shall be carried out three times per batch of bolts.

A batch shall consist of the number of pieces shown in Table 1.

Table 1 — Number of pieces comprising a batch of bolts

| Diameter of bolt <i>d</i> | Number of pieces in batch |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 16 mm | 15 000 or fraction thereof |
| Over 16 mm up to and including 24 mm | 5 000 or fraction thereof |
| Over 24 mm | 2 500 or fraction thereof |

2.5.2 Retests. Should any specimen fail to meet the requirements of a specified test, an additional sample of double the number of specimens from the same batch at the time of manufacture shall be tested and unless all the additional specimens satisfy the requirements of the test the batch shall be rejected.

2.6 Dimensions and finish

The dimensions, tolerances and general finish of the bolts shall be in accordance with 2.6.1 to 2.6.6 inclusive and with Table 5.

2.6.1 Length of bolts

2.6.1.1 Nominal length. The nominal length of the bolt shall be the distance from the underside of the head to the extreme end of the shank, including any chamfer or radius. The standard nominal lengths are given in Appendix F, together with preferred size combinations of diameter and length.

2.6.1.2 Tolerance. The tolerance on the nominal length shall be as shown in Table 2.

⁶⁾ This term includes both top and bottom blown oxygen processes.

Table 2 — Tolerance on nominal length

| Nominal length | | Tolerance on length |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Over | Up to and including | |
| mm | mm | mm |
| 30 | 50 | ± 1.25 |
| 50 | 80 | ± 1.50 |
| 80 | 120 | ± 1.75 |
| 120 | 180 | ± 2.00 |
| 180 | 250 | ± 2.30 |
| 250 | 315 | ± 2.60 |
| 315 | 400 | ± 2.85 |
| 400 | 500 | ± 3.15 |

2.6.2 Ends of bolts. The ends of bolts may, at the option of the manufacturer, be finished with either a 45° chamfer to a depth slightly exceeding the depth of the thread or with a radius approximately equal to 1¼ times the nominal diameter of the shank.

2.6.3 Screw threads

2.6.3.1 General. The form of thread, and diameters and associated pitches of higher grade metric high strength friction grip bolts shall be in accordance with BS 3643-1⁷⁾.

2.6.3.2 Tolerances. The screw threads shall be made to the tolerances for the “medium” class of fit (6 g) as specified in BS 3643-2⁷⁾.

2.6.4 Length of thread

2.6.4.1 General. The length of thread on bolts shall be the distance from the end of the bolt (including any chamfer or radius) to the leading face of a screw ring gauge which has been screwed as far as possible on to the bolt by hand.

The length of thread runout shall not exceed 2.5 times the pitch of the thread.

The standard thread lengths are based on the formulae set out in Table 3.

Table 3 — Thread lengths

| Nominal length of bolt | Length of thread |
|--|------------------|
| Up to and including 125 mm | $2d + 12$ mm |
| Over 125 mm up to and including 200 mm | $2d + 18$ mm |
| Over 200 mm | $2d + 30$ mm |

2.6.4.2 Tolerances. The tolerances on bolt thread lengths shall be plus two pitches for all diameters. Bolts that are too short for minimum thread length shall be threaded as near to the head as possible, providing the radius specified in Table 5 is maintained.

2.6.5 Chamfering and facing of head. The heads shall be chamfered at an angle of approximately 30° on their upper faces. The diameter of the ring formed by the chamfer on the upper face of the bolt shall not be smaller than 90 % of the minimum across-flats dimension (see Figure 1).

The lower or bearing face shall be washer faced. The bearing face shall be machined or have a surface equal to that produced by machining.

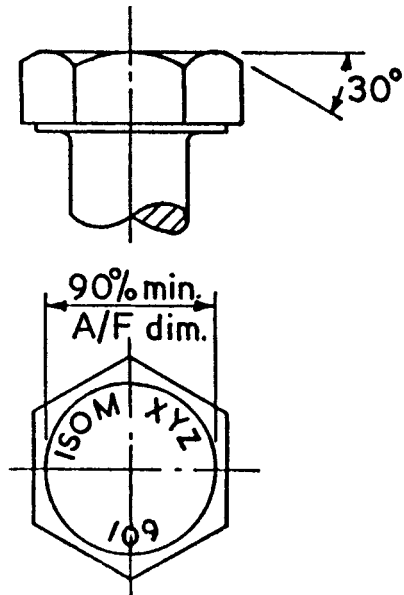
2.6.6 Diameter of shank. The maximum and minimum diameters of the unthreaded portion of the shank of the bolt shall be in accordance with dimensions given in Table 5, Columns 3 and 4. The shank diameter shall be capable of acceptance by a ring gauge having an internal diameter equal to the maximum shank diameter as specified in Column 3, Table 5 and subject to a tolerance of plus 0.025 mm plus 0.050 mm.

A suitable design of gauge for this test would be a plain ring gauge having a maximum thickness equal to the nominal diameter of the bolt, a minimum fillet radius in the bore equal to the maximum radius under the bolt head and an internal diameter as specified above.

2.7 Marking

Bolts shall be identified as higher grade high strength friction grip bolts by being marked “ISOM” or “M” to signify ISO metric thread and “10.9” to signify strength grade designation 10.9 (see Figure 1). They shall also bear the manufacturer’s identification mark.

⁷⁾ BS 3643, “ISO Metric screw threads” — Part 1: “Thread data and standard thread series” — Part 2: “Limits and tolerances for coarse pitch series threads”.



- 'ISOM' or 'M' = ISO metric identification
- 'XYZ' = manufacturer's (trade, marking)
- '109' = strength grade 10.9

