



## **INSTRUCTION MANUAL IM-360** **For Gas Turbine Tensioned** **Studs and Nuts**

### Applicable Bolting Connections –

Fr. 9FB or Fr. 9FA Gas Turbine to 330H or 450H Generator  
Fr. 9FB or Fr. 9FA to Load Coupling  
Load Coupling or Steam Turbine to 330H or 450H Generator  
Fr. 9FB or Fr. 9FA Gas Turbine to 330H or 450H Generator with Windage Plugs  
Steam Turbine to 330H or 450H Generator  
Fr. 9FA to Load Coupling

### Applicable GE Ordering Sheet Part Numbers

382A4341P001	808L7424G0001
382A4341P005	
382A4341P006	321T5305G0001
382A4341P008	
382A4341P009	
382A4341P010	
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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 tool 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 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 proper health and safety codes and procedures are not followed. Contact the site's health and safety office to determine all applicable safety rules and regulations.

### 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.

### CAUTION

It is especially important to check the condition of the conical thread used to tension the stud. Thread damage from previous abuse can lead to failure of the stud or tensioning equipment

### CAUTION

Riverhawk recommends that the tensioner should be returned to Riverhawk for periodic inspections. Replacement of obsolete tensioners is recommended. Functional upgrades are also recommended. The Riverhawk Service Returns Coordinator should be notified 3-6 months prior to a planned outage to schedule an inspection service.

### WARNING

A damaged burst disc must be replaced with a burst disc of the same design and pressure rating. Do not substitute a damaged burst disc with a different disc type, a different pressure rating, or a foreign object.

### WARNING

To avoid failure, ensure safety, and proper operation, the tensioner assembly must be installed on a stud in the flange before bleeding and pressurizing the tensioner. Do not use the tensioner at any pressure unless the tool is installed on a stud in a flange.

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**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 foot is free to turn.

**WARNING**

The safety interlock guard must be in place at all times. When the tensioner is pressurized hands must be kept out of designated areas to avoid any potential for personal injury.

**CAUTION**

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. This procedure will ease assembly and assure positive mating of the threads before tightening. Do not use "Never Seize" on the conical threads.

**CAUTION**

Do not tighten the nut while the tool is coming up to pressure; wait until pressure is achieved before attempting to tighten the nut with the spanner ring. If the tool is not properly installed, the tool could jump off the stud while coming up to pressure.

**CAUTION**

Do not exceed the maximum pressure marked on the tensioner. Excessive pressure can damage the stud and puller screw.

**WARNING**

**FIRE HAZARD:** DO NOT heat when tensioner assembly is in place. Personal injury or equipment damage may occur. Use of an Oxy-Acetylene torch is not recommended

**WARNING**

Do not use a hydraulic tensioner to remove a stud with damaged conical threads.

## 2.0 Scope and GE Part Number Cross Reference

This document describes the procedure to be used to install the stud, nut and windage plug sets supplied by the Riverhawk Company in the flanges at the Gas Turbine/Load Coupling and Load Coupling/Generator connections.

The various frame configurations covered in this manual are listed in Sections 2.1 through 2.6 with differences as related to connective hardware defined. Listed also are the pertinent

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hardware drawings (HF-xxxx). These drawings as well as tooling drawings (HT-xxxx) form part of this manual.

## 2.1 Frame 9FB or Frame 9FA Gas Turbine to 330H or 450H Generator

GE Part Number	Riverhawk P/N	GE VENDOC P/N
GE 382A4341P001	HF-2019	GE 359B2518
GE 382A4341P008	HF-2019	GE 359B2518

The hydraulic tooling used for installation and removal is Riverhawk HT-6672.

These hardware drawings depict the complete stud and nut package for the Gas Turbine to Load Coupling (3" size, Qty 18) as well as the Load Coupling to Generator (3" size, Qty 18).

## 2.2 Frame 9FB or Frame 9FA Gas Turbine to Load Coupling

GE Part Number	Riverhawk P/N	GE VENDOC P/N
GE 382A4341P010	HF-2523	GE 359B2541

The hydraulic tooling used for installation and removal is Riverhawk HT-6672.

These hardware drawings depict the complete stud and nut package for the Gas Turbine to Load Coupling (3" size, Qty 18).

## 2.3 Load Coupling or Steam Turbine to 330H or 450H Generator

GE Part Number	Riverhawk P/N	GE VENDOC P/N
GE 382A4341P009	HF-2523	GE 359B2541

The hydraulic tooling used for installation and removal is Riverhawk HT-6672.

These hardware drawings depict the complete stud and nut package for the Load Coupling or Steam Turbine to Generator (3" size, Qty 18).

## 2.4 Frame 9FB or Frame 9FA Gas Turbine to 330H or 450H Generator with Windage Plugs

GE PART NUMBER	RIVERHAWK P/N	GE VENDOC P/N
GE 382A4341P005	HF-3447	GE 359B2585
GE 382A4341P006	HF-3447	GE 359B2585

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The hydraulic tool used for installation and removal is Riverhawk HT-6672.

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## 2.5 Steam Turbine to 330H or 450H Generator

GE PART NUMBER	RIVERHAWK P/N	GE VENDOC P/N
GE 808L7424G0001	HF-2523 MTP-4779	GE 359B2541 GE 368B4792
GE 321T5305G0001	HF-2523 MTP-4779	GE 359B2541 GE 368B4792

The hydraulic tool used for installation and removal is Riverhawk HT-6672.

These hardware drawings depict the complete stud and nut package for the Gas Turbine to Load Coupling (3" size, Qty 18) as well as the Load Coupling to Generator (3" size, Qty 18). The drawings also depict the alignment pins (Qty 2) used to align the flange prior to bolting.

## 2.6 Hydraulic Tooling

GE Part Number	Riverhawk P/N	GE VENDOC P/N
382A4341P008	HT-6672 AP-6048	GE 101B0643 GE 269B8768
382A4341P011	HT-6672 AP-6048	GE 101B0643 GE 269B8768

## 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.

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**EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- Check oil level in hydraulic pump.
- Check air pressure at 90psi [6.2 bar] minimum. (For air-driven pumps)
- Check hydraulic hose for damage.
- Test pump.
- Inspect tensioner for any damage.

**NUT AND STUD PREPARATION**

- Inspect studs, nuts and windage plugs for any damage.
- Clean the studs, nuts and windage plugs.
- Measure and record stud lengths. (VERY IMPORTANT)
- Lubricate the stud's threads with clean turbine oil or spray lubricant. Lubricate the nut's threads and nut face with clean turbine oil or spray lubricant.
- Install studs and nuts into the flange
- Set stick-out dimension on the load coupling side of the flange.
- With Allen wrench in backside of stud, firmly seat backside nut using spanner ring and pin wrench.
- Verify stick-out measurement (VERY IMPORTANT)

**TENSIONING (Bolt Installation)**

- Check tensioner drawing for correct parts and part numbers.

