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## 1.0 Cautions and Safety Warnings

### CAUTION

Personal injury and equipment damage can occur if the puller screw is not securely engaged with the tapered thread of the stud. Proper engagement is achieved when the puller screw is tight in the stud and the Tensioner Assembly is free to rotate.

### WARNING

The safety cage MUST be in place and hands kept out of designated areas at all times when the tensioner is pressurized otherwise personal injury can occur.

### CAUTION

DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM PRESSURE VIBROSCRIBED ON THE PULLER BODY. Excessive pressure can damage the stud and the puller screw.

### WARNING

Fire Hazard! DO NOT heat when the puller assembly is in place. Personal injury or equipment damage may occur. Use of an Oxy-Acetylene torch is not recommended.

### NOTICE

Do not use more thread locking compound than specified or the nut may be VERY difficult to remove at disassembly.

### CAUTION

DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM PRESSURE VIBROSCRIBED ON THE PULLER BODY. Excessive pressure can damage the stud and puller screw

**Note:** Before threading the puller screw into the stud, carefully check the cleanliness of both the stud's and the puller screw's conical threads. Apply a light coat of clean turbine oil or a spray lubricant to the puller screw. Do not use "Never Seize" on the conical threads. This procedure will ease assembly and assure positive mating of the threads before tightening.



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**2.0 Scope**

This document describes the procedure to be used to install the studs and nuts supplied by Riverhawk Company in the flanges at the turbine/coupling connection. This hardware is depicted on the following drawing. This drawing as well as Tooling drawing form part of this manual.

HF-1730



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### **3.0 Quick Checklist**

The following checklist is intended as a summary of the steps needed to use the Riverhawk-supplied equipment. New personnel or those experienced personnel who have not used the Riverhawk equipment recently are encouraged to read the entire manual.

#### **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- Check oil level in hydraulic pump.
- Check air pressure at 80 psi [5.5 bar] minimum. (For air-driven pumps)
- Check hydraulic hose for damage.
- Test pump.
- Inspect tensioner for any damage.

#### **NUT AND STUD PREPARATION**

- Inspect stud and nuts for any damage.
- Measure stud length.
- Clean the studs and nuts.
- Install studs and nuts (off-center) into the flange.
- Set stick-out dimension on the coupling side of the flange.
- Hand tighten all studs.
- Verify stick-out measurement (VERY IMPORTANT)



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**Tensioning (Bolt installation)**

- Match the tensioner setup to the flange joint.
- Apply a light coat of clean turbine oil or spray lubricant to the puller screw. **DO NOT USE "NEVER SEIZE" ON THE CONICAL THREADS.**
- Slide spanner ring over the puller screw.
- Mount the tensioner on the stud in flange and install spanner ring onto nut.
- Insert 1/2" hex Allen wrench into the back side of the stud.
- Tighten the puller screw. Then back off puller screw 1/2 a turn.
- Retighten the puller screw and leave tight. **DO NOT BACK OFF PULLER SCREW.**
- Tighten puller nut and then back nut off two flats or 120 degrees to allow for stud stretch.
- Bleed the tensioner. **Do NOT bleed tensioner off of a stud! Damage to the tool will result!**
- Tension to 50%. Consult manual for correct pressure.
- Use the pin wrench in spanner ring to tighten nut.
- Release pressure, move to next stud in pattern.
- Repeat above steps at final pressure.
- Measure final stud length and record on stretch datasheets. Calculate stretch.
- Torque nuts' set screws.



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Detensioning (Stud removal)

- Loosen nuts' set screws
- Inspect and clean studs' conical threads. **Do not continue until ALL debris is removed from the threads!** Do not try to use the tensioner to remove a damaged stud!
- Apply a light coat of clean turbine oil or spray lubricant to the puller screw. **DO NOT USE "NEVER SEIZE" ON THE CONICAL THREADS.**
- Slide spanner ring over the puller screw.
- Mount the tensioner on the stud.
- Install spanner ring into nut.
- Tighten the puller screw. Then back off puller screw 1/2 a turn.
- Retighten the puller screw and leave tight. **DO NOT BACK OFF PULLER SCREW.**
- Tighten puller nut and then back nut off two flats or 120 degrees to allow for stud stretch.
- Bleed the tensioner. **Do NOT bleed tensioner off of a stud! Damage to the tool will result!**
- Apply final pressure.
- Loosen nut with the spanner ring and pin wrench.
- Move to next stud in pattern



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#### **4.0 General Preparations**

Read and understand all instructions before installing studs.