Figure 1 — Chamfering, facing and marking of bolts

Table 4 — Mechanical properties of bolts

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------|--------------|------|---------------|------|
| Nominal size and thread diameter <i>d</i> mm | Pitch of thread ISO metric coarse series <i>p</i> mm | Tensile stress area (see Note 1) <i>A_s</i> mm ² | Ultimate load (see Note 2) min. | | Load at permanent set limit <i>R</i> _{0.2} min. (see Note 3) min. | | Proof load (see Note 4) min. | | Elongation after fracture | Hardness (see Note 5) | | | | | |
| | | | tonne force (1 000 kgf) | kilo-newtons | tonne force (1 000 kgf) | kilo-newtons | tonne force (1 000 kgf) | kilo-newtons | | Brinell HB | | Rockwell HRC | | Vickers HV 30 | |
| | | | | | | | | | % min. | max. | min. | max. | min. | max. | min. |
| M 16 | 2.0 | 157 | 15.7 | 154.1 | 14.13 | 138.7 | 12.45 | 122.2 | 9 | 365 | 280 | 38 | 27 | 380 | 280 |
| M 20 | 2.5 | 245 | 24.5 | 240.0 | 22.05 | 216 | 19.41 | 190.4 | 9 | 365 | 280 | 38 | 27 | 380 | 280 |
| M 22 | 2.5 | 303 | 30.3 | 296.5 | 27.2 | 266 | 24.0 | 235.4 | 9 | 365 | 280 | 38 | 27 | 380 | 280 |
| M 24 | 3.0 | 353 | 35.3 | 346 | 31.8 | 312 | 28.0 | 274.6 | 9 | 365 | 280 | 38 | 27 | 380 | 280 |
| M 27 | 3.0 | 459 | 45.9 | 450 | 41.4 | 406 | 36.3 | 356 | 9 | 365 | 280 | 38 | 27 | 380 | 280 |
| M 30 | 3.5 | 561 | 56.1 | 550 | 50.5 | 495 | 44.4 | 435 | 9 | 365 | 280 | 38 | 27 | 380 | 280 |
| M 33 | 3.5 | 694 | 69.4 | 680 | 62.4 | 612 | 55.0 | 540 | 9 | 365 | 280 | 38 | 27 | 380 | 280 |

NOTE 1 The tensile stress area is calculated from the following formula:

$$A_s = \pi/4 (\text{mean of pitch (effective) and minor diameters})^2 = \pi/16 (\text{pitch (effective) diameter} + \text{minor diameter})^2$$

NOTE 2 Based on 100 kgf/mm² (981 N/mm²) for all sizes.

NOTE 3 Based on 90 kgf/mm² (882 N/mm²) for all sizes.

NOTE 4 Based on 79.2 kgf/mm² (776 N/mm²) for all sizes.

NOTE 5 Hardness values are given for guidance only.

NOTE 6 See Appendix B for method of carrying out:
 1) ultimate load test,
 2) load at permanent set limit (*R*_{0.2} min.) proof load and elongation tests,
 3) hardness tests.

Table 5 — Dimensions of hexagon head bolts

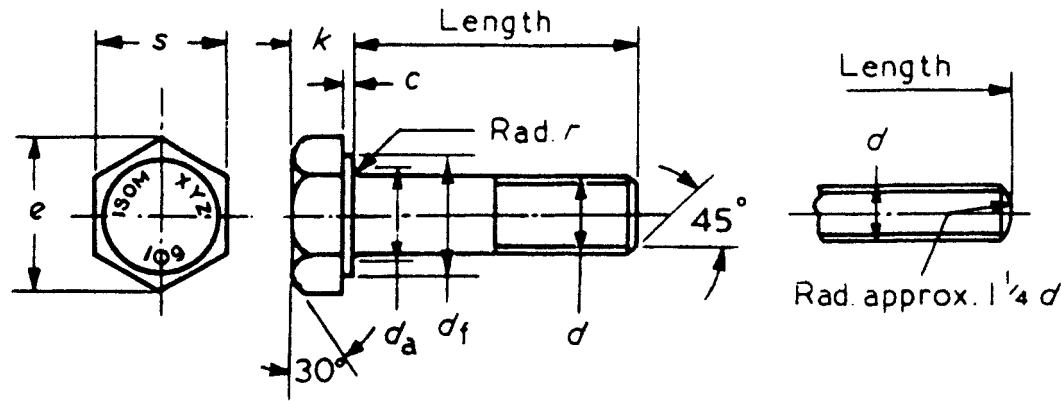


Figure 2 — Hexagon bolts

Dimensions in millimetres

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Nominal size and thread diameter d | Pitch of thread p (coarse pitch series) | Diameter of unthreaded shank d | | Width across flats s | | Width across corners e | | Diameter of washer face d_f | | Depth of washer face c | Radius under head r | | Transition diameter d_a | Thickness of head k | |
| | | max. | min. | max. | min. | max. | min. | max. | min. | max. | max. | min. | max. | max. | min. |
| M 16 | 2.0 | 16.70 | 15.30 | 27 | 26.16 | 31.2 | 29.30 | 27 | 24.91 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 18.70 | 10.45 | 9.55 |
| M 20 | 2.5 | 20.84 | 19.16 | 32 | 31.00 | 36.9 | 35.03 | 32 | 29.75 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 23.24 | 13.90 | 12.10 |
| M 22 | 2.5 | 22.84 | 21.16 | 36 | 35.00 | 41.6 | 39.55 | 36 | 33.75 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 25.24 | 14.90 | 13.10 |
| M 24 | 3.0 | 24.84 | 23.16 | 41 | 40.00 | 47.3 | 45.20 | 41 | 38.75 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 27.24 | 15.90 | 14.10 |
| M 27 | 3.0 | 27.84 | 26.16 | 46 | 45.00 | 53.1 | 50.85 | 46 | 43.75 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 30.84 | 17.90 | 16.10 |
| M 30 | 3.5 | 30.84 | 29.16 | 50 | 49.00 | 57.7 | 55.37 | 50 | 47.75 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 33.84 | 20.05 | 17.95 |
| M 33 | 3.5 | 34.00 | 32.00 | 55 | 53.80 | 63.5 | 60.79 | 55 | 52.55 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 37.00 | 22.05 | 19.95 |

3 Nuts

3.1 Material

Steel used in the manufacture of nuts shall be that produced by the open-hearth, electric furnace, oxygen or acid Bessemer processes. Free cutting steel shall not be used.

3.2 Heat treatment

Nuts shall be heat-treated under uniform conditions. They shall be hardened by quenching in oil and shall then be tempered.

3.3 Mechanical properties

Nuts shall meet the requirements of Table 7.

3.3.1 Hardness test on nuts. If nuts of over 24 mm diameter cannot be subjected to the proof load test, due to lack of suitable equipment, they shall be subject to a hardness test and their hardness shall not be outside the following ranges:

| | Min. | Max. |
|----------|--------|--------|
| Brinell | HB 248 | HB 353 |
| Rockwell | HRC 24 | HRC 36 |
| Vickers | HV 258 | HV 370 |

3.4 General test requirements

3.4.1 Number of tests. Three nuts shall be selected for the proof load or hardness test, as appropriate, from each batch of nuts at the time of manufacture.

A batch shall consist of the number of pieces shown in Table 6.