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- Apply a light coat of clean turbine oil or spray lubricant to the puller screw. **DO NOT USE "NEVER SEIZE" ON THE CONICAL THREADS.**
- Install the spanner ring onto the nut.
- Thread the puller screw into the stud.
- Insert an Allen wrench into the back side of the stud.
- Insert another Allen wrench into the puller screw. While holding the stud still, tighten the puller screw until hand tight and then loosen the puller screw 1/2 of a turn. Some cases

- may require the use of the GT-6516 puller screw shim kit to ease removal of puller screw after tensioning. Follow instruction manual IM-336 (GE VENDOCS 373A4074) for use of puller screw shim kit.
- Retighten the puller screw and leave hand tight. **DO NOT BACK OFF PULLER SCREW.**
- Slide the foot assembly over the puller screw and orientate the foot into position.
- Thread the tensioner onto puller screw until it stops. There should be a 1/16" to 3/16" gap between the foot and tensioner.
- Place the guard over the tensioner and position guide pin into the hole in the backside of the stud.
- Tighten the guard's knurled interlock fitting by hand until it presses firmly against tensioner (no gap).
- Push the center of the interlock fitting towards the tensioner while pulling back on the fitting's pull tabs until it locks onto the tensioner and release the pull tabs.
- Connect the hydraulic pump to the tensioner and tension to 50%. Consult manual for correct pressure.
- Use the pin wrench to turn the spanner ring to firmly tighten nut with 20 ft-lbs [27 N·m] of torque.
- Release pressure and allow the tensioner to fully retract.
- Disconnect the hose and release the interlock fitting by pushing the center of the interlock fitting towards the tensioner while pulling back on the fitting's pull tabs.

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- Loosen the knurled interlock fitting and remove the guard.
- Unscrew the tensioner from the puller screw.
- Remove the foot, puller screw and spanner ring.
- Move to the next stud in the pattern. Tension all studs to 50% before proceeding to final pressure.
- Repeat above steps at final pressure.
- Measure final stud length and record on stretch datasheets. Calculate final stretch measurement.
- Torque the nuts' set screws.
- Install the windage plugs (if included) and torque their set screws.

#### DETENSIONING (Stud Removal)

- Loosen the windage plugs' (if included) set screws and remove the windage plugs from the studs.
- Loosen nuts' set screws
- Inspect and clean studs' conical threads. **Do not continue until ALL debris is removed from the threads!** See instruction manual IM-220. **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.**
- Install the spanner ring onto the nut.
- Thread the puller screw into the stud.
- Insert an Allen wrench into the puller screw. Tighten the puller screw until hand tight and then loosen the puller screw 1/2 of a turn.

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- Thread the tensioner onto puller screw until it stops. There should be a 1/16" to 3/16" gap between the foot and tensioner.
- Place the guard over the tensioner and position guide pin into the hole in the backside of the stud.
- Tighten the guard's knurled interlock fitting by hand until it presses firmly against tensioner (no gap).
- Push the center of the interlock fitting towards the tensioner while pulling back on the fitting's pull tabs until it locks onto the tensioner and release the pull tabs.
- Connect the hydraulic pump to the tensioner and tension to final pressure. Consult manual section 9 for correct pressure.
- Loosen nut with the spanner ring and pin wrench.
- Release pressure and allow the tensioner to fully retract.
- Disconnect the hose and release the interlock fitting by pushing the center of the interlock fitting towards the tensioner while pulling back on the fitting's pull tabs.
- Loosen the knurled interlock fitting and remove the guard.
- Unscrew the tensioner from the puller screw.
- Remove the foot, puller screw, and spanner ring. It may be necessary to insert an Allen wrench into the backside of the stud to remove the puller screw.
- Move to next stud in pattern

#### 4.0 General Preparations

Read and understand all instructions before installing and tensioning studs.

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Operators should be trained or have previous experience using Riverhawk tensioning equipment. Training will minimize the chance of improper use of the equipment.

The hydraulic tooling including the hydraulic hoses should be inspected prior to use. Inspection guidelines are listed in the following sub-sections.

This equipment produces very high hydraulic pressures and very high forces. Operators must exercise caution and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment when handling and operating the hydraulic tooling.

High-pressure oil from the hydraulic pump pressurizes the tensioner which generates a very large force that actually stretches the stud. As the stud is stretched the nut lifts off the flange. The nut is then turned by hand using the supplied spanner ring. Once the nut is tight against the flange, the pressure in the tensioner is released. The hardware is now clamping the flange together.

#### **4.1 Machine Preparation**

The flange to be tensioned must be fully closed prior to positioning of studs in the flanges. Turning the turbine shafts is 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**

The studs are supplied in component balanced sets. A stud can be exchanged with another in its set without affecting the overall balance of the equipment. Do not exchange a stud from one set with another stud from a different set. When shipped from Riverhawk, the studs are not assigned to any specific hole in the load coupling flange; this is optional and can be done at the installation site. The set size is determined by the relevant GE order drawing (see section 2.0).

The nuts are supplied in component balanced sets. A nut can be exchanged with another in its set without affecting the overall balance of the equipment. Do not exchange a nut from one set with another nut from a different set. When shipped from Riverhawk, the nuts are not assigned to any specific hole in the load coupling flange; this is optional and can be done at the installation site. The set size is determined by the relevant GE order drawing (see section 2.0).

A weight balance certification is supplied with each order. Store this certification in an appropriate location as it will be needed for the purchase of replacement equipment.



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#### 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.

See section 12 for long term storage requirements.

#### 4.4 Hand Tools

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

5/8" Wrench	Set of Allen Wrenches (including 1/2" & 5/8")
3/4" Wrench	3' to 4' Breaker Bar
13/16" Wrench	12" to 13" Micrometer or Caliper

#### 4.5 Special Tools

Hydraulic Tensioner Kit:	HT-6672 Hydraulic Tensioner, 3" (reference GE VENDOC 101B0643)
Hydraulic Pump Kit:	AP-6048 Air-Operated Hydraulic Pump (reference GE VENDOC 269B8768)

#### CAUTION

**Riverhawk recommends that the tensioners be returned to Riverhawk for periodic inspections. Replacement of obsolete tensioners is recommended. Functional upgrades are also recommended. The Riverhawk Service Returns Coordinator should be notified 3-6 months prior to a planned outage to schedule an inspection service.**

#### 5.0 Hardware Set Preparations



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## 5.1 Nut Preparation



**Picture 5A - Riverhawk Locknut**

If there is any visible damage on a nut, do not use the part and contact the General Electric or Riverhawk Company for a replacement part. Please be prepared to supply the turbine number, weight certification, and digital photographs for evaluation.

### 5.1.1 Nut Cleaning - New Installations

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

### 5.1.2 Nut Cleaning - Old Installations

Previously installed nuts require cleaning as follows: Wire brush using a petroleum-based solvent to remove any foreign material on the threads. Clean mating faces with a petroleum based solvent to remove any foreign material.