This equipment produces very high hydraulic pressures and very high forces. Operators must exercise caution, wear safety glasses and hard hats when using this equipment. High-pressure fluid from the Hydraulic Pressure Kit system pressurizes the tensioner, which generates a stretching force that actually stretches the stud. As the stud is stretched the nut lifts off the flange. The nut is then reseated into position on the flange by turning a nut driver by hand. When the nut is tight against the flange, the pressure in the tensioner is released leaving the stud loaded to its predetermined value.

#### **4.1 Machine Preparation**

The flange to be tensioned must be fully closed prior to positioning the studs in the flanges. There must be provisions for turning the shafts of the turbine, coupling, gearbox and generator. Also, it will be advantageous to remove as many obstructions as possible from the flange area, such as speed probes and conduit.

#### **4.2 Hardware - Balance**

- Hardware is supplied as weight balanced sets
- Studs and Nuts are interchangeable within sets
- Do not mix with other sets
- Save weight certification data supplied with each set for purchase of spare parts.

#### **4.3 Tensioner - Care and Handling**

- When not in use, the tensioner shall be maintained in a clean environment and all caps and plugs for hydraulic openings and fittings must be in place.
- When in use, the tensioner shall be protected from sand and grit.
- Long term storage - coat tensioner with oil, return to original container, seal container and protect from moisture.
- Shipment - coat tensioner with oil and ship in original container



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### 5.2.1 Stud Cleaning - Old Installations

Previously installed studs may require cleaning. Clean conical threads should have a bright and shiny appearance.

If cleaning is required, follow these steps:

1. Blow out the threads with compressed air to remove loose debris and dry conical threads. Do not apply a solvent or other cleaning solution to the threads as this may chemically attack the stud.
2. Use Stud Cleaning Kit, GT-4253 or a similar 1" diameter Brass power brush.



Picture of Brass Power Brush

3. Insert the brush into an electric drill and set drill to run in a counterclockwise direction at high speed.
4. Work the drill in a circular motion while moving the brush in and out to clean all of the threads. Try not to hold the brush in one place too long, so as not to remove the stud's protective coating.
5. Blow out the threads with compressed air to remove loosened debris.
6. Visually inspect threads for cleanliness. Threads should be bright and shiny.
7. Repeat if any dirt can be seen in the threads.
8. Inspect threads for any damage that may have been caused by previous installation.

**Do not apply thread lubricants to the threads.**

Finish the cleaning process by rinsing in a volatile solvent such as acetone and allow to dry.



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### 5.3 Stud Length Measurement

Measure and record the initial length of the studs. The following suggestions will improve your results:

- Plan to start and finish any flange in the same day.
- Studs and flange must be at the same temperature
- Number each stud with a marker.
- Mark the location of the measurement on stud end with a permanent marker.
- Measure each stud to nearest 0.001 inch.
- Record each measurement on the supplied charts.
- Do not allow the measuring instruments to set in the sun.

### 6.0 Stud and Nut Assembly

Refer to the hardware assembly drawing (HF-1730) listed in Section 2.0 of this manual. Assemble the cylindrical nut to the tapered thread end (Pull End) of the stud. Slide the stud and cylindrical nut assembly into the flange as shown in Figure 1 and install the other nut on the backside.

**Adjust the nut/stud assembly so that the stud protrudes from the face of the cylindrical nut the amount depicted on the hardware drawing (HF-1730) 0.180/0.200 inches. SETTING THIS PROTRUSION OF STUD TO NUT IS CRITICAL FOR PROPER TENSIONER OPERATION. Hand tighten the assembly to a snug fit.**

### 7.0 Assembly of Hydraulic Tensioner Equipment

#### 7.1 Kit Assembly

Assemble the hydraulic pump with its hose to the puller tool and bleed the system of air per following instructions.

Clean puller screw and check for any debris and dents.

Puller screw should be free to rotate and move back and forth.

Inspect tensioner guard for any signs of damage. Bent guards should be replaced.