Table 6 — Number of pieces comprising a batch of nuts

| Nominal size of nut d | Number of pieces in batch |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 16 mm | 15 000 or fraction thereof |
| Over 16 mm up to and including 24 mm | 5 000 or fraction thereof |
| Over 24 mm | 2 500 or fraction thereof |

3.4.2 Retests. Should any specimen fail to meet the requirements of a specified test, an additional sample of double the number of specimens from the same batch at the time of manufacture shall be tested and unless all the additional specimens satisfy the requirements of the test the batch shall be rejected.

3.5 Dimensions and finish

The dimensions, tolerances and general finish of the nuts shall be in accordance with 3.5.1 to 3.5.3 inclusive and with Table 8.

3.5.1 Screw threads

3.5.1.1 General. The form of thread and diameters and associated pitches for higher grade metric high strength nuts shall be in accordance with BS 3643-1⁸⁾.

3.5.1.2 Tolerances. The screw threads shall be made to the tolerances for medium class of fit (6H) as specified in BS 3643-2⁸⁾.

3.5.2 Chamfering and facing. Nuts shall be chamfered at an angle of approximately 30° on their upper faces and they shall have a washer face on the bearing surface. The diameter of the ring formed by the chamfer on the nut shall not be smaller than 90 % of the minimum across-flats dimension. The bearing surface of the nut shall be machined or have a surface equal to that produced by machining.

3.5.3 Squareness of threads to face. The bearing surface of the nut shall be square to the axis of the thread of the nut within the tolerances given in Column 12, Table 8.

A gauge recommended for carrying out this test together with the manner in which the test is to be undertaken is shown in Appendix E.

3.6 Marking

Nuts for use with higher high grade strength friction grip bolts shall be identified by being marked on the chamfered face "M" to denote metric, and diametrically opposite "12" to denote ISO strength grade 12 (see Figure 3).

Markings may be either embossed or indented at the option of the manufacturer, who may also use additional marking for his own purposes.

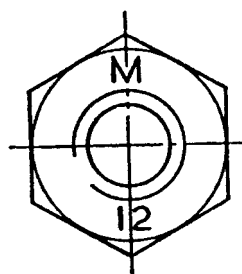


Figure 3 — Marking of nuts

⁸⁾ BS 3643, "ISO metric screw threads" — Part 1: "Thread data and standard thread series" — Part 2: "Limits and tolerances for coarse pitch series threads".

Table 7 — Mechanical properties of nuts (Coarse pitch series)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Nominal size and thread diameter <i>d</i> | Proof load | | Hardness | | |
| | tonne-force (1 000 kgf) | kilo-newtons | Brinell max. | Rockwell max. | Vickers max. |
| M 16 | 18.8 | 184.4 | } HB 353 | HRC 36 | HV 370 |
| M 20 | 29.4 | 288.4 | | | |
| M 22 | 36.4 | 356.9 | | | |
| M 24 | 42.5 | 415.4 | | | |
| M 27 | 55.0 | 540.0 | | | |
| M 30 | 67.3 | 660.0 | | | |
| M 33 | 83.3 | 817.0 | | | |
| NOTE 1 Based on 120 kgf/mm ² (1 176 N/mm ²) on the equivalent stress area of the corresponding bolt (see Table 4). | | | | | |
| NOTE 2 For method of carrying out tests see Appendix C. | | | | | |

4 Washers

4.1 Material

Steel used in the manufacture of washers shall be that produced by the open-hearth, electric furnace, oxygen or acid Bessemer processes.

4.2 Heat treatment

Washers shall be quenched and tempered.

4.3 Hardness tests

4.3.1 Washers shall be subjected to a hardness test. The hardness shall be as follows:

Rockwell C. Scale 38 to 45 HRC.

4.3.2 When the Rockwell method is used, the preparation of test specimens and the method of testing shall be in accordance with BS 891⁹⁾, and the hardness values shall be determined in accordance with Rockwell C scale. Tapered washers shall be tested on the sheared edge to obtain a flat surface as specified in BS 891⁹⁾.

4.3.3 Alternatively the Diamond Pyramid method in accordance with BS 427¹⁰⁾ may be used. In this case a load of 30 kgf (294 N) shall be applied and the washers shall have a hardness of 362 to 440 HV 30.

4.4 General test requirements

4.4.1 Number of tests. Three washers shall be selected for the hardness test from each batch of washers at the time of manufacture. A batch shall consist of the number of pieces shown in Table 9.

4.4.2 Retests. Should any specimen fail to meet the requirements of a specified test, an additional sample of double the number of specimens from the same batch at the time of manufacture shall be tested and unless all the additional specimens satisfy the requirements of the test the batch shall be rejected.

4.5 Dimensions and tolerances

Dimensions and tolerances of the washers shall be in accordance with the requirements specified in 4.5.1 to 4.5.3 inclusive and with Table 10 and Table 11.

4.5.1 Plain washers. The dimensions of plain washers shall be in accordance with Table 10.

4.5.2 Taper washers. The dimensions of square taper washers shall be in accordance with Table 11. Standard angles of taper are 3°, 5°, and 8° and the purchaser shall specify which of these angles are required.

4.5.3 Clipped washers. When clearance makes it necessary, plain washers may be clipped on one side at a point not closer than seven-eighths of the bolt diameter from the centre of the washer.

⁹⁾ BS 891, "Method for Rockwell hardness test".

¹⁰⁾ BS 427, "Method for Vickers hardness test".