## 5.2 Stud Preparation

Check the stud for any visible damage. If there is any visible damage, do not use the stud and contact the Riverhawk Company for a replacement stud. Please be prepared to supply the turbine number, weight certification, and digital photographs for evaluation.

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**CAUTION**

**It is especially important to check the condition of the conical thread used to tension the stud. Thread damage from previous abuse can lead to failure of the stud or tensioning equipment.**

The conical threads of each stud must be clean of grit and dirt before installation or removal. This ensures the proper seating of the puller screw.

### **5.2.1 Stud Cleaning - New Installations**

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

### **5.2.2 Stud Cleaning - Old Installations**

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

Follow instruction manual IM-220 (GE VENDOCS 373A4025) for cleaning procedure of the conical threads on Riverhawk studs using a brass power brush. The latest revision may be obtained by contacting Riverhawk Company or thru [www.riverhawk.com](http://www.riverhawk.com).



**Picture 5B - Brass Power Brush**

### **5.3 Stud Length Measurement**

Measure and record the initial lengths 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 for later stretch measurement tracking.**
- **Mark the location of measurement on stud end with a permanent marker.**
- **Measure each stud to nearest 0.001 inch (.01 mm).**
- **Record each measurement on the supplied record sheets.**
- **Do not allow the measuring instruments to sit in the sun.**
- **The same person should make all measurements.**

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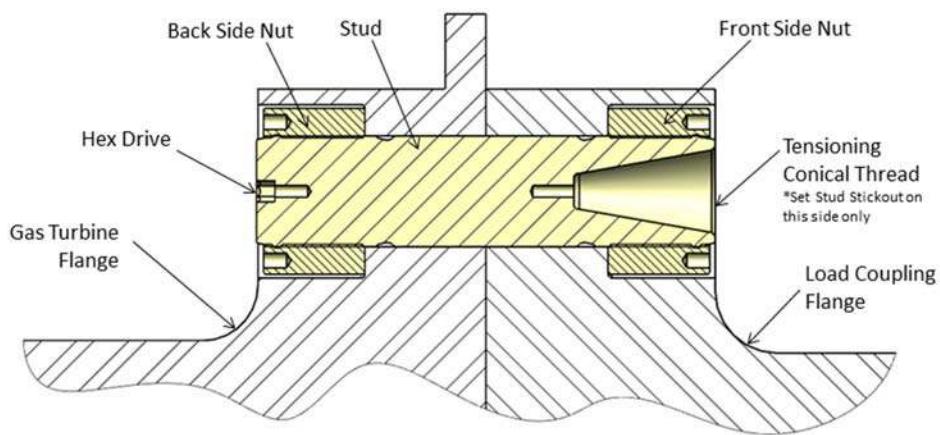
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## 6.0 Stud and Nut Assembly

Refer to the hardware assembly drawing (HF-xxxx) listed in Section 2.0 of the manual.

1. Assemble the cylindrical nut to the internal, conical thread end of the stud.
2. Lubricate the stud's threads with clean turbine oil or spray lubricant.
3. Lubricate the nut's threads and nut face with clean turbine oil or spray lubricant.
4. Slide the stud, and nut into the flange as shown in Figures 6a and 6b.
5. Install the other nut on the backside.



**Figure 6A – Cross-section View of Gas Turbine to Load Coupling Bolted Flange Connection**

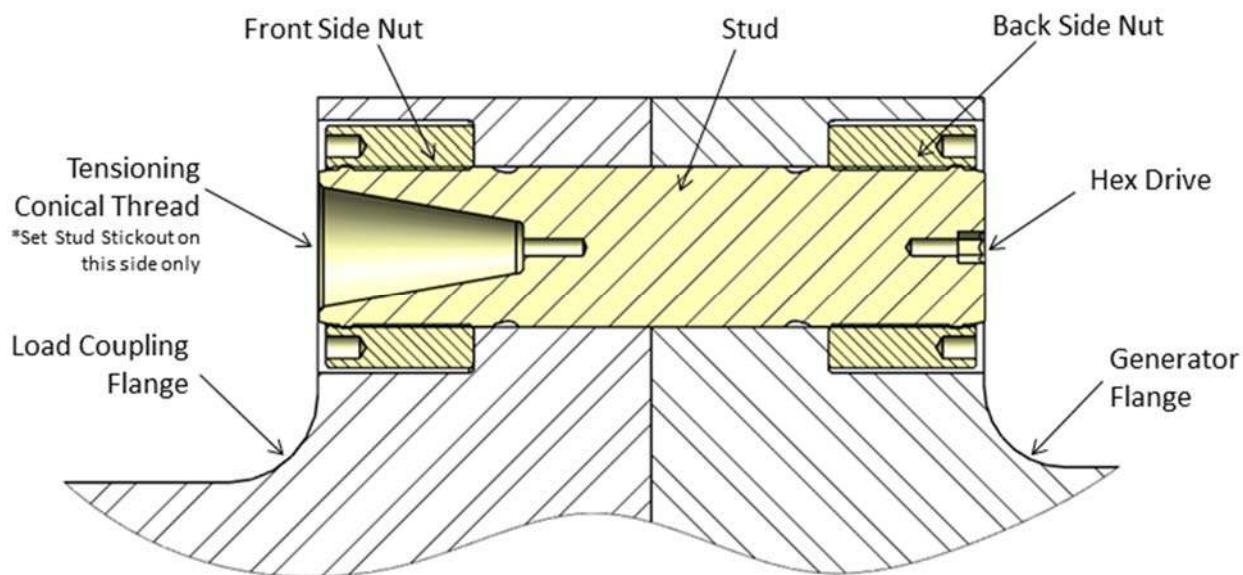


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**Figure 6B – Cross-section View of Load Coupling to Generator Bolted Flange Connection**

6. Adjust the nut/stud assembly so that the stud protrudes (or sticks out) from the face of the cylindrical nut the distance specified on the hardware drawing (HF-xxxx). **SETTING THIS PROTRUSION OF STUD TO NUT IS CRITICAL FOR PROPER TENSIONER OPERATION.** A metal stick-out gage is provided with the tensioner to assist the operator in setting the protrusion dimension.



**Picture 6C – Use of Stick-Out Gage**

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**Picture 6D – Use of Drop Gage to measure stick-out**



**Picture 6E – Use of Calipers to measure stick-out**

7. With Allen wrench in backside of stud, firmly seat backside nut using spanner ring and pin wrench.
8. Recheck the stud stick-out length. If the stick-out length does not match the hardware drawing, adjust the nuts as necessary.
9. Measure and record starting stud installation gage readings.

