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What We Will Cover

- Why should you know more about bolts
- Organizations responsible for bolted connections
- How nuts and bolts are made basics
- Bolting basics rules of thumb
- Threads understanding terms
- Shear
- Lubrication
- Bolt types
- Coatings
- Jobsite requirements basic
- Installation methods overview
- Rotational capacity testing

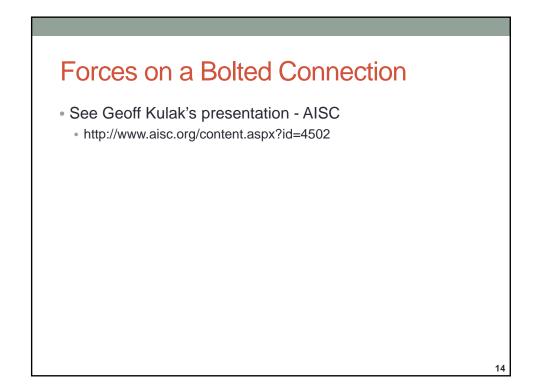


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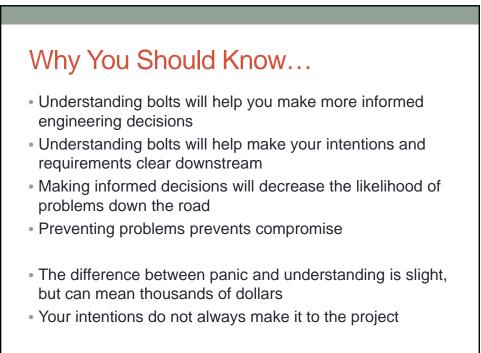
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- Hydrogen embrittlement
- Stress corrosion cracking
- Fatigue
- Deformation or embedment
- Prying action
- Load reversal or compressive forces
- Heat Treatment
- Hole sizes
- Washer requirements
- Inspection methods
- Arbitration inspection



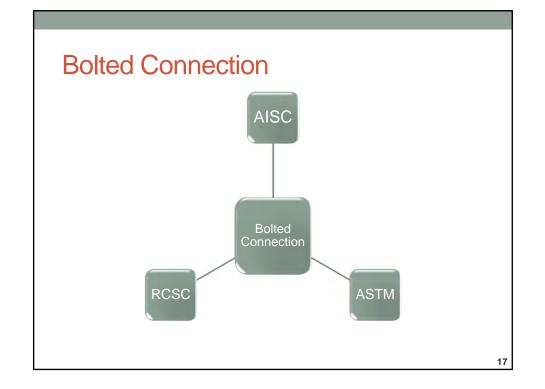


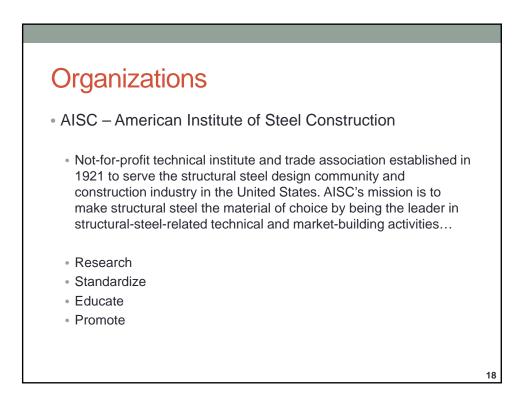


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Organizations

- RCSC Research Council on Structural Connections
 - The RCSC is a non-profit, volunteer organization, comprised of over 90 leading experts in the fields of structural steel connection design, engineering, fabrication, erection and bolting. Research projects funded by the RCSC serve to provide safety, reliability, and standard practice for the steel construction industry throughout the world.
 - Research
 - Convert research to practical application
 - "Specification for Structural Joints Using High-Strength Bolts"
 - Can be found in your AISC manual, at http://aisc.org/freepubs or at http://boltcouncil.org/files/2009RCSCSpecification.pdf

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Organizations

- ASTM International Formerly known as American Society of Testing and Materials
 - Globally recognized leader in the development and delivery of international voluntary consensus standards. Today, some 12,000 ASTM standards are used around the world to improve product quality, enhance safety, facilitate market access and trade, and build consumer confidence.
 - F16 Fastener Committee is 225 of the 30,000 ASTM members.
 Maintain Structural Bolt, Nut, Washer and related standards
 - All Volunteer
 - No Technical Staff



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Organizations

- ASTM and RCSC are all volunteer
- Are never aligned in real time
- A number of errors in ASTM structural bolt standards, updates and balloting take a long time

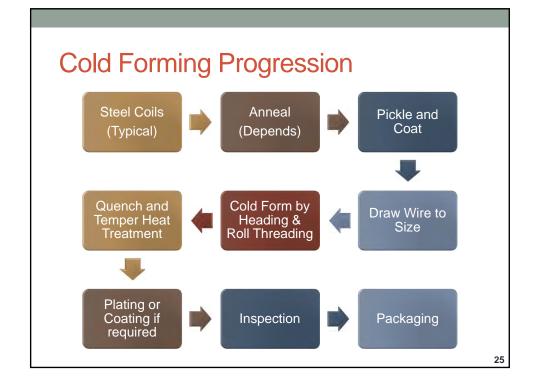


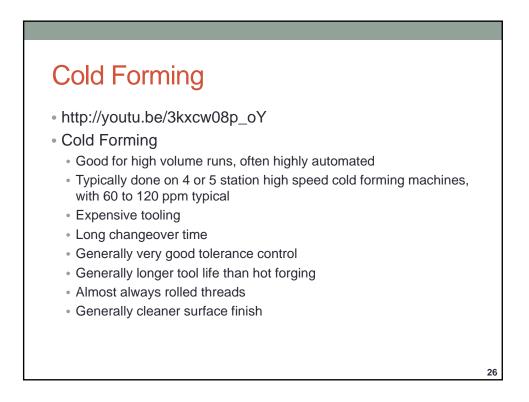
















Hot Forging/Forming

- Hot Forging/Hot Forming
 - Better for low volume runs, large diameters or long lengths
 - · High temperature via electric induction heaters or gas
 - · Hot forged bolts more likely to have seams, fins or swells
 - Hot forged bolts more likely to have cut threads, but rolled threads are available from many manufacturers
 - In most instances hot forging is a very manual process
 - · Greater range of diameters and lengths available with hot forging
 - Bolts often made from blanks to speed delivery
 - Some mill and heat scale

