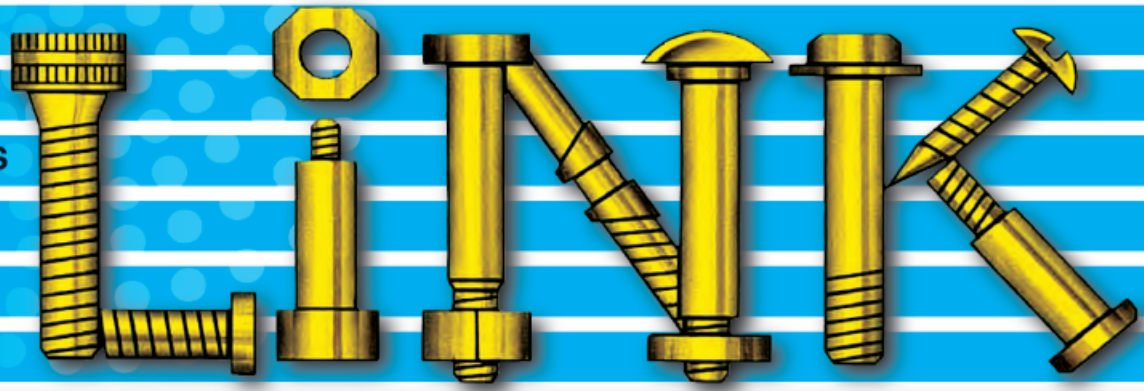


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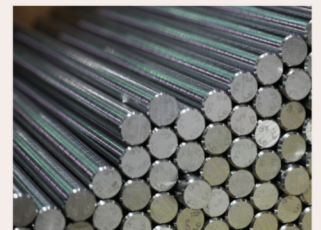
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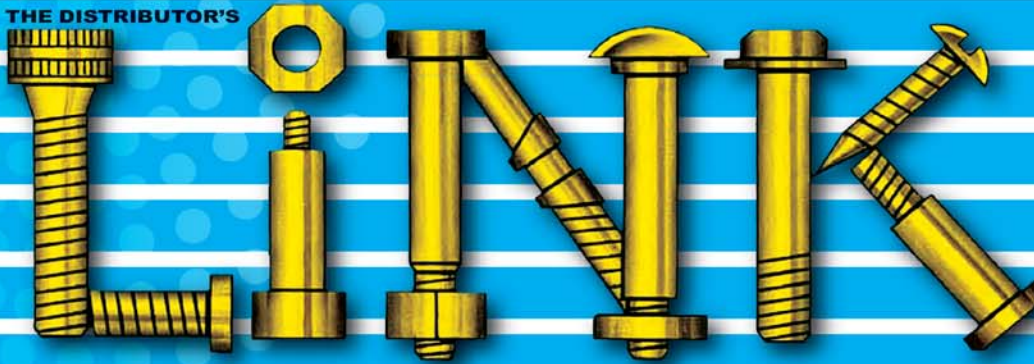
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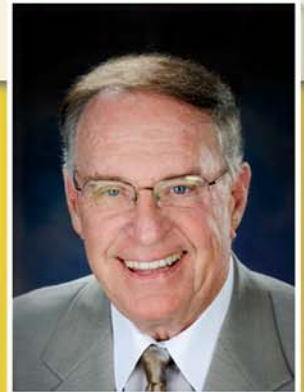
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It is easy to realize that if we all (almost all of us, anyway) have a car around us (1300 kg or 2870 lb for a small car, double for the real gas-guzzlers) sitting in slow moving traffic on the way to work, we are burning up a lot of gas going seemingly nowhere (feels like that anyway). If we are going faster with a buddy in the HOV lane we are just burning up gas quicker. In the absence of a well designed and used public transportation system (train, bus, sub-way, etc.) we are, at least in the US, more or less forced to use our cars.

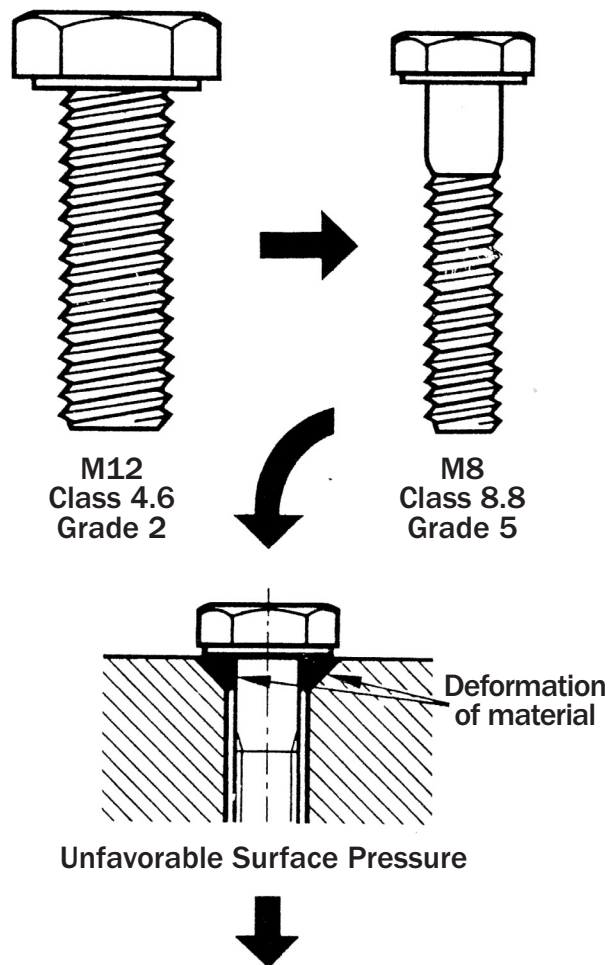
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today's designs. But they also had to be larger and heavier to be able to joint component that were also made of heavier materials with lower strength, like low carbon steel and some castings. Fuel consumption/waste was not "invented" during this time.

In the second half of the 20th century, and particularly in the 1970s, lower grade bolts/screws were increasingly replaced by higher strength fasteners due to weight reasons.



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Linux vs. Windows

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- "Linux stability offers business owners the peace of mind that their applications won't suffer lengthy outages due to operating system instability. Linux enjoys the same high uptimes (often measured in years) that its Unix cousins do. This stability means that Linux can support your "99.999 percent available" service requirements."

- "Linux has the support of a worldwide community of developers who contribute to the source code, security fixes and system enhancements. This active community also provides businesses with free support through forums and community sites. This distributed community gives peace of mind to Linux users, because there's no single point of failure and no single source for Linux support or development."

Companies have reported saving over 85% in support and maintenance costs by switching from Windows to Linux.

Linux is everywhere – Linux represents nearly 100% domination of the cloud services industry, an industry that needs to operate 24x7.

- "Businesses that have standardized on Microsoft technology, specifically their .NET web technology, can rely on Linux for support of those same .NET applications."

- "Fortunately for Linux adopters, there's no hardware upgrade madness that follows every new version of the software that's released. Linux runs on x86 32-bit and 64-bit architectures. If your system runs Windows, it will run Linux".

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BOLT MANUFACTURING

Many distributors roughly know the manufacturing process for making a bolt, but not the entire processing details. Certainly, the majority of your customers have never been exposed to the many processing procedures and time required to manufacture a bolt. This article will provide those details that you may share with your customers so they may have a greater appreciation for what goes in to making a 'simple' bolt.

Before the development of modern bolt manufacturing, threaded fasteners were turned (machined) from bar stock. Slow production and excessive material waste were typical of this procedure. Clamp load and shear properties are also affected by this process, as the grain of the material is disrupted during cutting.

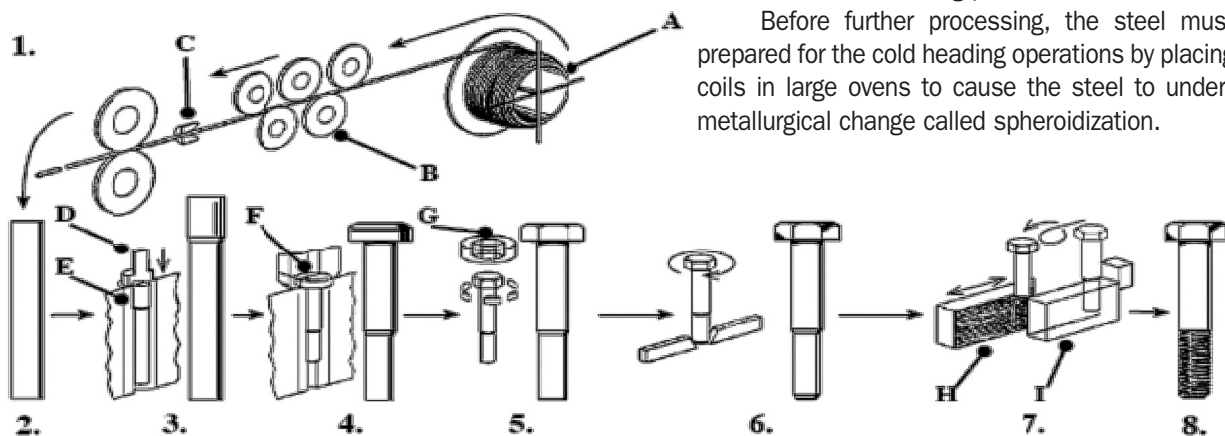
With technological advancements, fasteners were produced by hot forging. In this process the head is forged under temperature and pressure, while the washer face and threads are machined in place. This method gave the benefits of increased production with less waste, but did not advance the strength and physical characteristics of the fastener. In general, this process actually results in slightly lower physical properties.

Today, the most effective method for producing threaded fasteners is by cold forging on automatic bolt maker equipment. Cold forging enhances the physical characteristics of the fastener, both static and dynamic. The head and shank have enhanced strength because the metallic grain lines flow from the bolt's head to the end of the shank, unbroken by any cutting or material removal. Threads are formed in a thread-rolling operation that not only produces the thread itself, but cold works the material into consistent and precisely formed threads which have greater strength.

Steel coils of round wire are delivered to the bolt manufacturer and are stored outside. Each coil of steel has an embossed metal tag with traceable heat lot numbers that will identify the steel chemistry. When ready to use, they are brought inside and dipped in a series of tanks.

The first tank contains sulfuric acid. Here the steel is 'pickled' in acid to clean it of surface rust and heat scale. The coil is then transferred to a water rinse tank to wash off the acid. The last tank contains a solution of lime and hot water. This further neutralized any residual acid but it also protects the coil from further rusting and provides a lubricant for the wire drawing process.

Before further processing, the steel must be prepared for the cold heading operations by placing the coils in large ovens to cause the steel to undergo a metallurgical change called spheroidization.



Step-by-step process of bolt-making, beginning with hot rolled steel wire and ending with a finished bolt.

Processing Steps:

- 1. Shearing of coiled wire into bolt blanks
- 2. Bolt Blank
- 3. Preliminary shaping of blank
- 4. Shaping Chamfer
- 5. Trimming to hex
- 6. Pointing
- 7. Thread rolling
- 8. Finished bolt

Miscellaneous Objects:

- A. Coil of Steel Wire
- B. Straighteners
- C. Die
- D. Hammer
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TAKE A QUICK LOOK AROUND THE WAREHOUSE

Before any improvements can be made in an operation the problems need to be identified. Many areas for improvement are so easily seen that over time they have become invisible. People accept inefficiencies without even thinking about what they are doing and why it is being done.

Take a few moments, walk around the building and create your own list of topics for discussion, improvement and implementation.

Start at the Street

In real estate the "curb appeal" of a property is one of the most important factors in determining value, second only to "location, location, location." Assuming that you are not going to move then taking a look at the building as a customer sees it can identify problems that are relatively inexpensive to fix.

Trash, debris and a poorly managed yard are often painfully obvious and cost little or nothing to eliminate. All too often dunnage, junk pallets and other materials stack up simply because no one called for a pick up. Reorganizing the parking and yard will take some time but this is an investment with a payback from enhanced efficiency, better protection of the property and reduced errors.

Patching and seal coating the paving can save repaving in the future while eliminating pot holes and tripping hazards. It also provides an opportunity for rethinking traffic flow, safety and parking spaces. The cost of restriping the lot is essentially the same but the finished product will definitely be highly visible to visitor.

Signage changes may also be in order. Taking down faded and obsolete signs and replacing them with

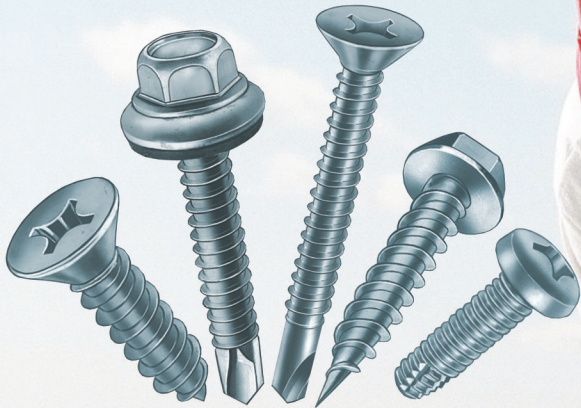
uniform, more informative signs can go a long way towards enhancing your image and directing new customers. The expense can be prorated to "advertising" as well as "operations" because both areas will be improved.

Want to make a quick statement, garner customer comments and add to the property value? Invest in some plants and flowers. Even a plastic urn or two next to the front door and customer entry will be noticed by visitors and when the flowers are blooming so will your business. This is one solution that is easy to implement and you can even use the watering chores to make a statement to the staff that "everyone is responsible for making the business grow."

While you are standing in front of the building turn around and look at the neighborhood. Many municipalities have beautification programs that you can tap into. Tree planting inducements, free plants and planters and other highly visible improvements are often available if you ask at city hall. In an industrial park establishing a beautification board or landowner's association can share the costs of area wide maintenance and new improvements. This requires a lot of work to set up initially (legal documentation alone can run to 40+ pages) but by getting more neighbors involved your own time will be less and if the buildings around you are owned or managed by a professional real estate firm you can tap into their resources for both initiating the group effort and running the operations. Once in place a modest yearly assessment will cover a multitude of work and by contracting with the association's vendors you can easily recapture this expense by reducing the cost of your own maintenance.



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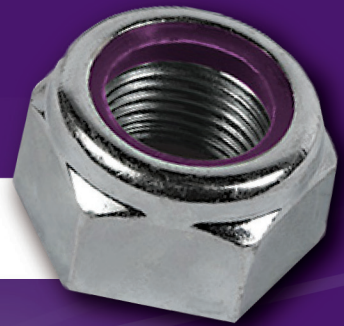
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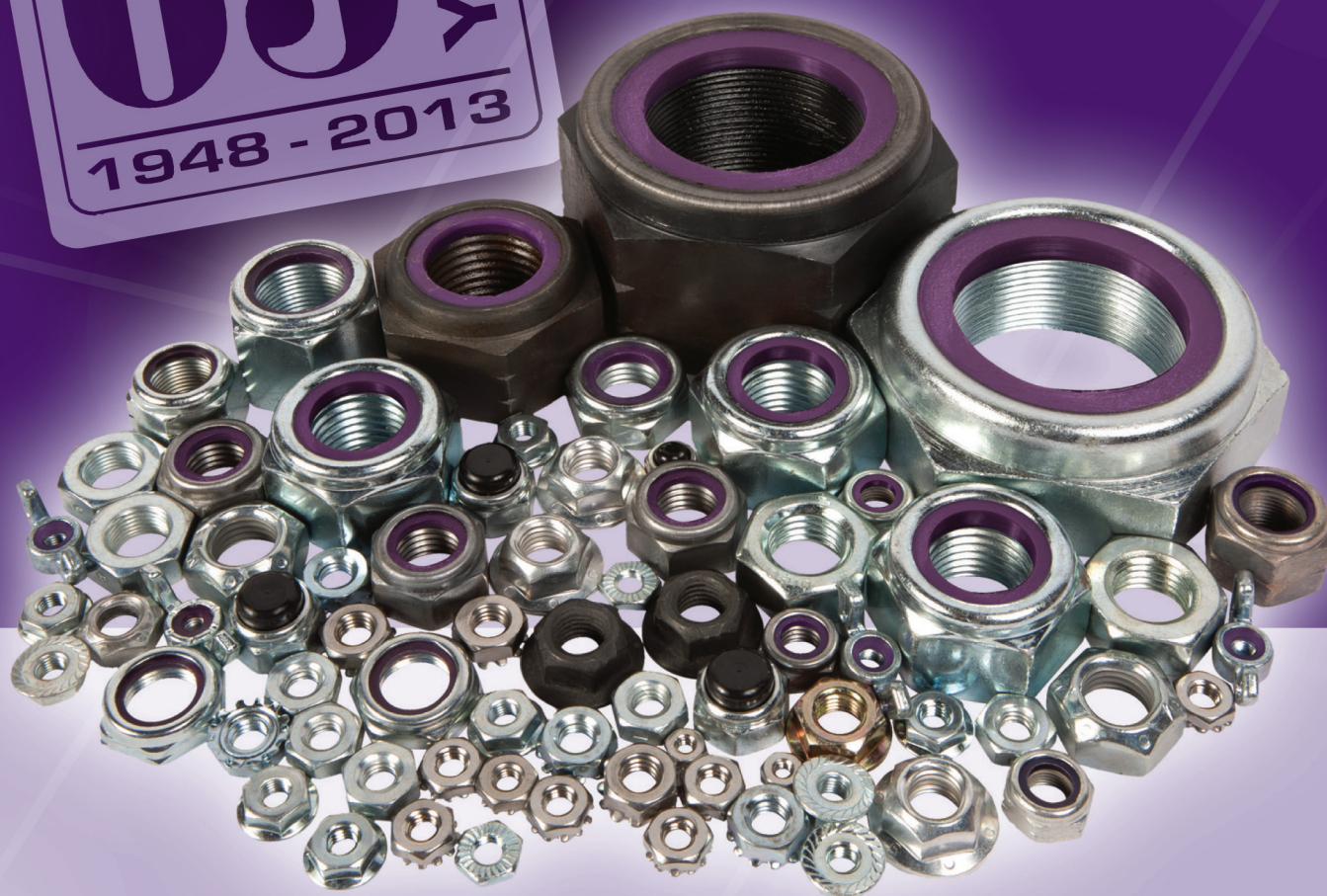
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History & Heritage...

Continental-Aero was formed in 1987 with the merger of Continental Fasteners Inc. (located in Niles, Illinois) and the Aero Stop Nut division (located in Harrison, New Jersey) of Schaefer Supply Company.

Aero Stop Nut was founded in 1948 by Sid Greendorfer as an importer of all-metal and nylon insert locknuts from the United Kingdom. Aero Stop Nut eventually grew to be one of the largest vendors of nylon insert locknuts in the United States and was eventually sold by Greendorfer when he retired.

Continental Fasteners was founded in 1966 by Ted Jarman as an importer of nylon insert locknuts from Japan. Mr. Jarman recognized the marketing potential for making locknuts with a fully-traceable and recognizable color and thus the Royal Purple Tork Lok Nut was created and registered with the United States Patent Office.

During the 1970s and 1980s, both Aero Stop Nut and Continental Fasteners were the leading US importers of all-metal and nylon insert locknuts. They were also fierce competitors in the marketplace until both of the companies were acquired by Lenny Robinowitz.

Continental Fasteners was purchased by Robinowitz in 1982 and the acquisition of Aero Stop Nut was completed in 1987. With the merger of these two companies, a powerhouse in the all-metal and nylon insert locknut marketplace was created and Continental-Aero was born.

Marty Schneider, then GM and later COB, introduced the truck series and the continued marketing of the purple nylon insert - key factors in the brand recognition that Continental-Aero enjoys today.

Under the direction and guidance of Bill Giddins, President and Kelly Wiechen, COO, Continental-Aero has become a dominant force - second to none.

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The Purple Series Trucks...

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TRAMEC PRESIDENT GARY SULLO WITH THE CONTINENTAL-AERO TEAM AT BUFFALO GROVE, IL.



CONTINENTAL-AERO'S BILL GIDDINS [PRESIDENT], CHELLY GOMEZ [VP SALES AND MARKETING] AND KELLY WIECHEN [COO] WITH TRAMEC PRESIDENT GARY SULLO AT NIFMSE LAS VEGAS 2012.

Philosophy...

Continental-Aero is proud of the reputation it has with its customers - if there's one thing that embodies the spirit of the company's progressive thinking it's *"customer service is a priority, not a goal."* Continental-Aero's personnel live and breathe customer service.

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In addition to a highly knowledgeable sales team, Continental-Aero's strengths are in the value added services they offer. These include Secondary Operations, Custom Packaging, Vendor Managed Inventory, Custom Bar Coding, and Stock and Release Programs. Continental-Aero is also a fully integrated supplier managing custom programs for the industry's leading Master Distributors.

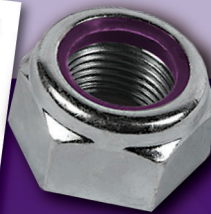
The management at Continental-Aero's parent company, TRAMEC, LLC firmly believes that the advantage gained from this deep level of commitment to their customers is something to be cultivated for the future. These ideals mesh cohesively with those already in place at TRAMEC.



KELLY AND HER TEAM AT CONTINENTAL-AERO'S WAREHOUSE LOCATION IN ALSIP, ILLINOIS.



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Product Range...

Continental-Aero is the recognized industry leader in Nylon Insert Locknut distribution and a major supplier of all-metal locknuts and free spinning nuts for distribution customers - offering quality products in a range of sizes from 0-80 miniatures to 3" large diameter.

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Free-spinning nut products include the Finished Hex Nuts in Grades 5 and 8 and 18-8 Stainless Steel. New products include a full line of Grade B Toplock (Automation Style) and 2H Heavy Nuts.

All products are available in a variety of finishes, in addition to the capability of offering customer specific plating requirements.

Continental-Aero prides itself on its strong supplier relationships; working closely with its manufacturing partners overseas to offer excellent quality, competitive pricing and on-time deliveries for standard product, and blue-print specials.

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GAMECHANGE: MOBILE THE EMAIL WATCHWORD FOR FASTENERS

While the tech world is riddled with paradigm shifts, the latest is a doozy: By the close of 2012, mobile devices will overtake PCs as the most popular device for reading email, according to a recent study.

That fast-approaching upheaval is expected to be a brain-rattler for fastener distributors, who will be forced to reconfigure their marketing emails to fit much smaller devices, which take longer to download email – especially when those messages are laden with bloated multimedia.

“The future of computing is mobile,” says Matt Blumberg, CEO of Return Path (www.returnpath.com), the email marketing services company that released to report. “More and more people are using smartphones and tablets and are moving away from PCs and desktop.”

Agrees Melonie Dodaro, social media specialist, Top Dog Social Media (www.topdogsocialmedia.com): “Everything in your online marketing should be mobile-friendly.”

Return Path uncovered the coming dominance of mobile after analyzing email from nearly 500 clients from October 2011 to March 2012. Its Campaign Insight tool, which tracks the platforms and email programs that subscribers use to read email, was integral to the projection.

“Marketers that don’t have the basic data they need to figure out their mobile strategy will likely lose out,” Blumberg says.

Driving the change are mobile Apple devices like the iPad and iPhone, which accounted for 85% of all email opens on mobile devices during the study period. “Email readership on the iPad has increased 53.6% year-over-year,” Blumberg says.

“Mobile devices offer extreme simplicity: instant on,

instant availability and a very common user interface” says Paul Mansfield, president, Paul Mansfield Consulting, a tech consulting firm.

Agrees says Jennifer Ellis, vice president Freedman Consulting, another tech consulting firm: “If someone is running late, I don’t have to waste time. I don’t routinely carry my laptop, but I always have my phone.”

Indeed, mobile device penetration in the U.S is so pervasive, it’s already at more than 100% of the population, according to an April 2012 report released by eMarketer (www.emarketer.com), a tech market research firm. Quite simply, mobile is so popular, many people own more than one mobile computing device. “This growth is largely thanks to the popularity of tablets,”

eMarketer’s researchers write.

Not only that, smartphones in particular on a tear – a subtrend distributors also need to monitor closely. By the close of 2012, 192 million Americans will be using smartphones – or 100 million more than were using smartphones by the close of 2011, according to the research firm, according to eMarketer.



Above: A Google employee takes a break from reinventing the mobile Web.

Below: The widespread proliferation of mobile devices like the iPhone is forcing fastener distributors to re-think their Web strategy.



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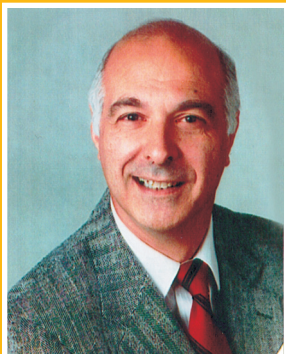


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AN UPDATED LOOK AT PERSONAL GOODWILL

Introduction

First of all, personal goodwill is a relatively new concept that not every legal or tax practitioner has heard of. The phrase "personal goodwill" appears absolutely nowhere in the Internal Revenue Code, United States Code Annotated, or any state statute. It was given life in court cases over the past 20 years and is roughly defined as "the asset that generates cash profits of the enterprise that are attributed to the business generating characteristics of the individual, and may include any profits that would be lost if the individual were not present." Quite simply, personal goodwill is the intangible value a person (usually the owner or CEO) brings to the company. It stands in contrast to traditional goodwill in that traditional goodwill is the value attributable to the company itself arising from intangible advantages such as location, customer quality, employees, etc.... While this dichotomy may seem insignificant, personal goodwill is an important concept to legal and tax practitioners for three reasons.

Federal Tax Ramifications

When selling any corporation, the buyer is always interested in purchasing the assets of a company to gain the advantage of lesser liability and the tax advantage of depreciating assets with a stepped up basis against income to reduce taxable income. While an asset sale gives rise to tax benefits to the buyer, the seller may suffer multiple tax detriments, especially in the case of

selling assets of a C Corporation. With an almost certainty, in any sale, the seller will face 1) Taxes arising from ordinary income, 2) Taxes arising from depreciation recapture (also at the ordinary income tax rate), 3) Taxes arising from capital gains, and 4) in the case of a C Corporations, double taxation when the proceeds are distributed to the owners.

When selling an S Corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other pass through entity through an asset or stock sale, ordinary goodwill does not present any problems. The sale of the goodwill gets taxed once, at the seller's level as a capital asset. The tax rate on the gain is presently 15%.

However, the problems begin when selling a C Corporation through an asset sale. Ordinary goodwill creates a tremendous tax burden that is not present in the sale of a flow through entity. During the sale, ordinary goodwill is taxed at the corporate level. Since C corporations do not get the benefit of the lower capital gains tax rates, the capital gain is taxed at the corporation's ordinary rate. This federal tax rate can be as high as 39% at certain income levels. Once ordinary goodwill is taxed at the corporate level, it is given to the seller usually in the form of a dividend distribution. When given to the seller, it is taxed at the federal dividend rate of 15%. This means that of every \$100 given to the selling corporation as part of an asset sale, potentially \$48 of it will be paid to the federal government as taxes. In addition, we might have to deal with state taxes.



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DISTRIBUTOR NEWS

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We believe that this new domestic alliance will offer the distribution channel multiple benefits.

- Expanding Options and Supporting Small USA Manufacturing - With the emergence of the EFG brand, distributors will now have another brand option when sourcing domestic, externally threaded products. Located in the Cleveland and Chicago region, EFG is comprised of several small to medium US-Owned fastener manufacturers who currently build special, critical and off-standard fasteners for a select group of customers. By partnering with EFG, BBI is supporting the heart of American manufacturing.

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"REGULATORY CLIFF" IS ANOTHER CHALLENGE FACING DISTRIBUTORS

As the campaign season culminated with President Obama's re-election the nation's attention shifted to how or if we can avoid the upcoming "fiscal cliff" as tax cuts are set to expire and certain budget expenditures run into a pre-ordained legislative wall. But this is not the only precipice we are facing. Some business observers, particularly among small businesses, are just as worried about a spate of regulatory measures which have been scheduled for implementation and the effect they will have on our hoped for economic recovery. This "regulatory cliff" may be just as perilous for business as the "fiscal one" that has been getting so much press. Distribution companies are not immune from these worries.

Just as tax and budget issues have placed a "hold" on expansion and hiring plans of many enterprises, so too has the prospect of more government rules and restrictions caused some businesses to delay projects or growth until the impact and extent of the regulatory burden is clear.

How will the newly elected Congress approach regulatory relief? Will the President view the election results as a mandate to continue to re-make our society and economy with more, rather than fewer, rules governing business? What can small businesses expect from the people running federal agencies?

During the October Town Hall Debate, presidential candidate Mitt Romney charged that the federal regulations enacted during the past four years had "quadrupled." While some critics argue that was not the case it was correct if we take into account those regulations that are "economically significant", that is, those with a cost estimate of \$100 million dollars or

higher. Thus we have faced, as the United States Chamber of Commerce described it, a "tsunami" of new regulations since 2010.

Trade associations of various industries and of the business community as a whole (The Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the National Association of Manufacturers and many others) will be watching the daily Federal Register to see what new rules are handed down daily and will be ready to respond within the allotted comment periods. But there are some regulations which the Obama Administration has been pushing which are near fruition already and which may well pack substantial costs or create impediments to growth.

The Environmental Protection Agency alone has hundreds of proposed rules in the pipeline heading for implementation. Among those that could be pushed in the weeks to come are an Ozone Rule that would impose limits so strict that the majority of businesses in the United States might well find themselves in violation. Its enactment could well result in multiple billions of dollars of retrofitting and equipment replacement. The EPA is also near putting into play new particulate matter standards that will lead to a lot of confusion.

Eyes will also be on the Labor Department and, specifically, the National Labor Relations Board which throughout the last four years has had a history of trying to implement measures unilaterally which would tilt the balance of labor relations in favor of the Unions. The President's appointees have made no secret of their biased viewpoint as they have moved quickly to follow their agenda.



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MFDA's 17th GOLF OUTING A HUGE SUCCESS!

Bright and early September 23, 2012, at 6:45AM, over 90 golfers arrived at Wild Turkey Golf Course, one of NJ Premier golf courses at Crystal Springs Golf & Resort. While the morning was a bit chilly, the day warmed up, and the foliage up in Northern NJ was a spectacular back drop for the MFDA's 17th Annual Golf Outing! After months of planning, you can be certain that Golf Chair. Ken Schneeloch (McCormick Assoc. and MFDA's Secretary); Brian Eakins (MFDA BOD member; ND Industries), and Dave Schuster (Leo Coar Assoc.) were thrilled!