## 7.0 Hydraulic Tensioner Equipment Assembly

### 7.1 Hydraulic Equipment Inspection

#### 7.1.1 Hydraulic Tensioner Inspection

##### CAUTION

Riverhawk recommends that the tensioner be returned to Riverhawk for periodic inspections. Replacement of obsolete tensioners is recommended. Functional upgrades are also recommended. The Riverhawk Service Returns Coordinator should be notified 3-6 months prior to a planned outage to schedule an inspection service.

This tensioner does not require bleeding. See section 8.3

##### WARNING

To avoid failure, ensure safety, and proper operation, the tensioner assembly must be installed on a stud in the flange before pressurizing the tensioner. Do not use the tensioner at any pressure unless the tool is installed on a stud in a flange.

Clean puller screw and check for any debris and dents.

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Inspect the tensioner guard for any signs of damage including cracked welds. Any guards modified in the field should be replaced. Bent guards should be replaced. Also, be sure the rubber pad is in place on the back side guard, if missing, replace.

Inspect the outside of the tensioner for discoloration patterns that may indicate submersion and internal damage.

Perform an inventory of the loose equipment supplied with the tensioner. An inventory list is provided on the tensioner's technical drawing (Riverhawk HT-xxxx listed in section 2.0 and 4.5). Replacement parts are available from Riverhawk.

#### **7.1.1.1 Hydraulic Tensioner's Burst Disc Replacement**

The hydraulic tensioner's burst disc is a key element in the overall safe use of the hydraulic tensioner. The burst disc's location is shown on the tensioner's technical drawing (Riverhawk HT-xxxx listed in section 2.0 and 4.5).

Each tensioner is shipped from our factory with one burst disc already installed in the tensioner and with another spare disc for field replacement. Extra burst discs are available from Riverhawk for replacement purposes.

To replace a damaged burst disc refer to Riverhawk instruction manual IM-363 (GE VENDOC 373A4077). The latest revision may be obtained by contacting Riverhawk Company or thru [www.riverhawk.com](http://www.riverhawk.com).

#### **Warning**

**A damaged burst disc must be replaced with a burst disc of the same design and pressure rating. Do not substitute a damaged burst disc with a different disc type, a different pressure rating, or a foreign object.**

#### **7.1.2 Hydraulic Pump Kit Inspection**

Refer to the Hydraulic Pump Kit Instruction Manual, IM-293 (GE VENDOC 373A4058). The latest revision may be obtained by contacting Riverhawk Company or thru [www.riverhawk.com](http://www.riverhawk.com).

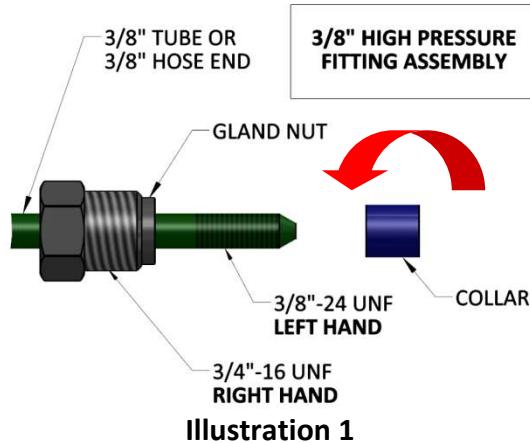
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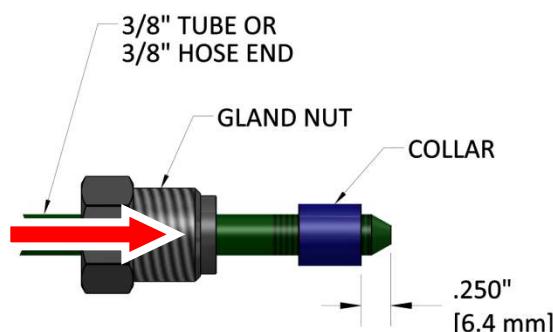


## 7.2 The 3/8" High Pressure Fitting Assembly

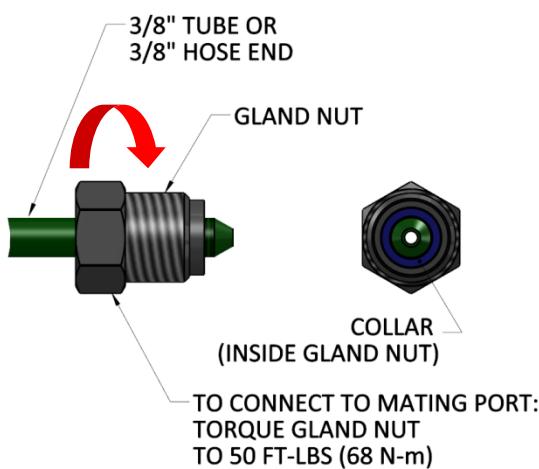


The Riverhawk hydraulic hose may use a 3/8" High Pressure Fitting to connect to a tensioner. The hose connector is made from a three piece assembly: a gland nut, a collar, and a 3/8" tube or 3/8" hose end. (See Illustration 1)

To assemble the fitting, slide the gland nut over the 3/8" tube or 3/8" hose end. Turn the collar counter-clockwise (**left hand** thread) on to the tube or hose end as shown in Illustration 1.



The collar should be placed .250" (6.4 mm) from the tip of the cone. (See Illustration 2) 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.



Slide the gland nut down over the collar. (See Illustration 3) Insert the 3/8" tube or 3/8" hose end into tensioner or hydraulic pump. While firmly holding the tube or hose end to stop it from rotating, turn the gland nut clockwise (**right hand** thread) and torque the gland nut to 50 FT-LBS (68 N-m).

### Tips:

- Make sure all parts are clean and free from debris.
- Protect the cone on the end of the 3/8" tube or 3/8" hose end from scratches as this is the sealing surface.
- Replace red plastic caps when finished to protect the threads and cone.

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## 8.0 Assembly of Tensioner on a Stud

The tensioner used in this application can be identified by its ORANGE safety guard. If the tensioner's safety guard is YELLOW, a different set of instructions are required. Consult the Riverhawk factory for assistance.

