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## 1.0 Cautions and Safety Warnings

### **WARNING**

Improper tool use and the failure to follow the correct procedures are the primary root causes of tools failures and personal injuries. A lack of training or experience can lead to incorrect hardware installation or incorrect tool use. Only trained operators with careful, deliberate actions should use hydraulic tensioners. Contact Riverhawk Company with any training needs.

### **WARNING**

Risk of high pressure hydraulic fluid injection. Riverhawk tools operate under high pressure. Thoroughly inspect all hoses and connections for damage or leaks prior to using this equipment.

### **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 proper personal protective equipment must be worn at all times. Riverhawk recommends at a minimum, safety glasses, long sleeve shirt, hard hat, heavy work gloves, and steel toe shoes.

### **WARNING**

The safety cage MUST be in place and hands kept out of designated areas at all times when the puller tool 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.

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

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

**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.

## 2.0 Scope

This document describes the procedure to be used to install studs and nuts supplied by Riverhawk Company in the flanges at the turbine/coupling and coupling/generator connections. This hardware is depicted on the following drawings these drawings as well as the tooling drawings form a part of this manual.

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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.

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- 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)

## **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.
- Install spanner ring onto nut.
- Insert 1/2" hex Allen wrench into the back side of the stud.
- Tighten the puller screw.
- Back off puller screw 1/2 turn.

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- Retighten the puller screw and leave tight. **DO NOT BACK OFF PULLER SCREW.**
- 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.

### 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.
- Back off puller screw 1/2 a turn.

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- Retighten the puller screw and leave tight. **DO NOT BACK OFF PULLER SCREW.**
- 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

## 4.0 General Preparations

**Read and understand all instructions before installing and tensioning studs**

### 4.1 Machine Preparation

The flange to be tensioned must be fully closed prior to positioning of studs in the flanges. Turning the shafts of the turbine and the generator are not required, but may be useful. Also, it will be advantageous to remove as many obstructions as possible from the flange area, such as speed probes, shipping plates, and conduit.

### 4.2 Hardware – Balance

- Hardware is supplied as weight balanced sets
- Studs and Nuts are interchangeable within sets
- Do not intermix sets
- Save weight certification supplied with each set for the purchase of spares

### 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.
- Use ISO 32 grade oil.
- 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.

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- Shipment – coat tensioner with oil and ship in original container.

### 4.4 Hand Tools

Several hand wrenches and micrometers will be required to perform installation and measurement of the studs:

5/8" wrench  
1" wrench  
1" Socket & Impact Wrench  
A set of Allen Wrenches  
3' – 4' Breaker Bar  
14" to 15" micrometer or caliper

### 4.5 Special Tools

Hydraulic Tensioner Kit: HT-2981 Hydraulic Tensioner  
(reference GE 359B2589)

Hydraulic Pump Kit: AP-0532 Air-operated Hydraulic Pump  
(recommended)  
(reference GE 359B2502)

## 5.0 Preparation of Hardware

### 5.1 Nut Preparation

For new installations, the nuts should come sealed from the factory and will need no cleaning.

Previously installed nuts require cleaning: as follows: Wire brush using a petroleum based solvent to remove any foreign material on the external surfaces and threads.

If previous installations employed a thread-locking compound, which will be visible as a grayish-green residue, remove as much of this compound as possible.

**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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## 5.2 Stud Preparation

For new installations, the studs should come sealed from the factory and will need no cleaning

### 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.**



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

## 5.3 Stud Length Measurement

Measure and record the initial lengths of the studs. The following recommendations 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 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 micrometer to set in the sun**

## 6.0 Stud and Nut Assembly

Refer to Hardware Assembly Drawing (HF-1554) listed in Sect.2.0 of this manual.

1. Assemble cylindrical nut to the tapered thread end (Pull End) of the stud.
2. Slide the assembly into the flange from the coupling side as shown in Figures 1 & 2 then install the other Cylindrical nut on the backside (**the cylindrical nuts are identical**).
3. **Adjust the stud/nut assembly so that the stud protrudes from the face of the cylindrical nut the amount depicted on the hardware drawing (HF-1554) TYPICALLY 0.250" TURBINE END. SETTING THIS PROTRUSION OF STUD TO NUT IS CRITICAL FOR PROPER TENSIONER OPERATION.** Hand tighten the assembly to a snug fit. See Photos 1 & 2 for a view of the assembly of studs and nuts in the flange prior to tensioning.