Each golfer was treated to golf tees (donated by ND Industries), a sleeve of balls (Kanebridge Corp.), and golf towels (Star Stainless).

Lots of mulligans were sold...a free hit...(except on hole in one holes) and 14 foursomes participated in the Pink Ball contest. Can you play 18 holes, and bring the pink ball back? Kanebridge Corp. (Vic LaPoma's team) did just that and won? the pot of cash! Congratulations team Kanebridge: Vic LaPoma, Dennis Shanahan, (Mutual Screw), Dennis Shanahan, Jr. & Mike Sutphin (Kanebridge Corp.)!

Brighton Best sponsored a \$25,000 cash hole in one contest, along with several other prize opportunities on several holes on the course. While there was no winner this year, MFDA BOD member, Barb Traum, (Brighton Best) spent the entire outing at the hole ready to verify. She offered snacks, beverages, and took photos at the hole. Also out on the golf course taking pictures were Kellie Nirmaier, MFDA's 2nd V.P. (Kanebridge Corp.) and Jennifer Hyman (Kanebridge Corp.). Thanks to Brighton, and our photographers! Thank you also to Kelly Quittenton (Brighton Best) for overseeing the "Double Your Money" contest. Golfers gave Kelly cash, with a chance to double the amount if they were successful in hitting the ball onto the green.

Golfers returned to the beautiful glass enclosed "Rotunda" room overlooking the golf courses for the awards ceremony and luncheon. A MFDA golf shirt, Kanebridge Corporation fabric bag, and tables of prizes awaited the golfers. Raffle tickets were sold for a Chinese auction for the prizes. Several companies

donated additional prizes: \$100 Best Buy gift card (Uneeda Bolt & Screw), 2 boxes of golf balls (BMB Fasteners), Keurig Coffee Maker (Star Stainless), 2 boxes of golf balls (Safety Socket, LLC), and a Giants Team Logo golf bag (Lubker Dist.) for which the MFDA is sincerely grateful. Nancy Orr and Janet Knapp (ND Industries) stayed back at home base to set up the prizes, shirts, and cut raffles. Thanks, ladies!



A new twist on prizes this year courtesy of Solution Industries, one of MFDA's newest members...2 Johnnyville Slugger bats engraved with the MFDA Logo for our longest driver winners and MFDA blue bolt trophies for the first and second place winners. A

special thanks to Laura Vath, (Solution Industries) and her colleagues, Don Shan & John Rydel for adding such a classy touch.

A free massage was offered by Wolke Chiropractic. Many golfers took advantage!

Dave Schuster emceed the awards dinner. He introduced MFDA President, Jay Minichino (BMB Fasteners) who said a few words and then the distribution of awards and prizes got started.



This year's winners were:


1st Place Team Lee Johnson (Lee S. Johnson Assoc.), John Conte (Fall River Mfg.), Steve Gilmore (Lee S. Johnson Assoc.); and Rick Lubker (Lubker Dist.)

2nd Place Team Wolke Chiropractic.

Longest Drive Men Rich Blasi (Continental-Aero) & Lee Johnson, Jr.

Longest Drive Woman Gretchen Grove (Pilgrim Screw)

Ed Werner (EZ Sockets) took pictures of the awards luncheon, and prepared a fabulous slide show for viewing at his booth at the Table Top Show the next day. Amazing! Thank you Ed!

On behalf of the entire MFDA Officers and BOD, Golf Chairman, Ken Schneeloch would like to thank everyone for attending, the companies who supported and contributed, and all the volunteers which made this 17th Annual Golf Outing an enormous success!! See you next year! September 22, 2012. 

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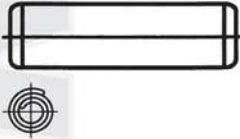
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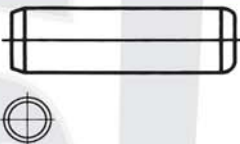
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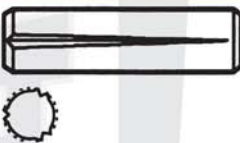
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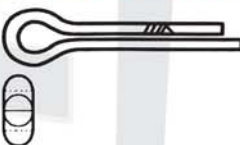
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DISTRIBUTOR NEWS

Always looking for an opportunity to better support their distributors **AZ Lifting Hardware** (AZLH) has broadened their product offering by adding Adjustable Yoke Ends to their line.

Introduced in their most recent catalog are six popular sizes in stock for same day shipping: 1/4-28, 5/16-28, 3/8-24, 1/2-13, 5/8-11 and 3/4-10. Each Yoke End is forged to the standard industrial specification and can be easily crossed referenced. Not in their catalog, but available for shipment within 24 hours are several additional thread pitches: 1/2-13 LH, 1/2-20 RH, 1/2-20 LH, 5/8-11 LH, 5/8-18 RH and 5/8-18 LH.

"The addition of Adjustable Yoke Ends has been a nice roll-out from the Clevis Ends added last year" adds Tim Merriman, Business Development Manager. "We have been pleased with the interest in the marketplace for this line and plan to add even more thread pitch options in the near future."

AZ Lifting Hardware is a wholesale distributor of industrial rigging hardware such as turnbuckles, eye bolts, shackles, hooks and related chain hardware as well as machining of custom eye bolts.

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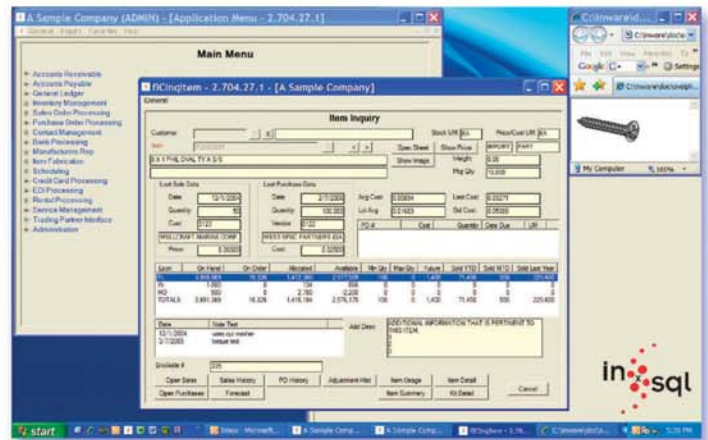


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LINDSTROM METRIC ACQUIRES BOSSARD METRICS, INC.

Lindstrom Metric LLC, a Harbour Group company, acquired Bossard Metrics, Inc., Virgil Lindstrom, founder and President of Lindstrom Metric, announced. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Based in Elk Grove Village, Ill., near Chicago, Bossard Metrics is the U.S. master distribution business of the Swiss-based Bossard Group. A premier supplier of metric fasteners to the U.S. distribution market, it sells only to distributors, with no direct sales to manufacturers. The company will be integrated with Lindstrom, enabling the combined operation to provide 2,000 distributor customers with more than 75,000 standard and specialty metric fasteners, further solidifying its position as the leading supplier of metric fasteners to the distribution market.

Concurrent with the acquisition, Lindstrom will become the exclusive master distributor for the entire range of Bossard products in the United States, and will exclusively distribute the industry-leading Bossard Group catalog to U.S. distributor customers.


Mr. Lindstrom said, "I am extremely excited about pulling Bossard Metrics into the fold as its 'BN' nomenclature is widely recognized throughout the industry. This transaction adds to our ability to execute and continue to be the key partner to our valued distributor customers. No other supplier will be able to offer the inventory breadth, product availability, ancillary services and order flexibility on standard as well as tens of thousands of low-volume metric fasteners."

"Bossard Metrics has an exceptionally strong presence in the marketplace," said Jeff Fox, Harbour Group's chief executive officer. He continued, "This purchase marks another milestone in the 40 year history

of continuous expansion and development of Lindstrom Metric, and we're committed to supporting Lindstrom as it grows both internally and through other strategic acquisitions. The combination further strengthens Lindstrom's position as the metric 'specialist,' offering customers a broad assortment of metric standard and specialty fasteners along with specialty plating, packaging, and other valued-added services."

"Harbour Group demonstrated strong operational and industry experience throughout this process," David Dean, CEO of Bossard AG, commented. "Their experience combined with their ability to move quickly and in a straight forward manner, assured me and the management team that Harbour Group and the Lindstrom team is well-suited to support the Bossard Metrics' customers and become the exclusive master distributor of the Bossard Group products to the distributor network in the United States. We're looking forward to working with Lindstrom for many, many years to come."

Harbour Group is a privately owned company based in St. Louis, Mo. Harbour Group and its operating companies are engaged in manufacturing, distribution, and specialty services in multiple industries, including specialty LED systems, niche distribution, logistics services, decorative kitchen and bath hardware, automotive enthusiast products, abrasives, diamond-cutting products and related tools, entertainment and music products, and auxiliary plastic processing equipment. Since its founding in 1976, Harbour Group has acquired 169 companies in 34 different industries.

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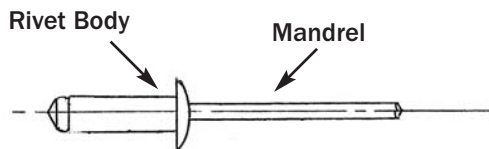


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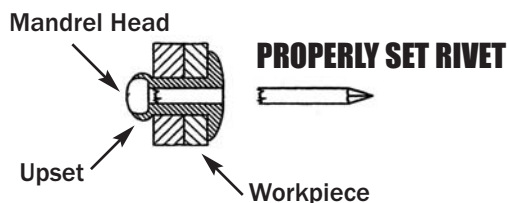
Anthony E. Di Maio attended Wentworth Institute and Northeastern University. In 1962 he started working with Blind Fasteners as Vice-President of Engineering & Manufacturing for two blind rivet manufacturers. He has been Chairman of the Technical Committee of the Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI) and is still involved in the writing of IFI specifications. In 1991, he started ADM Engineering and is working with Fastener Manufacturers developing new fasteners and special machinery. He can be reached at ADM Engineering, 6 Hermon Ave., Haverhill, MA 01832; phone and fax 978-521-0277; e-mail: tdimaio@verizon.net.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF BLIND RIVETS

The blind rivet has features and characteristics that no other fastener has. A blind rivet is a two-part fastener consisting of a rivet body and mandrel.

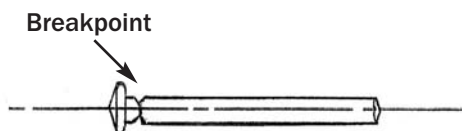


The rivet body upsets when the mandrel is pulled and it is the rivet body that fastens the work pieces together.



The mandrel is the setting force of the rivet body. When the mandrel is pulled the mandrel head will push against the barrel of the rivet body and enter the rivet body and expand and upset the barrel of the rivet body.

The mandrel will continue to be pulled by the setting tool until the mandrel head upsets the rivet body against the work pieces, until the mandrel head meets a resistance then the mandrel will break. The mandrel will break at a pre-determined position of the mandrel and at a pre-determined tensile strength.



The pre-determined tensile break-load strength is listed in the Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI) standards

book under IFI specifications IFI-114. IFI lists the minimum and the maximum mandrel tensile strengths for all diameter mandrels and all alloys.

Example: Grade #30 in IFI-114 is for blind rivets having a steel rivet body and steel mandrel. Let us look at the 1/8 diameter, steel/steel combination, mandrel diameter of 0.076 (nominal) alloy carbon steel. Minimum mandrel tensile is 600lbs and maximum of 800lbs. Therefore, for 1/8 diameter blind rivets made with a steel body and steel mandrel the mandrel tensile will be between 600 and 800lbs if the blind rivet is manufactured to IFI specifications.

The minimum and maximum tensile strengths values are critical to the performance of the blind rivet.

Minimum mandrel tensile ensures the user that the mandrel will have the proper tensile strength to set the blind rivet and fasten the work pieces securely together. The mandrel tensile strength is the clamping force of the blind rivet. If mandrels have a tensile strength below the minimum values of the IFI specifications, the work pieces will not be properly fastened together. When this occurs, it is called "premature mandrel breaking" and the blind rivet application is not correct. Very surprising to me is that ISO does not list any minimum mandrel tensile specifications in their blind rivet specifications. This is a very harmful and serious omission to their blind rivet specifications. Low mandrel tensile strengths can be caused by incorrect tooling that makes the mandrel and improper heat treatment of certain aluminum mandrels. If a user is setting blind rivets manufactured to ISO standards and the blind rivet mandrels have a "premature mandrel break" the user has no recourse with the manufacturer because ISO blind rivet specifications have no minimum mandrel tensile requirements in their blind rivet specifications.

Maximum tensile requirement is also critical. If a blind rivet mandrel has a tensile strength above the IFI maximum specifications, the mandrel head, when the blind rivet is set could enter the rivet body barrel and travel through the work piece. When the mandrel does finally break, you will see mandrel material protruding outside the flange of the blind rivet body.

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About The Winner

Bolt & Nut Supply Company has been a dominant supplier of fasteners and related products throughout the Intermountain West for over 30 years.



ABOVE: From left to right: Kent Stettler, Craig Stettler, Jonathan Stettler and Scott Stettler in front of the sign outside Bolt & Nut Supply Co's newest location in Ogden, UT.



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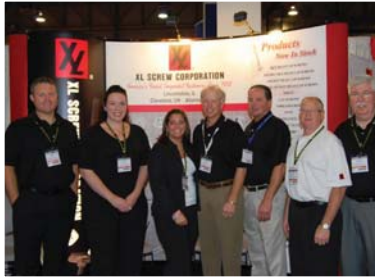
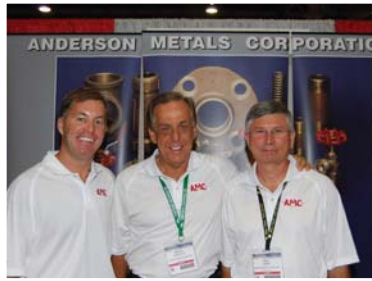
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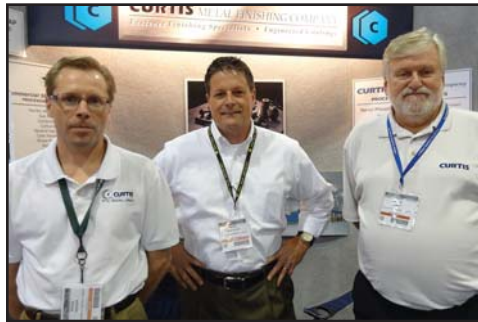
The National Industrial Fastener & Mill Supply Expo held October 10-12, 2012 at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada USA, was an unqualified success from every standpoint, according to Expo Management.

Hailed as 'North America's Largest Fastener Expo', the 3-day event attracted 4,246 visitors and exhibitor personnel from throughout the USA and 37 other nations from around the world including Australia, Belgium, Brazil, British Indian Ocean, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Distributors led the way in Expo visitors with 1,260 registrants, followed by 424 suppliers (including fastener manufacturers, manufacturer's reps and master

distributors), 160 independent sales reps and 91 various other industry related people.

The full day conference on Wednesday, October 10 offered a variety of programs, workshops and meetings presented by a number of industry associations including the Fastener Training Institute (FTI), Pacific-West Fastener Association (Pac-West), National Fastener Industry Finance Manager Network & Business Credit Management Association, and Women in the Fastener Industry (WIFI).

The always popular Welcome Reception held on Wednesday evening at Harrah's was packed with upwards of 1,500 persons buzzing with excitement and furiously networking while enjoying a great assortment of complimentary food and drink provided courtesy of Expo Management. "The party atmosphere was definitely upbeat", noted one happy Expo regular.



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MACLEAN-FOGG COMPONENT SOLUTIONS ANNOUNCES METFORM'S GROUNDBREAKING!


Duncan MacLean, President of MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions (MFCS), announces the October 24th groundbreaking ceremony for Metform's new 92,000 square foot machined component facility in Savanna, Illinois. According to Mr. MacLean, "This \$30 million investment will create more than 50 new jobs within the next two years while strengthening Metform's position in the driveline component forging and machining market."

Invited guests included local officials and business leaders, Congressman Bobby Schilling and Congressman Aaron Schock. Corporate executives along with a host of select management from the MacLean-Fogg Company, MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions and Metform. Mr. MacLean added, "We are proud to be a part of Savanna and its surrounding communities and we are very excited about the innovation and progress this groundbreaking represents."

The new MFCS state-of-the-art machining factory will be constructed adjacent to the existing Metform hot forming plant on Route 84 in Savanna. Operations are expected to begin in the first quarter of 2013. "Our entire organization is energized by this business and facility expansion," said Metform Vice President and General Manager, Matthias Praus. "It is positive for the Savanna community and it is very exciting for our business since this new facility will house MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions' new ZF/Chrysler Transmission

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Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony are, from left MacLean-Fogg President Barry MacLean, 18th District Cong. Aaron Schock (R-Peoria), Metform Vice President and General Manager Matthias Praus, MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions President Duncan MacLean, and 17th District Cong. Bobby Schilling (R-Rock Island).



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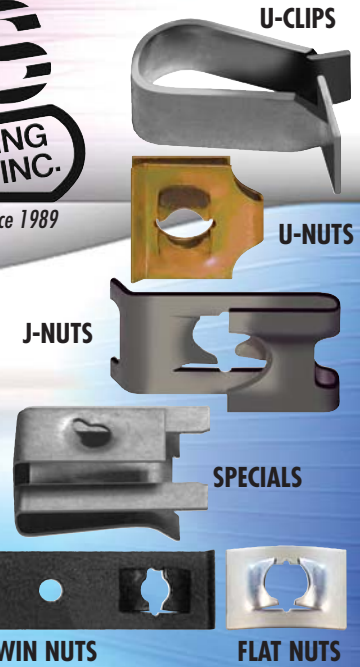
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DISTRIBUTOR NEWS

Cardinal Fastener is pleased to announce the addition of Holly Flauto to it's Inside Sales team. Holly brings 17 years of sales experience to Cardinal Fastener, as well as a passionate, can-do attitude. Holly is responsible for all fastener distributors in the Midwest and Western Territories. Danielle Taylor, Inside Sales Manager, says, "As we continue to expand and grow, we are excited to have Holly join our sales team, which includes Cristy Muha, Southern Territory, and Ann Brady, Eastern Territory. Holly has a unique way of taking the voice of the customer and conveying their needs and requirements as if they were right there in the plant."

"I look forward to bringing my vast sales experience to the most respected fastener manufacturer in the industry," says Holly Flauto.

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Many attendees remained in the Nevada Ballroom and continued renewing old friendships and making new ones long after the close of the party.

The two day Expo opened at 9:00 AM, Thursday, October 11th and aisles were immediately jammed with thousands of eager buyers looking to see what was offered by the 603 companies spread over 770 booths (77,000 net square feet). Exhibiting companies from all across the USA as well as 18 other nations including Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom and Vietnam showcased their latest lines of products and services. "92 of this year's exhibiting companies were either new to the Expo or returning after a several year absence and we are very

encouraged by this", commented Susan Hurley, CEM, the Expo's veteran General Manager.

The Expo featured fasteners of every description, plus fastener production machinery & tooling, inspection & testing equipment, packaging equipment, mill supplies and a variety of other industry-related products and services. The 6,000-plus sq. ft. Machinery & Tooling World area featured 44 companies including many members of the International Fastener Machinery & Suppliers Association (IFMSA). "A number of companies showed fastener production machinery this year and there is a strong indication there will be even more machinery exhibited in the future because this Expo is the only one of its kind in

North America", commented Raymond P. Zirkle, Director of IFMSA.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INSERTION QUILL WHEN INSTALLING COILED SPRING PINS

by Christie L. Jones, Market Development Manager

When installing Coiled Spring Pins, it is important that the installation tool, often called a “quill”, is large enough to cover the entire end of the Coiled Pin. The quill should be sized such that it pushes on all five coils simultaneously throughout the entire installation process. Otherwise, the pin will be difficult – if not impossible – to properly install into the assembly.

If the quill is too small, the inner coils will push through the center of the pin creating a “telescoping” effect and push out the back end of the Coiled Pin. Sometimes, users refer to this as the pin “unwrapping”. It is important to note that it is impossible for pins to “telescope” or “unwrap” if the proper insertion quill is used. A byproduct of pushing on the inner coils is elevated insertion forces, and if the quill is too small, the Coiled Pin will not be able to flex to take on the diameter of the hole since the quill will be lodged in the ID of the pin.

Occasionally, a company will develop an insertion quill that has a stepped end that is intended to fit into the ID of the Coiled Pin to “help align the pin with the hole” (Figure 1). There are two problems with this scenario. The first problem is that the actual center of the Coiled Pin is

not in the center of the ID (Figure 2).

Therefore, the effect of sticking something into the ID of the pin is that it will actually knock the pin off-center from the hole! The second problem is that the nib at the end of the installation tool may prevent the pin from collapsing as it is inserted into the hole.

This can significantly raise insertion forces; and if the nib is large enough, prevent full insertion of the pin into the hole. In some cases, the quill can break off and get stuck in the ID of the pin causing downtime on the assembly line.

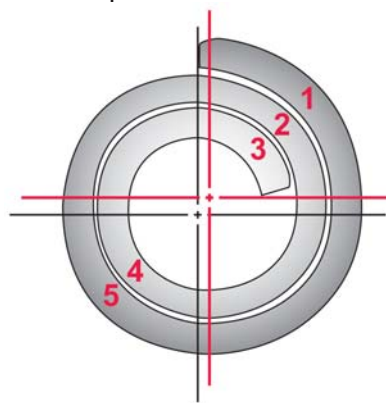
Another common

issue is when a company continues to use a worn insertion quill. Over time, the end of the insertion quill will break down. Notice on Figure 3 the tip of the tool, circled in red, is worn and the edges are smoothed over. At some point, the end of the quill will be too

small such that it will not cover the entire end of the Coiled Pin. As described above, the quill will press on the inner coils of the pin, and insertion issues will arise.



LEFT: Figure 1: An insertion quill with a stepped end, as shown, is not recommended.



RIGHT: Figure 2: Black crosshairs show the center of the coiled pin's inner diameter. Red crosshairs show the actual center of the coiled pin. The quill should be sized such that it pushes on all five coils simultaneously throughout the entire installation process.



Figure 3: Worn insertion quill.

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Following are some of the many positive comments received: Richard Pratt of Prospect Fastener Corp. Wauconda, IL wrote, "I thought this year's show was real good, and I like the Sands Expo location"; Clark Lander of Tensile Testing, Cleveland, OH commented, "Thank you for the well run show everyone has come to expect"; Morten



Schiff, CEO of Vibrationmaster, Ribe, Denmark said, "Las Vegas was a perfect opportunity for us. Our objectives to help fastener manufacturers, distributors and the whole fastener sector to improve product and safety quality were significantly enhanced in Las Vegas"; and Peter Ruitenber, CTR Carbide Dies Ltd., Birmingham, United Kingdom said, "Overall we had a good show. It was our first show in Las Vegas and we met some interesting people".

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THE TOP 3 BUSINESS WRITING MISTAKES YOU'RE PROBABLY MAKING RIGHT NOW

Most businesspeople have great ideas, but when it comes to putting those ideas on paper, they ramble on for pages and end up looking less than professional. But in today's communication age, with email trumping the phone and deals being done via text and social media, writing skills are of paramount importance. In fact, when your writing gets to the point quickly and effectively, you can enhance your credibility, position yourself as a leader, and ultimately increase your bottom line.

Following are the top three business writing mistakes that plague most business writing. Overcome them today to boost your professional presence.

Mistake #1: Not knowing the specifics of your audience

Just as you would tailor your message depending on whether it was going to employees versus prospects, you also need to tailor your message to specific demographics within the larger identified group. For example, if you're writing promotional materials for your product or service, and the majority of the people who do business with you are older, well-established professionals, you'll want to highlight the product or service's safety features, reliability record, or guarantee. However, if your main clientele were younger Millennial types, you'd want to emphasize the product or service's trendy image, quick results, or easy to use/understand features. If you have an equal number of clients in both demographics, then you may even need two separate sales messages. One generic message rarely cuts it these days.

Therefore, before you write a word, really think about who'll be reading what you write. Get into their heads. Talk to their precise needs, issues, or worries. And then craft your message specifically for them. The more you know your reader, the better you can reach them with your words.

Mistake #2: Writing to impress rather than to express

The more successful a person is, the more often he or she thinks that big words and long documents impress people. In reality, just the opposite is true. People who try to

write with the hopes to impress others with their knowledge only accomplish one thing: They lose the reader!

To make sure you're expressing rather than impressing, examine each piece you write and distill its core message or purpose down to one or two sentence. If you can't do that, then either your writing is not focused, or it's so drawn-out that not even you can understand it. If that's the case, then go back to each paragraph within the document and try to condense each down to one or two sentences. String those new sentences together, and then pinpoint your piece's purposes. That's the core message you want to express! Rewrite the document with the core message in mind, using

common, everyday language. Remember, true genius is when you can explain your idea in such a way that a five-year-old child can understand it.


Mistake #3: Talking down to your reader

Have you ever reread your own writing and said, "It sounds all wrong!?" That's because the

tone of your writing was likely wrong. Determining your writing's tone is important, because a follow-up letter should not have the same tone as web copy.

Most businesspeople try to use an excessively formal tone in all their writing as a way to show their expertise. But realize that excessive formality often comes from a writer who is insecure with his or her authority. By using an overformal tone—complete with many technical terms, references to research studies when it's not warranted, and referring to the reader as "one" rather than "you" (as in "one can see..." versus "you can see...") - the writer attempts to mask his or her insecurities. Most people don't want to do business with someone who is insecure, so keep the tone of your writing conversational and approachable.

Write it Right

When you write better, you earn more. So no matter what you're writing—whether it's a sales letter, an email, or a press release—make sure you avoid these three business writing mistakes. Remember, your ability to write clearly and succinctly will make your writing stand out, and will enable you to reach new levels of success. 





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In the last quarter of 2012, **North East Fasteners** made investments in their production as well as their non-production equipment in order to improve efficiency. Other than production equipment, NEF had worked closely with Northeast Utilities (Connecticut's electrical provider) to devise proactive energy saving strategies in order to cope with the substantial energy demands inherent in fastener manufacturing.

Four new precision cold headers were purchased to keep up with strengthening demands, especially in the military and aerospace markets. This will allow for better lead times and a more flexible scheduling system. Many more purchases for high speed and high precision machines are in the pipeline. NEF has well over 70 production machines producing an average of 1.6 million high quality fasteners per day.

As for the non-production investments: NEF has purchased a new state of the art, energy efficient VFD Ingersoll Rand air compressor and cycling dryer system. Installed a new Jenfab 360-2 energy efficient water based industrial parts washer, equipped with Ultra-Sonic's for cleaner parts in shorter times. NEF has also retrofitted a new Ultra-Sonic system to its

other identical Jenfab parts washer, effectively cutting washing and burnishing cycles in half and therefore energy usage by as much, while at the same time providing a superior cleaning. In the tool room a new energy efficient heavy duty surface grinder and programmable milling machines were installed. Also, a new fork lift and other material handling equipment were added. They have gone so far as adding the new "Nest" motion sensing, internet programmable thermostats throughout the factory and offices. Also, new energy efficient and intelligent motion sensing lighting systems are in place with more to scheduled.

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JAM NUTS PROVIDE A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

by Joe Greenslade Director of Engineering Technology, IFI

Every time I get a question about the use of jam nuts I get nervous because there is a good likelihood that the end user thinks their getting some resistance to loosening from vibration, which they are not. In short, the use of jam nuts does not provide any locking effect and can be dangerous if used alone in tension applications.

A few weeks ago I was approached by two very experienced fastener people who wanted me to play referee in an argument they were having over the age-old question of, "When using a jam nut with a hex nut should the jam nut be on top or on the bottom?" I stunned them both when I said, "In my opinion you are both wrong! As far as I am concerned jam nuts should never be used at all."

Some time ago I researched the question of whether the jam nut should go on top or the bottom. I found an old document on the subject that appeared to be very authoritative. It stated that the jam nut should go on first and be against the work piece. The document went on to state that the jam nut should be tightened to a torque value less than a hex nut to assure that the jam nut does not strip. Then the hex nut is run down until it touches the top of the jam nut. Then to prevent rotation, a thin open-end wrench is placed on the jam nut and not allowed to turn while the hex nut is tightened to its prescribed tightness. The theory is that the threads in the jam nut, being thinner than the hex nut, will distort causing the jam nut to be locked into place.

I cannot agree with this. In the first place a jam nut

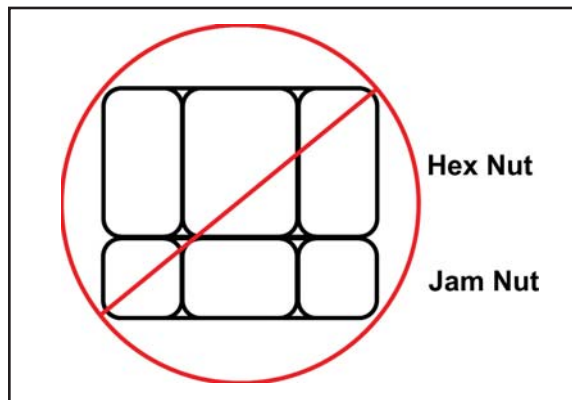
can only withstand about 50 – 60% of the load of a standard hex nut. That is because there is a very close linear relationship of the thickness of a nut and its ability to carry the full load capacity of the properly mated bolt. Standard hex nuts are designed such that the proof load

of the nut is equal to or greater than the minimum ultimate tensile strength of the mating bolt. In joint design the objective is to always break the bolts if they are over-tightened and to never strip the threads from the nut or other internally threaded component.

Jam nut thickness ranges between approximately 50% and 60% of a standard hex nut. It is highly unlikely that a

jam nut can be tightened constantly to the recommended torque tightening value prescribed for the mating bolt. In many cases the nut is likely to strip before reaching the desired bolt tension equal to 70 – 80% of the bolt's yield strength.