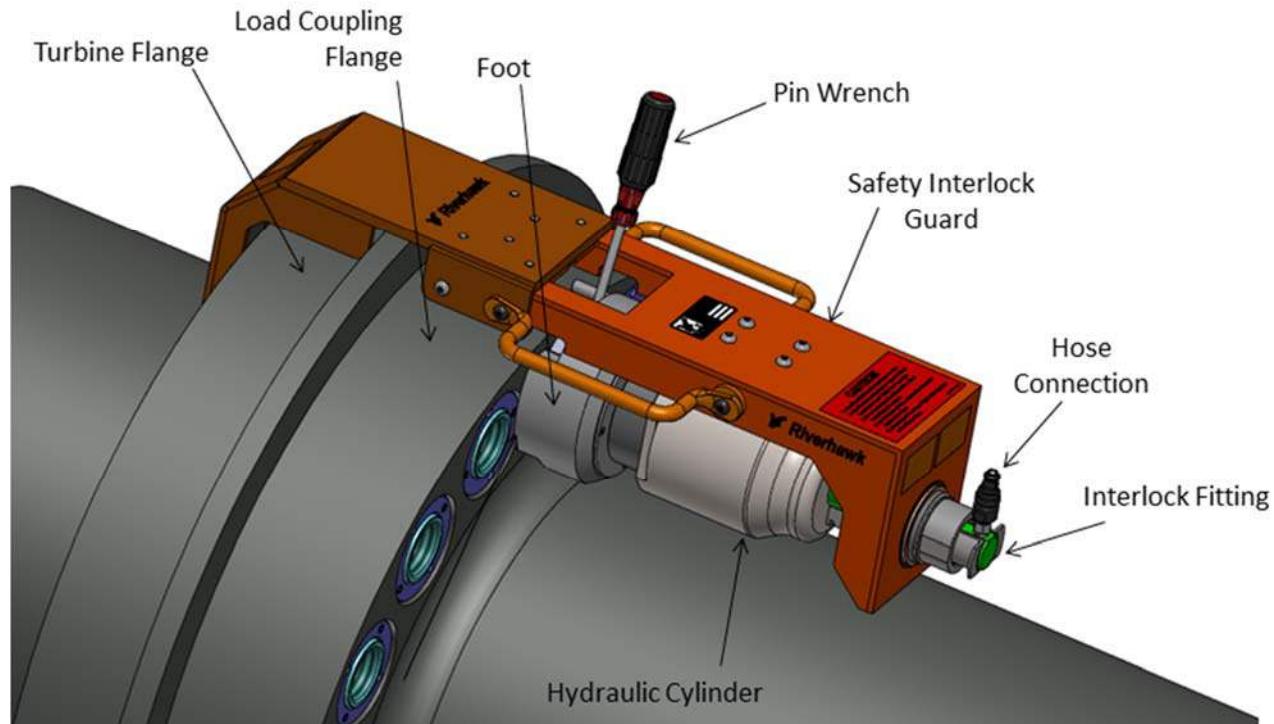
### 8.1 Handling of the Tensioner

The tensioner used in this application is designed to require no special lifting instructions. Do not drop any part of the tensioner on the operator or other nearby personnel.

### 8.2 Kit Assembly

Connect the hydraulic hose from the hydraulic pump to the tensioner.

Refer to the hardware assembly drawing (HF-xxxx) listed in Section 2.0 of this manual and the tensioner assembly drawing (HT-xxxx) listed in Section 4.5 of this manual to determine how the tensioner must be assembled on the load coupling for its correct operation.



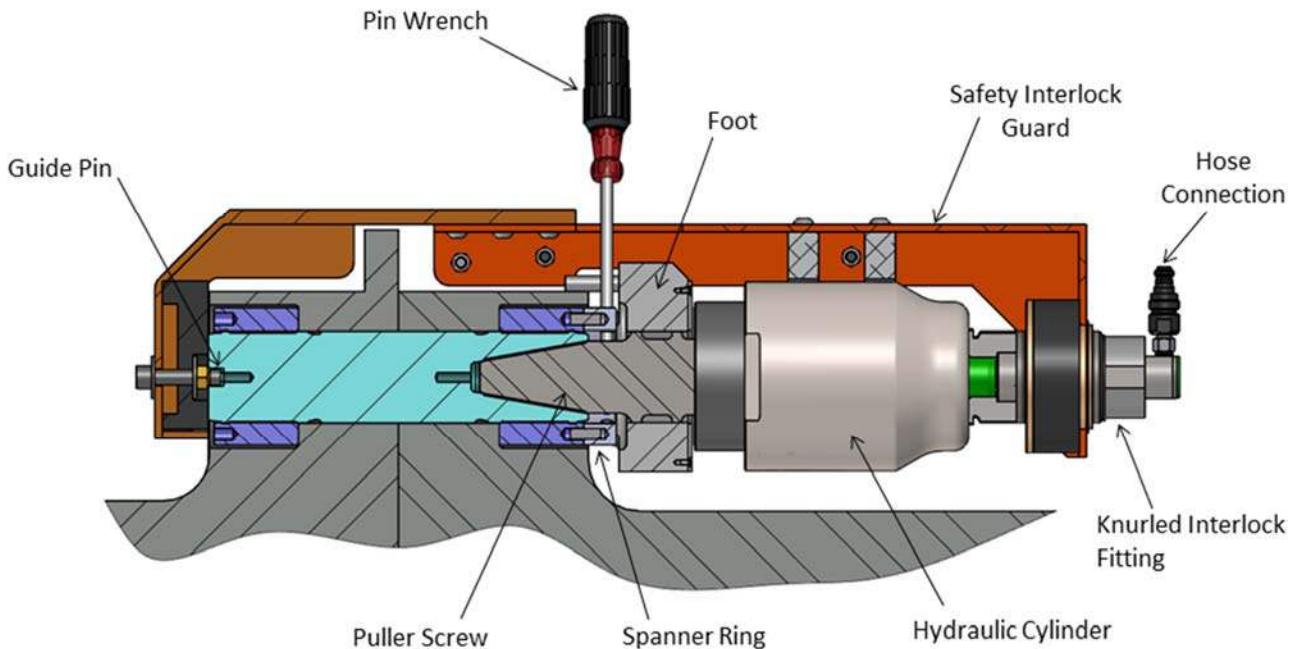
**Picture 8A – Features of the Hydraulic Tensioner HT-6672**

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**Figure 8B – Cutaway view of Hydraulic Tensioner HT-6672**

**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.**

Assembly sequence is as follows:

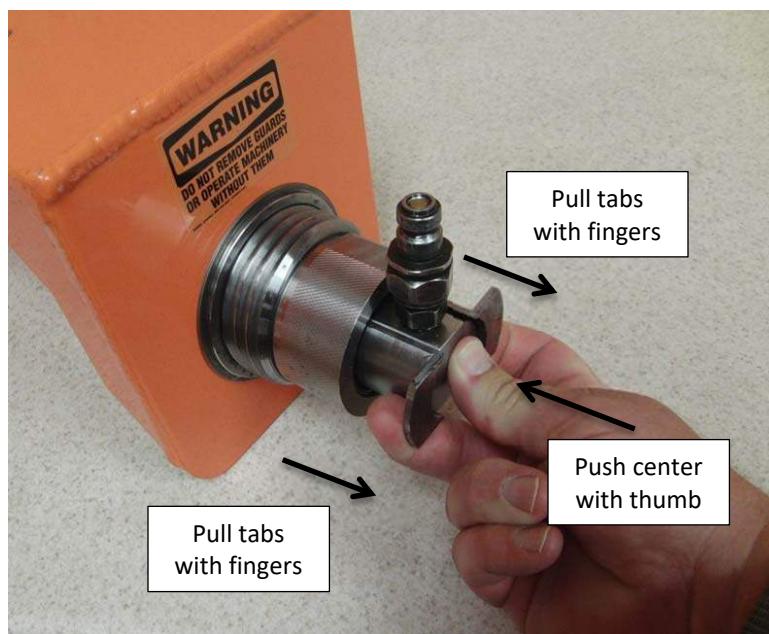
1. Open the hydraulic return valve on the pump to allow hydraulic fluid to be pushed back from the puller tool into the pump reservoir. (This is automatic on the air-operated hydraulic pump)
2. Place the spanner ring on the nut.
3. Insert the puller screw into the tapered thread of the stud and hand tighten. **Be sure not to cross-thread the puller screw.** Some cases may require the use of the GT-6516 puller screw shim kit to ease removal of puller screw after tensioning. Follow instruction manual IM-336 (GE VENDOCS 373A4074) for use of puller screw shim kit.
4. Using an Allen wrench, tighten the puller screw and then back off the puller screw 1/2 a turn.
5. Retighten the puller screw by hand until it is fully inserted. **DO NOT BACK OFF THE PULLER SCREW.**