## 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 in paragraph 6.3 (MUST BE ON A STUD)**. Photo 3 shows hose connected to manifold of tensioner.

#### 7.1.1 Fittings



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Make sure both male and female parts are clean and free of debris; see Figure 4 for fitting configuration. Hold female part securely when tightening so as to prevent damage to adjacent tubing. If 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 caps when finished with tooling.

## 7.2 Pump

The 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.**

The tensioner has four ports see Fig. 3, one for pressurizing, two for bleeding the system and a fourth pressure relief port. To facilitate bleeding, start by first mounting the tensioner at the 9 o'clock stud position, which will critically place the bleed ports in their uppermost position. In addition, make sure that the pump is always situated below the tensioner assembly.

The puller tool is equipped with 5/8" [16 mm] hex coned stem bleeder fittings installed in the bleeder ports. With these two fittings loosened simultaneously, stroke the pump repeatedly until the streams of oil exiting the tool from each port are free of air, then retighten the fittings.

**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.

## 8.0 Assembly of Tensioner on Stud

### 8.1 Handling of the Tensioner

**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

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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.

Refer to Tensioner Assembly drawing and Figure 3 for views of the tensioner to flange mounting. All tensioning will be performed on the coupling side of the flange connections.

1. Clean puller screw and check for any debris and dents.
2. Puller screw should be free to rotate and move back and forth.
3. Seam between cylinders closed tightly.
4. Inspect tensioner guard for any signs of damage. Bent guards should be replaced. Also, be sure the rubber pad is in place on the end of the guard, if missing, replace.

This assembly has the following features, which should make stud tensioning safe and easy:

- The safety cage is integral (bolted) to the puller tool
- The hydraulic piston is spring loaded to retract

Assembly sequence is as follows:

1. Place the spanner ring over the puller screw on the tensioner.
2. 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.
3. Place and hold the tensioner assembly over the end of the stud to be tightened. See photos 3 &4.
4. Hold the stud steady with a 1/2" hex key wrench and lightly tighten the puller screw into the conical thread of the stud with a wrench.
5. Slide the puller screw in to the tapered thread of the stud and hand tighten. **Be sure not to cross thread assembly.**
6. Place the spanner ring pins into the cylindrical nut located on the stud.
7. At this point the Tensioner Assembly **MUST BE FREE TO ROTATE**, the puller screw must be tight in the stud.

**If the puller tool is not free to rotate when the puller screw is tight then, either (1) the stud is not properly positioned in the flange and the nuts must be repositioned so that the stud is shifted slightly more on the puller tool side, or (2) The tensioner is damaged and must be returned for repair.**

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Repositioning the stud can be done as follows:

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

**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 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.**

## 9.0 Stud Pulling and Tensioning

The studs will be tensioned in two steps, at 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

## 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.**

### 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	2.246" [57.05 mm]	9000 psi [620 bar]	Do not measure Do not use

Turn the cylindrical nut using the appropriate spanner ring and pin wrench as depicted in Figure 3 until it bottoms on the flange.

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## 9.2 Removing the Tensioner from an Installed Stud

The tensioner removal is to be accomplished by the following steps:

1. Release the puller tool pressure by opening the valve on the pump (Hand Pump Version MP-0130). Leave the valve open. This is automatic on the air-operated hydraulic pump.
2. Unscrew the puller screw using a wrench
3. Tapping the wrench with a hammer may be necessary to loosen the puller screw.
4. Move the tool to the next stud/nut assembly to be tensioned, following the sequence/pattern as defined on the supplied data sheets.

## 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

<u>Flange Position</u>	<u>Stud Size</u>	<u>Final Pressure</u>	<u>Final Stretch</u>
Turbine to Coupling	2.246" [57.05 mm]	17000 psi [1170 bar]	0.034" - 0.036" [0.86 mm - 0.91 mm]

**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.

### CAUTION

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

Excessive stretch variation or low stretch values can be corrected by retensioning all or selected studs to the pressure values stated above. Have final stretch values approved by the supervisor responsible for the installation.