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### 7.1.1 Fittings

Make sure both male and female parts are clean and free of debris; see Figure 2 for fitting configuration. Hold female part securely when tightening so as to prevent damage to the adjacent tubing. If the fitting leaks first try retightening as needed. If leaking continues then disassemble and check for scratches or debris on the seating conical surfaces. Clean as required. Replace plastic protective caps when finished with the tooling.

### 7.2 Pump

Pump kit is shipped full of hydraulic oil. The pump reservoir cap is sealed for shipment. To use turn cap to the vent position. To prevent oil spillage close cap when not in use, during storage and shipment. Lost oil should be replaced with Enerpac Hydraulic Oil. ISO 32 Mineral Oil may be substituted, if necessary.

### 7.3 Bleeding Hydraulic System

Follow the tensioner assembly instructions of Section 8.0.

**TO AVOID FAILURE, ENSURE SAFETY AND PROPER OPERATION THE TENSIONER ASSEMBLY MUST BE MOUNTED ON THE STUD BEFORE BLEEDING THE SYSTEM AND TENSIONING BEGINS.**

Mount tensioner on a stud per the assembly instructions of Section 8.0. Make sure the pump is situated below the tensioner assembly. The tensioner assembly has two ports, one for pressurizing and one for bleeding the system. These ports service a common chamber and therefore may be treated interchangeability. The bleed port must always be oriented in the uppermost position. The puller tool is shipped with a 5/8 in. [16 mm] hex coned stem bleeder fitting installed. With this fitting loosened stroke the pump repeatedly until the stream of oil exiting the tool is free of air then retighten the fitting.

**Note:** The hose is stiff, use of this tooling can be simplified by temporarily mounting the puller tool on one stud prior to final tightening of fittings. This will reduce the tendency for the fittings to loosen during use.



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## 8.0 Assembly of Tensioner on Stud

All tensioning (pulling) will be performed from the tapered thread end of the stud with orientation of the stud to the flange as shown in Figure 1

### 8.1 Kit Assembly

Assemble the hydraulic pump with its hose to the tensioner and bleed out

#### 8.1.1 Assembly of Tensioner Kit with Integral Safety Cage

Refer to Tensioner Assembly drawing and Figure 3 for tensioner to flange mounting. Assembly sequence is as follows:

1. Open the hydraulic return valve on the pump to allow hydraulic fluid to be pushed back from the puller tool into the pump reservoir as the puller tool is tightened. (This is automatic on the air-operated hydraulic pump)
2. Place the spanner ring on the puller side cylindrical nut.
3. Place and hold the puller tool over the end to be tightened.
4. Apply a light coat of clean turbine oil or a spray lubricant to the puller screw. Do not use "Never Seize" on the conical threads.
5. Insert the puller screw through the puller tool into the tapered thread of the stud and hand tighten (**Ensure that the Puller Nut does not bottom on the Piston when installing the Puller Screw, If it does then the Puller Screw may not be FULLY SEATED**)
6. Be sure not to cross-thread the assembly
7. Tighten the puller screw using Allen wrenches on the puller screw and the stud.
8. **Install the puller nut** (shown in Figure 3) until it seats snugly on the piston and compresses the piston to it's original position (**This will compress the piston in the tensioner and prevent over stroking and seal damage**) and then back-off 2 flats. This is particularly important for removal because the stud shortens during disassembly and the tensioner may then bind.
9. At this point the Tensioner Assembly **MUST BE FREE TO ROTATE**. In other words, the puller screw is tight in the stud and the puller nut has been backed-off the 2 flats.



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**Note:** If the tool is not free to rotate it is most likely that the nuts must be repositioned so that the stud may be shifted slightly to the puller tool side of the flange. This can be accomplished as follows:

1. Back off the puller nut and slightly loosen the puller screw.
2. Back off the cylindrical nut opposite the puller tool about 1/2 turn.
3. Tighten the puller screw side cylindrical nut to take up the slack
4. Retighten the puller screw per above and check for tool looseness

Note: Do not over extend the stud. Over extension can cause the piston to lose its seal and leak oil.

**CAUTION**

**Personal injury and equipment damage can occur if the puller screw is not securely engaged with the tapered threads of the stud. Proper engagement is achieved when the puller screw is tight in the stud and the tensioner assembly is free to turn.**

## **9.0 Stud Pulling and Tensioning**

The studs will be tensioned in two steps, at approximately 50% pressure and at final pressure. Follow the tensioning sequence for each flange joint as defined on the data sheets found at the end of this manual.

