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Fig. 1-1. *Major components of a piston-engine-powered light airplane.*
Although other construction methods are, or have been, used, such as wood, fabric, steel tube, composites, and plastics, the basic all-metal aluminum alloy structure predominates with steel and/or titanium in high-stress or high-temperature locations.

The airframe components are composed of various parts called structural members (i.e., stringers, longerons, ribs, formers, bulkheads, and skins. These components are joined by rivets, bolts, screws, and welding. Aircraft structural members are designed to carry a load or to resist stress. A single member of the structure could be subjected to a combination of stresses.
In designing an aircraft, every square inch of wing and fuselage, every rib, spar, and each metal fitting must be considered in relation to the physical characteristics of the metal of which it is made. Every part of the aircraft must be planned to carry the load to be imposed upon it. The determination of such loads is called stress analysis. Although planning the design is not the function of the aviation mechanic, it is, nevertheless important that he understand and appreciate the stresses involved in order to avoid changes in the original design through improper repairs or poor workmanship.

FUSELAGE STRUCTURE

The monocoque (single shell) fuselage relies largely on the strength of the skin or covering to carry the primary stresses. Most aircraft, however, use the semimonocoque design inasmuch as the monocoque type does not easily accommodate concentrated load points, such as landing gear fittings, powerplant attachment, wing fittings, etc.

The semimonocoque fuselage (Fig. 1-3) is constructed primarily of aluminum alloy, although steel and titanium are used in areas of high temperatures and/or high stress. Primary loads are taken by the longerons, which usually extend across several points of support. The longerons are supplemented by other longitudinal members, called stringers. Stringers are more numerous

Fig. 1-3. Typical fuselage structure.
and lighter in weight than longerons and usually act as stiffeners. The vertical structural members are referred to as bulkheads, frames, and formers. The heaviest of these vertical members are located at intervals to carry concentrated loads and at points where fittings are used to attach other units, such as the wings, powerplants, and stabilizers.

LOCATION NUMBERING SYSTEMS

Various numbering systems are used to facilitate the location of specific wing frames, fuselage bulkheads, or any other structural members on an aircraft. Most manufacturers use some system of station marking; for example, the nose of the aircraft may be designated zero station, and all other stations are located at measured distances in inches behind the zero station. Thus, when a blueprint reads "fuselage frame station 137," that particular frame station can be located 137 inches behind the nose of the aircraft. However, the zero station may not be the nose of the fuselage, as in Fig. 1-4.

![Fig. 1-4. Typical drawing showing fuselage stations. The nose of the airplane may not necessarily be station zero. Rivet flushness requirements could be specified for each zone.](image)

To locate structures to the right or left of the center line of an aircraft, many manufacturers consider the center line as a zero station for structural member location to its right or left.
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With such a system, the stabilizer frames can be designated as being so many inches right or left of the aircraft center line.

1. Fuselage stations (F.S.) are numbered in inches from a reference or zero point known as the reference datum. The reference datum is an imaginary vertical plane at or near the nose of the aircraft from which all horizontal distances are measured. The distance to a given point is measured in inches parallel to a center line extending through the aircraft from the nose through the center of the tail cone.

2. Buttock line or butt line (B.L.) is a width measurement left or right of, and parallel to, the vertical center line.

3. Water line (W.L.) is the measurement of height in inches perpendicular from a horizontal plane located a fixed number of inches below the bottom of the aircraft fuselage.

Chapter 10, Aircraft Drawings, provides additional information regarding aircraft drawings generally referred to as blueprints.

WING STRUCTURE

The wings of most aircraft are of cantilever design; that is, they are built so that no external bracing is needed. The skin is part of the wing structure and carries part of the wing stresses. Other aircraft wings use external bracings (struts) to assist in supporting the wing and carrying the aerodynamic and landing loads. Aluminum alloy is primarily used in wing construction. The internal structure is made up of spars and stringers running spanwise, and ribs and formers running chordwise (leading edge to trailing edge). See Fig. 1-5. The spars are the principal structural members of the wing. The skin is attached to the internal members and can carry part of the wing stresses. During flight, applied loads, which are imposed on the wing structure, are primarily on the skin. From the skin, they are transmitted to the ribs and from the ribs to the spars. The spars support all distributed loads, as well as concentrated weights, such as fuselage, landing gear, and, on multi-engine aircraft, the nacelles or pylons.
Various points on the wing are located by station number. Wing station 0 (zero) is located at the center line of the fuselage, and all wing stations are measured outboard from that point, in inches.

**EMPENNAGE OR TAIL ASSEMBLY**

The fixed and movable surfaces of the typical tail assembly (Fig. 1-6) are constructed similarly to the wing. Each structural member absorbs some of the stress and passes the remainder to other members and, eventually, to the fuselage.
SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Before commencing work on an aircraft, personal safety must become habit. Putting on safety glasses must be as much a part of the act of drilling a hole as picking up the drill motor.

The responsibility for this attitude lies with the mechanic, but this responsibility goes further. A mechanic's family needs him whole, with both eyes intact, both hands with all fingers intact, and above all, in good health.

Safety glasses or face shields must be worn during all of the following operations:

- Drilling
- Reaming
- Countersinking
- Driving rivets
- Bucking rivets
- Operating rivet squeezer
- Operating any power tool
- Near flying chips or around moving machinery

Ear plugs should be used as protection against the harsh noises of the rivet gun and general factory din. If higher noise levels than the rivet gun are experienced, a full-ear-coverage earmuff should be used because it is a highly sound-absorbent device.
For people with long hair, a snood-type cap that keeps the hair from entangling with turning drills should be worn. Shirt sleeves should be short and long sleeves should be rolled up at least to the elbow. Closed-toe, low-heel shoes should be worn. Open-toed shoes, sandals, ballet slippers, moccasins, and canvas-type shoes offer little or no protection for feet and should not be worn in the shop or factory. Safety shoes are recommended.

Compressed air should not be used to clean clothes or equipment.

**GENERAL-PURPOSE HAND TOOLS**

**Hammers**

Hammers include ball-peen and soft hammers (Fig. 2-1). The ball-peen hammer is used with a punch, with a chisel, or as a peening (bending, indenting, or cutting) tool. Where there is danger of scratching or marring the work, a soft hammer (for example, brass, plastic, or rubber) is used. Most accidents with hammers occur when the hammerhead loosens. The hammer handle must fit the head tightly. A sweaty palm or an oily or greasy handle might let the hammer slip. Oil or grease on the hammer face might cause the head to slip off the work and cause a painful bruise. Striking a hardened steel surface sharply with a ball-peen hammer is a safety hazard. Small pieces of sharp, hardened steel might break from the hammer and also break from the hardened steel. The result might be an eye injury or damage to the work or the hammer. An appropriate soft ham-

![Fig. 2-1. Ball-peen and soft-face hammers.](image-url)
mer should be used to strike hardened steel. If a soft hammer is not available, a piece of copper, brass, fiber, or wood material should be placed on the hardened steel and struck with the hammer, not the hardened steel.

Screwdrivers

The screwdriver is a tool for driving or removing screws. Frequently used screwdrivers include the common, crosspoint, and offset. Also in use are various screwdriver bits that are designed to fit screws with special heads. These special screwdrivers are covered in Chapter 6.

A common screwdriver must fill at least 75 percent of the screw slot (Fig. 2-2). If the screwdriver is the wrong size, it will cut and burr the screw slot, making it worthless. A screwdriver with a wrong size of blade might slip and damage adjacent parts of the structures. The common screwdriver is used only where slotted head screws or fasteners are used on aircraft.

Fig. 2-2. Screwdrivers and their uses.
The two common recessed head screws are the Phillips and the Reed and Prince. As shown in Fig. 2-2, the Reed and Prince recessed head forms a perfect cross. The screwdriver used with this screw is pointed on the end. Because the Phillips screw has a slightly larger center in the cross, the Phillips screwdriver is blunt on the end. The Phillips screwdriver is not interchangeable with the Reed and Prince. The use of the wrong type of screwdriver results in mutilation of the screwdriver and the screwhead. A screwdriver should not be used for chiseling or prying.

Pliers

The most frequently used pliers in aircraft repair work include the slip-joint, longnose, diagonal-cutting, water-pump, and vise-grip types as shown in Fig. 2-3. The size of pliers indicates their overall length, usually ranging from 5 to 12 inches. In repair work, 6-inch, slip-joint pliers are the preferred size.

Fig. 2-3. Types of pliers.

Slip-joint pliers are used to grip flat or round stock and to bend small pieces of metal to desired shapes. Long-nose pliers are used to reach where the fingers alone cannot and to bend small pieces of metal. Diagonal-cutting pliers or diagonals or
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dikes are used to perform such work as cutting safety wire and removing cotter pins. Water-pump pliers, which have extra-long handles, are used to obtain a very powerful grip. Vise-grip pliers (sometimes referred to as a *vise-grip wrench*) have many uses. Examples are to hold small work as a portable vise, to remove broken studs, and to pull cotter pins.

Pliers are not an all-purpose tool. They are not to be used as a wrench for tightening a nut, for example. Tightening a nut with pliers causes damage to both the nut and the plier jaw serrations. Also, pliers should not be used as a prybar or as a hammer.

**Punches**

Punches are used to start holes for drilling; to punch holes in sheet metal; to remove damaged rivets, pins, or bolts; and to align two or more parts for bolting together. A punch with a mushroomed head should never be used. Flying pieces might cause an injury. Typical punches used by the aircraft mechanic are shown in Fig. 2-4.

![Typical punches](image)

**Wrenches**

Wrenches are tools used to tighten or remove nuts and bolts. The wrenches that are most often used are shown in Fig. 2-5: open-end, box-end, adjustable, socket, and Allen wrenches. All have special advantages. The good mechanic will choose the
Fig. 2-5. Wrenches and sockets.

one best suited for the job at hand. Sockets are used with the various handles (ratchet, hinge, and speed) and extension bars are shown in Fig. 2-5. Extension bars come in various lengths. The ratchet handle and speed wrench can be used in conjunction with suitable adapters and various type screwdriver bits to quickly install or remove special-type screws. However, if screws must be torqued to a specific torque value, a torque wrench must be used. Adjustable wrenches should be used only when other wrenches do not fit. To prevent rounding off the corners of a nut, properly adjust the wrench. The wrench should always be pulled so that the handle moves toward the adjustable jaw. A wrench should always be pulled. It is dangerous to push on it. A pipe should not be used to increase wrench leverage. Doing so might break the wrench. A wrench should never be used as a hammer.
Proper torquing of nuts and bolts is important. Over-torquing or undertorquing might set up a hazardous condition. Specified torque values and procedures should always be observed.

**Torque Wrenches**

The three most commonly used torque wrenches are the flexible beam, rigid, and ratchet types (Fig. 2-6). When using the flexible-beam and rigid-frame torque wrenches, the torque value is read visually on a dial or scale mounted on the handle of the wrench. To ensure that the amount of torque on the fasteners is correct, all torque wrenches must be tested at least once per month (or more often, if necessary).

![Flexible Beam, Rigid Frame, Ratchet](image)

*Fig. 2-6. Three common types of torque wrenches.*

The *standard* torque table presented in Chapter 6 should be used as a guide in tightening nuts, studs, bolts, and screws whenever specific torque values are not called out in maintenance procedures.
METAL-CUTTING TOOLS

Hand Snips

Hand snips serve various purposes. Straight, curved, hawksbill, and aviation snips are commonly used (Fig. 2-7). Straight snips are used to cut straight lines when the distance is not great enough to use a squaring shear, and to cut the outside of a curve. The other types are used to cut the inside of curves or radii. Snips should never be used to cut heavy sheet metal.

Aviation snips are designed especially to cut heat-treated aluminum alloy and stainless steel. They are also adaptable for enlarging small holes. The blades have small teeth on the cutting edges and are shaped to cut very small circles and irregular outlines. The handles are the compound-leverage type, making it possible to cut material as thick as 0.051". Aviation
snips are available in two types, those that cut from right to left and those that cut from left to right.

Unlike the hacksaw, snips do not remove any material when the cut is made, but minute fractures often occur along the cut. Therefore, cuts should be made about \( \frac{1}{2} \)" from the layout line and finished by hand-filing down to the line.

**Hacksaws**

The common hacksaw has a blade, a frame, and a handle. The handle can be obtained in two styles: pistol grip and straight. A pistol-grip hacksaw is shown in Fig. 2-8. When installing a blade in a hacksaw frame, the blade should be mounted with the teeth pointing forward, away from the handle.

![Pistol-grip hacksaw](image)

Fig. 2-8. *Pistol-grip hacksaw.*

Blades are made of high-grade tool steel or tungsten steel and are available in sizes from 6 to 16 inches in length. The 10-inch blade is most commonly used. The two types include the all-hard blade and the flexible blade. In flexible blades, only the teeth are hardened. Selection of the best blade for the job involves finding the right type of pitch. An all-hard blade is best for sawing brass, tool steel, cast iron, and heavy cross-section materials. A flexible blade is usually best for sawing hollow shapes and metals having a thin cross section.
The pitch of a blade indicates the number of teeth per inch. Pitches of 14, 18, 24, and 32 teeth per inch are available. See Fig. 2-9.

A chisel is a hard steel cutting tool that can be used to cut and chip any metal softer than the chisel itself. It can be used in restricted areas and for such work as shearing rivets, or splitting seized or damaged nuts from bolts (Fig. 2-10).

The size of a flat cold chisel is determined by the width of the cutting edge. Lengths will vary, but chisels are seldom fewer than 5 inches or more than 8 inches long.

A chisel should be held firmly in one hand. With the other hand, the chisel head should be struck squarely with a ball-peen hammer.

When cutting square corners or slots, a special cold chisel, called a cape chisel, should be used. It is like a flat chisel, except that the cutting edge is very narrow. It has the same cutting angle and is held and used in the same manner as any other chisel.

Rounded or semicircular grooves and corners that have fillets should be cut with a roundnose chisel. This chisel is also
Fig. 2-10. *Chisels.*

used to recenter a drill that has moved away from its intended center.

The diamond-point chisel is tapered square at the cutting end, then ground at an angle to provide the sharp diamond point. It is used to cut or for cutting grooves and inside sharp angles.

**Files**

Files are used to square ends, file rounded corners, remove burrs and slivers from metal, straighten uneven edges, file holes and slots, and smooth rough edges. Common files are shown in Fig. 2-11.

Files are usually made in two styles: single cut and double cut. The single-cut file has a single row of teeth extending across the face at an angle of 65 degrees to 85 degrees with the length of the file. The size of the cuts depends on the coarseness of the file. The double-cut file has two rows of teeth that cross each other. For general work, the angle of the
First row is 40 degrees to 45 degrees. The first row is generally referred to as overcut; the second row is called upcut. The upcut is somewhat finer and not so deep as the overcut.
The following methods are recommended for using files:

- **Crossfiling** Before attempting to use a file, place a handle on the tang of the file. This is essential for proper guiding and safe use. In moving the file endwise across the work (commonly known as *crossfiling*), grasp the handle so that its end fits into and against the fleshy part of your palm with your thumb lying along the top of the handle in a lengthwise direction. Grasp the end of the file between your thumb and first two fingers. To prevent undue wear, relieve the pressure during the return stroke.

- **Drawfiling** A file is sometimes used by grasping it at each end, crosswise to the work, then moving it lengthwise with the work. When done properly, work can be finished somewhat finer than when crossfiling with the same file. In drawfiling, the teeth of the file produce a shearing effect. To accomplish this shearing effect, the angle at which the file is held, with respect to its line of movement, varies with different files, depending on the angle at which the teeth are cut. Pressure should be relieved during the backstroke.

- **Rounding corners** The method used in filing a rounded surface depends upon its width and the radius of the rounded surface. If the surface is narrow or if only a portion of a surface is to be rounded, start the forward stroke of the file with the point of the file inclined downward at approximately a 45-degree angle. Using a rocking-chair motion, finish the stroke with the heel of the file near the curved surfaced. This method allows use of the full length of the file.

- **Removing burred or slivered edges** Practically every cutting operation on sheet metal produces burrs or slivers. These must be removed to avoid personal injury and to prevent scratching and marring of parts to be assembled. Burrs and slivers will prevent parts from fitting properly and should always be removed from the work as a matter of habit.
Particles of metal collect between the teeth of a file and might make deep scratches in the material being filed. When these particles of metal are lodged too firmly between the teeth and cannot be removed by tapping the edge of the file, remove them with a file card or wire brush. Draw the brush across the file so that the bristles pass down the gullet between the teeth.

**Drilling and Countersinking**

Drilling and countersinking techniques are covered in Chapter 4.

**Reamers**

Reamers and reaming technique are covered in Chapter 4.

**LAYOUT AND MEASURING TOOLS**

Layout and measuring devices are precision tools. They are carefully machined, accurately marked, and, in many cases, consist of very delicate parts. When using these tools, be careful not to drop, bend, or scratch them. The finished product will be no more accurate than the measurements or the layout; therefore, it is very important to understand how to read, use, and care for these tools.

**Rules**

Rules are made of steel and are either rigid or flexible. The flexible steel rule will bend, but it should not be bent intentionally because it could be broken rather easily (Fig. 2-12).

In aircraft work, the unit of measure most commonly used is the inch. The inch is separated into smaller parts by means of either common or decimal fraction divisions. The fractional divisions for an inch are found by dividing the inch into equal parts: halves (\(\frac{1}{2}\)), quarters (\(\frac{1}{4}\)), eighths (\(\frac{1}{8}\)), sixteenths (\(\frac{1}{16}\)), thirty-seconds (\(\frac{1}{32}\)), and sixty-fourths (\(\frac{1}{64}\)). The fractions of an inch can be expressed in decimals called decimal equivalents of an inch. For example, \(\frac{3}{8}''\) is expressed as 0.0125 (one hundred twenty-five
Fig. 2-12. Steel rules are available in various lengths.
Courtesy L.S. Starrett Company

ten-thousandths of an inch), or more commonly, twelve and one-half thousandths (see decimal equivalents chart on page 308).

Rules are manufactured with two presentations: divided or marked in common fractions; divided or marked in decimals or divisions of 0.01". A rule can be used either as a measuring tool or as a straightedge.

**Combination Sets**

The combination set (Fig. 2-13), as its name implies, is a tool with several uses. It can be used for the same purposes as
an ordinary trisquare, but it differs from the trisquare in that the head slides along the blade and can be clamped at any desired place. Combined with the square or stock head are a level and scribe. The head slides in a central groove on the blade or scale, which can be used separately as a rule.

The spirit level in the stock head makes it convenient to square a piece of material with a surface and, at the same time, know whether one or the other is plumb or level. The head can be used alone as a simple level.

The combination of square head and blade can also be used as a marking gauge (to scribe at a 45-degree angle), as a depth gauge, or as a height gauge.

**Scriber**

The scriber (Fig. 2-14) is used to scribe or mark lines on metal surfaces.

![Fig. 2-14. Scriber.](image)

**Dividers and Calipers**

Dividers have two legs tapered to a needle point and joined at the tip by a pivot. They are used to scribe circles and to transfer measurements from the rule to the work.

Calipers are used to measure diameters and distances or to compare distances and sizes. The most common types of calipers are the inside and the outside calipers (See Fig. 2-15).

**Micrometer Calipers**

Four micrometer calipers are each designed for a specific use: outside, inside, depth, and thread. Micrometers are available in a variety of sizes, either 0- to ½-inch, 0- to 1-inch, 1- to 2-inch, 2- to 3-inch, 3- to 4-inch, 4- to 5-inch, or 5- to 6-inch sizes. Larger sizes are available.
The 0- to 1-inch outside micrometer (Fig. 2-16) is used by the mechanic more often than any other type. It can be used to measure the outside dimensions of shafts, thickness of sheet metal stock, diameter of drills, and for many other applications.

The smallest measurement that can be made with a steel rule is one sixty-fourth of an inch in common fractions, and one one-hundredth of an inch in decimal fractions. To measure more closely than this (in thousandths and ten-thousandths of
an inch), a micrometer is used. If a dimension given in a common fraction is to be measured with the micrometer, the fraction must be converted to its decimal equivalent.

**Reading a micrometer** Because the pitch of the screw thread on the spindle is \( \frac{30}{40} \) (or 40 threads per inch in micrometers graduated to measure in inches), one complete revolution of the thimble advances the spindle face toward or away from the anvil face precisely \( \frac{30}{40} \), 0.025 inch.

The reading line on the sleeve is divided into 40 equal parts by vertical lines that correspond to the number of threads on the spindle. Therefore, each vertical line designates \( \frac{30}{40} \) or 0.025 inch, and every fourth line, which is longer than the others, designates hundreds of thousandths. For example: the line marked "1" represents 0.100 inch, the line marked "2" represents 0.200 inch, and the line marked "3" represents 0.300 inch, etc.

The beveled edge of the thimble is divided into 25 equal parts with each line representing 0.001 inch and every line numbered consecutively. Rotating the thimble from one of these lines to the next moves the spindle longitudinally \( \frac{30}{40} \) of 0.025 inch, or 0.001 inch; rotating two divisions represents 0.002 inch, etc. Twenty-five divisions indicate a complete revolution, 0.025" or \( \frac{30}{40} \) of an inch.

To read the micrometer in thousandths, multiply the number of vertical divisions visible on the sleeve by 0.025 inch; to this add, the number of thousandths indicated by the line on the thimble that coincides with the reading line on the sleeve.

Example: Refer to Fig. 2-17.

The "1" line on the sleeve is visible, representing 0.100".

Three additional lines are visible, each representing 0.025".

\[ 3 \times 0.025" = 0.075" \]

Line 3 on the thimble coincides with the reading line on the sleeve, each line representing 0.001".

\[ 3 \times 0.001" = 0.003" \]

The micrometer reading is 0.178".
TAPS AND DIES

A tap is used to cut threads on the inside of a hole and a die is to cut external threads on round stock. Taps and dies are made of hard-tempered steel and ground to an exact size. Four threads can be cut with standard taps and dies: national coarse, national fine, national extra fine, and national pipe.

Hand taps are usually provided in sets of three taps for each diameter and thread series. Each set contains a taper, a plug, and a bottoming tap. The taps in a set are identical in diameter and cross section; the only difference is the amount of taper (Fig. 2-18).

The taper tap is used to begin the tapping process because it is tapered back for six to seven threads. This tap cuts a complete thread when it is needed to tap holes that extend through thin sections. The plug tap supplements the taper tap for tapping holes in thick stock.
The bottoming tap is not tapered. It is used to cut full threads to the bottom of a blind hole.

Dies can be classified as adjustable round split and plain round split (Fig. 2-19). The adjustable-split die has an adjusting screw that can be controlled. Solid dies are not adjustable; therefore, several thread fits cannot be cut.

![Image of die types](Image)

**Fig. 2-19. Die types.**

Many wrenches turn taps and dies: T-handle, adjustable tap, and diestock for round split dies (Fig. 2-20) are common. Information on thread sizes, fits, types, and the like, is in Chapter 6.

![Image of tap wrenches and diestock](Image)

**Fig. 2-20. Diestock and tap wrenches.**
SHOP EQUIPMENT

Only the simpler metalworking machines, such as used in the service field, are presented in this manual. These include the powered and nonpowered metal-cutting machines, such as the various types of saws, powered and nonpowered shears, and nibblers. Also included is forming equipment (both power-driven and nonpowered), such as brakes and forming rolls, the bar folder, and shrinking and stretching machines. Factory equipment, such as hydropresses, drop-forging machines, and sparmills, for example, are not described.

Holding Devices

Vises and clamps are used to hold materials of various kinds on which some type of operation is being performed. The operation and the material that is held determines which holding device is used. A typical vise is shown in Fig. 2-21.

Fig. 2-21. A machinist's vise.

Squaring Shears

Squaring shears provide a convenient means of cutting and squaring metal. Three distinctly different operations can be performed on the squaring shears:

- cutting to a line
- squaring
- multiple cutting to a specific size

A squaring shear is shown in chapter 3.
Throatless Shears

Throatless shears (Fig. 2-22) are best used to cut 10-gauge mild carbon steel sheet metal and 12-gauge stainless steel. The shear gets its name from its construction; it actually has no throat. It has no obstructions during cutting because the frame is throatless. A sheet of any length can be cut, and the metal can be turned in any direction to cut irregular shapes. The cutting blade (top blade) is operated by a hand lever.

Fig. 2-22. Throatless shears.

Bar Folder

The bar folder (Fig. 2-23) is designed to make bends or folds along edges of sheets. This machine is best suited for folding small hems, flanges, seams, and edges to be wired. Most bar folders have a capacity for metal up to 22 gauge thickness and 42 inches long.

Sheet-Metal Brake

The sheet-metal brake (Fig. 2-24) has a much greater range of usefulness than the bar folder. Any bend formed on a bar folder can be made on the sheet-metal brake. The bar folder can form a bend or edge only as wide as the depth of the jaws. In comparison, the sheet-metal brake allows the sheet that is to be folded or formed to pass through the jaws from front to rear without obstruction.
Stop
Adjustable collar
Operating handle
Wing
Folding blade
Frame
45° and 90° stops
Gauge adjusting screw
Locking screw

Fig. 2-23. Manually operated bar folder.

Fig. 2-24. Sheet metal brake.
**Slip Roll Former**

The slip roll former (Fig. 2-25) is manually operated and consists of three rolls, two housings, a base, and a handle. The handle turns the two front rolls through a system of gears enclosed in the housing. By properly adjusting the roller spacing, metal can be formed into a curve.

![Slip roll former](image)

**Fig. 2-25.** *Slip roll former.*

**Grinders**

A grinder is a cutting tool with a large number of cutting edges arranged so that when they become dull they break off and new cutting edges take their place.

Silicon carbide and aluminum oxide are the abrasives used in most grinding wheels. Silicon carbide is the cutting agent to grind hard, brittle material, such as cast iron. It is also used to grind aluminum, brass, bronze, and copper. Aluminum oxide is the cutting agent to grind steel and other metals of high tensile strength.

The size of the abrasive particles used in grinding wheels is indicated by a number that corresponds to the number of meshes per linear inch in the screen, through which the particles will pass. As an example, a #30 abrasive will pass through a screen with 30 holes per linear inch, but will be retained by a smaller screen, with more than 30 holes per linear inch.

A common bench grinder, found in most metalworking shops, is shown in Fig. 2-26. This grinder can be used to dress
mushroomed heads on chisels, and points on chisels, screwdrivers, and drills. It can be used to remove excess metal from work and to smooth metal surfaces.

As a rule, it is not good practice to grind work on the side of an abrasive wheel. When an abrasive wheel becomes worn, its cutting efficiency is reduced because of a decrease in surface speed. When a wheel becomes worn in this manner, it should be discarded and a new one installed.

Before using a bench grinder, the abrasive wheels should be checked to be sure that they are firmly held on the spindles by the flange nuts. If an abrasive wheel flies off or becomes loose, it could seriously injure the operator, in addition to ruining the grinder.

Another hazard is loose tool rests. A loose tool rest could cause the tool or piece of work to be “grabbed” by the abrasive wheel and cause the operator’s hand to come in contact with the wheel.

Goggles should always be worn when using a grinder—even if eye shields are attached to it. Goggles should fit firmly against your face and nose. This is the only way to protect your eyes from the fine pieces of steel.

The abrasive wheel should be checked for cracks before using the grinder. A cracked abrasive wheel is likely to fly apart when turning at high speeds. A grinder should never be used unless it is equipped with wheel guards.
Many different materials go into the manufacture of an aerospace vehicle. Some of these materials are:

- Aluminum and Aluminum alloys
- Titanium and Titanium alloys
- Magnesium and Magnesium alloys
- Steel and Steel Alloys

**ALUMINUM AND ALUMINUM ALLOYS**

Aluminum is one of the most widely used metals in modern aircraft construction. It is light weight, yet some of its alloys have strengths greater than that of structural steel. It has high resistance to corrosion under the majority of service conditions. The metal can easily be worked into any form and it readily accepts a wide variety of surface finishes.

Being light weight is perhaps aluminum's best-known characteristic. The metal weighs only about 0.1 pound per cubic inch, as compared with 0.28 for iron.

Commercially pure aluminum has a tensile strength of about 13,000 pounds per square inch. Its usefulness as a structural material in this form, thus, is somewhat limited. By working the metal, as by cold rolling, its strength can be approximately doubled. Much larger increases in strength can be obtained by alloy-
ing aluminum with small percentages of one or more other metals, such as manganese, silicon, copper, magnesium, or zinc. Like pure aluminum, the alloys are also made stronger by cold working. Some of the alloys are further strengthened and hardened by heat treatments. Today, aluminum alloys with tensile strengths approaching 100,000 pounds per square inch are available.

A wide variety of mechanical characteristics, or tempers, is available in aluminum alloys through various combinations of cold work and heat treatment. In specifying the temper for any given product, the fabricating process and the amount of cold work to which it will subject the metal should be kept in mind. In other words, the temper specified should be such that the amount of cold work that the metal will receive during fabrication will develop the desired characteristics in the finished products.