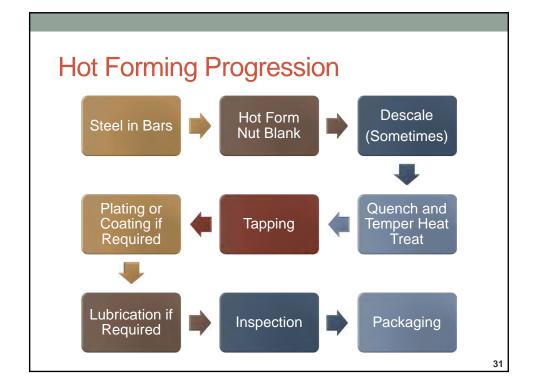


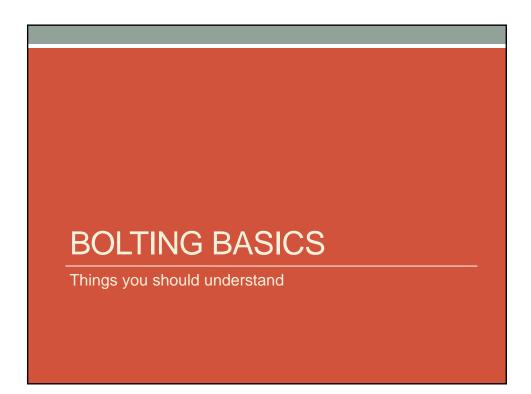
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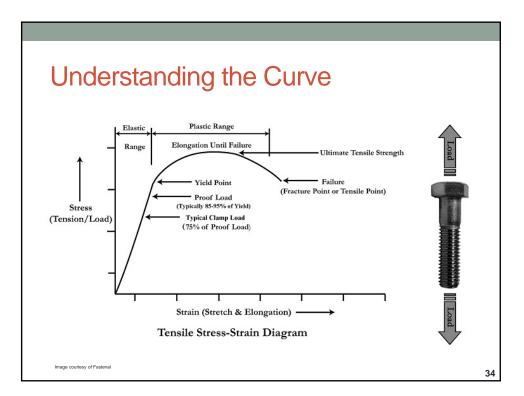




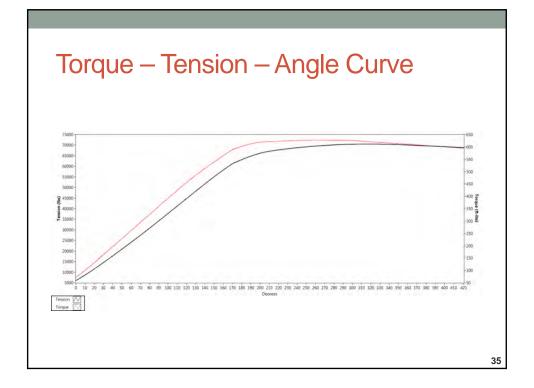
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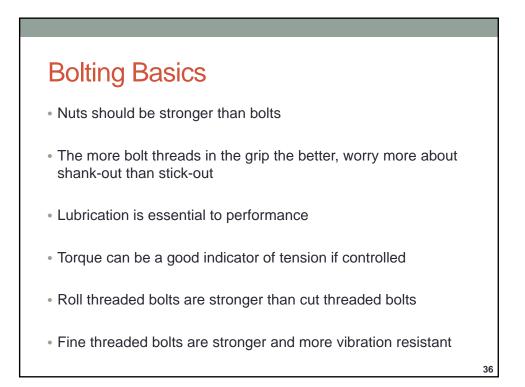
Terms

- **Clamp Force:** the cumulative compressive force between joint members due to the tensile force created in tightened fasteners
- Elastic Interaction: in a bolted joint with multiple fasteners, variation in individual fastener preload due to tightening of the other fasteners
- **Embedment:** localized yielding of bolted joint components resulting in a change of grip length consequently causing relaxation of the bolted joint
- **Grip Length:** the combined thickness of all components joined together between the bolt head and nut
- **Nut Factor:** an empirically determined constant that models many variables, such as friction, that affect the torque-tension relationship.
- Preload: the tensile force developed during installation

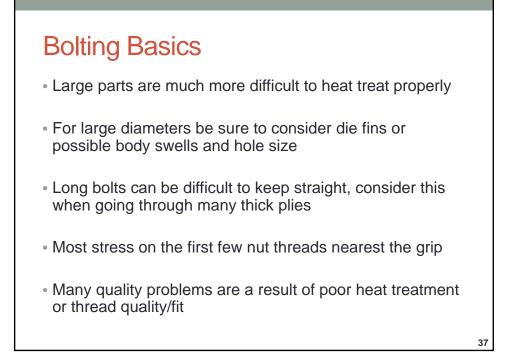


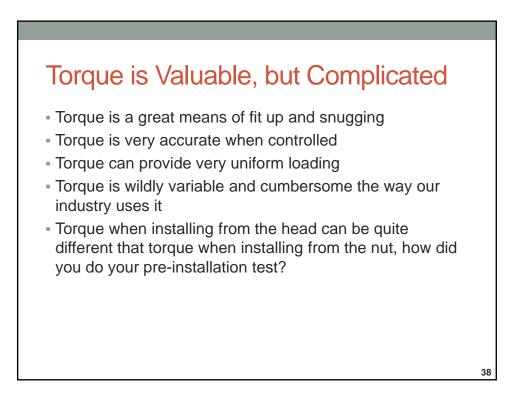




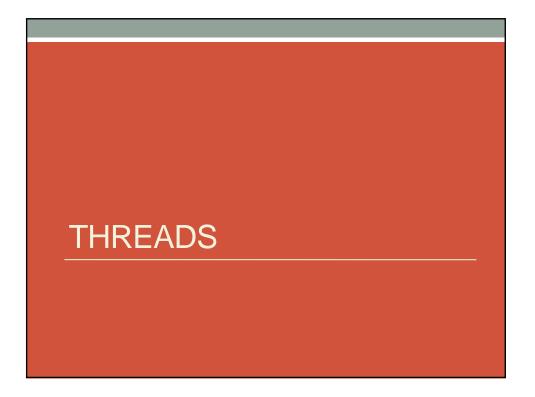










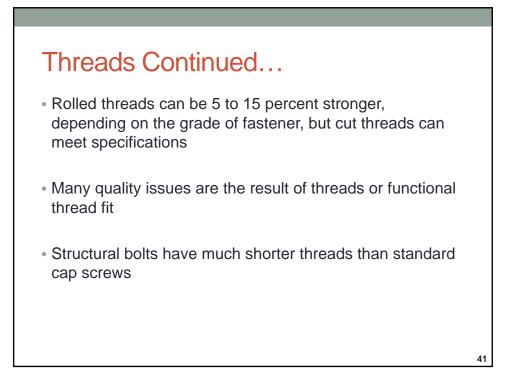


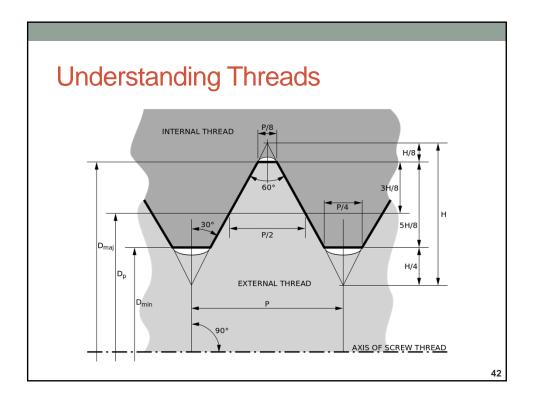
Bolt and Nut Threads

- There are over 120 elements to thread design
- Standards allow us to ignore most of those elements, but a few are important to understand
- Inch series structural bolts are always "Unified Coarse", Class 2A tolerance
- Threads do not load evenly

