# BOLT LOAD METER 

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# THIS OPERATORS HANDBOOK COVERS THE FOLLOWING MODEL NUMBERS 

| MODEL NO. | DESCRIPTION |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | 22001 | MODEL 00 |
| 22002 | MODEL 0 | $5-11 \mathrm{~mm}$ Bolt Capacity Capacity |
| 22003 | MODEL 1 | $6-16 \mathrm{~mm}$ Bolt Capacity |
| 22004 | MODEL 2 | $13-32 \mathrm{~mm}$ Bolt Capacity |
| 22005 | MODEL 3 | $16-32 \mathrm{~mm}$ Bolt Capactiy |

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

PART NO.
22270
22271
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22280
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Note: Bolt Bushing Sets are designated BLM 1 are suitable for use in Bolt Load Meters, 00, 0 and 1.
Sets designated BLM 2 are suitable for models 2 and 3.
DESCRIPTION
6 mm Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
7 mm 1/4" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
8mm 5/16" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
3/8" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
9mm Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
10 mm Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
7/16" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
12mm 1/2" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
14mm 9/16" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
16mm 5/8" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 1
12mm 1/2" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
14mm 9/16" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
16mm 5/8" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
18mm Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
20mm 3/4" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
22mm 7/8" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
24mm Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
1" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
27mm Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
1 1/8" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
30mm Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2
33mm 1 1/4" Bolt Bushing Set BLM 2

22154
22155
22157
22158
22160
22139
22140
22141
22142
26602

Test Bolt Set 5/8" Model 1
Test Bolt Set 7/8" Model 1
Test Bolt Set 1 1/4" Model 2
Test Bolt Set 1 3/8" Model 2
Bolt Load Meter Clamp
5/8" Test Bolt only
7/8" Test Bolt only
1 1/4" Test Bolt only
1 3/8" Test Bolt only
Blue Tool Box AB19

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These robust instruments incorporate a self contained hydraulic load cell which measures directly in lbf, KN and Kg the tension in any bolt tightened in them. When the bolt is tightened there is a transfer of pressure through the hydraulic fluid which indicates on the 4" diameter pressure gauge. Moving parts in the gauge are protected from shock loads by being immersed in a mixture of glycerine and water and the gauge is rubber mounted.

## IMPACT WRENCH OUTPUT TESTING

ITEMS REQUIRED: Bolt Load Meter and Test Bolt Set
Over a period of time, impact wrenches lose their performance and have to be serviced. The problem is to know when they should be taken out of use for repair, and what standard of performance repaired tools should achieve.

The answer lies in the use of a Bolt Load Meter and Test Bolt Sets. If a new impact wrench, or one that is performing satisfactorily is used to tighten a Test Bolt in the Load Meter, a reading will be shown on the instrument dial. This reading is given in units of Bolt Tension, not torque and is a comparative figure. This test should be repeated several times and an average standard of perfomance will be established for that size or type of tool. If a permanent record of this value for each tool is kept, the performance of each wrench can be monitored by periodical checks.

To convert the gauge reading from bolt tension into a torque, an accurate dial indicating torque wrench is required.

By tightening the test bolt to the bolt tension figure achieved using the torque wrench and noting the reading, will give this value.

The torque value will only be correct for these particular bolt conditions and if the impact wrench is used on a softer or harder joint or the bolt is tightened into a less rigid structure, the torque output will be of a different value.


FIG 1

## METHOD OF OPERATION

1. Select the correct Bolt Load Meter and Test Bolt Set using the table below.
2. Assemble selected Test Bolt in the Bolt Load Meter ensuring that threads and underside of bolt head are will lubricated with Rocol Kilopoise 0868G provided.
3. Connect air supply to impact wrench.
4. Tighten test bolt with impact wrench using correct size of impact socket.
5. Note Gauge reading.
6. Loosen test bolt and re-tighten three times noting reading each time to obtain an average value.