**Note:** Before threading the puller screw into the stud, carefully check the cleanliness of both the stud's and the puller screw's conical threads. Apply a light coat of clean turbine oil or a spray lubricant to the puller screw. Do not use "Never Seize" on the conical threads. This procedure will ease assembly and assure positive mating of the threads before tightening.

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### 9.1 Tensioning at 50% pressure

After the tensioner is properly installed apply hydraulic pressure to the tool. Bring the pressure to the 50% level in accordance with the following table.

<u>Flange Position</u>	<u>Stud Size</u>	<u>50% Pressure</u>	<u>50% Stretch</u>
Turbine to Coupling	2.562" [65.07 mm]	7000 psi [480 bar]	Do not measure Do not use

#### 9.1.1 Tightening of Turbine to Coupling Nuts

Tighten the cylindrical nuts hand-tight using the pin wrench and spanner ring, as shown in either Figure 6 or Figure 7. Turn the nut until it bottoms on the flange.

### 9.2 Removing the Tensioner from an Installed Stud

The puller tool removal is to be accomplished as follows:

1. Release the puller tool pressure by opening the valve on the pump. Leave valve open. (This is automatic on the air-operated hydraulic pump)
2. Loosen the puller screw using a 3/8" hex key wrench.
3. Tapping the wrench with a hammer may be necessary to loosen the puller screw.
4. Unscrew the puller screw using a 3/8" hex key wrench.
5. Move the tool to the next stud/nut assembly to be tensioned, following the sequence/pattern as defined on the supplied data sheets



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### 9.3 Tensioning at Final Pressure

Repeat the pulling and tightening procedure stated above at full pressure. Measures the length of the studs after all have been tensioned. The final pressure and required stretch values are listed in the following table

**CAUTION**

**DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM PRESSURE VIBROSCRIBED ON THE PULLER BODY. Excessive pressure can damage the stud and puller screw.**

<u>Flange Position</u>	<u>Stud Size</u>	<u>Final Pressure</u>	<u>Final Stretch</u>
Turbine to Coupling	2.562" [65.07 mm]	13500 psi [930 bar]	0.026" - 0.029" [0.66 mm - 0.77 mm]

### 10.0 Retensioning

For the procedures of either Sections 9.1 or 9.3 excessive stretch variations or low stretch values can be corrected by retensioning all or selected studs to the pressure values stated in the above table. Have final stretch values approved by the supervisor responsible for the installation

### 11.0 Thread Locking

Mechanical lock nuts have two set screws located in the top face, see Figure 4. Before threading the nut onto the stud check to be certain the set screws are free to turn. Once the nut is seated torque the set screws to the values specified in the following table. When seated and torqued to the values specified the load created by the set screw displaces the thread of the nut in the area of the web creating the desired locking action

<u>Stud Size</u>	<u>Set Screw Size</u>	<u>Torque</u>
2.562" [65.07 mm]	1/4"-28 UN	100 in·lbs - 110 in·lbs [11.3 N·m - 12.4 N·m]



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## 12.0 Stud/Nut Removal

For those assemblies that have been locked using mechanical lock nuts, removal is accomplished as follows:

1. Using a wire brush and shop air clean the internal tapered thread of the stud to remove any debris/deposits which may have accumulated during service.
2. With an Allen-wrench loosen the two locking set screws but do not remove from nut see Figure 4.
3. Install the appropriate puller tool to the stud as described in Section 8.0.
4. Apply the appropriate hydraulic pressure per the table of Section 9.3 and using the spanner ring and spanner wrenches shown in Figure 3 loosen the nut, then release the pressure and remove the puller tool



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## 12.0 Frequently Asked Questions

This section contains some frequently asked questions and problems. If the steps listed here do not solve your problem, contact the Riverhawk Company thru our website, email, or phone call.