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6. Place the foot over the puller screw and orientate it into position.
7. Thread the tensioner onto the puller screw until it stops. Please note that the internal stop inside the tensioner will cause a gap in between the foot and tensioner. The gap should be  $1/16"$  [1.6mm] to  $3/16"$  [4.8mm]. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TIGHTEN THE TENSIONER AGAINST THE FOOT.**
8. Place the guard over the tensioner and position the guide pin into the hole in the backside of the stud.
9. Tighten the knurled interlock fitting by hand until it firmly presses against the tensioner. There should be no gap between the tensioner and the interlock fitting.
10. Activate the custom connector from the rear of guard by pushing on the center with your thumb and pulling the tabs with your fore finger and middle finger. Push the assembly forward until it locks into the tensioner. Release fingers from the tabs and then remove thumb, ensure connection is firmly engaged or else the tensioner will not be connected to the pump.



**Picture 8E - Activation of the safety interlock**

11. Connect the hydraulic pump to the tensioner. The tensioner should now be completely assembled and ready for use.

### 8.3 Bleeding Hydraulic System

Bleeding of the hydraulic system is not necessary with this tensioner design.

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## 9.0 Stud 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 record sheets found at the end of this manual.

### 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.

#### **WARNING**

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

#### **CAUTION**

**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. This procedure will ease assembly and assure positive mating of the threads before tightening. Do not use "Never Seize" on the conical threads.**

#### **CAUTION**

**Do not exceed the maximum pressure marked on the tensioner. Excessive pressure can damage the stud and puller screw.**

#### **CAUTION**

**Do not tighten the nut while the tool is coming up to pressure; wait until pressure is achieved before attempting to tighten the nut with the spanner ring. If the tool is not properly installed, the tool could jump off the stud while coming up to pressure.**

<b><u>Flange Position</u></b>	<b><u>Stud Size</u></b>	<b><u>50% Pressure</u></b>	<b><u>50% Stretch</u></b>
Gas Turbine to Load Coupling	3" [76 mm]	13000 psi [900 bar]	Do not measure Do not use
Load Coupling to Generator	3" [76 mm]	13000 psi [900 bar]	Do not measure Do not use

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Firmly tighten the cylindrical nuts with approximately 20 ft-lbs [27 N·m] of torque using the pin wrench and spanner ring.

## 9.2 Removing the Tensioner from an Installed Stud

The tensioner removal is accomplished by the following steps:

1. Release the hydraulic pressure by either releasing the hand switch on the AP-6048 Pump Kit or by opening the valve on the Manual Pump Kit and leave the valve open.
2. Unscrew the knurled interlock fitting at the end of the guard and remove the guard from the tensioner.
3. Unscrew the tensioner from puller screw.
4. Remove the foot from the puller screw.
5. Unscrew the puller screw using an Allen wrench. Tapping the Allen wrench with a hammer or the use of a 3-4' breaker bar may be necessary to loosen the puller screw. Do not use an impact wrench as this can damage the puller screw. (see note below)
6. Remove the spanner ring from the nut.
7. Move the tool to the next bolt hole following the tensioning pattern from the stretched record sheets at the end of this manual.

**Note:** If unable to remove puller screw from tensioned stud, reassemble tensioner onto stud and remove tension from stud returning it to its original unloaded state. Follow instruction manual IM-336 (GE VENDOCS 373A4074) for procedure to tension studs using GT-6516 puller screw installation shims. The latest revision may be obtained by contacting Riverhawk Company or thru [www.riverhawk.com](http://www.riverhawk.com).

## 9.3 Tensioning at Final Pressure

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

### WARNING

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

### CAUTION

**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. This procedure will ease assembly and assure positive mating of the threads before tightening. Do not use "Never Seize" on the conical threads.**

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**CAUTION**

**Do not exceed the maximum pressure marked on the tensioner. Excessive pressure can damage the stud and puller screw.**

**CAUTION**

**Do not tighten the nut while the tool is coming up to pressure; wait until pressure is achieved before attempting to tighten the nut with the spanner ring. If the tool is not properly installed, the tool could jump off the stud while coming up to pressure.**

<b><u>Flange Position</u></b>	<b><u>Stud Size</u></b>	<b><u>Final Pressure</u></b>	<b><u>Final Stretch</u></b>
Gas Turbine to Load Coupling	3" [76 mm]	25,000 psi [1725 bar]	0.020" - 0.023" [0.51 mm - 0.58 mm]
Load Coupling to Generator	3" [76 mm]	25,000 psi [1725 bar]	0.020" - 0.023" [0.51 mm - 0.58 mm]

Firmly tighten the cylindrical nuts with approximately 20 ft-lbs [27 N·m] of torque using the pin wrench and spanner ring.

Failure to achieve the correct final stretch values will result in an incorrectly tensioned stud.

Incorrect stretch values can be corrected by uninstalling some or all of the selected studs. Re-measure the initial length of the studs and repeat the installation instructions studs. Excessive stretch variations can also be corrected by the same method.

Have final stretch values approved by the supervisor responsible for the installation.

## **10.0 Nut Thread Locking and Windage Plug Installation**



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## 10.1 Nut Thread Locking



**Picture 10A - Riverhawk Locknut**

Mechanical lock nuts have two set screws located in the top face. 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 thereby creating the desired locking action.

<u>Stud Size</u>	<u>Set Screw Size</u>	<u>Torque</u>
3" [76 mm]	3/8"-24 UN	200 in·lbs - 250 in·lbs [22.6 N·m – 28.2 N·m]

## 10.2 Windage Plug Installation

Refer to the hardware assembly drawing (HF-xxxx) listed in Section 2.0 of this manual to determine if windage plugs are required for the installation.