If the tightening torque is reduced to make sure the jam nut does not strip, then bolt tension is likely too low to create an ideal joint. One might ask, "If the jam nut is under-tightened to accommodate the jam nut, doesn't the bolt tension increase if the hex nut on top is properly tighten to its higher value?" The answer is "NO". If any additional tension is created by holding the jam nut still and applying full torque with the top nut, all of the tension is created between the two nut faces and does NOT transfer through the jam nut to create more tension in the bolt.



Hex Nut

Jam Nut

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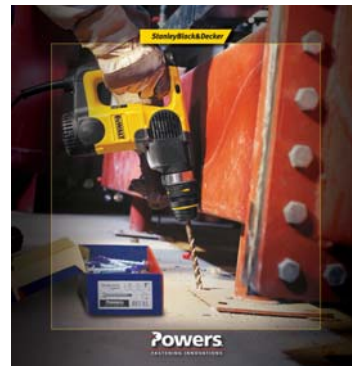
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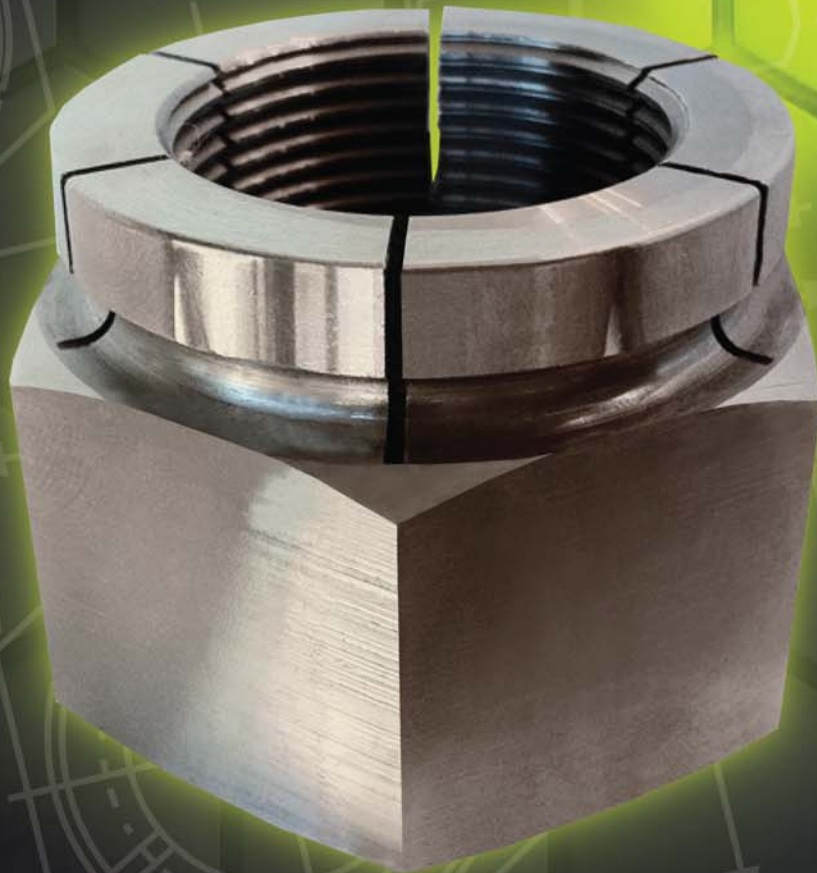
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A NEW ERA HAS BEGUN FOR NFDA

by Jay Queenin, NFDA President



A new era has begun at NFDA, embracing what is best about our past while positioning ourselves for future success. Our focus continues to be on owners and executives but we have spent the past year building bridges with others organizations that play important roles within our industry.

Our new executive vice president Vickie Lester has brought a refreshing approach to our association. Much has been done but there are still challenges ahead.

NFDA Identity

Under Vickie's direction, four task forces convened over the summer and into the fall with the expressed goal of defining who we are and our future direction. Thirty NFDA members and other industry stakeholders then convened in Scottsdale on November 6th to the 9th to bring to closure this important initiative.

The result of Scottsdale can be summed up in the following:

- The Core Purpose of our association is "To help NFDA members thrive in a global marketplace."
- The Core Values of our association are "Honesty and Integrity; Balancing Work and Life; Valuing People, Relationships and Differences; Passionate Leadership; Positive Attitude and Having Fun."
- The Goal of the association is "To unite the North American fastener industry to help our members thrive."

For those of you involved in the NFDA for many years, as well as those who are our newest members, the core purpose, core values and goal should come as no surprise.

I would like to again thank all of those who participated in this worthwhile effort.

The NFDA Schedule

There has been much discussion and anticipation in our association as to the future schedule. The Board has decided to develop a three-year schedule of events.

To ensure that our meetings are up to the standards that we all expect, there will be three fundamental changes in our meeting planning process. First, we have redirected resources from the management fee to program content. This will ensure that our focus will be on offering the best content for our members. Second, each event will be organized by a planning task force consisting of NFDA members. This will ensure that our meetings reflect the needs of our members.

Third, when practical, we will organize our events around other industry events and with other fastener organizations. This will ensure increased participation

and ease of scheduling for our members.

Some highlights of our three-year schedule of events:


- Our traditional Business Meeting will be held in June of each year. Membership feedback about our ESPS sessions and the city-meeting business format has been positive, and moving these meetings to the summer addresses the concern that our past sessions were held too close to the Las Vegas show dates. Our business meeting will alternate between Chicago in odd-numbered years when Fastener Tech is occurring and other major urban areas in even-numbered years;

- Beginning in the winter of 2014, we will continue our annual Resort Business Event. The difference you may see is that we may jointly plan some of our event activities with other fastener associations to increase attendance, defray costs and work closer with other groups in the industry;

- We will be adding a new feature to our schedule beginning in 2013, called the Executive Summit. These will be networking opportunities for business owners, executives and their families. The purpose of these events will be to foster a sense of community among our distributor and associate members that has been lacking over the past few years. We do not expect broad yearly participation by all the members, but we hope that you will be able to participate once every few years. Those who participate will get great value. In 2013 we will host an event in Maui, Hawaii, and in 2014 we hope to plan a family event at Disney World. The costs of these events will be shared by the participating members.

- The NFDA will continue to support our members as they travel to various Industry Conventions around the world. Similar to the Executive Summit, these events will be smaller and more informal. They will include member dinners, social events and business meeting tailored to the locality. The costs of these events will be shared by the participating members.

As I hope you can see, we have attempted to maintain the great traditions of our Association while at the same time attempting to refresh and rejuvenate our group.

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MFDA ESTABLISHES DISASTER RELIEF FUND

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"The purpose of this fund is to provide emergency relief to employees in the fastener industry who have experienced a personal loss due to a major disaster," the board stated.

To qualify for relief funds, applicants must:

- (1) be an employee of a member company
- (2) must have personal loss due to major disaster
- (3) must apply for relief within 30 days
- (4) cannot have receive money from the fund in the past five years.

Awards will be based on funds available, extent of personal loss and need.

Application information is available online at www.mfda.us. The deadline for applications involving Hurricane Sandy is December 15, 2012.

The MFDA is accepting donations for the fund. Checks may be sent to MFDA, 128-3 Bauer Dr., Oakland, NJ 07436. Indicate "Disaster Relief Fund" on check memo line.

Fastener Companies Back to Business Days After SuperStorm Sandy

Fastener companies were disrupted by Hurricane Sandy, but returned to business within days.

• As the storm hit October 29, 2012, "we were basically 'out of business'," Ed Werner described the situation at EZ Sockets of Springfield, NJ. "No power, no heat, no phones, no Internet, no computers."

After operating on a generator, power was restored to EZ Sockets on Nov. 5. By mid-November, EZ Sockets was "back to normal at home and at work. All employees are present and accounted for," Werner reported. "Now we want the normal business volume to be restored.

• Ford Fasteners in Hackensack, NJ, lost power for Tuesday, but was back in business three days later.

• Pat Lang told GlobalFastenerNews.com that Kanebridge Corp. escaped major damage. "For the most part we were very lucky compared to the devastation around us. We worked with a limited staff because so many were without power, but we were able to take orders and ship our customer's orders from our Illinois and California warehouses."

• Both Star Stainless and Yellow Woods were in the storm's path.

"Monday afternoon the storm began showing its powerful forces and by late afternoon we had lost all power to the building along with our surrounding neighbors in the industrial park," Bruce Wheeler reported.

"Our generator turned out to be a hero, it did not let us down," Wheeler told GlobalFastenerNews.com. "It supported Star and the fastener industry for five continuous days running 24 hours a day. After all she had done for us, we decided to give the generator a name, we now call her Jenny."

• "For the most part we were spared the severe problems they had in the coastal areas," Fastar CEO Doug Thonus said. "Our area had thousands of trees down, roads blocked and power was out at Fastar for two days."

• "Guidon Corporation was extremely lucky during the storm," Jack McGough said. "We closed on Monday October 29th in preparation for the storm. Employees were notified not to come into work on Tuesday until management was able to determine that we are safe and power was on. Every employee showed up to work. No one suffered any damage and power was on in everyone's homes."

Guidon is 15 minutes east of Philadelphia and "we did not suffer the devastation that other's suffered in the state and region," McGough observed.

• Other fastener companies used social media to inform employees and customers. As the storm was approaching Brighton Best issued a "BBI Service Alert" that both New Jersey locations "are closed because of Hurricane Sandy today. To all those on the East Coast - be safe."

• By November 6, Würth USA announced that the "power has been restored in our Ramsey, NJ, offices and our Northeast Distribution Center is fully operational and back to normal. We'd like to thank all of you for your support and our thoughts are with those of you who are still dealing with the effects of Hurricane Sandy."

• Fastener industry veteran Joseph W. Godleski, 69, was killed on October 30, 2012, in Hackensack, NJ. Authorities said Godleski's car became stranded in floodwaters caused by Hurricane Sandy and he was carried off by the current. 





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John D. DiFilippo
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John D. DiFilippo, Sr. 60 of Michigan, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Sunday December 2, 2012. Born in Newark, NJ, John grew up in Irvington and relocated to Michigan roughly 12 Years ago.

John was a graduate of Seton Hall University and worked as a Sales Manager for 30 years most recently with Rotor Clip Company in Somerset, NJ, for the past 6 years. He was a classic car enthusiast who enjoyed working on cars and attending car shows in his spare time. John was a selfless man who lived for his children. He was a loving father, son and brother and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

DISTRIBUTOR NEWS

Trinity Hardware Headquarters, a leading distributor of industrial fasteners in North America, announces the release of its new Hardware Catalog. The 566 page catalog boasts an addition of over 10,000 new catalog items and is available online at www.TrinityHardwareHQ.com. New items include:

- New Socket Section- A new catalog line that includes Socket Head Cap Screws, Button Head Cap Screws, Socket Head Shoulder Screws, Socket Set Screws, and Square Head Set Screws.
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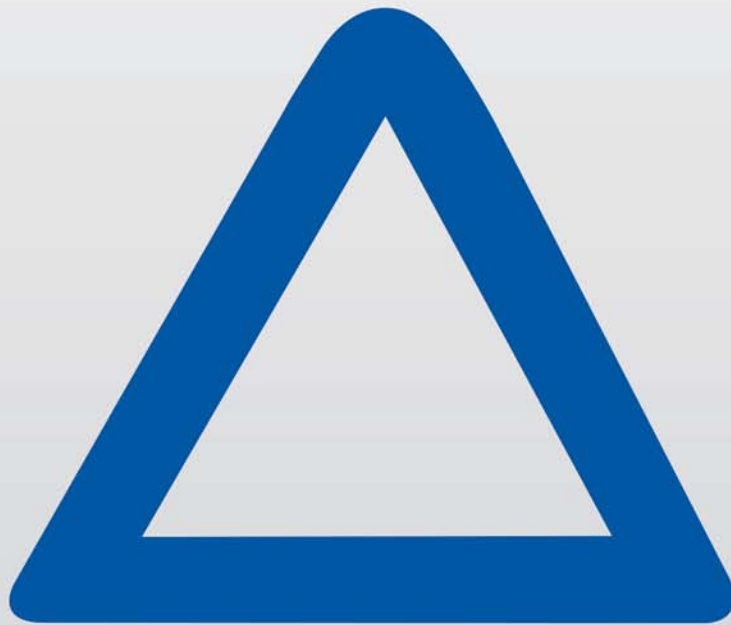
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FASTENER TRAINING INSTITUTE EXPANDS® COURSES

The Fastener Training Institute® (FTI) will expand its 2013 calendar to offer more courses and two new programs.

As the result of a longstanding partnership with the Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI), together IFI and FTI will present two new programs next year: Aerospace Fastener Technology and Understanding Hydrogen Embrittlement in Fasteners.

The Aerospace Fastener Technology Course was developed in response to the needs of aerospace fastener manufacturers, distributors and consuming OEMs. Course details and curriculum will be published soon. This class will be offered August 27-29, 2013 in Southern California.

Understanding Hydrogen Embrittlement in Fasteners will be taught by Salim Brahimi, a leading researcher in hydrogen embrittlement in fasteners. The curriculum for this topical course includes basics of hydrogen embrittlement, the latest research results, how to manage the risk of hydrogen embrittlement, and its effects on high strength fasteners.

Hydrogen embrittlement can lead to fastener and joint failure with catastrophic results. Fastener manufacturers, distributors, and end users will benefit from Mr. Brahimi's knowledge and research in this critical area.

This course will be offered twice in 2013: once in Southern California and a second time in the mid-west. Check the website www.fastenertraining.org for more details. (Full disclosure: IFI provides some of the funding for Mr. Brahimi's hydrogen embrittlement research).

FTI will start 2013 with the three-part **Product Training Program**. This series of classes will cover the fundamentals of fasteners; each session focusing on different fasteners, terminology and basic fastener information. Each class is a full day of training and while it is intended for people new to the industry, it will be beneficial for all who want to expand their fastener knowledge.

New for 2013, the Product Training Program will be offered a second time during the year, starting in June. For those who miss the three-part series, FTI offers Fastener Basics which combines the highlights of the three-day Product Training Program into one full day of

valuable, fundamental information.

Also new for 2013, the acclaimed **Fastener Training Week** will be offered three times: once in Southern California and twice in Cleveland. This training, in partnership with IFI, incorporates the seven classes in the Certified Fastener Specialist™ program in an accelerated version taught over five consecutive days.

The Automotive Fastener Technology Course, also co-produced with IFI, will be offered twice in 2013. This training is designed for technical personnel and support staff looking to consolidate fundamental knowledge and to acquire advanced technical information about automotive fasteners. Engineers, technicians, metallurgists, and technical sales staff all will benefit from this two-day course.


Throughout the year the **Certified Fastener Specialist™ Courses** will be offered. This program consists of seven classes that can either be taken individually over the course of seven months, or in an accelerated version over five consecutive days (Fastener Training Week).

Classes are taught by recognized industry experts and include every-day, hands-on case studies. Individual classes do not need to be taken in sequence. If a class is missed, it can be made up the following year. To receive the CFS™ designation, students must complete Fastener Training Week or the seven full-day training classes offered throughout the year and pass a take home exam at the end of the training.

Upon completion of the program and passing the exam, students receive an engraved plaque designating their certification as a fastener specialist, according to the requirements established by the Fastener Training Institute®.

Please contact FTI to be placed on a mailing list for any fastener training courses at info@fastenertraining.org. Check the website for the complete 2013 calendar at www.FastenerTraining.org

The Fastener Training Institute®'s core purpose is to enhance fastener use, safety and reliability.

John Wachman is Director of the Fastener Training Institute and the head of Desert Distribution Sales LLC, a manufacturer's representative company located in Scottsdale, AZ, USA. 

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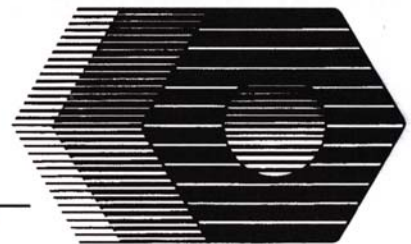
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The Fastener Training Institute® (FTI) and the **Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI)** are pleased to announce the development of a new training program: Aerospace Fastener Technology. This course will be offered August of 2013 in Southern California. Details are being developed, and the course content with schedule will be available soon.

John Wachman, FTI Director, recently presented the idea to the IFI Aerospace Division II, Aerospace Fastener Products group at its meeting held at Carpenter Steel in Reading, PA. Rob Harris, IFI Managing Director, and Pat Meade, IFI Aerospace Products Manager, arranged the presentation which was very well received by the 40+ members who attended the session.

FTI and IFI co-produce both Fastener Training Week (the weeklong Certified Fastener Specialist™ program) and Automotive Fastener Technology. This new program is in response to the needs of aerospace fastener manufacturers, distributors and consuming OEMs.

Please contact FTI to be placed on a mailing list for this or any fastener training courses at info@fastenertraining.org. Check the website for the complete 2013 calendar www.FastenerTraining.org

For more information about the **Fastener Training Institute®** contact **Jeannine Christensen, Director of Education, 10842 Noel Street #107, Los Alamitos CA 90720. By phone at 1-877-606-5232, by email jchristensen@fastenertraining.org or by visiting www.fastenertraining.org.**

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On Mizner's appointment, Lane said, 'One of the keys to our success is our commitment to providing high quality products – on time. To be able to adjust to our customer's ever changing needs takes dedication and genuine insight from our sales team. Jason's successful sales background insures that we'll continue that tradition.'

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Organizers announce a new location for the 2013 All American Fastener Show. The InterContinental Hotel at the Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri will host the event on Wednesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 9, 2013.



The All American Fastener Show provides an opportunity for fastener professionals to demonstrate the latest products and technology available in the industry.

The All American Fastener Show provides an opportunity for industry professionals from around the world to network with United States fastener manufacturers and to learn more about new products and technology available from the American market.

In previous years, the show was held in Branson, Missouri. The 2012 All American Fastener Show was cancelled due to a devastating tornado which severely damaged the host hotel and convention center in Branson along with many other venues in the area. Show organizers were unable to reschedule the 2012 event in Branson and instead began planning for the 2013 Show. In order to ensure an available venue for the 2013 All American Fastener Show, a new location was selected for the event.

"When the opportunity was presented, we decided to make the move to a larger mid-west metropolitan area, making it easier for industry professionals to attend the 2013 show. Kansas City is centrally located within the U.S. and is easily accessible by interstates and highways. The Kansas City International Airport

serves a hub for many airlines, making travel to the show much easier," stated Heidi Volltrauer-Skiver, organizer of the All American Fastener Show.

The show is a cost effective way for exhibitors to generate sales leads, introduce new products, and build brand recognition within the fastener industry. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet industry professionals and to see the



latest in United States fastener products and technology.

Plans for the 2013 All American Fastener Show include the annual Fastener Bash, exhibits from fastener professionals, a new Seminar on Social Media & Internet Marketing, as well as a Golf Tournament.



The Plaza is home to the city's trendiest shops and restaurants as well as many of its treasured cultural attractions. The host hotel InterContinental, is located on The Plaza.

In addition to the scheduled events at the 2013 All American Fastener Show, Kansas City has a vast selection of dining, sightseeing and entertainment options. Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel magazine named Kansas City one of its Top Budget Travel Destinations for 2012.

Some of the entertainment options in the area include:

- Major League Baseball - Kansas City Royals
- Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts - live theater, dance, concerts
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Exporting its products to different parts of the world from Europe to South America **Arma Clamps & Clips** attends domestic and overseas fairs in order to widen its

customer portfolio.

Adopting superior quality, timely delivery and customer satisfaction as main principles, the company received the ISO 9001:2000 quality certificate in 2002 and ISO/TS 16949 quality system certificate in 2008.


As a result of qualified technical staff, the company carried out several R&D studies and projects last year.

In clamps division, welding operation of DIN 3017-2 hose clamps was replaced with mechanical riveting system as the inner support part combining operation and this process development was registered as a utility model with the Turkish Patent Institute.

In metal clips division, the special fixing spring part manufactured with progressive mold for home appliance industry was adapted to automatic metal forming machine and cost advantage was realized, thereby preventing the import of this part.

R&D project supported by TUBITAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) for developing an automation line for the production of DIN 3016-1 and DIN 3017-2 pipe and hose clamps was completed successfully.

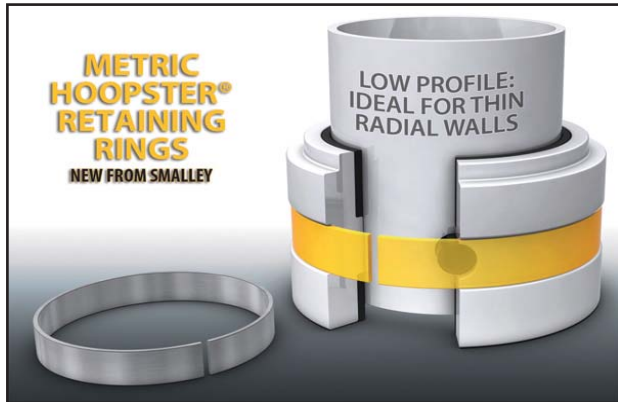
Arma Clamps & Clips is a growing company and 2012 net sales increased by 28% accordingly. Currently 35% of revenue

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DISTRIBUTOR NEWS

Smalley Steel Ring Company, the world leader in the manufacturing and development of Spirolox® Retaining Rings, Constant Section Rings and Smalley Wave Springs announces the launch of the new Metric Hoopster Retaining Rings.



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Dean Foley recently joined **Atlantic Fasteners** as the Sales Manager for its Aerospace division. Foley has over 25 years of experience in aerospace metals distribution, most recently as a manufacturers' representative selling complex sheet metal fabrication, precision metal parts and high-performance metals to the aerospace, defense and medical industries. Prior to that, Foley spent 22 years working for Transtar Metals, a worldwide distributor of metallic raw material for the aerospace and defense industries.

As the new Sales Manager, Foley's main job responsibility involves increasing sales for the Aerospace division. Foley said he looks forward to the task, and to bringing his Aerospace distribution and sales experience to the fastener industry – a new venture for the veteran sales professional.

For more information, contact Atlantic Fasteners at 49 Heywood Avenue, P.O. Box 1168, West Springfield, MA 01090. Tel: 1-800-800-BOLT (2658) or visit www.atlanticfasteners.com.

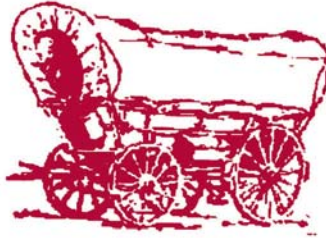
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At the Vegas event, keynote speaker Sandra Cardillo, president of Conrad Associates, delivered a presentation on women in leadership, touching on topics from camping to differences between the male and female brain. Cardillo encouraged the 50+ participants to embrace the strengths that woman bring to businesses and boardrooms, and to think globally when it comes to changing the role of women in the workplace. Corporate sponsors for the event were Aztech Locknut, Spaenaur, Advance Components, Telefast Industries, The Aderman Company, International Fasteners, Assembly Products, and Fully Threaded Radio/Fasteners Clearing House.

The first WIFI raffle raised over \$300 for WIFI scholarship funds. The winners were: Denise Struebing,

commodity manager at Endries International, won an iPad2; Maryann Marzocchi, vice president of advertising sales at The Distributor's Link Magazine, won an iPod; and Joanne Bialas, national sales manager for International Fasteners, won the Kobo e-reader.

WIFI scholarships provide funds for members who need financial assistance to attend fastener industry related conferences, workshops and more. Visit the WIFI website - fastenerwomen.com for applications and rules.

"Interest in WIFI is growing, and Vegas was a fun, information-packed event," said WIFI president Mary Lou Aderman, owner of The Aderman Company. "Attendees at our meeting walked away feeling empowered and inspired, and visitors to our booth learned what WIFI brings to the industry for both women and men. We are looking forward to Fastener Tech '13 and other events where WIFI will continue to connect with women throughout the industry."

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SOUTHWESTERN FASTENER ASSOCIATION

SFA ELECTS 2012/2013 OFFICERS 2013 SPRING CONFERENCE TUCSON, ARIZONA - APRIL 25-28

The Southwestern Fastener Association Board of Directors elected Officers to lead the Association during the next year at their October 25 Board Meeting. Elected were: Don Carr, Porteous Fastener Company, Chairman; Tom Stocking, Stelfast Inc., President; Michael Rodriguez, The Fastener Connection, Vice President; John Longyear, Metric & Multistandard Components, Treasurer and Bobby Salome, El Paso Bolt & Screw, Assistant Treasurer. Joining the Board to begin serving three year terms were Ron Garrett, SBS Industries, Kris Palmer, Delta Fastener Corp. and Tyler Peart, HRS Logistics. Leaving the Board were: Keith Slaton, Standard Fasteners, Dwayne Carnes, All-Spec Sales, Inc., Tammie Shields, Advanced Specialty Sales and Susan Davis, Southwest Distributor Sales.


Lowes Ventana Canyon, Tucson, Arizona will be the site for the 2013 Spring Conference. The April 25 - 28 Conference will provide an excellent opportunity to network with industry peers. Two championship golf courses are available at the hotel that will put the ultimate test to the skills of SFA golfers. Bobby Salome, SFA Golf Committee Chairman, promises to design a tournament that will be enjoyed by all golfers, regardless of skill level.

Rick Pepper, The Fastener Connection, was the star of the SFA dinner meetings on October 25 in Houston

and November 1 in Arlington, Texas. Pepper's topic was "Challenges of Controlling Supply-Chain Quality". Pepper discussed the changes we have seen in the fastener industry from the old model of Manufacturer to

Distributor to Customer and sales to customers was Distributor vs. Distributor and that the new model is Our Supply Chain vs. Their Supply Chain. He outlined how the supply chain has gotten very long and very complicated and the number of links in the chain can significantly affect the distributor's ability to satisfy customer requirements, needs and expectations. Pepper covered the need to understand the many links in the upstream chain and the importance of effective communication between a variety of suppliers. Pepper also gave those in attendance a detailed process that distributors should employ to successfully manage foreign upstream links in the chain. The SFA members that did not attend the presentation missed an outstanding opportunity to improve their knowledge of foreign fastener manufacturing.

If you would like more information about SFA Conferences, Scholarships and/or Membership in the Southwestern Fastener

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We are very pleased and proud to announce that the move to the new **Lindstrom Metric, LLC** Northeast Service Center is completed. The new facility has 35,000 square feet of warehouse space with 24 foot ceiling clearance which gives our New York team well over double the warehouse space of the old Beacon, NY location. The new location is at 207 Wembly Road, Suite 2, New Windsor, NY 12553. All phone and fax numbers remain as they were. Phone (845) 838-1100 (800) 838-1565 – Fax (845)-838-1163.

A major objective of the move to the larger New York location, of course, was for additional space, and with the added space, we have elected to add Stainless Steel Inventory to this location in addition to the Elgin, Illinois location. The Stainless inventory will present new opportunities for our Distributors in the Northeast with next or second day delivery vs. up to 4 days out of the Elgin location. The inventory has been and will continue to be monitored to reflect sales to the Northeast Distribution Marketplace, which is the Market Chanel Lindstrom Metric, LLC uses. On the first run, over 2,000 Stainless SKU's have been added to the New York inventory.

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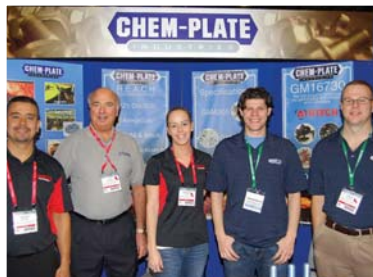
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NEW ENGLAND FASTENER DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION

NEFDA's TABLE TOP SHOW MOVES TO SPRING NEW SHOW DATE SET FOR APRIL 30, 2013

by Joe Soja

This year's NEFDA Table Top Show moves from fall to spring.

Specialty Tool and Fastener Distributor Association (STAFDA) members are cordially invited to attend the show.

Technical seminars to include: cold heading, sealing, bonding and thread making solutions, software for manufacturers and distributors, plating and heat treating.

Panel discussion on "How to Buy Fasteners today" moderated by John Wolz of Global Fastener News.

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opportunity to network and socialize. The delicious buffet dinner will feature 3 entrees of fish, chicken and beef with an assortment of salad and vegetables and of course desert in typical New England Fashion.

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Barry Carpe, Owner & President of All-Tech Specialty Fasteners, LLC will be inducted into NEFDA's Hall of Fame over dinner.


Barry has been active in the fastener industry for many years. He served as Education Chair, President and currently Chairman of the Board of NEFDA.

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Attendance

NEFDA is making a special effort to get distributors to come to the show including STAFDA members. Link Magazine and Global Fastener News are supporting our mailing efforts. In addition, a special mailing will go out to STAFDA members. As always we strongly encourage exhibitors to invite their customers to the show as we are all in this together.



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SMITH ASSOCIATES - 30 YEARS OF SUCCESS

By Niles Wolfson, Honorary Member of Smith Associates

As the 30th Anniversary of Smith Associates approaches, it seemed like the perfect time to share our thoughts on what it took to reach this major milestone. Running a business in these tough economic times is a lot like being a contestant on the hit reality show "Survivor." It's how you react to the tests and challenges thrown before you that make the difference between success and failure. For Smith Associates, our "Survivor" moment came when Hurricane Irene swept into town and left our offices knee deep in sewage and three feet of water.

Watching our entire office and all its contents being thrown into two dumpsters makes you stop and think about what's truly important in life. Would this unbelievable act of Mother Nature signal the end of Smith Associates? Or a new beginning? Then it dawned on us. Smith Associates was so much more than physical assets like phones, files or furniture. Our foundation wasn't built on bricks and mortar. It was built on the strength of our people, their knowledge of the industry, loyalty to our customers, and perhaps most of all, their resiliency to bounce back after an almost insurmountable setback. So, instead of "packing it in," we packed up and moved to new offices and started a new chapter in the story of Smith Associates.

The first chapter of Smith Associates actually started back in 1982. After working for a rep agency for eleven years, Mike longed to strike out on his own. So with nothing more than a phone, Rolodex and an old roll top desk, Smith Associates was born in an apartment in Rockaway, NJ. Mike opened the doors handling just two lines. Today, Smith Associates has grown into one of the East Coast's more successful rep agencies and currently represents many of the top manufacturers in the industry.

Aside from Mike's business accomplishments, there is a long list of outside activities and causes that he donates his time to. They include: Past President and long-time board member of the Metropolitan Fastener Distributors Association, an active volunteer in his church, as well as many other charitable causes, and president of the Antique Boat Club of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey. Mike is also an Eagle Scout, although it's been awhile since he earned his last Merit badge. Yet, despite his many achievements, Mike always gives credit for his success to his small, close-knit staff.


