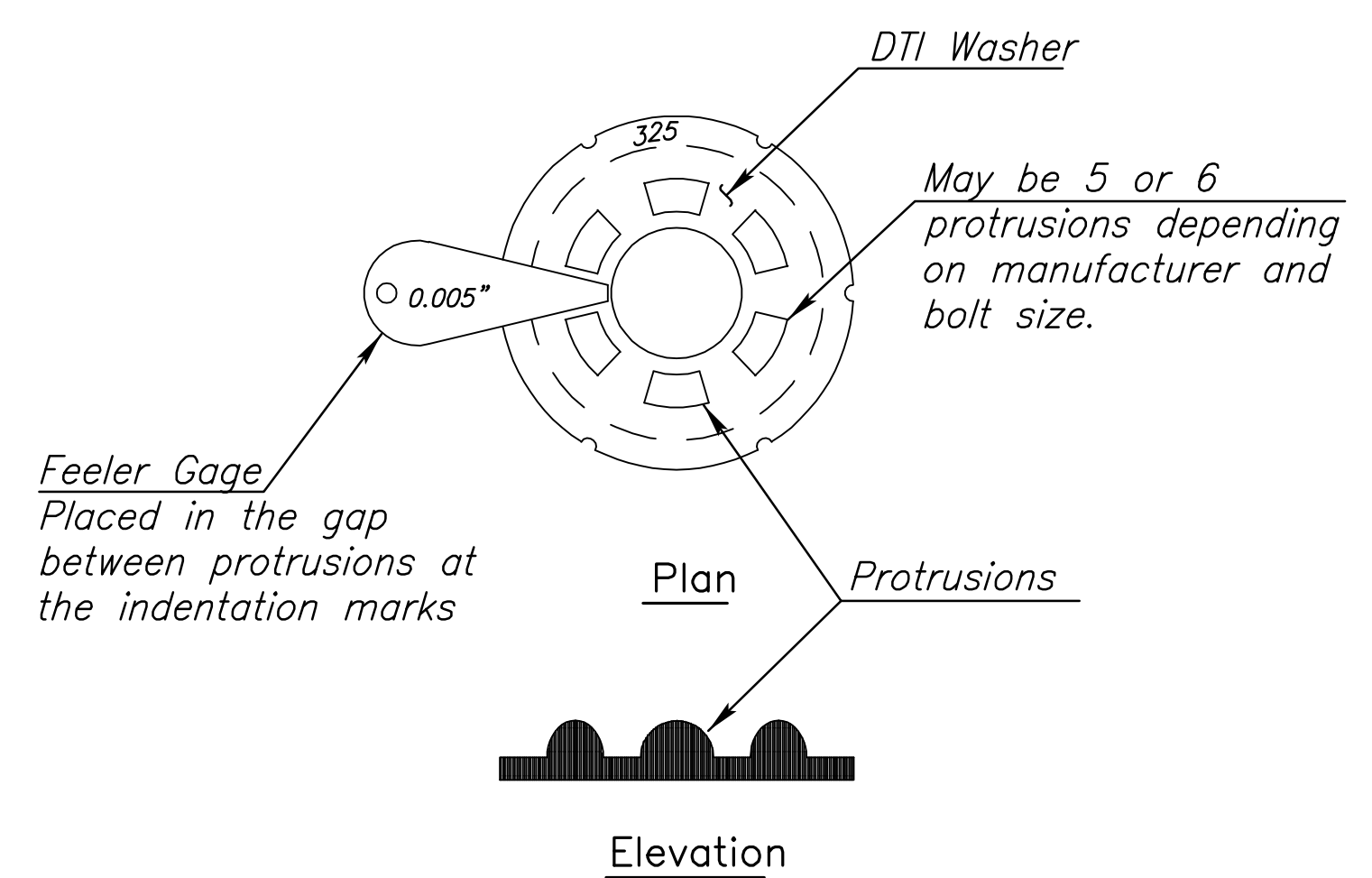
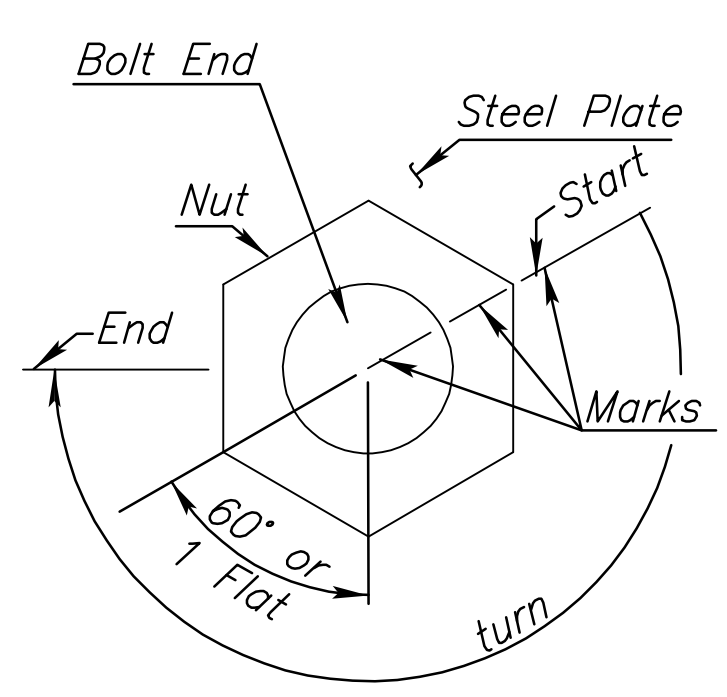