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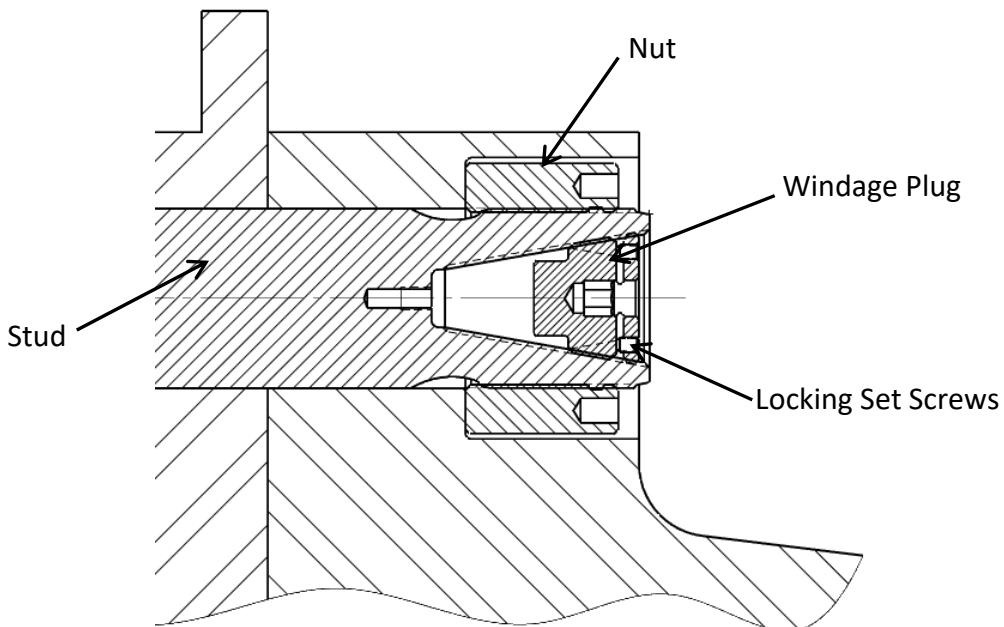


Figure 2 – Windage Plug Installation

## Tools Required:

Torque Wrench.  
 1/2" Allen Driver for Windage plug.  
 1/8" or 5/32" Allen Driver for set screws.

1. Be sure internal threads in stud are clean and free from oil.
2. Insert Windage Plug Fully, Tighten to 200-250 in-lbs (22.6-28.2 Nm) Torque
3. Tighten Set Screws.

Windage Plug Part Number	Set Screw Torque
7001867	80-90 in-lbs [9.0-10.1 N-m].
7003513	145-155 in-lbs [16.4-17.5 N-m].

4. Caution Plug must rest a minimum of .12" (3 mm) below the face of the stud

Follow instruction manual IM-157 (GE VENDOCS 373A4023) for installation procedure for the conical threads windage/balance plugs on Riverhawk studs. The latest revision may be obtained by contacting Riverhawk Company or thru [www.riverhawk.com](http://www.riverhawk.com).

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## 11.0 Stud and Nut Removal

### 11.1 Handling of the Tensioner

Proper lifting techniques must be used when handling the heavier parts of the assembly. Do not drop any part of the tensioner on the operator or other nearby personnel.

### 11.2 Stud and Nut Removal

#### WARNING

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

#### CAUTION

**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. This procedure will ease assembly and assure positive mating of the threads before tightening. Do not use "Never Seize" on the conical threads.**

#### CAUTION

**Do not exceed the maximum pressure marked on the tensioner. Excessive pressure can damage the stud and puller screw.**

#### CAUTION

**Do not tighten the nut while the tool is coming up to pressure; wait until pressure is achieved before attempting to tighten the nut with the spanner ring. If the tool is not properly installed, the tool could jump off the stud while coming up to pressure.**

Refer to the hardware assembly drawing (HF-xxxx) listed in Section 2.0 of this manual and the tensioner assembly drawing (HT-xxxx) listed in Section 4.5 of this manual to determine how the tensioner must be assembled on the load coupling for its correct operation.

Section 8.0 contains diagrams of the tensioner equipment.

Disassembly sequence is as follows:

1. If present, remove the windage plugs from the studs by reversing the installation instructions from section 10.2. It may be necessary to use two Allen wrenches: one to stop the windage plug from rotating, one to remove the set screws. Do not misplace the set screws.

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- Using a wire brush (GT-4253) and shop air, clean the internal tapered thread of the stud to remove any debris/deposits which may have accumulated during service. Do not continue until ALL debris is removed from the threads. Follow instruction manual IM-220 (GE VENDOCS 373A4025) for cleaning procedure of the conical threads on Riverhawk studs. The latest revision may be obtained by contacting Riverhawk Company or thru [www.riverhawk.com](http://www.riverhawk.com).

**WARNING**

**Do not use a hydraulic tensioner to remove a stud with damaged conical threads.**

- With an Allen-wrench loosen the two locking set screws but do not remove from the nut.



**Picture 11A - Loosening of a nut's set screws**

- Place the spanner ring on the nut.
- Insert the puller screw into the tapered thread of the stud and hand tighten. **Be sure not to cross-thread the puller screw.** (do not use puller screw shim kit during disassembly)
- Using an Allen wrench, tighten the puller screw and then back off the puller screw 1/2 a turn.
- Retighten the puller screw by hand until it is fully inserted. **DO NOT BACK OFF THE PULLER SCREW.**
- Place the foot over the puller screw and orientate it into position
- Thread the tensioner onto the puller screw until it stops. Please note that the internal stop inside the tensioner will cause a gap in between the foot and tensioner. The gap should be 1/16" [1.6mm] to 3/16" [4.8mm]. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TIGHTEN THE TENSIONER AGAINST THE FOOT.**

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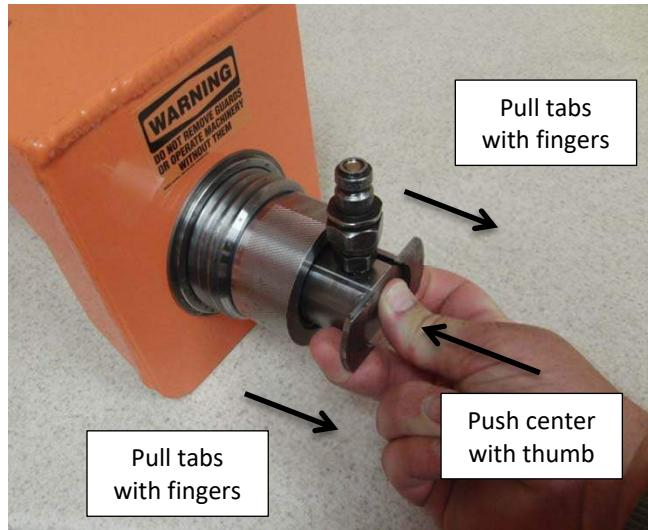
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10. Place the guard over the tensioner and position the guide pin into the hole in the backside of the stud.
11. Tighten the knurled interlock fitting by hand until it firmly presses against the tensioner. There should be no gap between the tensioner and the interlock fitting.
12. Activate the custom connector from the rear of guard by pushing on the center with your thumb and pulling the tabs with your fore finger and middle finger. Push the assembly forward until it locks into the tensioner. Release fingers from the tabs and then remove thumb, ensure connection is firmly engaged or else the tensioner will not be connected to the pump.