When aluminum surfaces are exposed to the atmosphere, a thin invisible oxide skin forms immediately that protects the metal from further oxidation. This self-protecting characteristic gives aluminum its high resistance to corrosion. Unless exposed to some substance or condition that destroys this protective oxide coating, the metal remains fully protected against corrosion. Some alloys are less resistant to corrosion than others, particularly certain high-strength alloys. Such alloys in some forms can be effectively protected from the majority of corrosive influences, however, by cladding the exposed surface or surfaces with a thin layer of either pure aluminum or one of the more highly corrosion-resistant alloys. Trade names for some of the clad alloys are Alclad and Pureclad.

The ease with which aluminum can be fabricated into any form is one of its most important assets. The metal can be cast by any method known to foundry-men; it can be rolled to any desired thickness down to foil thinner than paper; aluminum sheet can be stamped, drawn, spun or roll-formed. The metal also can be hammered or forged. There is almost no limit to the different shapes in which the metal might be extruded.

The ease and speed that aluminum can be machined is one of the important factors contributing to the use of finished alu-
Aluminum parts. The metal can be turned, milled, bored, or machined at the maximum speeds of which the majority of machines are capable. Another advantage of its flexible machining characteristics is that aluminum rod and bar can readily be used in the high-speed manufacture of parts by automatic screw machines.

Almost any method of joining is applicable to aluminum, riveting, welding, brazing, or soldering. A wide variety of mechanical aluminum fasteners simplifies the assembly of many products. Adhesive bonding of aluminum parts is widely used in joining aircraft components.

Alloy and Temper Designations

Aluminum alloys are available in the cast and wrought form. Aluminum castings are produced by pouring molten aluminum alloy into sand or metal molds. Aluminum in the wrought form is obtained three ways:

- Rolling slabs of hot aluminum through rolling mills that produce sheet, plate and bar stock.
- Extruding hot aluminum through dies to form channels, angles, T sections, etc.
- Forging or hammering a heated billet of aluminum alloy between a male and female die to form the desired part.

Cast and Wrought Aluminum

Alloy Designation System

A system of four-digit numerical designations is used to identify wrought aluminum and wrought aluminum alloys. The first digit indicates the alloy group, as follows:

- Aluminum, 99.00 percent minimum and greater 1xxx
- Aluminum alloys grouped by major alloying elements 2xxx
- Copper 3xxx
- Manganese
Silicon 4xxx
Magnesium 5xxx
Magnesium and Silicon 6xxx
Zinc 7xxx
Other element 8xxx
Unused series 9xxx

The second digit indicates modifications of the original alloy or impurity limits. The last two digits identify the aluminum alloy or indicate the aluminum purity.

Aluminum

In the first group (1xxx) for minimum aluminum purities of 99.00 percent and greater, the last two of the four digits in the designation indicate the minimum percentage. Because of its low strength, pure aluminum is seldom used in aircraft.

Aluminum Alloys

In the 2xxx through 8xxx alloy groups, the last two of the four digits in the designation have no special significance, but serve only to identify the different aluminum alloys in the group. The second digit in the alloy designation indicates alloy modifications. If the second digit in the designation is zero, it indicates the original alloy; integers 1 through 9, which are assigned consecutively, indicate alloy modifications.

Temper Designation System

Where used, the temper designation follows the alloy designation and is separated from it by a dash: 7075-T6, 2024-T4, etc. The temper designation consists of a letter that indicates the basic temper that can be more specifically defined by the addition of one or more digits. Designations are shown in Fig. 3-1.
### CHARACTERISTICS OF ALUMINUM ALLOYS

In high-purity form, aluminum is soft and ductile. Most aircraft uses, however, require greater strength than pure aluminum affords. This is achieved in aluminum first by the addition of other elements to produce various alloys, which singly or in combination impart strength to the metal. Further strengthening is possible by means that classify the alloys roughly into two categories, nonheat treatable and heat treatable.

**Fig. 3-1.** *Aluminum-alloy temper designation chart.*
Nonheat-Treatable Alloys

The initial strength of alloys in this group depends upon the hardening effect of elements, such as manganese, silicon, iron, and magnesium, singly or in various combinations. The non-heat-treatable alloys are usually designated, therefore, in the 1000, 3000, 4000, or 5000 series. Because these alloys are work-hardenable, further strengthening is made possible by various degrees of cold working, denoted by the “H” series of tempers. Alloys containing appreciable amounts of magnesium when supplied in strain-hardened tempers are usually given a final elevated-temperature treatment, called stabilizing, to ensure stability of properties.

Heat-Treatable Alloys

The initial strength of alloys in this group is enhanced by the addition of such alloying elements as copper, magnesium, zinc, and silicon. Because these elements singly or in various combinations show increasing solid solubility in aluminum with increasing temperature, it is possible to subject them to thermal treatments that will impart pronounced strengthening.

The first step, called heat treatment or solution heat treatment, is an elevated-temperature process designed to put the soluble element or elements in solid solution. This is followed by rapid quenching, usually in water, which momentarily “freezes” the structure and, for a short time, renders the alloy very workable; selected fabricators retain this more-workable structure by storing the alloys at below-freezing temperatures until initiating the formation process. Ice box rivets are a typical example. At room or elevated temperatures, the alloys are unstable after quenching, however, and precipitation of the constituents from the super-saturated solution begins.

After a period of several days at room temperature, termed aging or room-temperature precipitation, the alloy is considerably stronger. Many alloys approach a stable condition at room temperature, but selected alloys, particularly those containing
magnesium and silicon or magnesium and zinc continue to age-harden for long periods of time at room temperature.

By heating for a specified time at slightly elevated temperatures, even further strengthening is possible and properties are stabilized, called *artificial aging* or *precipitation hardening*. By the proper combination of solution heat treatment, quenching, cold working, and artificial aging, the highest strengths are obtained.

**Clad Alloys**

The heat-treatable alloys in which copper or zinc are major alloying constituents are less resistant to corrosive attack than the majority of nonheat-treatable alloys. To increase the corrosion resistance of these alloys in sheet and plate form, they are often clad with high-purity aluminum, a low magnesium-silicon alloy, or an alloy that contains 1 percent zinc. The cladding, usually from 2½ to 5 percent of the total thickness on each side, not only protects the composite because of its own inherently excellent corrosion resistance, but also exerts a galvanic effect that further protects the core material.

**Annealing Characteristics**

All wrought aluminum alloys are available in annealed form. In addition, it might be desirable to anneal an alloy from any other initial temper, after working, or between successive stages of working, such as deep drawing.

**Typical Uses of Aluminum and Its Alloys**

Various aluminum alloys are used for aircraft fabrication:

- *1000 series*  Aluminum of 99 percent or higher purity has practically no application in the aerospace industry. These alloys are characterized by excellent corrosion resistance, high thermal and electrical conductivity, low mechanical
properties, and excellent workability. Moderate increases in strength can be obtained by strain hardening. Soft, 1100 rivets are used in nonstructural applications.

- **2000 series**  Copper is the principal alloying element in this group. These alloys require solution heat treatment to obtain optimum properties; in the heat-treated condition, mechanical properties are similar to, and sometimes exceed, those of mild steel. In some instances, artificial aging is used to further increase the mechanical properties. This treatment materially increases yield strength. These alloys in the form of sheet are usually clad with a high-purity alloy. Alloy 2024 is perhaps the best known and most widely used aircraft alloy. Most aircraft rivets are of alloy 2117.

- **3000 series**  Manganese is the major alloying element of alloys in this group, which are generally nonheat-treatable. One of these is 3003, which has limited use as a general-purpose alloy for moderate-strength applications that require good workability, such as cowlings and nonstructural parts. Alloy 3003 is easy to weld.

- **4000 series**  This alloy series is seldom used in the aerospace industry.

- **5000 series**  Magnesium is one of the most effective and widely used alloying elements for aluminum. When it is used as the major alloying element, or with manganese, the result is a moderate- to high-strength nonheat-treatable alloy. Alloys in this series possess good welding characteristics and good resistance to corrosion in various atmospheres. It is widely used for the fabrication of tanks and fluid lines.

- **6000 series**  Alloys in this group contain silicon and magnesium in approximate proportions to form magnesium silicide, thus making them heat-treatable. The major alloy in this series is 6061, one of the most versatile of the heat-treatable alloys. Although less strong than most of the 2000 or 7000 alloys, the magnesium-silicon (or magnesium-silicide) alloys possess good formability and corrosion resistance, with medium strength.
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- **7000 series** Zinc is the major alloying element in this group. When coupled with a smaller percentage of magnesium, the results are heat-treatable alloys with very high strength. Usually other elements, such as copper and chromium, are also added in small quantities. The outstanding member of this group is 7075, which is among the highest-strength alloys available and is used in airframe structures and for highly stressed parts.

### Heat Treatment of Aluminum Alloys

The heat treatment of aluminum alloys is summarized in Fig. 3-2.

**Table 3-2. Conditions for heat treatment of aluminum alloys. For information only. Not to be used for actual heat treatment. Heating times vary with the product, type of furnace, and thickness of material. Quenching is normally in cold water, although hot water or air blasting can be used for bulky sections.**

#### Identification of Aluminum

To provide a visual means to identify the various grades of aluminum and aluminum alloys, these metals are usually marked with such symbols as Government Specification Number, the temper or condition furnished, or the commercial code marking. Plate and sheet are usually marked with specification numbers or code markings in rows approximately six inches apart. Tubes, bars, rods, and extruded shapes are marked with
specification numbers or code markings continuously or at intervals of 3 to 5 feet along the length of each piece. The commercial code marking consists of a number that identifies the particular composition of the alloy. In addition, letter suffixes designate the temper designation. See Fig. 3-3.

**Fig. 3-3. Commercial code marking of aluminum sheet, bar, shapes, and tubes.**

**HANDLING ALUMINUM**

The surface of “clad” aluminum alloy is very soft and scratches easily. Special care must be used when handling this material. Some suggestions include:

- Keep work area and tables clean.
- Lift material from surface to move it. Do not slide material.
- Keep tools and sharp objects off the surface unless necessary for trimming, drilling, or holding.
• Do not stack sheets of metal together unless interleaved with a neutral kraft paper.
• Prevent moisture from accumulating between sheets.
• Protect material, as necessary, to prevent damage when transporting on “A” frames.

FORMING ALUMINUM ALLOYS

Forming at the Factory

Present-day aircraft manufacturers maintain service departments that include complete spare parts inventories. Detailed parts catalogs are available for all aircraft, including individual wing ribs and pilot-drilled skin panels, for example. For this reason, it is normally not necessary for the field mechanic to be skilled in all phases of sheet-metal forming. It is more cost effective to procure parts from the factory, rather than fabricate them from scratch.

Although the field mechanic might not be required to fabricate individual parts, he should be familiar with the forming processes used by the factory. Also, however, he will be required to fabricate complete assemblies from factory-supplied parts during repair operations.

Parts are formed at the factory on large presses or by drop hammers equipped with dies of the correct shape. Every part is planned by factory engineers, who set up specifications for the materials to be used so that the finished part will have the correct temper when it leaves the machines. A layout for each part is prepared by factory draftsmen.

The verb form means to shape or mold into a different shape or in a particular pattern, and thus would include even casting. However, in most metal-working terminology, “forming” is generally understood to mean changing the shape by bending and deforming solid metal.

In the case of aluminum, this is usually at room temperature. In metal-working, “forming” includes bending, brake forming, stretch forming, roll forming, drawing, spinning, shear forming, flexible die forming, and high-velocity forming.
Other "forming" methods, such as machining, extruding, forging, and casting do change the shape of the metal, by metal removal or at elevated temperatures. However, these processes use different tooling and/or equipment.

Manufacturers form aluminum by rolling, drawing, extruding, and forging to create the basic aluminum shapes from which the metalworker, in turn, makes all types of end products. As a group, the aluminum products fabricated from ingot by the producers are called mill products.

The principal mill products utilized by the metalworker in forming are sheet, plate, rod, bar, wire, and tube. Sheet thickness ranges from 0.006 through 0.249 inch; plate is 0.250 inch or more; rod is ¾-inch diameter or greater; bar is rectangular, hexagonal, or octagonal in cross section, having at least one perpendicular distance between faces of ¾ inch or greater. Wire is 0.374 inch or less.

Most parts are formed without annealing the metal, but if extensive forming operations, such as deep draws (large folds) or complex curves, are planned, the metal is in the dead-soft or annealed condition. During the forming of some complex parts, operations might have to be stopped and the metal annealed before the process can be continued or completed. Alloy 2024 in the "O" condition can be formed into almost any shape by the common forming operations, but it must be heat treated afterward.

BLANKING

Blanking is a cutting operation that produces a blank of the proper size and shape to form the desired product. Sawing, milling, or routing, are generally used to produce large or heavy-gauge blanks. Routing is the most common method used in the aerospace industry to produce blanks for forming.

BENDING

Light-gauge aluminum is easily bent into simple shapes on the versatile hand-operated bending brake. This machine also is commonly known by several other names, including apron or
leaf brake, cornice brake, bar folder, or folding brake (see Chapter 2). More complex shapes are formed by bending on press brakes fitted with proper dies and tooling.

Allowances must be made for springback in bending age-hardened or work-hardened aluminum. Soft alloys of aluminum have comparatively little springback. Where springback is a factor, it is compensated by "overforming" or bending the material beyond the limits actually desired in the final shape. Thick material springs back less than thinner stock in a given alloy and temper.

The proper amount of overforming is generally determined by trial, then controlled by the metalworker in hand or bending brake operations. In press-brake bending, springback is compensated for by die and other tool design, use of adjustable dies, or adjustment of the brake action.

PRESS-BRAKE FORMING

Hydraulic and mechanical presses are used to form aluminum (and other metals) into complex shapes. Precisely shaped mating dies of hardened tool steel, are made in suitable lengths to produce shapes in one or more steps or passes through the press. The dies are changed as required. See Fig. 3-4.

![Fig. 3-4. Typical mating punches and dies for press-brake work; cross section of the formed shape is indicated for each operation. Punch and die are, as long as required for workpiece and press capacity.](image)
Bends made on press brakes usually are done either by the air-bending or by the bottoming method. In air bending, the punch has an acute angle between 30 and 60 degrees, thus providing enough leeway so that for many bends springback compensation can be made by press adjustments alone. See Fig. 3-5. The term *air bending* is derived from the fact that the workpiece spans the gap between the nose of the punch and the edges of the ground die.

![Air-bend and bottoming dies](image)

Fig. 3-5. *Air-bend and bottoming dies.*

In bottoming, the workpiece is in contact with the complete working surfaces of both punch and die, and accurate angular tolerances can thus be obtained. Bottoming requires three to five times greater pressure than air bending.

**STRETCH FORMING**

Compound curves, accurate dimensions, minimum reduction in material thickness, closely controlled properties, wrinkle-free shapes, and sometimes cost savings over built-up components can be achieved in a single stretch beyond its yield point. Airplane skins are typical stretch-formed products in aluminum. See Figure 3-6.
Forming of nonheat-treatable alloys usually is done in the soft O temper; heat-treatables in W, O, or T4 tempers.

**HYDRO PRESS FORMING**

Seamless, cup-like aluminum shapes are formed without wrinkles or drastically altering original metal thickness, on standard single-action presses for most shallow shells, and on double-action presses for deeper and more difficult draws. Both mechanical or hydraulic power is used, the latter offering more control, which is particularly advantageous for deep and some complex shapes. The part is formed between a male and female die attached to hydro press bed or platen and the hydraulic actuated ram, respectively.

**ROLL FORMING**

A series of cylindrical dies in sets of two—male and female—called *roll sets* are arranged in the roll-bending machine so that sheet or plate is progressively formed to the final shape in a continuous operation. See Figure 3-7. By changing roll sets, a wide variety of aluminum products, including angles and channels, such as used for stringers, can be produced at high production rates of 100 feet per minute and faster.
FLEXIBLE-DIE FORMING

Under high pressure, rubber and similar materials act as a hydraulic medium, exerting equal pressure in all directions. In drawing, rubber serves as an effective female die to form an aluminum blank around a punch or form block that has been contoured to the desired pattern. The rubber exerts (transmits) the pressure because it resists deformation; this serves to control local elongation in the aluminum sheet being formed. See Figure 3-8.

Use of rubber pads for the female die greatly reduces die costs, simplifies machine setup, reduces tool wear and eliminates die marks on the finished product. Identical parts, but in
different gauges of material, can be made without making tool changes.

Several flexible-die processes are used to form aluminum. Although the operating details vary, these processes can be classified under two broad categories:

- **Shallow-draw methods** rely on the pressure exerted against the rubber pad to hold the blank as well as form the part.
- **Deeper-draw methods** have independent blank-holding mechanisms.

**MACHINING**

Lathes, drills, milling cutters, and other metal-removal machines commonly found in metalworking shops are routinely used to shape aluminum alloys.
For aluminum, cutting speeds are generally much higher than for other metals; the cutting force required is low, the as-cut finish is generally excellent, the dimensional control is good, and the tool life is outstanding.

Single-point tools are used to turn, bore, plane, and shape. In turning and boring, the work generally is rotated while the cutting tool remains stationary; however, when boring is performed on a milling machine or boring mill, the tool rotates and the work is stationary. In planing, the work moves and indexes while the tool is stationary; in shaping, the work is fixed and the tool moves.

**DRILLING**

Drilling is covered in detail in Chapter 4.

**TURRET LATHES AND SCREW MACHINES**

Multi-operation machining is carried out in a predetermined sequence on turret lathes, automatic screw machines, and similar equipment. Speeds and feeds are generally near or at upper limits for each type of cutting, with each new operation following in rapid sequence the one just completed.

Automatic screw machines mass produce round solid and hollow parts (threaded and/or contoured) from continuously fed bar or rod, using as many as eight or more successive (and some simultaneous) operations on a variety of complex-tooled turrets, cross-slides, cutting attachments, and stock-feeding devices.

**MILLING**

Aluminum is one of the easiest metals to shape by milling. High spindle speeds and properly designed cutters, machines, fixtures, and power sources can make cuts in rigid aluminum workpieces at high rates of speed.

Milling machines range in size from small, pedestal-mounted types to spar and skin mills with multiple cutting
heads and individual motor drives, mounted on gantries that run on the entire 200- to 300-foot length of the machines' beds. These latter machines are tape-controlled and are capable of complex contour milling while holding remarkably close tolerances over entire lengths of the part.

**ROUTING**

Routers used for machining aluminum have evolved from similar equipment originally and currently used in woodworking. These machines include portable hand routers, hinged and radial routers, and profile routers. Both plain and carbide-tipped high-speed steel tools, rotating at 20,000 rpm (or faster), are used.

The principal router applications for aluminum are for edge-profiling shapes from single or stacked sheet or plate, and for area removal of any volume of metal when the router is used as a skin or spar mill.

**FORGING**

Hammering or squeezing a heated metal into a desired shape is one of the oldest metalworking procedures; such “forging” was one of the first fabricating processes used for making things of aluminum.

Die forgings, also called *close die forgings*, are produced by hammering or squeezing the metal between a suitable punch and die set. Excellent accuracy and detail are attained and advantageous grain-flow patterns are established, imparting maximum strength to the alloy used.

Consider, as an example, the manufacture of an airplane landing gear part from alloy 7075. This alloy basically contains 5.5% zinc, 2.5% magnesium, and 1.5% copper, and is age hardenable.

Refer to the flow chart (Fig. 3-9). The alloy is prepared by melting, and an ingot is cast. The ingot is homogenized, and
Fig. 3-9. Fabrication sequence for an airplane landing gear.

then hot forged between two dies of the desired shape. The finished forging is solution heat treated at about 900°F and quenched in water.

After solution heat treating, it is age hardened at about 250°F. Some final surface machining completes the part and it is ready to assemble on the airplane.

CASTING

Three basic casting processes are: sand casting, permanent mold casting, and die casting.

Sand casting uses a mold made from sand, based on the use of a pattern. The mold is destroyed when the cast part is removed. Sand castings are used for small-quantity runs. The finished casting has a rough surface and usually requires some machining.

Permanent mold casting utilizes a permanent mold of iron or steel that can be used repeatedly. A finished part is produced
with smooth surfaces. Dimensional accuracy of the finished part is close to that of a die-cast part.

Die casting uses a permanent mold, whereby molten metal is forced into the die cavity under pressure. It produces a dimensionally accurate, thin-sectioned and smooth-surfaced part.

**CHEMICAL MILLING**

Chemical milling is a dimensional etching process for metal removal. In working aluminum, it is the preferred method of removing less than 0.125 inch from large, intricate surfaces, such as integrally stiffened wing skins for high-performance aircraft. Sodium-hydroxide-base or other suitable alkaline solutions are generally used to chemically mill aluminum. Process is carried out at elevated temperatures. Metal removal (dissolution) is controlled by masking, rate of immersion, duration of immersion, and the composition and temperature of bath.

Dissolution of a 0.01-inch thickness of aluminum per minute is a typical removal rate. Economics dictates the removal of thicknesses greater than 0.250 inch by mechanical means. The choice of method between the aforementioned 0.125- and 0.250-inch metal-removal thickness depends on the fillet ratio and weight penalty.

**MAKING STRAIGHT-LINE BENDS**

Forming at the factory (as covered in the previous section) involves specialized equipment and techniques. Therefore, it is generally beyond the scope of the field mechanic. However, an example of straight-line bends is appropriate.

When forming straight bends, the thickness of the material, its alloy composition, and its temper condition must be considered. Generally speaking, the thinner the material, the sharper it can be bent (the smaller the radius of bend), and the softer the material, the sharper the bend. Other factors that must be considered when making straight-line bends are bend allowance, setback, and the brake or sight line.
The radius of bend of a sheet of material is the radius of the bend, as measured on the inside of the curved materials. The minimum radius of bend of a sheet of material is the sharpest curve, or bend, to which the sheet can be bent without critically weakening the metal at the bend. If the radius of bend is too small, stresses and strains will weaken the metal and could result in cracking.

A minimum radius of bend is specified for each type of aircraft sheet metal. The kind of material, thickness, and temper condition of the sheet are factors that affect the minimum radius. Annealed sheet can be bent to a radius approximately equal to its thickness. Stainless steel and 2024-T aluminum alloy require a fairly large bend radius.

A general rule for minimum bend radii is:

- $1 \times \text{thickness}$ for O temper.
- $2\frac{1}{2} \times \text{thickness}$ for T4 temper.
- $3 \times \text{thickness}$ for T3 temper.

**Bend Allowance**

When making a bend or fold in a sheet of metal, the bend allowance must be calculated. Bend allowance is the length of material required for the bend. This amount of metal must be added to the overall length of the layout pattern to ensure adequate metal for the bend (Fig. 3-10).

Bending a strip compresses the material on the inside of the curve and stretches the material on the outside of the curve. However, at some distance between these two extremes lies a space that is not affected by either force. This is known as the neutral line or neutral axis. It occurs at a distance approximately 0.445 times the metal thickness ($0.455 \times T$) from the inside of the radius of the bend.

When bending metal to exact dimensions, the length of the neutral line must be determined so that sufficient material can be allowed for the bend. To save time in calculating the bend allowance, formulas and charts for various angles, radii of bends, material thicknesses, and other factors have been established.
By experimenting with actual bends in metals, aircraft engineers have found that accurate bending results could be obtained by using the following formula for any degree of bend from 1 degree to 180 degrees:

\[
\text{Bend allowance} = (0.01743 \times R + 0.0078 \times T) \times N
\]

where: 
- \( R \) = The desired bend radius,
- \( T \) = Thickness of the material, and
- \( N \) = Number of degrees of bend.

This formula can be used in the absence of a bend-allowance chart. To determine the bend allowance for any degree of bend by use of the chart (Fig. 3-11), find the allowance per degree for the number of degrees in the bend.

The radius of bend is given as a decimal fraction on the top line of the chart. Bend allowance is given directly below the radius figures. The top number in each case is the bend allowance.
Fig. 3-11. Bend allowance chart.
for a $90^\circ$ angle, whereas the lower-placed number is for a $1^\circ$ angle. Material thickness is given in the left column of the chart.

To find the bend allowance when the sheet thickness is 0.051", the radius of bend is $\frac{1}{2}$" (0.250") and the bend is to be $90^\circ$. Reading across the top of the bend-allowance chart, find the column for a radius of bend of 0.250". Now find the block in this column that is opposite the gauge of 0.051 in the column at left. The upper number in the block is 0.428, the correct bend allowance in inches for a $90^\circ$ bend (0.428" bend allowance).

If the bend is to be other than $90^\circ$, use the lower number in the block (the bend allowance for $1^\circ$) and compute the bend allowance. The lower number in this case is 0.004756. Therefore, if the bend is to be $120^\circ$, the total bend allowance in inches will be $120 \times 0.004756$, which equals 0.5707".

When bending a piece of sheet stock, it is necessary to know the starting and ending points of the bend so that the length of the “flat” of the stock can be determined. Two factors are important in determining this: the radius of bend and the thickness of the material.

Notice that setback is the distance from the bend tangent line to the mold point. The mold point is the point of intersection of the lines that extend from the outside surfaces, whereas the bend tangent lines are the starting and end points of the bend. Also notice that the setback is the same for the vertical flat and the horizontal flat.

To calculate the setback for a $90^\circ$ bend, merely add the inside radius of the bend to the thickness of the sheet stock:

$$Setback = R + T \text{ (Fig. 3-12)}$$

To calculate setback for angles larger or smaller than $90^\circ$, consult standard setback charts or the $K$ chart (Fig. 3-13) for a value called $K$, and then substitute this value in the formula:

$$Setback = K \left(R + T\right).$$
The value for $K$ varies with the number of degrees in the bend. For example:

Calculate the setback for a 120° bend with a radius of bend of 0.125" for a sheet 0.032" thick;

$$Setback = K(R + T) = 1.7320 \times (0.125 + 0.032) = 0.272"$$

**Brake or Sight Line**

The brake or sight line is the mark on a flat sheet that is set even with the nose of the radius bar of the cornice brake and serves as a guide when bending. The brake line can be located by measuring out one radius from the bend tangent line closest to the end that is to be inserted under the nose of the brake or against the radius form block. The nose of the brake or radius bar should fall directly over the brake or sight line, as shown in Fig. 3-14.
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Fig. 3-13. Setback, K chart.
Fig. 3-15. Locating relief holes.

Relief holes must touch the intersection of the inside-bend tangent lines. To allow for possible error in bending, make the relief holes so that they extend $\frac{1}{2}$" to $\frac{5}{16}$" behind the inside end tangent lines. The intersection of these lines should be used as the center for the holes. The line on the inside of the curve is cut at an angle toward the relief holes to allow for the stretching of the inside flange.

**Miscellaneous Shop Equipment and Procedures**

Selected pieces of shop equipment are presented in Chapter 2. Figure 3-16 shows a hand-operated brake for bending sheet metal. Larger brakes are power operated.

Bends of a more complicated design, like a sheet-metal rib having flanges around its contour, should be made over a form block shaped to fit the inside contour of the finished part. Bending the flanges over this die can be accomplished by hand forming, a slow (but practical) method for experimental work (Fig. 3-17).
Machining involves all forms of cutting, whether performed on sheet stock, castings, or extrusions, and involves such operations as shearing (Fig. 3-18), sawing, routing, and lathe and millwork, and such hand operations as drilling, tapping, and reaming.

MAGNESIUM AND MAGNESIUM ALLOYS

Magnesium, the world’s lightest structural metal, is a silvery-white material that weighs only two-thirds as much as aluminum. Magnesium does not possess sufficient strength in its
pure state for structural uses, but when alloyed with zinc, aluminum, and manganese, it produces an alloy having the highest strength-to-weight ratio of any of the commonly used metals.

Some of today's aircraft require in excess of one-half ton of this metal for use in hundreds of vital spots. Selected wing panels are fabricated entirely from magnesium alloys. These panels weigh 18 percent less than standard aluminum panels and have flown hundreds of satisfactory hours. Among the aircraft parts that have been made from magnesium with a substantial savings in weight are nosewheel doors, flap cover skins, aileron cover skins, oil tanks, floorings, fuselage parts, wingtips, engine nacelles, instrument panels, radio antenna masts, hydraulic fluid tanks, oxygen bottle cases, ducts, and seats.
Magnesium alloys possess good casting characteristics. Their properties compare favorably with those of cast aluminum. In forging, hydraulic presses are ordinarily used, although, under certain conditions, forging can be accomplished in mechanical presses or with drop hammers.

Magnesium alloys are subject to such treatments as annealing, quenching, solution heat treatment, aging, and stabilizing. Sheet and plate magnesium are annealed at the rolling mill. The solution heat treatment is used to put as much of the alloying ingredients as possible into solid solution, which results in high tensile strength and maximum ductility. Aging is applied to castings following heat treatment if maximum hardness and yield strength are desired.