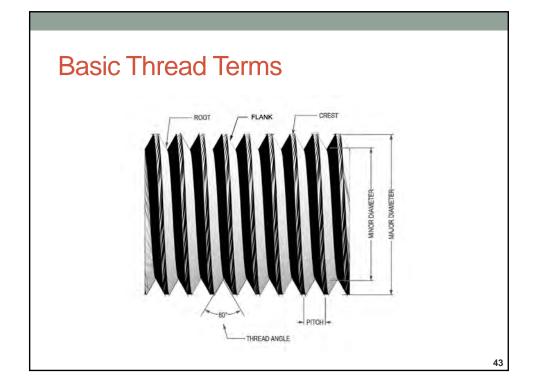


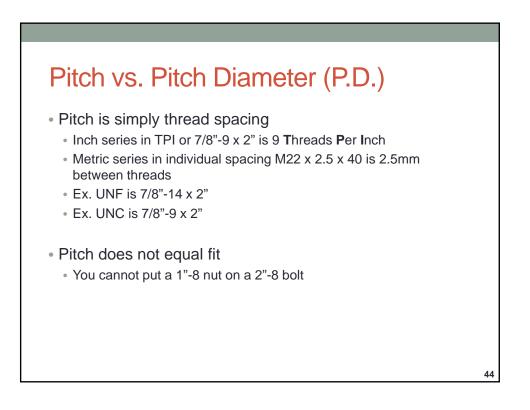
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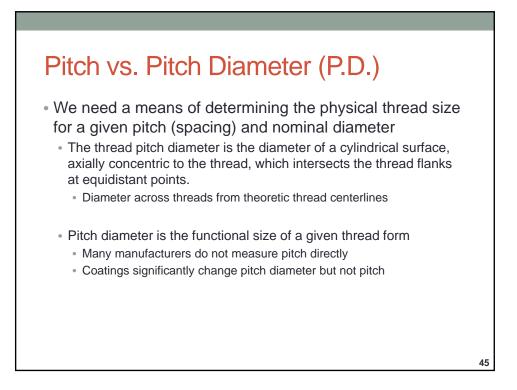