Dan Bielefield has played an integral role at Smith Associates since 2003. A former Marine, Dan started his fastener career at Crescent Manufacturing, and currently sits on

the board of the New England Fastener Distributor Association. He covers the New England and Long Island territories for Smith Associates. Dan resides in southern Connecticut with his wife Pat and their three children. He is also a third generation Eagle Scout.

The newest member of the Smith team is Stan Struble. Stan joined the team after a twenty year career at Snap-On Tools, where he moved from a warehouse position to ultimately become a dealer with multiple franchises. Stan is responsible for the mid-Atlantic territory. An avid saltwater fisherman, Stan resides in Doylestown, PA, with his wife and son. A graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy and Seton Hall University, Stan will make a well-rounded addition to Smith Associates.

Ginny Palmer is another member of our team and while her title is Administrative Assistant, it really should be "Command Central." She literally keeps "the entire internal engine" of Smith Associates running smoothly. Her resume starts with Ron Fastener, where, over the course of 15 years, she held roles as Purchasing Manager and then Manager. She spent another four years at Foster and Company. Putting her years of customer service and industrial supply purchasing experience to good use, Ginny joined Smith Associates in 2008. A proud Mother of three and a grandmother, she lives in Dingmans Ferry, PA, with her husband and dog, Madison.

The story of Smith Associates, however, couldn't be told without recognizing the contributions of Chris Smith, Mike's wife. For over thirty years, she has worked side-by-side with Mike handling the financial side of the business and offering a level of support that is quite simply, invaluable.

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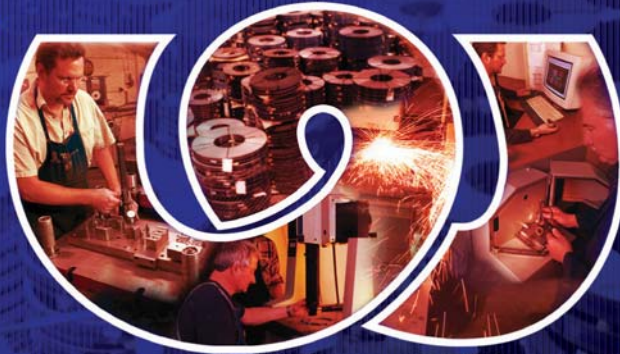
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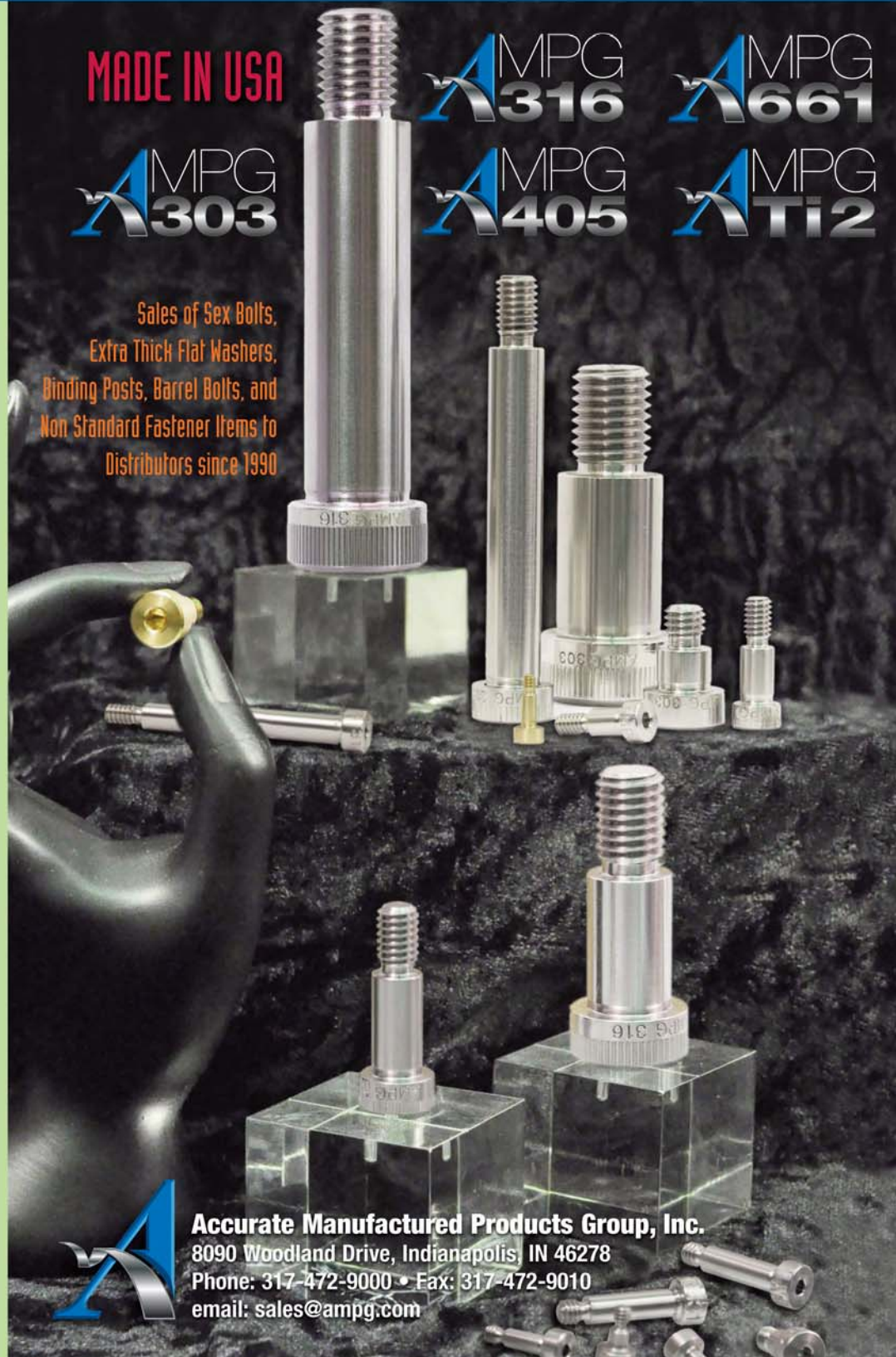
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With the last remaining loopholes closing rapidly, the opportunity for connector manufacturers to find an optimum cadmium replacement is here. Even those that produce or distribute aerospace and military-grade connectors are under mounting pressure to meet the tightening requirements of the European RoHS directives, which are pushing towards elimination of cadmium altogether.

“The first European RoHS standard came out in 1996, but excluded the military and some aerospace applications,” says John Schnepf, president, Corsair Electrical Connectors, Inc. (Irvine, CA). “Since then, however, the stance of RoHS against cadmium content in electrical and electronic equipment has continued to intensify. The EPA is not quite there as far as the requirements are concerned, but you can see the trend. It is coming.”

According to Schnepf, Corsair and other connector manufacturers are more than willing to eliminate cadmium or any other contaminants from products. The issue, however, is finding a suitable alternative to cadmium and nickel-cadmium at a reasonable price point that delivers the equivalent (or better) conductivity, corrosion protection, compatibility, wear resistance, lubricity and low coefficient of friction.

“There are any number of platings that meet the corrosion resistance requirements of cadmium,” explains

Schnepf. “However, most do not meet the electrical requirements for conductivity, or meet the conductivity requirement, but not the corrosion resistance. A few of the more recent alternatives do well in both areas, but still do not meet RoHS standards due to use of Hexavalent Chrome and even Cyanide in the plating process.”



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Cadmium's advantageous properties include excellent corrosion resistance even in salt atmospheres, lubricity, wear resistance, conductivity, EMI shielding, and galvanic compatibility.

However, Cadmium is particularly dangerous when airborne in dust form. It can cause lung disease, kidney failure, and death. Any maintenance process that releases cadmium into the air exposes personnel and the environment to this hazardous material. The Cadmium plating process often incorporates the use of cyanide in the process and Hexavalent Chromium as a sealant.

In 1993, cadmium became one of six hazardous substances restricted by Europe through its RoHS directive and the EPA has classified cadmium as a Group B1 compound (probable human carcinogen).

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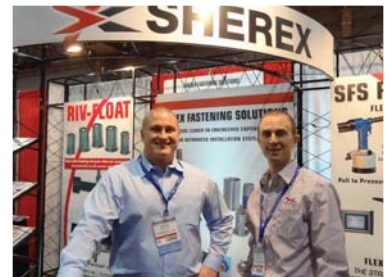
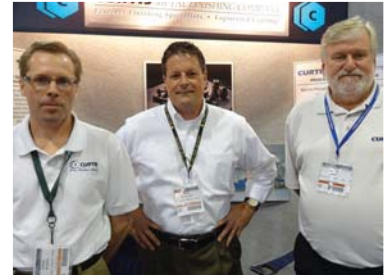
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JAM NUTS PROVIDE A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY *continued from page 56*

One then might ask, "Do the threads in the jam nut deform to lock it into place when the top nut is tightened to the proper torque value for the bolt?" The answer is "NO". Due to the friction between the two nut faces the jam nut thread does not feel enough tension in the threads to distort the threads as the theory states. This can easily be proved by simply trying it. Please the two nuts on a bolt. Place a wrench on the jam nut and tighten the hex nut as tightly as one can. Then break them loose and see if the jam nut can be turned by hand without the use of a wrench. If so, the jam nut threads have not been distorted.

There have been a number of studies conducted in the past comparing various fastener designs for creating a resistance to loosening in the presence of severe vibration. When comparing a jam nut/hex nut combination I have never seen any indication that the jam nut/hex nut combination has any more resistance to loosening than the use of one properly tightened hex nut.


For those that want simple solutions for improving vibration loosening any of the following will provide some benefit greater than using a jam nut/hex nut combination:

1. Seat the turning component, bolt or nut, on a

plain hardened steel washer or a conical washer. If the turning component scratches or embeds the work surface it is indicating that a significant amount of the applied torque is being absorbed by that marring of the surface instead of tightening the bolt. When seated on a hardened washer the marring and/or embedment do not occur, thus enabling all of the torque to go into tightening the bolt instead of plowing surface metal.

2. Use any all-metal or nylon inserted lock nut that passes the IFI 101/107 requirements.

3. Use either pre-applied or point-of-assembly application locking adhesive.

Fastener users and suppliers can find many more involved, and generally more expensive, locking fastener solutions. The best and cheapest deterrent to bolt loosening is to seat the turning fastener on a hardened surface and apply an appropriate torque value as determined by employing the $T = KDP$ formula using the correct material, size, and finish parameters. The important thing to remember when trying to help an end user prevent loosening is that the jam nut/hex nut combination provides little, and more likely, no anti-loosening benefit. 



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ACROSS

- 1. ___ point; fas-
tener end style
- 5. ___ pins
- 10. Nut
accompaniment
- 14. Screw features
- 17. Surrounded by
- 19. Island farewell
- 21. Fan
- 22. Civil
- 23. Disproves
- 25. Yrbk. section
- 26. Paramedic, for
short
- 27. Undisciplined tot
- 28. Makes fun of
- 30. Encycl. volume
- 31. Oaxaca ones
- 32. Boatman's item
- 33. Mineral baths
- 34. Millay or Ferber
- 35. Espoo resident
- 38. Boston or
Oxford: abbr.
- 40. Tiny particle
- 41. Winter forecast
- 42. "If ___ a Hammer"
- 43. Rump
- 44. Smudge
- 45. Graceful animal
- 46. Sound
- 47. Allow
- 48. Pole, for one
- 49. Lay out a page
- 52. Singing bird
- 54. ___ threads
- 55. Wading bird
- 57. Way, in Chinese
- 58. Milk producer
- 59. Charity
- 60. 10/31 greetings
- 61. Sissy
- 62. Follow
- 65. Tinnerman ___
- 66. Fastener forging
discontinuity
- 67. Relinquishes
- 68. Red edible
- 69. Actor James
- 70. Not harsh
- 71. Eur. nation
- 72. Emeril's word
- 73. Fundamental
- 74. Canadian prov.
- 75. Break ___
- 79. Loosely clinging
bits of metal
- 81. Aetna & others,
familiarily
- 83. Yahoo rival
- 84. Slugger Sammy
- 85. Coats with a
silvery metallic
element
- 86. ___ about;
approximately
- 87. Jillian & others
- 88. Boy king and his
namesakes

- 89. Double-ended
fasteners

- 91. Treat with contempt
- 92. This: Sp.
- 93. State
- 94. Cold desert
- 95. Cooking fat
- 96. Nero or Napoleon:
abbr.
- 97. Musical group
- 100. Nashville school, for
short
- 101. Sound of relief
- 102. "Let ___"; '70 Beatles hit
- 103. Stop ___ dime
- 104. ___ head; flat bearing
surface
- 107. "Queen of Tejano
Music"
- 109. Bolt type
- 111. Speech
- 113. Portrait holder
- 114. Bumpkins
- 115. Hand tool
- 116. Others
- 117. Actor Adam
- 118. Big game

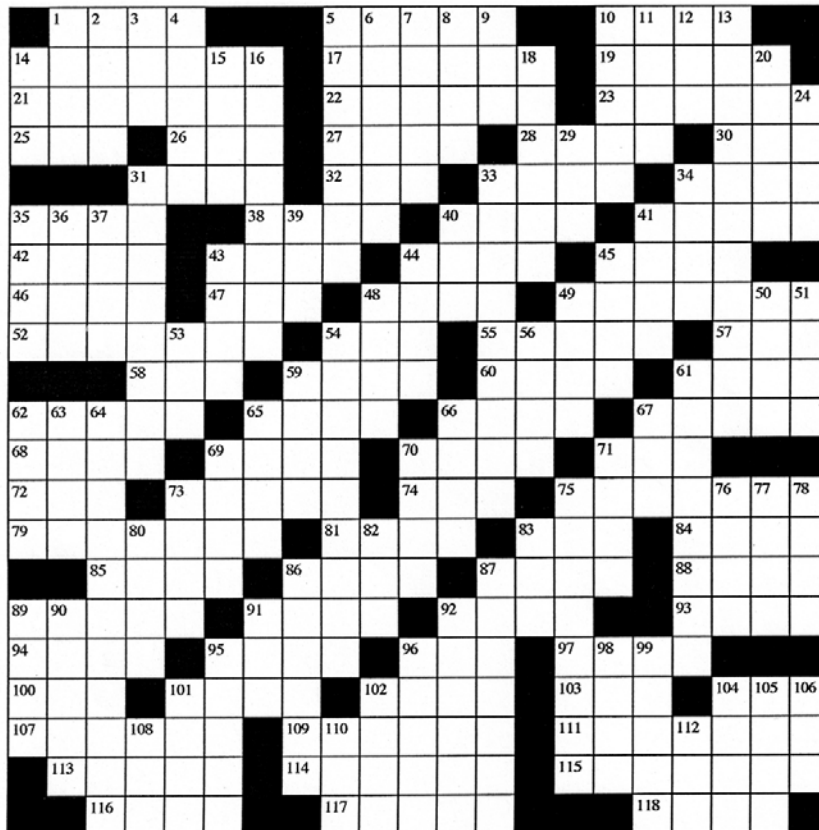
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- 1. Best Actress Oscar
winner of 1987
- 2. Wilbur's bro & others

- 3. Prefix for natal or
classical
- 4. No longer on the plate
- 5. Nutless fastener
- 6. Unethical
- 7. John Wayne's widow
- 8. Review a manuscript
- 9. Q-U connection
- 10. Exposes
- 11. Bullfight shouts
- 12. Hit a tennis ball
- 13. Concrete wedge
anchor
- 14. Six-pointers, for short
- 15. Aspiring singer's CD
- 16. Fastener used to
prevent motion
- 18. Beverage container
- 20. Do penance
- 24. Argument
- 29. Shriver or Dawber
- 31. ___ head; style used to
provide more thread
- 33. Type of
machine screw
- 34. Robert ___
- 35. Fastener tightness
measures
- 36. Restaurant chain
- 37. Mom's mom
- 39. Word with bran or meal
- 40. So. state

- 41. Calendar abbr.
- 43. ___ bolt
- 44. Sub alternatives
- 45. Pre-Easter
purchases
- 48. Drainage tank
- 49. Trampled
- 50. Relaxation
- 51. Fling
- 53. Caviar source
- 54. Gripping fastener
- 56. Precious metal
- 59. Jai ___
- 61. Cylindrical fastener
- 62. Diminishes
- 63. Actress Patricia
- 64. Rivet type
- 65. Peggy or Mama
- 66. Keys under
fastener heads
- 67. Criminal
- 69. Prelude and Sonata
- 70. Othello, for one
- 71. Buddies
- 73. TV's Cartwright and
Matlock
- 75. High-strength rivet
- 76. Overwhelming
defeat
- 77. "¿Cómo ___ Ud.?"
- 78. Whip
- 80. Caesar's "I saw"

- 82. Crowd
- 83. Colony member
- 86. ___ screw;
fastener made
to stay put
once inserted
- 87. Spread false
charges
- 89. Bilko & Pepper:
abbr.
- 90. "We're off ___
the Wizard..."
- 91. Boy in a Johnny
Cash song
- 92. Detached blood
clots
- 95. Commandment
word
- 96. Role on
"I Love Lucy"
- 98. Once again
- 99. Mother-of-pearl
- 101. Vane letters
- 102. Unpleasant
- 104. Young gangster
- 105. Bands of sparks
- 106. Old Testament
bk.
- 108. Suffix for
Nepal or Japan
- 110. Present time
- 112. ___ Aviv



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The APN solves the problem of having to use a heavier and costlier two-piece locking nut to prevent loosening from extreme vibration.

Current one-piece, all metal, self-locking nuts are relatively weak by design and offer limited vibration resistance. In contrast, the APN has both self-locking lips (SLL) and an internal relief cut (IRC) to provide maximum fastenability. Once tightened, the APN, internally, double-locks in two different directions. Until now, only the strongest and heavier two-piece locking nuts use this method.

The APN is manufactured with a higher strength-to-weight ratio than any other locking nut out on the market. The APN quickly spins-on and installs with standard tools and resembles a conventional nut when in the locked position.

How The APN Works

The APN is based upon standard nut construction methods and materials. APNs unique features includes self-locking lips (SLL) located on the contact face of the nut and an internal relief cut (IRC) on the inside of the nut.

When torqued to specification, the SLL are pushed and pulled in simultaneously

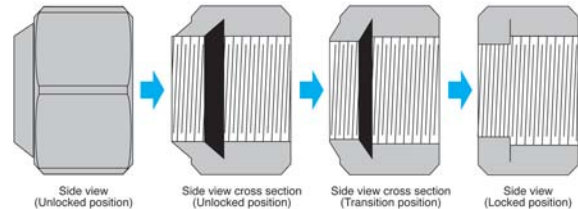
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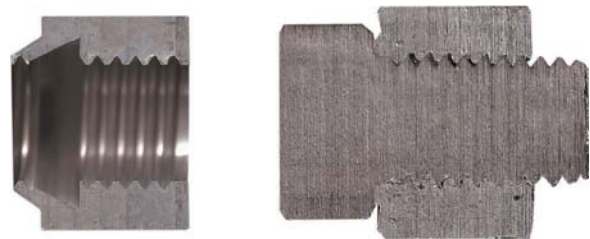


Drawing of APN from unlocked to locked position

the IRC of the nut. In the locked position the APN locks both the threads of the bolt and the bolt shaft, creating a permanent double-locking condition.

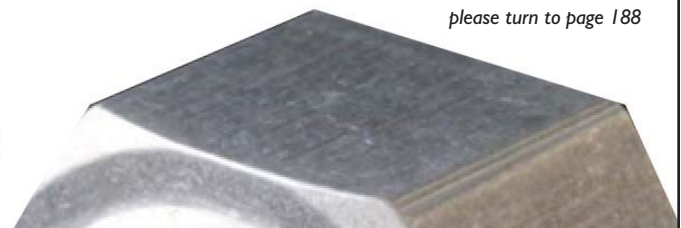
The APN has more vibration resistance than the strongest two-piece collared locking nut. In fact, it is so strong that it must be cut off to avoid damage to the bolt if removal is desired.

Once installed, the locking tension (compression) removes most of the space between the nut and bolt threads. It is as though the nut and bolt are now one piece. At this point, the strength of the material becomes the weak point. This method creates an extremely strong, vibration resistant fusion. APN also has a higher strength-to-weight ratio than conventional locking nuts. The material type, self-locking lips (SLL) shape and the internal relief cut (IRC) location will vary depending upon application and specifications.



Left: photo of APN cross section in the unlocked position. Right: Photo of APN cross section of nut and bolt in the installed (locked) position.

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The Super 60 Award program began 27 years ago and is the largest business recognition program in Western Massachusetts. Atlantic has been a regular recipient of the award during those years, making the Super 60 list of award winners at least a dozen times, President Tony Peterson said.

To be eligible for a Super 60 award, nominees must be privately owned, have revenues in excess of \$1 million in the last fiscal year and be either based in Hampden or Hampshire County or a member of the ACCGS. Awards are selected based on percentage of revenue growth and total revenues.

Atlantic was nominated for the award by Meyers, Harrison and Pia, LLC, its accounting firm in CT.

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"REGULATORY CLIFF" IS ANOTHER CHALLENGE FACING DISTRIBUTORS *continued from page 30*

The DOL itself is working on a measure called "The Fiduciary Rule" which would place tougher guidelines and increase liability risks for companies' management which are offering outside sources of investment advice to their employee 401K participants.


The Department of Transportation is near to adopting new rules to mandate expensive safety technology for vehicles which will raise auto costs through such required new devices as rear-view cameras and video displays on dashboards, something which is available now for those who wish to pay for it, but who soon may have no choice if it becomes a requirement.

In so many words, the federal government stands poised to make a lot of decisions about what is good for us as individual consumers and entrepreneurial business people.

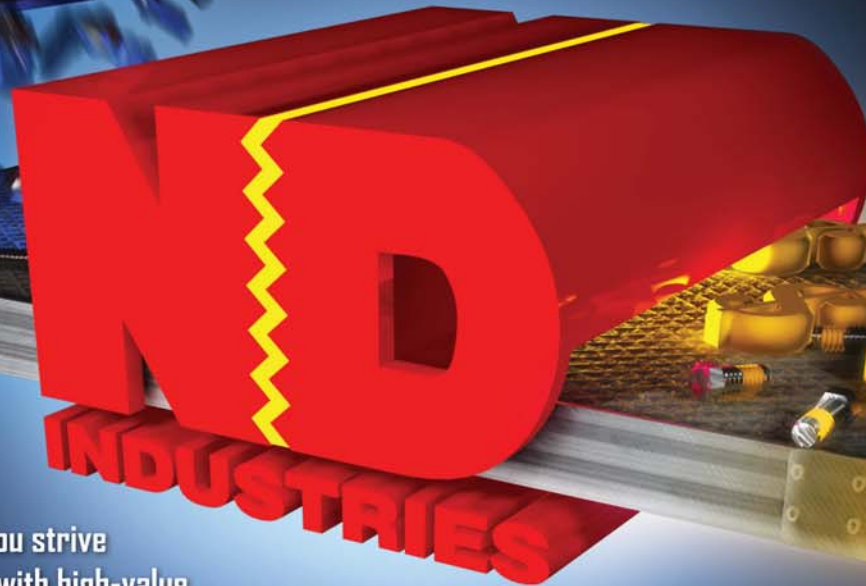
Small business owners have always had to walk a fine line between providing what their consumers want and what is possible without pushing the price of products beyond accessibility for average Americans. In so many ways that decision is about to be taken away from those who can best assess what the market will bear and recognize that a little bit of added cost can bring back the recession from which we are just trying to emerge. In the end it's really about keeping these enterprises going and

continuing to let them serve as the engine for job growth.

During the past year the House of Representatives passed a bill called the REINS Act (Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny Act) which never made it through the Senate and which was likely to be vetoed by President Obama if it had passed. This would have changed the regulatory process so that major regulations would be contingent on Congressional approval. While this was backed by many business trade associations, it would certainly seem to have little future with a strengthened President and larger Senate majority.

Probably the most hotly contested issue in our recently completed election was how we can provide good jobs to our people. If this is priority number one then some of the lower priority social welfare, consumer protections and, yes, even environmental goals may have to be put in the proper perspective. Will the end of the election bring about a period of compromise and a willingness to work together in a reasonable way? The congress is still divided into a Democratic controlled Senate and a Republican dominated House. President Obama, in his post-election speech, has indicated an intent to reach out to all parties. Easing up on government rules affecting business would be a good start! 

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UNIQUE FASTENER INSERTS DESIGNED FOR AEROSPACE MATERIALS REDUCE COST & RISK

by Del Williams *Technical Writer*

For weight saving composites, aluminum, and plastics, an innovative fastener technology is helping to protect against fastener loosening, while minimizing assembly and maintenance costs

Ongoing efforts to increase fuel efficiency, tactical mobility, and payload capacity in aerospace design have driven engineers to find numerous ways to reduce mass through the extensive use of lightweight materials such as composites, aluminum, and plastics.

Use of these lightweight materials can create other compromises, though, and a secondary issue is raised in finding safe and reliable ways to fasten assemblies that provides complete assurance of joint integrity under the severe conditions of shock, vibration and thermal cycling common in aerospace applications.

Assemblies that combine lightweight materials create other challenges: whereas threading directly into ductile aluminum is common, most composites are too brittle to be tapped. Shear strength and concentration of forces need to be carefully reviewed in order to confirm specific loads and vibration environments can be tolerated. Structural joints in

particular rely on high strength to develop sufficient pretension in the joints used to assemble them.

In most structural joints using lightweight materials, the parent material needs to be reinforced through the use of a wire insert or an ultrasonic insert; the implementation of inserts allows higher joint tension and extended reusability when compared to a tapped hole directly in the softer materials.

There are a variety of thread reinforcement options currently being utilized in aerospace applications: wire thread inserts for aluminum or soft materials, potted blind inserts for composites, and ultrasonic inserts or molded inserts for plastics. However, the majority of these inserts still fall short of addressing the limitations and potential for vibration-induced thread loosening that is inherent in the

standard 60° thread form.

Fortunately, advances in fastener insert technology exist that protect against fastener loosening or failure in the field while at the same time having the additional benefits of reducing assembly time, maintenance costs, and even overall weight.



Spiralock 1/4-28 tapped holes are used for mounting connections under aircraft wing on this F-18 Hornet/A1N-120 AMRAAM Air-to-Air Missile

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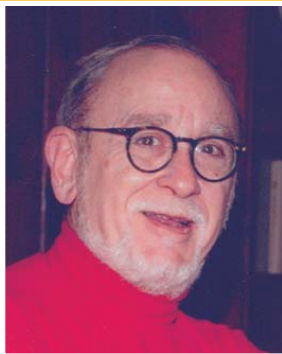


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HOW TO MOTIVATE YOUR EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVELY

Our latest survey of how 427 companies are trying to persuade workers to improve productivity in today's uncertain economy not surprisingly finds growing numbers of fastener industry employees are now primarily motivated by basics – job security and pay – and only secondarily influenced by employer efforts using the latest “employee engagement” fad.

In 2002, several years before the Great Recession, we visited 427 companies nationwide - including 43 fastener producers - asking executives how they were trying to persuade employees to make greater on-the-job efforts, and which ways were most effective. (“Is Good Enough Good Enough For You?” *Distributor's Link*, Summer, 2002) We repeated the survey in 2008 during the Great Recession (“Why Detroit's Past Is Important To Your Future,” *Distributor's Link*, Winter, 2009), and again in early this year, during its sullen recovery. Trends in company efforts to persuade employees to improve on-the-job performance – and the effectiveness of these efforts – are shown in the accompanying charts.

The Charts Show Five Important Facts:

- First, due to the Great Recession's impact, workers now focus on the basics: job security and economic motivators – the size of their paychecks.
- Second, short-term economic motivators like Gainsharing that match employees' short-term horizons had the greatest impact on productivity.
- Third, employees expect to receive “extra” rewards for any “extra” efforts asked of them. Fulfilling these expectations is critical for the long-term success of any

new initiative for boosting productivity and eliminating waste. If the “extra” is absent, employee cooperation is short-lived.

- Fourth, although many employers have double-downed on their efforts to influence employee behavior with “engagement” efforts, employees considered these to be only of secondary importance. Economics was their first priority.

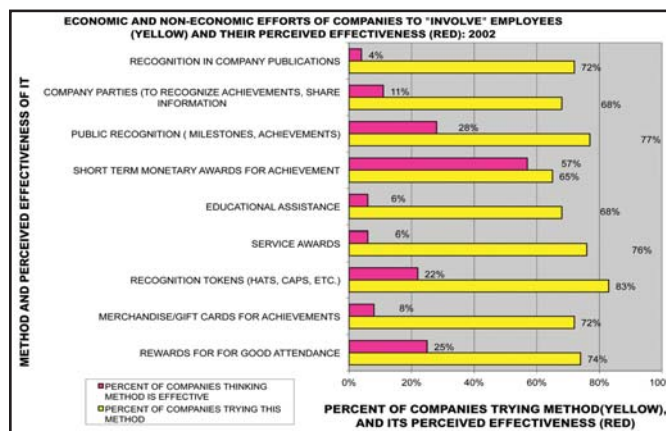
- Fifth, jargon has gone steroid. Company efforts to improve worker performance were called “motivators” in 2002, “involvement efforts” in 2008, and, in early 2012, “The Engagement Process.” Not only is “Engagement” the latest buzz word, it has morphed into the “science” of “engageconomics,” at least by those

promoting the latest jargon and trying to sell their version of it.

Don't get me wrong: jargon has its pluses. On the positive, it gives those using it an aura of omniscience. Because it is ill-defined and its goals are vague, jargon can mean anything its practitioners says it means, and the positive

results they claim are just as fabulist as is the jargon they use. Jargon is like beauty – in the eye of the beholder.

On the debit side, one has only to recall marketing guru John Sculley, recruited by Steve Jobs to run Apple. Sculley claimed “...We have a new agenda ...empowering individuals.” (Pascal, “Apple Wants to Grow Far Beyond Its Core,” *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 27, 1991, pg. 1). With Apple's subsequent near-death experience in the mid-'90s, the world knows the effectiveness of Sculley's vague “empowering individuals” efforts!