Magnesium embodies fire hazards of an unpredictable nature. When in large sections, high thermal conductivity makes it difficult to ignite and prevents it from burning; it will not burn until the melting point is reached, which is 1204° F. However, magnesium dust and fine chips can be ignited easily. Precautions must be taken to avoid this, if possible. If a fire occurs, it can be extinguished with an extinguishing powder, such as powdered soapstone or graphite powder. Water or any standard liquid or foam fire extinguishers cause magnesium to burn more rapidly and can cause explosions.

Magnesium alloys produced in the United States consist of magnesium alloyed with varying proportions of aluminum, manganese, and zinc. These alloys are designated by a letter of the alphabet, with the number 1 indicating high purity and maximum corrosion resistance.

**Heat Treatment of Magnesium Alloys**

Magnesium alloy castings respond readily to heat treatment, and about 95 percent of the magnesium used in aircraft construction is in the cast form. Heat treatment of magnesium alloy castings is similar to the heat treatment of aluminum alloys because the two types of heat treatment are solution and precipitation (aging). Magnesium, however, develops a negli-
gible change in its properties when allowed to age naturally at room temperatures.

**TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

In aircraft construction and repair, titanium is used for fuselage skins, engine shrouds, firewalls, longerons, frames, fittings, air ducts, and fasteners. Titanium is used to make compressor disks, spacer rings, compressor blades and vanes, through bolts, turbine housings and liners, and miscellaneous hardware for turbine engines.

Titanium falls between aluminum and stainless steel in terms of elasticity, density, and elevated temperature strength. It has a melting point of from 2730 to 3155° F, low thermal conductivity, and a low coefficient of expansion. It is light, strong, and resistant to stress-corrosion cracking. Titanium is approximately 60 percent heavier than aluminum and about 50 percent lighter than stainless steel.

Because of the high melting point of titanium, high-temperature properties are disappointing. The ultimate yield strength of titanium drops rapidly above 800° F. The absorption of oxygen and nitrogen from the air at temperatures above 1000° F makes the metal so brittle on long exposure that it soon becomes worthless. However, titanium does have some merit for short-time exposure up to 3000° F, where strength is not important. Aircraft firewalls demand this requirement.

Titanium is nonmagnetic and has an electrical resistance comparable to that of stainless steel. Some of the base alloys of titanium are quite hard. Heat treating and alloying do not develop the hardness of titanium to the high levels of some of the heat-treated alloys of steel. A heat-treatable titanium alloy was only recently developed. Prior to the development of this alloy heating and rolling was the only method of forming that could be accomplished. However, it is possible to form the new alloy in the soft condition and heat treat it for hardness.

Iron, molybdenum, and chromium are used to stabilize titanium and produce alloys that will quench harden and age
harden. The addition of these metals also adds ductility. The fatigue resistance of titanium is greater than that of aluminum or steel.

Titanium Designations

The A-B-C classification of titanium alloys was established to provide a convenient and simple means to describe titanium alloys. Titanium and titanium alloys possess three basic crystals: A (alpha), B (beta), and C (combined alpha and beta), that have specific characteristics:

- **A (alpha)** All-around performance, good weldability, tough and strong both cold and hot, and resistant to oxidation.
- **B (beta)** Bendability, excellent bend ductility, strong both cold and hot, but vulnerable to contamination.
- **C (combined alpha and beta for compromise performances)** Strong when cold and warm, but weak when hot; good bendability; moderate contamination resistance; and excellent forgeability.

Titanium is manufactured for commercial use in two basic compositions: commercially pure and alloyed. A-55 is an example of a commercially pure titanium; it has a yield strength of 55,000 to 80,000 psi and is a general-purpose grade for moderate to severe forming. It is sometimes used for nonstructural aircraft parts and for all types of corrosion-resistant applications, such as tubing.

Type A-70 titanium is closely related to type A-55, but has a yield strength of 70,000 to 95,000 psi. It is used where higher strength is required, and it is specified for many moderately stressed aircraft parts. For many corrosion applications, it is used interchangeably with type A-55. Type A-55 and type A-70 are weldable.

One of the widely used titanium-base alloys is C-110M. It is used for primary structural members and aircraft skin, has
110,000 psi minimum yield strength, and contains 8 percent manganese.

Type A-110AT is a titanium alloy that contains 5 percent aluminum and 2.5 percent tin. It also has a high minimum yield strength at elevated temperatures with the excellent welding characteristics inherent in alpha-type titanium alloys.

**Corrosion Characteristics**

The corrosion resistance of titanium deserves special mention. The resistance of the metal to corrosion is caused by the formation of a protective surface film of stable oxide or chemi-absorbed oxygen. Film is often produced by the presence of oxygen and oxidizing agents.

Titanium corrosion is uniform. There is little evidence of pitting or other serious forms of localized attack. Normally, it is not subject to stress corrosion, corrosion fatigue, intergranular corrosion, or galvanic corrosion. Its corrosion resistance is equal or superior to 18-8 stainless steel.

**Treatment of Titanium**

Titanium is heat treated for the following purposes:

- Relief of stresses set up during cold forming or machining.
- Annealing after hot working or cold working, or to provide maximum ductility for subsequent cold working.
- Thermal hardening to improve strength.

**WORKING WITH TITANIUM**

Unlike familiar metals, such as aluminum and steel, which generally require no special techniques and procedures for machining, drilling, tapping or forming, working with titanium requires consideration of its special characteristics. Therefore, a more-detailed discussion of titanium’s workability is in order.
Machining of Titanium

Titanium can be economically machined on a routine production basis if shop procedures are set up to allow for the physical characteristics common to the metal. The factors that must be given consideration are not complex, but they are vital to the successful handling of titanium.

Most important is that different grades of titanium (i.e., commercially pure and various alloys) will not all have identical machining characteristics. Like stainless steel, the low thermal conductivity of titanium inhibits dissipation of heat within the workpiece itself, thus requiring proper application of coolants.

Generally, good tool life and work quality can be ensured by rigid machine set-ups, use of a good coolant, sharp and proper tools, slower speeds, and heavier feeds. The use of sharp tools is vital because dull tools will accentuate heat build-up to cause undue galling and seizing, leading to premature tool failure.

Milling

The milling of titanium is a more-difficult operation than that of turning. The cutter mills only part of each revolution, and chips tend to adhere to the teeth during that portion of the revolution that each tooth does not cut. On the next contact, when the chip is knocked off, the tooth could be damaged.

This problem can be alleviated to a great extent by using climb milling, instead of conventional milling. In this type of milling, the cutter is in contact with the thinnest portion of the chip as it leaves the cut, minimizing chip "welding."

For slab milling, the work should move in the same direction as the cutting teeth. For face milling, the teeth should emerge from the cut in the same direction as the work is fed.

In milling titanium, when the cutting edge fails, it is usually because of chipping. Thus, the results with carbide tools are often less satisfactory than with cast-alloy tools. The increase in cutting speeds of 20 to 30%, which is possible with carbide, does not always compensate for the additional tool-grinding
costs. Consequently, it is advisable to try both cast-alloy and carbide tools to determine the better of the two for each milling job. The use of a water-base coolant is recommended.

Turning

Commercially pure and alloyed titanium can be turned with little difficulty. Carbide tools are the most satisfactory for turning-titanium. The "straight" tungsten carbide grades of standard designations C1 through C4, such as Metal Carbides C-91 and similar types, provide the best results. Cobalt-type high-speed steels appear to be the best of the many types of high-speed steel available. Cast-alloy tools, such as Stellite, Tantung, Rex-alloy, etc., can be used when carbide is not available and when the cheaper high-speed steels are not satisfactory.

Drilling

Successful drilling can be accomplished with ordinary high-speed steel drills. One of the most-important factors in drilling titanium is the length of the unsupported section of the drill.

This portion of the drill should be no longer than necessary to drill the required depth of hole and still allow the chips to flow unhampered through the flutes and out of the hole. This permits the application of maximum cutting pressure, as well as rapid removal and re-engagement to clear chips, without drill breakage. Use of "Spiro-Point" drill grinding is desirable.

Tapping

The best results in tapping titanium have been with a 65% thread. Chip removal is a problem that makes tapping one of the more-difficult machining operations. However, in tapping through-holes, this problem can be simplified by using a gun-type tap with which chips are pushed ahead of the tap. Another problem is the smear of titanium on the land of the tap, which
can result in the tap freezing or binding in the hole. An activated cutting oil, such as a sulfurized-and-chlorinated oil, is helpful in avoiding this.

**Grinding**

The proper combination of grinding fluid, abrasive wheel, and wheel speeds can expedite this form of shaping titanium. Both alundum and silicon carbide wheels are used. The procedure recommended is to use considerably lower wheel speeds than in conventional grinding of steels. A water-sodium nitrite mixture produces excellent results as a coolant. However, this solution can be very corrosive to equipment, unless proper precautions are used.

**Sawing**

Slow speeds (in the 50-fpm range) and heavy, constant blade pressure should be used. Standard blades should be reground to provide improved cutting efficiency and blade life.

**Cleaning After Machining**

It is recommended that machined parts that will be exposed to elevated temperatures should be thoroughly cleaned to remove all traces of cutting oils. An acceptable recommended solvent is methyl-ethyl-ketone (MEK).

It is advisable not to use low-flash-point cutting oils because the high heat generated during machining could cause the oil to ignite. Water-soluble oils or cutting fluids with a high flash point are recommended.

**Shop-Forming Titanium**

Titanium sheet material can be cold or hot formed, although the latter is usually preferable. Forming is best accomplished
by one of four basic methods (hydropress, power brake, stretch, or drop hammer), using somewhat more gradual application of pressure than with steel. Titanium mill products are generally shipped in the annealed condition, and thus are in their most workable condition for forming, as received.

Initial forming operations—the preparation of blanks—are much like those used for 18-8 stainless steel: shearing, die blanking, nibbling, and sawing are all satisfactory. To prevent cracks or tears during forming operations of titanium, blanks should be deburred to a round, smooth edge.

**Stress Relief**

As an aid to cold forming, it is usually necessary to stress relieve where more than one stage of fabrication is involved. For example, a part should be stress relieved after brake forming prior to stretching and also between room-temperature hydropress forming stages. After cold-forming operations are complete, heat treatment is necessary to relieve residual stresses imposed during forming.

**FERROUS AIRCRAFT METALS**

_Ferrous_ applies to the group of metals having iron as their principal constituent.

**Identification**

If carbon is added to iron, in percentages ranging up to approximately 1 percent, the product is vastly superior to iron alone and is classified as _carbon steel_. Carbon steel forms the base of those alloy steels produced by combining carbon steel with other elements known to improve the properties of steel. A base metal, such as iron, to which small quantities of other metals have been added is called an _alloy_. The addition of other metals changes or improves the chemical or physical properties of the base metal for a particular use.
The steel classification of the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) is used in specifications for all high-grade steels used in automotive and aircraft construction. A numerical index system identifies the composition of SAE steels.

Each SAE number consists of a group of digits: the first digit represents the type of steel; the second, the percentage of the principal alloying element; and, usually, the last two or three digits, the percentage, in hundredths of 1 percent, of carbon in the alloy. For example, the SAE number 4130 indicates a molybdenum steel containing 1 percent molybdenum and 0.30 percent carbon.

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SAE numerical index

Metal stock is manufactured in several forms and shapes, including sheets, bars, rods, tubings, extrusions, forgings, and castings. Sheet metal is made in a number of sizes and thicknesses. Specifications designate thicknesses in thousandths of an inch. Bars and rods are supplied in a variety of shapes, such as round, square, rectangular, hexagonal, and octagonal. Tubing can be obtained in round, oval, rectangular, or streamlined shapes. The size of tubing is generally specified by outside diameter and wall thickness.

The sheet metal is usually formed cold in such machines as presses, bending brakes, drawbenches, or rolls. Forgings are shaped or formed by pressing or hammering heated metal in dies. Castings are produced by pouring molten metal into molds. The casting is finished by machining.
Types, Characteristics, and Uses of Alloyed Steels

Steel that contains carbon in percentages range from 0.10 to 0.30 percent is considered low-carbon steel. The equivalent SAE numbers range from 1010 to 1030. Steels of this grade are used to make such items as safety wire, selected nuts, cable bushings, or threaded rod ends. This steel, in sheet form, is used for secondary structural parts and clamps, and in tubular form for moderately stressed structural parts.

Steel that contains carbon in percentages that range from 0.30 to 0.50 percent is considered medium-carbon steel. This steel is especially adaptable for machining or forging, and where surface hardness is desirable. Selected rod ends and light forgings are made from SAE 1035 steel.

Steel that contains carbon in percentages ranging from 0.50 to 1.05 percent is high-carbon steel. The addition of other elements in varying quantities add to the hardness of this steel. In the fully heat-treated condition, it is very hard, will withstand high shear and wear, and will have minor deformation. It has limited use in aircraft. SAE 1095 in sheet form is used to make flat springs and in wire form to make coil springs.

The various nickel steels are produced by combining nickel with carbon steel. Steels containing from 3 to 3.75 percent nickel are commonly used. Nickel increases the hardness, tensile strength, and elastic limit of steel without appreciably decreasing the ductility. It also intensifies the hardening effect of heat treatment. SAE 2330 steel is used extensively for aircraft parts, such as bolts, terminals, keys, clevises, and pins.

Chromium steel has high hardness, strength, and corrosion-resistant properties, and is particularly adaptable for heat-treated forgings that require greater toughness and strength than can be obtained in plain carbon steel. Chromium steel can be used for such articles as the balls and rollers of antifriction bearings.

Chrome-nickel (stainless) steels are the corrosion-resistant metals. The anticorrosive degree of this steel is determined by the surface condition of the metal, as well as by the composition, temperature, and concentration of the corrosive agent.
The principal alloy of stainless steel is chromium. The corrosion-resistant steel most often used in aircraft construction is known as 18-8 steel because it is 18 percent chromium and 8 percent nickel. One distinctive feature of 18-8 steel is that its strength can be increased by coldworking.

Stainless steel can be rolled, drawn, bent, or formed to any shape. Because these steels expand about 50 percent more than mild steel and conduct heat only about 40 percent as rapidly, they are more difficult to weld. Stainless steel can be used for almost any part of an aircraft. Some of its common applications are in the fabrication of exhaust collectors, stacks and manifolds, structural and machine parts, springs, castings, tie rods, and control cables.

Chrome-vanadium steels are made of approximately 18 percent vanadium and about 1 percent chromium. When heat treated, they have strength, toughness, and resistance to wear and fatigue. A special grade of this steel in sheet form can be cold formed into intricate shapes. It can be folded and flattened without signs of breaking or failure. SAE 6150 is used for making springs, while chrome-vanadium with high-carbon content, SAE 6195, is used for ball and roller bearings.

Molybdenum in small percentages is used in combination with chromium to form chrome-molybdenum steel, which has various uses in aircraft. Molybdenum is a strong alloying element that raises the ultimate strength of steel without affecting ductility or workability. Molybdenum steels are tough and wear resistant, and they harden throughout when heat treated. They are especially adaptable for welding and, for this reason, are used principally for welded structural parts and assemblies. This type of steel has practically replaced carbon steel in the fabrication of fuselage tubing, engine mounts, landing gears, and other structural parts. For example, a heat-treated SAE 4130 tube is approximately four times as strong as an SAE 1025 tube of the same weight and size.

A series of chrome-molybdenum steel most used in aircraft construction contains 0.25 to 0.55 percent carbon, 0.15 to 0.25 percent molybdenum, and 0.50 to 1.10 percent chromium. These steels, when suitably heat treated, are deep hardening,
easily machined, readily welded by either gas or electric methods, and are especially adapted to high-temperature service.

Inconel is a nickel-chromium-iron alloy that closely resembles stainless steel in appearance. Because these two metals look very much alike, a distinguishing test is often necessary. One method of identification is to use a solution of 10 grams of cupric chloride in 100 cubic centimeters of hydrochloric acid. With a medicine dropper, place one drop of the solution on a sample of each metal to be tested and allow it to remain for two minutes. At the end of this period, slowly add three or four drops of water to the solution on the metal samples, one drop at a time; then wash the samples in clear water and dry them. If the metal is stainless steel, the copper in the cupric chloride solution will be deposited on the metal leaving a copper-colored spot. If the sample is inconel, a new-looking spot will be present.

The tensile strength of inconel is 100,000 psi annealed, and 125,000 psi, when hard rolled. It is highly resistant to salt water and is able to withstand temperatures as high as 1600° F. Inconel welds readily and has working qualities quite similar to those of corrosion-resistant steels.

**Heat Treatment of Ferrous Metals**

The first important consideration in the heat treatment of a steel part is to know its chemical composition. This, in turn, determines its upper critical point. When the upper critical point is known, the next consideration is the rate of heating and cooling to be used. Carrying out these operations involves the use of uniform heating furnaces, proper temperature controls, and suitable quenching mediums.

Heat treating requires special techniques and equipment that are usually associated with manufacturers or large repair stations. Because these processes are normally beyond the scope of the field mechanic, the heat treatment of steel alloys is not covered. However, the heat treatment of alloy steels includes hardening, tempering, annealing, normalizing, casehardening, carburizing, and nitriding.
Although drilling holes seems a simple task, it requires a great deal of knowledge and skill to do it properly and in accordance with specifications. It is one of the most important operations performed by riveters or mechanics. With enough study and a considerable amount of practice, practically anyone can learn to perform the operation.

**RIVET HOLE PREPARATION**

Preparing holes to specifications requires more than just running a drill through a piece of metal. This chapter outlines the fundamentals of preparing proper holes, primarily for all types of rivets and rivet-type fasteners; however, the information is also generally applicable to bolts, pins, or any other devices that require accurately drilled holes.

Countersinking is another phase of preparing holes for certain types of fasteners. Countersinking procedures and other related data are also included in this chapter.
Rivet Hole Location

Before drilling any hole, it is necessary to know where to drill it. This can be done by any one or a combination of the following methods:

- By pilot holes punched while the part is being made on a punch press and enlarging the holes to full size on assembly.
- By use of a template.
- By drilling through drill bushings in a jig on assembly.
- By using a "hole finder" to locate holes in the outer skin over the pilot or predrilled hole in the substructure.
- By laying out the rivet pattern by measurements from a blueprint. When it is necessary to mark hole locations, a colored pencil that contains no lead, or a water soluble fine point felt pen should be used. The carbon in lead pencils is highly incompatible with aluminum and should not be used. Never use a scriber or other similar object that would scratch the metal.

Drills

Rivet holes are generally made with an air drill motor and a standard straight shank twist drill, as shown in Fig. 4-1.
Twist drills for most aircraft work are available in three different size groups: “letter” sizes A through Z; “number” sizes 80 through 1; and “fractional” sizes, from diameters of $\frac{3}{64}"$ up to $1\frac{3}{4}"$, increasing in increments of $\frac{3}{64}"$. “Fractional” sizes are also available in larger diameters, but are not used for rivet fasteners. All drill sizes are marked on the drill shank. See Fig. 4-2 for normally available drill sizes.

**Fig. 4-2.** Sizes and designations of fraction, number, and letter drills.
Drills are made from the following materials:

- **Carbon Steel**  Not normally used in the aerospace industry because of its inferior working qualities to high-speed steel.
- **High-Speed Steel**  Most drills used in the aerospace industry are high-speed steel because of good physical characteristics, ready availability, and because they do not present any difficult problems in resharpening.
- **Cobalt Alloy Steels**  Used on high heat-treated steels over 180,000 psi.
- **Cemented Carbide Inserts**  Used for cutting very hard and abrasive materials. Limited use in the aerospace industry.

Drill sizes are not always readable on the drill shank because the drill chuck has spun on the drill and removed the markings. If the drill size cannot easily be read on the drill, always use a drill gauge, shown in Fig. 4-3.

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**Fig. 4-3.** Drill gauges: fractions on the left and number on the right. Decimal equivalents are also given.  
Courtesy L.S. Starrett Company
Drill Sharpening

The twist drill should be sharpened at the first sign of dullness. Faulty sharpening accounts for most of the difficulty encountered in drilling. Although drills can be sharpened by hand, a drill-sharpening jig should be used when available. Using the drill gauge (Fig. 4-4), rotating the drill about its central axis will not provide the 12° lip clearance required. The drill must be handled so that the heel will be ground lower than the lip. Using the drill gauge, it is possible to maintain equal length lips that form equal angles with the central axis. If the drill is rotated slightly the gauge will indicate whether the heel has sufficient clearance.

Fig. 4-4. Drill-sharpening gauge.
Courtesy L.S. Starret Company

Drill Points

Drills are made with a number of different points or are ground to different angles for a specific application, as shown in Fig. 4-5. Always select the correct shape point for the job. As a general rule, the point angle should be flat or large for hard and tough materials, and sharp or small for soft materials.

Drilling Equipment

The air drill motor is used in the aerospace industry in preference to an electric motor because the air motor has no fire or
shock hazards, has a lower initial cost, requires less maintenance, and running speed is easier to control. Air motors are available in a variety of sizes, shapes, running speeds, and drilling head angles (Fig. 4-6).
DRILLING OPERATIONS

Chucking the Drill

WARNING

Before installing or removing drill bits, countersinks, or other devices in an air motor, be sure that the air line to the motor is disconnected. Failure to observe this precaution can cause serious injury.

1. Install proper drill in the motor and tighten with proper size chuck key. Be sure to center the drill in the chuck. Do not allow flutes to enter the chuck.
2. Connect the air hose to the motor inlet fitting.
3. Start the drill motor and check the drill for wobble. The drill must run true, or an oversize hole will be made. Replace bent drills.

Drilling Holes

1. Hold the motor firmly. Hold the drill at 90° angle to the surface, as shown in Fig. 4-7.

2. Start the hole by placing the point of the drill on the marked centerline. With the fingers, turn the chuck until an indentation is made. (Omit this step when drilling through a drill bushing or when a pilot hole exists.)
3. Position thumb and forefinger to prevent the drill from going too far through the work, which can cause damage to items on the other side or result in an oversize hole.

4. Drill the hole by starting the drill motor and exerting pressure on the centerline of the drill. Exert just enough pressure to start the drill cutting a fairly large size of chip and maintain this pressure until the drill starts to come through the work.

5. Decrease the pressure and cushion the breakthrough with the fingers when the drill comes through. Do not let the drill go any farther through the hole than is necessary to make a good, clean hole. Do not let the drill spin in the hole any longer than necessary.

6. Withdraw the drill from the hole in a straight line perpendicular to the work. Keep motor running while withdrawing drill.

To ensure proper centering and a correct, final-sized hole, rivet holes are usually pilot drilled with a drill bit that is smaller than the one used to finish the hole. Selected larger-diameter holes must be presized after pilot drilling and before final-sized drilling to ensure a round, accurate hole for the rivet. This procedure is sometimes referred to as step drilling.

Note: When drilling thin sheet-metal parts, support the part from the rear with a wooden block or other suitable material to prevent bending.

For enlarging holes in thin sheet metal use:

Plastic-type drills for hole diameter \( \frac{3}{8}'' \) and under.

Hole saws for holes over \( \frac{3}{8}'' \) diameter (Fig. 4-8). Do not use counterbores or spotfacers.

Fig. 4-8. For cutting clean, large-diameter holes in thin sheet metal, hole saws are commonly used.
Using an Extension Drill

Special drills can be used with the air-drill motor. The long drill (sometimes called a *flexible drill*) comes in common drill sizes and in 6-inch, 8-inch, 10-inch, or longer lengths. Do not use a longer drill than necessary. See Fig. 4-9.

**CAUTION**

1. Before starting the motor, hold the extension near the flute end with one hand as shown in Fig. 4-10. Don’t touch the flutes and don’t forget to wear safety glasses or a face shield.

2. Drill through the part. Do not let go of the drill shank. Keep the motor running as the drill is removed.

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**Figure 4-9.** Select a drill of the correct length and size.

**Figure 4-10.** Hold the extension drill near the flute end with one hand. An unsupported drill might whip around and cause injury.
Drilling Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys

Drilling these materials has become quite commonplace and few difficulties are experienced. Some of the newer aluminum alloys of high silicon content and some of the cast alloys still present several problems.

General-purpose drills can be used for all sheet material.

High rates of penetration can be used when drilling aluminum; hence, disposal of chips or cuttings is very important. To permit these high-penetration rates and still dispose of the chips, drills have to be free cutting to reduce the heat generated and have large flute areas for the passage of chips.

Although the mechanic has no direct indication of drill motor speed, a relatively high rpm can be used.

Drilling Titanium and Titanium Alloys

Titanium and its alloys have low-volume specific heat and low thermal conductivity, causing them to heat readily at the point of cutting, and making them difficult to cool because the heat does not dissipate readily.

Thermal problems can best be overcome by reducing either the speed or the feed. Fortunately, titanium alloys do not work-harden appreciably, thus lighter feed pressures can be used.

When using super-high-speed drills containing high carbon, vanadium, and cobalt to resist abrasion and high drilling heats, a speed (rpm) considerably slower than for aluminum must be used.

See Chapter 3 for further information regarding the drilling of titanium.

Drilling Stainless Steel

Stainless steel is more difficult to drill than aluminum alloys and straight carbon steel because of the work-hardening properties. Because of work hardening, it is most important to cut continuously with a uniform speed and feed. If the tool is per-
mitted to rub or idle on the work, the surface will become work hardened to a point where it is difficult to restart the cut.

For best results in cutting stainless steel, the following should be adhered to:

- Use sharp drills, point angle 135°.
- Use moderate speeds.
- Use adequate and uniform feeds.
- Use an adequate amount of sulfurized mineral oil or soluble oil as a coolant, if possible.
- Use drill motor speeds the same as for titanium.

**Hint**

When drilling through dissimilar materials, drill through the harder material first to prevent making an egg-shaped hole in the softer material.

**Deburring**

Drilling operations cause burrs to form on each side of the sheet and between sheets. Removal of these burrs, called *debunking* or *burring*, must be performed if the burrs tend to cause a separation between the parts being riveted. Burrs under either head of a rivet do not, in general, result in unacceptable riveting. The burrs do not have to be removed if the material is to be used immediately; however, sharp burrs must be removed, if the material is to be stored or stacked, to prevent scratching of adjacent parts or injury to personnel.

Care must be taken to limit the amount of metal removed when burrs are removed. Removal of any appreciable amount of material from the edge of the rivet hole will result in a riveted joint of lowered strength. Deburring shall not be performed on predrilled holes that are to be subsequently form countersunk.

Remove drill chips and dirt prior to riveting to prevent separation of the sheets being riveted. Burrs and chips can be minimized by clamping the sheets securely during drilling and
backing up the work if the rear member is not sufficiently rigid. A “chip chaser” (Fig. 4-11) can be used when necessary to remove loose chips between the material.

![Fig. 4-11. A chip chaser can be used to remove chips between material.](image)

**COUNTERSINKING**

Flush head rivets (100° countersunk) require a countersunk hole prepared for the manufactured rivet head to nest in. This is accomplished by one of two methods: machine countersinking or form countersinking (dimpling), as shown in Fig. 4-12.

![Fig. 4-12. Countersinking and dimpling.](image)
Types of Countersinking Cutters

The straight shank cutter is shown in Fig. 4-13. The cutting angle is marked on the body. Cutting angles commonly used are 100° and 110°. The diameter of the body varies from ¼" to 1½". A countersink of ½" diameter is most commonly used.

A countersink cutter (rose bud) for angle drills, also shown in Fig. 4-13, is used if no other countersink will do the job.

The stop countersink (Fig. 4-14) consists of the cutter and a cage. The cutter has a threaded shank to fit the cage and an integral pilot. The cutting angle is marked on the body. The cage consists of a foot piece, locking sleeve, locknut, and spindle.

Fig. 4-13. Straight shank and rosebud countersinking cutters.

Fig. 4-14. The stop countersink.
The foot-piece is also available in various shapes and sizes. Stop countersinks must be used in all countersinking operations, except where there is not enough clearance.

**CAUTION**

When using a stop countersink, always hold the skirt firmly with one hand. If the countersink turns or vibrates, the material will be marred and a ring will be made around the hole.

Back (inserted) countersinks (Fig. 4-15) should be used when access for countersinking is difficult. The back countersink consists of two pieces: a rod, of the same diameter as the drilled hole, which slips through the hole, and a cutter that is attached on the far side.

![Fig. 4-15. A back countersink.](image)

**Countersinking Holes**

To countersink holes, proceed as follows:

1. Inspect the holes to be countersunk. The holes must be of the proper size, perpendicular to the work surface, and not be elongated.
2. Select the proper size of countersink. The pilot should just fit the hole and turn freely in the hole. If the hole is too tight, the cutter will "freeze-up" in the hole and might break.
3. Check the angle of the countersink.
4. Set the depth of the stop countersink on a piece of scrap before countersinking a part. Always check for proper head flushness by driving a few rivets of the required
type and size in the scrap material. The rivet heads should be flush after driving. In some cases, where aerodynamic smoothness is a necessity, the blueprint might specify that countersunk holes be made so that flush head fasteners will be a few thousandths of an inch high. Such fasteners are shaved to close limits after driving.