Table 8 — Dimensions of hexagon nuts

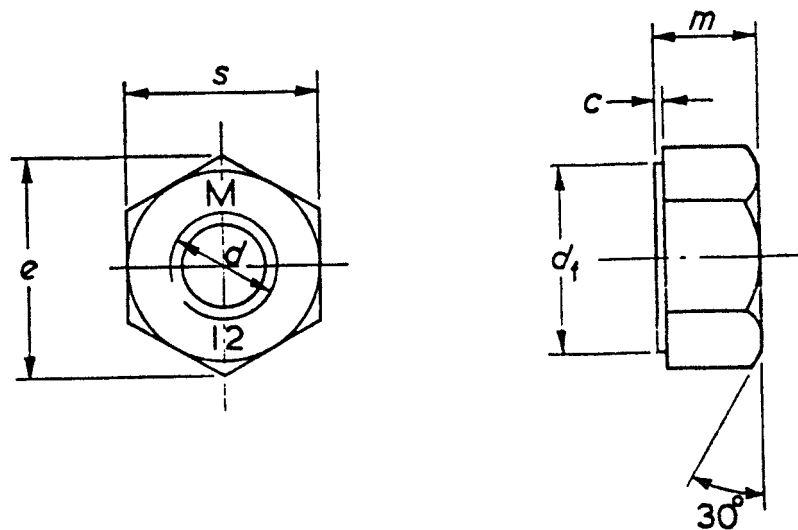


Figure 4 — Hexagon nut

Dimensions in millimetres

| 1 Nominal size and thread diameter d | 2 Pitch of thread p (coarse pitch series) | 3 Width across flats s | | 4 Width across corners e | | 5 Diameter of washer face d_f | | 6 Depth of washer face c | 7 Thickness of nut m | | 8 Tolerance on squareness (see 3.5.3) |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--|
| | | max. | min. | max. | min. | max. | min. | max. | min. | max. | |
| M 16 | 2.0 | 27.00 | 26.16 | 31.20 | 29.30 | 27.00 | 24.91 | 0.4 | 15.55 | 14.45 | 0.46 |
| M 20 | 2.5 | 32.00 | 31.00 | 36.90 | 35.03 | 32.00 | 29.75 | 0.4 | 18.55 | 17.45 | 0.54 |
| M 22 | 2.5 | 36.00 | 35.00 | 41.60 | 39.55 | 36.00 | 33.75 | 0.4 | 19.65 | 18.35 | 0.61 |
| M 24 | 3.0 | 41.00 | 40.00 | 47.30 | 45.20 | 41.00 | 38.75 | 0.5 | 22.65 | 21.35 | 0.70 |
| M 27 | 3.0 | 46.00 | 45.00 | 53.10 | 50.85 | 46.00 | 43.75 | 0.5 | 24.65 | 23.35 | 0.78 |
| M 30 | 3.5 | 50.00 | 49.00 | 57.70 | 55.37 | 50.00 | 47.75 | 0.5 | 26.65 | 25.35 | 0.85 |
| M 33 | 3.5 | 55.00 | 53.80 | 63.50 | 60.79 | 55.00 | 52.55 | 0.5 | 29.65 | 28.35 | 0.94 |

Table 9 — Number of pieces comprising a batch of washers

| Washers for bolt sizes d | Number of pieces in batch |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 16 mm | 15 000 or fraction thereof |
| Over 16 mm up to and including 24 mm | 5 000 or fraction thereof |
| Over 24 mm | 2 500 or fraction thereof |

4.6 Finish

The surfaces of the washers shall be flat and smooth.

4.7 Marking

4.7.1 Plain washers. Flat round washers for use with high strength friction grip bolts shall be identified by the provision of three nibs and an indented letter "M" as shown in Figure 5.

4.7.2 Taper washers. 3°, 5°, and 8° taper washers for use with high strength friction grip bolts shall be identified with an indented letter "M" and the angle of taper indicated by the following features.

3° taper washers shall have a projection as shown in Figure 6a. This projection shall be rounded to avoid sharp edges.

5° taper washers shall be chamfered on one corner as shown in Figure 6b.

8° taper washers shall be chamfered on two corners as shown in Figure 6c.

Table 10 — Dimensions of flat round washers

Figure 5 — Flat round washer

Dimensions in millimetres

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------|----------------------|------|---------------|------|
| Nominal size and thread diameter d | Inside diameter B | | Outside diameter C | | Thickness A | |
| | max. | min. | max. | min. | max. | min. |
| M 16 | 17.8 | 17.4 | 37 | 36.0 | 3.4 | 3.0 |
| M 20 | 21.5 | 21.1 | 44 | 43.0 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| M 22 | 23.4 | 23.0 | 50 | 48.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| M 24 | 26.4 | 26.0 | 56 | 54.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| M 27 | 29.4 | 29.0 | 60 | 58.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| M 30 | 32.8 | 32.4 | 66 | 64.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| M 33 | 35.8 | 35.4 | 75 | 73.5 | 4.6 | 4.2 |

Table 11 — Dimensions of square taper washers

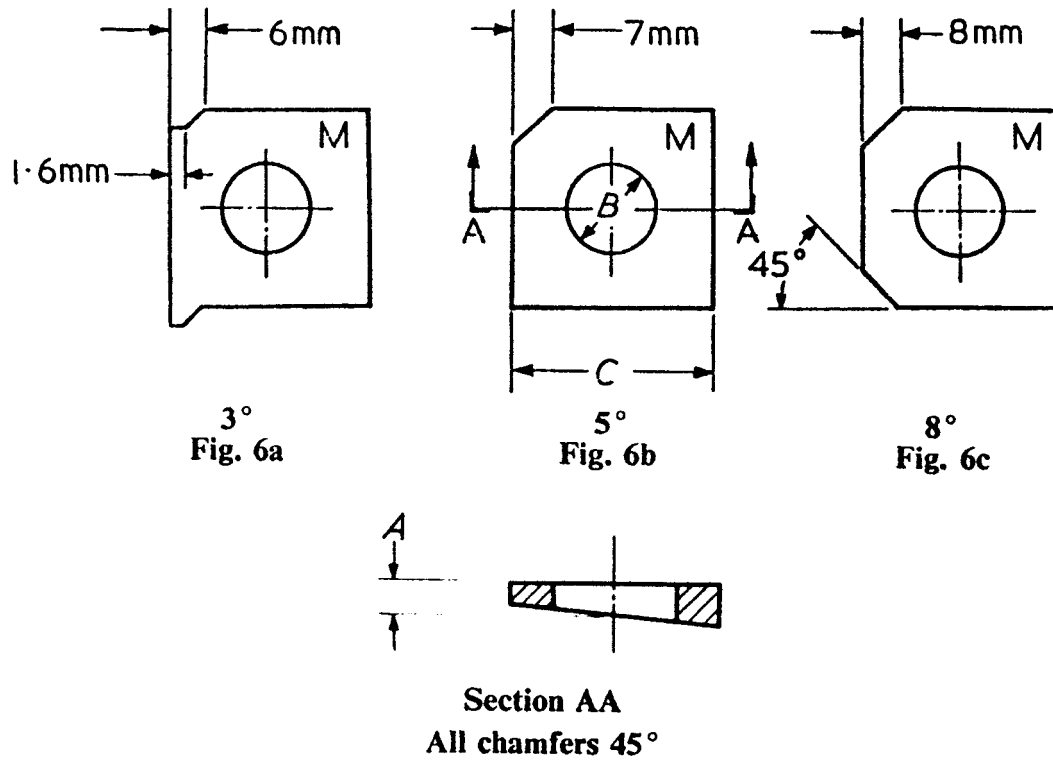


Figure 6 — Square taper washers

Dimensions in millimetres

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|--------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Nominal size and thread diameter <i>d</i> | Inside diameter <i>B</i> | | Overall size <i>C</i> | Mean thickness <i>A</i> | |
| | max. | min. | | 3° and 5° taper | 8° taper |
| M 16 | 18.2 | 17.4 | 38.10 | 4.76 | 6.35 |
| M 20 | 21.9 | 21.1 | 38.10 | 4.76 | 6.35 |
| M 22 | 23.8 | 23.0 | 44.45 | 4.76 | 6.35 |
| M 24 | 26.8 | 26.0 | 57.15 | 4.76 | 6.35 |
| M 27 | 29.8 | 29.0 | 57.15 | 4.76 | 6.35 |
| M 30 | 33.2 | 32.4 | 57.15 | 4.76 | 6.35 |
| M 33 | 36.2 | 35.4 | 57.15 | 4.76 | 6.35 |