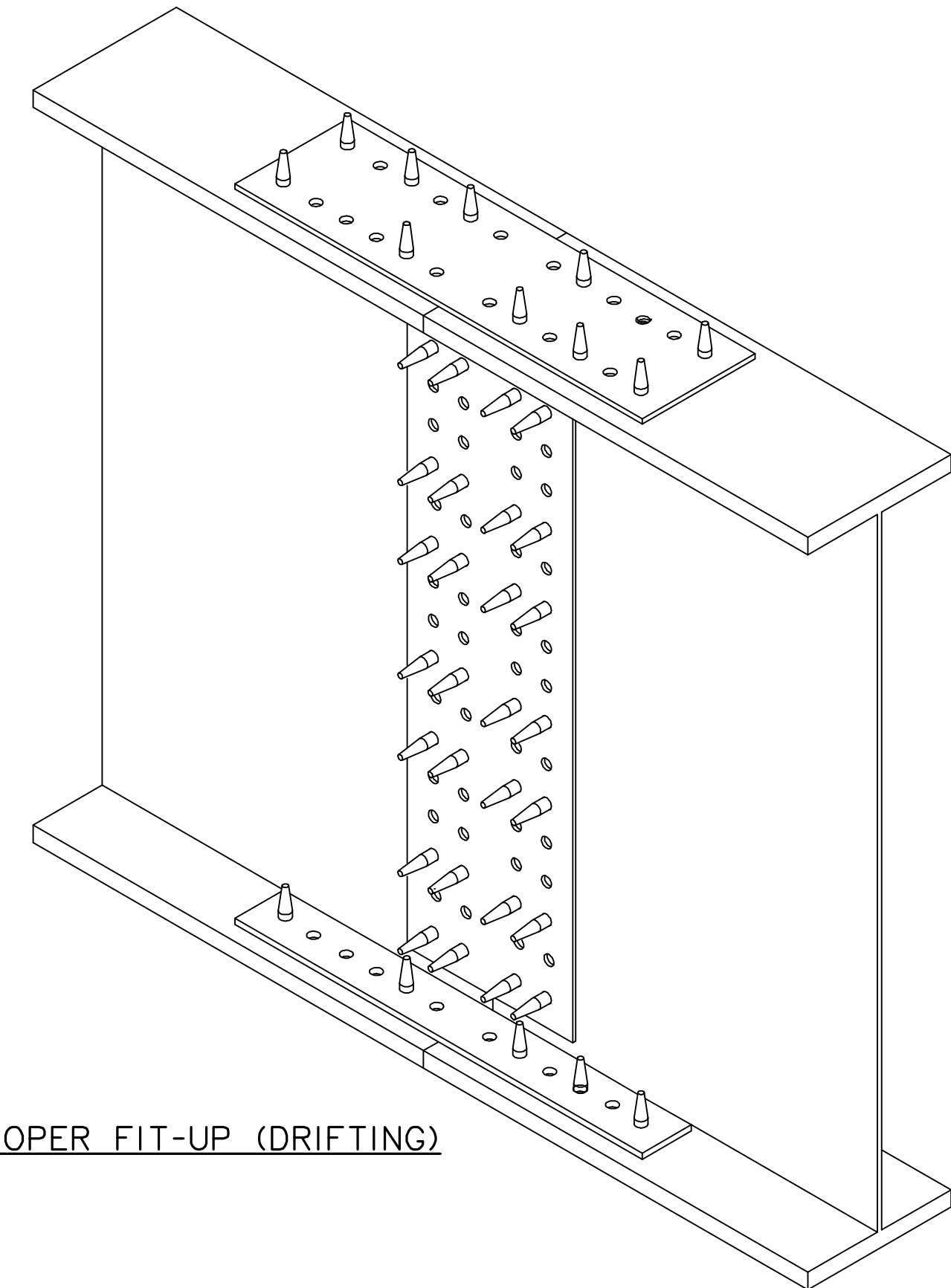
TYPICAL BOLT AND DIRECT TENSION INDICATOR (DTI)