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In traditional fasteners, the radial clearances between traditional male and female 60° “vee” threads can permit relative sideways or lateral movement when shock, vibration, or transverse loading occurs. Stress concentration at the first few engaged threads increases the probability of shear and may lead to fatigue failure. Temperature extremes can also expand or contract surfaces and materials, potentially compromising joint integrity.

As a result, a variety of locking devices from wires and washers to prevailing torque threads as well as chemical and drypatch adhesives are commonly added to prevent loosening. These methods often can have more drawbacks than advantages, though, as they do not always hold up under extreme conditions and may not be reusable. Inserts provide a unique challenge since there is not much material to which to apply a locking feature.

The answer may be in new or re-designed applications implementing the unique, patented 30-degree wedge ramp design offered by Madison Heights, MI based Spiralock. The self-locking technology – already utilized by aerospace leaders such as BAE,

Boeing, Honeywell, NASA, Harris, Raytheon, Hamilton Sundstrand, and the US military – is now being applied to a variety of application specific inserts in various materials with the added benefit of providing an easy conversion from traditional 60-degree “vee” threads to Spiralock’s 30-degree wedge ramp design.

The 30-degree wedge ramp allows the bolt to spin freely relative to female threads until clamp load is applied. The crests of the standard male thread form are then drawn tightly against the wedge ramp, eliminating radial clearances and creating a continuous spiral line contact along the entire length of the thread engagement. This continuous line contact spreads the clamp force more evenly over all engaged threads, improving resistance to vibrational loosening, axial-torsional loading, joint fatigue, and temperature extremes.

In addition to being utilized for tapped holes and inserts, the Spiralock wedge ramp design has also been produced on wire thread inserts to offer the same vibration resistance and reusability while bringing higher strength and clamp load capability to softer materials such as aluminum.

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DISTRIBUTOR NEWS

Joe Cammarata joined the **Aztech Locknut** quality team this past August and brings to us a variety of QA, engineering, management, quality program certification, and customer service skills.

Joe started his career in 1994 in the mechanical spring industry as a Quality Inspector. His career advanced over the last 18 years as a product and application engineer, and for the past 10 years as Quality Manager. Joe's background is mainly manufacturing based and has focused in the automotive industry, both domestic and Japanese, where he has successfully implemented and maintained certifications to QS9000 & ISO9001:2008.

"As a Quality Manager I have developed many skills utilizing various continuous improvement and problem solving tools such as Kaizen, 8D, 5-Why/5P and Lean manufacturing. I look forward to working with Aztech's customers to continue to provide the high quality locknuts that Aztech is known for, as well as application and technical support."

Joe can be reached at joe@aztechlocknut.com or at 630-423-4843.

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June 10- 12, 2013 will be the dates for Fastener Tech which will be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL. The event will feature show exhibits, reception, seminars creating many networking opportunities. Although located in the Midwest, the show features vendors from across the country. SUR/FIN (surface finishing) will once again collocate with the Fastener Tech event. The Amerimold show will also be overlapping during part of our time allowing exhibitors and attendees entrance to that show. This allows fastener industry personnel one trip hitting a few shows and many events.

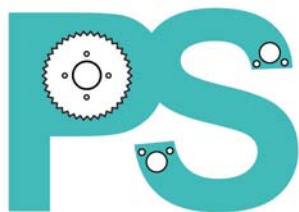
Recently the National Fastener Distributors Association has also scheduled their meeting partly in conjunction with Fastener Tech '13 NFDA plans to include: high-level educational sessions focused on the business needs of owners and executives of fastener distribution companies, the annual update from the economists at the Institute for Trend Research and many opportunities to develop and nurture critical business relationships. "We chose this time

and location for many reasons," said NFDA president Jay Queenin (Specialty Bolt & Screw). The greater Chicago area is an easy travel destination for NFDA members. And, by adding our meeting to the Fastener Tech '13 show, we hope to increase the value to our meeting attendees."

With multiple groups meeting together in Rosemont, a great opportunity is available for planning, sales meetings.

NEW in Rosemont: Rosemont recently opened their "The Park at Rosemont" area featuring multiple restaurants and bars in one area. And a short distance away is Chicagoland's newest casino-Rivers. These new venues, in close proximity to the convention center, offer plenty of entertainment outings to enjoy. Many of the hotels also shuttle to these locations.

Exhibitors are already registering so if you haven't registered for your exhibit, visit www.mwfa.net or www.fastenertech.com for show registration materials. Questions contact Nancy Rich 847-438-8338/800-753-8338 or Tom Hutchinson 330-864-2122. 



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MO/IA/MN/WI/KS/NE/ND/SD, as well as the Northwestern states of WA/OR/MT/ID.

The newest member of the Advance outside sales team is Brandon West, who is based strategically with the rest of the sales team at Advance Components' Carrollton (Dallas), Texas, headquarters. As Southwest Territory Account Manager, Brandon brings engineering knowledge to facilitate growth for Advance in the following states: TX/LA/AK/OK/ NM/CO/WY/AZ/UT/NV/CA.

Anchoring the team is Dave Audia, VP of Sales and Business Development and Midwest Territory Manager, who will continue to service the six-state area of OH/MI/IN/IL/KY/WV from the Advance Components Sales Office in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. Dave's 22 years of experience in the fastener industry offers a wealth of knowledge to meet the expanding needs of this distributor-rich territory.



From left to right: Brad Burel East Territory Account Manager, Tony Giese Northwest Territory Account Manager, Brandon West Southwest Territory Account Manager and Dave Audia VP Sales & Business Development Midwest Territory Account Manager.


two new members to its inside sales team, providing customers with a solid engineering base of five inside fastener professionals to help them with any sales questions, along with four outside managers to meet customers' needs.

Brad Burel, Advance's East Territory Account Manager, covers the eastern part of the U.S. Brad's 8 years of commitment to servicing Advance customers and the relationships he has developed with the distributor account base in his territory have laid the groundwork for success. Brad will be responsible for the New England area along with the following states: PA/NY/NJ/MD/DE/VA/TN/NC/SC/ MS/AL/GA/FL.

Tony Giese has been promoted to the position of Northwest Territory Account Manager. Tony has been in the fastener industry for more than a decade and brings a wealth of knowledge to Advance. Tony will be responsible for servicing the Midwest region in the states of

Key to this new structure is the support of the Inside Sales Team, which is led by Terri House, VP of Sales and Account Management. Terri's 15 years of sales experience with Advance ensures that Advance's customers get the best sales service in the industry.

Andy Childress and Eric Zelezny, who have a combined 19 years of sales experience, provide outstanding customer service to Advance Components' distributor customer base. Mark Baughman, who has held several positions with Advance, and our newest inside sales member, Heath Chilton, both bring engineering experience to the team and a commitment to provide the best in service.

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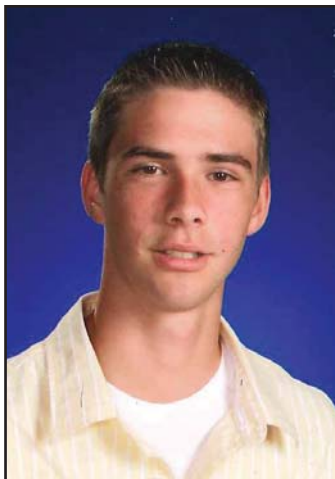
NEW ENGLAND FASTENER DISTRIBUTOR'S ASSOCIATION 2012 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

by Peter Wisk

New England Fastener Distributor's Association Scholarship Chairman Pat Lang has announced the recipients of the 2012 awards. There are five recipients this year. They are:

Louis Marello from Thornwood, New York is the son of Louis and Mary Marello. The member company is Metric and Multi-Standard Components Corporation in Hawthorne, New York. A member of the National Honor Society and a graduate of Iona Preparatory School, Louis will be attending The College of The Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Tim Vath from Middleburg Heights, Ohio and the son of Laura Vath. The member company is Solution Industries in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. A member of the National Honor Society, Tim is an honor student at Kent State University in Ohio.



Austin Davis from Enfield, Connecticut and the son of Janice Davis. The member company is All-Tech Specialty




Fasteners LLC in South Windsor, Connecticut. Austin is a graduate of Enrico Fermi High School and is a recipient of a National Scholar / Athlete Award. He will be attending Providence College in Rhode Island.

Jacklyn Okenquist is from Torrington, Connecticut and the daughter of Roger Okenquist. The member company is Holo Krome in Wallingford, Connecticut. An honor student and a graduate of Torrington High School, Jacklyn will be attending the Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Connecticut.



From top to bottom
(Left): Louis Marello, Tim Vath,
Austin Davis.
(Right): Jacklyn Okenquist, Nicolas
Rogers.

Nicolas Rogers from Belleville, New Jersey and the son of Steven Rogers. The member company is Tower Fasteners in Flanders, New Jersey. Nicolas is a graduate of Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington, New Jersey and will attend Misericordia University in Dallas, Pennsylvania. 



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"Our original rigid plastic was changed to a smoother, more flexible plastic," said Carl Boettcher, CEO of HTS Systems, "so we lost grip power with our newer injection material and needed an insert with stronger hold to prevent them from turning from vibrations on the road."

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"Originally, HTS Systems used our Intro-Sert® products which are designed with no sharp edges on their outer ribs," explained Steve Cashin, sales manager at Yardley Products. "That design prevents stress cracking in rigid plastics, so at the time, it was a good fit for HTS. With the change in plastic composition, our Sharp-Sert® inserts, which have curved hooks and lateral flutes designed to lock


firmly into softer materials, became a better option."

"Yardley helped us experiment with our prototype models by allowing us to test multiple designs and inserts to find the best possible fit for our end product," said Boettcher. "Ultimately, we stayed with Yardley for quality and their understanding of how to best match a product solution with the plastics material challenge we faced." Upgrading to Yardley's Sharp-Sert® threaded

metal fasteners with sharper ridges allowed a snugger fit in the new plastic compound, securing the actuator and cover plate tightly to the system's frame, resisting pull-out and torque amidst vibrations from road travel.

HTS Systems uses a total of nine metal inserts in their hand truck retaining systems, consisting of seven large and two small inserts. The larger inserts are used to connect the electronics' cover plate to the system, protecting the valuable electronic components such as the solenoid actuator, which sensors and triggers the latch movement. The two

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Education sessions are still in development as we go to press with this issue of the magazine, but we can let you know that the focus will be on:


- Lean operations
- Sales training (by Ann marie Houghtailing)
- What employers need to know about the Affordable Care Act
- Leadership skills

Pac-West is very excited to offer a tabletop show at this conference and that all 35 exhibit spaces are committed months in advance. Confirmed exhibitors as of press time are:

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Douglas Adams, CEO & President of EFC states: "Matt has the foresight, and initiative to lead the company as Vice President as he has proven in his role as Strategic Business Units Manager. He is a true asset to EFC, our suppliers and our customers".

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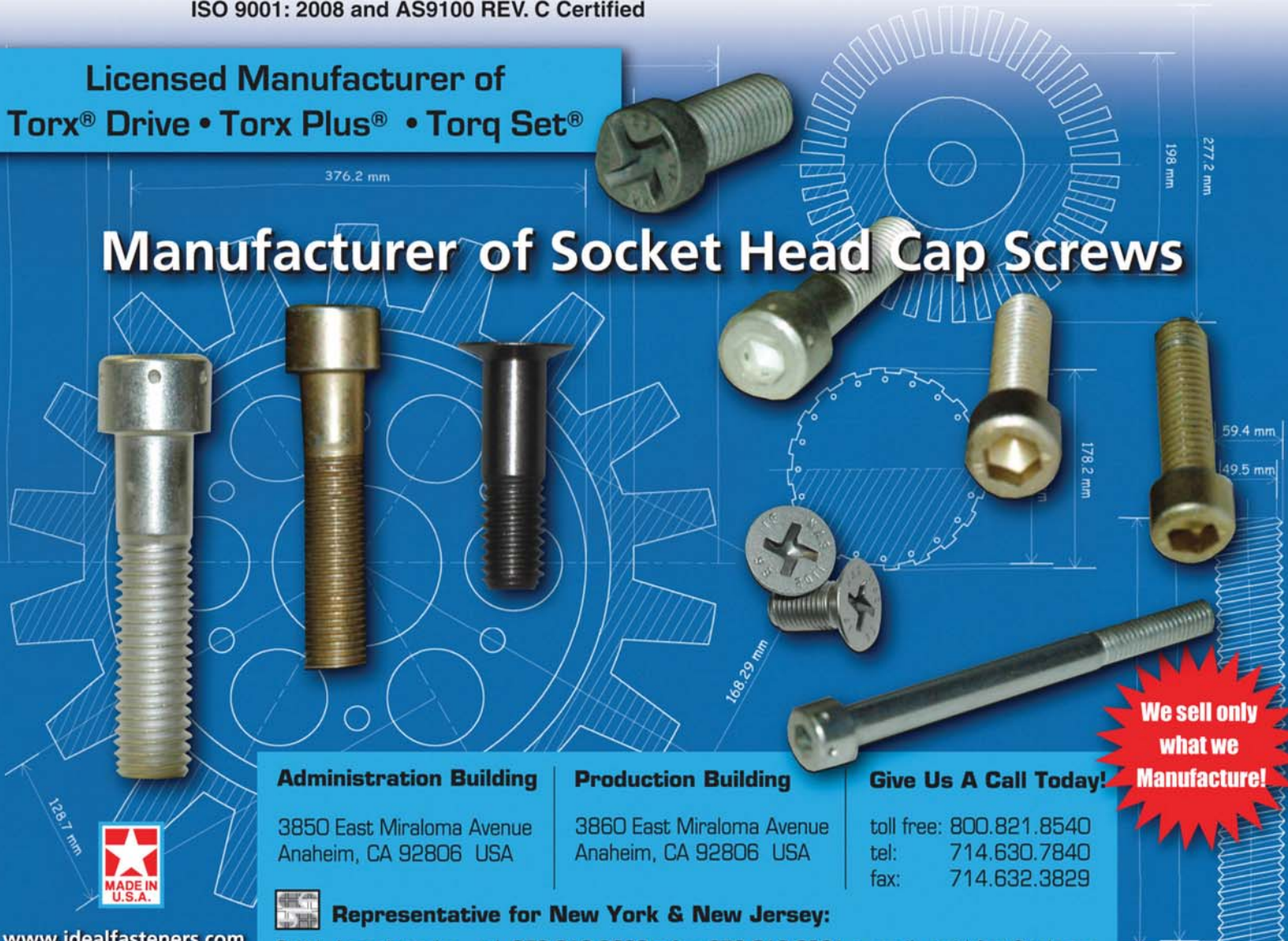
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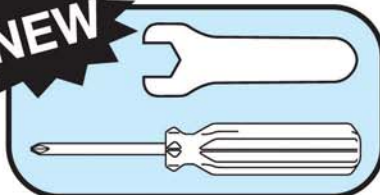
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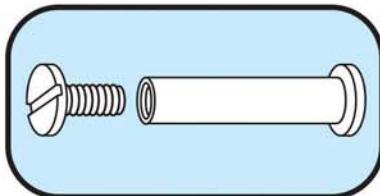
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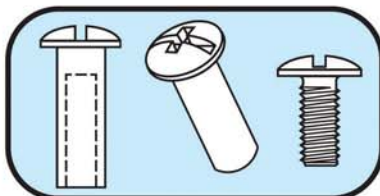
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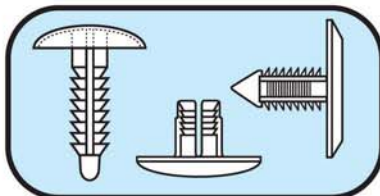
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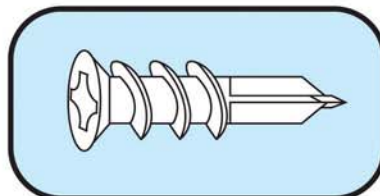
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NOVEMBER 2012 IFI TECH UPDATE

by Joe Greenslade Director of Engineering Technology, IFI

Below is a brief summary of the fastener standards activities as of mid-November 2012.

I. Standards Organizations Activities

a. Standards published during the last month:

- i. **ISO 4161**, Hexagon nuts with flange Style 2 course thread

b. ASME B18 Standards in the revision process:

- i. **B18.2.1, Inch Bolts and Cap Screws** - The standard is complete and is in the publication process.
- ii. **B18.2.5M, Metric Twelve Point Screw** - The standard is complete and is in the publishing process.
- iii. **B18.6.3, Inch Machine and Tapping Screws** - The standard is complete and in the publishing process.
- iv. **B18.16.6, Locknuts** - this standard is being expanded from just one style of nylon insert locknuts to include all styles of insert locknuts plus all-metal locknuts. A ballot is expected in the first quarter of 2013.
- v. **ASME B18.24, Part Number Identification System** - at the B18 meeting it was decided that no part numbers or systems will be added into individual B18 product standards. ASME B18.24 will be amended as necessary and if some fasteners cannot be coded using the 18 digit system a special system for those items will be included as an appendix. A ballot on a revision is expected in early 2013.
- vi. **ASME B18.31.2, Inch Studs** - ASTM A193 is the largest use of continuously threaded studs. Since the 1960's there has been confusion on exactly how to measure continuously threaded studs the way they are described in ASTM A193 because there is no tolerance given nor rules for acceptance inspection. ASME B18 members have conferred with members of the ASTM A01 committee on

the topic and ASTM A01 asked ASME to create the rules for acceptance in B18.31.2. The ASME B18 committee agreed to undertake this starting in early 2013.

c. ASTM F16 in the revision process:

- i. **ASTM F959/F959M, Direct Tension Indicating Washers (DTI)** - at the November 12 meeting in Atlanta, the F16 committee approved a revision to section 5.3 that now states: "5.3 Heat Treatment: 5.3.1 The heat treatment of DTIs is optional at the manufacturer's discretion, provided the DTIs meet all of the mechanical and performance requirements. 5.3.2 When heat treatment is performed, the process shall be through-hardening by heating to a temperature above the upper transformation temperature, quenching in a liquid medium, and tempering by heating to a suitable temperature."
- ii. **ASTM B633 versus F1941** - ASTM F16 Committee is working with ASTM B08 Committee in an attempt to clear up some of the confusion around the zinc electroplating of fasteners. The B08 Committee is the custodian for B633 and F16 is the custodian of F1941. B633 preceded F1941 by many years and was the only zinc electroplating standard for all types of products until F1941 was specifically written for fasteners in the late 1990s.

Many companies continue to reference B633 on fastener prints because it has been there a long time. This was not much of a problem until 2007 when the B08 committee lowered the baking requirement for electroplated products from 1200 MPa (HRC 39) to 1000 MPa (HRC 32). B633 now makes baking all Grade 8 bolts mandatory. F1941 require baking fasteners that are HRC 40 and above, which excludes all Grade 8 fasteners.

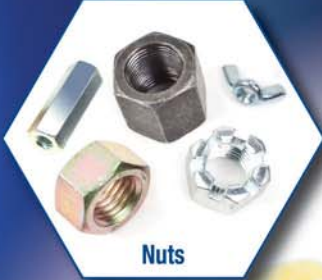
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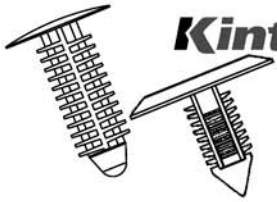
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In June 2012, TRAMEC, LLC acquired LRG Fastener Corporation, Continental-Aero. Continental-Aero is a stocking master distributor of nylon insert locknuts, all-metal locknuts and finished hex nuts and is best known for its press-closed nylon lock nuts and its trademarked Royal Purple Tork Lok™ nylon insert. The addition of Continental-Aero allows TRAMEC to more fully service their existing markets with dynamic and proven products that provide strategic assets in our customers' marketplaces.

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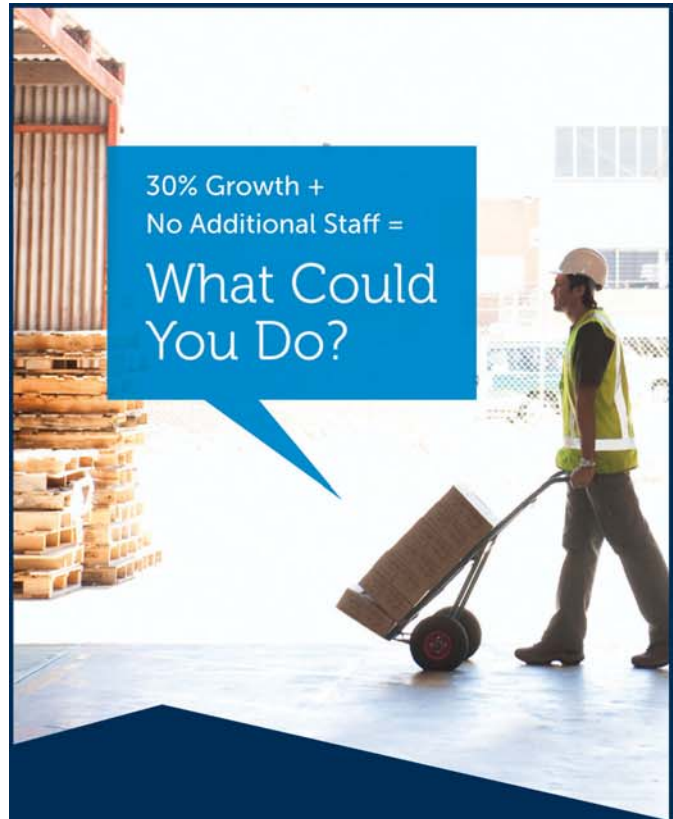
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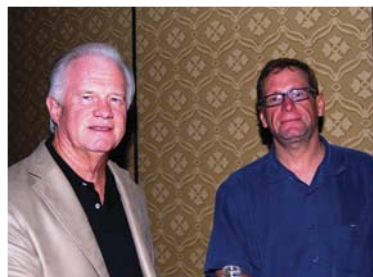
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The M12 class 4.6 screw (approximately 1/2" Grade 2) is here replaced by an M8 class 8.8 (approximately 5/16" Grade 5).

Example:

M12x30 4.6 proofing load 19 kN 4.16 kg/100 pcs
M8x30 8.8 proofing load 21.2 kN 1.58 kg/100 pcs

In this example we have a whopping 62% weight reduction!! The proofing load (usually the same as the design load for well designed joints) for the smaller M8 fastener is also about 12% higher than the M12. The relative cost is more difficult to establish since manufacturing quantities have also changed dramatically. But, comparing list prices in today's catalogues the 8.8 fastener would cost only 11% of the M12.

As we can also see from figure 1, all is not in the positive column. If we would tighten both fasteners to their proofing loads, the relative surface pressure levels would go from 253 MPa for the M12 to 498 MPa for the M8. That increase could be critical for low carbon steel substrates and most devastating for light alloys like aluminium and magnesium. We must therefore counteract the higher relative surface pressure by either increasing the bearing area (hard washers or flange fasteners) or changing to a design material able to handle the higher pressure. If we choose flange screws, which give us very low surface pressure, we also have to recalculate our torque values due to the much larger under-head friction area.

So, this jump from low strength fasteners to Class 8.8 (Grade 5) level has some great benefits, but also set up some "red flags". Going another step to Class 10.9 (Grade 8) will, naturally, require even more "sharpening of pencils" (just kidding, today's younger engineers probably don't know how to do that).

Even if the development described here was largely driven by the auto industry, most other manufacturing industries have been following the same trend.

VDA 235-205 Ultra-High Strength Fasteners

VDA stands for "Verband der Automobilindustrie", the German Association of the Automotive Industry. We could call it the German "cousin" of our SAE International, even if SAE have a wider scope (mobility on land, sea, air and space) these days. VDA is currently developing standards for much stronger fasteners, Classes 14.8, 15.8 and 16.8, specifically for

automotive. But, it will probably see a wider use if history repeat itself. The minimum ultimate tensile strengths expressed in PSI are 203 000, 217 500 and 232 000 respectively.

As we can deduce from the property class designation, the Rp0.2 (proof stress, yield) is 80 % (nx.8) of the tensile strength. The high strength is not reached by using a lot of alloying elements, but rather by a tight control of the material and the heat treatment. When we heat treat "normally", the fasteners are heated (depending on the carbon content) above a certain temperature (to austenite) and then quenched quickly to allow the available carbon to form a martensitic structure (ferro-carbide, Fe₃C) making the steel very hard and brittle. To make it useful we then must temper the material in a furnace to regain some elasticity while retaining some larger portion of the strength from the quenching.

These ultra-high strength fasteners get the properties from a special heat treatment to develop primarily Bainite that forms by decomposition of austenite at higher temperatures than the martensite. Bainite is a non-lamellar aggregate of carbides and plate-shaped ferrite, and the steels made this way can have very good toughness because of a minimum of brittle cementite.

To truly utilize the high strength levels we have to look at a number of things:

1. Surface pressures under head/nut.
2. Elastic behavior.
3. Control of tightening.
4. Corrosion prevention.
5. Hydrogen assisted cracking

Surface Pressure Example (1)

M10 Hex Head and Hex Flange Head tightened to proofing load will generate the following surface pressures with the higher property classes:

	Hex Head	Hex Flange Head
Class 14.8	732 MPa	317 MPa
Class 15.8	780 MPa	338 MPa
Class 16.8	809 MPa	360 MPa

The above pressure levels for Hex Heads all exceed the maximum allowable values for low carbon (AISI 1018), medium carbon (AISI 1050) and AISI 1045 heat treated. With Hex Flange it is possible to avoid embedment except for the low carbon. These high property classes should only be used where force losses due to embedment can be eliminated.

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ULTRA-HIGH STRENGTH FASTENERS: ARE WE READY FOR THIS? *continued from page 140***Elasticity (2)**

The elongation after fracture is about the same as for alloy steel socket screws (Class 12.9), 8% for 16.8, 9% for 15.8 and 10% for 14.8.

Tightening (3)

The elasticities are not putting a lot of distance between yielding and final fracture. That means that even a small over-tightening can lead to assembly failures. Tight control necessary.

Corrosion (4) and Hydrogen problems (5)

The VDA draft indicates that plating using electrochemical methods is not permitted due to risk for hydrogen embrittlement. The recommended use for these classes is in oil-rich environments like engines and similar devices where these ultra-high strength fasteners are protected from corrosion by the ever-present oil.

Summary of VDA 235-205

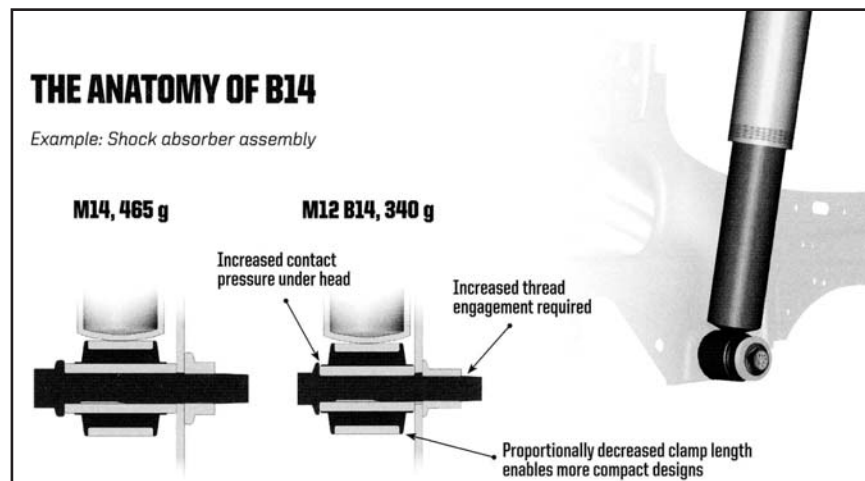
The use of ultra-high strength fasteners invites a very careful approach to design and assembly. As when we “jumped” from the low grade, non-heat treated fasteners to the higher Classes/Grades we have to realize both the possible benefits and technical challenges. Good and practical education of designers and assembly technicians is a definite requirement. Only then can we get the potential benefits of strong and light bolted/screwed joints.

B14 by Bulten, Sweden

As the development of the VDA classes took shape, Bulten AB in Hallstahammar, Sweden has developed a new strength class they call B14 with the same tensile strength as the 14.8. Using a super-clean type of carbon steel and carefully controlled drawing and heading, the B14 shows a superior elongation of 13-15 % compared to 8-10 for the VDA classes. That means that a fracture will be much further away from when the B14 material will start yielding in case of an over-load. This, of course, is an added safety factor.

During a recent visit in Hallstahammar with Kurt Andersson, head of Bulten's Fastener Engineering Laboratory and Research Facility, I had an opportunity to

share some of the technical data related to the B14 class. The B14 material has a martensitic structure (Bianitic for the VDA classes) allowing a higher yield capacity. If classified in the ISO system it would be a 14.9 (actually could be as high as 14.95 according to Kurt). The preload could therefore be set higher for B14 compared to 14.8. B14 is not limited to an oil-rich environment like engines and transmissions. It has the same low hydrogen absorption as ISO 10.9 making it also suitable for externally exposed parts like shock absorbers and other heavy duty auto assemblies. It could also be successfully applied to steel construction.




Compared to the VDA classes, the B14 class has a much wider range of applications. But, we have to keep in mind that the high-duty joints for which the B14 is intended must be more carefully designed and assembled than today's relatively lower strength applications. For more information about the B14 class and suitable applications you can contact Kurt Andersson at kurt.andersson@bulten.com.

Conclusion

Well, are we ready for this, as I stated in the title of this writing?