- Q:** A tensioner has pulled itself out of the stud's conical threads. Can I continue using a tensioner on this stud?
- A:** No. Both the tensioner and the stud may have been damaged. If the stud is tensioned, a Nut Buster repair kit, from Riverhawk, must be used to remove the damaged stud by drilling out the nut. Riverhawk can supply a replacement stud and nut based on the initial weight certification supplied with the hardware set (see section 4.2). The damaged tensioner should also be returned to Riverhawk for inspection and repair.
- Q:** The hydraulic tensioner has been taken up to its final pressure. The final stretch length is short of the final stretch target. What is the next step?
- A:** Do not increase the hydraulic pressure. Check if the hydraulic pump is set to the right pressure. Install the tensioner and re-pressurize the tensioner to the final pressure then recheck the stretch measurement. If the stretch value is still short, remove the stud from the hole and re-measure the stud's initial length then try to install the stud again.
- Q:** The hydraulic tensioner has been taken up to its final pressure. The final stretch length is larger than the final stretch target. What is the next step?
- A:** Remove the stud from the bolt hole. Check if the hydraulic pump is set to the right pressure. Re-measure the stud's initial length then try to install the stud again.



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- Q:** Is there an easier way to support or move the tensioner around the coupling shaft?
- A:** Use two straps. One around the coupling shaft and the other attach to any overhead support. Straps must be slack during mounting tensioner to stud and during tensioning.
- Q:** The tensioner is at its final pressure, but the nut cannot be loosen.
- A:** If the nuts cannot be loosened at the final pressure, continually increasing the pressure will not help and can be dangerous and in some cases make it harder to remove the nut. Check the nut to see if its set screws have been loosened. Check for and remove any corrosion around the nut's threads.
- Q:** How do I clean the conical threads on a stud?
- A:** The conical threads are best cleaned using a spiral wound brass brush in a drill as described in section 5.2.1
- Q:** During the initial steps of removing a tensioned stud, the stick-out length is found to be wrong.
- A:** Do not proceed. Contact Riverhawk for assistance. With the wrong stick-out length, the hydraulic tensioner has a limited stroke and may not work properly and can be damaged.
- Q:** The hydraulic pump appears to be leaking.
- A:** Check the hose connection to the hydraulic pump. If the 1/4" high pressure fitting is not assembled, it may look like the pump is leaking. If the problem continues, it may be necessary to open the pump kit. Contact Riverhawk for guidance.



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- Q:** The hydraulic hose has a collar on it that can't be moved by hand
- A:** The collar is sometimes held in place with a thread locking compound. This prevents the collar from moving too easily. It may be necessary to adjust this collar with a set of vise-grip pliers. Be careful to not strip the threads off the tube or hose end.