5 Inspection

5.1 General inspection procedures

5.1.1 General. The manufacturer shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the conditions relating to dimensions and tests laid down in this standard are fulfilled. If, in addition, the purchaser desires to make his own inspection, he shall state so in his enquiry and contract or order. Such inspection shall be carried out in accordance with the terms of **5.1.2** below.

5.1.2 Purchaser's inspection. The inspector representing the purchaser shall have access, at all reasonable times while work on the contract of the purchaser is being performed, to all parts of the manufacturer's works concerned with the manufacture of the material ordered. The manufacturer shall afford the inspector all reasonable facilities, without charge, to satisfy him that the material is being furnished in accordance with the provisions of this standard. Unless otherwise specified, all tests and inspection shall be carried out at the place of manufacture prior to the despatch of the finished material from the works and shall be so conducted as not to interfere unnecessarily with the operation of the works.

6 Purchasing information

6.1 Information to be supplied with enquiry or order

In all cases when making enquiries or orders for products in accordance with this standard the standard number shall be given (i.e. BS 4395-2).

6.1.1 Bolts. For bolts the nominal diameter, length in millimeters, and strength grade (10.9) of bolt shall also be given e.g.:

“Bolts M 20 × 120 to BS 4395-2, Grade 10.9”.

6.1.2 Nuts. For nuts it is also necessary to specify the nominal diameter and strength grade (12) e.g.:

“Nuts M 20 to BS 4395-2, Grade 12”.

6.1.3 Washers. For washers the nominal diameter and type of washer (e.g. flat round or taper 3°, 5° or 8°) shall also be given e.g.:

“Washers M 20 × 5° taper to BS 4395-2”.

Appendix A BSI policy statement on screw threads and the metric system

The major sectors of British industry were represented at a conference organized by BSI on 23rd November, 1965. They gave their approval to a policy statement which urged British firms to regard the traditional screw thread systems, Whitworth, BA and BSF, as obsolescent, and to make the internationally agreed ISO metric thread their first choice (with the ISO Unified thread as second choice) for all future designs.

Prior to the conference the statement had been endorsed by the Mechanical Engineering Industry Standards Committee, the Engineering Divisional Council and the General Council of BSI.

The following is the text of the policy statement:

“On 24th May, 1965 the Right Hon. Douglas Jay, the President of the Board of Trade, announced in Parliament that it would be desirable for this country to change to the metric system. An extract from his statement is given below:

“... British industries on a broadening front should adopt metric units sector by sector, until that system can become in time the primary system of weights and measures for the country as a whole ... the Government hope that within ten years the greater part of the country's industry will have effected the change ... ”.

The national need for increased exports coupled with maximum efficiency and economy of production lies behind the above statement and makes it essential to give urgent and serious consideration to the screw thread situation in the United Kingdom.

After many years' work the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has reached agreement on ISO Recommendations for general purpose screw threads. This agreement will enable the industries of the world to align the usage of screw threads and to minimize the present diversities of practice.

The ISO Recommendations comprise a system of ISO metric threads¹¹⁾ and a system of ISO inch threads¹²⁾. The ISO inch threads are the same as the existing Unified threads.

In view of the world trend towards the metric system, and having particular regard to the declared UK National Policy for its adoption, it is strongly recommended that British Industry should adopt the ISO metric screw thread system.

Although it is appreciated that some of those sections of industry already using ISO inch (Unified) screw threads may find it necessary, for various reasons, to continue with their use for some time, Whitworth and BA threads should be superseded by ISO metric threads in preference to an intermediate change to ISO inch threads.

NOTE Threads on pipes will continue to be BSP (to BS 21, “*Pipe threads*”) which have been adopted as the ISO pipe thread and which are covered in ISO Recommendation R 7, “*Pipe threads for gas list tubes and screwed fittings where pressure-tight joints are made on the threads (½ in to 6 in)*”.

Appendix B Testing of mechanical properties of steel bolts (See 2.3)

B.1 Tensile testing of machined test pieces.

Perform the tests in accordance with the requirements of BS 18¹³⁾ to determine the following”

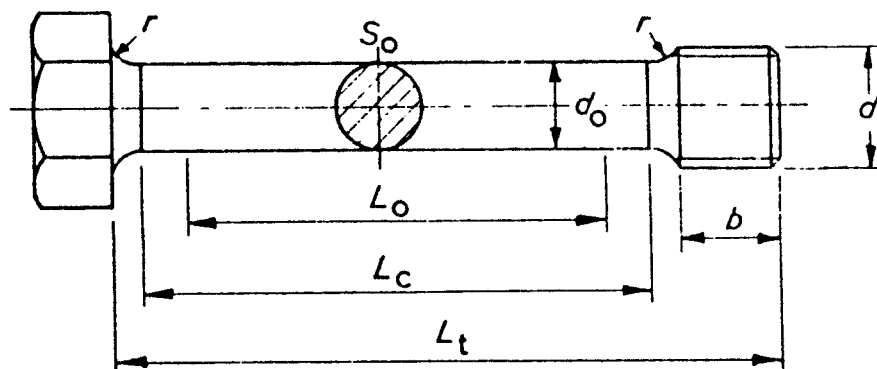
- a) Tensile strength.
- b) Yield stress or stress at permanent set limit of 0.2 %.
- c) Percentage elongation after fracture, gauge length $5.65 \sqrt{S_0}$.

Machine the test piece as follows from an actual bolt or bolt blank.

¹¹⁾ BS 3643, “*ISO metric screw threads*”.

¹²⁾ BS 1580, “*Unified screw threads*”.

¹³⁾ BS 18, “*Methods for tensile testing of metals*”.