5. Countersink the part. Be sure to hold the skirt to keep it from marking the part and apply a steady pressure to the motor to keep the cutter from chattering in the hole.

**Form Countersinking (Dimpling)**

Blueprints often specify form countersinking to form a stronger joint than machine countersinking provides. The sheet is not weakened by cutting metal away, but is formed to interlock with the substructure. The two types of form countersinking accepted are coin dimpling and modified radius dimpling.

**Coin Dimpling**

Coin dimpling is accomplished by using either a portable or a stationary squeezer, fitted with special dimpling dies (Fig. 4-16). These special dies consist of a male die held in one jaw of the squeezer and a female die held in the other jaw. In the female die, a movable coining ram exerts controlled pressure...
on the underside of a hole, while the male die exerts controlled pressure on the upper side to form a dimple. Pressure applied by the coining ram forms, or "coins," a dimple in the exact shape of the dies. Coin dimpling does not bend or stretch the material, as did the now-obsolete radius-dimpling system, and the dimple definition is almost as sharp as that of a machine countersink. Because the lower and upper sides of the dimple are parallel, any number of coined dimples can be nested together or into a machine countersink and the action of the coining ram prevents cracking of the dimple.

Coin dimpling is used on all skins when form countersinking is specified, and, wherever possible, on the substructure. When it is impossible to get coin-dimpling equipment into difficult places on the substructure, a modified radius dimple can be used and a coin dimple can then nest in another coin dimple, or a machine countersink, or a modified radius dimple. Unless the drawing specifies otherwise, dimpling shall be performed only on a single thickness of material.

**Modified Radius Dimpling**

The modified radius dimple is similar to the coin dimple, except that the coining ram is stationary in the female die and is located at the bottom of the recess (Fig. 4-17). Because the
pressure applied by the stationary coining ram cannot be controlled, the amount of forging or coining is limited. The modified radius dimple does not have as sharp a definition as the coin dimple. Because the upper and lower sides of the modified radius dimple are not parallel, this type of dimple can never nest into another dimple or countersink, and when used must always be the bottom dimple. The advantage of the modified radius dimple is that the dimpling equipment can be made smaller and can get into otherwise inaccessible places on the substructure. Dimples for panel fasteners, such as Dzus, Camloc, and Airloc fasteners, might be modified radius dimpled.

Heat is used with some types of material when doing either type of form dimpling. Magnesium, titanium, and certain aluminum alloys must be dimpled with heated dies. Primed surfaces can be hot or cold dimpled, depending on the metal, and heat can be used to dimple any material, except stainless steel, to prevent cracking. A ram coin hot dimpler is shown in Fig. 4-18.
Hole Preparation for Form Countersinking

Preparation of holes for form countersinking is of great importance because improperly drilled holes result in defective dimples. Holes for solid-shank rivets must be size drilled, before dimpling, by using the size drills recommended for regular holes. Holes for other fasteners must be predrilled before dimpling, and then drilled to size, according to the blueprint or applicable specification after dimpling. Do not burr holes to be form countersunk, except on titanium.

CAUTION

Form countersinking equipment (coin dimpling and modified radius dimpling) is normally operated only by certified operators who have been instructed and certified to operate this equipment.

To accomplish general dimpling, proceed as follows:

1. Fit skin in place on substructure.
2. Pilot drill all holes (Cleco often).
3. Drill to proper size for dimpling: final size for conventional rivets; predrill size for all other rivets.
4. Mark all holes according to NAS523 rivet code letters (see Chapter 10) to show the type and size of fastener before removing the skin or other parts from the assembly. Mark “DD,” which means dimple down, with a grease pencil on the head side of the part.
5. Remove the skin and have it dimpled.
6. Have the substructure dimpled or countersunk as specified on the blueprint. Mark it, as in step 4.
7. Size drill holes when necessary.
8. Fit the skin.
9. Install the rivets.

SHAVING FLUSH HEAD FASTENERS

Rivets, bolts, screws, or other fasteners that protrude above the surface (beyond allowable tolerances for aerodynamic
Drilling and Countersinking

smoothness) might require shaving. The amount that a rivet can protrude above the surface of the skin varies with each airplane model and with different surfaces on the airplane. Rivet shaving (milling) is accomplished with an air-driven, high-speed cutter in a rivet shaver, as shown in Fig. 4-19.

![Fig. 4-19. Typical rivet shaver.](image)

After shaving, fasteners, should be flush within 0.001 inch above the surface—even though a greater protuberance is allowable in that particular area for unshaved fasteners.

**WARNING**

Shaved fasteners have a sharp edge and could be a hazard to personnel.

Shaved rivets and abraded areas adjacent to shaved rivets and blind rivets that have broken pin ends and are located in parts, for which applicable drawings specify paint protection, must be treated for improved paint adhesion.

**REAMERS**

Reamers are used to smooth and enlarge holes to the exact size. Hand reamers have square end shanks so that they can be
turned with a tap wrench or a similar handle. Various reamers are illustrated in Fig. 4-20.

![Fig. 4-20. Typical reamers.](image)

A hole that is to be reamed to exact size must be drilled about 0.003- to 0.007-inch undersize. A cut that removes more than 0.007 inch places too much load on the reamer and should not be attempted.

Reamers are made of either carbon tool steel or high-speed steel. The cutting blades of a high-speed steel reamer lose their original keenness sooner than those of a carbon steel reamer; however, after the first superkeenness is gone, they are still serviceable. The high-speed reamer usually lasts much longer than the carbon steel type.

Reamer blades are hardened to the point of being brittle and must be handled carefully to avoid chipping them. When reaming a hole, rotate the reamer in the cutting direction only. Turn the reamer steadily and evenly to prevent chattering, marking, and scoring the hole area.

Reamers are available in any standard size. The straight-fluted reamer is less expensive than the spiral-fluted reamer, but the spiral type has less tendency to chatter. Both types are tapered for a short distance back of the end to aid in starting.
Bottoming reamers have no taper and are used to complete the reaming of blind holes.

For general use, an expansion reamer is the most practical. This type is furnished in standard sizes from \( \frac{1}{4} \) to 1 inch, increasing in diameter by \( \frac{9}{16} \) increments. Taper reamers, both hand- and machine-operated, are used to smooth and true tapered holes and recesses.
Riveting is the strongest practical means of fastening airplane skins and the substructure together. Although the cost of installing one rivet is small, the great number of rivets used in airplane manufacture represents a large percentage of the total cost of any airplane.

**SOLID-SHANK RIVETS**

Although many special rivets are covered later in this chapter, solid-shank (conventional) rivets are the most commonly used rivets in aircraft construction. They consist of a manufactured head, a shank, and a driven head. The driven head, sometimes called a *shop head* or *upset head*, is caused by upsetting the shank with a rivet gun or rivet squeezer. The shank actually expands slightly while being driven so the rivet fits tightly in the drilled hole (Fig. 5-1).

**Material**

Solid-shank rivets are manufactured from several kinds of metal or different alloys of these metals to fulfill specific requirements. These different metals and alloys are usually specified in a rivet designation by a system of letters. They are
RIVETING OPERATION

Rivet Shank Expands Slightly During Riveting Operation to Fill Drilled Hole

SOLID SHANK RIVETS

You can tell the material by the head marking.

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<th>Head Marking</th>
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<td>1100</td>
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<td>DIMPLED</td>
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<td>2024</td>
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<td>●</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>RAISED CROSS (Dyed Brown)</td>
<td>5056</td>
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<td>●</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>TWO DOTS</td>
<td>Monel</td>
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Fig. 5-2. Most common aluminum alloy rivets. Many civil and military jet aircraft use 7075 rivets. See Chapter 13, "Standard Parts" for additional rivet types.
Rivet Types and Identification

In the past, solid-shank rivets with several different types of heads were manufactured for use on aircraft; now only three basic head types are used: countersunk, universal, and round head; however, in special cases, there are a few exceptions to this rule (Fig. 5-3).

![Rivet Types](image)

NOTE: When replacement is necessary for protruding head rivets—roundhead, flathead, or brazier head—they can usually be replaced by universal head rivets.

Fig. 5-3. Style of head and identifying number. The brazier and flat head are obsolete.

Rivets are identified by their MS (Military Standard) number, which superseded the old AN (Army-Navy) number. Both designations are still in use, however (Figs. 5-3 and 5-4).

The 2017-T and 2024-T rivets (Fig. 5-5) are used in aluminum alloy structures, where more strength is needed than is obtainable with the same size of 2117-T rivet. These rivets are annealed and must be kept refrigerated until they are to be driven. The 2017-T rivet should be driven within approximately one hour and the 2024-T rivet within 10 to 20 minutes after removal from refrigeration (Fig. 5-5).

These rivets, type D and DD, require special handling because they are heat treated, quenched, and then placed under refrigeration to delay the age-hardening process. The rivets are delivered to the shop as needed and are constantly kept under refrigeration until just before they are driven with a rivet gun or squeezer set.
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<th>Length Measured in 16ths of an inch</th>
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<tr>
<td>Length</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Length is measured from the top of the flush head and the underside of the universal head.</td>
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NOTE: The 2117-T rivet, known as the field rivet is used more than any other for riveting aluminum alloy structures. The field rivet is in wide demand because it is ready for use as received and needs no further heat-treating or annealing. It also has a high resistance to corrosion.

Fig. 5-4. Code breakdown.

Fig. 5-5. "Icebox" rivets: Type D, 2017-T (left) and Type DD, 2024-T (right).

Remember these points about icebox rivets:

- Take no more than can be driven in 15 minutes.
- Keep rivets cold with dry ice.
- Hit them hard, not often.
- Never put rivets back in the refrigerator.
- Put unused rivets in the special container provided.

**SAFETY PRECAUTION**

Dry ice has a temperature of −105° F. Handle carefully; it can cause a severe burn.
The 5056 rivet is used to rivet magnesium alloy structures because of its corrosion-resistant qualities in combination with magnesium.

**RIVETING PRACTICE**

**Edge Distance**

Edge distance is the distance from the edge of the material to the center of the nearest rivet hole (Fig. 5-6). If the drawing does not specify a minimum edge distance, the preferred edge distance is double the diameter of the rivet shank (Fig. 5-7).

![Diagram of edge distance](image)

*Fig. 5-6. Illustration of edge distance.*

![Diagram of determination of edge distance](image)

*Fig. 5-7. Determining edge distance.*
Rivet Length

Solid-shank rivet lengths are never designated on the blueprint; the mechanic must select the proper length (Fig. 5-8).

**MS20470 & MS20426**

The length of the rivet shank extending beyond the material should be 1 1/2 times the diameter of the shank.

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Rivet Length = Allowance + Material Thickness

(L = A + MT)

**Fig. 5-8. Determining rivet length.**

Hole Preparation

Consult Chapter 4 for hole-preparation details and for information on countersinking the holes and shaving of flushhead rivets. Drill sizes for various rivet diameters is shown in
Fig. 5-9. Drill sizes for various rivet diameters.

Fig. 5-9. Holes must be clean, round, and of the proper size. Forcing a rivet into a small hole will usually cause a burr to form under the rivet head.

**Use of Clecos**

A cleco is a spring-loaded clamp used to hold parts together for riveting. Special pliers are used to insert clecos into holes (Fig. 5-10).

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<th>Cleco size</th>
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<td>Color</td>
<td>Silver</td>
<td>Copper</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>Brass</td>
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Fig. 5-10. Clecos are inserted into holes with special cleco pliers. Cleco sizes are identified by colors.
Driving Solid-Shank Rivets

Solid rivets can sometimes be driven and bucked by one operator using the conventional gun and bucking bar method when there is easy access to both sides of the work. In most cases, however, two operators are required to drive conventional solid-shank rivets.

Rivet Guns

Rivet guns vary in size, type of handle, number of strokes per minute, provisions for regulating speed, and a few other features. But, in general operation, they are all basically the same (Fig. 5-11). The mechanic should use a rivet-gun size that best suits the size of the rivet being driven. Avoid using too light a rivet gun because the driven head should be upset with the fewest blows possible.

Fig. 5-11. Typical rivet guns.
NOTE

Always select a rivet gun size and bucking bar weight that will drive the rivet with as few blows as possible.

Rivet Sets

Rivet sets (Fig. 5-12) are steel shafts that are inserted into the barrel of the rivet gun to transfer the vibrating power from the gun to the rivet head (Fig. 5-13).

Fig. 5-12. Typical rivet sets.

Fig. 5-13. The rivet gun and the set go together like this.

SAFETY

A rivet gun is dangerous - never use one without a retainer spring.
Select a rivet set for the style of head and size of the rivet. Universal rivet sets can be identified with the tool number and size of the rivet. Flush sets can be identified only with the tool number (Fig. 5-14). Also shown in Fig. 5-14 is the result of using incorrect sets.

![Image of rivet sets and correct versus incorrect use](image)

Fig. 5-14. The correct set must be used for the rivet being driven.

**Bucking Bars**

A bucking bar is a piece of steel used to upset the driven head of the rivet. Bucking bars are made in a variety of sizes and shapes to fit various situations. Bucking bars must be handled carefully to prevent marring surfaces. When choosing a bucking bar to get into small places, choose one in which the center of gravity falls as near as possible over the rivet shank. Avoid using too light of a bucking bar because this causes excessive deflection of the material being riveted that, in turn, might cause marking of the outer skin by the rivet set. A bucking bar that is too heavy will cause a flattened driven head and might cause a loose manufactured head. Remember, you should use as heavy
a bar as possible to drive the rivet with as few blows as possible. Figure 5-15 shows some typical bucking bar shapes.

**Riveting Procedure**

Operate a rivet gun and install rivets as follows:

1. Install the proper rivet set in gun and attach the rivet set retaining spring, if possible. Certain flush sets have no provision for a retaining spring.
2. Connect the air hose to the gun.
3. Adjust the air regulator (Fig. 5-16), which controls the pressure or hitting power of the rivet gun, by holding the rivet set against a block of wood while pulling the trigger, which controls the operating time of the gun. The operator should time the gun to form the head in one “burst,” if possible.
4. Insert proper rivet in hole.
5. Hold or wait for the bucker to hold the bucking bar on the shank of the rivet. The gun operator should “feel” the pressure being applied by the bucker and try to equalize this pressure.
6. Pull the gun trigger to release a short burst of blows. The rivet should now be properly driven, if the timing was correct, and provided that the bucking bar and gun were
THE RIVET GUN IS OPERATED BY COMPRESSED AIR

ADJUST THE AIR PRESSURE WITH THE REGULATOR

FULL PRESSURE makes the gun hit hard and fast.
LOW PRESSURE makes the gun hit soft and slow.

THIS ... CAN RESULT FROM THE WRONG PRESSURE

TOO MUCH

OR THIS ... TOO LITTLE

The upset head diameter should be 1½ times the shank diameter; the height, ½ the shank diameter, for standard MS rivets.

Fig. 5-16. Adjust the air regulator that controls the hitting power of the gun by holding the rivet set against a block of wood.

held firmly and perpendicular (square) with the work (Fig. 5-17).

Rivet gun operators should always be familiar with the type of structure beneath the skin being riveted and must realize the problems of the bucker (Fig. 5-18).
Fig. 5-17. Holding rivet gun and bucking bar on rivet.

Fig. 5-18. The bucker should not let the sharp corner of a bucking bar contact an inside radius of the skin or any other object.

CAUTION

Never operate a rivet gun on a rivet, unless it is being bucked. The bucker should always wait for the gun operator to stop before getting off a rivet.
Skilled riveters:

- Use a slow action gun; it's easier to control.
- Use a 1½" bell-type rivet set for general-purpose flush riveting.
- Adjust the air pressure sufficiently to drive a rivet in two or three seconds.
- Use your body weight to hold the rivet gun and set firmly against the rivet.
- Hold the gun barrel at a 90° angle to the material.
- Squeeze the trigger by gripping it with your entire hand, as though you were squeezing a sponge rubber ball. Be sure that the bucking bar is on the rivet.
- Operate the rivet gun with one hand; handle rivets with your other hand.
- Spot rivet the assembly; avoid reaming holes for spot rivets.
- Plan a sequence for riveting the assembly.
- Drive the rivets to a rhythm.

See Fig. 5-19.

![Image of riveting technique]

**Fig. 5-19.** Skilled riveters develop a set procedure and work to a rhythm.
Blind Bucking

In many places on an airplane structure, riveting is visually limited. A long bucking bar might have to be used and, in some cases, the bucker will not be able to see the end of the rivet. Much skill is required to do this kind of bucking in order to hold the bucking bar square with the rivet and to prevent it from coming into contact with the substructure. The driven head might have to be inspected by means of a mirror, as shown in Fig. 5-20.

![Blind bucking and inspection](image)

**Fig. 5-20.** *Blind bucking and inspection.*

Tapping Code

A tapping code (Fig. 5-21) has been established to enable the rivet bucker to communicate with the mechanic driving the rivet:

1. One tap on the rivet by the rivet bucker means: start or resume driving the rivet.
2. Two taps on the rivet by the rivet bucker means that the rivet is satisfactory.
3. Three taps on the rivet by the rivet bucker means that the rivet is unsatisfactory and must be removed.
CAUTION

Always tap on the rivet; do not tap on the skin or any part of the aircraft structure.

HAND RIVETING

Hand riveting might be necessary in some cases. It is accomplished by holding a bucking bar against the rivet head, using a draw tool and a hammer to bring the sheets together, and a hand set and hammer to form the driven head (Fig. 5-22). For protruding head rivets, the bucking bar should have a cup the
same size and shape as the rivet head. The hand set can be short or long, as required. Do not hammer directly on the rivet shank.

**RIVET SQUEEZERS**

Solid shank rivets can also be driven by using either a portable or stationary rivet squeezer (Fig. 5-23). Both the stationary and portable squeezers are operated by air pressure.
CAUTION

Never use a squeezer without a trigger guard.

SQUEEZER SETS

Fig. 5-23. Stationary and portable rivet squeezers.

On some stationary squeezers, the rivets are automatically fed to the rivet sets so that the riveting operation is speeded up; on other types, the machines will punch the holes and drive the rivets as fast as the operation permits.

WARNING

Always disconnect the air hose before changing sets in a rivet squeezer.

Inspection After Riveting

Manufactured heads should be smooth, free of tool marks, and have no gap under the head after riveting. No cracks should be in the skin around the rivet head. The driven head should not be cocked or cracked. The height of the bucked head should be 0.5 times the rivet diameter and the
width should be 1.5 times the rivet diameter. There are a few minor exceptions to these rules, but the mechanic should strive to make all rivets perfect. Figure 5-24 illustrates examples of good and bad riveting.

**RIVET REMOVAL**

Solid shank rivet removal is accomplished by the following procedures:

1. Drill through the center of the rivet head, perpendicular to surface of the material. Use the same drill size as was
used to make the original hole. Drill to the depth where
the head of the rivet joins the rivet shank.

2. Insert a drift pin into the hole and pry off the rivet head. The drift pin shall be the same size as the drill used to make the original hole.

3. Support the material from the rear with a wooden block and tap out the rivet shank with a drift pin and a lightweight hammer.

4. Install a new rivet, of the same type and size as the original, if the hole has not been enlarged in the removal process.

5. If hole has been enlarged or elongated beyond tolerances, the next larger size of rivet will have to be used or the part must be scrapped, depending upon the type, size, and location of the rivet.

**BLIND RIVETS**

There are many places on an aircraft where access to both sides of a riveted structure or structural part is impossible, or where limited space will not permit the use of a bucking bar.

Blind rivets are rivets designed to be installed from one side of the work where access to the opposite side cannot be made to install conventional rivets. Although this was the basic reason for the development of blind rivets, they are sometimes used in applications that are not blind. This is done to save time, money, man-hours, and weight in the attachment of many nonstructural parts, such as aircraft interior furnishings, flooring, deicing boots, and the like, where the full strength of solid-shank rivets is not necessary. These rivets are produced by several manufacturers and have unique characteristics that require special installation tools, special installation procedures, and special removal procedures.

Basically, nearly all blind rivets depend upon the principle of drawing a stem or mandrel through a sleeve to accomplish the forming of the bucked (upset) head.
Although many variations of blind rivets exist, depending on the manufacturer, there are essentially three types:

- Hollow, pull-through rivets (Fig. 5-25), used mainly for nonstructural applications.
- Self-plugging, friction-lock rivets (Fig. 5-26), whereby the stem is retained in the rivet by friction. Although strength of these rivets approaches that of conventional solid-shank rivets, there is no positive mechanical lock to retain the stem.
- Mechanical locked-stem self-plugging rivets (Fig. 5-27), whereby a locking collar mechanically retains the stem in the rivet. This positive lock resists vibration that could cause the friction-lock rivets to loosen and possibly fall out. Self-plugging mechanical-lock rivets display all the strength characteristics of solid-shank rivets; in almost all cases, they can be substituted rivet for rivet.

Fig. 5-25. Pull-through rivets (hollow).
Fig. 5-26. Self-plugging (friction) lock rivets. Two different types of pulling heads are available for friction-lock rivets.

Mechanical Locked-Stem Self-Plugging Rivets

Mechanical locked-stem self-plugging rivets are manufactured by Olympic, Huck, and Cherry Fasteners. The bulbed Cherrylock (Fig. 5-27) is used as an example of a typical blind rivet that is virtually interchangeable, structurally, with solid rivets.

The installation of all mechanical locked-stem self-plugging rivets requires hand or pneumatic pull guns with appropriate pulling heads. Many types are available from the rivet manufacturers; examples of hand and pneumatic-operated pull guns are shown in Fig. 5-28.

The sequence of events in forming the bulbed Cherrylock rivet is shown in Fig. 5-29. Figure 5-30 illustrates the numbering system for bulbed Cherrylock rivets.
Riveting

Assembled rivet

Locking collar

Rivet sleeve

Riveting

Pulling serrations

Rivet stem

Locking recess

Break notch

Plug section

Shear ring

Stem cone

Universal MS 20470

For protruding head applications.

100° countersunk MS 20426

For countersunk applications.

Fig. 5-27. The bulbed Cherrylock rivet includes a locking collar to firmly retain the portion of the stem in the rivet sleeve.

Fig. 5-28. Typical pneumatic and hand-operated pull guns used to install blind rivets.
Fig. 5-29. Steps in the formation of the bulbed Cherrylock rivet.

Hole Preparation

The bulbed Cherrylock rivets are designed to function within a specified hole size range and countersink dimensions as listed in Fig. 5-31.

Grip Length

Grip length refers to the maximum total sheet thickness to be riveted, and is measured in 16ths of an inch. This is identified
Fig. 5-30. The bulbed Cherrylock rivet numbering system. Note the three diameters available. The bulbed Cherrylock rivet sleeve is $\frac{1}{8}$" over the nominal size. For example, the $-4$ rivet is a nominal $\frac{1}{16}$" rivet; however, its diameter is $\frac{1}{32}$" greater.

Fig. 5-31. Recommended drill sizes, hole size, and countersunk diameter limits.
by the second dash number. All Cherrylock rivets have their grip length (maximum grip) marked on the rivet head, and have a total grip range of \( \frac{3}{8} \) of an inch (Example: A -4 grip rivet has a grip range of 0.188" to 0.250") (Fig. 5-32). To determine the proper grip rivet to use, measure the material thickness with a Cherry selector gauge, as shown in Fig. 5-33. Always read to the next higher number. To find the rivet grip number without using a selector gauge, determine the total thickness of the material to be fastened; locate between the minimum and maximum columns on the material thickness chart (Fig. 5-34). Read directly across to the right to find the grip number.

Further data on bulbed Cherrylock rivets, including materials available, is included in Chapter 13, Standard Parts.

Complete installation manuals and pulling tool catalogs are available from the rivet manufacturers.
PIN (HI-SHEAR) RIVETS

Pin rivets are commonly called Hi-Shear rivets, although "Hi-Shear" is actually the name of the Hi-Shear Corporation, which manufactures pin rivets as well as other products.

Hi-Shear rivets were designed primarily to replace bolts in high-shear strength applications. They are probably the oldest type of high-strength rivet-type fastener used in the aircraft industry. High strength, ease and speed of installation, and weight savings over bolt-and-nut combinations make them attractive from a design standpoint.

Most Hi-Shear pins are made of heat-treated alloy steel. Some pins, however, are 7075-T6 aluminum alloy, stainless steel, or titanium. Most collars are 2117 or 2024-T4 aluminum alloy. Some are mild steel, stainless steel, or monel (Fig. 5-35). The table in
chapter 13, Standard Parts, provides head markings, part numbers, and other relative data. When driven with a Hi-Shear set, the work is tightly drawn together and the collar is forced into the pin groove, locking the pin securely into the structure, as in Fig. 5-36.

Hi-Shear rivets are used where the loads are high and the structure is correspondingly thick (Fig. 5-37), whereas rivets are used where the loads are comparatively low and the struc-
ture is thin. Hi-Shear rivets will not strengthen a thin structure connection because the load required to "shear" a Hi-Shear rivet would cause the structural hole to tear in a (load) "bearing" failure.

Hi-Shear rivets are driven with standard rivet guns or squeezers with a Hi-Shear rivet set adapter, as shown in Fig. 5-38.

![Fig. 5-38. Standard riveting tools with a Hi-Shear rivet set adapter.](image)

The set forms the collar to the pin and at the same time cuts off and ejects the excess collar material through the discharge port, as shown in Fig. 5-39.

![Fig. 5-39. The Hi-Shear rivet set adapter.](image)

**How the Hi-Shear Works**

For more information on how the Hi-Shear works, see Fig. 5-40.
Fig. 5-40. Sequence of events in forming a Hi-Shear riveted joint.

Selecting Hi-Shear Rivets

Figure 5-41 shows the Hi-Shear rivet pins available. Additional data is included in Chapter 13, Standard Parts.
Fig. 5-41. Various types of Hi-Shear pins. See Chapter 13 for further data.
Part numbers for pin rivets can be interpreted to give the diameter and grip length of the individual rivets. A typical part number breakdown would be as shown in Fig. 5-42.

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<td>= 100° countersunk head rivet.</td>
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<td>= flathead rivet.</td>
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<td>National Aircraft Standard.</td>
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Fig. 5-42. Pin rivet part-number designation.

Determining Grip Length

A special scale is available to determine the grip length (Fig. 5-43).

Hole Preparation

Hi-Shear rivets, like bolts, require careful hole preparation. First, the hole must be drilled perpendicular to the manufactured head side of the work. Second, the hole must be sized within proper limits of diameter and roundness. Hi-Shear rivets do not expand during installation; therefore, they must fit the hole into which they are installed.

To obtain accurate holes, machine-sharpened drills should be used. Drill motors should have chucks and spindles in good repair. Lubricants should be used on the drill wherever possible. When available, the best precaution of all is to drill through a bushed template or fixture. Where closer tolerances are required, the holes should be reamed. Hole sizes and tolerances are normally specified by engineering and called out on the drawing (blueprint).
Riveting

**USING A HI-SHEAR GRIP SCALE OR REGULAR SCALE**

The work thickness or hole depth measures 10/16”. This indicates the use of a -10 rivet in the maximum grip. Here, the work is 9/16”, indicating a -10 rivet in minimum grip.

Fig. 5-43. A grip-length scale simplifies determination of grip length.

Note: When countersinking for Hi-Shear rivets, the countersunk hole should not be too deep. When the head is below flush, the head backs up to the bar when it is driven and leaves a gap under the rivet head, resulting in a loose rivet (Fig. 5-44).

Fig. 5-44. A too-deep countersunk hole results in a loose rivet.
Installation

Generally, Hi-Shear riveting is the same as conventional riveting. By changing the standard set to a Hi-Shear set, the rivet gun is ready to shoot Hi-Shear rivets. Typical rivet sets are shown in Fig. 5-45.

Fig. 5-45. Hi-Shear rivets are driven with standard rivet guns and bucking bars.

The Hi-Shear rivet should be driven quickly. A gun that is heavy enough should be used. The bucking bar should weigh 1½ times the weight of the gun, or more, for maximum efficiency.

Riveting with Squeezers

Riveting with squeezers is preferred wherever the work permits, as shown in Fig. 5-46.

Reverse Riveting

Reverse riveting with Hi-Shear rivets is used where there is no room for a rivet gun (Figs. 5-47 and 5-48). Reverse riveting
Fig. 5-46. Riveting Hi-Shear rivets with squeezers is the preferred method, when practical.

Fig. 5-47. A short, straight Hi-Shear set inserted in a Hi-Shear No. 1 or No. 2 bucking bar is used against the collar end. The rivet gun fitted with a flush set supplies the impact to the Hi-Shear head.

Fig. 5-48. Hi-Shear No. 3 or No. 4 bucking bars, with a Hi-Shear insert set, are adaptable to a variety of close-quarters work.
requires a heavier wallop. The gun should be opened up or a heavier gun should be used.

**Inspection of Hi-Shear Rivets**

If the rivets and collars look good on the outside, they are good on the inside. No gauges or special tools are required.