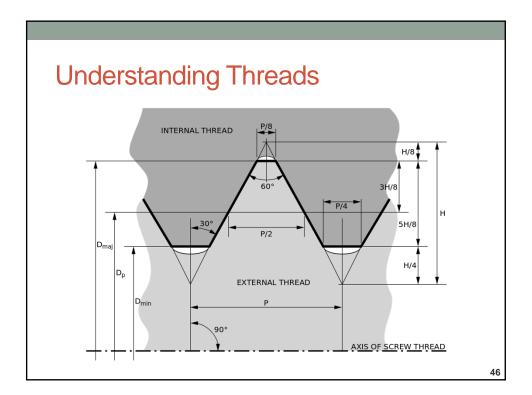




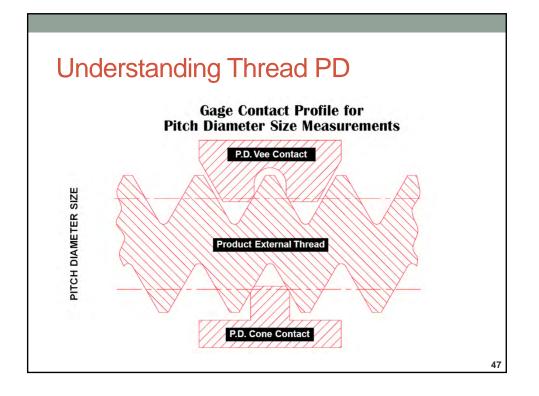


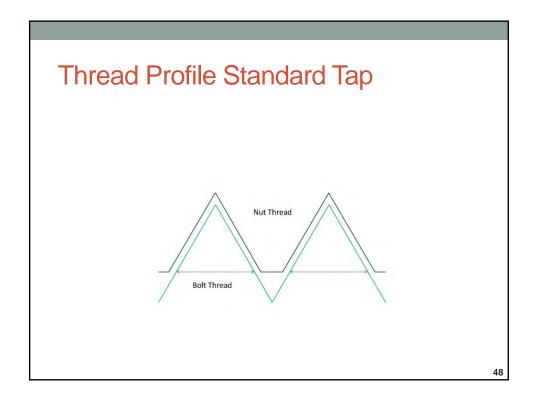




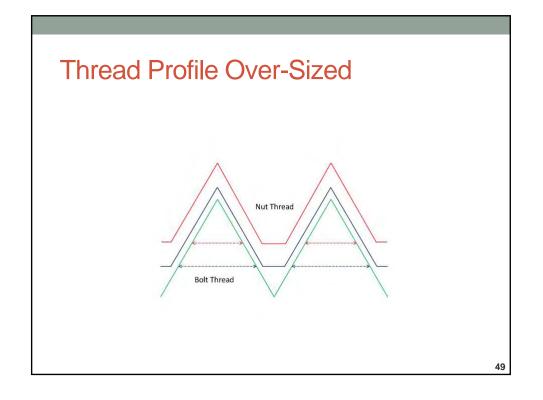


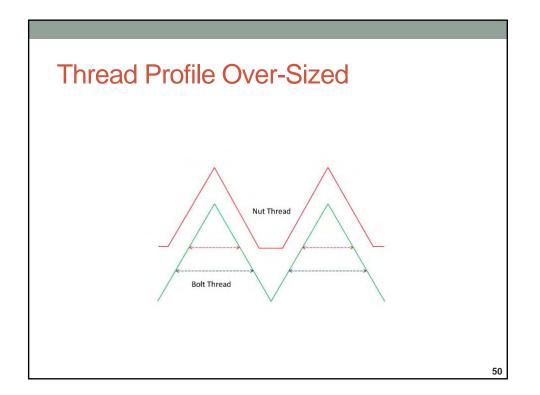




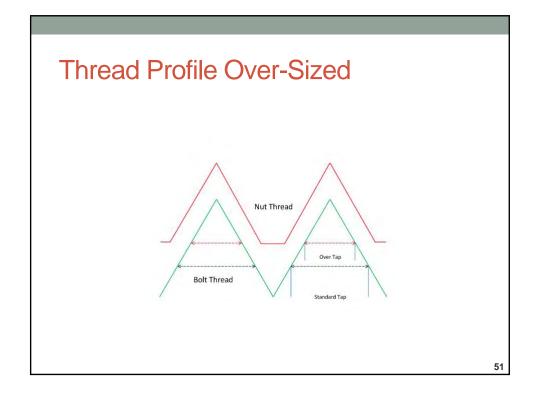






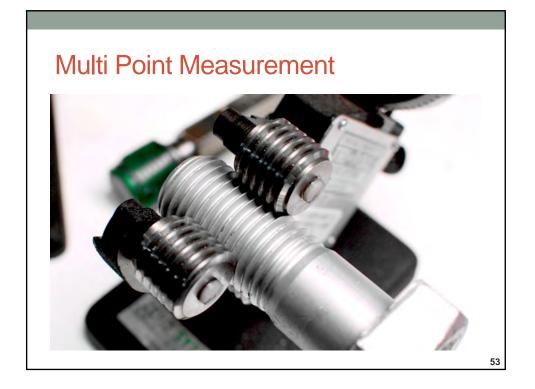


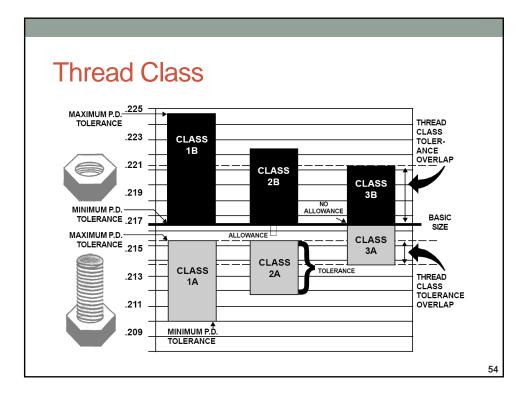




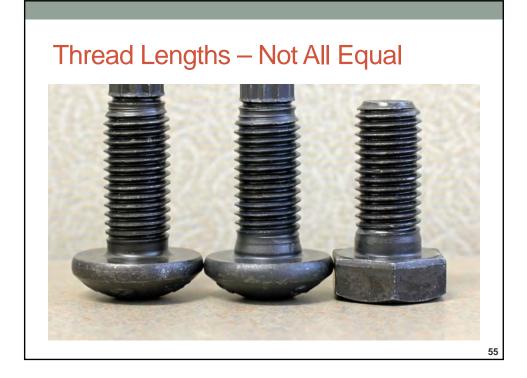






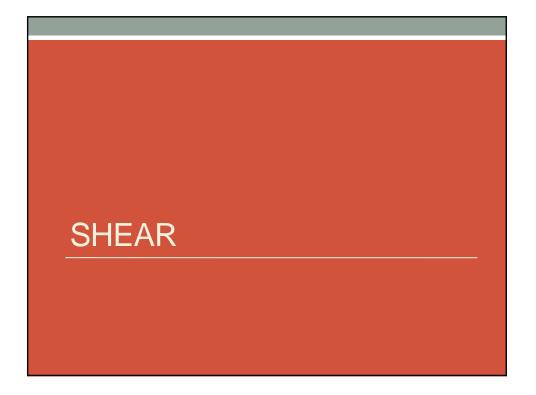


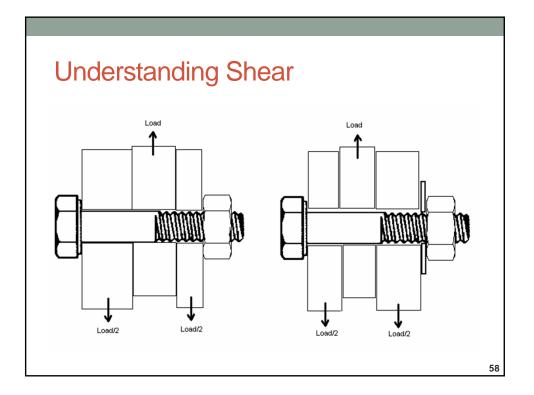




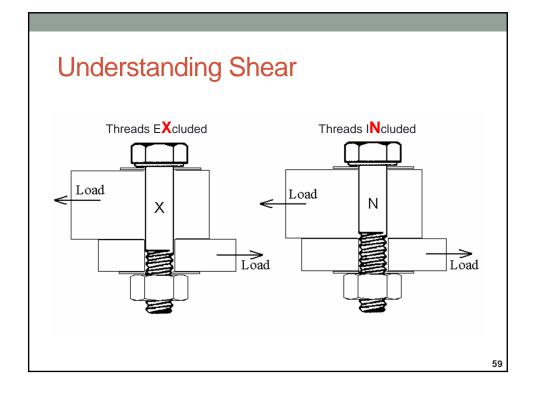


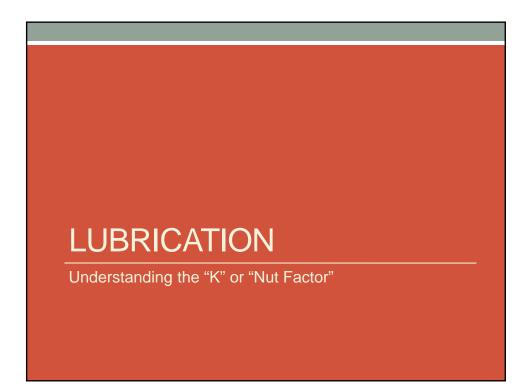




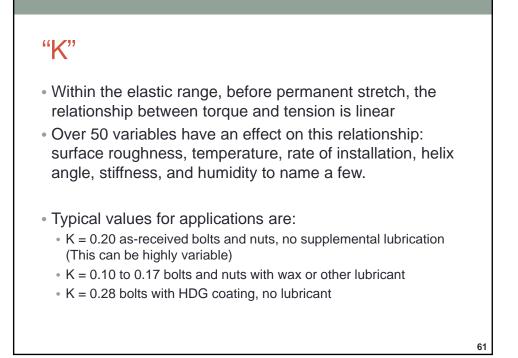


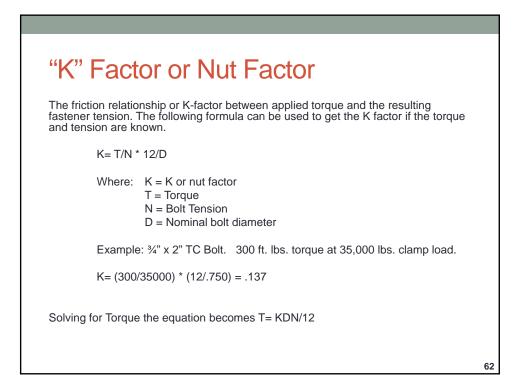






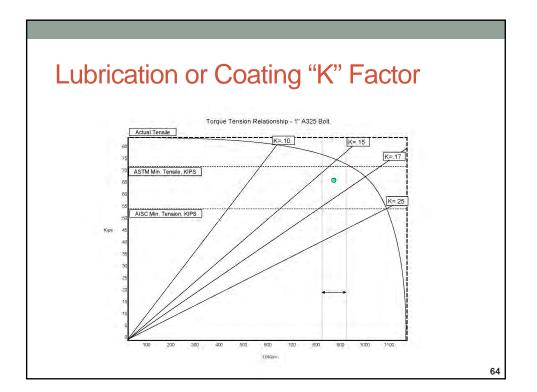




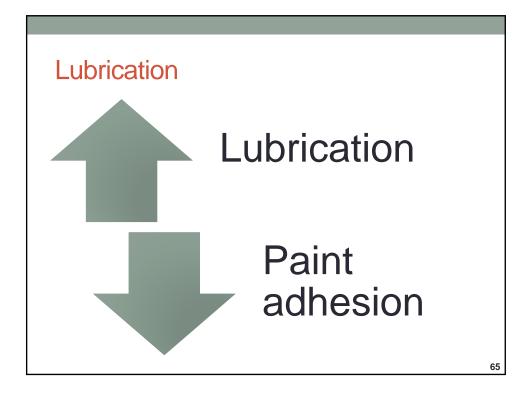




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|-------------|--------|------|------|------|------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.23 | 0.25 |
| Tension | 1000 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 16 |
| in lbs. | 5000 | 28 | 34 | 41 | 47 | 53 | 59 | 66 | 72 | 78 |
| | 10000 | 56 | 69 | 81 | 94 | 106 | 119 | 131 | 144 | 156 |
| | 15000 | 84 | 103 | 122 | 141 | 159 | 178 | 197 | 216 | 234 |
| | 20000 | 113 | 138 | 163 | 188 | 213 | 238 | 263 | 288 | 313 |
| | 25000 | 141 | 172 | 203 | 234 | 266 | 297 | 328 | 359 | 391 |
| | 30000 | 169 | 206 | 244 | 281 | 319 | 356 | 394 | 431 | 469 |
| | 35000 | 197 | 241 | 284 | 328 | 372 | 416 | 459 | 503 | 547 |
| | 40000 | 225 | 275 | 325 | 375 | 425 | 475 | 525 | 575 | 625 |
| | 45000 | 253 | 309 | 366 | 422 | 478 | 534 | 591 | 647 | 703 |
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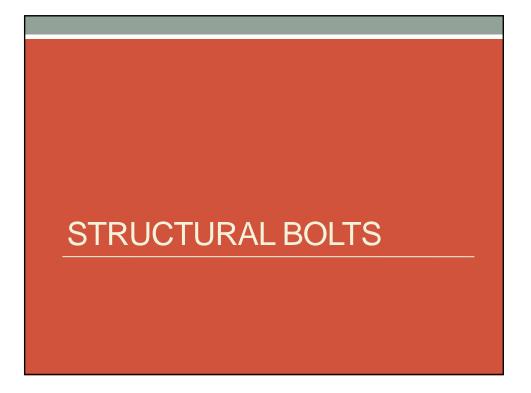