I think we can be as ready as we want to be, but only if we know what we are doing. The following four areas must be seriously considered before we step in with both feet into this ultra-high strength fastener environment:

1. Education (real, not just academic stuff) of design engineers.
2. Training of assembly technicians.
3. Assembly equipment upgrades/improvements.
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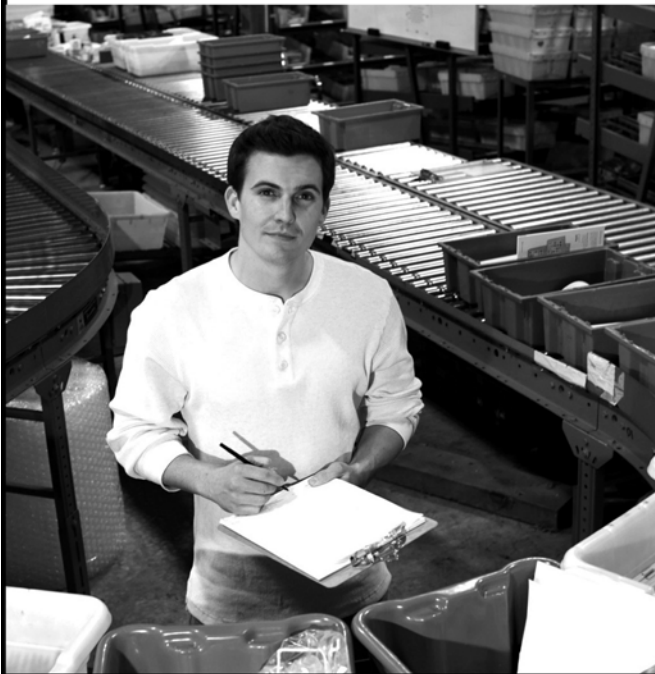
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There is a great deal of technology that is involved when manufacturing blind rivets. Hole size is important to the performance of a set blind rivet. Both IFI and the blind rivet manufacturer specify the hole diameter for all blind rivet diameters that are being used in the application. The proper hole size gives the user the proper tensile and shear values of the set blind rivet.

The blind rivet is a unique fastener. It's clamping force; shear and tensile values of the set blind rivet are all built into the blind rivet before it is set.

Clamping force is a product of the tensile strength of the blind rivet mandrel. If the blind rivet being used was manufactured to IFI-114 specification, the minimum and maximum mandrel tensile strengths are listed so the user know that the tensile strength of the mandrel in the blind rivet they are using is between the two minimum and maximum values listed in IFI-114. As I mentioned earlier, if the blind rivet were produced to ISO standards, then you only have a maximum mandrel tensile value.

IFI-114 lists mandrel minimum and maximum tensile values for all diameter blind rivets 1/8, 5/32, 3/16 and 1/4 and for all material alloys, aluminum, steel and stainless steel.

Shear values of the set blind rivet is determined by the alloy of the rivet body. Here also IFI-114 listed the shear and tensile values of all diameter and alloys of blind rivets.

Tensile values of the set blind rivet is also determined


by the blind rivet body and the clamping force and performance of the mandrel when the blind rivet is set.

Knowing in advance what the shear and tensile values are of the set blind rivet, Designers and Engineers can determine which alloy blind rivet and which blind rivet diameter they can now calculate how many blind rivets need to be used to ensure that the riveted joint is secure.

Another benefit in using blind rivets is that the operator cannot alter the shear and tensile values of the set blind rivet.

Example: Let us say that the operator is setting 1/8 diameter steel/steel blind rivet and is using a power tool that has a pulling force of 2000lbs. The operator will insert the mandrel of the blind rivet into the nosepiece of the power-setting tool. Then the operator inserts the blind rivet body into the hole of the work piece and pulls the trigger. The setting tool pulls the mandrel and when the pulling force exceeds 800lbs (which is the maximum tensile strength of the steel mandrel) pulling force, the mandrel will break and the blind rivet is properly set.

Shear and tensile values of the set blind rivet are constant at all grip ranges.

Example: A set 1/8 diameter steel/steel blind rivet has a shear value of 260lbs minimum and a tensile value of 310lbs minimum per IFI-114 specification. The shear and tensile values listed are constant for 1.16 grip range to 7/8 grip (which is the maximum grip listed in IFI-114). 

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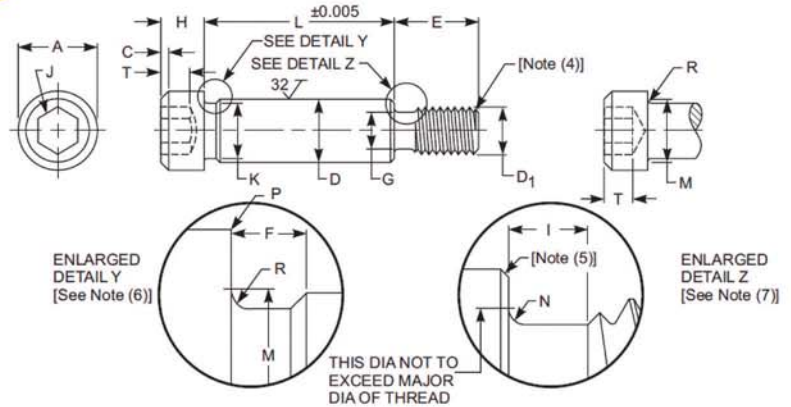


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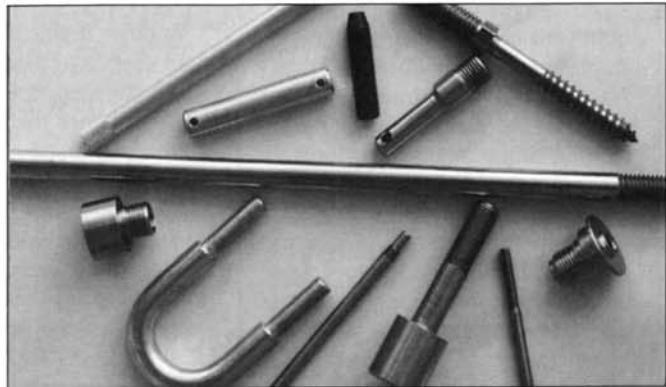
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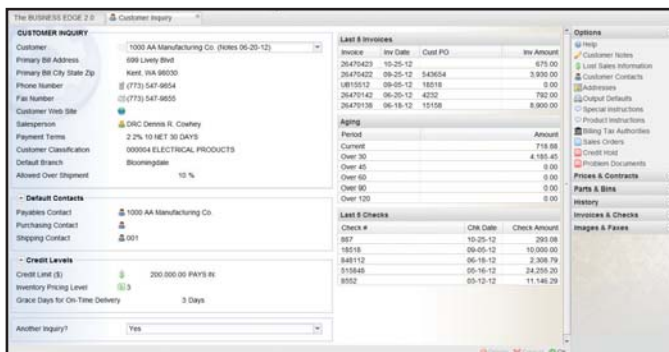
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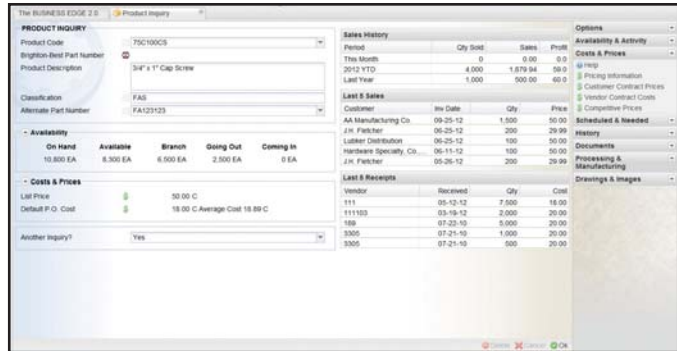
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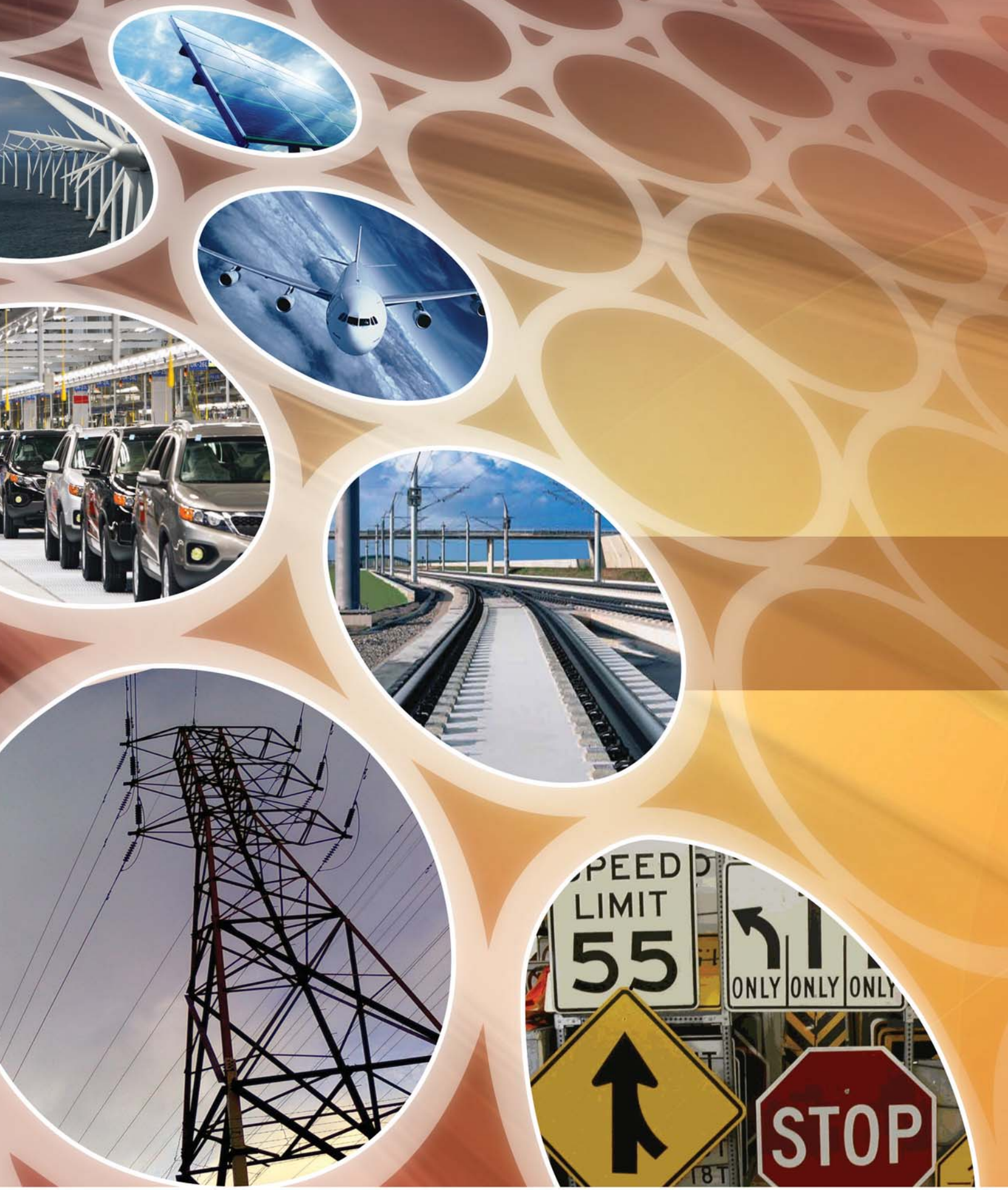
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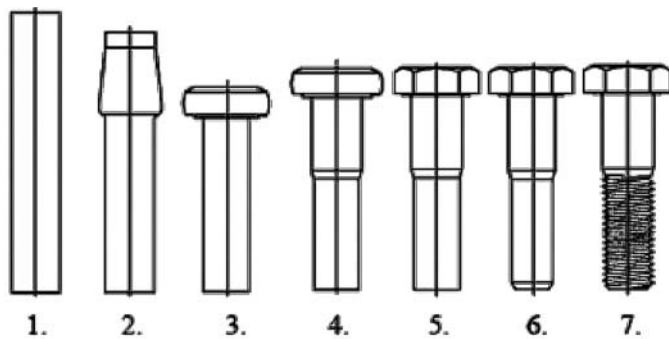
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BOLT MANUFACTURING *continued from page 12***Gradation from bolt blank to finished bolt:**

1. An unfinished cap screw wire, straightened and cut to length.
2. An unfinished cap screw, one end upset, or deformed, to increase size.
3. An unfinished cap screw with round head button, complete with washer face, head markings and chamfer, found on the upset end.
4. An unfinished cap screw, its shank is extruded to form the thread pitch diameter and the transitional extrusion angle.
5. An unfinished cap screw, its head trimmed to a hex.
6. An unfinished cap screw, its chamfer trimmed on the end of the shank.
7. A finished cap screw with threads rolled.

This is a basic annealing process which transforms a cementite structure (a hard and brittle compound of iron and carbon) to form microscopic spheroids. The annealing will last up to 48 hours at a temperature of 1400°F (760°C). At this temperature the steel softens and will provide a more uniform grain structure, which helps improve the ductility and formability of the wire.

To function efficiently, the annealing furnace is made in four sections: a permanent base; a portable inner cover, which provides a contained atmosphere to prevent carburization or decarburization; and a movable furnace with control unit, as the time and temperatures are closely monitored. Once annealed, they are stored until they are to be used.

Ahead of the bolt making machine is a series of straightening rollers (B) and an auxiliary wire drawer used to scrape the wire and apply a dry lubricant. A carbide die (C) will reduce the wire diameter by as much as 0.03" to prepare it for the proper bolt size and provide for a more accurate dimension.

The bolt maker is a horizontal, multi-stationed mechanical press, with dies on one side and a ram opposite. Bolts are formed in several stages:

1. A length of wire is sheared off to the desired length, which is longer than the finished bolt.

2. This blank is then transferred by the ram side to its adjacent position where it receives a blow from an upset die (3) to shape its preliminary form,

3. This is then transferred to the next station (4) where it forms a button head with the fillet radius to the shank; the washer face under the head is also formed; grade and manufacturer's markings are stamped on the head; and the to-be-threaded portion of the body blank is extruded and reduced to the pitch diameter.

4. The trim station (5) is where the button head is

trimmed to produce an accurate dimensional hexagon.


5. The pointing station (6) is mostly found on North American manufactured products. Here the end is chamfered to provide a smooth transition to the lead thread and facilitates easier nut assembly.

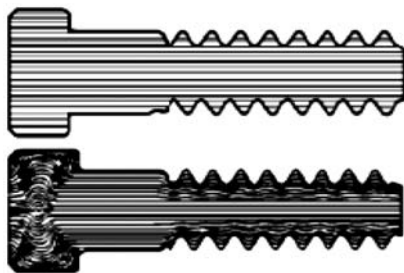
6. The fastener blank now moves along a channel to the thread rolling dies (7). Here, the bolt passes between a stationary die and a reciprocating die. Each die has progressive grooves ground into them which forces, or squeezes, the metal into the grooves to complete the thread form. Unlike cutting, there is no metal lost as the threads are roll formed. The material from the pitch diameter is fully displaced into the thread root and thread crest during the 3-1/2 rotations the bolt makes along the thread dies.

The thread rolling produces a much stronger thread with a smoother thread form than cut threads. Thread rolling produces threads of consistent dimensional quality.

Each stroke of the bolt maker produces a bolt. Smaller wire diameters will be easier to form and faster to produce than larger diameter wire. For instance; a 1/4" diameter bolt is produced at a rate of 250 per minute, or 15,000 per hour. Compare this rate with a 1" diameter bolt at only 50 per minute.

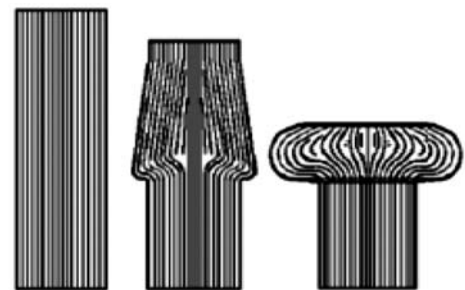
Since quality cannot be inspected into the product, continual in-process inspections are required to be certain that not only the first and last bolt are within dimensional tolerances, but so are the ones in between as well.

The bolts just formed are 'green', that is they are still very soft in their annealed condition. To achieve the desired hardness and strength, they must now be heat treated. The steels and treatments will be for another article. 



a. Cap screws produced with cut threads have an interrupted grain flow pattern. This produces non-uniform threads and stress disruptions that promotes fatigue failures.

b. Rolled threads and cold forged heads are produced by cold working the material under extreme pressure to cause the metal grain to flow into a new and stronger uninterrupted pattern.



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MWFA's SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, OPEN HOUSE AND EDUCATION SUCCESSES!

MWFA Awards Annual Scholarships

On November 8th, the MWFA was proud to present the 29th awarding of MWFA scholarships. Roe Conn, Chicago radio celebrity was on hand to motivate students into jobs they will enjoy and share great stories, fun and serious, about his career. His fun personality elevated the enjoyment of the evening.

The MWFA works very hard all year to build on their scholarship fund, allowing them to award scholarships annually. As of this year, they have awarded over \$477,000 in scholarships. The Scholarship Committee is already looking to reach the half million dollar mark for 2013. They look forward to the support of Fastener Tech '13 as most of the proceeds go to the scholarship fund. It is the association shows who contribute to the education of our students, the MWFA is proud to be among that group.

Although the MWFA scholarship is a one time award, recipients not receiving one year are encouraged to reapply. Many students not receiving an award on their first application have continued to build their education profile, reapply and win.

In addition to the MWFA fund raising efforts, they are thankful to companies and families donating scholarships making some larger scholarships available to applicants.

Congratulations to the following 2013 MWFA Scholarship Winners:

XL Screw Corp. Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000: XL Screw has been gracious enough to donate a scholarship for 16 years which is unprecedented. XL has been a great proponent of MWFA's motto: "MWFA where education is a priority." This year's XL Screw Corp. Scholarship was awarded to Shelby Zima daughter of Sara Vasicek, of Aztech Locknut. Shelby is a High School senior keeping very busy during her High School years with various clubs and sports. Shelby's interests lie in pre-medical programs, criminal justice and psychology. Her challenge is finding a career involving all of these interests. Meanwhile she looks forward to beginning with medical programs and hopes of studying abroad in Spain.

Bill Unferth Family Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000: The Bill Unferth Family has been kind enough to donate back the scholarships their children

won many years ago allowing the MWFA to give a scholarship in their name last year and this year. This year's Unferth Family Scholarship went to Shannon McKinnon, daughter of Mike and Mary McKinnon of Rogers Brothers. Shannon is a High School Senior planning to pursue a degree in Event Management. She has kept busy during her High School Career with many school clubs as well as 3 years as Treasurer and currently Senior Class President.

Bill Lang Sr. Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000: Three years ago, the MWFA lost a former MWFA President and several term board member-Bill Lang Sr. of Certified Products. Bill Lang Sr. was a one of a kind person in our industry who will always be remembered for his "great ideas," support of the association, his humor and his assistance whenever needed. Bill's family has graciously made a very generous donation to continue this scholarship in Bill's name.

This year's Bill Lang Sr. Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Mohammedi Khan daughter of Habeeb and Khalida Khan of Star Stainless Screw. Mohammedi is a senior in High School in the process of selecting colleges to pursue his pre-med degree. She has maintained an above A average throughout High School while being involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, and several other groups. After she has reached her goal of becoming a doctor, Mohammedi would like to go to third world countries to help those less fortunate.

Richard S. Piskoty Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500: The Richard S. Piskoty Memorial Scholarship, generously donated by Clarcorp. Richard Piskoty was one of those all around kind of men. His life led him in many directions and every path he took he made an impact on the people around him. He was a teacher, a coach, a mentor and a friend. Each of those aspects from him was present in every job he ever had. The lives he touched along the way ranged from the kids he taught and coached to the salespeople that worked for him. With a young family in tow, he worked in the fastener industry until his retirement. It is because of his devotion to his family, dedication to his career, and desire to pass on and give back to others that this scholarship is dedicated.

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TAKE A QUICK LOOK AROUND THE WAREHOUSE *continued from page 14*

Come in the Front Door

In the Spring 2011 issue of this magazine “Re-Evaluating Your Counter Efforts” explored improvements that can be made in the counter area on a limited budget. Now it’s time to take a look at the offices.

First impressions are always important and the condition of the lobby/entry sets the tone for every visitor. Dingy furniture, dirty floors and windows and a scowling receptionist work against your business. Vendors, Reps and Customers who are put off by their initial impression are going to a tough sell in a meeting. People want to do business with those who look organized, greet them in a friendly manner and display a sense of order. If this isn’t your image...change it.

The second impression comes from an overview of the office area. “Bull pens” can look like the bull has recently rampaged there. Piles of papers, coats draped over the partitions and an aura of chaos are not signs of efficiency. There is a balance between the hum of activity and noise.

Impressions in this area are both visual and aural. There might also be other senses involved. Musty odors, stale pizza, old popcorn and lingering disinfectants are to be avoided, not covered up.

For both visitors and staff the restrooms should be clean, neat and sanitary. This is an area that must be policed regularly during the day, not just cleaned once a week. All supplies should be replenished before they run out and this is a shared responsibility. By making everyone a “washroom attendant” paper towels and toilet paper will always be available on a preemptive basis, not reactive strictly to emergencies. Making this a business wide goal could be a natural extension of a sanitation initiative.

All this leads to making everyone aware that they are the agents of the office environment. Those who make a mess should be the ones to clean it up. One way to foster this is to praise anyone who makes a little extra effort. Use their example to set a positive image that others will want to emulate. This works far better than any punitive programs or openly critiquing individuals.

Personal photos and paraphernalia at the desk or work station should be allowed within reason. Demonstrating individuality in the workplace also shows visitors that the organization allows for individual initiative. The message to convey is that your people

are responsible, empowered and creative in their space and when dealing with vendors, reps and customers. Isn’t this the image you would want from others?

In the Warehouse

Numerous articles in this journal over the years have discussed what to look for and enhance in the warehouse. But if you haven’t critically examined this area in the last year now is the time to take a tour.

Aisles must be clean, neat and safe. Nothing should be allowed to sit on the floor in an aisle unless it is clearly on the way into or out of storage in the immediate future. Overstocks, restocking and trash/debris should never be allowed to slow down the operation. Stretch wrap for example should be cut off every pallet prior to storage in a picking location. This leaves the merchandise more accessible and ideally insures that the plastic film will be disposed of properly or recycled.

One area where it is never acceptable to drop materials is at the intersection of two aisles. Not only is this unsightly it is also dangerous. People and equipment turning corners don’t expect to find obstructions. Avoidance maneuvers quickly turn into accidents. Anything you find in an intersection needs to be addressed and removed immediately. Don’t just move it, make this a lesson and insure that it never happens again.

Similarly any “accident waiting to happen” is an opportunity for improving productivity and safety while making a point that someone...everyone...needs to avoid these situations by helping new hires and/or problematic staff members mend their ways before someone gets hurt. Look up, look down and look behind racks, shelving and piles of merchandise. Not all the hazards are in the open.

OSHA mandates that every place of employment must be clean, sanitary and safe. This also includes establishing clearly defined areas such as staging, aisles, walkways, etc. The assumption is that lines need to be painted on the floor, but by interpretation anything that indicates areas and aisles can be utilized. Bumpers, fences, pallet racks and posts are all acceptable under the right circumstances. As you tour the facility look for these markers and remember that an undefined space is an invitation to clutter and chaos.

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TAKE A QUICK LOOK AROUND THE WAREHOUSE *continued from page 164*

Write the names of the staff members on a clean sheet of paper and divide the page into at least three columns. Then take a clip board or pad, stand in one place and put check marks in one (or more) of three columns; when you see people and/or equipment traveling empty; when they are over burdened; or if they look just about right. This is a most unscientific survey of productivity, but it is a quick indication of equipment utilization and the efficient use of people and resources. Superfluous travel and empty arms or equipment are indicative of wasted effort. Use the study results to raise productivity awareness to save steps and employ the right equipment.

In most Fastener Distributor operations the justification for a sit down rider fork lift might be at the docks or for moving large loads long distances. Internal combustion vehicles are noisy and cause air quality issues (heat, odor, carbon monoxide, particulates, etc.). Replace them with electric forklifts, preferably with more efficient stand rider, narrow aisle, reach trucks or counterbalanced equipment. Saving space without sacrificing speed is a great way to gain efficiency, time and potentially reduce travel.

To finance the investment review the maintenance log or bills that should be readily available. If the costs are high and rising, then leasing new equipment may be far less expensive than it would first appear. Purchasing used equipment is also a viable option provided you fully investigate before buying. There are many bargains available on EBay, at auctions or from a dealer. Just remember that the buyer should indeed be wary.

Now look up. Hopefully the roof isn't leaking, the lights are not burned out and nothing is stored precariously. This covers immediate needs but there is far more. Energy saving initiatives are available, tax credits are still in effect and replacing old lighting is virtually a "no brainer." With the right fixtures (Light Emitting Diodes, T-8 or T-5 fluorescents) occupancy sensors can automatically turn off the lights above storage or in empty aisles. We are hearing about pay back periods of less than 6 months strictly from the electric bill. The larger benefits are intangible but take the Return On Investment (ROI) down to as little as a week. Productivity, morale and quality all will rise. In

addition with the lights on only in active aisles management will know where the staff is working and customers will have a far better image of your company.

Other environmental issues such as heating and air movement should be painfully obvious on a really hot or cold day but these are often ignored until reviewed on the basis of seasonality, temperature and attendance. If people are calling in sick, overdressed in the winter and sweltering in the summer there is no hope of raising efficiency. Addressing these issues as part of your tour should be a high priority. If comfort is not a factor today ask the people about the extremes.

And while you are asking take a look at how they are dressed. Are their clothes appropriate for the work being performed? Obviously obscene slogans on tee shirts should not fit your corporate image. Tight fitting shirts and pants, the wrong shoes and missing safety gear are equally out of place. Use the multi-column pad to make a few notes and then organize a committee to determine what is appropriate for image and comfort. This is one area where

everyone has a valid opinion.


Packing areas are especially prone to disorder and chaos. Everything comes together at this point and often

time pressures trump common sense. Benches should be clean and

empty, supplies readily at hand and the floors completely clean. Really efficient

packers know this and regularly police their areas to also replenish supplies before running out. The "Best of the Best" do not tolerate any sloppiness in their work habits or those around them. Neither should you.

Lighting in packing and staging is even more critical and while storage can function well at 35 foot-candles areas where paperwork is generated and frequently referenced should have a minimum of double this lighting. Wall mounted or hanging spot lights to illuminate the interior of trailers and trucks will facilitate movement and enhance safety. If these are missing or burned out add this item to your notes and fix the problem.

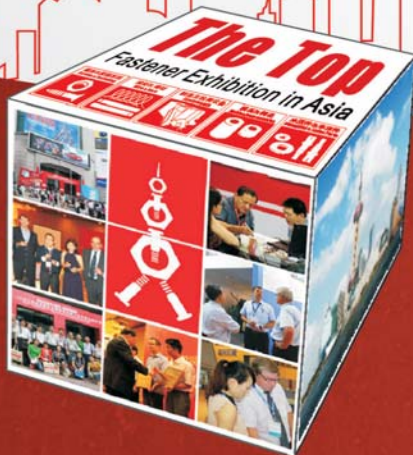
All these suggestions are just a starting point for a more comprehensive improvement program. After your initial tour take another trip around the operation, only this time bring the key managers along. Let them critique your notes...not defend their sloppiness. The object is to gain cooperation not alienate anyone. 

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MID-WEST FASTENER ASSOCIATION

MWFA's SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, OPEN HOUSE AND EDUCATION SUCCESSES *continued from 162*

This scholarship was awarded to Julia May, daughter of Peter May, of Cleco Industrial. Julia is a High School Senior with excellent grades and a full resume of groups and activities both in and outside school. Julia plans to attend a small liberal arts college allowing her opportunities for research as well as the opportunity to know her classmates and professors well. She also has an interest in medical school.

Innovative Components Inc. Keith Stoffle Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500: Innovative Components Inc., along with some of their employees contributed the Keith Stoffle Memorial Scholarship. Keith Stoffle was the first Quality Control Manager for Innovative Components Inc. His strong vision for quality and continuous improvement led Innovative on their quest to becoming a world-class manufacturer. He was instrumental in their successful quest for achieving ISO 9001 certification. Keith also played a pivotal role in the establishment of Innovative's first foreign factory in Costa Rica.

Keith was tragically taken, too soon in 2007, in an auto accident while working in Costa Rica. Innovative and their staff is happy to honor his memory by recognizing an outstanding student from the MWFA industry community, with hopes that this deserving student will demonstrate the same leadership, integrity, and compassion as they pursue their education and career as our friend Keith did as he pursued his life goals.

It is a pleasure to have this scholarship awarded to Timothy Vath, son of Laura Vath, of Solution Industries. Timothy is a Junior at Kent State University. He was very active in High School and continues to play in the "Skies of December" band. He earned 17 college credits while still in High School giving him a great head start into college. Timothy is currently an accounting major with plans to acquire an accounting internship and then continue on to earn his Master's in Accounting.

\$1,000 Scholarships:**Alex Garvin son of Jeff Garvin/Armour Screw.**

Alex is a sophomore at the University of Iowa in the Business Program.

Karli Jozaites daughter of Kim Jozaites/MSI Testing & Engineering. Karli is a freshman at Illinois State University pursuing a teaching degree with plans to teach Math.

Stephanie Arthur/daughter of Jeffrey Arthur Matenaer Corp. Stephanie is currently attending the

University of Wisconsin in the Nursing/Health Care Administration program.

Patrick Bane son of James Bane/Innovative Components Inc. Patrick is a High School senior busy with National Honor Society, as well as additional clubs and sports. He is undecided as to which college he will attend and his major although he is leaning towards a degree in Business.

Devyn Marie Conway daughter of Larry Conway/Foremost Fasteners. Devyn is a junior at Carthage College majoring in Psychology planning to continue to graduate school to become a school psychologist.

Erica Conway daughter of Larry Conway /Foremost Fasteners. Erica is currently a sophomore at Carthage College majoring in Exercise and Sports Science with plans to become a Physical Education teacher.

Emily Bigott daughter of Thomas Bigott/ XL Screw Corp. Emily is a senior in High School still in process of college selection. She plans to pursue her degree in Elementary Education. She is already student teaching a second grade class in the afternoon 3 days a week.

Todd Meyer employee of ICS Flange. Todd is an employee of Innovative Component Sales currently attending the University of Illinois exploring his education options.

Robert Reibel son of Robert Reibel/ SWD Inc. Robert is a senior at Indiana University majoring in Kinesiology. He is looking forward to a semester of student teaching at the High School and Elementary level.

Joey Serna son of Sonia Serna/Beacon Fasteners & Components. Joey is currently enrolled at Western Illinois University in the Law Enforcement Program with plans to become a crime scene investigator.

Pawel Zuradzki son of Richard Zuradzki/Abbott-Interfast. Pawel is currently attending Indiana University studying Finance, Economic Consulting.