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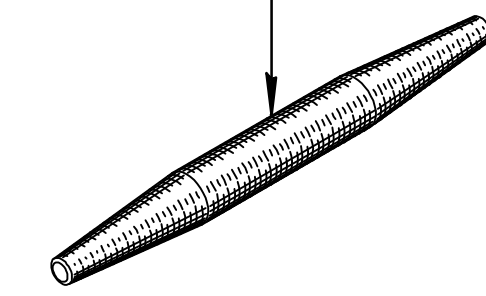


REQUIRED MARKING DETAIL  
(shows calibrated turn = 3 1/2 flats from snug tight condition). Example only, calibrated turn may be more or less than shown.

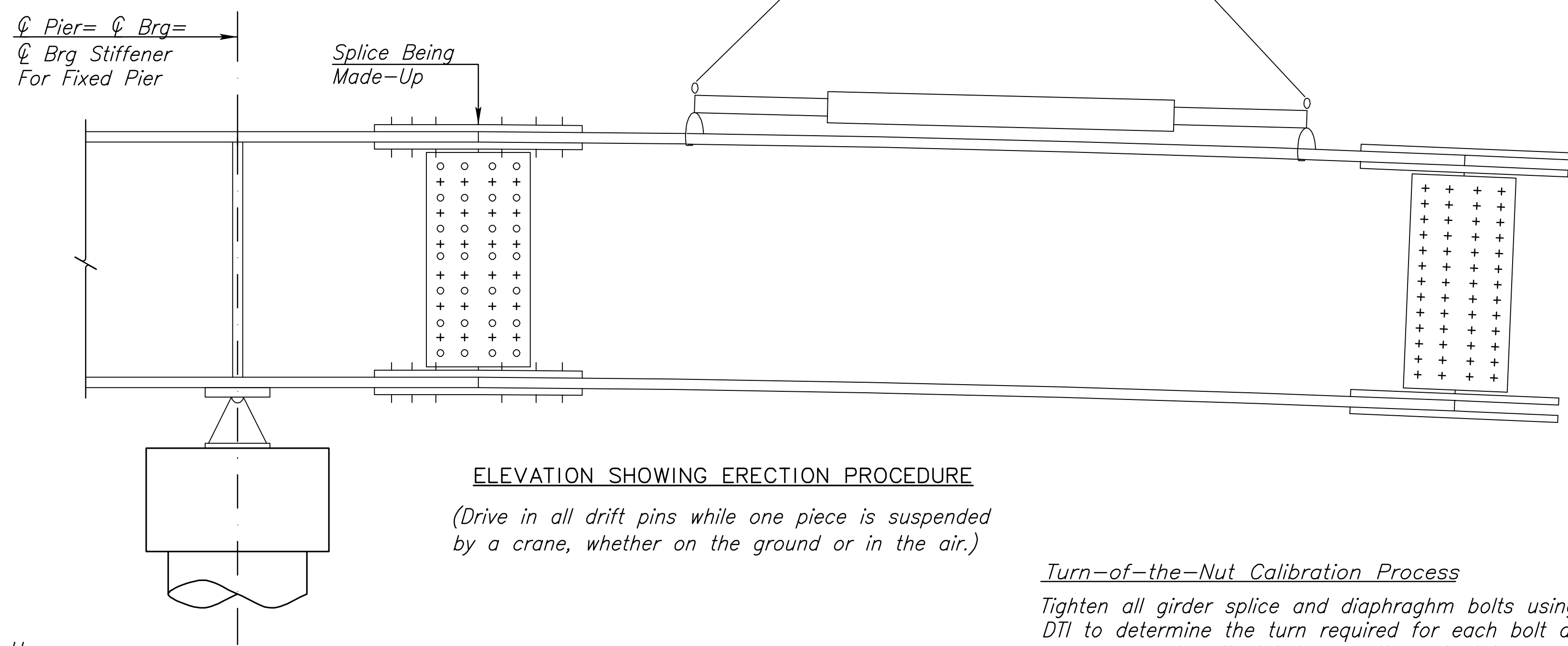


PROPER FIT-UP (DRIFTING)

Drift Pin Diameter = Hole Diameter  
Hole  $\phi$  = 15/16"



DRIFT PIN



ELEVATION SHOWING ERECTION PROCEDURE  
(Drive in all drift pins while one piece is suspended by a crane, whether on the ground or in the air.)

Fit Up

During the fit up, install drift pins in all corner bolt holes, plus 25 percent of the bolt holes (as a min.), evenly distributed throughout the splice. Fill at least 25 percent of the bolt holes with high strength bolts. Fully tighten these bolts by the calibrated turn-of-the-nut method before removing any drift pins or moving the members. These bolts may be either erection bolts or production bolts. Erection bolts are used during fit up, to compress the plies of the splice to achieve a snug condition. Erection bolts are the property of the Contractor and do not remain in the bridge permanently. Erection bolts must be A325, and can be reused. Erection bolts are required when the abutting plates are of different thickness and no fill plate is provided. This situation usually results in a slight bending of the splice plates. If erection bolts are not used, the DTI's may fully compress before the plates are in firm contact. This would be cause for rejecting the splice. Clearly mark the erection bolts so that they are not left in the splice.

Erection

Two independent crews will survey the bearing seat elevations. The Engineer will verify that the results of those surveys show that the bearing seat elevations are within  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch of the plan elevations before erection begins. Use the blocking diagram, as shown on the shop drawings, when erecting the beams/girders on the ground. Do not lift the assembled pieces into position until at least 25 percent of the holes are filled with fully tightened bolts. Locate the centerline of the bearing stiffener with the centerline of bearing device. Secure the beams/girders to the top of the pier cap prior to placement of the bearing device anchor bolts.

Turn-of-the-Nut Calibration Process

Tighten all girder splice and diaphragm bolts using the calibrated turn-of-the-nut method. Use the DTI to determine the turn required for each bolt diameter & length. Perform the calibration process as described below on the actual beam splice or using 3 plies of steel plate with the same thickness as the actual splice.