**Picture 11B** - Activation of the safety interlock

13. Connect the hydraulic hose from the hydraulic pump to the interlock fitting on the tensioner guard.
14. Open the hydraulic return valve on the pump to allow hydraulic fluid to be pushed back from the puller tool into the pump reservoir. (This is automatic on the air-operated hydraulic pump)
15. Apply the appropriate hydraulic pressure per this table.

<u>Flange Position</u>	<u>Stud Size</u>	<u>Final Pressure</u>
Gas Turbine to Load Coupling	3" [76 mm]	25000 psi [1725 bar]



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Load Coupling to  
Generator3"  
[76 mm]25000 psi  
[1725 bar]

16. Turn the spanner ring with the pin wrench. Loosen and turn the nut approximately 3/4 of a turn.
17. Release the hydraulic pressure.

### 11.3.1 Removing the Tensioner from a Stud

The tensioner removal is accomplished by the following steps:

1. Release the hydraulic pressure by either releasing the hand switch on the AP-6048 Pump Kit or by opening the valve on the Manual Pump Kit and leave the valve open.
2. Unscrew the knurled interlock fitting at the end of the guard and remove the guard from the tensioner.
3. Unscrew the tensioner from puller screw.
4. Remove the foot the puller screw.
5. Unscrew the puller screw using an Allen wrench. Tapping the Allen wrench with a hammer or the use of a 3-4' breaker bar may be necessary to loosen the puller screw. Do not use an impact wrench as this can damage the puller screw.
6. Remove the spanner ring from the nut.
7. Move the tool to the next bolt hole following the tensioning pattern from the stretched record sheets at the end of this manual.

## 12.0 Storage Instructions

Follow these directions to properly store your hydraulic tensioner and hydraulic pump kit for long term storage and shipment.

If any damage is observed, contact the Riverhawk Company to schedule a maintenance inspection.

### 12.1 Hydraulic Pump Kit Storage

Refer to the Hydraulic Pump Kit Instruction Manual, IM-293 (GE VENDOC 373A4058). The latest revision may be obtained by contacting Riverhawk Company or thru [www.riverhawk.com](http://www.riverhawk.com).

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## 12.2 Hydraulic Tensioner Storage

Check the tensioner for any damage

1. Clean puller screw and check for any debris and dents.
2. Knurled interlock fitting should be clean and free to rotate.
3. Inspect the tensioner guard for any signs of damage. Bent guards must be replaced.

If any damage is observed, contact the Riverhawk Company to schedule a maintenance inspection.

Place the protective plastic cap on the guard's knurled interlock fitting.

Coat the hydraulic tensioner with a light coat of oil and place the tensioner into the original shipping container.

## 12.3 Store shipping container

Secure the hydraulic pump and hydraulic tensioner into the original shipping containers using the supplied wood braces.

Seal the original shipping container and store under shelter and protected from moisture, sand, and grit.

## 13.0 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:** Can I rent a hydraulic tensioner kit?

**A:** Yes, Riverhawk has rental tensioner kits available for most of our hydraulic tensioners.



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**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 and must be removed from the work area. 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. Leaving a damaged stud in place will lead to a safety hazard on future outages.

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.

If a stud must be left in place, paint the damaged stud with a generous amount of indelible, bright-colored paint. Notify the appropriate GE Safety and Service personnel. Note the location of the damaged stud in the services notes for the machine.

**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:** The tensioner is at its final pressure, but the nut cannot be loosened.

**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. Apply penetrating oil between the stud and the nut.

**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 5.2.2

**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 3/8" high pressure fitting is not assembled correctly as shown in section 7.2, 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 hydraulic fitting is shown in section 7.2. 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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**Q:** The puller screw cannot be removed from stud after tensioning.

**A:** If unable to remove puller screw from tensioned stud, reassemble tensioner onto stud and remove tension from stud returning it to its original unloaded state. Follow instruction manual IM-336 (GE VENDOCS 373A4074) for procedure to tension studs using GT-6516 puller screw installation shim kit. The latest revision may be obtained by contacting Riverhawk Company or thru [www.riverhawk.com](http://www.riverhawk.com).

#### 14.0 Revision History

Revision Letter	Effective Date	Description
E	Oct 21, 2025	Added 321T5305G0001 to title page and section 2.5
D	Dec 4, 2023	Revised air pressure required for AP-6048 pumps from 80psi [5.5 bar] to 90psi [6.2 bar] in section 3
C	Feb 1, 2023	Added Windage Plug Part Number chart to section 10.2
B	Apr 5, 2022	Updated EC Declaration of Conformity; Added UKCA Declaration of Conformity
A	Aug 4, 2016	Correct pressure table in section 9.3 for LC/GEN 25,000 psi was 22,500 psi
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## Appendix A1

### EC Declaration of Conformity

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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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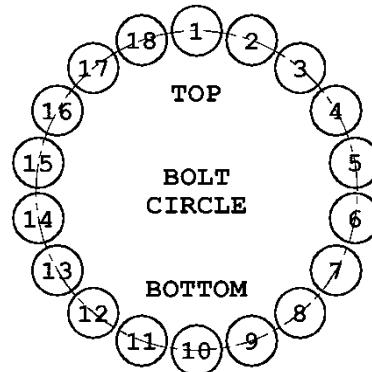
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THE GAS TURBINE TO LOAD COUPLING**

TURBINE NUMBER:

DATE:

TECHNICIAN:

SUPERVISOR:



HOLE NUMBER	STARTING LENGTH	FINAL LENGTH	FINAL STRETCH
1			
10			
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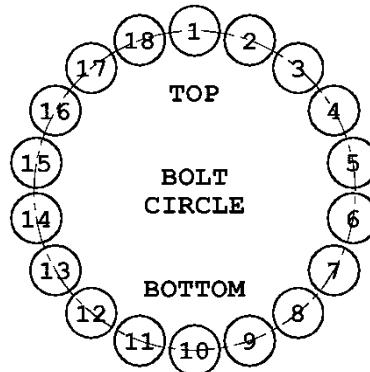
**Appendix B2****STRETCH RECORD SHEET FOR  
THE LOAD COUPLING TO GENERATOR**

TURBINE NUMBER:

DATE:

TECHNICIAN:

SUPERVISOR:



HOLE NUMBER	STARTING LENGTH	FINAL LENGTH	FINAL STRETCH
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