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MID-WEST FASTENER ASSOCIATION**MWFA's SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, OPEN HOUSE AND EDUCATION SUCCESSES** *continued from 168****Innovative Components Inc. Hosts Open House***

Every October, an MWFA member hosts an Open House. This allows them the opportunity to invite their fellow members into their facility for a learning and social experience. Attendees learn more about their product while often observing processes in progress. On October 18th, Innovative Components Inc. hosted an Open House giving members the opportunity to learn about their production of plastic knobs and various other products. Attendees were given a plant tour and invited to enjoy food and beverages while visiting with others.



Christianson/South Holland Metal Finishing and Matt Delawder/SWD Inc.

As well as instructing, Mr. Pease moderated the class alerting them to important facts mentioned and fastener industry pertinent information. The interaction of students with instructors, as they provided samples to enforce the "hands on training" format, indicated an appreciation of the wealth of knowledge provided. This seminar is presented annually and continues to be one of the most requested of the MWFA education programs.


In keeping with the "hands on training" format, the Heat Treating & Plating seminar presented offered on site training at both Morgan Ohare and SWD Inc. Students not only learned from their instructors but were lead through a step by step explanation through both plants. Viewing the process gave students a real understanding for the heat treating and plating processes especially the

time factors involved and their importance.

The day began with Bob Giomi and Joan Sosinski of Morgan Ohare hosting the first part of the programs' tour and instruction followed by instruction at SWD Inc. Matt Delawder, Tim Delawder and Bob Reibel of SWD Inc. provided tours of SWD followed by additional



classroom instruction. Attendees returned very favorable surveys to both these programs.

Thank you to our many instructors who take their time to share their knowledge with our industry!! The MWFA Education Committee continues to meet and discuss new education programs and opportunities for its' members and the industry. Stay tuned for more education opportunities for 2013!! 

MWFA Education Successes for 2013

The MWFA recently held the last two education programs for 2013. On September 13th the Introduction to Fasteners Seminar drew 30 students while the October 18th Heat Treating & Plating Seminar drew 36 students. Both these seminars attracted industry personnel from various Midwest states. This is a great indication of our industry's interest in and motivation to educate employees benefiting their companies in the long run.

The Introduction to Fasteners Seminar many topics taught by industry specialists including: Bill Vodicka/Allstar Fasteners, Thomas Anderson/Active Screw & Fastener, Richard Pease/R.K. Precision Products, Mark Levinson/All American Washer Werks, Wally Olczak/Production Fasteners, Brian



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GAMECHANGE: MOBILE THE EMAIL WATCHWORD FOR FASTENERS *continued from page 24*

Ironically, the continuing rise of mobile will actually signal a step-back in email marketing for fastener distributors – at least for the short term. Confronted with smaller viewing screens, marketers will once again need to rely more on text and less on multimedia. Plus, they'll have to put together messages that are much more concise than those currently being read on 24" PC screens.

The bonus: once reconfigured, mobile-friendly marketing messages will also be a perfect fit for Facebook's messaging platform, which currently displays the text version of any email by default.

To get from here to there, below are some specific tactics you can use to adapt to the game change, as recommended by Responsys (www.responsys.com), another email marketing firm, as well as other experts:

***Get a precise read on the tech your subscribers are using:** If you've outsourced your email distribution, there's a good chance your service provider can give you a percentage breakdown on the kind of devices your subscribers use to read email.

For fastener distributors on leaner budgets, a survey of your subscribers might do the trick. SurveyMonkey (www.surveymonkey.com), for example, offers survey services ranging from free to \$780/annually.

***Offer a 'view on mobile' link:** Mobile users well-acquainted with the agony of attempting to read a 'designed-for-PC' email will welcome a link they can click that leads to a text version – or at least 'lite' version – of your email.

***Reduce email width to 640 pixels or less:** Skinnier margins on emails have been shown to increase user interaction and click-throughs on mobile devices, according to Responsys. Moreover, if you can live with a very skinny margin of say 320 pixels, you can be assured your message can also be read on tiny screens held vertically.

***Shoot for a 20K file size:** Granted, such austerity will elicit groans from distributor e-marketing staffs. But if you're at least shooting for a 20K message size, your designers will be forced to focus on the new reality. The

old saw, 'No one reads a pretty message that takes forever to download,' has never been more true.

***Offer a PC-friendly version where applicable:** Many mobile users peek at emails they intend to study later, when they're at their PCs. If you've got a feature-rich version of your marketing email for the PC, label it as such, and offer a look-at-it-later-link in the mobile version of your message.


***Offer generous-sized, call-to-action buttons:** You should get more click-throughs on your fastener Web site if the call-to-action button in your email – i.e., 'buy this,' 'download this report,' 'click-to-call,' etc. – is 45 pixels. This size ensures someone can tap your call-to-action button with their finger very easily – even if they're juggling a Starbucks Latte with their other hand.

***Reconfigure Web site landing pages to be mobile-friendly:** Anyone who clicks on your email should be greeted with a mobile-friendly Web landing page that downloads like quicksilver. In practice, this means narrowing the widths of such pages and keeping copy and advertising on such pages brief.

You'll also want to remove Flash from designed-for-mobile landing pages, since the iPhone, iPod Touch and BlackBerry all do not support flash. And while Android theoretically supports Flash, the reality is working with the format on a mobile Android device can be vexing.

***Offer mobile app links in your marketing emails:** A link to any mobile app related to your marketing email just makes sense.

***Use the migration to completely overhaul the emarketing of your fastener business:** While you're at it, you may want to brush up on all the other latest tactics email marketers are using. A good, free 25-page guide is available by Googling: "Email Design & Coding Recommendations."

Says Laura Machanic, CEO, New Target (www.newtarget.com), a Web design and marketing firm: "We recommend 'Mobile First' as a strategy, forcing everyone to consider their most valuable, actionable content and work it into their mobile plans." 



Above: Everything in your online marketing should be mobile-friendly, says Melonie Dodaro, social media specialist, Top Dog Social Media.

Below: We recommend 'Mobile First' as a strategy says Laura Machanic, CEO, New Target.





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NCFA's SCREW OPEN GOLF OUTING

The heavy rains on August 27th did not deter golfers from setting a record turnout for the 2012 Annual NCFA Screw Open golf outing. Celebrating the NCFA's 30th anniversary, 68 golfers took their talents to the challenging track of Signature of Solon CC. This shot maker's course, was made even more difficult by steady rains throughout the 5 hour round. The wet and windy conditions failed to dampen low scores, as American Ring & Tool finished with a 22 under par 50. They were followed by Solon Manufacturing and National Plating at 19 and 18 under par rounds respectively.



The 19th hole putting contest had to be moved indoors to the banquet room after the outing to give our golfers a break from the rain. Seven qualifiers from the field made a 30 foot putt on the putting green during the round to have a chance at a grand prize set of new golf clubs. The qualifying first round was quickly narrowed down to 2 golfers. Jim Costello of SW Anderson Corp. sunk a 50 foot putt in the first round to put him into the finals against Scott Faidiga of KJ Fasteners who held closest to the pin. The two agreed to split the consolation winnings as neither golfer made the final grand prize 50 footer. Overall, the day turned out to be another fun and successful event for our industry and the organization.



On behalf of the NCFA, thank you to all of our sponsors. The outing would not have been a success without you, and we appreciate your generous support. The money raised from the outing will be used to support the NCFA scholarship fund. We are working



hard to plan another great event next year, so please keep your eyes open for details coming soon!

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Results:

1st place: American Ring & Tool Co. with a 22 under 50

2nd place: Solon Manufacturing with a 19 under 53

3rd place: National Plating with an 18 under 54

Putting Contest

Scott Faidiga & Jim Costello agreed to split the winnings


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AN UPDATED LOOK AT PERSONAL GOODWILL *continued from page 26*

Along comes the concept of personal goodwill. As mentioned previously, the phrase "personal goodwill" does not appear anywhere in the Internal Revenue Code. Two tax cases gave rise to the concept of personal goodwill for federal tax purposes and the two cases contain the definition for tax purposes in which we use. In the Martin Ice Cream Case (110 TC 189, (1998)), Arnold Strassberg was the co-owner of a company known as Martin Ice Cream Company. During his tenure with the company, he became a distributor of ice cream from Haagen-Dazs to multiple grocery stores under a non-written, "handshake" agreement.

In the mid-1980's, Pillsbury acquired Haagen-Dazs. Rather than allowing Arnold to continue in the distributorship, middle-man position, Pillsbury acquired Arnold's company, the Martin Ice Cream Company. Forty-six percent of the purchase price was allocated to Arnold's seller's rights or what is now known as "Personal Goodwill". When the case went to court, the Tax Court held that personal relationships of a shareholder-employee are not corporate assets when the employee has no employment contract with the company. This landmark tax case gave rise to personal goodwill.

Additionally, Norwalk (TCM 1998-279, 1989) found that the personal relationships of a group of accountants were the property of the individual owners and not the corporation itself. Hence, affirming the existence of personal goodwill.

When a seller is in a position similar to the facts above, it is most advantageous to split personal goodwill off from company goodwill. During the negotiation phase of the sale, the seller must create a separate personal goodwill contract stating that some of the goodwill being sold is personal goodwill. At the same time, the seller should not engage in an employment agreement. If an employment agreement is part of the deal, theoretically, the goodwill IS an asset

of the company being sold and is not personal goodwill. Practitioners have, in the past, sold 10%-90% of goodwill as personal goodwill in business sales. This amount should be based on a reasonable and objective estimation of the two values, while keeping in mind that more personal goodwill means less tax.

Personal goodwill is more likely to exist in smaller, service type companies. Characteristics of companies with personal goodwill include companies that are "relationship" dependent, no written contracts, no written property rights in the company, owner/employee controls the company, and the earnings do not support the transaction price. In companies which would be heavier on the traditional goodwill, characteristics such as "capital" dependence, written employment contracts, written property rights, no controlling owner, and business is where the business earnings support a transaction price, lend the characteristics to a business which would have more traditional, business owned goodwill. When valuing a company or working transaction allocation details, these factors can and should be considered to support a correct allocation.

Quite simply, personal goodwill is the intangible value a person (usually the owner or CEO) brings to the company.

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Divorce – Equitable Division

Practitioners involved with divorce work routinely are unfamiliar with the general concepts of valuation when a business is present. Valuation specialists are sometimes not even used to appraise businesses. In these cases, the trier of facts will essentially make an educated guess as to the value of the business using rules-of-thumb which may be erroneous. Furthermore, and of even greater consequence in cases not retaining experts, company goodwill and personal goodwill cannot be differentiated from one another, placing the business owner's case in jeopardy. Essentially, in any case involving a business interest, valuation specialists should be employed up front.

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Proceeds derived from the sale of personal goodwill are not subject to a spouse's claim for equitable distribution. In Florida, the case of *Thompson v Thompson* (576 So. 2d. 267, 270 (1991)) an attorney divorced his wife. The wife claimed that the entire law practice was a marital asset subject to 50% division. The husband (attorney), on the other hand, argued part of the law practice's value was not merely "professional" or company goodwill, but also, the asset consisted of "personal goodwill". The court agreed with the personal goodwill concept and allowed personal goodwill to become a precedent at least in the state of Florida. The court defined "personal goodwill" as goodwill that depends on the continued presence of a particular individual that is not a marketable asset distinct from such individual. Although the personal goodwill was not an "asset" of the marriage, it could be used in determining alimony payable to the wife. Cases establishing personal goodwill in other states have been written as well. The cases are not always used as many practitioners do not know of the concept or even understand it.

Using the Corporate Veil Effectively

People incorporate their businesses to gain the effect, among other benefits, of limited liability. Generally, closely held and family owned businesses suffer a higher incidence of having their corporate veils pierced as opposed to widely held, large corporations. Though corporate veils can be pierced, incorporating is still very effective in preventing personal losses in corporate situations.

Personal goodwill is an asset that creditor's of a corporation cannot attach to in a corporate lawsuit or collection proceeding. Because personal goodwill is outside the corporation, it is the personal property of the individual and therefore protected by the corporate veil.

While personal goodwill may seem worthless to those who own it at the time of a corporate proceeding, it does have a value when the owner wants to start up a

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business again. Since personal goodwill invokes personal relationships, it survives any proceeding to benefit the owner another day. This benefit is marketable and therefore valuable to those trying to obtain a recovery based on the full goodwill of the company and owners.

C Corporation Conversion

Under the Internal Revenue Code, when a C Corporation converts to a flow through entity, the value of the company at conversion must declare built-in gains i.e. the difference between the fair market value of their assets and the book value. If a corporation has goodwill and no basis, the result is a larger amount of tax due the federal government upon conversion. Under the doctrine of "personal goodwill", part of the total goodwill does not belong to the corporation itself, but to the executive. As it is not a corporate asset, it is not subject to the built-in gains rules. The personal goodwill will continue to be an asset of the owner/CEO of the company.

AN UPDATED LOOK AT PERSONAL GOODWILL *continued from page 181*

In conversion situations, it is certain that a valuation of the company is necessary. Valuing the goodwill and separating the personal goodwill which is attributable to the owner is necessary to gain the best tax position. In doing so, the company and owner can expect to pay less taxes to the government.

Most Recent Case Updates

There are three recent cases of interest affecting personal goodwill. The first case is Solomon. In the Solomon decision, the fact pattern is overwhelmingly adverse to the interest of the business person. Unlike Martin Ice Cream, Solomon was an iron ore processor that did not largely depend on personal relationships to sell his commodity in the open market (after all, iron ore is iron ore). At one point in the case, his own accountant testified that the goodwill belonged to the company itself and not the owner of the business. In the ruling against the taxpayer, the IRS cited that nothing in the agreement cited personal goodwill, the role of the owner was not personal relationships like in Martin Ice Cream, and further there was no further evidence the seller intended to sell personal goodwill in ANY document.

The second decision is that of Muskat. In this decision the taxpayer and counsel listed all goodwill contained in the company and essentially elsewhere on the asset purchase agreement. Further, the covenant not to compete was relied on as evidence of personal goodwill by the taxpayer. The Court did not, by any means repudiate the existence of goodwill, but cited no communication, nor document selling personal goodwill anywhere to justify taxpayer claims.

Last, but not of least importance, is Kennedy v.

Commissioner. In this decision, the taxpayer did not have his personal goodwill valued. Instead an unsupported, arbitrary value of 75% was assigned to personal goodwill. The court cited lack of support as the reason to rule against the taxpayer. Once again, the court did not dismiss the concept of goodwill, but rather implied that valuations had better not be sloppy or arbitrary in their results.


Lessons Learned

Personal Goodwill, while enduring a string of defeats is alive and well! With that, the following conclusions from the cases should be observed and followed:

- 1) The value of personal goodwill should be supported within the formal valuation by the facts and numbers making the valuation,
- 2) certain documents must be created selling personal goodwill at the time of sale, not after the fact to create a scenario to support your argument,
- 3) Use competent counsel throughout the course of action during a business sale.

One impression a reader of these cases gains is that it is never a good thing to lump documents together in a willy-nilly style at the last minute. Had these attorneys realized the proper method of establishing personal goodwill in the legal documents, they would have known at least enough to examine the facts, run the numbers under a formal process, and create the proper legal documents.

Conclusion

When appropriate, personal goodwill can provide large tax savings to taxpayers. Being a relatively new concept, it is important that the allocations to personal goodwill be reasonable and objective as there is only so much guidance through cases and decisions at this point. 

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INSERTION QUILL WHEN INSTALLING COILED SPRING PINS *continued from page 48*

The following exhibits what happened to a manufacturer of ejector clip assemblies when the installation tool their subcontractor used was not large enough to cover the entire end of the Coiled Pin. The result was that the insertion tool (quill) ended up pushing on the inner coils of the Coiled Pin, and made the pin "telescope" or "unwrap". This dramatically increased the insertion force, and at times, prevented the pin from being fully installed into the assembly.

Figure 4 shows a view from the top of the pin - the side that the installation tool pressed on during insertion. One can clearly see that the inner coils are pushed in and away from the outer coil. Markings are also visible on the inner coil where the insertion quill hit the material as it entered the ID of the Coiled Pin.

Figure 5 is a view from the back side of the same installed pin. This clearly displays the result of pushing on the inner coils; the coils end up telescoping or pushing out of the back end of the pin.

For anyone experiencing these installation issues, the solution is an easy fix — Simply change the installation tool. However, it is best to avoid this situation all together.



Figure 4: Using an improper installation tool will make the pin telescope or unwrap.



Figure 5: Flip side of the same installed pin.



Generally speaking, if the Coiled Pin is going to be installed flush or above flush, it is recommended that the insertion quill have a minimum diameter equal to the nominal diameter of the pin. If the pin is going to be installed sub-flush, it is recommended that the insertion quill have a diameter greater than or equal to the diameter of the chamfer at the very end of the pin. Considering that insertion quills are wear items, assemblers should periodically check the very end of the quill to make sure that it is always flat and square and that it meets the above diameter criteria. ◻

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10:00 a.m. Golf Outing

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m.-9:00 Cocktails, Dinner, Golf Awards, Officer Recognition, Silent Auction

Thursday April 18, 2013

8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Business Meeting, General Sessions

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NCFA ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS AND 2013 SCHEDULE

The North Coast Fastener Association held its Holiday Party and board elections on December 6, 2012.

The NCFA 2013 Board consists of:

Marty Nolan, R.L. English Co. - President
 Kelly Quittenton, Brighton Best - Vice President
 Ken Graham, National Threaded Fasteners - Treasurer
 Dave Audia, Advance Components – Secretary

New Trustees added for 2013 include:

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Several NCFA events are already scheduled for 2013 including the following:

March 19

Basketball Tournament at Lost Nation Indoor Sports Park

April 12

Night at the Races at Northfield Park

April 25

Tour of Nucor (joint event with MWFA)

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NCFA Distributor Social & Supplier/Distributor Networking Event

September 12

Screw Open Golf Outing at Signature of Solon

December 5

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CADMIUM REPLACEMENT COATING FOR MILITARY/AEROSPACE CONNECTORS *continued from page 94*

Since then, legislation in Europe and the United States has increasingly focused on banning and limiting the use of cadmium, along with other harmful substances. DOD, US dept of labor, RoHS and REACH policy all intend to restrict, control exposure or ban use of cadmium.

Connector Manufacturers Seek Cad Alternative

To replace the cadmium content while maintaining conductivity and corrosion resistant properties, Corsair is working with CSL Inc. (Santa Clara, CA), a supplier that offers over 40 different plating processes. CSL is one of the few independent third party processors in the U.S. that develops proprietary custom coatings.

As a manufacturer specializing in circular connectors with crimp-removable contacts for military, commercial aircraft, and other aerospace applications, Corsair's original specifications were MIL-C-26482 and MIL-C-5015. Today, however, the company is in the process of qualifying MIL-DTL-38999, one version of which is a circular connector with a cadmium-class finish.

The solution Corsair is currently testing is a nickel Teflon (EN-PTFE) composite coating developed by CSL over a decade ago.

This EN-PTFE composite coating is not to be confused with standard nickel Teflon plating which is available from multiple sources. A simple 1-2 layer of EN-PTFE will not suffice in harsh environments.

CSL's EN-PTFE composite coating, on the other hand, forms a monolithic barrier that is self lubricating, scratch resistant, and anti-galling without galvanization. CSL's composite EN-PTFE coatings meet the conductivity and lubricity requirements of Cadmium while reportedly exceeding the wear resistance and corrosion protection

attributes of Cadmium or Nickel Cadmium plating. It can cross mate with stainless steel, aluminum, PEI, and PEEK and can be applied to most metals and composites.

"We are currently investigating the composite nickel-PTFE alloy as an alternative to cadmium," says Shnepf. "CSL has developed a plating process that apparently can

deliver both electrical conduction and corrosion resistance and is RoHS compliant."

According to Shnepf, Corsair is currently entering the qualification phase of the testing with CSL.

"Given that this coating meets all the performance characteristics outlined, we expect it will have a very favorable response in the military and aerospace market as a cad alternative," adds Shnepf.

Connector manufacturers are not the only ones testing EN-PTFE. Over the past 15 years, Lockheed, Boeing, and Sikorsky have tested it and it is already a spec for connectors for harsh environments under MIL-DTL-38999. CSL's EN-PTFE products are use on Navy ship programs, the F35 Joint Strike Fighter, Sikorsky helicopters, and Boeing Aerospace programs.



CSL Inc. (Santa Clara, CA), is one of the few independent third party processors in the U.S. that develops proprietary custom plating recipes. The company is now offering a unique EN-PTFE plating as a viable alternative to cadmium.



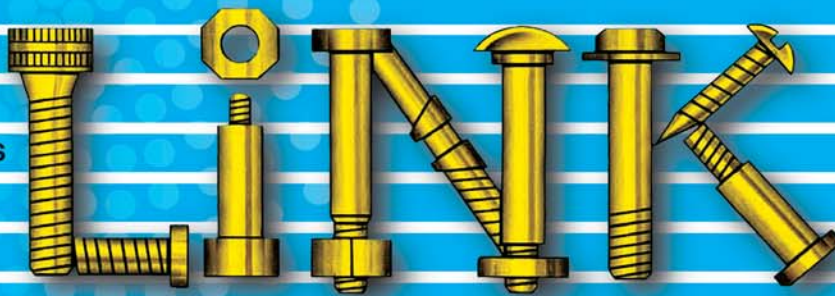
CSL Inc. has developed a cad-free plating process that delivers electrical conduction and corrosion resistance and is RoHS compliant. EN-PTFE cross mates with stainless steel, aluminum PEI, and PEEK and other metals and composites.

Standardizing on a Cad Alternative

Standardization of product line features can be a major advantage for the connector industry from a manufacturing and marketing standpoint. As the military becomes more of an international collaboration, U.S. connector manufacturers will have to become more responsive to RoHS and some of the other standards adopted by the European nations other NATO Alliance partners.

By standardizing on a replacement for cadmium plating embraced by both Europe and the U.S., connector manufacturers can enjoy manufacturing economies while making life easier for global distributors by simplifying inventories. 

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UNIQUE FASTENER INSERTS DESIGNED FOR AEROSPACE MATERIALS REDUCE COST & RISK *continued from page 109*

In aerospace, wire insert applications have ranged from heat sinks and electronic chassis to satellite connectors, circuit board clamps, and avionics box enclosures.

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The Spirallock locking fastener has been validated in published test studies at leading institutions including MIT, the Goddard Space Flight Center, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and British Aerospace. It has been used in extreme fastening applications with virtually no chance of recall: from the main engines of NASA's Space Shuttle to the Saturn Cassini orbiter and Titan Huygens probe.

"The self locking fastener's ability to retain clamp load under extreme shock, vibration, and temperature with less weight, complexity, and maintenance makes it a natural choice for aerospace," says Robert Farhat, an aerospace technical sales engineer for Spirallock. "It retains clamp load even with dissimilar exotic materials, such as composites and titanium, which is important in reducing component weight."

NASA was among the first to appreciate the advantages of the Spirallock thread, when designing the main engines of the Shuttle orbiter. Each of the three main engines developed 400,000 lb. of thrust and terrific vibration. But the Space Agency also wanted a 15-cycle reuse capability per fastener. Under its own test, NASA determined the fasteners in Spirallock-threaded holes did not back off or loosen when subjected to ten times shuttle-specified vibrations, and

they stayed that way ten times longer than called for. NASA tests found the Spirallock-thread fasteners delivered 50 uses with no loss of clamp load. Every shuttle carried no fewer than 757 Spirallock fasteners.


For the Cassini-Huygens mission across 750 million miles of space, NASA used the Spirallock thread form to resist vibration and temperature-induced thread loosening on mass spectrometer instrumentation used for atmospheric measurement of Saturn and Titan. Together in the Cassini orbiter and Huygens probe, several hundred fasteners had to maintain vacuum-tight sealed cavities from final assembly and testing through launch, until the end of the seven-year mission.

The majority of Spirallock applications in aerospace are considered confidential by their customers; therefore, current application details and successes can not be released or discussed in any publication. It is known that Spirallock threads and products are used on products where traditional fasteners have not performed to the customers expectations.

"Many aerospace engineers may not realize that several

OEM designs, drawings or parts may already specify Spirallock threads," says Farhat. "Although Spirallock is considered a unique locking thread, Spirallock is often preferred and can be used on many products and applications both commercial and military."

"To enjoy superior locking and weight savings in composites, aluminum and plastics, testing out the inserts that will protect against fastener loosening can be surprisingly affordable when working with a supplier that offers samples and travels to provide support with a dedicated sales and engineering group as needed," concludes Farhat.

Production changeovers to the fastener can be quick and seamless, often requiring a switch from traditional threading tools, nuts, and inserts to Spirallock tapped holes, Spirallock wire insert, or Spirallock fasteners. 



Spirallock tapped holes are used in the gas turbine engine in this BMG-109 Tomahawk missile.



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FAN DISC RECEIVES SECOND US PATENT ON A BELLEVILLE WASHER IN 40 YEARS

Fan Disc Corporation (Fan Disc), one of the nation's oldest and largest manufacturers of Belleville and Disc Springs, has announced that it has received a patent from the United States Patent Office (#7,198,445) for a conical washer with crush zone - making it only the second patent issued for a Belleville washer in 40 years. Both were issued to Fan Disc.

Noting that the Sun Valley, California based manufacturer was extremely proud of this accomplishment as it reflects on the quality of its innovation and technology, Fan Disc President Frederic P. Kramer said the new washer is unique in three ways:

- It provides a tight engagement of fastener to the bearing surface, one that eliminates looseness in the fastener upon thermal expansion of the metal of the elements and improves the prior art by allowing for a crush zone.

- It contains teeth on the underside of the washer that can bite or piece an insulated wire and cut through the insulation to make a better electrical connection.

- It results in a more positive hold of fastener or nut with the washer to a bearing surface - never achieved before in this kind of washer - because the inner annual projection forms the crush zone and lies at an approximate 100 degree angle. This affords a sufficient thickness so that it does not crush or break down without applied force, yet has a designed thinness to permit deformation to occur.


In its application for the U.S. Patent, Fan Disc claimed the new conical washer would offer the following two improvements over existing washers of that type:

1. An improvement in the Belleville-type washer having an annular body including an upper portion having a top surface and a circumferential, all forming a centrally disposed opening for the washer, and serrations circumferentially mounted upon the top surface of the annular body. Also, an improvement comprising a crush zone formed in the upper portion of the annular body adjacent its circumferential wall. The crush zone in its formation having a limited depth extending from the top surface and which does not cause the circumferential wall to frictionally engage the shank of a fastener to which the washer



is to be torqued.

2. Contains teeth on the underside to provide an electrical connection. Washers come stocked with and without teeth.

Founded in 1966, Fan Disc manufactures and distributes a wide range of Belleville and Disc Spring products, including: DIN 2093, AI for bolted assemblies, SP for heavy bolted sections (e.g. bus bars), and Contact® for electrical applications. A free design and application engineering guide can be obtained from Fan Disc by accessing its website at www.fandisc.com; phone 818-767-1886; fax 818-767-7415; or by mail at 8127 Clybourn Avenue, Sun Valley, CA 91352. 

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What's Behind Employee Thinking?

Eschewing jargon, our surveys show the obvious: recent events had key impacts on workers' attitudes and changed how to influence their behavior effectively. These events include: the Japanese earthquake and tsunami that created havoc in many companies' supply chains; the continued impact on consumer spending of high gas prices caused by fears of Middle East upheavals; and sour economics worldwide. The Great American Recession of 2008-2009 devastated American pocketbooks. The current Euro crisis and the nascent Far East slowdown both are now harming U.S. fastener exporters. Unless Washington faces up to our fiscal situation, the non-partisan Congressional Budget office says America will fall off a "Fiscal Cliff" early next year, triggering another recession.

Consumer confidence and workers' attitudes have been shaken. With today's uncertainties and tomorrow's concerns about recessions, fastener executives have learned that the short term, transparent economic motivators paired with supporting communications efforts are most effective in persuading employees to boost productivity and cut per-unit costs. Using them improves worker performance, reduces employee insecurities, increases paycheck size, bolsters future job security, and shows workers they can control their own destinies – the smarter they work, the better their future will be.

Motivators: Which Ones Work...and Why?

Non-economic motivators have a long history and have always been used to bolster workers' pride. These include preferred parking places, service awards, special recognition for those reaching certain milestones, service lunches and Christmas parties. Although they offer little positive motivation, their absence or curtailment is resented, which perhaps explains why, as the charts show, companies continue these efforts although they question their effectiveness. These efforts should be continued because they sustain employee morale. However, they have little direct effect on workers' daily effort or on-the-job behavior.

Most executives expect economic rewards for their

own better "performance". Their "performance" might be improved company profitability, increased per-share earnings, or higher stock prices. As the 2002-2012 charts show, astute fastener industry executives have learned what is good for the goose is good for the gander, and are extending economic incentive programs deep within their organizations.

Profit sharing plans are widespread, as are merit raises and discretionary year-end bonuses. Unfortunately, many merit raise programs are poorly administered and just general increases in disguise. (If everybody receives the same "merit raise," where's the merit?). Most year-end bonuses are based on whim or ill-defined, illusory criteria.

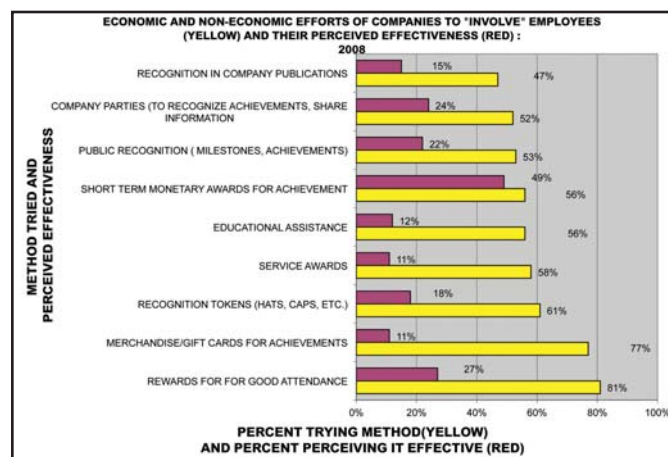
Many executives think the discretionary year-end bonus programs they developed are highly effective - perhaps because they authored them. Unfortunately, vague programs produce vague results, rather than specifically focusing employees on daily performance. Year-end bonuses are popular –

nobody rejects them. But when asked, not many employees can answer the question: "What specifically did you do to earn your year-end bonus, and why did you earn the amount you were given?"