## 10.0 Thread Locking

Once pulling and tensioning is completed all stud nuts must be locked in position.

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## **10.1 Thread Locking Using a Mechanical Locking Device**

Mechanical Locknuts have two set screws located in the top face, see Figure 6. Before threading the nut onto the stud check to be certain that 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><b>Nut Diameter</b></u>	<u><b>Set Screw Size</b></u>	<u><b>Torque</b></u>
2-1/4" [58 mm]	1/4"-28 UN	80 in·lbs - 90 in·lbs [9.0 N·m – 10.1 N·m]

## **11.0 Stud/Nut Removal**

Sections 10.1 describes the procedures to be followed in removing nuts that have been installed with the mechanical locking feature.

### **11.1 Removal of Assemblies with Mechanical Locknuts**

For those assemblies which have been locked using mechanical locknuts, 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. (see section 5.2.1)
2. With an Allen-wrench loosen the two locking set screws but do not remove from the nut see Figure 6.
3. Install the puller tool to the stud as described in Section 6.0. Apply the appropriate hydraulic pressure per the Table below and using the spanner ring and spanner/pin wrenches shown in Figure 7 loosen the nut, then release the pressure and remove the puller tool.

<u><b>Flange</b></u>	<u><b>Stud Size</b></u>	<u><b>Pressure</b></u>
Turbine/Coupling	2.246 in. [57.05 mm]	17,000 psi [1170 bar]

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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.

**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.

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**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 correctly 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.

**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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**Appendix A1**

**EC Declaration of Conformity**

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The hydraulic pump and bolt tensioning tool described in this manual are used for installing and applying tension to large bolts that are specifically designed by Riverhawk Company to be tensioned hydraulically.

All applicable sections of European Directive 2006/42/EC for machinery have been applied and fulfilled in the design and manufacture of the hydraulic pump and bolt tensioning tool described in this manual. Reference also ISO 12100:2010, ISO 4413:2010, and ISO 4414:2010.

Furthermore, this equipment has been manufactured under the Riverhawk quality system per EN ISO 9001:2015

Consult the Declaration of Conformance included with the shipment of this equipment that identifies the authorized Riverhawk representative, applicable serial numbers, and appropriate signature.



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**Appendix A2**

**UKCA Declaration of Conformity**

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All applicable sections of Supply of Machinery (Safety) 2008 have been applied and fulfilled in the design and manufacture of the hydraulic pump and bolt tensioning tool described in this manual. Reference also ISO 12100:2010, ISO 4413:2010, and ISO 4414:2010.

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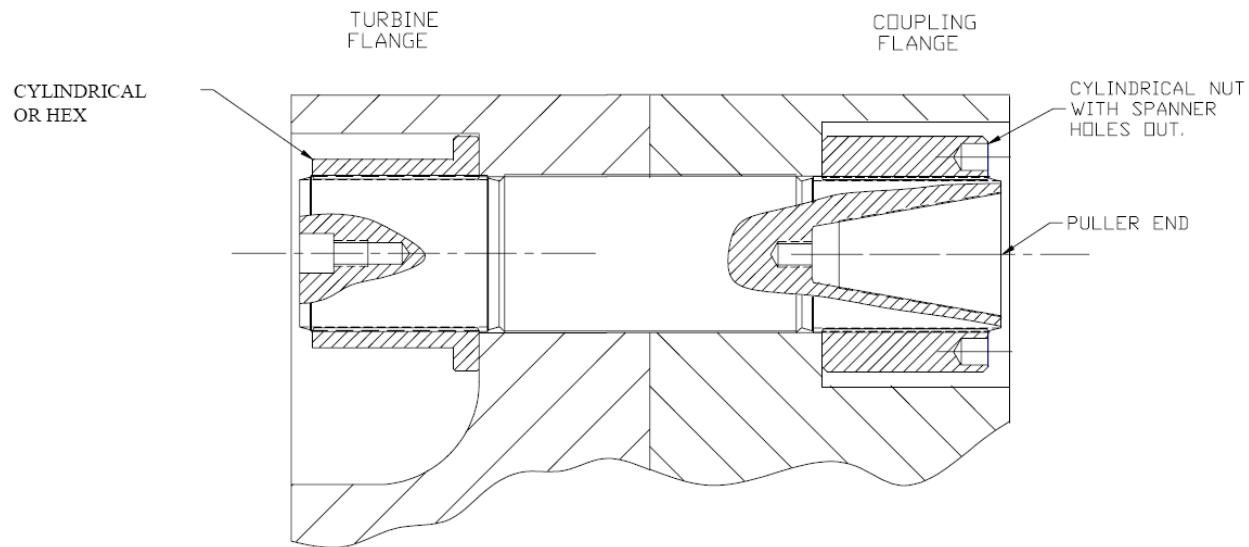