FIG 2

| Model | Bolt Capacity |  |  |  | Maximum Load |  |  |  | Average min. <br> grip length |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Approximate torque range with <br> test bolt |  | Test Bolt <br> Hex A/F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | mm | in | kN | lbf. | kgf. | mm | in | Bolt size | N.m | lbf.ft | in |
| 00 | $3-6$ | $1 / 8-1 / 4$ | 22 | 5000 | 2250 | 16 | $5 / 8$ | $5 / 8$ | $7-70$ | $5-50$ | $5 / 8$ |
| 0 | $5-11$ | $3 / 16-7 / 16$ | 66 | 15000 | 7000 | 17 | $11 / 16$ | $7 / 8$ | $15-200$ | $10-150$ | $7 / 8$ |
| 1 | $6-16$ | $1 / 4-5 / 8$ | 130 | 30000 | 14000 | 32 | $11 / 4$ | $7 / 8$ | $25-400$ | $20-300$ | $7 / 8$ |
| 2 | $13-32$ | $1 / 2-1$ | $1 / 4$ | 350 | 80000 | 36000 | 40 | $19 / 16$ | $11 / 4$ | $70-1400$ | $50-1000$ |
| 3 | $16-32$ | $5 / 8-1$ | $1 / 4$ | 500 | 110000 | 50000 | 41 | $15 / 8$ | $13 / 8$ | $135-2000$ | $100-1500$ |
| 2 | $1 / 4$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## IMPACT WRENCH CALIBRATION WITH SAMPLE BOLTS

ITEMS REQUIRED: Bolt Load Meter and Bolt Bushing Set.

1. When it is necessary to set impact wrenches to tighten friction grip bolts in steel structures, or for any other application where they must be adjusted to give a known bolt tension, proceed as follows:-
2. Fix Bolt Load Meter onto a convenient beam or stanchion using the clamp (20) or bolt directly using 1/2" socket screws (19) provided.
3. Bolt on correct size of front pressure plate (4).
4. Insert bolt head immobiliser (5) into the back of the piston (14) ensuring that it locates on the dowel (6). Fit retaining circlip (15) into place. Ensure retaining circlip (15) is fitted correctly.
5. Load sample bolt from the back of the meter so that the hexagon head is located across its flats in the immobiliser and the bolt projects through the front pressure plate. Place washer and nut on the bolt spacers if required.
6. Tighten nut with impact wrench and note gauge reading.
7. Adjust torque control mechanism or air pressure by trial and error until the wrench cuts out when the required bolt tension is indicated on the gauge. It is advisable to calibrate so that the wrench is giving approximately $10 \%$ more than the stated minimum bolt tension to allow for air pressure fluctuations.
8. It is important that the wrench is tested using the same length of hose from the air supply as the wrench will have on the job.
9. Wrenches should be calibrated daily, or whenever a change is made to a different bolt size.
10. A new bolt should be used for each calibration check.
(Item No.s relate to parts lists on following pages).

## DETERMINING TORQUE/TENSION FIGURES

When torque/tension information on a nut and bolt assembly is required, assemble the sample fastener using the correct size of bolt bushing set in an appropriate Bolt Load Meter.

It is important to simulate the application as closely as possible by including any washers or gaskets that will be used on the joint.

Tighten the fastener using an accurate dial type torque wrench until the required bolt tension is reached and note the torque required.

Repeat the test several times using new components each time to establish average torque/tension values.

To carry out accurate torque/tenwion tests on stud bolts, it is advisable to replace the bolt head immobiliser (5) with a tapped block of the same material being used on the assembly, ie. cast iron, aluminium, etc.

If the correct tension is not known, the nut can be tightened until the bolt is seen to yield; $85 \%-90 \%$ of this yield point is a good general purpose working load. The yield point is clearly discerbible when the pressure gauge needle stops climbing in proportion to the rotation of the nut.


FIG 3

## HOW THE BOLT LOAD METER WORKS



FIG 4

When any torque is applied to a bolt inserted in the Bolt Load Meter, it pulls the piston (14) against the pressure ring (13).

This in turn compresses the hydraulic sac (18) and forces fluid along the copper tube and into the rear of the pressure gauge (1).

This fluid movement causes a banana shaped pressure tube within the gauge to straighten and this imparts movement onto a small gear train which then moves the nnedle within the gauge and gives a reading of bolt tension.

The gauge itself is filled with a mixture of glycerine and water and set on rubber mountings to protect it from shock loads.

## PARTS LIST FOR SIZE NO. 1 BOLT LOAD METERS Model 00, Model 0, Model 1



FIG 5
BLM shown with 'Bolt Bushing Set' fitted.