- Bring at least 25 percent of the bolts in the splice to a "snug-tight-condition". "Snug tight condition" is defined as (with all plies in firm contact) "the full effort of a man on a spud wrench". Usually a smaller impact gun (1/2" drive) is used to snug the splice and a larger impact gun (1" drive) is used for final tightening. This is preferred over the use of a spud wrench. Production bolting and calibration must use the same tools and lubricating procedures. If an impact wrench is used to "iron the plates" and snug the bolts for calibration, then an impact wrench must be used during the snugging process during production bolting.
- See "Required Marking Detail" (choose a bolt at the center of the splice and recheck snug on adjacent bolts)
  - Mark the outside of the socket at one of the corners.
  - Mark the bolt, plate, and nut at a corner with a start line.
  - Align the mark on the socket with the start mark on the bolt end.
  - While holding a backup wrench on the head of the bolt, turn the nut 1/2 turn (3 flats).
  - Record the number of refusals.
  - If all of the gaps refuse, go to another bolt and turn the nut 2 flats (1/3 turn).
  - If there are fewer than 3 refusals turn the nut an additional 1/4 of a flat (15 degrees).
  - Repeat step g, turning the nut 1/3 of a flat or less each time, until all of the gaps refuse the feeler gage. Record the amount required to cause all of the gaps to refuse the feeler gage. This is the target rotation.
- Repeat this process for each bolt diameter and length.

Production Bolt Tightening

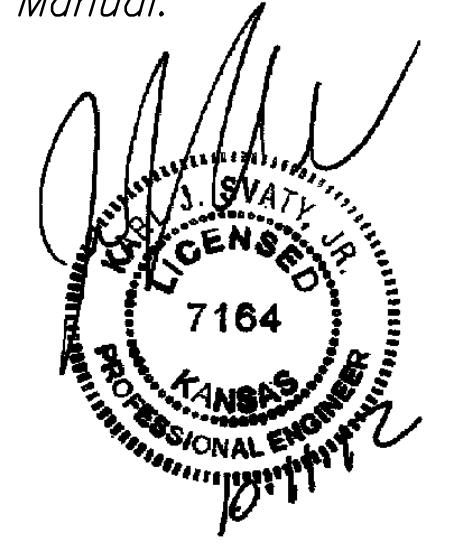
- Install bolts and tighten to "snug tight" in a pattern, starting at the center of the splice and working toward the edge. On large girders this may have to be done twice, as the center bolts will become loose as plates are "ironed out". This step is important because typically, any variation in results during production bolting is the result of a change in the materials, lubricant or equipment used to take the bolts to a "snug tight" condition during the calibration process.
- Mark all of the bolts, nuts and the plate as shown in the marking detail. Mark the socket with a start and stop point. The stop point corresponds to the target rotation determined earlier.
- Align the start mark on the socket with the line on the plate. While the bolt is being backed up, turn the nut until the stop mark on the socket lines up with the start mark on the plate.
- Repeat with all bolts of the same length in the splice.

Acceptance and Rejection of Bolts

- The Engineer will check all bolts with a feeler gage.
- All nuts must be turned at least the target rotation beyond "snug tight".
- All DTI's must have at least 3 refusals of the 0.005" gage.
- If all gaps refuse the 0.005" gage, and the nut, plate and bolt are not marked, reject the bolt.
- If all gaps refuse the 0.005" gage, and the turned element has not been rotated more than 45° beyond the calibrated turn, accept the bolt.
- If all gaps refuse the 0.005" gage, and the turned element has been rotated more than 45° beyond the calibrated turn, reject the bolt.

For additional information see the structural steel section of the Bridge Construction Manual.

Suggested Impact wrench models:  
CP 611  
IR 2940  
Cleco WS2110  
ATP 1011/1040  
Norbar PT1500



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