- d = nominal thread diameter
 d_0 = diameter of test section (less than minor diameter of thread) (see Note 1)
 b = length of thread (d min.)
 L_0 = gauge length $5.65 \sqrt{S_0}$
 L_c = length of straight ($L_0 + d_0$)
 L_t = length of specimen ($L_c + 2r + b$)
 S_0 = area of test section
 r = radius (4 mm min.)

Figure 7 — Test piece

NOTE 1 When machining the test specimen the reduction of the shank diameter of heat-treated bolts over 16 mm thread diameter shall not exceed 25 % of the original diameter (about 44 % of the cross-sectional area) of the test specimen.

NOTE 2 The head of the test piece may be manufactured either with or without the original washer face of the bolt.

B.2 Brinell hardness test. The Brinell hardness test shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of BS 240-1¹⁴). The impression should be applied either on the top of the head or to the centre position of the end of the bolt, after approximately 0.4 mm has been removed by grinding.

B.3 Rockwell hardness test. The Rockwell hardness test shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of BS 891-1¹⁵). The impression of the ball or cone shall be applied either on the top of the head or to the centre position of the end of the bolt, after approximately 0.4 mm has been removed by grinding.

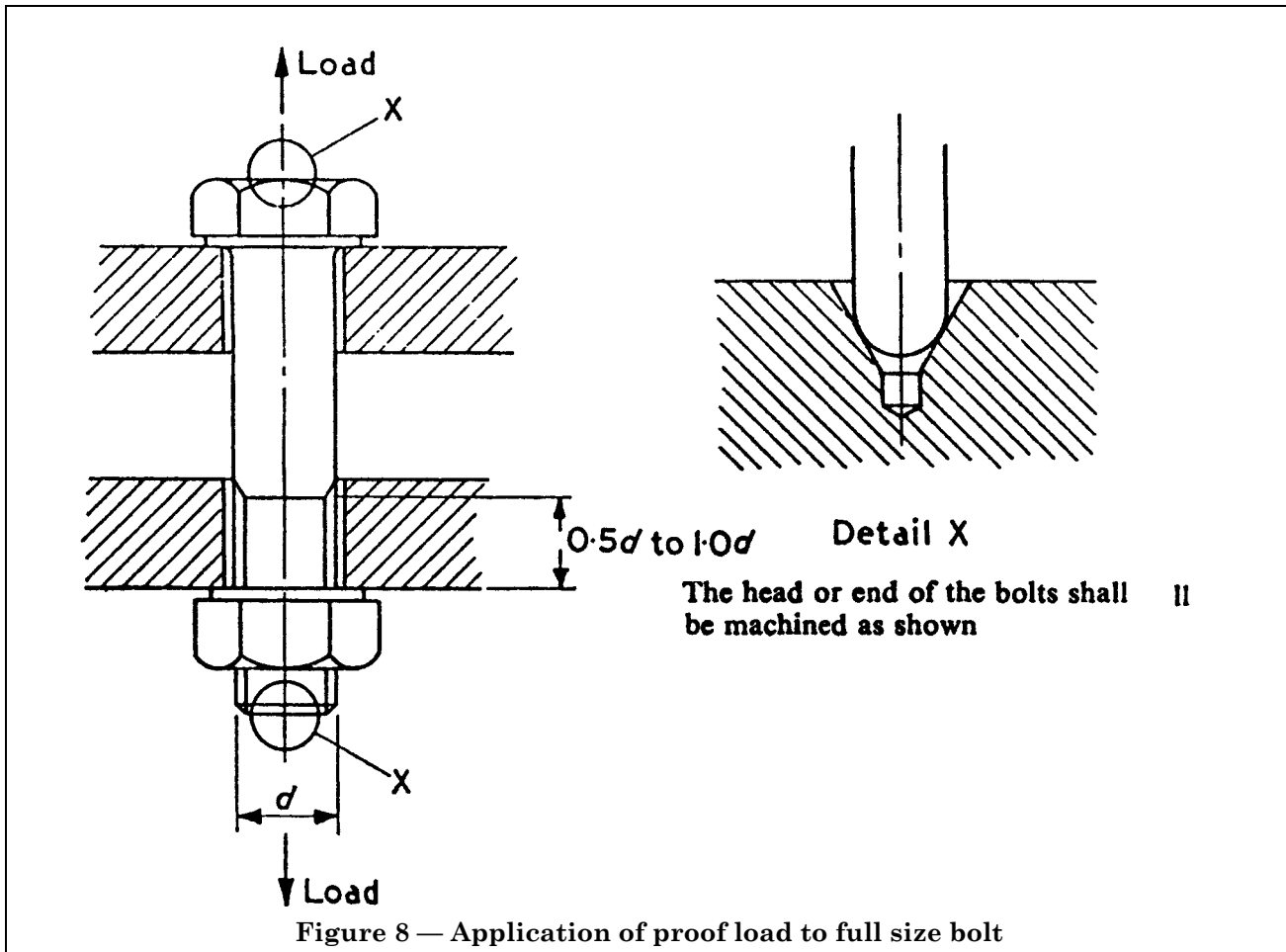
B.4 Vickers hardness test. The Vickers hardness test shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of BS 427-1¹⁶). The impression of the indenter shall be applied either on the top of the head or to the centre position of the end of the bolt, after approximately 0.4 mm has been removed by grinding.

B.5 Proof load testing for full size bolts. The proof load test consists of applying the proof load, specified in Table 4, which is obtained from the proof stress and measuring any permanent extension of the bolt. The proof load is applied axially to the bolt in a normal tensile testing machine. The length of free thread above the nut or adaptor (between nut or adaptor and head of bolt) shall be between half and one diameter.

¹⁴ BS 240, "Method for Brinell hardness test" — Part 1: "Testing of metals".

¹⁵ BS 891, "Method for Rockwell hardness test" — Part 1: "Testing of metals".

¹⁶ BS 427, "Method for Vickers hardness test" — Part 1: "Testing of metals".



The extension of the bolt shall be measured, at its true centre line, with a suitable instrument. The instrument shall be such that the total of inaccuracies due to measurement does not exceed ± 5 micrometres (μm). The test is considered satisfactory if the measurement, after the proof load has been applied for not less than 10 s, shows an extension of not more than $12.5 \mu\text{m}$.

B.6 Test for strength under wedge loading for full size bolts

B.6.1 Screw the bolt into a threaded adaptor or nut, the distance from the thread runout of the bolt to the face of the nut or adaptor being one nominal diameter, with a hardened wedge (in accordance with Table 12) placed under the head. Position the bolt so that no corner of the hexagon takes bearing load (see Figure 9). Subject the bolt to an axial load at a testing machine crosshead speed (free running) not greater than 26 mm/min until fracture occurs.

