HotBolt™



Self-aligning Tension Bolts



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The optimal solution for Gas Turbine Exhaust Systems and WHRU / HRSG

HotBolt™ is a bolt concept specially designed for use on steel structures exposed to elevated operating temperatures, heat cycles, and on steel structures exposed to temperature gradients.

The **HotBolt™**, being in Patent Pending, is a further development of traditional Tension Bolts available in the market.

The unique design of the HotBolt™ allows for bolting of structures out of parallelism, and bolting of structures being severe warped and deformed due to heat cycles and temperature gradients. Examples on such structures are Gas Turbine Exhaust Ducting, WHRU and HRSG units, Exhaust Diverter Valves, Incinerators, and Flare Tip Piping with Steel Structures.



Warped flanges cause improper installation of bolts.

Bolting of surfaces out of parallelism causes bending of the bolt, resulting in yield in washer faces and in threads.

If exposed to heat cycles and/or transverse vibrations, such bolt connections will, by experience self-loosen over time.

Loose bolt connections may result in hazardous situations such as falling objects, exhaust leakages, fire, equipment breakdown and other unwanted conditions.

Standard bolt connections exposed to transverse vibrations does self-loosen over time.

Transverse vibration is movements between bolted materials.

Low Cycle Transverse movements may be caused by temperature gradients in bolted materials.





HotBolt™ is available with optional heat radiation shield.

Bolts connections exposed to high and low frequency transverse vibrations, and bolt connections exposed to heat cycles, has proven to self-loosen over time.

The use of double nuts or certain locking nuts is not a safe thread locking method.

HotBolt™ is supplied as standard with nut type SPIRALOCK self-locking threads.

HotBolt™ failsafe locking arrangement is available as an option.

HotBolt™ properties prevents the bolt connection to self-loosen, due to LC transverse movements.

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Tensile Stress - Strain Diagram

Plastic Range

Elongation Until Failure

Yield Point

Proof Load

(Typically 85-95% of Yield)

Typical Clamp Load

(75% of Proof Load)

Strain (Strech & Elongation)

For structures like the gas turbine exhaust systems, the flange bolts will have a delayed thermal growth compared to the flange.

The temperature gradient will cause increased stress in the bolt.

Temperature gradients as low as 120 °C may cause the bolt stretching to yield and permanent bolt relaxation.

Due to the unique design features of **HotBolt™**, the bolt connection will maintain pre-tension during heat cycles and temperature gradients. **HotBolt™** is self-aligning, and will not take damage when used on warped/deformed steel structures. This is of high importance if separation of duct flanges for gasket replacement is needed, due to relaxed bolts and related gasket damage.

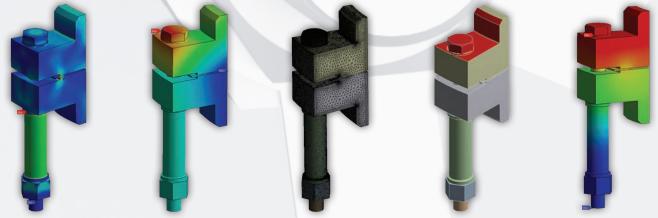


HotBolt™ is supplied for the Statoil Johan Sverdrup flare system.



HotBolt™ permanent thread locking

Included in the **HotBolt™** delivery is FEM-analyses and calculation of bolt pre-tensioning, securing that the bolt material will not yield when exposed to Thermal Strech.



Results from **HotBolt™** FEM-analyses complies with Eurocode 3 requirements. Analyses are based on real equipment heat cycles, like gas turbine start / stop cycle.

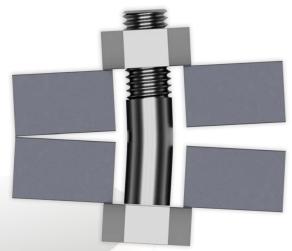


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The optimal tension bolts for flare steel structure and flare system piping

- Due to steel structure warping, bolts may be exposed to related additional loads.
- Equipment located close to a flare is exposed to heat radiation.
- Flare heat radiation results in thermal growth of flanges, and stretching of flange bolts.

Warped duct flanges may cause bending and self-loosening of traditional bolts



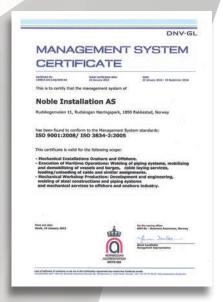
Non-parallel and deformed flanges cause traditional bolts to bend and self-loosen.



HotBolt™ is self-aligning, and does not self-loosen due to warped and deformed flanges.







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