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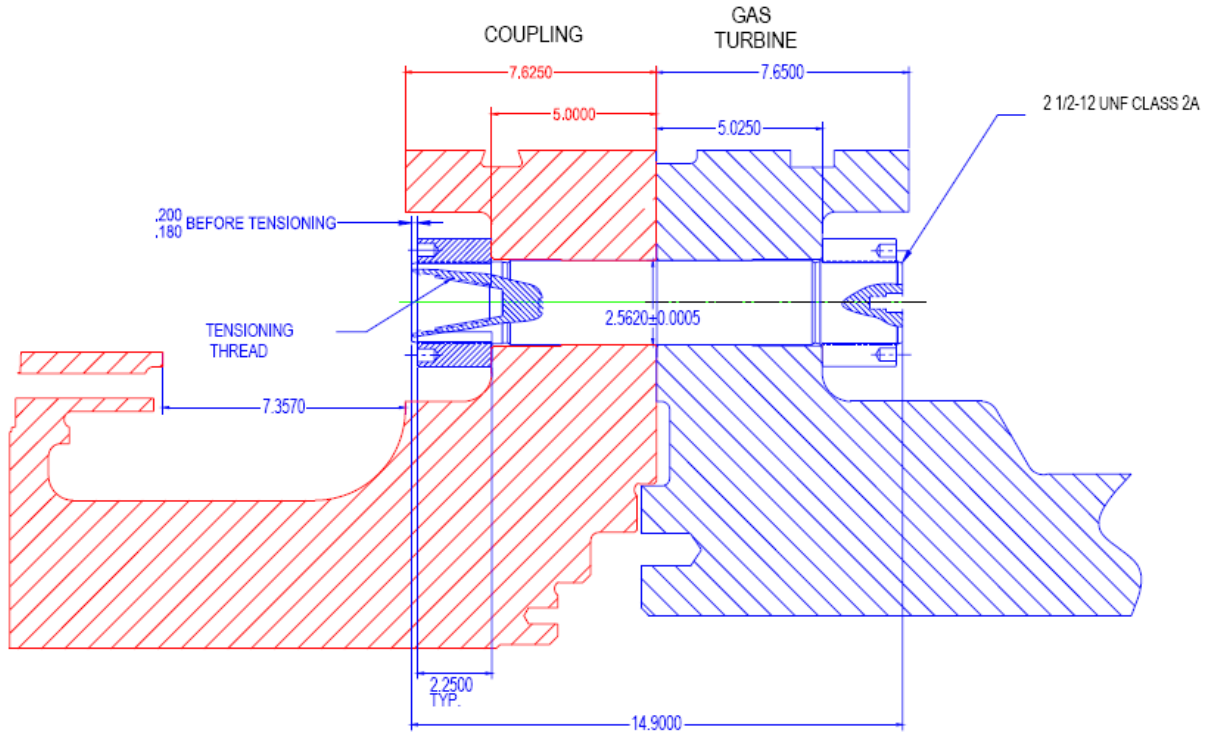
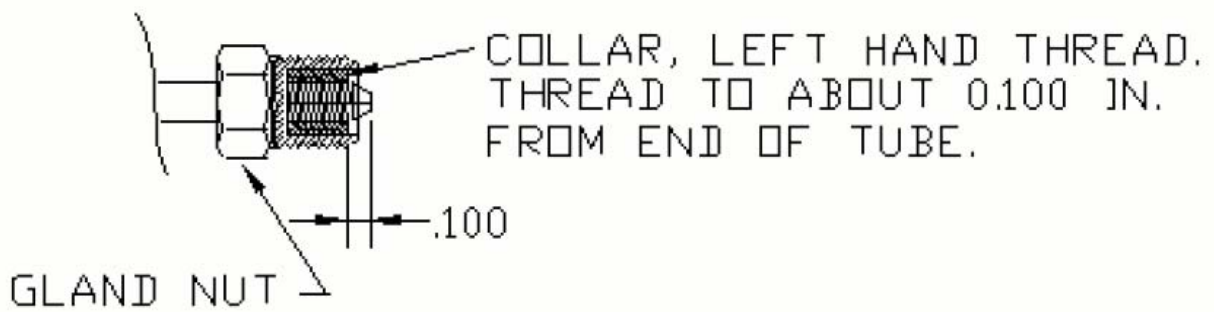