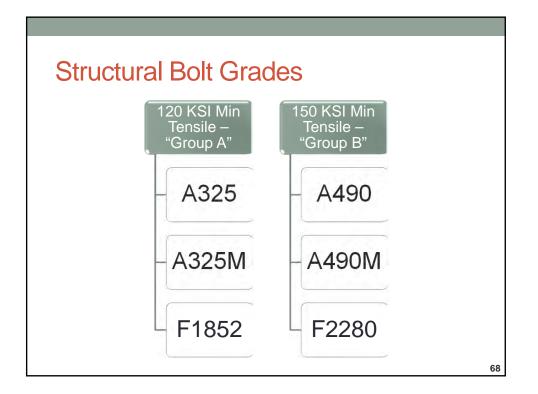




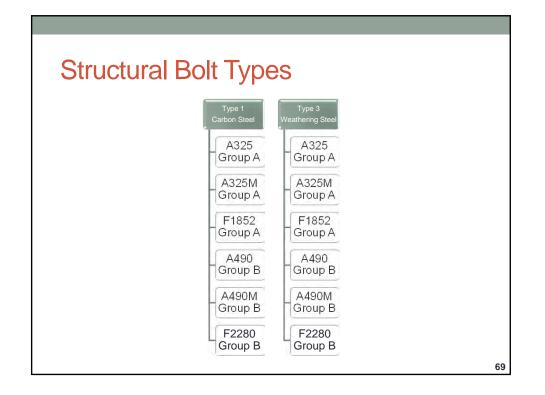


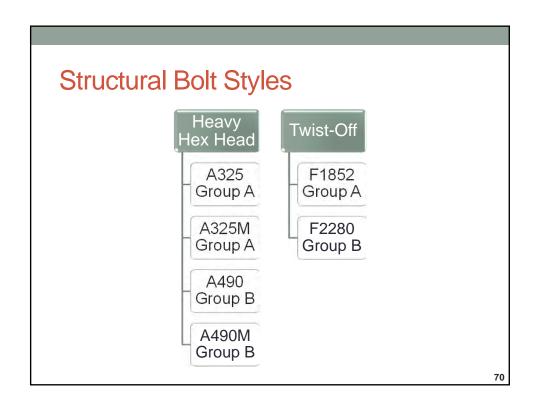




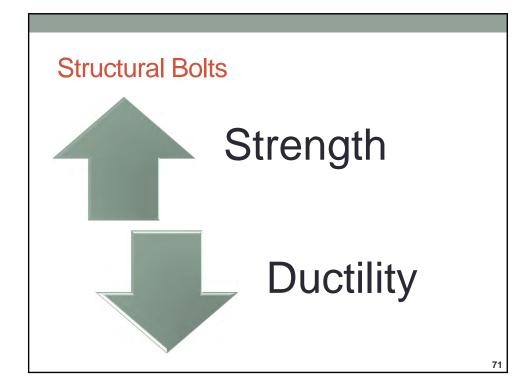


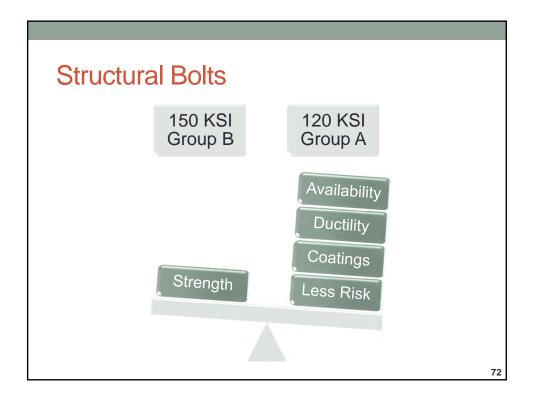




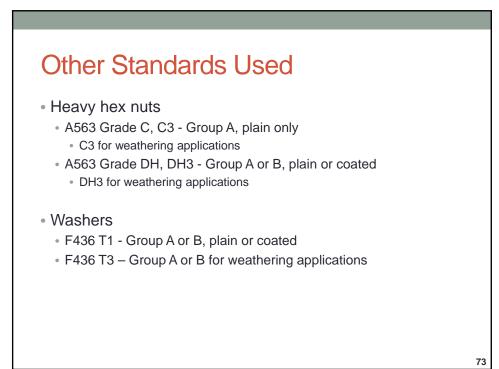


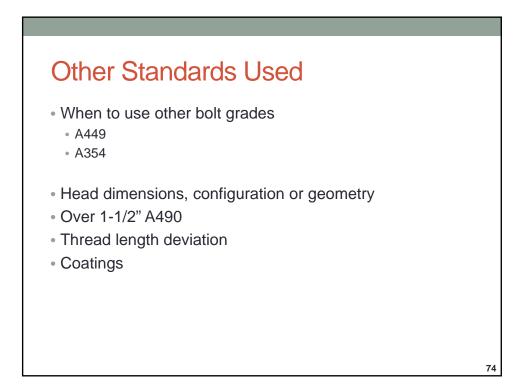














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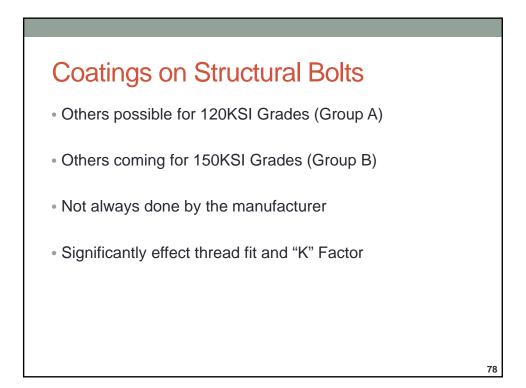
What you should know about A354BD

- Dimensions not heavy hex unless you specify
- Consider specifying max tensile
- Consider Carb/Decarb testing
- Consider Magnetic Particle testing
- · Be careful with thread length
- From ASTM A354 "When bolts of Grade BD of this specification are considered for pretentioned applications in excess of 50 % of the bolt tensile strength, the additional requirements of head size, maximum tensile strength, nut size and strength, washer hardness, tests, and inspections contained in Specification A490 should be carefully considered."