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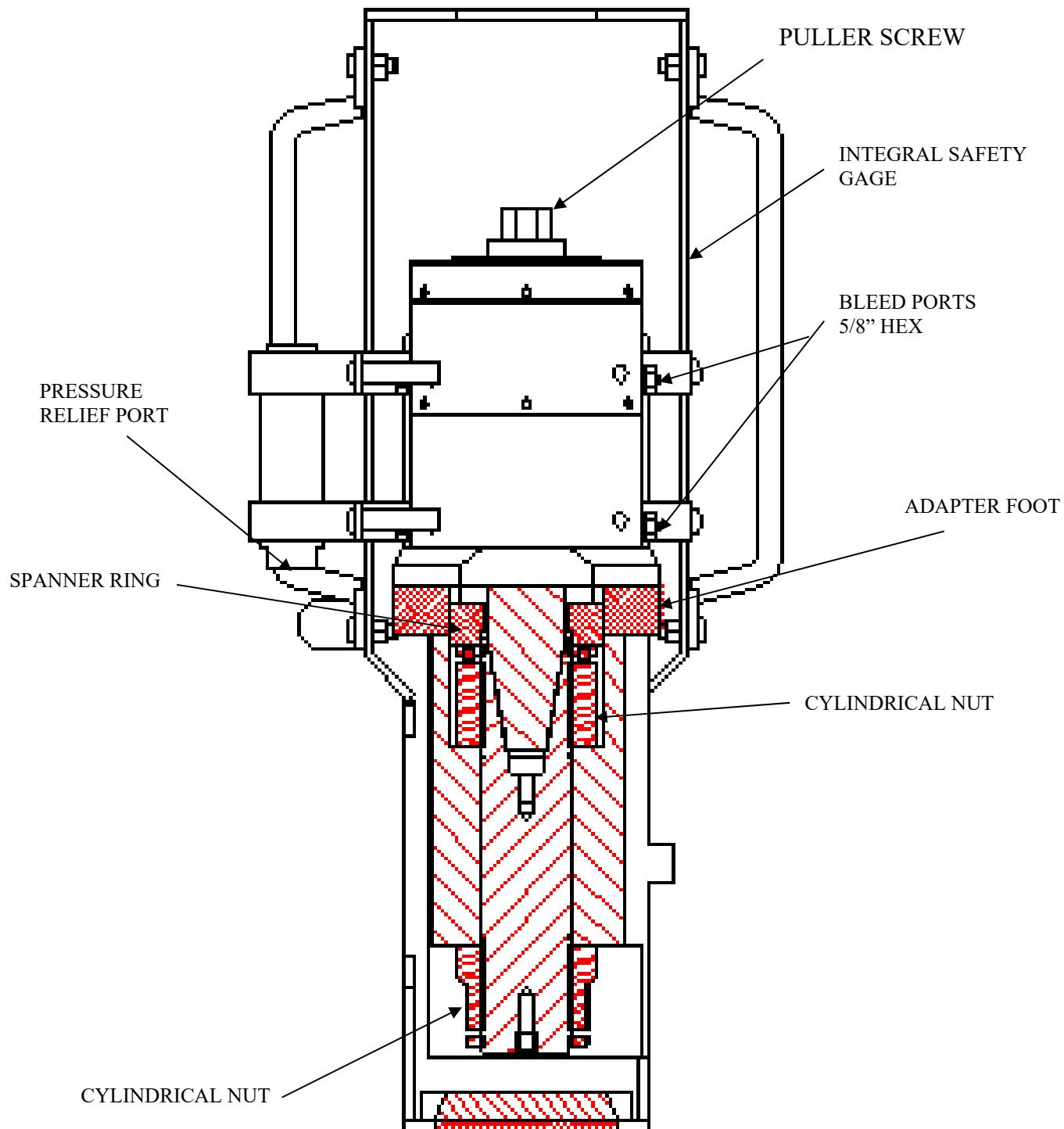