Effective Motivators

Economic motivators that affect day-to-day behavior are effective if they are easy to understand and match the short-term horizons of the workers whose efforts they are designed to influence. Few blue-collar workers have a "line-of-sight" long enough to equate what they do today with an ill-defined year-end raise or bonus, to say nothing of a 401(k) plan paid 20 years from now on retirement.

The executives in companies making or distributing fasteners with whom I spoke reported pay-for-performance programs with frequent payouts coupled with vigorous supporting communications efforts are the most effective in "engaging" employees to focus on daily productivity requirements, and to reinforce their desire to cooperate with management in eliminating waste. That short-term rewards are effective is not surprising when Wal-Mart, America's biggest retailer,



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F16 has requested that B08 exclude fasteners from their scope and direct fastener users to F1941. Discussions are now in progress and it is hoped to have a solution by early 2013.

In the meantime, all fastener suppliers and users should encourage the use of ASTM F1941 when referring to zinc electroplating on fasteners. Much recent research strongly supports the fact that baking to relieve hydrogen is not necessary in fasteners until HRC 40. Baking grade 8 fasteners is an unnecessary expenditure.

d. SAE in the revision process:

- i. **SAE J429** - A revision will be balloted before the end of August. This will put J429 closer in alignment with the chemistry requirements in ISO 898-1, but a slightly higher carbon content will be maintained for Grade 8 products than the comparable ISO 898-1, property class 10.9. The ballot closed in October with no additional comments. Publication will probably be in early 2013.
- ii. **SAE J58, Inch Twelve Point Screws** - being revised to update material selections and gaging. First ballot complete. Comments being addressed and second ballot expected in the near future.
- iii. **SAE J1237, Metric Thread Rolling Screws** - revision will begin in the first quarter of 2013.
- iv. **SAE J78, Self-drilling Screws** - revision will start in the first half of 2013.

e. ISO in the revision process:

- i. **ISO 10683**, zinc flake coatings for fasteners, is being prepared for final ballot.
- ii. **ISO 4042**, electroplating finishes for fasteners was discussed at length in the meeting in Sydney in October 2012. Work is continuing. No ballot is expected until 2014.
- iii. **ISO 3269**, fastener acceptance, first draft proposal to convert this standard from an AQL plan to a C=0 plan has

been submitted to the ISO TC 2 by the US and discussed in Sydney at the October 2012 meeting. Committee agreed to continue work to rationalize the proposed samples verses the current sample sizes.

- iv. **ISO 6157**, fastener surface discontinuities was discussed in Sydney. Work will continue in working group in 2013.
- v. **ISO 2320**, locking nut performance – agreements were reached in Sydney. A ballot should be issued in early 2013.

2. IFI Technical Working Group activities in progress

a. Division I – Blind Rivet Standards

- i. **IFI 134, Multi-grip Flus Break Pull Mandrel Self-plugging Blind Rivets** - revision was completed in October. The revision is now available in the IFI store.
- ii. **IFI 114, Break Mandrel Blind Rivets** - the revision is in process. The new revision is expected to be ready for ballot during December.
- iii. Work is ongoing with ISO TC44 on a new proposed joint testing specification covering blind rivets and lock bolts. There is a meeting in Germany on November 26, 2012.

b. Division III – A Guide for Ultra-high Strength Metric Fasteners

The work is continuing with two web conferences per month. Samples of identical parts except heat treatment are being prepared for comparative mechanical testing. Half will be quenched and tempered and half will be austempered to the same hardness within one Rockwell C point. Axial tensile results on the austempered parts were issued in early November. Results on wedge tensile tests on the austempered parts and the quench and tempered parts are expected during November.

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reports the number of customers living paycheck-to-paycheck “remains pronounced,” due to “continuing economic pressures.” (“Wal-Mart: Paycheck Cycle Spreads,” Wall Street Journal, Aug. 16, 2012). This need for immediacy perhaps explains why, as the charts again show, companies feel their deferred reward programs are becoming less effective.

Employees expect “extra” rewards when they make “extra” efforts, executives said. Recognizing this expectation is critical for the success of any productivity program a company starts, like “lean manufacturing.” In the past, the successes of similar plans like Quality Circles, Total Quality Management, or Statistical Process Quality Control were often short-lived. When workers asked “what’s in it for me?” to make “extra” efforts, they received vague answers. Based on the “Toyoda System” for eliminating waste, “Lean” emphasizes the “5 S’s,” the last of which being Sustainability.

When the “extra” reward was absent, employee cooperation was unsustainable, and the lean initiative soon petered out.

Gainsharing Found to be One of the Effective Programs

As the charts show, the survey found Gainsharing was the most effective short-term motivator of them all. Gainsharing is a group pay-for-performance program under which employee performance is quantified and given a dollar value. When it improves, the value of the improvement is split with the workers. So for every dollar paid out to workers in Gainshare bonuses earned by specific measures of short-term performance, a company saves a like amount in higher productivity (less overtime), better quality (lower scrap, waste), and improved safety (reduced workman’s comp costs). Since Gainsharing plans provide pay-offs earned on a short term basis (often monthly), employee notions that Gainsharing is an entitlement are negated.

“Engagement” - The Forgotten Side of Gainsharing

Sadly, many executives think workers respond automatically to earn a Gainshare bonus. This is erroneous; effective Gainsharing plans do require

“engageonomics,” i.e., a vigorous communications program to “engage” workers to cooperate in improving production efficiency and product quality.

Employees welcome opportunities to earn extra money – now more than ever. Although no fastener company singled out communications as a motivational tool, it is at the root of employee satisfaction. With Gainsharing, frequent communications to employees regarding quality, productivity, and customer service “engaged” them to do their best in keeping their company competitive and their jobs secure. Workers respond to the opportunity to contribute. When they see management honestly soliciting ideas to work smarter by identifying and removing impediments to

productivity and quality and then responding to them, workers realize their efforts are important - and valued. Call it motivation, involvement, or engagement, whatever! The process is effective.

Adding It Up

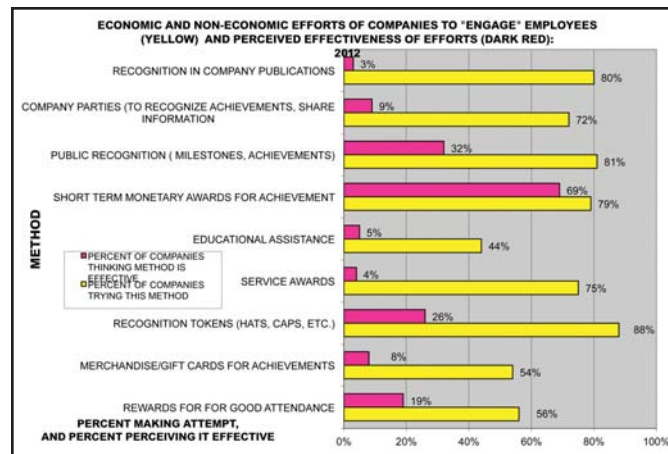
The subtleties of persuading employees to make increased efforts have been lost on

many fastener industry executives who focus on computers print-outs to check costs and production schedules and ignore the importance of good employee communications.

Most fastener industry executives have little time to long debate what is effective – economic or non-economic motivators. They need immediate, practical answers on how to influence worker behavior so their companies’ goals of high productivity and better bottom-line profits can be reached. The charts show most executives use both ways - first providing group economic rewards to workers working as a team to help achieve company productivity and profitability goals; and second, using effective “engagement efforts” - communications programs to reinforce the economic motivators and create a sense of unity.

Injured by the Great Recession of 2008-2009, scarred by the anemic recovery, and fearful of the future, employees in today’s fastener industry are oblivious to buzz words but can best be convinced to try their best when they find their rewards in their paychecks.

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SIDE BAR: Who Started Thinking About Motivation...and Why?

Systematic employer thinking about ways to motivate workers to improve their productivity and coordinate their efforts to produce growing volumes of standardized products started during the late 19th Century as American manufacturing organizations evolved into large, rationalized entities with organizational structures and differentiated worker forces (production workers, supervisors, managers, and owners) from their predecessors, cottage-sized companies where owners worked beside their employees.

Economists and entrepreneurs have long recognized that having individual employees concentrate on specific, sequential steps in the production of a finished unit would lead to higher productivity. The results of that division of labor – high productivity in the manufacture of pins – is the first topic discussed in the first chapter of Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*. (Smith, Adam, *Wealth of Nations*, (New York: Random House, 1937, Book I, Chap I, pp. 3-12).

Companies melded this concept with the monetary incentives of Frederick Taylor's "piece-rate" system in the early 1900s. Under Taylor's concept of "Scientific Management," industrial engineers used "scientific" time-and-motion studies and stop watches to determine the most efficient way to do a job. Employees were to use this "scientific" method unthinkingly and were paid "piece-rate," or, by the amount of product they mindlessly produced. "Piece-rate" was quite effective for managing the poorly educated, ill-trained workers of that era who were focused solely on single repetitive tasks as they completed one of many steps in the production of an interchangeable part to be assembled into the finished products. Finding ways to improve the productivity of individual workers became more important as the sales volume of finished products grew along with the burgeoning American economy.

But as America's workers started spending more time in school, they became sophisticated enough to think for themselves as they did their jobs. Managers discovered workers had minds and wanted to use them to find new methods to increase their productivity and earn more under the "piece-rate" system. But when they did, management often "cut-the-rates." The collision between sentient workers who could earn more through innovating better methods and the mindless, single best "scientific" way of doing a job made the "piece rate system" a point of contention, and it eventually became obsolete.

Western Electric Company realized this, and embarked on the famous Hawthorn Studies in 1927, under the direction of Harvard Business School Professor Elton May and his associates.

The Hawthorn Studies were a series of experiments designed to see how physical and environmental workplace changes might affect employee innovation and productivity. Various aspects of the working environment were changed, and employee output was recorded.

The Hawthorn studies found that management responsiveness to employee concerns was one of the critical foundations of better productivity. When worker complaints about poor lighting were addressed by turning up the lights, productivity improved. When their employees subsequently objected to the excessive glare and their concerns were again rectified when management turned down the lights, productivity again improved.

The studies also attempted to probe the psychological aspects of the workplace (length and timing of rest times, peer group pressure, and managerial leadership) and uncover what would generate the most cooperation among them in completing all the steps needed in the production of finished individual products.

The key findings of the studies were that when changes were made in employees' working conditions at the request of the employees, innovation thrived, intra-group cooperation increased, and productivity improved. When employees believed their concerns – whatever they might be – were addressed, output and cooperation climbed.

The results of these studies have been debated ever since by sociologists, psychologists, and behavioral scientists, all attempting to define what motivates people to act as they do. Is there an "inner spirit" that self-motivates employees to better performance, or does their motivation require action by others, i.e., management?

The debate was framed by leading behavioral scientists like Abe Maslow ("A Theory of Human Motivation," *Psychological Review*, Vol. 50 (1943), pp. 37-96), Daniel Riesmann (*The Lonely Crowd*, 1950), Douglas McGregor (*The Human Side of Enterprise*, 1960), and David Herzberg (*Work and the Nature of Man*, 1966). Simply put, they debated whether a person motivates himself to achieve exceptional results, or whether a person is motivated to achieve those by outside influences - pay levels, style and amount of management action, etc.

Some found high productivity can best be achieved by non-economic, self-motivation - by creating a work environment and adopting a management style that created an innate, inner sense of "pride in achievement" that emphasized peer or group recognition, fostered a sense of professionalism, and emphasized self-discipline on the part of the employee. Others downplayed the efficacy of non-economic self-motivation, and believed that employee "pride in achievement," was best encouraged by monetary rewards, under the watchful eye of close supervision.

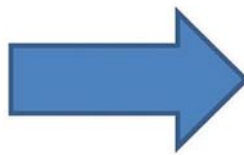
Obviously, these alternative concepts are based on differing views of the nature of man. As Lovejoy pointed out, these views have long been and forever will be debated (Lovejoy, Arthur, *Reflections on Human Nature*, [Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1961], Lecture VI, "Approbativeness and 'Pride' in Political and Economic Thought, pp. 195-216), just as will the conclusions of natural philosophers who have argued over the millennia about the nature of truth, beauty, or justice. ◉

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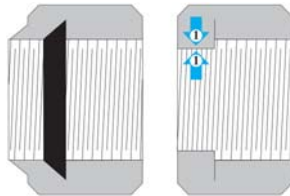
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APN Family Types

The APN is versatile and can be manufactured in different styles. The five main APN types are shown below. Self double-locking, triple-locking, quad-locking, combination material and flanged. The five main types can also be manufactured in any combination. The blue arrows indicates the internal locking points.

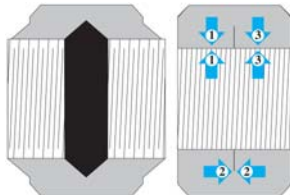
Self Double-Locking

This is the original APN nut. All-metal, internal self double-locking nut. One outer locking lip with one inner relief cut. Flanged and combination material can be based on double locking.



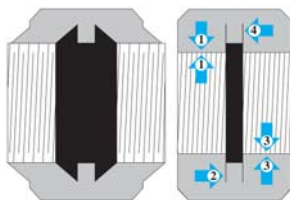
Self Triple-Locking

The APN self triple-locking nut. Both ends of the nut have self equalizing locking lips which share one inner relief cut. Self balancing. Triple locking flanged and combination material can also be manufactured.



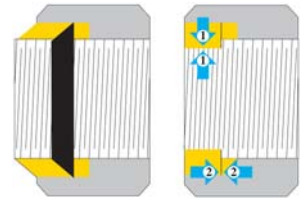
Self Quad-Locking

The APN self quad-locking nut. Both ends of the nut have self equalizing locking lips, each with its own inner relief cut. In effect two APNs attached in a single nut. Quad locking flanged and combination material APNs can also be manufactured.



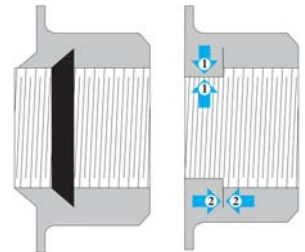
Self Double-Locking Combination Material

Self double-locking with two different materials. You can have the material strength of steel with the locking strength of brass for example. Flanged combination material APNs can also be manufactured.




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Mike will be replacing Spencer Siegel, who has moved to the role of Worldwide Manager for Consumer Products for Whitford.

Mike previously served as Senior Vice President for Alexander Proudfoot, a consulting firm in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as Vice President and General Manager of Kodak Canada, Director and General Manager of Consumer Imaging Products for Kodak United Kingdom and President of Kodak Caribbean.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from St. Bonaventure University, and later an MBA from Syracuse University.

Says Mike, "I'm excited to join the team at this fast-growing, dynamic enterprise, and am looking forward to contributing to Whitford's continued growth and success."

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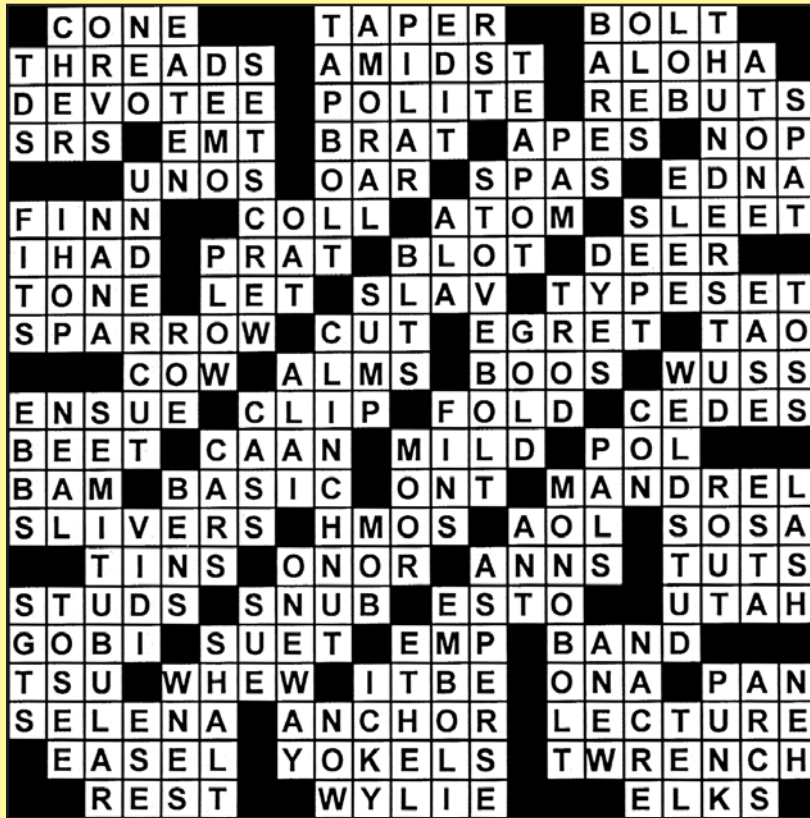
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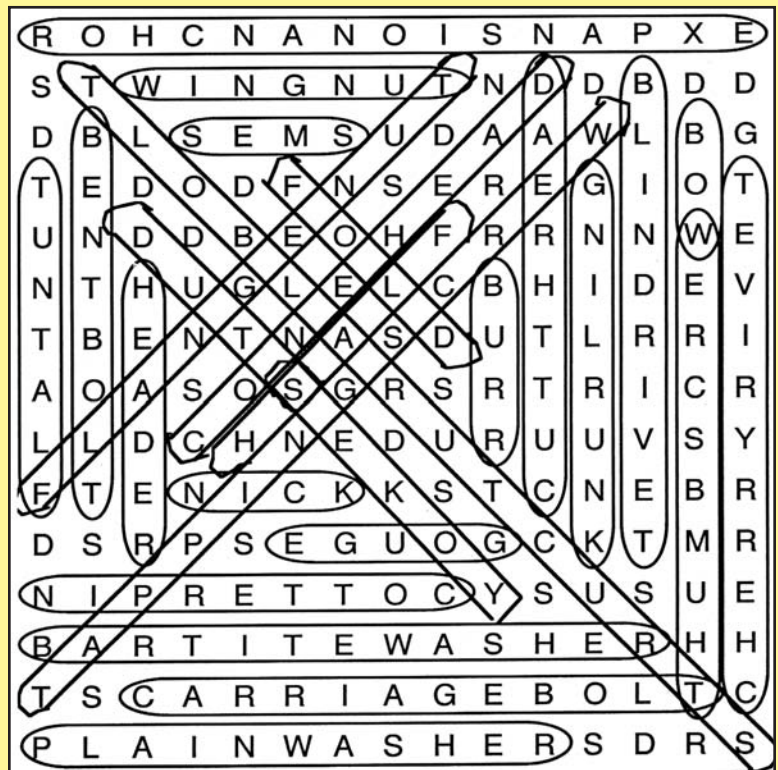
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SPIRAL RING RETAINS COMPONENT IN BUTTERFLY VALVE *by Vincent E. Rodgers*

A butterfly valve is a valve that regulates flow. The "butterfly" is a disc mounted on a rod or stem that can be turned perpendicular to allow full flow, parallel, to stop flow or in increments, to allow a certain amount of flow. This butterfly valve is regulating gas or oil and features a spiral-retaining ring designed to take up the load of the thrust washer.

A spiral-retaining ring is a good choice for this application. It can be custom designed to fit the requirements of the application without the need for special tooling. It also reduces the changeover time for the machines necessary to produce these parts, cutting down on manufacturing timetables, and, ultimately, reducing lead times and costs.

Other advantages to using spiral retaining rings include:

- Rings are made with rolled flat wire that feature edges with a radius so there is no damage to the groove or surrounding material
- Rings can be produced economically in low quantities, since tooling requirements are minimal.
- The manufacturing process results in very little material waste, reducing overall costs.
- Rings are coiled and not stamped, eliminating stamping

burs which can cause damage in certain applications.

- Rings can be easily applied or removed in the field without using special tools.


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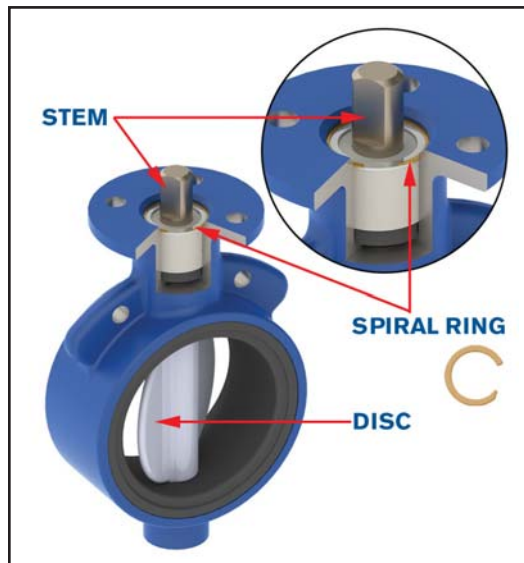
rounded edges. The material is coiled on edge to provide a gapless ring with 360° of retention. Spiral rings offer space savings in a radial direction since there are no assembly lugs as with tapered retaining rings. (Note: selection of a retaining ring-tapered, constant section or spiral - depends upon the specific parameters of an application).

Spiral rings can be made from a variety of materials including

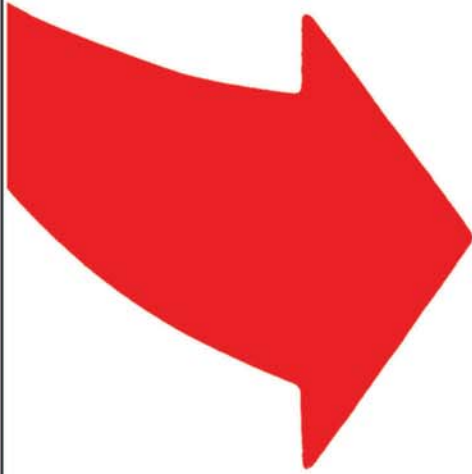
carbon steel, stainless steel and beryllium copper.

Carbon steel is known for its high strength and reliability in spiral ring applications. A variety of stainless steels are also available to meet corrosion resistance requirements for any application.

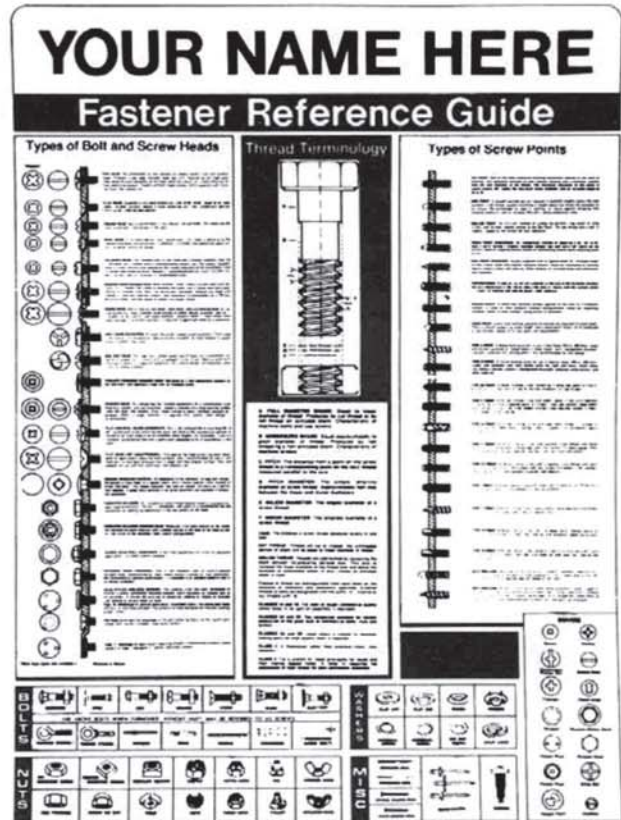
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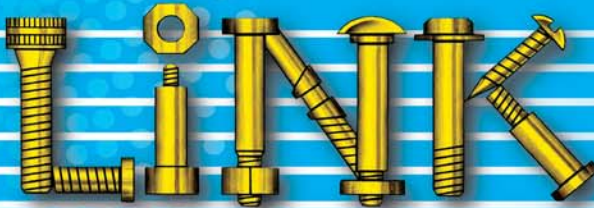
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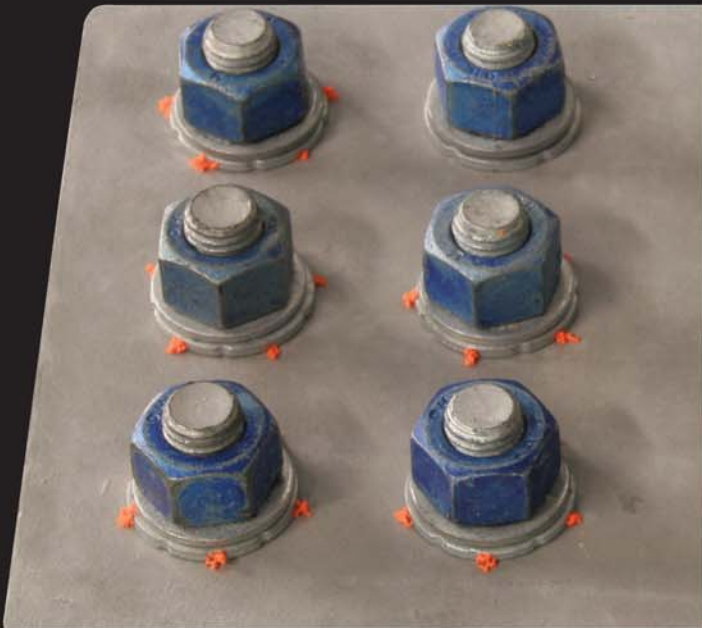
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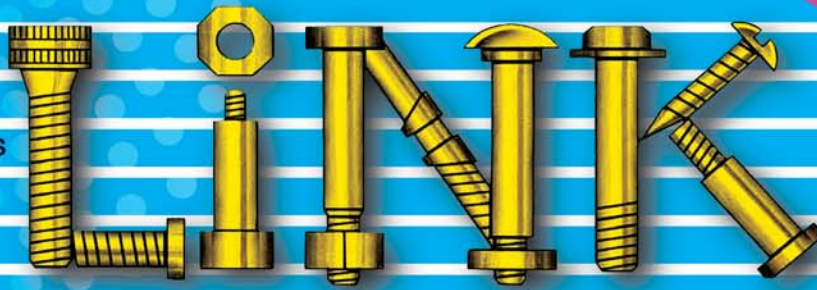
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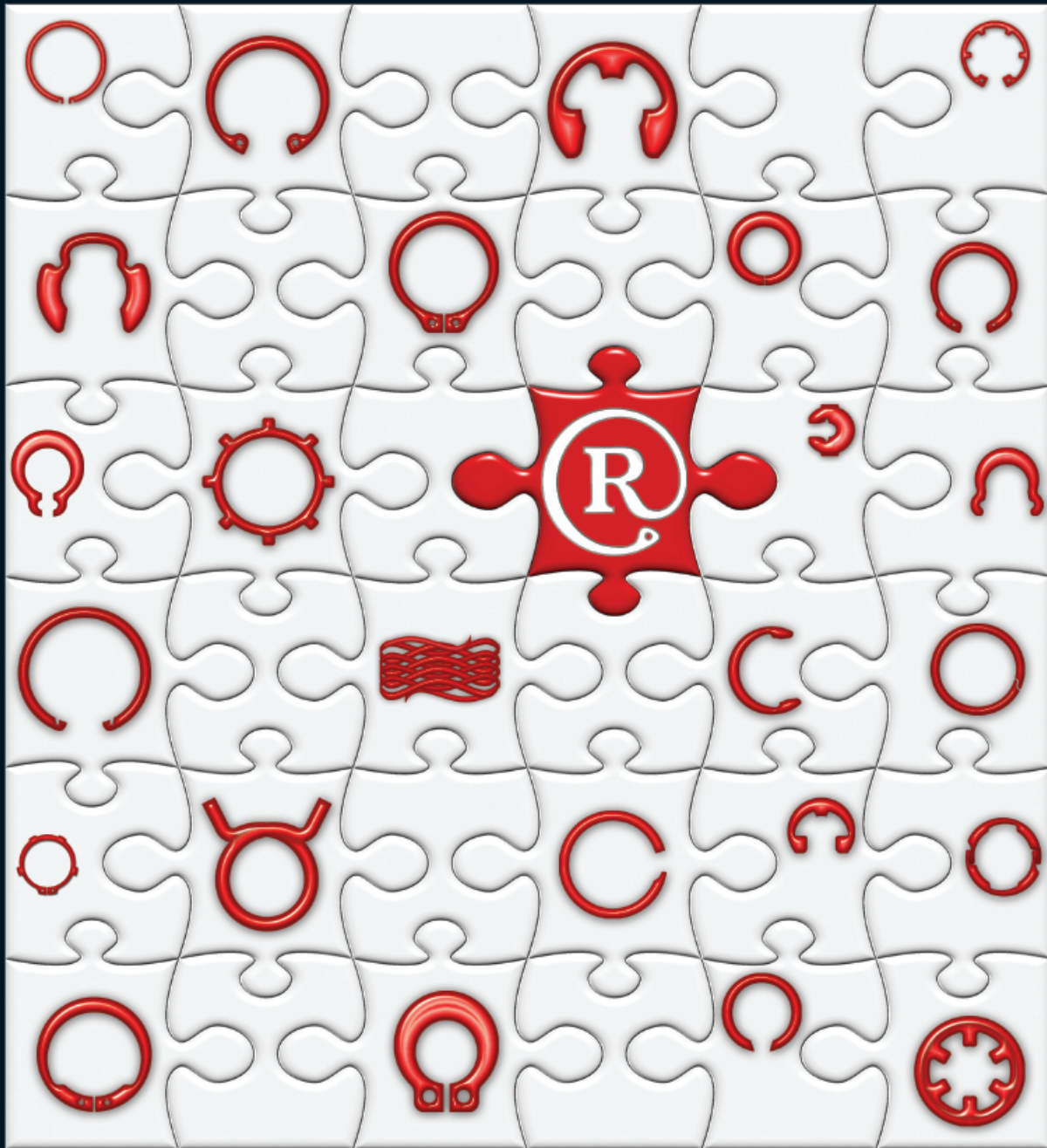
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