B.6.2 To meet the requirements of this test it is necessary for the fracture to occur in the shank or thread and not between the head and the shank. The bolt should meet the minimum ultimate load value given in Table 4 before fracture occurs.

This test is passed if the fracture originates in the threaded part even if the fracture extends into the fillet or head before separation. If failure occurs due to the stripping of the thread, the individual test shall be discarded and another specimen substituted.

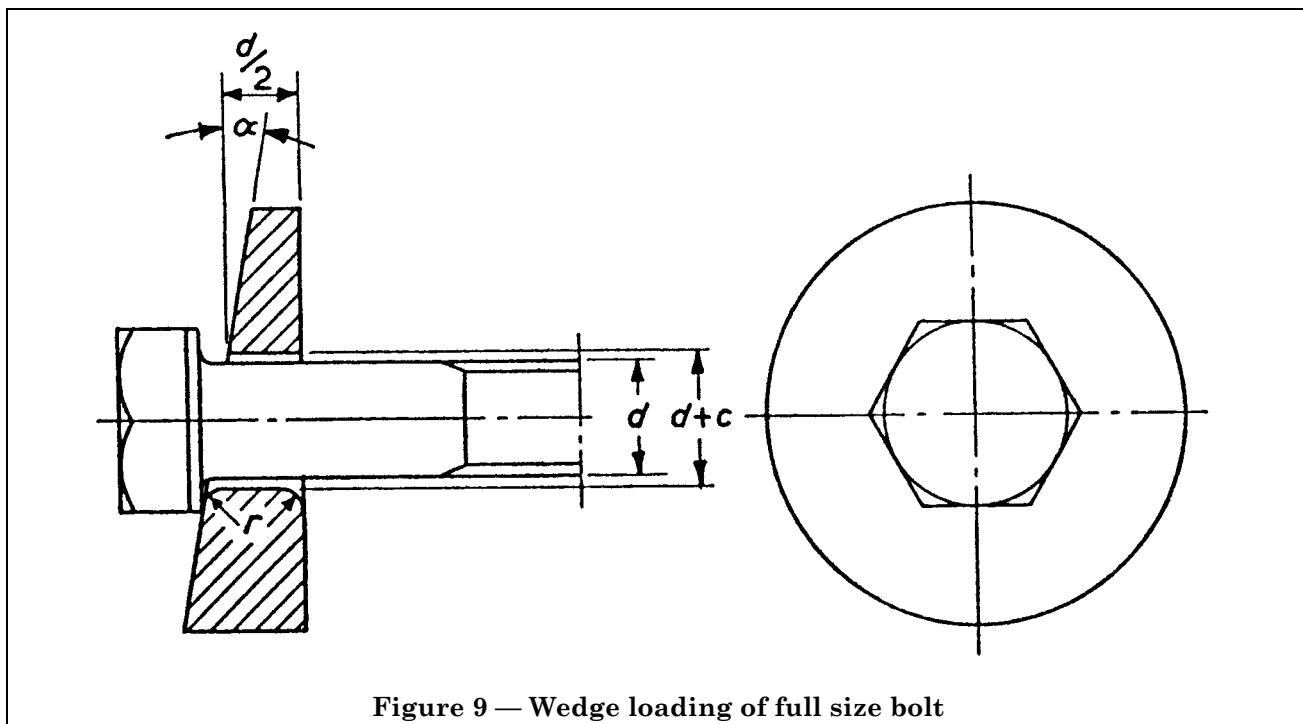


Figure 9 — Wedge loading of full size bolt

Table 12 — Dimensions for wedge loading test

| Nominal size and thread diameter | | r | c | Angle $\alpha \pm 30'$ | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|---|--|
| Above | Up to and including | | | For bolts with plain shank length $2d$ or above | For bolts with plain shank length less than $2d$ |
| | | mm | mm | | |
| — | 20 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 10° | 6° |
| 20 | 27 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 6° | 4° |

Appendix C Testing of mechanical properties of steel nuts (See 3.3)

C.1 Proof load test. The proof load test consists of applying the relevant proof load given in Table 7 which was obtained from the proof load stress given in Note 1 to Table 7.

C.1.1 Assemble the nut to be tested on a hardened and tempered mandrel as shown below and apply the specified load in an axial direction.

C.1.2 The nut shall withstand this load without failure by stripping or rupture, and should be removable by the fingers after the load is released. If the threads of the mandrel are damaged during the test, the test shall be discarded.

C.1.3 It may be necessary to use a manual wrench to start the nut in motion. Such wrenching is permissible providing it is restricted to a half turn and the nut is then removable by the fingers following initial loosening.

C.2 Hardened mandrel. The mandrel shall have a hardness of not less than Rockwell C45. The thread shall be tolerance class 4h except that the major diameter shall be equal to the minimum major diameter for class 4h with a plus tolerance of one quarter of the 6g major diameter tolerance.

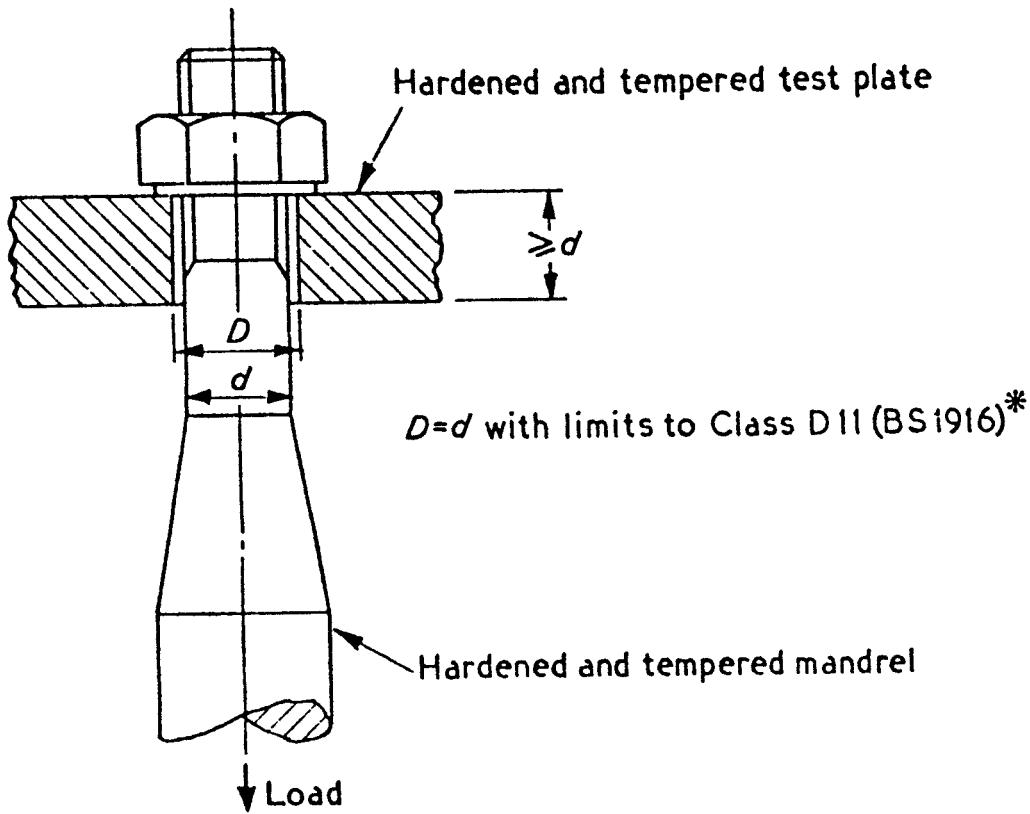
C.3 Hardened test plate. The test plate shall have a hardness of not less than Rockwell C38.