|  |  | PART NO.S |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | MODEL 00 | MODEL 0 | MODEL 1 | QUANTITY |
| 1 | Pressure Gauge | 27611 | 27612 | 27613 | 1 |
| 2 | Handle | 22166 | 22166 | 22166 | 1 |
| 3 | Cover Plate | 22167 | 22167 | 22167 | 1 |
| 4 | Front Pressure Plate | 3 | See Norbar Price List |  |  |
| 5 | Bolt Head Immobiliser | $\}$ |  |  | 1 |
| 6 | Dowel Pins | 22169 | 22169 | 22169 | 1 |
| 7 | $1 / 4$ unc bolts $\times 5 / 8$ " | 25524.10 | 25524.10 | 25524.10 | 1 |
| 8 | Meter Casing | 22175 | 22175 | 22175 | 1 |
| 9 | Gauge Filling Screws | Supplied | With | Gauge | 2 |
| 10 | Rubber Mounts | 22178 | 22178 | 22178 | 2 |
| 11 | Serial No. Plate | 22164 | 22164 | 22164 | 1 |
| 12 | Case Liner | 22171 | 22171 | 22171 | 1 |
| 13 | Pressure Ring | 22188 | 22188 | 22188 | 1 |
| 14 | Piston | 22173 | 22173 | 22173 | 1 |
| 15 | Circlip | 26413 | 26413 | 26413 | 1 |
| 16 | Keep Plates | 22168 | 22168 | 22168 | 2 |
| 17 | 5/16 UNF Socket Screws | 25180.12 | 25180.12 | 25180.12 | 4 |
| 18 | Hydraulic Sac | 27652 | 27652 | 27652 | 1 |
| 19 | 1/2 UNC Socket Screw | 25245.16 | 25245.16 | 25246.16 | 2 |
| 20 | Clamp Bracket | 22160 | 22160 | 22160 | 1 |
| 21 | 'T' Bolts | 22161 | 22161 | 22161 | 2 |

## PARTS LIST FOR SIZE NO. 2 BOLT LOAD METER <br> Model 2, Model 3



FIG 6
BLM shown with 'Bolt Bushing Set' fitted.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | PART NO.S |  | QUANTITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MODEL 2 | MODEL 3 |  |
| 1 | Pressure Gauge | 27614 | 27615 | 1 |
| 2 | Handle | 22166 | 22166 | 1 |
| 3 | Cover Plate | 22167 | 22167 | 1 |
| 4 | Front Pressure Plate \} | See Norb | rice List | 1 |
| 5 | Bolt Head Immobiliser \} |  |  | 1 |
| 6 | Dowel Pins | 22169 | 22169 | 2 |
| 7 | 1/4 unc bolts $\times 5 / 8$ " | 25524.10 | 25524.10 | 4 |
| 8 | Meter Casing | 22176 | 22176 | 1 |
| 9 | Gauge Filling Screws | Supplied | gauge | 2 |
| 10 | Rubber Mounts | 22178 | 22178 | 2 |
| 11 | Serial No. Plate | 22164 | 22164 | 1 |
| 12 | Case Liner | 22172 | 22172 | 1 |
| 13 | Pressure Ring | 22189 | 22189 | 1 |
| 14 | Piston | 22174 | 22174 | 1 |
| 15 | Circlip | 26414 | 26414 | 1 |
| 16 | Keep Plates | 22168 | 22168 | 2 |
| 17 | 5/16 UNF Socket Screws | 25180.12 | 25180.12 | 4 |
| 18 | Hydraulic Sac | 27653 | 27653 | 1 |
| 19 | 1/2 UNC Socket Screw | 25245.16 | 25245.16 | 2 |
| 20 | * Clamp Bracket | 22160 | 22160 | 1 |
| 21 | * 'T' Bolts | 22161 | 22161 | 2 |

* Please note that although the clamp fits all models it is not recommended for the Model No. 3 because of the high torques involved.


## FAULT FINDING

## LIQUID LOSS FROM GAUGE FACE:

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1. Remove pressure gauge from housing by undoing the two M10 nuts (10).
2. Re-fill gauge with 3 to 1 mixture of glycerine and distilled water through filling holes sealed by two screws (9).
3. Tighten gauge bezel using a strap wrench.
4. Refit gauge to housing and replace screws (9).

It is not detrimental if a small air bubble remains in the gauge face, but a piece of wire pushed through the filling hole to gently push the plastic dial face forward will release most of the air.

## GAUGE NEEDLE REMAINS OFF ZERO WITHOUT PRESSURE ON LOAD CELL

This indicates a basic fault and the instrument should be returned to Norbar or your nearest distributor for servicing.

## VERY LOW PRESSURE BEING RECORDED

1. Bolt being tightened has run out of threads.
2. Bolt head immobiliser (5) has been incorrectly positioned and dowel pins (6) are being crushed between part (5) and the front pressure plate (4).
3. Hydraulic system has lost fluid; return to Norbar or your nearest distributor for servicing.