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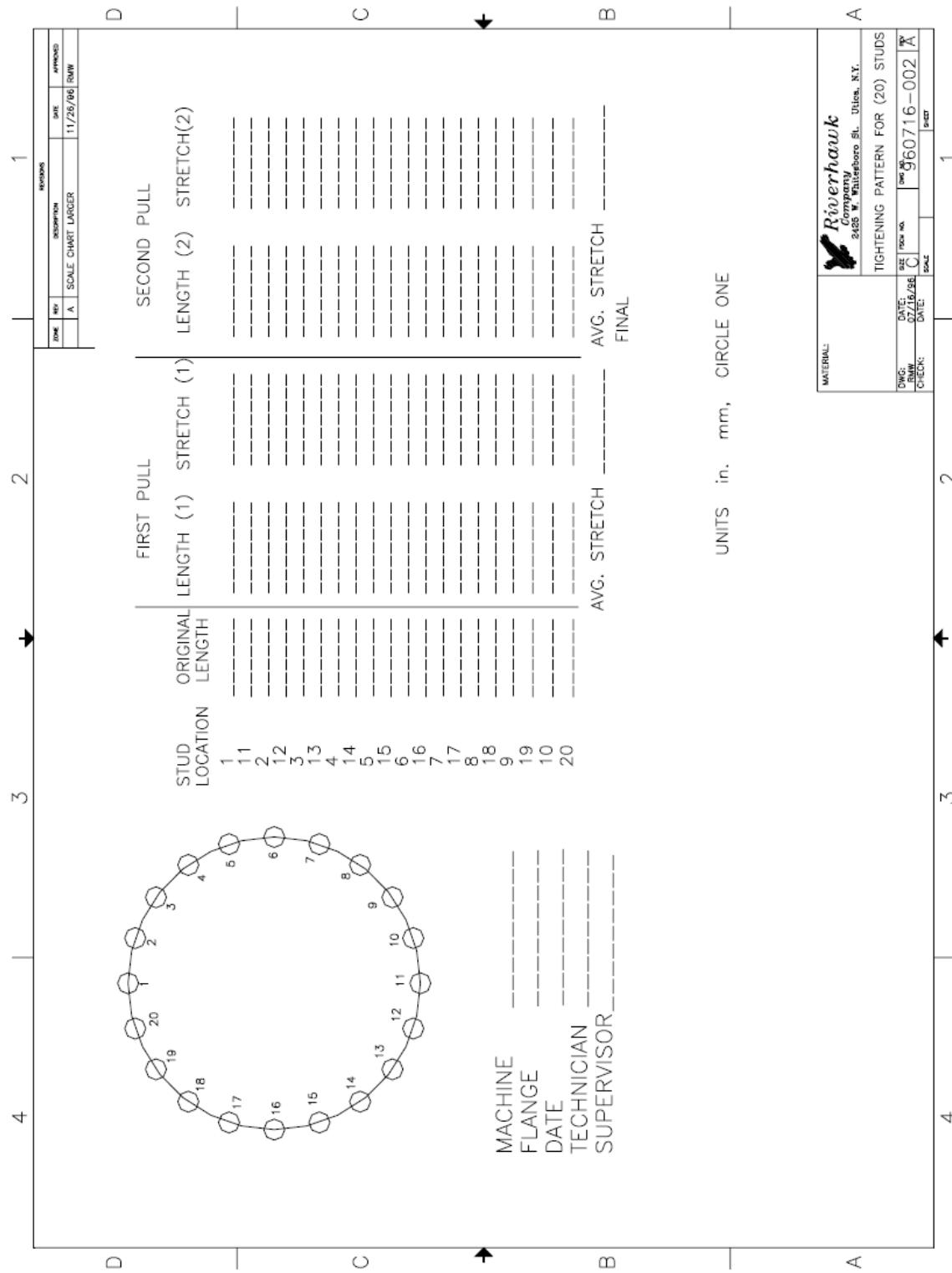
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