**Hi-Shear Rivet Removal**

This method of removal involves using a Hi-Shear rivet cutter to mill off the collar. The pin is removed with punch and hammer, as shown in Fig. 5-49. The method, using a cape chisel, is most commonly used. The collar is split on both sides with a chisel. The pin is removed with a punch and hammer (Fig. 5-50). Another method of Hi-Shear rivet removal is shown in Fig. 5-51.

![Fig. 5-49. Using a hollow mill to remove the collar.](image)
Riveting

Bucking bar supports collar on opposite side from chisel.

Use chisel that has cutting edge narrower than collar height.

Use of bucking bar prevents hole elongation and bearing failure at this point.

Fig. 5-50. *The most common collar-removal method uses a cape chisel.*

Drill through head

Drive out pin

Fig. 5-51. *Drilling-out process. Hi-Shear rivet removal.*
Various types of fastening devices allow quick dismantling or replacement of aircraft parts that must be taken apart and put back together at frequent intervals. Bolts and screws are two types of fastening devices that give the required security of attachment and rigidity. Generally, bolts are used where great strength is required, and screws are used where strength is not the deciding factor.

The threaded end of a bolt usually has a nut screwed onto it to complete the assembly. The threaded end of a screw might fit into a female receptacle, or it might fit directly into the material being secured. A bolt has a fairly short threaded section and a comparatively long grip length or unthreaded portion, whereas a screw has a longer threaded section and might have no clearly defined grip length. A bolt assembly is generally tightened by turning the nut on the bolt; the head of the bolt might not be designed for turning. A screw is always tightened by turning its head.

The modern high-performance jet aircraft, however, uses very few “standard” hex head bolts and nuts in its assembly. Also, the “standard” slotted and Phillips head screws are in the minority. Some of these advanced fasteners are described later in this chapter.

In many cases, a bolt might be indistinguishable from a screw, thus the term threaded fastener. Also, many threaded
fasteners, such as the Hi-Lok and Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue fasteners, are essentially permanent installations, like a rivet.

Aircraft threaded fasteners are fabricated from alloy steel, corrosion-resistant (stainless) steel, aluminum alloys, and titanium. Most bolts used in aircraft are either alloy steel, cadmium plated, general-purpose AN bolts, NAS close-tolerance, or MS bolts. Aluminum bolts are seldom used in the primary structure. In certain cases, aircraft manufacturers make threaded fasteners of different dimensions or greater strength than the standard types. Such threaded fasteners are made for a particular application, and it is of extreme importance to use similar fasteners in replacement.

AIRCRAFT BOLTS

Most, but not all, aircraft bolts are designed and fabricated according to government standards with the following specifications:

- AN, Air Force/Navy
- NAS, National Aerospace Standards
- MS, Military Standards

See Chapter 13, Standard Parts, for more information concerning government standards.

General-Purpose Bolts

The hex-head aircraft bolt (AN-3 through AN-20) is an all-purpose structural bolt used for general applications involving tension or shear loads where a light-drive fit is permissible (0.006-inch clearance for a %-inch hole, and other sizes in proportion). They are fabricated from SAE 2330 nickel steel and are cadmium plated.

Alloy steel bolts smaller than No. 10-32 (%-inch diameter, AN-3) and aluminum alloy bolts smaller than %-inch diameter are not used in primary structures. Aluminum alloy
bolts and nuts are not used where they will be repeatedly removed for purposes of maintenance and inspection.

The AN73-AN81 (MS20073-MS20074) drilled-head bolt is similar to the standard hex-bolt, but has a deeper head that is drilled to receive wire for safetying. The AN 3–AN 20 and the AN-73, AN-81 series bolts are interchangeable, for all practical purposes, from the standpoint of tension and shear strengths (see Chapter 13, Standard Parts).

CLOSE-TOLERANCE BOLTS

This type of bolt is machined more accurately than the general-purpose bolt. Close-tolerance bolts can be hex-headed (AN-173 through AN-186) or have a 100° countersunk head (NAS-80 through NAS-86). They are used in applications where a tight drive fit is required (the bolt will move into position only when struck with a 12- to 14-ounce hammer).

CLASSIFICATION OF THREADS

Aircraft bolts, screws, and nuts are threaded in either the NC (American National Coarse) thread series, the NF (American National Fine) thread series, the UNC (American Standard Unified Coarse) thread series, or the UNF (American Standard Unified Fine) thread series. Threads are designated by the number of times the incline (threads) rotates around a 1-inch length of a given diameter bolt or screw. For example, a 4-28 thread indicates that a ¼-inch-diameter bolt has 28 threads in 1 inch of its threaded length.

Threads are also designated by the class of fit. The class of a thread indicates the tolerance allowed in manufacturing. Class 1 is a loose fit, class 2 is a free fit, class 3 is a medium fit, and class 4 is a close fit. Aircraft bolts are almost always manufactured in the class 3, medium fit. A class-4 fit requires a wrench to turn the nut onto a bolt, whereas a class-1 fit can easily be turned with the fingers. Generally, aircraft screws are manufactured with a class-2 thread fit for ease of assembly. The
general-purpose aircraft bolt, AN3 through AN20 has UNF-3
treads (American Standard Unified Fine, class 3, medium fit).

Bolts and nuts are also produced with right-hand and left-hand
treads. A right-hand thread tightens when turned clockwise; a
left-hand thread tightens when turned counterclockwise. Except
in special cases, all aircraft bolts and nuts have right-hand threads.

**Identification and Coding**

Threaded fasteners are manufactured in many shapes and va-
rieties. A clear-cut method of classification is difficult. Threaded
fasteners can be identified by the shape of the head, method of
securing, material used in fabrication, or the expected usage.
Figure 6-1 shows the basic head styles and wrenching recesses.

![Threaded Bolt Head Styles and Wrenching Recesses](image)

**Threaded Bolt Head Styles**

- Fillister
- 12-Point Tension
- Brazier
- Flush Head
- MS Type
- Hexagonal
- Pan
- 12-Point Shear

**Fastener Wrenching Recesses**

- Phillips
- Hex Socket
- Hi-Torque

*Fig. 6-1. Fastener head styles and wrenching recesses.*
AN-type aircraft bolts can be identified by the code markings on the boltheads. The markings generally denote the bolt manufacturer, composition of the bolt, and whether the bolt is a standard AN-type or a special-purpose bolt. AN standard steel bolts are marked with either a raised dash or asterisk (Fig. 6-2), corrosion-resistant steel is indicated by a single raised dash, and AN aluminum alloy bolts are marked with two raised dashes. Additional information, such as bolt diameter, bolt length, and grip length can be obtained from the bolt part number. See Chapter 13, Standard Parts.

![Fig. 6-2. Typical head-identification marks for AN standard steel bolts.](image)

**AIRCRAFT NUTS**

Aircraft nuts are manufactured in a variety of shapes and sizes, made of alloy steel, stainless steel, aluminum alloy, brass, or titanium. No identification marks or letters appear on nuts. They can be identified only by the characteristic metallic luster or by color of the aluminum, brass, or the insert, when the nut is of the self-locking type. They can be further identified by their construction.
Like aircraft bolts, most aircraft nuts are designed and fabricated in accordance with AN, NAS, and MS standards and specifications.

Aircraft nuts can be divided into two general groups: non-self-locking and self-locking nuts. Non-self-locking nuts (Fig. 6-3) must be safetied by external locking devices, such as cotter pins, safety wire, or locknuts. Self-locking nuts (Figs. 6-4 and 6-5) contain the locking feature as an integral part of the nut.

**Fig. 6-3.** Nonself-locking, castellated, and plain nuts.

**Fig. 6-4.** High-temperature (more than 250°F) self-locking nuts.

**Fig. 6-5.** Low-temperature (250°F or less) self-locking nut (elastic stop nut, AN365, MS20365).
part. Self-locking nuts can be further subdivided into low temperature (250° F or less) and high temperature (more than 250° F).

Most of the familiar nuts (plain, castle, castellated shear, plain hex, light hex, and plain check) are the non-self-locking type (Fig. 6-3).

The castle nut, AN310, is used with drilled-shank AN hex head bolts, clevis bolts, eyebolts, drilled head bolts, or studs. It is fairly rugged and can withstand large-tension loads. Slots (castellations) in the nut are designed to accommodate a cotter pin or lock wire for safety. The AN310 castellated, cadmium-plated steel nut is by far the most commonly used airframe nut. See Chapter 13, Standard Parts.

The castellated shear nut, AN320, is designed for use with devices (such as drilled clevis bolts and threaded taper pins) that are normally subjected to shearing stress only. Like the castle nut, it is castellated for safetying. Note, however, that the nut is not as deep or as strong as the castle nut; also notice that the castellations are not as deep as those in the castle nut.

**Self-Locking Nuts to 250° F**

The elastic stop nut is essentially a standard hex nut that incorporates a fiber or nylon insert (Fig. 6-5). The inside diameter of the red insert is deliberately smaller than the major diameter of the matching bolt. The nut spins freely on the bolt until the bolt threads enter the locking insert, where they impress, but do not cut, mating threads in the insert. This compression forces a metal-to-metal contact between the top flanks of the nut threads and the bottom flanks of the bolt threads. This friction hold plus the compression hold of the insert essentially "locks" the nut anywhere on the bolt.

After the nut has been tightened, the rounded or chamfered end of bolts, studs, or screws should extend at least the full round or chamfer through the nut. Flat-end bolts, studs, or screws should extend at least \(\frac{1}{2}\)" through the nut. When fiber-type self-
locking nuts are reused, the fiber should be carefully checked to be sure that it has not lost its locking friction or become brittle. Locknuts should not be reused if they can be run up to a fingertight position. Bolts $\frac{3}{8}$" diameter and larger, with cotter pin holes, can be used with self-locking nuts, but only if they are free from burrs around the holes. Bolts with damaged threads and rough ends are not acceptable.

Self-locking nuts should not be used at joints that subject either the nut or the bolt to rotation. They can be used with antifriction bearings and control pulleys, provided that the inner face of the bearing is clamped to the supporting structure by the nut and bolt.

**High-Temperature Self-Locking Nuts**

All-metal locknuts are constructed with either the threads in the locking insert out-of-phase with the load-carrying section (Fig. 6-6) or with a saw-cut insert with a pinched-in thread in the locking section. The locking action of the all-metal nut depends upon the resiliency of the metal when the locking section and load-carrying section are engaged by screw threads.

![Fig. 6-6. The Boot's self-locking, all-metal nut.](image-url)
Miscellaneous Nut Types

Self-locking nut bases are made in a number of forms and materials for riveting and welding to aircraft structure or parts (Fig. 6-7). Certain applications require the installation of self-locking nuts in channels, an arrangement that permits the attachment of many nuts with only a few rivets. These channels are track-like bases with regularly spaced nuts that are either removable or nonremovable. The removable type carries a floating nut that can be snapped in or out of the channel, thus making possible the easy removal of damaged nuts. Clinch and spline nuts, which depend on friction for their anchorage, are not acceptable for use in aircraft structures.

Fig. 6-7. Self-locking nut bases.

Various types of anchor nuts, (Fig. 6-8) are available for riveting to the structure for application as removable panels.

Sheet spring nuts, sometimes called *speed nuts*, are used with standard and sheet-metal self-tapping screws in nonstructural locations. They find various uses in supporting line clamps, conduit clamps, electrical equipment access doors, etc., and are available in several types. Speed nuts are made from spring steel and are arched prior to tightening. This arched spring lock
Fig. 6-8. *Examples of anchor nuts.*

Fig. 6-9. *Sheet spring nuts are used with self-tapping screws in nonstructural locations.*

prevents the screw from working loose. These nuts should be used only where originally used in fabrication of the aircraft (Fig. 6-9).

**AIRCRAFT WASHERS**

Aircraft washers used in airframe repair are plain, lock, or special washers.

**Plain Washers**

The plain washer, AN960 (Fig. 6-10), is used under hex nuts. It provides a smooth bearing surface and acts as a shim in obtaining correct grip length for a bolt and nut assembly. It is used to adjust the position of castellated nuts with respect to drilled cotter pin holes in bolts. Plain washers should be used under lock washers to prevent damage to the surface material.
Lock Washers

Lock washers (AN-935 and AN-936) can be used with machine screws or bolts whenever the self-locking or castellated nut is not applicable. They are not to be used as fastenings to primary or secondary structures, or where subject to frequent removal or corrosive conditions.

INSTALLATION OF NUTS AND BOLTS

Boltholes must be normal to the surface involved to provide full bearing surface for the bolthead and nut and must not be oversized or elongated. A bolt in such a hole will carry none of its shear load until parts have yielded or deformed enough to allow the bearing surface of the oversized hole to contact the bolt.

In cases of oversized or elongated holes in crucial members, obtain advice from the aircraft or engine manufacturer before drilling or reaming the hole to take the next larger bolt. Usually, such factors as edge distance, clearance, or load factor must be considered. Oversized or elongated holes in noncrucial members can usually be drilled or reamed to the next larger size.

Many boltholes, particularly those in primary connecting elements, have close tolerances. Generally, it is permissible to use the first lettered drill size larger than the normal bolt diameter,
except where the AN hexagon bolts are used in light-drive fit (reamed) applications and where NAS close-tolerance bolts or AN clevis bolts are used.

Light-drive fits for bolts (specified on the repair drawings as .0015-inch maximum clearance between bolt and hole) are required in places where bolts are used in repair, or where they are placed in the original structure.

The fit of holes and bolts is defined in terms of the friction between the bolt and hole when sliding the bolt into place. A tight-drive fit, for example, is one in which a sharp blow of a 12- or 14-ounce hammer is required to move the bolt. A bolt that requires a hard blow and sounds tight is considered to fit too tightly. A light-drive fit is one in which a bolt will move when a hammer handle is held against its head and pressed by the weight of the body.

Examine the markings on the bolthead to determine that each bolt is of the correct material. It is of extreme importance to use similar bolts in replacement. In every case, refer to the applicable maintenance instruction manual and the illustrated parts breakdown.

Be sure that washers are used under the heads of bolts and nuts, unless their omission is specified. A washer guards against mechanical damage to the material being bolted and prevents corrosion of the structural members.

Be certain that the bolt grip length is correct. The grip length is the length of the unthreaded portion of the bolt shank (Fig. 6-11). Generally speaking, the grip length should equal

![Diagram of bolt installation](Fig. 6-11)  
*Fig. 6-11. Bolt installation.*
the thickness of the materials being bolted together. However, bolts of slightly greater grip length can be used if washers are placed under the nut or the bolt head. In the case of plate nuts, add shims under the plate.

A nut is not run to the bottom of the threads on the bolt. A nut so installed cannot be pulled tight on the structure and probably will be twisted off while being tightened. A washer will keep the nut in the proper position on the bolt.

In the case of self-locking stop nuts, if from one to three threads of the bolt extend through the nut, it is considered to be satisfactory (Fig. 6-12).

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Fig. 6-12. Minimum bolt protrusion through the nut. Note: Do not use self-locking nuts on bolts drilled for cotter pins.

Palmuts (AN356) should be tightened securely, but not excessively. Finger-tight plus one to two turns is good practice, two turns being more generally used.

**Torque Tables**

The standard torque table (Fig. 6-13) should be used as a guide in tightening nuts, studs, bolts, and screws whenever specific torque values are not caged out in maintenance procedures.
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Fig. 6-13. Standard torque tables.
Cotter Pin Hole Line-Up

When tightening castellated nuts on bolts, the cotter pin holes might not line up with the slots in the nuts for the range of recommended values. Except in cases of highly stressed engine parts, the nut may be over tightened to permit lining up the next slot with the cotter pin hole. The torque loads specified can be used for all unlubricated cadmium-plated steel nuts of the fine or coarse-thread series that have approximately equal number of threads and equal face bearing areas. These values do not apply where special torque requirements are specified in the maintenance manual.

If the head end, rather than the nut, must be turned in the tightening operation, maximum torque values can be increased by an amount equal to shank friction, provided that the latter is first measured by a torque wrench.

Safetying of Nuts, Bolts, and Screws

It is very important that all bolts or nuts, except the self-locking type, be safetied after installation. This prevents them from loosening in flight because of vibration.

Safety wiring is the most positive and satisfactory method of safetying cap screws, studs, nuts, bolt heads, and turnbuckle barrels that cannot be safetied by any other practical means. It is a method of wiring together two or more units in such a manner that any tendency of one to loosen is counteracted by the tightening of the wire (Fig. 6-14).

COTTER PIN SAFETYING

Cotter pin installation is shown in Fig. 6-14. Castellated nuts are used with bolts that have been drilled for cotter pins. The cotter pin should fit neatly into the hole, with very little sideplay.
**Fig. 6-14. Typical safety wiring methods.**

**INSTALLATION: BOLTS, WASHERS, NUTS, AND COTTER PINS**

Use Fig. 6-15 as a guide to match all components of a bolted assembly.

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**Fig. 6-15. Guide for installation of bolt, washer, nut, and cotter-pin assembly.**
MISCELLANEOUS THREADED FASTENERS

As stated earlier in this chapter, standard hex, slotted, and Phillips head threaded fasteners are seldom used for structural applications on high-performance aircraft. For example, most threaded fasteners on the L-1011 jet transport aircraft are "Tri-Wing," developed by the Phillips Screw Company. Other types in general use are "Torq-Set" and "Hi-Torque." All of these patented fasteners require special driving bits that fit into standard holders and screwdriver handles.

The Tri-Wing is shown in Fig. 6-16. Other fastener wrenching recesses are shown in Fig. 6-1. Various fasteners are illustrated in Chapter 13, Standard Parts.

![Tri-Wing head](image)

**Fig. 6-16.** Tri-wing heads are numbered for easy identification, and must be fitted with a similarly numbered bit for effective driving.

### Machine Screws

Machine screw threads usually run to the head and thus leave no grip for shear bearing. Machine screws, therefore, are used in tension with no concern for the threads extending into the hole.

A number of different head types are available on machine screws to satisfy the particular installation.

Any type of screw has a matching screwdriver. If the screw has a slotted head, the screwdriver should fit the slot snugly.
BLADES MUST FIT-
AND FILL -
THE SCREW SLOT

Fig. 6-17. A correct size of screwdriver must be used.

(Fig. 6-17). The sides of the screwdriver should, as nearly as possible, be parallel to the screw slot sides.

Reed and Prince or Phillips heads require a special driver made for the particular screw. The drivers for the two are not interchangeable (Fig. 6-18). The Phillips head has rounded shoulders in the recess while the Reed and Prince has sharp square shoulders. The use of the wrong screwdriver on these screws might result in ruining the screw head. The use of power (electric and pneumatic) screwdrivers has speeded up many installations, such as inspection doors and fillets, where the tool can be used in rapid succession on a row of screws.

PHILLIPS

REED AND PRINCE

Fig. 6-18. A Phillips screw is different from a Reed & Prince screw.

Instead of a nut, threads are often tapped into the bolted structure. In this case, the bolts or screws are safetied with a wire through a hole drilled in the head (Fig. 6-14). Whenever possible, the wire should be so strong that tension is held on the bolt or screw toward tightening it. Always keep in mind that the wire should tend to tighten the screws.
Machine screws (Fig. 6-19) are usually flathead (countersunk), roundhead, or washer-head. These screws are general-purpose screws and are available in low-carbon steel, brass, corrosion-resistant steel, and aluminum alloy.

Fig. 6-19. Several types of machine screws (also see Chapter 13).

Roundhead screws, AN515 and AN520, have either slotted or recessed heads. The AN515 screw has coarse threads and the AN520 has fine threads.

Countersunk machine screws are listed as AN505 and AN510 for 82°, and AN507 for 100°. The AN505 and AN510 correspond to the AN515 and AN520 roundhead in material and usage.

The fillister-head screw, AN500 through AN503, is a general-purpose screw and is used as a capscrew in light mechanisms. This could include attachments of cast aluminum parts, such as gearbox cover plates.

The AN500 and AN501 screws are available in low-carbon steel, corrosion-resistant steel, and brass. The AN500 has coarse threads while the AN501 has fine threads. They have no clearly defined grip length. Screws larger than No. 6 have a hole drilled through the head for safetying purposes.
The AN502 and AN503 fillister-head screws are made of heat-treated alloy steel, have a small grip, and are available in fine and coarse threads. These screws are used as capscrews where great strength is required. The coarse-threaded screws are commonly used as capscrews in tapped aluminum alloy and magnesium castings because of the softness of the metal.

**DZUS FASTENERS**

Although not a threaded fastener, the Dzus fastener is an example of a quick-disconnect fastener, such as used on a cowl- ing or nacelle.

The Dzus turnlock fastener consists of a stud, grommet, and receptacle. Figure 6-20 illustrates an installed Dzus fastener and the various parts.

The grommet is made of aluminum or aluminum alloy material. It acts as a holding device for the stud. Grommets can be fabricated from 1100 aluminum tubing, if none are available from normal sources.

The spring is made of steel, cadmium-plated to prevent corrosion. The spring supplies the force that locks or secures the stud in place when two assemblies are joined.

The studs are fabricated from steel and are cadmium-plated. They are available in three head styles: wing, flush, and oval.

A quarter of a turn of the stud (clockwise) locks the fastener. The fastener can be unlocked only by turning the stud counterclockwise. A Dzus key (or a specially ground screwdriver) locks or unlocks the fastener. Special installation tools and instructions are available from the manufacturers.

**HL-LOK AND HL-LOK/HI-TIGUE FASTENERS**

The patented, high-strength Hi-Lok or Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue originated by the Hi-Shear Corporation is basically a threaded fastener that combines the best features of a rivet and bolt (Fig.
6-21). It consists of two parts, a threaded pin and a threaded collar. The Hi-Tigue fastener is an updated Hi-Lok fastener.

Three primary design advantages are:

- A controlled preload or clamp-up consistent within ±10 percent designed into the fastener.
- Minimum size and weight.
- Simple, quiet, and rapid installation, performed from one side of the work by one worker.
Because of the collar's break-off at the design preload, torque inspection after installation is eliminated, along with the problems of torque wrench use and calibration.

The threaded end of the Hi-Lok pin contains a hexagonal-shaped recess. The hex wrench tip of the Hi-Lok driving tool engages the recess to prevent rotation of the pin while the collar is being installed. The pin recess also offers a secondary benefit, weight savings.

The pin is designed in two basic head styles. For shear applications, the pin is made in the lightweight, Hi-Shear countersunk style, and in a compact protruding head style. For tension applications, the MS24694 (AN509) flush and protruding head styles are available.

The self-locking, threaded Hi-Lok collar has an internal counterbore at the base to accommodate variations in material thickness. At the opposite end of the collar is a wrenching device that is torqued by the driving tool until it shears off during installation; this shear-off point occurs when a predetermined preload or clamp-up is attained in the fastener during installa-
Bolts and Threaded Fasteners

Removal of the collar-wrenching surfaces after installation saves additional weight.

The basic part number indicates the assembly of the pin and the collar part numbers (Fig. 6-22). See tables in Chapter 13, Standard Parts, for representative standard fastener assemblies.

Example: HL1870-8-12

- Second dash number is the maximum grip length of pin in 1/16ths (12/16" or 3/4" grip length).
- First dash number is the nominal diameter of pin in 1/32nds (8/32" or 1/4" nominal diameter).

Collar Basic Part Number
Pin Basic Part Number
Designation for Hi-Lok Fastener

HLT1070-8-12
Designation for Hi-Tigue Type
Hi-Lok Fastener

Fig. 6-22. Hi-Lok-Hi/Tigue basic part number. Courtesy Hi-Shear Corporation

The Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue interference-fit pin provides improved fatigue benefits to the airframe structure. The Hi-Tigue feature on the end of the pin shank makes it possible to use a straight-shank interference-fit fastener in a standard, straight-drilled hole to obtain the maximum fatigue life of the structure.

The Hi-Tigue pin can be considered a combination of a standard precision pin with a slightly oversized precision pin positioned between the threads and the shank of the pin, as shown in Fig. 6-23. Figure 6-24 shows the Hi-Tigue bead area in exaggerated views.

Fig. 6-23. The Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue fastener concept. Courtesy Hi-Shear Corporation
The Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue pin is a straight-shank, precision, threaded pin that features a subtly shaped bead at the thread end of the shank (Fig. 6-24). The pin is installed in a straight-walled hole drilled normally at 0.002" to 0.004" diametral interference. The pin is available in 70° and 100° flush heads, as well as protruding head styles for shear and tension applications. Pins are manufactured from all commonly used fastener alloys, including titaniums, alloy steels, and corrosion-resistant steels.

The Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue collar is identical to the self-locking, standard controlled torque Hi-Lok collar with the exception of the internal counterbore. In the Hi-Tigue version, the counterbore is dimensioned to accommodate the pin’s Hi-Tigue bead during assembly. Hi-Tigue collars are available for shear, tension, and temperature applications. Collar materials include 2024-T6 aluminum alloy, A-286 alloy, 17-4PH, Type 303 stainless steel, and titanium alloy.

A self-sealing torque-controlled collar that contains a Teflon sealing insert within its internal counterbore is available to provide fuel-tight joints without the need for sealants.
During assembly of the collar to the pin, using standard Hi-Lok installation tools, the pin is seated into its final position and the structural pieces are drawn tightly together. Because of the collar's wrenching hex shear-off at design pre-load, torque inspection after installation is eliminated, together with the inherent problems of torque wrench use and calibration. Inspection is visual only; no mechanical torque check is required.

Versatile pneumatic Hi-Lok installation tools assemble both the standard and Hi-Tigue versions of the Hi-Lok fastener. Basic Hi-Lok tooling is available in straight, offset, extended, and 90° right-angle types to provide accessibility into a variety of open or congested structures. Automatic collar-driving tools permit assembly of Hi-Loks up to 40 per minute. Tape-controlled automatic machines have been developed to completely automate the installation of Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigues: drill, countersink, select the proper grip length, insert the pin, and drive the collar.

**INSTALLATION OF HI-LOK AND HI-LOK/ HI-TIGUE FASTENERS**

**Hole Preparation**

Hi-Lok pins require reamed and chamfered holes, and, in some cases, an interference fit. For standard Hi-Lok pins, it is generally recommended that the maximum interference fit shall not exceed 0.002 inch. The Hi-Tigue-type Hi-Lok pin is normally installed in a hole with a 0.002- to 0.004-inch diametrical interference.

The Hi-Lok pin has a slight radius under its head (Fig. 6-25). After drilling, deburr the edge of the hole. This permits the head to fully seat in the hole. See the appropriate Hi-Lok standards for head radius dimensions. For example, the \( \frac{3}{8}\) protruding head has a 0.015/0.025 radius, and the \( \frac{3}{8}\) flush head has a 0.025/0.030 radius.
Fig. 6-25. The Hi-Lok and Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue pins have a slight radius under their heads. Courtesy Hi-Shear Corporation

**Pin Grip Length**

Standard pin lengths are graduated in \( \frac{3}{64} \)" increments. The material thickness can vary \( \frac{3}{64} \)" without changing pin lengths. Adjustment for variations in material thickness in between the pin \( \frac{3}{64} \)" graduations is automatically made by the counterbore in the collar (Fig. 6-26). The grip length is determined, as shown in Fig. 6-27.

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Fig. 6-26. Table showing installed Hi-Lok pin protrusion limits. Courtesy Hi-Shear Corporation
Installation Tools

Hi-Lok fasteners are rapidly installed by one person working from one side of the work using standard power or hand tools and Hi-Lok adaptor tools.

Hi-Lok adaptor tools are fitted to high-speed pistol grip and ratchet wrench drives in straight, 90°, offset extension, and automatic collar-feed configurations. Figure 6-28 shows a few of the hand and power tools available for installing Hi-Lok and Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue fasteners.

The basic consideration in determining the correct hand tool is to match the socket-hex tip dimensions of the tool with the Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue pin hex recess and collar-driving hex of the particular pin-collar combination to be installed. Figure 6-29 indicates the hex dimensions that must match.

Installation Steps for an Interference-Fit Hole

Figure 6-30 shows the installation steps in a noninterference-bit hole. When Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigues are installed in an interference-fit, the pins should be driven in using a standard rivet gun and
Fig. 6-28. A few of the hand and power tools available for installing Hi-Lok and Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue fasteners. Courtesy Hi-Shear Corporation

Fig. 6-29. Determining the correct hand tool by matching hex dimensions. Courtesy Hi-Shear Corporation
Bolts and Threaded Fasteners

1. Insert the pin into the prepared non-interference fit hole.

2. Manually thread the collar onto the pin.

3. Insert the hex wrench tip of the power driver into the pin's hex recess, and the socket over the collar hex. This prevents rotation of the pin while the collar is being installed.

4. Firmly press the power driver against the collar. Operate the power driver until the collar's wrenching device has been torqued off.

5. This completes the installation of the Hi-Lok Fastener Assembly.

**NOTE:**

To ease the removal of the driving tool's hex wrench tip from the hex recess of the pin after the collar's wrenching device has sheared off, simply rotate the entire driver tool in a slight clockwise motion.