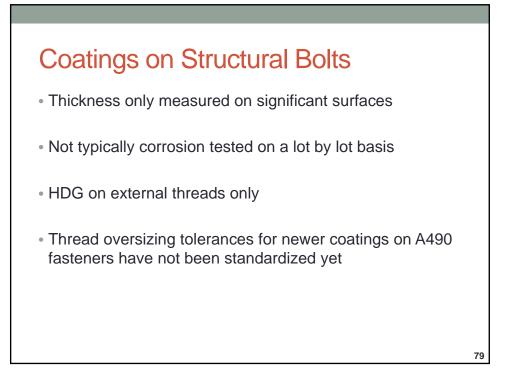
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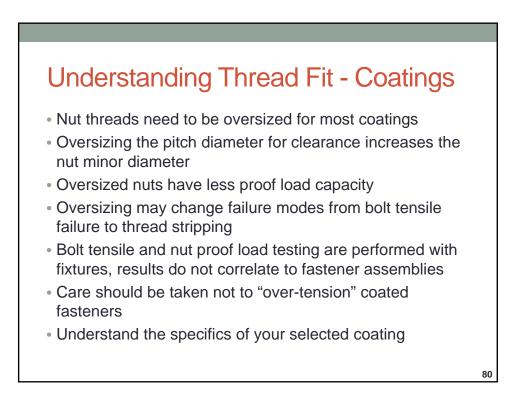