FIGURE 1

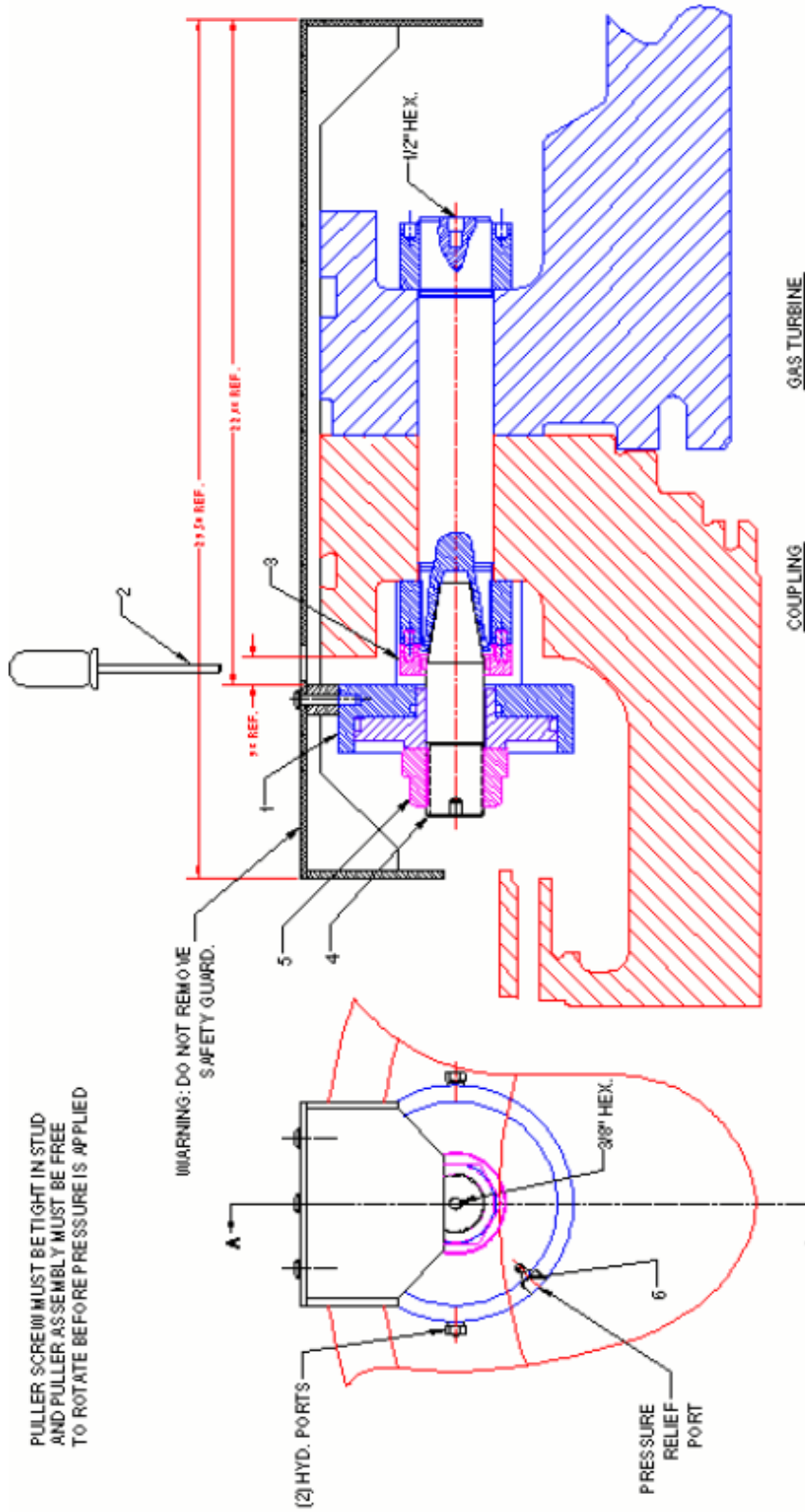
FIGURE 2 PRESURE PORT



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**SECTION A-A**

**MATERIAL:**

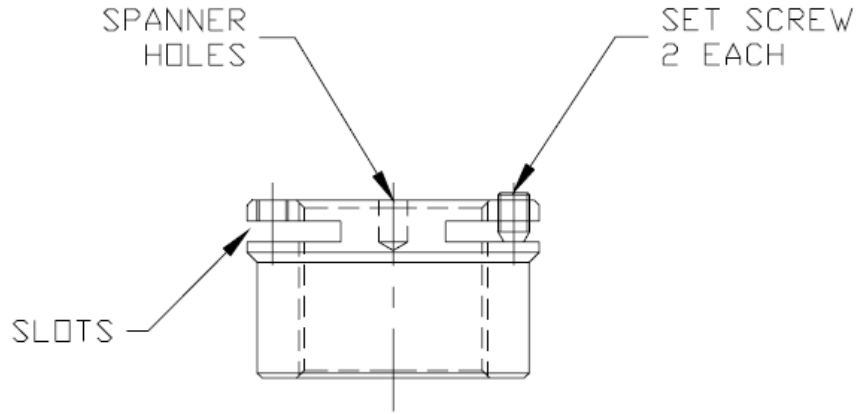
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2	1	7001052	3/8\"/>
3	1	7001754	SPANNER RING
4	1	7001346	PULLER SCREW
5	1	7001224	PULLER NUT
6	1	7001096-15	15,000 PSI RUPTURE DISC



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TYPICAL STUD LOCKNUT  
 FIGURE 4



**HT-1746 on GT to Coupling Flange**




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STRETCH RECORD SHEET FOR (22) STUD PATTERN



STUD LOCATION	ORIGINAL LENGTH	FIRST PULL		SECOND PULL	
		LENGTH (1)	STRETCH (1)	LENGTH (2)	STRETCH(2)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					
18					
19					
20					
21					
22					

AVG. STRETCH \_\_\_\_\_  
 FINAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 UNITS in. mm. CIRCLE ONE

MACHINE \_\_\_\_\_  
 FLANGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 TECHNICIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
 SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_



TORQUE PATTERN FOR (22) STUDS  
 SEE PER IN 011218-02

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