![Fig. 6-30. Installation steps in noninterference fit hole. Courtesy Hi-Shear Corporation](image)

Hi-Tigue pin driver, as shown in Fig. 6-31. The structure must be supported with a draw bar, as shown.

When Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue pins are pressed or tapped into holes, the fit is sufficiently tight to grip the pin to prevent it
Fig. 6-31. *Installing an interference fit Hi-Tigue pin using a rivet gun.*
Courtesy Hi-Shear Corporation

from rotating. Hi-Lok driver tools are available that use a finder pin, instead of the hex wrench tip to locate the tool on the collar and pin (Fig. 6-32). Otherwise, installation steps for interference-fit holes are the same as for standard Hi-Lok fasteners.

For field service, all sizes of Hi-Lok fasteners can be installed with hand tools (standard Allen hex keys and open-end or ratchet-type wrenches.)

Fig. 6-32. *Finder pin on Hi-Lok driving tool.* Courtesy Hi-Shear Corporation
Inspection after Installation

Hi-Lok and Hi-Lok/Hi-Tigue fasteners are visually inspected. No torque wrenches are required.

The Hi-Lok protrusion gauges offer a convenient method to check Hi-Lok pin-protrusion limits after the Hi-Lok pin has been inserted in the hole and before or after collar installation (Fig. 6-33). Individual gauges accommodate Hi-Lok pin diameter sizes of $\frac{3}{8}$", $\frac{7}{16}$", $\frac{1}{4}$", $\frac{5}{16}$", and $\frac{3}{8}$". Gauges are made of 0.012" stainless steel and are assembled as a set on a key chain.

![Protrusion limits for standard Hi-Lok pins](image)

Removal of the Installed Fastener

Removal of fasteners is accomplished with standard hand tools in a manner similar to removing a nut from a bolt. By holding the pin with a standard Allen wrench, the collar can be removed with pliers. Hollow mill-type cutters attached to power tools can also remove the collars without damage to the pin, and the pins can be reused if they are undamaged. Special hand and power removal tools are also available.
Aircraft plumbing lines usually are made of metal tubing and fittings or of flexible hose. Metal tubing is widely used in aircraft for fuel, oil, coolant, oxygen, instrument, and hydraulic lines. Flexible hose is generally used with moving parts or where the hose is subject to considerable vibration.

Generally, aluminum alloy or corrosion-resistant steel tubing have replaced copper tubing. The workability, resistance to corrosion, and light weight of aluminum alloy are major factors in its adoption for aircraft plumbing.

In some special high-pressure (3000 psi) hydraulic installations, corrosion-resistant steel tubing, either annealed or ¼-hard, is used. Corrosion-resistant steel tubing does not have to be annealed for flaring or forming; in fact, the flared section is somewhat strengthened by the cold working and strain hardening during the flaring process.

Corrosion-resistant steel tubing, annealed ¼-hard, is used extensively in high-pressure hydraulic systems for the operation of landing gear, flaps, brakes, etc. External brake lines should always be made of corrosion-resistant steel to minimize damage from rocks thrown by the tires during takeoff and landing, and from careless ground handling. Although identification markings for steel tubing differ, each usually includes the
manufacturer’s name or trademark, the SAE number, and the physical condition of the metal.

Aluminum alloy tubing, 1100 (½-hard) or 3003 (½-hard), is used for general-purpose line of low or negligible fluid pressures, such as instrument lines and ventilating conduits. The 2024-T and 5052-0 aluminum alloy materials are used in general-purpose systems of low and medium pressures, such as hydraulic and pneumatic 1000- to 1500-psi systems and fuel and oil lines. Occasionally, these materials are used in high-pressure (3000 psi) systems.

Tubing made from 2024-T and 5052-0 materials will withstand a fairly high pressure before bursting. These materials are easily flared and are soft enough to be formed with hand tools. Therefore, they must be handled with care to prevent scratches, dents, and nicks.

Metal tubing is sized by outside diameter, which is measured fractionally in sixteenths of an inch. Thus, Number 6 tubing is \( \frac{5}{16} \) and Number 8 tubing is \( \frac{7}{16} \), etc.

In addition to other classifications or means of identification, tubing is manufactured with a specific wall thickness. Thus, it is important when installing tubing to know not only the material and outside diameter, but also the thickness of the wall.

**FLEXIBLE HOSE**

Flexible hose is used in aircraft plumbing to connect moving parts with stationary parts in locations subject to vibration or where a great amount of flexibility is needed. It can also sense a connector in metal tubing systems.

**Synthetics**

Synthetic materials most commonly used in the manufacture of flexible hose are Buna-N, Neoprene, Butyl, and Teflon. Buna-N is a synthetic rubber compound that has excellent resistance to petroleum products. Do not confuse with Buna-S.
Do not use for phosphate ester-based hydraulic fluid (Skydrol). Neoprene is a synthetic rubber compound that has an acetylene base. Its resistance to petroleum products is not as good as Buna-N, but it has better abrasive resistance. Do not use for phosphate ester-based hydraulic fluid (Skydrol). Butyl is a synthetic rubber compound made from petroleum raw materials. It is an excellent material to use with phosphate ester-based hydraulic fluid (Skydrol). Do not use it with petroleum products. Teflon is the DuPont trade name for tetrafluoroethylene resin. It has a broad operating temperature range (−65° F to 450° F). It is compatible with nearly every substance or agent used. It offers little resistance to flow; sticky viscous materials will not adhere to it. It has less volumetric expansion than rubber and the shelf and service life is practically limitless.

Rubber Hose

Flexible rubber hose consists of a seamless synthetic rubber inner tube covered with layers of cotton braid and wire braid, and an outer layer of rubber-impregnated cotton braid. This type of hose is suitable for use in fuel, oil, coolant, and hydraulic systems. The types of hose are normally classified by the amount of pressure they are designed to withstand under normal operating conditions:

- Low pressure; any pressure below 250 psi, and fabric braid reinforcement.
- Medium pressure; pressures up to 3000 psi, and one wire braid reinforcement. Smaller sizes carry pressure up to 3000 psi; larger sizes carry pressure up to 1000 psi.
- High pressure; all sizes up to 3000 psi operating pressures.

Teflon Hose

Teflon hose is a flexible hose designed to meet the requirements of higher operating temperatures and pressures in present
aircraft systems. It can generally be used in the same manner as rubber hose. Teflon hose is processed and extruded into tube shapes of a desired size. It is covered with stainless-steel wire, which is braided over the tube for strength and protection.

Teflon hose is unaffected by any known fuel, petroleum, or synthetic-based oils, alcohol, coolants, or solvents commonly used in aircraft. Although it is highly resistant to vibration and fatigue, the principle advantage of this hose is its operating strength.

**Identification of Hose**

Identification markings of lines, letters, and numbers are printed on the hose (Fig. 7-1). These code markings show such information as hose size, manufacturer, date of manufacture, and pressure and temperature limits. Code markings assist in replacing a hose with one of the same specification or a recommended substitute. A hose suitable for use with phosphate ester-based hydraulic fluid is marked “Skydrol use.” In some instances, several types of hose might be suitable for the same use. Therefore, to make the correct hose selection, always refer to the maintenance or parts manual for the particular aircraft.

**Size Designation**

The size of flexible hose is determined by its inside diameter. Sizes are in \( \frac{\text{in}}{16} \) increments and are identical to corresponding sizes of rigid tubing, with which it can be used.

**Identification of Fluid Lines**

Fluid lines in aircraft are often identified by markers consisting of color codes, words, and geometric symbols. These markers identify each line’s function, content, and primary hazard, as well as the direction of fluid flow. Figure 7-2 illustrates...
the various color codes and symbols used to designate the type of system and its contents.

In addition to the previously mentioned markings, certain lines can be further identified regarding specific function within a system: DRAIN, VENT, PRESSURE, or RETURN.

Generally, tapes and decals are placed on both ends of a line and at least once in each compartment through which the line runs. In addition, identification markers are placed immediately adjacent to each valve, regulator, filter, or other accessory within a line. Where paint or tags are used, location requirements are the same as for tapes and decals.
COLORS, FLUID LINES IDENTIFICATION

All bands shall be 1 in. wide and shall encircle the tube. Bands shall be located near each end of the tube and at such intermediate points as may be necessary to follow through the system.

![Identification of fluid lines](image)

Fig. 7-2. Identification of fluid lines.

PLUMBING CONNECTIONS

Plumbing connectors, or fittings, attach one piece of tubing to another or to system units. The four types are: flared, flareless, bead and clamp, and swaged and welded. The beaded joint, which requires a bead and a section of hose and hose clamps, is used only in low- or medium-pressure systems, such as vacuum and coolant systems. The flared, flareless, and swaged types can be used as connectors in all systems, regardless of the pressure.

Flared-Tube Fittings

A flared-tube fitting consists of a sleeve and a nut, as shown in Fig. 7-3. The nut fits over the sleeve and, when tightened,
Flared-tube fittings are made of aluminum alloy, steel, or copper-based alloys. For identification purposes, all AN steel fittings are colored black and all AN aluminum alloy fittings are colored blue. The AN819 aluminum bronze sleeves are cadmium plated and are not colored. The size of these fittings is given in dash numbers, which equal the nominal tube outside diameter (O.D.) in sixteenths of an inch.

Flareless-Tube Fittings

The MS (military standard) flareless-tube fittings are finding wide application in aircraft plumbing systems. Using this fitting eliminates all tube flaring, yet provides safe, strong, dependable tube connections (Fig. 7-4).
Tube Cutting

When cutting tubing, it is important to produce a square end, free of burrs. Tubing can be cut with a tube cutter (Fig. 7-5) or a hacksaw. The cutter can be used with any soft metal tubing, such as copper, aluminum, or aluminum alloy.

If a tube cutter is not available, or if hard material tubing is to be cut, use a fine-tooth hacksaw, preferably one having 32 teeth per inch. After sawing, file the end of the tube square and smooth, removing all burrs.
Tube Bending

The objective in tube bending is to obtain a smooth bend without flattening the tube. Tubing less than \( \frac{3}{16} \) in diameter usually can be bent with a hand bending tool (Fig. 7-6). For larger sizes, a factory tube-bending machine is usually used.

![Hand Tube Bender](image)

Fig. 7-6. A hand tube bender.

Tube-bending machines for all types of tubing are generally used in repair stations and large maintenance shops. With such equipment, proper bends can be made on large-diameter tubing and on tubing made from hard material. The production tube bender is one example.

Bend the tubing carefully to avoid excessive flattening, kinking, or wrinkling. A small amount of flattening in bends is acceptable, but the small diameter of the flattened portion must not be less than 75 percent of the original outside diameter. Tubing with flattened, wrinkled, or irregular bends should not be installed. Wrinkled bends usually result from trying to bend thin-wall tubing without using a tube bender. Examples of correct and incorrect tubing bends are shown in Fig. 7-7.

Tube Flaring

The flaring tool (Fig. 7-8) used for aircraft tubing has male and female dies ground to produce a flare of 35 to 37 degrees.
Fig. 7-7. Examples of tube bends.

Fig. 7-8. A hand tool for flaring tubing (single flare).

Under no circumstances is it permissible to use an automotive flaring tool, which produces a 45° flare.

Two kinds of flares are generally used in aircraft plumbing systems: single and double.

In forming flares, cut the tube ends square, file them smooth, remove all burrs and sharp edges, and thoroughly clean the edges. Slip the fitting nut and sleeve on the tube before flaring it.

Assembling Sleeve-Type Fittings

Sleeve-type end fittings for flexible hose are detachable and can be reused if they are determined to be serviceable. The in-
Fig. 7-9. A sleeve end fitting for flexible hose.

side diameter of the fitting is the same as the inside diameter of the hose to which it is attached. Common sleeve-type fittings are shown in Fig. 7-9.

Refer to manufacturer’s instructions for detailed assembly procedures, as outlined in Fig. 7-10.

Proof-Testing After Assembly

All flexible hose must be proof-tested after assembly by plugging or capping one end of the hose and applying pressure to the inside of the hose assembly. The proof-test medium can be a liquid or a gas. For example, hydraulic, fuel, and oil lines are generally tested using hydraulic oil or water, whereas air or instrument lines are tested with dry, oil-free air or nitrogen. When testing with a liquid, all trapped air is bled from the assembly prior to tightening the cap or plug. Hose
tests, using a gas, are conducted underwater. In all cases, follow the hose manufacturer's instructions for the proof-test pressure and fluid to be used when testing a specific hose assembly.

Place the hose assembly in a horizontal position and observe it for leakage while maintaining the test pressure. Proof-test pressures should be maintained for at least 30 seconds.

**Installing Flexible Hose Assemblies**

Figure 7-11 shows examples of flexible hose installation.

**INSTALLING RIGID TUBING**

Never apply compound to the faces of the fitting or the flare because the compound will destroy the metal-to-metal contact between the fitting and flare, a contact that is necessary to create the seal. Be sure that the line assembly is properly aligned before tightening the fittings. Do not pull the installation into place with torque on the nut (Fig. 7-12).
Planning hose line installations

1. Provide slack or bend in the hose line to provide for changes in length that will occur when pressure is applied.

2. Relieve sharp bends; avoid steam or hose collapse and make cleaner installations by using Aeroquip elbows or other adapter fittings. Provide as large a bend radius as possible. Never use less than the recommended minimum bend radius specified for the hose.

3. Observe linear strips. The hose must not be twisted. High pressures applied to a twisted hose may cause failure or loosen the nut.

4. Provide additional bend radius when lines are subject to flexing and remember that the metal end fittings are not flexible. Place line support clamps so as not to restrict hose flexing.

Fig. 7-11. Installation of flexible hose assemblies. Courtesy Aeroquip Corporation

Do not deflect into place
Replace tube assembly

Incorrect – Will damage flare or threads, or cause sleeve to crack under vibration if tightened.

Incorrect – May pull off or distort flare if tightened.

Correctly fitted and tightened

.025 clearance between Flare and shoulder before tightening

Fig. 7-12. Correct and incorrect methods of tightening flared tube fittings. Courtesy Aeroquip Corporation
Always tighten fittings to the correct torque value (Fig. 7-13) when installing a tube assembly. Overtightening a fitting might badly damage or completely cut off the tube flare, or it might ruin the sleeve or fitting nut. Failure to tighten sufficiently also can be serious; it might allow the line to blow out of the assembly or to leak under system pressure.

The use of torque wrenches and the prescribed torque values prevents overtightening or undertightening. If a tube-fitting assembly is tightened properly, it can be removed and retightened many times before reflaring is necessary.

Never select a path that does not require bends in the tubing. A tube cannot be cut or flared accurately enough that it can be installed without bending and still be free from mechanical strain. Bends are also necessary to permit the tubing to expand or contract under temperature changes and to absorb vibration. If the tube is small (less than $\frac{1}{4}$") and can be hand formed, casual bends can be made to allow for this. If the tube must be machine formed, definite bends must be made to avoid a straight assembly.

Start all bends a reasonable distance from the fittings because the sleeves and nuts must be slipped back during the fabrication of flares and during inspections. In all cases, the new tube assembly should be so formed prior to installation that it will not be necessary to pull or deflect the assembly into alignment by means of the coupling nuts.

**Support Clamps**

Support clamps are used to secure the various lines to the airframe or power-plant assemblies. Several types of support clamps are used for this purpose, most commonly the rubber-cushioned and plain clamps. The rubber-cushioned clamp is used to secure lines subject to vibration; the cushioning prevents chafing of the tubing. The plain clamp is used to secure lines in areas not subject to vibration.
### Hose End Fittings and Hose Assemblies

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**Fig. 7-13.** Torque values for tightening flared tube fittings.
A Teflon-cushioned clamp is used in areas where the deteriorating effect of Skydrol 500, hydraulic fluid (MIL-0-5606), or fuel is expected. However, because Teflon is less resilient, it does not provide as good of a vibration-damping effect as other cushion materials.

Use bonded clamps to secure metal hydraulic, fuel, and oil lines in place. Unbonded clamps should be used only to secure wiring. Remove any paint or anodizing from the portion of the tube at the bonding clamp location. All plumbing lines must be secured at specified intervals. The maximum distance between supports for rigid tubing is shown in Fig. 7-14.

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Fig. 7-14. Maximum distance between supports for fluid lines.
Three control systems commonly used are cable, push-pull (Fig. 8-1), and torque tube. Many aircraft incorporate control systems that are combinations of all three.

Cables are the most widely used linkage in primary flight control systems. Cable linkage is also used in engine controls, emergency extension systems for the landing gear, and other systems throughout the aircraft.

Fig. 8-1. Push-pull tube assembly.

CABLE ASSEMBLY

The conventional cable assembly consists of flexible cable (Fig. 8-2) terminals (end fittings) for attaching to other units, and turnbuckles. Cable tension must be adjusted frequently because of stretching and temperature changes. Aircraft-control cables are fabricated from carbon steel or stainless steel.
Fig. 8-2. The most common aircraft cables are $7 \times 7$ of medium flexibility and $7 \times 19$ extra flexibility.

**Fabricating a Cable Assembly**

Terminals for aircraft-control cables are normally fabricated using three different processes:

- Swaging, as used in all modern aircraft.
- Nicropress process.
- Handwoven splice terminal.

Handwoven splices are used in many older aircraft; however, this time-consuming process is considered unnecessary with the availability of mechanically fabricated splices. Various swage terminal fittings are shown in Fig. 8-3.

**Swaging**

Swage terminals, manufactured in accordance with Air Force/Navy Aeronautical Standard Specifications, are suitable for use in civil aircraft up to and including maximum cable loads. When swaging tools are used, it is important that all the manufacturers’ instructions, including "go-no-go" dimensions (Fig. 8-4), are followed in detail to avoid defective and inferior
Fig. 8-3. Various types of swage terminal fittings.

Fig. 8-4. A typical gauge for checking swaged terminals.
completed sleeves should be checked periodically with the proper gauge. The gauge should be held so that it contacts the major axis of the sleeve. The compressed portion at the center of the sleeve should enter the gauge opening with very little clearance, as shown in Fig. 8-7. If it does not, the tool must be adjusted accordingly.

Fig. 8-7. *Typical go-no-go gauge for nicopress terminals.*

**TURNBUCKLES**

A turnbuckle assembly is a mechanical screw device that consists of two threaded terminals and a threaded barrel. Figure 8-8 illustrates a typical turnbuckle assembly.

Fig. 8-8. *A typical turnbuckle assembly.*

Turnbuckles are fitted in the cable assembly for the purpose of making minor adjustments in cable length and to adjust cable tension. One of the terminals has right-handed threads and the other has left-handed threads. The barrel has matching right- and left-handed internal threads. The end of the barrel with the left-handed threads can usually be identified by a groove or knurl around that end of the barrel.
Safety Methods for Turnbuckles

After a turnbuckle has been properly adjusted, it must be safetied. There are several methods of safetying turnbuckles; however, only two methods (Figs. 8-9 and 8-10) are covered in this chapter. The clip-locking method (Fig. 8-9) is used only on modern aircraft. Older aircraft still use turnbuckles that require the wire-wrapping method.

![Clip-locking method](image)

**Fig. 8-9.** Clip-style locking device.

![Double-wrapping method](image)

**Fig. 8-10.** Double wrapping method for safetying turnbuckles.

Double-Wrap Method

Of the methods using safety wire for safetying turnbuckles, the double-wrap method is preferred, although the single-wrap method is satisfactory. The method of double-wrap safetying is shown in Fig. 8-10. Two separate lengths of the proper wire, as shown in Fig. 8-11, are used. One end of the wire is run through the hole in the barrel of the turnbuckle. The ends of the wire are bent toward opposite ends of the turnbuckle.

Then the second length of the wire is passed into the hole in the barrel with the ends bent along the barrel on the side opposite of the first. Then the wires at the end of the turnbuckle are
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¹ Galvanized or tinned steel, or soft iron wires are also acceptable.
² The safety wire holes in 5/32-inch diameter and larger turnbuckle terminals for swaging may be drilled sufficiently to accommodate the double 0.051-inch diameter copper or brass wires when used.

Fig. 8-11. Guide for selecting turnbuckle safety wire.

passed in opposite directions through the holes in the turnbuckle eyes or between the jaws of the turnbuckle fork, as applicable.

The laid wires are bent in place before cutting off the wrapped wire. The remaining length of safety wire is wrapped at least four turns around the shank, and cut off. The procedure is repeated at the opposite end of the turnbuckle.

When a swaged terminal is being safetied, the ends of both wires are passed, if possible, through the hole provided in the terminal for this purpose and both ends are wrapped around the shank, as described previously.

If the hole is not large enough to allow passage of both wires, the wire should be passed through the hole and looped over the free end of the other wire, and then both ends are wrapped around the shank, as described.
CABLE TENSION ADJUSTMENT

Control cable tension should be carefully adjusted, in accordance with the air-frame manufacturer's recommendations. On large aircraft, the temperature of the immediate area should be taken into consideration when using a tensionmeter (Fig. 8-12). For long cable sections, the average of two or three temperature readings should be made for extreme surface temperature variations that might be encountered if the aircraft is operated primarily in unusual geographic or climatic conditions, such as arctic, arid, or tropical locations. Figure 8-13 shows a typical cable rigging chart.

Fig. 8-12. Typical cable tensionmeter.
Fig. 8-13. *Typical cable rigging chart.*
MATERIAL SELECTION

Aircraft service imposes severe environmental conditions on electrical wire. To ensure satisfactory service, the wire should be inspected at regular intervals for abrasions, defective insulation, condition of terminal posts, and corrosion under or around swaged terminals.

For the purpose of this section, a wire is described as a single, solid conductor, or as a stranded conductor covered with an insulating material (Fig. 9-1).

The term cable, as used in aircraft electrical installations, includes:

1. Two or more separately insulated conductors in the same jacket (multiconductor cable).
2. Two or more separately insulated conductors twisted together (twisted pair).

Fig. 9-1. Single solid conductor and a conductor consisting of many strands.
3. One or more insulated conductors, covered with a metallic braided shield (shielded cable).

4. A single insulated center conductor with a metallic braided outer conductor (radio-frequency cable). The concentricity of the center conductor and the outer conductor is carefully controlled during manufacturing to ensure that they are coaxial.

**Wire Size**

Wire is manufactured in sizes according to a standard known as the **AWG (American wire gauge)**. As shown in Fig. 9-2, the wire diameters become smaller as the gauge numbers become larger. See the appendix for a table of wire gauges.

To use the wire gauge, the wire to be measured is inserted in the smallest slot that will accommodate the bare wire. The gauge number corresponding to that slot indicates the wire size. The slot has parallel sides and should not be confused with the semicircular opening at the end of the slot. The opening simply permits the free movement of the wire all the way through the slot.

![AWG wire gauge](image-url)
Gauge numbers are useful in comparing the diameter of wires, but not all types of wire or cable can be accurately measured with a gauge. Large wires are usually stranded to increase their flexibility. In such cases, the total area can be determined by multiplying the area of one strand (usually computed in circular mils when the diameter or gauge number is known) by the number of strands in the wire or cable.

Factors that Affect the Selection of Wire Size

Tables and procedures are available for selecting correct wire sizes. For purposes of this manual, it is assumed that wire sizes were specified by the manufacturer of the aircraft or equipment.

Factors that Affect the Selection of Conductor Material

Although silver is the best conductor, high cost limits its use to special circuits where a substance with high conductivity is needed.

The two most generally used conductors are copper and aluminum. Each has characteristics that make its use advantageous under certain circumstances. Also, each has certain disadvantages.

Copper has a higher conductivity; it is more ductile (can be drawn), has relatively high tensile strength, and can be easily soldered. It is more expensive and heavier than aluminum.

Although aluminum has only about 60 percent of the conductivity of copper, it is used extensively. Its lightness makes possible long spans, and its relatively large diameter for a given conductivity reduces corona, which is the discharge of electricity from the wire when it has a high potential. The discharge is greater when small-diameter wire is used than when large-diameter wire is used. Some bus bars are made of aluminum instead of copper, where there is a greater radiating surface for the same conductance.
Conductor insulation material varies with the type of installation. Such insulation as rubber, silk, and paper are no longer used extensively in aircraft systems. More common today are vinyl, cotton, nylon, Teflon, and Rockbestos.

**Stripping Insulation**

Attaching the wire to connectors or terminals requires the removal of insulation to expose the conductors, commonly known as *stripping*. When stripping the wire, remove no more insulation than is necessary. Stripping can be accomplished in many ways; however, the following basic principles should be followed:

- Be sure that all cutting tools used for stripping are sharp.
- When using special wire stripping tools, adjust the tool to avoid nicking, cutting, or otherwise damaging the strands. A light-duty hand-operated wire stripper is shown in Fig. 9-3.
- Automatic stripping tools should be carefully adjusted; the manufacturer’s instructions should be followed to avoid nicking, cutting, or otherwise damaging strands. This is especially important for aluminum wires and for copper wires smaller than No. 10. Smaller wires have larger numbers.

![Light-duty hand-operated wire stripper](Fig. 9-3)

**TERMINALS**

Terminals are attached to the ends of electric wires to facilitate connection of the wires to terminal strips or items of equipment.
Terminals specifically designed for use with the standard sizes of aircraft wire are available through normal supply channels. A hap­hazard choice of commercial terminals can contribute to over­heated joints, vibration failures, and corrosion difficulties.

For most applications, soldered terminals have been replaced by solderless terminals. The solder process has disadvantages that have been overcome by use of the solderless terminals.

The terminal manufacturer will normally provide a special crimping or swaging tool for joining the solderless terminal to the electric wire. Aluminum wire presents special difficulty in that each individual strand is insulated by an oxide coating. This oxide coating must be broken down in the crimping process and some method used to prevent its reforming. In all cases, terminal manufacturer’s instructions should be followed when installing solderless terminals.

Copper wires are terminated with solderless, preinsulated, straight copper terminal lugs. The insulation is part of the terminal lug and extends beyond its barrel so that it will cover a portion of the wire insulation, making the use of an insulation sleeve unnecessary (Fig. 9-4).

In addition, preinsulated terminal lugs contain an insulation grip (a metal reinforcing sleeve) beneath the insulation for extra gripping strength on the wire insulation. Preinsulated terminals

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**Fig. 9-4.** *Preinsulated terminal lug.*
accommodate more than one size of wire; the insulation is usually color-coded to identify the wire sizes that can be terminated with each of the terminal lug sizes.

Some types of uninsulated terminal lugs are insulated after assembly to a wire by means of pieces of transparent flexible tubing called sleeves. The sleeve provides electrical and mechanical protection at the connection. When the size of the sleeving used is such that it will fit tightly over the terminal lug, the sleeving need not be tied; otherwise, it should be tied with lacing cord, as illustrated in Fig. 9-5.

![Fig. 9-5. Insulating a terminal lug with a transparent, flexible tubing sleeve.](image)

**Aluminum Wire Terminals**

The use of aluminum wire in aircraft systems is increasing because of its weight advantage over copper. However, bending aluminum will cause "work hardening" of the metal, making it brittle. This results in failure or breakage of strands much sooner than in a similar case with copper wire. Aluminum also forms a high-resistant oxide film immediately upon exposure to air. To compensate for these disadvantages, it is important to use the most reliable installation procedures.
Only aluminum terminal lugs are used to terminate aluminum wires. All aluminum terminals incorporate an inspection hole (Fig. 9-6), which permits checking the depth of wire insertion. The barrel of aluminum terminal lugs is filled with a petrolatum-zinc dust compound. This compound removes the oxide film from the aluminum by a grinding process during the crimping operation. The compound will also minimize later oxidation of the completed connection by excluding moisture and air. The compound is retained inside the terminal lug barrel by a plastic or foil seal at the end of the barrel.

**Fig. 9-6.** Inserting aluminum wire into aluminum terminal lugs.

**Connecting Terminal Lugs to Terminal Blocks**

Terminal lugs should be installed on terminal blocks so that they are locked against movement in the direction of loosening (Fig. 9-7).
Terminal blocks are normally supplied with studs secured in place by a plain washer, an external tooth lockwasher, and a nut. In connecting terminals, it is recommended to place copper terminal lugs directly on top of the nut, followed with a plain washer and elastic stop nut, or with a plain washer, split steel lockwasher, and plain nut.

Aluminum terminal lugs should be placed over a plated brass plain washer, followed with another plated brass plain washer, split steel lockwasher, and plain nut or elastic stop nut. The plated brass washer should have a diameter equal to the tongue width of the aluminum terminal lug. The manufacturer's instructions should be consulted for recommended dimensions of these plated brass washers. No washer should be placed in the current path between two aluminum terminal lugs or between two copper terminal lugs. Also, no lockwasher should be placed against the tongue or pad of the aluminum terminal.