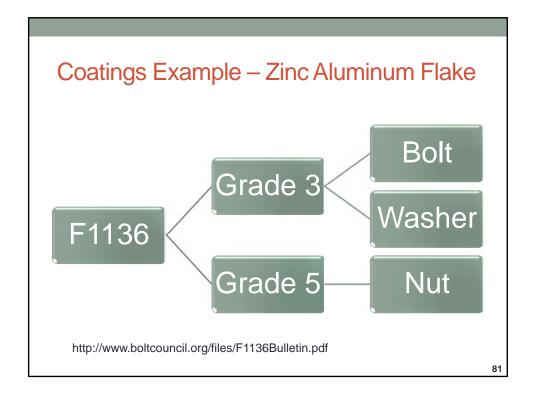






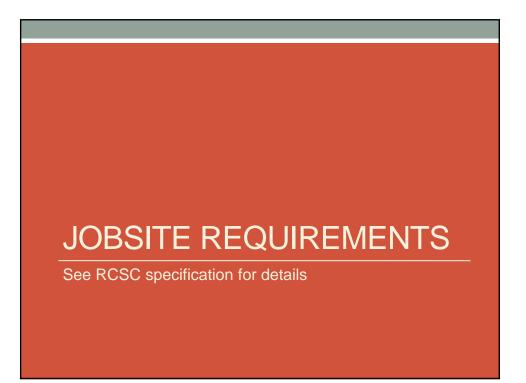


















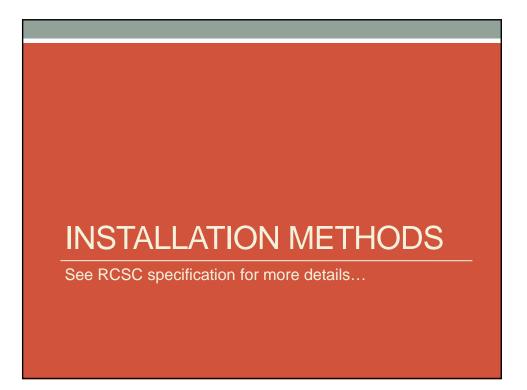


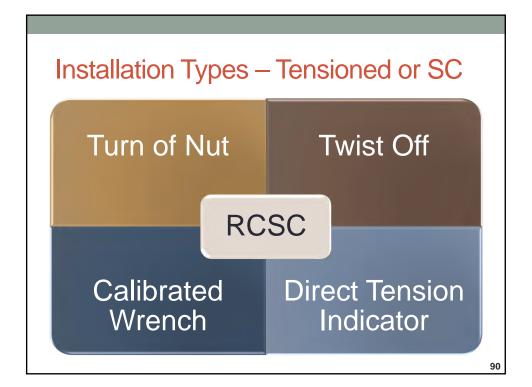




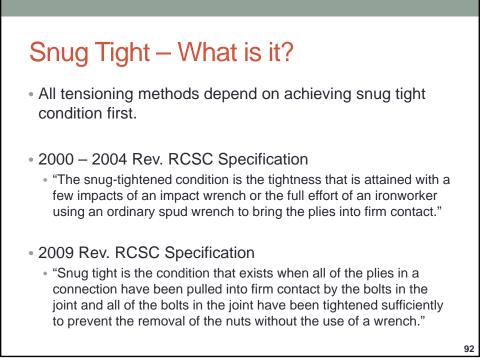












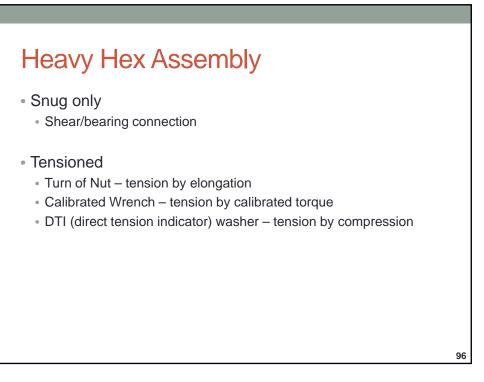






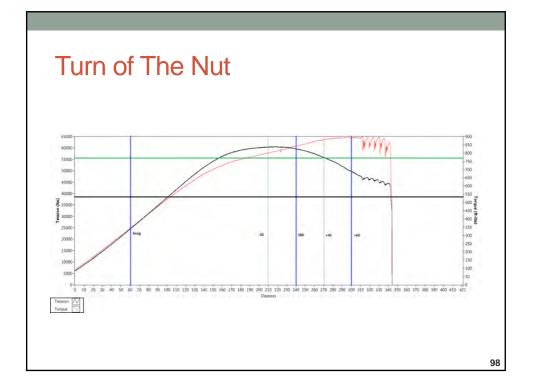


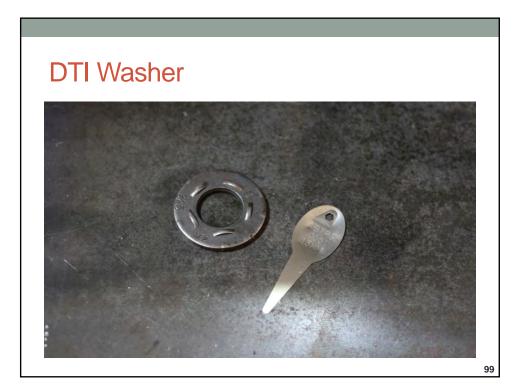




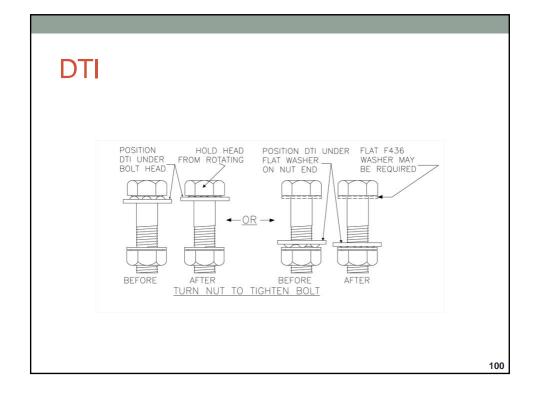






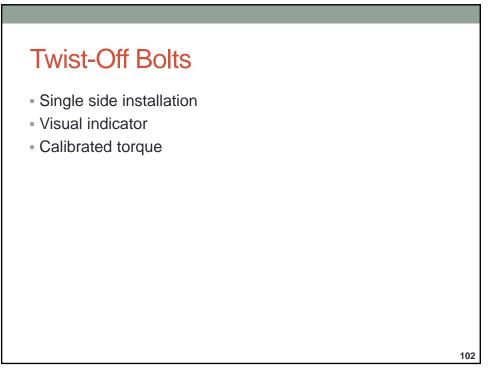






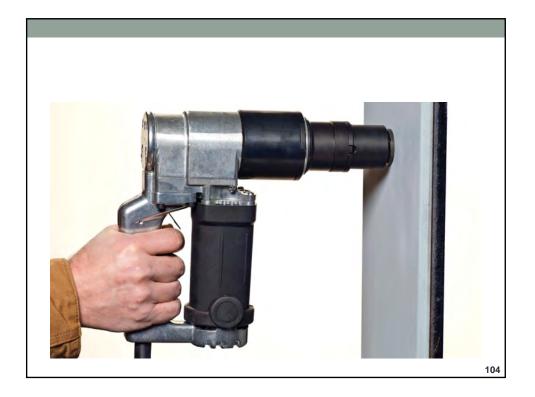








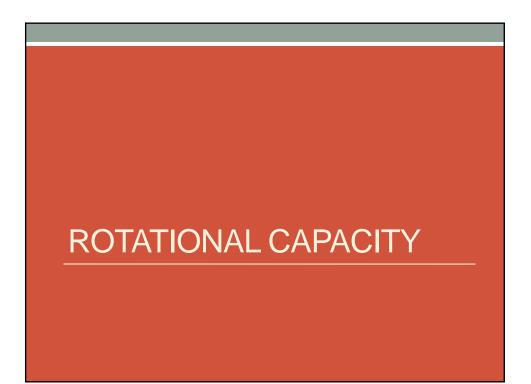




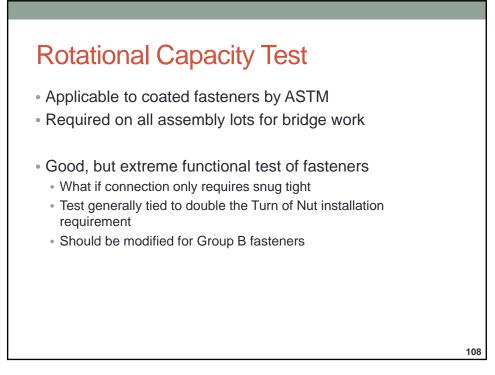


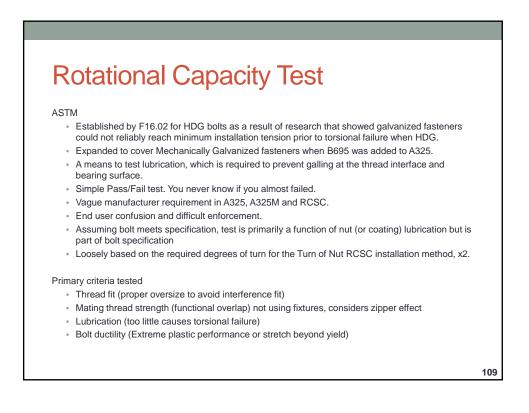




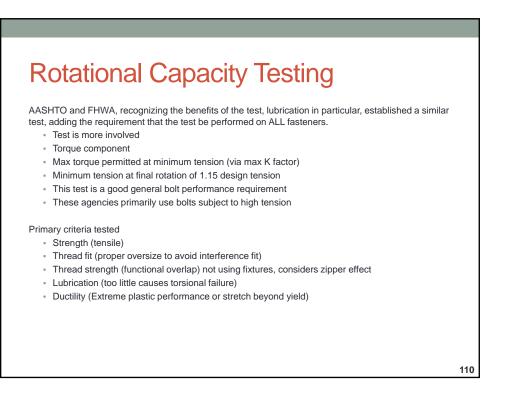


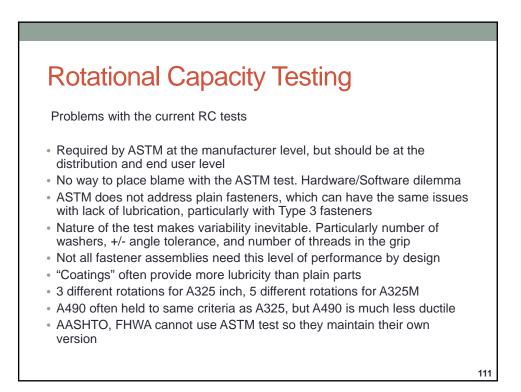




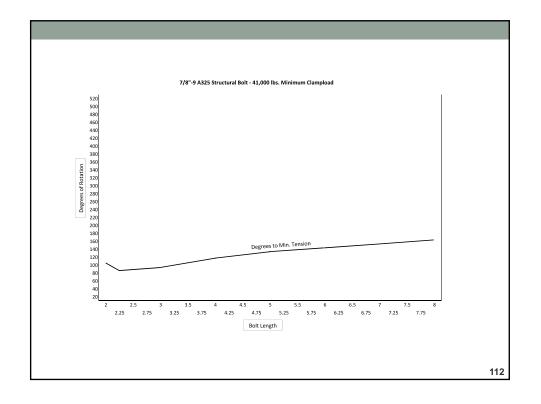


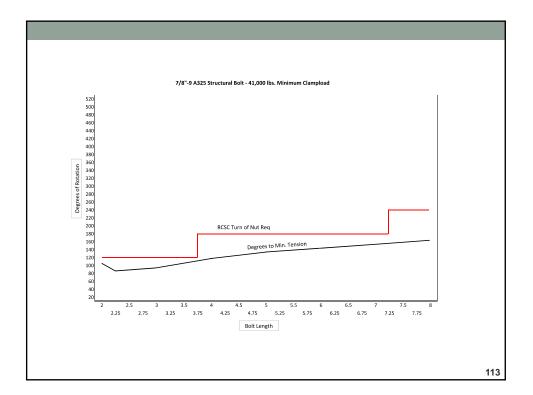




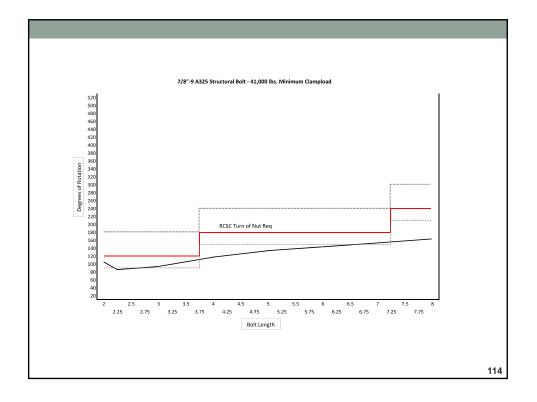


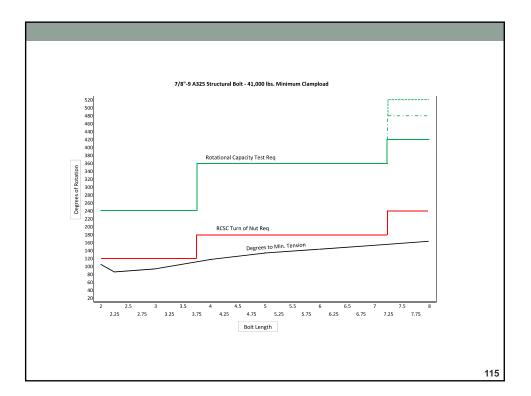




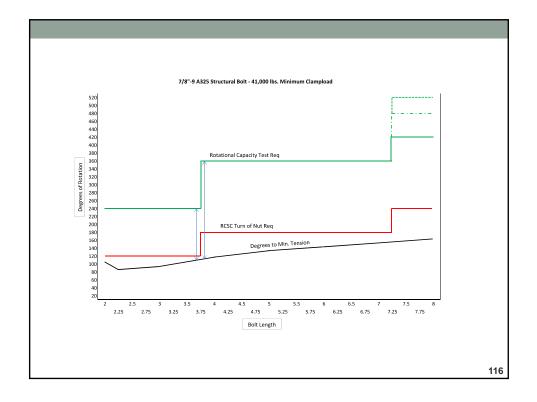


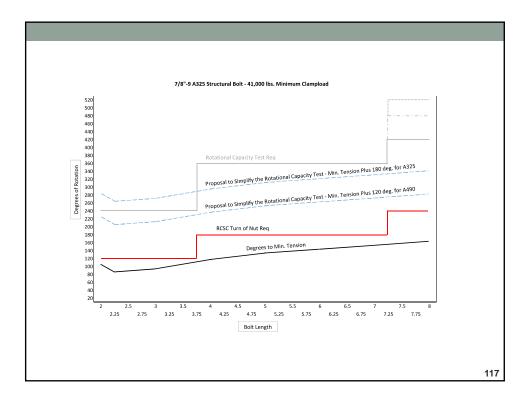




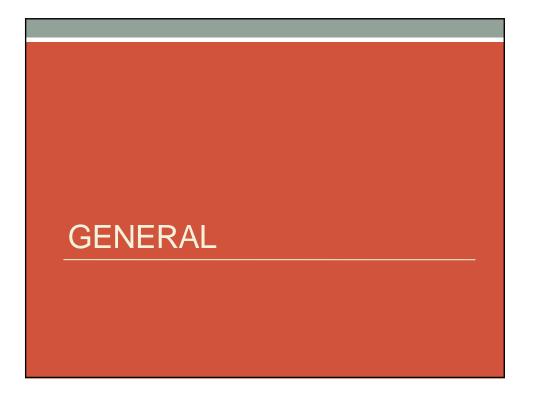


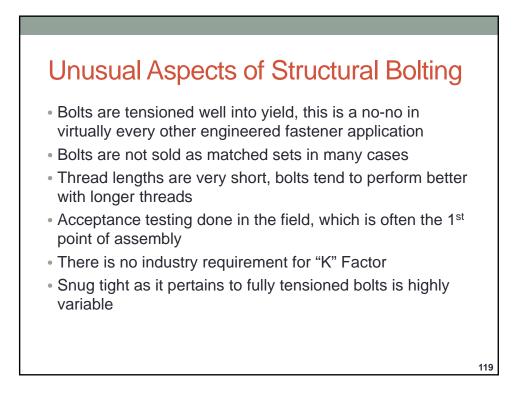
















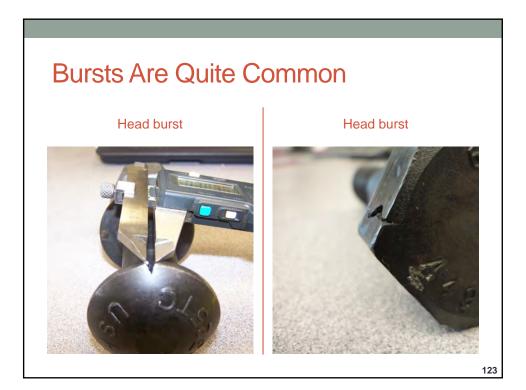
What Can Happen?

- Fatigue
- Rust or Weathering
- Coating Adhesion
- Reamed Nut Threads
- White Rust
- Seams
- Bursts
- Poor Coating Thickness
- Welded Parts
- Storage and Handling Issues
- Quench Cracks
- Improper Washer Usage
- Bolt Binding
- Paint Adhesion
- No Pre-installation Testing

- Tensile Failure