C.4 Hardness tests on nuts. Brinell, Rockwell or Vickers hardness may be determined. Apply the impression to the top or bottom face of the nut, otherwise on the side of the nut.

C.4.1 Perform a Brinell hardness test in accordance with the requirements of BS 240-1¹⁷⁾.

C.4.2 Perform a Rockwell hardness test in accordance with the requirements of BS 891-1¹⁸⁾.

C.4.3 Perform a Vickers hardness test in accordance with the requirements of BS 427-1¹⁹⁾.



* BS 1916, "Limits and fits for engineering".

Figure 10 — Proof load test for nut

¹⁷⁾ BS 240, "Method for Brinell hardness test" — Part 1: "Testing of metals".

¹⁸⁾ BS 891, "Method for Rockwell hardness test" — Part 1: "Testing of metals".

¹⁹⁾ BS 427, "Method for Vickers hardness test" — Part 1: "Testing of metals".

Appendix D Test programme

| Test No. | Mechanical property | Test method | Obligatory ● |
|----------|--|---|---|
| | | | By arrangement between manufacturer and purchaser ⊕ |
| 1. | Tensile strength | Tensile test using test piece without wedge | ● (Bolts M 30 and under only) ^a |
| 2. | Stress at permanent set limit of 0.2 % | Tensile test using test piece | ⊕ |
| 3. | Percentage elongation after fracture | Tensile test using test piece | ● (Bolts M 30 and under only) ^a |
| 4. | Stress under proof load | Proof load test on bolt without wedge | ● (Bolts M 30 and under only) ^a |
| 5. | Strength under wedge loading | Wedge loading test on bolt | ● (Bolts M 27 and under only) ^a |
| 6. | Hardness | Rockwell or Vickers test on bolt | ⊕ |

NOTE If all tests are required, and each test is carried out once, two bolts are sufficient for this purpose.
^a Based on the availability of a 51 metric tonnes testing machine.

Appendix E Recommended gauge for checking squareness of thread to face of nut (See 3.5.3)

Figure 11 shows the recommended gauge for checking the squareness of the thread to the face of the nut.

The nut shall be screwed by hand on to the mandrel of the gauge until the thread of the nut is tight on the thread of the mandrel. The face of the sleeve shall be brought into contact with the leading face of the nut. With the sleeve in this position it shall not be possible for a feeler gauge of thickness equal to the squareness tolerance to enter anywhere between the leading face of the nut and the face of the sleeve.

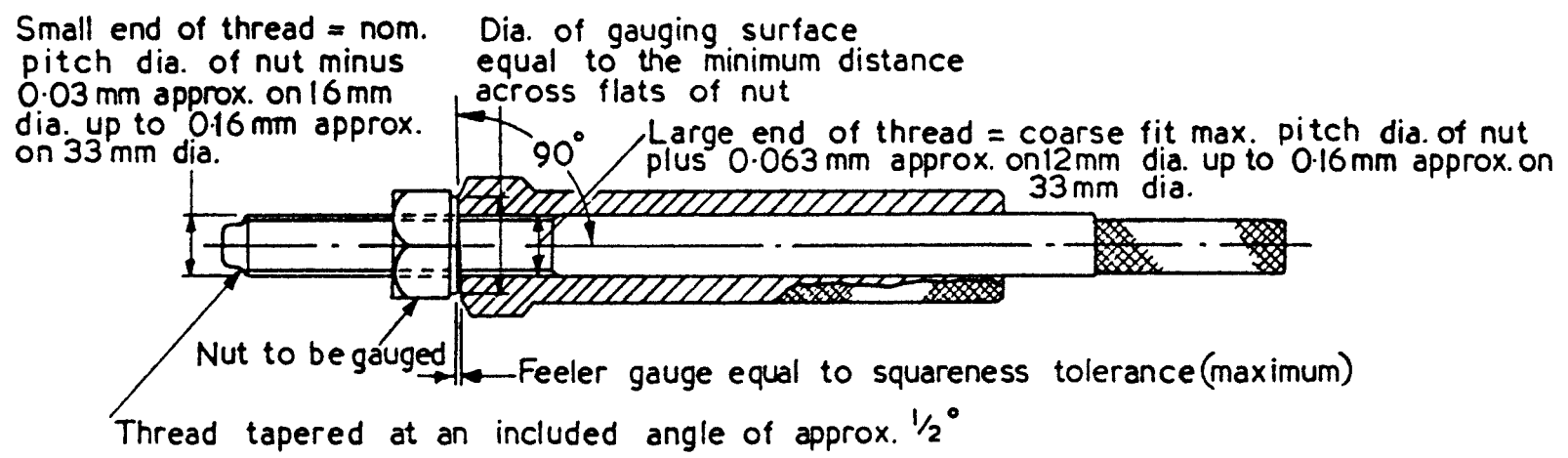


Figure 11 — Nut squareness gauge

Appendix F Standard nominal lengths and preferred sizes of ISO metric high strength friction grip bolts (Higher grade)

| Nominal size and thread diameter <i>d</i> | Standard nominal lengths in millimeters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 85 | 90 | 100 | 110 | 120 | 130 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 | 180 | 190 | 200 | 220 | 240 | 260 | 280 | 300 | 325 | 350 | 375 | 400 | 425 | 450 | 475 | 500 | | | | | |
| M 16 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M 20 | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M 22 | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M 24 | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M 27 | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| M 30 | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| M 33 | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

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