To join a copper terminal lug to an aluminum terminal lug, a plated brass plain washer should be placed over the nut that holds the stud in place, followed with the aluminum terminal lug, a plated brass plain washer, the copper terminal lug, plain washer, split steel lockwasher, and a plain nut or a self-locking, all-metal nut. As a general rule, a torque wrench should be used to tighten nuts to ensure sufficient contact pressure. Manufacturer's instructions provide installation torques for all types of terminals.
Identifying Wire and Cable

Aircraft electrical system wiring and cable can be marked with a combination of letters and numbers to identify the wire, the circuit where it belongs, the gauge number, and other information necessary to relate the wire or cable to a wiring diagram. Such markings are called the identification code. There is no standard procedure for marking and identifying wiring; each manufacturer normally develops his own identification code. Wires are usually marked at intervals of not more than 15" lengthwise and within 3" of each junction or terminating point.

WIRE GROUPS AND BUNDLES

Grouping or bundling certain wires, such as electrically unprotected power wiring and wiring going to duplicate vital equipment, should be avoided.

Wire bundles should generally contain fewer than 75 wires, or 1½" to 2" in diameter where practicable. When several wires are grouped at junction boxes, terminal blocks, panels, and the like, the identity of the group within a bundle (Fig. 9-8) can be retained.

The flexible nylon cable tie (Fig. 9-9) has almost completely replaced cord for lacing or tying wire bundles. Nylon cable ties are available in various lengths and are self-locking for a permanent, neat installation.

Single wires or wire bundles should not be installed with excessive slack. Slack between supports should normally not
Fig. 9-9. Flexible nylon cable ties have almost completely replaced cord for lacing or tying cable bundles.

Fig. 9-10. Maximum recommended slant in wire bundles between supports. exceed a maximum of \( \frac{1}{2} \)" deflection with normal hand force (Fig. 9-10).

**Bend Radii**

Bends in wire groups or bundles should not be less than 10 times the outside diameter of the wire group or bundle. However, at terminal strips, where wire is suitably supported at each end of the bend, a minimum radius of three times the outside diameter of the wire, or wire bundle, is normally acceptable. There are, of course, exceptions to these guidelines in the case of certain types of cable; for example, coaxial cable should never be bent to a smaller radius than six times the outside diameter.

**Routing and Installations**

All wiring should be installed so that it is mechanically and electrically sound and neat in appearance. Whenever practicable, wires and bundles should be routed parallel with, or at right angles to, the stringers or ribs of the area involved. An excep-
tion to this general rule is coaxial cable, which is routed as directly as possible.

The wiring must be adequately supported throughout its length. A sufficient number of supports must be provided to prevent undue vibration of the unsupported lengths.

When wiring must be routed parallel to combustible fluid or oxygen lines for short distances, as much fixed separation as possible should be maintained. The wires should be on a level with, or above, the plumbing lines. Clamps should be spaced so that if a wire is broken at a clamp, it will not contact the line. Where a 6" separation is not possible, both the wire bundle and the plumbing line can be clamped to the same structure to prevent any relative motion. If the separation is less than 2", but more than 1/2", a polyethylene sleeve can be used over the wire bundle to give further protection. Also, two cable clamps back-to-back, as shown in Fig. 9-11, can be used to maintain a rigid separation only, and not for support of the bundle. No wire should be routed so that it is located nearer than 1/2" to a plumbing line. Neither should a wire or wire bundle be supported from a plumbing line that carries flammable fluids or oxygen.

![Fig. 9-11. Method of separating wires from plumbing lines.](image)

Wiring should be routed to maintain a minimum clearance of at least 3" from control cables. If this cannot be accomplished, mechanical guards should be installed to prevent contact between the wiring and control cables.
Cable clamps should be installed with regard to the proper angle, as shown in Fig. 9-12. The mounting screw should be above the wire bundle. It is also desirable that the back of the cable clamp rest against a structural member where practicable.

Fig. 9-12. Proper and improper angles for installation of cable clamps.

Care should be taken that wires are not pinched in cable clamps. Where possible, the cables should be mounted directly to structural members, as shown in Figs. 9-13 and 9-14. Clamps can be used with rubber cushions to secure wire bundles to

Fig. 9-13. Various methods of mounting cable clamps.
tubular structures. Such clamps must fit tightly, but should not be deformed when locked in place.

**Protection Against Chafing**

Wires and wire groups should be protected against chafing or abrasion in those locations where contact with sharp surfaces or other wires would damage the insulation. Damage to the insulation can cause short circuits, malfunction, or inadvertent operation of equipment. Cable clamps should be used to support wire bundles at each hole through a bulkhead (Fig. 9-15). If wires come closer than ¼" to the edge of the hole, a suitable grommet should be used in the hole, as shown in Fig. 9-16.

**BONDING AND GROUNDING**

Bonding is the electrical connecting of two or more conducting objects not otherwise adequately connected. Grounding is the electrical connecting of a conducting object to the primary structure for a return path for current. Primary structure is the main frame, fuselage, or wing structure of the aircraft,
commonly referred to as ground. Bonding and grounding connections are made in aircraft electrical systems to:

- Protect aircraft and personnel against hazards from lightning discharge.
- Provide current return paths.
• Prevent development of radio frequency potentials.
• Protect personnel from shock hazards.
• Provide stability of radio transmission and reception.
• Prevent accumulation of static charge.

Bonding jumpers should be made as short as practicable, and installed in such manner that the resistance of each connection does not exceed 0.003 Ω. The jumper must not interfere with the operation of movable aircraft elements, such as surface controls, nor should the normal movement of these elements result in damage to the bonding jumper.

To ensure a low-resistance connection, nonconducting finishes, such as paint and anodizing films, should be removed from the attachment surface to be contacted by the bonding terminal. Electric wiring should not be grounded directly to magnesium parts.

Electrolytic action can rapidly corrode a bonding connection if suitable precautions are not taken. Aluminum alloy jumpers are recommended for most cases; however, copper jumpers should be used to bond together parts made of stainless steel, cadmium-plated steel, copper, brass, or bronze. Where contact between dissimilar metals cannot be avoided, the choice of jumper and hardware should be such that corrosion is minimized, and the part likely to corrode would be the jumper or associated hardware. Figure 9-17 shows the proper hardware combination for making a bond connection. At locations where

![Diagram of bolt and nut bonding or grounding to flat surface.](image)
finishes are removed, a protective finish should be applied to the completed connection to prevent subsequent corrosion.

The use of solder to attach bonding jumpers should be avoided. Tubular members should be bonded by means of clamps to which the jumper is attached. Proper choice of clamp material will minimize the probability of corrosion.
A drawing is a method to convey ideas concerning the construction or assembly of objects. This is done with the help of lines, notes, abbreviations, and symbols. It is very important that the aviation mechanic who is to make or assemble the object understand the meaning of the different lines, notes, abbreviations, and symbols that are used in a drawing.

Although blueprints as such are no longer used, the term blueprint or print is generally used in place of drawing.

ORTHOGONAL PROJECTION

In order to show the exact size and shape of all the parts of complex objects, a number of views are necessary. This is the system used in orthographic projection.

Orthographic projection shows six possible views of an object because all objects have six sides: front, top, bottom, rear, right side, and left side. See Fig. 10-1.

It is seldom necessary to show all six views to portray an object clearly; therefore, only those views necessary to illustrate the required characteristics of the object are drawn. One-view, two-view, and three-view drawings are the most common.
WORKING DRAWINGS

Working drawings must give such information as size of the object and all of its parts, its shape and that of all of its parts, specifications as to the material to be used, how the material is to be finished, how the parts are to be assembled, and any other information essential to making and assembling the particular object.
Working drawings can be divided into three classes: detail, assembly, and installation.

**Detail Drawing**

A detail drawing is a description of a single part, given in such a manner as to describe by lines, notes, and symbols the specifications as to size, shape, material, and methods of manufacture that are to be used in making the part. Detail drawings are usually rather simple and, when single parts are small, several detail drawings might be shown on the same sheet or print.

**Assembly Drawing**

An assembly drawing is a description of an object consisting of two or more parts. It describes the object by giving, in a general way, the size and shape. Its primary purpose is to show the relationship of the various parts. An assembly drawing is usually more complex than a detail drawing, and is often accompanied by detail drawings of various parts.

**Installation Drawing**

An installation drawing is one that includes all necessary information for a part or an assembly of parts in the final position in the aircraft. It shows the dimensions necessary for the location of specific parts with relation to the other parts and reference dimensions that are helpful in later work in the shop.

A pictorial drawing is similar to a photograph. It shows an object as it appears to the eye, but it is not satisfactory for showing complex forms and shapes. Pictorial drawings are useful in showing the general appearance of an object and are used extensively with orthographic projection drawings. Pictorial drawings are used in maintenance and overhaul manuals.
TITLE BLOCK

All working drawings include a title block with the following information:

- The name of the company that produces the part.
- Number of the drawing. If it is a detail drawing, the drawing number is also the part number.
- The scale to which it is drawn. Although a part is normally accurately drawn, the drawn part should not be scaled to obtain a dimension.
- The date of the finished drawing.
- The names and signatures of the draftsman, checker and persons approving the drawing.
- If the drawing applies to an aircraft, the manufacturer's model number will be included.

OTHER DATA

Depending on the complexity of the items on the drawing, a revision block might be included to indicate any changes to the original. Notes are sometimes added for various clarifying reasons. Finish marks are used to indicate the surfaces that must be machine finished. Most dimensions will include tolerances or the total allowable variation of a size.

SECTIONAL VIEWS

A section or sectional view is obtained by cutting away part of an object to show the shape and construction at the cutting plane. The part or parts cut away are shown by the use of section (cross-hatching) lines.

Sectional views are used when the interior construction or hidden features of an object cannot be shown clearly by exterior views.
THE LINES ON A DRAWING

Every drawing is composed of lines. Lines mark the boundaries, edges, and intersection of surfaces. Lines are used to show dimensions and hidden surfaces, and to indicate centers. Obviously, if the same kind of line is used to show all of these things, a drawing becomes a meaningless collection of lines. For this reason, various kinds of standardized lines are used on aircraft drawings.

Most drawings use three widths or intensities of lines: thin, medium, or thick. These lines might vary somewhat on different drawings, but there will always be a noticeable difference between a thin and a thick line. The width of the medium line will be somewhere between the two. Figure 10-2 shows the correct use of lines by example.

![Diagram](image)

Fig. 10-2. Example of correct use of lines.

RIVET SYMBOLS USED ON DRAWINGS (BLUEPRINTS)

Rivet locations are shown on drawings by symbols. These symbols provide the necessary information by the use of code numbers or code letters or a combination of both. The meaning
of the code numbers and code letters is explained in the general notes section of the drawing on which they appear.

The rivet code system has been standardized by the National Aerospace Standards Committee (NAS Standard) and has been adopted by most major companies in the aircraft industry. This system has been assigned the number NAS523 in the NAS Standard book.

The NAS523 basic rivet symbol consists of two lines crossing at 90°, which form four quadrants. Code letters and code numbers are placed in these quadrants to give the desired information about the rivet. Each quadrant has been assigned a name: northwest (NW), northeast (NE), southwest (SW), and southeast (SE) (Fig. 10-3).

![Fig. 10-3. Basic rivet symbol quadrant configuration.]

The rivet type, head type, size, material, and location are shown on the field of the drawing by means of the rivet code, with one exception. Rivets to be instated flush on both sides are not coded, but are called out and detailed on the drawing. An explanation of the rivet codes for each type of rivet used is shown on the field of the drawing. Figure 10-4 shows examples of rivet coding on the drawing and Fig. 10-5 is a sample of rivet coding.

Hole and countersink dimensions for solid-shank and blind rivets are omitted on all drawings because it is understood that the countersink angle is 100°, and the countersink should be of such depth that the fastener fits flush with the surface after driving.
Fig. 10-4. *Examples of rivet coding on a drawing.*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CODE</th>
<th>BASIC PART NO.</th>
<th>MATERIAL</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION OF RIVET</th>
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<tr>
<td>BA</td>
<td>MS20426A</td>
<td>1100F</td>
<td>Solid, 100° Flush</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BB</td>
<td>MS20426AD</td>
<td>2117-T3</td>
<td>Solid, 100° Flush</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CY</td>
<td>MS20426DD</td>
<td>2024-T31</td>
<td>Solid, 100° Flush</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BH</td>
<td>MS20470A</td>
<td>1100F</td>
<td>Solid, Universal Head</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BJ</td>
<td>MS20470AD</td>
<td>2117-T3</td>
<td>Solid, Universal Head</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CX</td>
<td>MS20470DD</td>
<td>2024-T31</td>
<td>Solid, Universal Head</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AAR</td>
<td>NAS1738E</td>
<td>5056</td>
<td>Blind, Protruding Head</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AAP</td>
<td>NAS1738M</td>
<td>MONEL</td>
<td>Blind, Protruding Head</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AAV</td>
<td>NAS1739E</td>
<td>5056</td>
<td>Blind, 100° Flush</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AAW</td>
<td>NAS1739M</td>
<td>MONEL</td>
<td>Blind, 100° Flush</td>
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</table>

Fig. 10-5. *Typical examples of rivet coding. This list will vary according to requirements of each manufacturer.*

Where a number of identical rivets are in a row, the rivet code is shown for the first and last rivet in the row only, and an arrow will show the direction in which the rivet row runs. The location of the rivets between the rivet codes are marked only with crossing centerlines, as shown in Fig. 10-6.
Fig. 10-6. Method of illustrating rivet codes and the location where a number of identical rivets are in a row.
Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) or Non-Destructive Inspection (NDI)

Unlike the previous chapters, which provided "hands on," detailed procedures for accomplishing a given task (such as drilling, riveting, etc.), this presentation of NDT is more general. Detailed procedures for using all of the NDT methods in use today are beyond the scope of this book. Therefore, a broad overview of each of the NDT methods is presented to familiarize the technician with the many variations of this important subject.

VISUAL INSPECTION

Visual inspection is the oldest of the non-destructive methods of testing. It is a quick and economical method to detect various types of cracks before they progress to failure. Its reliability depends upon the ability and experience of the inspector. He must know how to search for structural failures and how to recognize areas where such failures are likely to occur. Defects that would otherwise escape the naked eye can often be detected with the aid of optical devices.

The equipment necessary for conducting a visual inspection usually consists of a strong flashlight, a mirror with a ball joint, and a 2.5× - 4× magnifying glass. A 10× magnifying glass is recommended for positive identification of suspected cracks. Visual inspection of some areas can be made only with the use of a borescope.
NDT BEYOND VISUAL

One of the major dangers encountered in presenting data on non-destructive testing techniques is that the reader might be given the impression that a technique is a panacea for all problem solutions.

Let it be clear that each of the techniques to be covered has application to certain requirements, but no one technique universally obviates the need for any of the others.

The most effective testing system includes all known non-destructive techniques; however, until appropriate techniques for all applications have been developed, no system of evaluation can be completely efficient.

Most of the following discussion of NDT is based on material provided by Mr. John Walsh of Centurion NDT, Inc.

Many aviation maintenance technicians are familiar with the techniques of NDT. Each technician might have a favorite method that has been in use for the past 10 years. Occasionally, it is helpful to review the methods and look at new introductions in each discipline to make an informed decision on what to apply to new and existing applications. The method chosen for each application must take several factors into account: the material used, the location of the defect, the test surface, the desired output and the knowledge of the operator. After all, magnetic particle cannot be used on aluminum and an apprentice cannot be expected to be an expert in ultrasonic testing.

The five major methods of NDT listed in ease-of-use order are: dye penetrant, magnetic particle, eddy current, ultrasonic, and radiography. As new technologies are developed, variations of these methods are created. For the purposes of this book, only these five methods are covered.

To analyze the methods, the differences of each must be known. A brief description of the steps taken to complete each method follows:

- **Fluorescent Dye Penetrant (FP)** Clean the part, remove any surface coating, (paint, etc.) spray on the dye, remove
the excess, apply the developer, and flaws appear on the material in the colored dye.

- **Magnetic Particle (MP)** Clean the ferrous part, remove the surface coatings, magnetize the metal—either by yoke or lathe, spray on the magnetic particle solution, and the flaws are seen on the magnetized material under black light. This inspection technique is well known to most aviation technicians by the tradename “Magnaflux” and is used extensively for inspection of steel engine components.

- **Eddy Current (ET)** Clean the excessive dirt from the part, calibrate the instrument, run the probe over the surface of the test material to check for flaws, and the flaws will be represented as a meter deflection (larger units have a CRT readout with an X-and Y-axis).

- **Ultrasonic (UT)** Clean the part, set-up the instrument, apply the couplant to the test part, run transducer over the suspected area; any surfaces and flaws will be seen as a line representation on the CRT.

- **Radiography (RT)** Prepare the part in an X-ray secured area, set-up films, expose part to radiation source, develop film, and interpret film.

To compare the methods, refer to the chart in Figure 11-1.

Obviously, each of the methods has pluses and minuses. Looking at the “cost” and “surface preparation” of each method, almost two curves appear to be forming. Cost is relatively inexpensive for a method that requires detailed surface preparation and clean-up, fluorescent penetrant. And, the method that requires the least amount of surface preparation (radiography) is the most expensive. Then somewhere in the middle, eddy current shows up—a little surface preparation and some affordable tools will help find defects.

This “middle ground” is probably why eddy-current NDT accounts for about 85 percent of all nondestructive testing today. Ultrasonic (UT) techniques account for about 10 percent and x-ray radiography (RT) about five percent.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Training Needed</th>
<th>FP</th>
<th>MP</th>
<th>ET</th>
<th>UT</th>
<th>RT</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Little</td>
<td>Little</td>
<td>Little to Moderate based on unit</td>
<td>Moderate to Extensive</td>
<td>Extensive</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ease-of-use</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Moderate to Difficult</td>
<td>Difficult</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Materials</td>
<td>Almost any F(Steel)</td>
<td>Ferrous and Non-ferrous</td>
<td>Any material which can carry UT waves</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Detects</td>
<td>Only flaws open to surface</td>
<td>Only flaws open to surface</td>
<td>Surface and sub-surface flaws</td>
<td>Inclusions, not surface flaws</td>
<td>All internal &amp; external flaws</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Readout</td>
<td>Flaw is visible</td>
<td>Flaw is visible by black light</td>
<td>Meter deflection or CRT</td>
<td>CRT</td>
<td>Film</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Chemicals Inexpensive</td>
<td>Equipment Purchase, Chemicals Inexpensive</td>
<td>Relatively Inexpensive Equipment</td>
<td>Expensive Equipment</td>
<td>Extremely Expensive Equipment &amp; Materials</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surface Preparation</td>
<td>Detailed</td>
<td>Detailed</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Little</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cons</td>
<td>• Tight cracks may not allow dye in • Messy • Difficulty seeing scratches from flaws</td>
<td>• May cause burning of the part • Only steel • Part often needs to be removed</td>
<td>• Does not detect flaws beyond 0.050&quot; • Difficult to test large areas</td>
<td>• Shallow flaws difficult to detect • Requires more knowledge</td>
<td>• Complicated regulations and hazards • Need extensive education/ experience</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pros</td>
<td>• Flaw evident on part • Easy to use</td>
<td>• Flaw is evident on part • Easy to use</td>
<td>• Flaw can be detected even when painted</td>
<td>• Ideal for sub-surface and 2nd layer flaws</td>
<td>• Reveals all flaws • Variety of materials • Permanent record of flaws</td>
</tr>
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Fig. 11-1. Comparison chart for the five major methods of NDT. Courtesy Centurion NDT Inc.

**EDDY-CURRENT (ET) NDT**

Although eddy-current NDT is a relatively well-known and proven concept that has been around for more than 40 years, it has been surrounded by a myth that ET instruments are expensive and operation requires years of schooling and experience. However, thanks to product design and advancements, eddy-current instruments are more affordable and easier to use. New hand-held and push-button instruments are now available (see Fig. 11-2).
Fig. 11-2. Hand-held and portable eddy current instruments that accurately detect flaws in metal parts and can sort metals by alloy types. They will locate surface and near-surface flaws in non-magnetic materials where permeability is relatively constant throughout the test area. The meters deflect, based on the severity of the void. The units will also sort materials according to hardness, alloy type, carbon content, heat-treating condition, tensile strength, and grain structure. Courtesy Centurion NDT Inc.

Manufacturers now realize that inexpensive, simple-to-operate units are needed to help the aviation technicians do their job. With some units priced in the $1000 to $3000 range, now more technicians can get exposure to eddy-current testing. Because they are less expensive and easier to operate, eddy-current instruments might soon be as common as digital voltmeters.

To understand eddy-current technology, start with the instrument's electronic base. Each unit contains a balanced circuit. One side of that balanced circuit is in the unit, the other leg
of the balanced circuit is in the probe. The equipment needs to be set up for the material being tested. Once set up, the probe can be run across the part to begin testing. As it runs across the part, it sends a small electronic charge through the balanced circuit, into the part and waits for a response from the material. All this happens in a matter of microseconds. The response it receives will be changed when the probe (and the electronic charge) hits the edge of the flaw, and cannot go through the "void" of the crack, and returns to a solid area of material. The meter will deflect, based on the severity of the void.

The "introductory" units are called resonance (or absolute) units. These units are excellent for testing ferrous and non-ferrous materials for surface/near-surface flaw detection. Typically, the units operate at frequencies between 55 kHz and 220 kHz. No special training is needed. Instructions are provided with the unit. A few buttons are necessary for set up and scanning the part is easy. A meter provides an indication of the test part condition.

The impedance-plane (or differential) units have a wider frequency range (between 40 Hz and 6 MHz). A CRT readout provides an electronic trace of the flaw. In the impedance-plane units, two coils make the balanced circuit either combined in one probe (differential) or separated in two absolute probes. The flaw appears on the X- and Y-axis on the CRT readout (see Fig. 11-3).

**MAGNETO-OPTIC EDDY-CURRENT IMAGING**

A variation of the eddy-current NDI, called magneto-optic eddy current imaging has been developed. The following is based on material provided by PRI Instrumentation, Inc.

The magneto-optic/eddy current imager combines induced eddy-current excitation with direct magneto-optic detection to produce real-time images of cracks, corrosion, and other surface or sub-surface flaws. A planar and multidirectional eddy-
current excitation technique is used to induce eddy currents in the test piece. Disruptions of these currents caused by rivets, cracks, corrosion, and other defects produce magnetic fields that are imaged directly by a magneto-optic sensor that contains a small video camera. These images are displayed on a head-mounted video display (personal viewing system), see Fig. 11-4. A video output also permits connecting the equipment to an optional color monitor and/or VCR for video taping. Figure 11-5 shows a video image of cracks emerging from rivet sites in a riveted aluminum lap joint test sample.

The difference between conventional eddy-current induction and magneto-optic methods is shown in Fig. 11-6. Magneto-optic imaging is also applicable to corrosion detection and covered in more detail in Chapter 12.
Fig. 11-4. Magneto-optic/eddy-current imagers. Images of aircraft surface and subsurface defects are viewed in color on a head-mounted display. The units can also be used with a monitor and/or VCR to permit viewing by additional inspectors and/or videotaping. Courtesy PRI Research & Development Corp.

Fig. 11-5. Video image of cracks emerging from rivet sites in a riveted aluminum lap-joint test sample, as viewed by magneto-optic eddy-current imagers shown in Fig. 11-4. Courtesy PRI Research & Development Corp.
Conventional methods rely on coils

Surface to be inspected

Magneto-Optic methods rely on sheet current induction

Eddy current foil

Surface to be inspected

Fig. 11-6. Two different methods of eddy-current induction. Courtesy PRI Research & Development Corp.
Metal corrosion is the deterioration of the metal by chemical or electrochemical attack and can occur internally, as well as on the surface. This deterioration may change the smooth surface, weaken the interior, or damage or loosen adjacent parts.

Water or water vapor containing salt combines with oxygen in the atmosphere to produce the main source of corrosion in aircraft. Aircraft operating in a marine environment or in areas where the atmosphere contains corrosive industrial fumes are particularly susceptible to corrosive attacks.

Corrosion can cause eventual structural failure if left unchecked. The appearance of the corrosion varies with the metal. On aluminum alloys and magnesium, it appears as surface pitting and etching, often combined with a grey or white powdery deposit. On steel, it forms a reddish rust. When the grey, white, or reddish deposits are removed, each of the surfaces might appear etched and pitted, depending on the length of exposure and the severity of attack. If these surface pits are not too deep, they might not significantly alter the strength of the metal; however, the pits might become sites for crack development. Some types of corrosion can travel beneath surface coatings and can spread until the part fails.
TYPES OF CORROSION

Two general classifications of corrosion, direct chemical attack and electrochemical attack, cover most of the specific forms. In both types of corrosion, the metal is converted into a metallic compound, such as an oxide, hydroxide, or sulfate. The corrosion process always involves two simultaneous changes: The metal that is attacked or oxidized suffers what might be called anodic change, and the corrosive agent is reduced and might be considered as undergoing a cathodic change.

DIRECT CHEMICAL ATTACK

Direct chemical attack, or pure chemical corrosion, is an attack that results from a direct exposure of a bare surface to caustic liquid or gaseous agents. Unlike electrochemical attack, where the anodic and cathodic changes might be occurring a measurable distance apart, the changes in direct chemical attack are occurring simultaneously at the same point. The most common agents causing direct chemical attack on aircraft are:

- Spilled battery acid or fumes from batteries.
- Residual flux deposits resulting from inadequately cleaned, welded, brazed, or soldered joints.
- Entrapped caustic cleaning solutions.

Spilled battery acid is becoming less of a problem with the advent of aircraft using nickel-cadmium batteries, which are usually closed units.

ELECTROCHEMICAL ATTACK

The electrochemical attack is responsible for most forms of corrosion on aircraft structure and component parts.

An electrochemical attack can be likened chemically to the electrolytic reaction that occurs in electroplating, anodizing, or
in a dry-cell battery. The reaction in this corrosive attack requires a medium, usually water, which is capable of conducting a tiny current of electricity. When a metal comes in contact with a corrosive agent and is also connected by a liquid or gaseous path through which electrons flow, corrosion begins as the metal decays by oxidation. During the attack, the quantity of corrosive agent is reduced and, if not renewed or removed, might completely react with the metal (become neutralized). Different areas of the same metal surface have varying levels of electrical potential and, if connected by a conductor, such as salt water, will set up a series of corrosion cells so that corrosion will commence.

All metals and alloys are electrically active and have a specific electrical potential in a given chemical environment. The constituents in an alloy also have specific electrical potentials that are generally different from each other. Exposure of the alloy surface to a conductive, corrosive medium causes the more active metal to become anodic and the less-active metal to become cathodic, thereby establishing conditions for corrosion. These are called local cells. The greater the difference in electrical potential between the two metals, the greater the severity of a corrosive attack, if the proper conditions are allowed to develop.

As can be seen, the conditions for these corrosive reactions are a conductive fluid and metals having a difference in potential. If, by regular cleaning and surface refinishing, the medium is removed and the minute electrical circuit is eliminated, corrosion cannot occur; this is the basis for effective corrosion control.

EFFECTS OF CORROSION

Most metals are subject to corrosion, but corrosion can be minimized by use of corrosion-resistant metals and finishes. The principal material used in air-frame structures is high-strength aluminum alloy sheet coated (clad) with a pure aluminum coating (alclad), which is highly resistant to corrosive
attack. However, with an accumulation of airborne salts and/or industrial pollutants with an electrolyte (moisture), pitting of the alclad will occur. Once the alclad surface is broken, rapid deterioration of the high-strength aluminum alloy below occurs. Other metals commonly used in air-frame structure, such as nonclad high-strength aluminum alloys, steel, and magnesium alloys, require special preventive measures to guard against corrosion. The characteristics of corrosion in commonly used aircraft metals is summarized in Fig. 12-1.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>ALLOY</th>
<th>TYPE OF ATTACK TO WHICH ALLOY IS SUSCEPTIBLE</th>
<th>APPEARANCE OF CORROSION PRODUCT</th>
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<tr>
<td>Magnesium</td>
<td>Highly susceptible to pitting</td>
<td>White, powdery, snowlike mounds and white spots on surface</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low Alloy Steel (4000-8000 series)</td>
<td>Surface oxidation and pitting, surface, and intergranular</td>
<td>Reddish-brown oxide (rust)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aluminum</td>
<td>Surface pitting, intergranular, exfoliation stress-corrosion and fatigue cracking, and fretting</td>
<td>White-to-grey powder</td>
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<tr>
<td>Titanium</td>
<td>Highly corrosion resistant; extended or repeated contact with chlorinated solvents may result in degradation of the metal's structural properties at high temperature</td>
<td>No visible corrosion products at low temperature. Colored surface oxides develop above 700 °F (370 °C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cadmium</td>
<td>Uniform surface corrosion; used as sacrificial plating to protect steel</td>
<td>From white powdery deposit to brown or black mottling of the surface</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stainless Steels (300-400 series)</td>
<td>Crevice corrosion; some pitting in marine environments; corrosion cracking; intergranular corrosion (300 series); surface corrosion (400 series)</td>
<td>Rough surface; sometimes a uniform red, brown, stain</td>
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Fig. 12-1. Results of corrosion attack on metals.
The degree of severity, the cause, and the type of corrosion depend on many factors, including the size or thickness of the part, the material, heat treatment of the material, protective finishes, environmental conditions, preventative measures, and design. Thick structural sections are generally more susceptible to corrosive attack because of variations in their composition, particularly if the sections are heat treated during fabrication.