- Torsional Failure
- Stress Corrosion Cracking
- Hydrogen Embrittlement
- Shank Out/Negative Stick-out
- Low Tension
- RC Test Failure
- Inadequate Installation Tools
- Lack of Installer Training
- High or Low Hardness
- Thread Stripping
- No Control of Snug Tight
- No Installation Clearance
- Improper Mating Components
- No Verification on Site













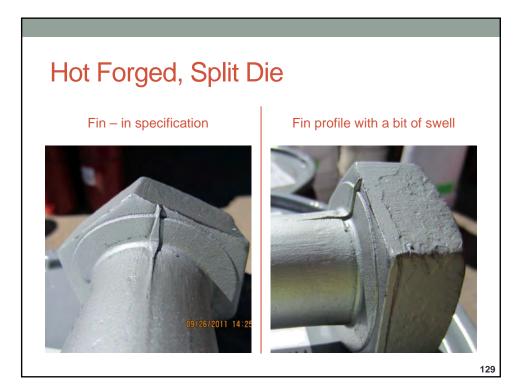






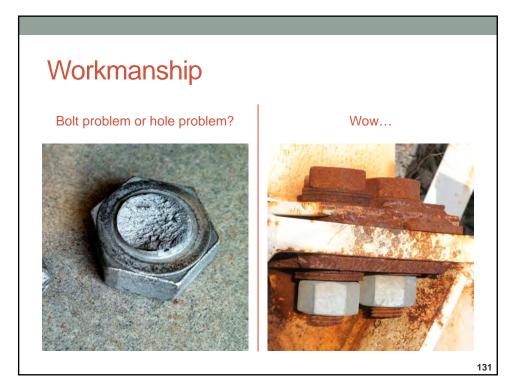




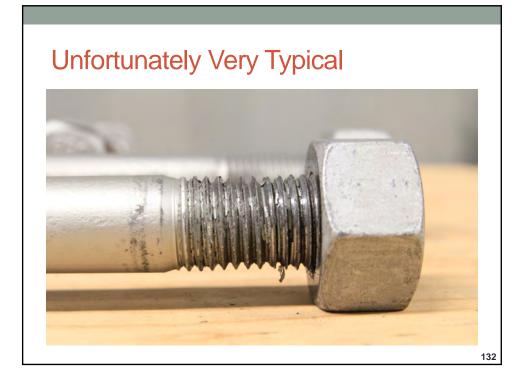
























Good Reading

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- Industrial Fasteners Institute, Fastener Standards, 8th Edition. Industrial Fasteners Institute.
- Geoffrey L. Kulak, John W. Fisher, John H. A. Struik, Guide to Design Criteria for Bolted and Riveted Joints, second edition.
- Geoffrey L. Kulak, High Strength Bolts: A Primer for Structural Engineers, AISC.
- PCB Load & Torque Knowledge Library
 - Understanding Torque-Angle Signatures of Bolted Joints
 - Fundamentals of Torque-Tension and Coefficient of Friction Testing
 - Engineering Fundamentals of Threaded Fastener Design and Analysis



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What Else Can You Do?

- Get additional fastener training, a number of options exist
- Get more familiar with the standards
- Ask questions
- Get involved in committee work
- Work with reputable contractors and suppliers
- Be willing to work through problems