CORROSION CONTROL

Nearly any durable coating that creates a moisture barrier between a metal substrate and the environment will help control or prevent corrosion. Paints, waxes, lubricants, water-displacing compounds, penetrating oils, or other hard or soft coatings can provide an effective moisture barrier.

Exposure to marine atmosphere, moisture, acid rain, tropical temperature conditions, industrial chemicals, and soils and dust in the atmosphere contribute to corrosion. Limit, whenever possible, the requirement for operation of aircraft in adverse environments.

Corrosion preventive compounds, such as LPS Procyon, Dinol, Zip-Chem (or equivalent products), and later advanced developments of such compounds, can be used to effectively reduce the occurrence of corrosion. Results of corrosion inspections should be reviewed to help establish the effectiveness of corrosion-preventive compounds and determine the reaplication interval of them (see Fig. 12-2).

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

Except for special requirements in trouble areas, inspection for corrosion should be a part of routine maintenance inspections. Trouble areas, however, are a different matter, and experience shows that certain combinations of conditions result in corrosion in spite of routine inspection requirements. These trouble areas might be peculiar to particular aircraft models, but
similar conditions are usually found on most aircraft. Most manufacturers’ handbooks of inspection requirements are complete enough to cover all parts of the aircraft or engine, and no part or area of the aircraft should go unchecked. Use these handbooks as a general guide when an area is to be inspected for corrosion.

**NONDESTRUCTIVE INSPECTION (NDI)**

All corrosion inspections should start with a thorough cleaning of the area to be inspected. A general visual inspection of the area follows using a flashlight, inspection mirror, and a 5-10x magnifying glass. The general inspection should look for obvious defects and suspected areas. A detailed inspection of damage or suspected areas found during the general inspection follows. The detailed inspection can be one or more of the following.

**VISUAL INSPECTION**

Visual inspection is the most widely used technique and is an effective method to detect and evaluate the corrosion. Visual inspection involves using your eyes to look directly at an air-
craft surface, or at a low angle of incidence to detect corrosion. Using the sense of touch of the hand is also an effective inspection method to detect hidden, well-developed corrosion. Other tools used during the visual inspection are mirrors, borescopes, optical micrometers, and depth gauges.

OTHER NDI METHODS

In addition to visual inspection, the several NDI methods include: liquid penetrant, magnetic particle, eddy current, x-ray, ultrasonic, and acoustical emission, which can be of value in the detection of corrosion. These methods have limitations and should be performed only by qualified and certified NDI personnel. Eddy current, X-ray, and ultrasonic inspection methods require properly calibrated (each time used) equipment and a controlling reference standard to obtain reliable results. These NDI procedures are generally covered in Chapter 11 and are useful for detecting stress-corrosion or corrosion-fatigue cracks, as well as thinning because of below-the-surface corrosion and cracks in multi-layered structures.

Eddy-current testing (primarily low frequency) can be used to detect thinning resulting from corrosion and cracks in multi-layered structures. Low-frequency eddy-current testing can also be used to some degree for detecting or estimating corrosion on the hidden side of aircraft skins because, when used with a reference standard, the thickness of material that has not corroded can be measured. Low-frequency eddy-current testing can be used for estimating corrosion in underlying structure because the eddy currents will penetrate through into the second layer of material with sufficient sensitivity for approximate results. High-frequency eddy-current testing is most appropriate for detection of cracks that penetrate the surface of the structure on which the eddy-current probe can be applied (including flat surfaces and holes).

Figure 12-3 shows an image of corroded region on the backside of a panel removed from an older commercial aircraft. This video image uses the equipment shown in Fig. 11-4.
CORROSION-REMOVAL TECHNIQUES

When active corrosion is apparent, a positive inspection and rework program is necessary to prevent any further deterioration of the structure. The following methods of assessing corrosion damage and procedures for reworking corroded areas could be used during the cleanup programs. In general, any rework could involve the cleaning and stripping of all finish from the corroded area, the removal of corrosion products, and restoration of surface-protective film.

The repair of corrosion damage includes removing all corrosion and corrosion products. When the corrosion damage exceeds the damage limits set by the aircraft manufacturer in the structural repair manual, the affected part must be replaced or...

Fig. 12-3. Image of corroded region on the backside of a panel removed from an older commercial aircraft. This video image uses the magneto-optic/eddy current imager shown in Fig. 11-4 in the previous chapter. Courtesy PRI Research and Development Corp.
an FAA-approved engineering authorization for continued service for that part must be obtained.

If the corrosion damage on large structural parts is in excess of that allowed in the structural repair manual and where replacement is not practical, contact the aircraft manufacturer for rework limits and procedures.

Several standard methods are available for corrosion removal. The methods normally used to remove corrosion are mechanical and chemical. Mechanical methods include hand sanding using abrasive mat, abrasive paper, or metal wool; and powered mechanical sanding, grinding, and buffing, using abrasive mat, grinding wheels, sanding discs, and abrasive rubber mats. However, the method used depends upon the metal and the degree of corrosion.

Detailed procedures for removing corrosion and evaluating the damage are beyond the scope of this book.

SURFACE DAMAGE BY CORROSION

To repair of superficial corrosion on clad or non-clad aluminum alloy sheet, use the following procedure (see Fig. 12-4).
1. Remove corrosion from aluminum alloy sheet by the following methods:
   Non-clad: #400 sandpaper and water.
   Clad: Abrasive metal polish.

2. Apply 5% solution by weight of chromic acid after cleanup. Rinse with tap water to remove any chromic acid stains.
STANDARD PARTS IDENTIFICATION

Because the manufacture of aircraft requires a large number of miscellaneous small fasteners and other items usually called hardware, some degree of standardization is required. These standards have been derived by the various military organizations and described in detail in a set of specifications with applicable identification codes. These military standards have been universally adopted by the civil aircraft industry.

The derivation of a uniform standard is, by necessity, an evolutionary process. Originally, each of the military services derived its own standards. The old Army Air Corps set up AC (Air Corps) standards, whereas the Navy used NAF (Naval Aircraft Factory) standards. In time, these were consolidated into AN (Air Force-Navy) standards and NAS (National Aerospace Standards). Still later, these were consolidated into MS (Military Standard) designations.

At present, the three most common standards are:

- AN, Air Force-Navy.
- MS, Military Standard.
- NAS, National Aerospace Standards.
The aircraft mechanic will also occasionally be confronted with the following standard parts on older aircraft:

- AC (Air Corps).
- NAF (Naval Aircraft Factory).

Each of these standard parts is identified by its specification number and various dash numbers and letters to fully describe its name, size, and material.

Additional information on AN, MS, NAS, as well as AMS and AND specifications, and a schedule of prices for specification sheets can be obtained from:

National Standards Association 1321 Fourteenth St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

Most air-frame manufacturers have need for special small parts and use their own series of numbers and specifications. However, they use the universal standard parts wherever practicable.

Because the purpose of this book is to provide the mechanic with a handy reference, only the most common standard parts are mentioned here with sufficient information to identify them.

More complete information on standard hardware is available from catalogs provided by the many aircraft parts suppliers.

**STANDARD PARTS ILLUSTRATIONS**

AN standard parts, along with their equivalent and/or superseding MS numbers, are shown in the following pages.
AN Guide

AN 3 thru AN 20 BOLT—HEX HD. AIRCRAFT
AN 21 thru AN 36 BOLT—CLEVIS
AN 42 thru AN 49 BOLT—EYE
AN 73 thru AN 81 BOLT—DR HD (Engine)
AN 100 THIMBLE—CABLE
AN 115 SHACKLE—CABLE
AN 116 SHACKLE—SCREW PIN
AN 155 BARREL—TURNBUCKLE
AN 161 FORK—TURNBUCKLE
AN 162 FORK—TURNBUCKLE (For Bearing)
AN 165 EYE—TURNBUCKLE (For Pin)
AN 170 EYE—TURNBUCKLE (For Cable)
AN 173 thru AN 186 BOLT, CLOSE TOL.
AN 210 thru AN 221 PULLEY—CONTROL
AN 253 PIN—HINGE
AN 254 SCREW—THUMB, NECKED

AN 255 SCREW—NECKED
AN 256 NUT—SELF LOCK (Mt. Angle Plate)
AN 257 HINGE—CONTINUOUS
AN 276 JOINT—BALL & SOCKET
AN 280 KEY—WOODRUFF
AN 295 CUP—OIL
AN 310 NUT—CASTLE (Air Frame)
AN 315 NUT—PLAIN (Air Frame)
AN 316 NUT—CHECK
AN 320 NUT—CASTLE, SHEAR
AN 335 NUT—PL. HEX (NC) (Semi-Fin)
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AN 341 NUT—HEX, BRASS (Elec.)
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MS 9060 thru MS 9066
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MS 9088 thru MS 9094
  12 Point Bolt - Steel
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MS 9122 thru MS 9123
  Slotted Hex Head Mach Screw
  125,000 psi Min. T.S.

MS 9146 thru MS 9152
  12 Point Bolt
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MS 9157 thru MS 9163
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MS 9224
  12 Point Bolt - A 286
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MS 9315 thru MS 9317
  Slotted Hex Head Mach Screw
  140,000 psi Min. T.S.

MS 15219
  Flat Countersunk Head, Slotted
  Nonmagnetic, CRES Mach Screw

MS 16200
  Pan Head Slotted CRES Mach Screw

MS 16637 thru MS 16638
  Screw Shoulder, Socket Head, Hex
  Alloy Steel, uncoated, Cad or Zinc

MS 20004 thru MS 20024
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**AN3–AN20 GENERAL-PURPOSE BOLT**

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**AN173-AN176 CLOSE TOLERANCE BOLTS**

AN173 thru AN186 bolts are cadmium-plated steel with shanks drilled or undrilled and heads drilled or undrilled.

AN175-10 (drill shank only) (5/16" diameter)
AN175-10A (undrilled shank, undrilled head)
AN175-H10A (drilled head, undrilled shank)
AN175-H10 (drilled head, drilled shank)

Dimensions and coding similar to AN3-AN20 bolts. The third number indicates the bolt diameter in sixteenths.

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The clevis bolt is used for shear loads only and requires a shear nut AN320 (for use with cotter pin) or AN364 (MS20364) self-locking nut. Nominal sizes, grip length and tolerances are shown. Only AN23, 24 and 25 are shown. Other diameters are indicated by AN number. For example, AN28 is 3/16 or 1/2" diameter. Lengths are in sixteenths of an inch. -18 is 18 sixteenths or 1 11/16" long.
AN42 – AN49 EYE BOLT

Dash numbers for grip and length are the same as those for aircraft bolts AN3 – AN20 of the same body diameter. Example: AN43-12 is eye bolt, 1/4 in. diameter, 5/16 eye and 1 1/4 in. long (add A for absence of hole).

AN392 – AN406 (MS20392) CLEVIS PIN

Example: AN395-41 is a .9/32" diameter pin with an effective length of 1 1/32". Equivalent MS number is MS20392-4C41.
MISCELLANEOUS NUTS

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Steel nuts are cadmium plated per specification QQ-P-416. Example: AN310-5 is castle nut made of steel and fits a 5/16 AN bolt.

CADMIUM PLATED STEEL
LOCKNUTS, Nylon Insert

AN364 MS20364 (THIN) 16 250°F

AN365 MS20365 (REGULAR) 16 350°F

AN960 – FLAT WASHER

AN960 - CADMIUM PLATED CARBON STEEL
AN960A - ALUMINUM (UNTREATED)
(NOT READILY AVAILABLE, USE AN960D)
AN960B - BRASS
AN960C - STAINLESS STEEL
AN960D - ALUMINUM ALLOY, CONDITION T3 OR T4
AN960PO - ALUMINUM ALLOY, ANODIZED

AN380 (MS24665) – COTTER PIN

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-4       1/4-28          AN380-2-2
-5       5/16-24         AN380-2-2
-6       3/8-24          AN380-2-3
-7       7/16-20         AN380-3-3
-8       1/2-20          AN380-3-3
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-10      5/8-16          AN380-4-4
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**MACHINE SCREWS**

**Example:** AN500A-10-14 (MS35265-66) is fillister head screw, 10-24 thread and 7/8 in. long, drilled head.

**Example:** AN505-8R10 (MS35191-254) is flat, recessed head, 8-32 thread screw, 5/8 in. long.
### MACHINE SCREWS

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Example: AN507-832R10 (MS24693-551) is flat, recessed head, 8-32 thread screw, 5/8 in. long.

Example: AN509-10R16 (MS24694-558) is flat, recessed head, 10-32 thread, structural screw, nominal length, 1 in. and 9/16 in. nominal grip length.
MACHINE SCREWS

AN526 TRUSS HEAD

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Example: AN526-832R10 is truss head, recessed head screw, 8-32 thread and 5/16 in. long.

Example: MS27039-0816 is pan-head structural, recessed head, screw 8-32 thread, nominal length 1 in. and nominal grip length of 19/32 in.
**SHEET-METAL SELF TAPPING SCREWS**

**TYPE "A"** is a coarse-threaded screw with a sharp gimlet point. Type "B" or "Z" (used with tinnerman speed nuts) has finer pitched threads and is blunt ended. A refinement of both is type "AB" that has the "B" thread and the sharp "A" point.

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**NASDAQ (MS21207)**

100° PHILLIPS FLAT HEAD TYPE B TAPPING SCREW

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Example: NAS548-8-8 is #8 Phillips, 100-degree flat-head type B, tapping screw, 1/2 in. long. (NAS548-8-8 is the same as #8 x 1/2, 100-degree flat-head tapping screw.)
TINNERMAN SPEED NUT

**Flat Type**

Use with Type B (blunt taper at end) tapping screws.

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**Design Variations Available**

A: No extrusions on lower leg  
B: Full extrusion on lower leg  
C: Straight upper leg  
D: Corner turned up  
E: Relief notch  
F: Corners cut off

**U Type**

Self-retaining "U" type, press easily into locked-on position over panel edges or in center panel locations. They hold themselves in a screw-receiving position and are ideally suited for blind assembly or hard-to-reach locations. Ideally suited where full bearing surface on the lower leg of the speed nut is required.

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Example of part no.: MS20426A3-12 is 3/32" dia., 3/4" long, 100 degrees countersunk head "soft."
### SOLID RIVET IDENTIFICATION CHART

| Material                  | Head Marking | AN Material Code | AN485 107 Corrugated Head | AN485 107 Corrugated Head | AN487 107 Corrugated Head | AN487 107 Corrugated Head | AN487 Flat Head | AN487 Flat Head | AN488 Broached Head | AN488 Broached Head | AN488 Broached Head | AN488 Broached Head | AN488 Universal Head | Sheet Thickness | Brass Type | Bending Strength P.S.I. |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Aluminum Alloy            |             |                  |                           |                           |                           |                           |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 1100                      | Plane       | A                | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | No                | 100000            | 150000            |                   |                   |                   |
| 8117T                     | Recessed Dc | D                | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | Yes               | 240000            | 112000            |                   |                   |                   |
| 8017T-HD                  | Recessed Dc | D                | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | No                | 300000            | 160000            |                   |                   |                   |
| 5056T                     | Recessed Cross | DD | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | Yes               | 410000            | 130000            |                   |                   |                   |
| 2012-T73                  | Threaded Flange | B | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | No                | 570000            | 90000             |                   |                   |                   |
| Carbon Steel              | Corrugated Trig | C | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | No                | 200000            | 90000             |                   |                   |                   |
| Corrosion Resistant Steel | Corrugated Dc | F | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | No                | 050000            | 050000            |                   |                   |                   |
| Copper                    | Plain       | M                | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | No                | 270000            |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Brass                     | Plain       | C                | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | No                | 90000             |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Titanium                  | Recessed Large and Small Dc | C | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                         | X                | X                | X                 | No                | 90000             |                   |                   |                   |                   |

x Indicates head shapes and materials available

* New specification is for Design purposes
MS TURNBUCKLES (CLIP-LOCKING)

Clip-Locking Turnbuckles utilize two locking clips instead of lockwire for safetying. The turnbuckle barrel and terminals are slotted lengthwise to accommodate the locking clips. After the proper cable tension is reached the barrel slots are aligned with the terminal slots and the clips are inserted. The curved end of the locking clips expand and latch in the vertical slot in the center of the barrel.

MS Standard Drawings for clip-locking turnbuckles supersede various AN Drawings for conventional (lockwire type) turnbuckle parts and NAS Drawings for clip-locking turnbuckle parts. Refer to the following cross reference tables for AN and NAS equivalents.

MS21251 TURNBUCKLE BARREL

Supersedes AN155 and NAS649 barrels. MS21251 items can replace AN155 items of like material and thread, but the AN155 items cannot replace the MS21251 items. MS21251 items are interchangeable with the NAS649 items of like material and thread. MS21251 barrels are available in brass (QQ-B-637, composition 2 or MIL-T-6945), steel (cadmium plated to QQ-P-416, type 2, class 3) or aluminum alloy (anodized to MIL-A-8725). The cross reference table shows equivalent items made of brass.

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MS items can replace AN items of like thread except for the -22 and -61 sizes, but the AN items cannot replace the MS items. MS items are interchangeable with the NAS items of like thread except for the -22 and -61 sizes. These MS terminals are available only in steel cadmium plated to QQ-P-416, type 2, class 3. Available with right-hand (R) or left-hand (L) threads.

MS21252 TURNBUCKLE FORK supersedes AN161 and NAS645 forks.

MS21254 PIN EYE supersedes AN165 and NAS648 eyes.

MS21255 CABLE EYE supersedes AN170 and NAS 647 eyes.

MS21260 SWAGED STUD END supersedes AN669 studs.

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*MS21254 and MS21255 eyes only; MS21252 fork not made in this size.

MS21256 TURNBUCKLE CLIP
Made of corrosion resistant steel wire, QQ-W-423, composition FS302, condition B. These are NOT interchangeable with the NAS651 clips. Available in 3 sizes: MS21256-1, -2 and -3. For applications, see the MS21251 Turnbuckle Barrel Cross Reference Chart.
MS21260 SWAGED STUD END

These clip-locking terminals are available in corrosion resistant steel and in cadmium plated carbon steel. MS21260 items can replace AN669 items of the same dash numbers, but the AN669 items cannot always replace the MS21260 items.

Example: The AN “equivalent” (the AN equivalent would not be clip-locking) for MS21260 L3RH would be AN669-L3RH. There would be no AN equivalent for a MS21260FL3RH, since AN669 terminals are not available in carbon steel.

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AN TURNBUCKLE ASSEMBLIES

Turnbuckles consist of a brass barrel, and two steel ends, one having a right-handed thread and the other a left-handed thread. Types of turnbuckle ends are cable eye, pin eye, and fork. Turnbuckles illustrated on this page show four recommended assemblies. Turnbuckle barrels are made of brass; cable eyes, pin eyes, and forks of cadmium plated steel.

Example: AN155-8S (Barrel; length 2\(\frac{1}{4}\)") AN161-16RS (Fork; short, R.H. thread)

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SWAGING TERMINALS

AN663C MS20663
BALL AND DOUBLE SHANK

AN664C MS20664
BALL AND SHANK

AN666 MS21259
STUD END

AN667 MS20667
FORK END

AN668 MS20668
EYE END

FOR SAFETY WIRE AN669 STUO END MS21260 (SLOTTED FOR CLIP)

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PLUMBING FITTINGS AN774-AN932

Material:
- Aluminum alloy... (code D)
- Steel............... (code, absence of letter)
- Brass.................. (code B)
- Aluminum bronze... (code Z—for AN819 sleeve)

Size: The dash number following the AN number indicates the size of the tubing (or hose) for which the fitting is made, in 16ths of an inch. This size measures the O. D. of tubing and the I. D. of hose. Fittings having pipe threads are coded by a dash number, indicating the pipe size in 8ths of an inch. The material code letter, as noted above, follows the dash number.

Example: AN822-5-4D is an aluminum 90° elbow for 5/16 in. tubing and 1/4 in. pipe thread.
PLUMBING FITTINGS (Continued)
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- Coupling AN910
- Nipple AN911
- Bushing / AN912
- Plug AN913
- Elbow AN914
- Elbow AN915
- Cross AN916
- Cross AN925
- Tee AN917
- Cap AN919
- Reducer AN919
- Elbow AN920
- Elbow AN916
- Plug AN921
- Tee AN920
- Elbow AN927
ADDITIONAL STANDARD PARTS (PATENTED)

The following pages illustrate a few fastener types widely used on high-performance aircraft. These fasteners are designed and manufactured by various companies, are patented, and are generally known by their trade names.

It is emphasized that the following pages are in no way a complete list of patented fasteners available. Representative examples only are shown for illustrative purposes. All of these fasteners require special installation tools and procedures. Installation manuals are available from the manufacturers.
### Conversion Table

**NAS Numbers to Cherry Rivet Numbers**

*A complete conversion table of Cherry rivet numbers is available upon request.*

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BULBED CHERRYLOCK® RIVETS

HAS 1738 UNIVERSAL HEAD

PROCUREMENT IDENTIFICATION HAS THIS IS APPLICABLE TO HAS 1738 RIVETS

**Material Code**
- H: aluminum
- L: stainless steel

**Identification**
- A: indicates nickel 800 stem

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**Rivet Group**

Refers to shift-joint setting of riveter

**Standard Parts**
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- **NAS190**
  - N4T 1910 HV
  - NAS 1910 HV

- **NAS23A**
  - Has 100° head. Higher shear and tension allows than DD Rivets. Small head permits countersinking in thin material. "A" signifies standard dichromate seal. For overage, use NAS22P or NAS23P. The NAS22P style head. Higher shear and tension allows than DD Rivets. "A" signifies standard dichromate seal. For overage, use NAS22, 22P or NAS25, 64.
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<td>HB15</td>
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1. NAS STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS
2. AIRLINE AND MANUFACTURERS APPROVAL
3. THREE-WING RECEDED DESIGN PERMITS EASY IDENTIFICATION
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### TRI-WING® STANDARDS

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### APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS

- TRI-WING® recess specification — NAS 4000
- TRI-WING® driver specification — NAS 4001
- Alloy Steel process specification — NAS 4002
- Crep process specification — NAS 4003
- Titanium process specification — NAS 4004

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# HI-LOK PIN IDENTIFICATION CHART

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<th>RECOMMENDED COMPRESSION HI-LOK COLLARS</th>
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<th>CHARACTERISTICS</th>
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<td>.0065 or .0010</td>
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**EXAMPLES ONLY — CATALOG HAS PIN TYPES THRU HL1317**
## Hi-Lok® Hi-Tigue® Pin Identification Chart

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Examples Only - Catalog has pin types thru HLT931
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**TAP DRILL SIZES**

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CHEMICAL FLASHPOINTS FOR VARIOUS LIQUIDS USED IN THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

A liquid’s flashpoint is the lowest temperature at which it will give off enough flammable vapor at or near its surface in mixture with air and a spark or flame so that it ignites. If the flashpoint, expressed as a temperature in degrees, is lower than the temperature of the ambient air, the vapors will ignite readily in air with a source of ignition. Those of higher temperature are relatively safer.

Chemical Flashpoints in Degrees Fahrenheit and Celsius

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**Glossary**

**alclad** Trademark used by the Aluminum Company of America to identify a group of high-strength, sheet-aluminum alloys covered with a high-purity aluminum.

**allowance** An intentional difference permitted between the maximum material limits of mating parts. It is the minimum clearance (positive allowance) or maximum interference (negative allowance) between parts.

**alloy** A substance composed of two or more metals or of a metal and a nonmetal intimately united, usually by being fused together and dissolving in each other when molten. All rivets and sheet metal used for structural purposes in aircraft are alloys.

**A-N (or AN)** An abbreviation for Air Force and Navy; especially associated with Air Force and Navy standards or codes for materials and supplies. Formerly known as *Army-Navy standards*.

**AN specifications** Dimensional standards for aircraft fasteners developed by the Aeronautical Standards Group.

**angle of head** In countersunk heads, the included angles of the conical underportion or bearing surface, usually 100°.

**bearing surface** Supporting or locating surface of a fastener with respect to the part to which it fastens (mates). Loading of a fastener is usually through the bearing surface.

**blind riveting** The process of attaching rivets where only one side of the work is accessible.

**broaching** The process of removing metal by pushing or pulling a cutting tool, called a *broach*, along the surface.

**bucking** To brace or hold a piece of metal against the opposite side of material being riveted to flatten the end of rivet against material.
bucking bars  A piece of metal held by a rivet bucker against the opposite end of a rivet being inserted into material.

burnishing  The process of producing a smooth surface by rubbing or rolling a tool over the surface.

burr  A small amount of material extending out from the edge of a hole, shoulder, etc. Removal of burrs is called burring or deburring.

center punch  A hand punch consisting of a short steel bar with a hardened conical point at one end, which is used to mark the center of holes to be drilled.

chip  A small fragment of metal removed from a surface by cutting with a tool.

chip chaser  A flat, hooked piece of metal inserted between materials being drilled to remove chips.

cord  The straight line that joins the leading and trailing edges of an airfoil.

coin dimpling  A form of countersinking resulting from squeezing a single sheet of material between a male and female die to form a depression in the material and allow the fastener head to be flush with the material’s surface.

collar  A raised ring or flange of material placed on the head or shank of a fastener to act as a locking device.

corrosion  The wearing away or alteration of a metal or alloy either by direct chemical attack or electrochemical reaction.

counterboring  The process of enlarging for part of its depth a previously formed hole to provide a shoulder at bottom of the enlarged hole. Special tools, called counterbores, are generally used for this operation.

countersinking  The process of beveling or flaring the end of a hole. Holes in which countersunk head-type fasteners are to be used must be countersunk to provide a mating bearing surface.

CRT  Cathode-ray tube.

cryogenic temperatures  Extremely cold or very low temperatures that are associated with ordinary gases in a liquid state.

defect  A discontinuity that interferes with the usefulness of the part, a fault in any material, or a part detrimental to its serviceability.
die One of a pair of hardened metal blocks used to form, impress, or cut out a desired shape; a tool for cutting external threads.

drilling The process of forming holes by means of specialized, pointed cutting tools, called drills.

drill A tool used to form holes in materials.

drill hole A hole formed in a material using a drill.

drill press A machine used to drill holes in materials.

drill size The size of a drill bit, usually measured in inches or millimeters.

drill bit A tool used for drilling holes in materials.

degress The unit of angle measurement used in engineering.

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jig A device that holds and locates a piece of work and
guides the tools that operate upon it.

lightening holes Holes that are cut in material to lessen
the overall weight of the material, but not weaken the structural
strength.

nondestructive testing (NDT) An inspection or examina­
tion of the aircraft for defects on the surface or inside of the ma­
terial, or hidden by other structures, without damaging the part.
Sometimes called nondestructive inspection (NDI).

non-ferrous metal Metal that does not contain iron. Alu­
minum is a non-ferrous metal.

peen To draw, bend, or flatten by hammering; the head of
a hammer opposite the striking face.

pilot hole A small hole used for marking or aligning to
drill a larger hole.

pin A straight cylindrical or tapered fastener, with or with­
out a head, designed to perform a semi-permanent attaching or
locating function.

pitch distance The distance measured between the centers
of two adjoining rivets.

plating The application of a metallic deposit on the sur­
face of a fastener by electrolysis, impact, or other suitable
means.

puller A device used to form or draw certain types of rivets.

punching The process of removing or trimming material
through the use of a die in a press.

quick-disconnect A device to couple (attach) an air hose
to air-driven equipment that can be rapidly detached from the
equipment.

ream To finish a drilled or punched hole very accurately
with a rotating fluted tool of the required diameter.

reference dimension A reference dimension on a fastener
is a dimension without tolerance used for information purposes
only.

rivet A short, metal, boltlike fastener, without threads,
which is driven into place with some form of manual or pow­
ered tool.
rivet set  A small tool (generally round), having one end shaped to fit a specific-shaped rivet head, that fits in a rivet gun to drive the manufactured head of the rivet.
scribe  A pointed steel instrument used to make fine lines on metal or other materials.
sealant  A compound or substance used to close or seal openings in a material.
shaving  A cutting operation in which thin layers of material are removed from the surfaces of the product.
shear strength  The stress required to produce a fracture when impressed vertically upon the cross section of a material.
shim  A thin piece of sheet metal used to adjust space.
shoulder  The enlarged portion of the body of a threaded fastener or the shank of an unthreaded fastener.
skin, structural  A sheathing or coating of metal placed over a framework to provide a covering material.
sleeve  A hollow, tubular part designed to fit over another part.
soft  The condition of a fastener that has been left in the as-fabricated temper, although made from a material that can be, and normally is, hardened by heat treatment.
spot-face  To finish a round spot on a rough surface, usually around a drilled hole, to provide a good seat to a rivet head.
standard fastener  A fastener that conforms in all respects to recognized standards or specifications.
substructure  The underlying or supporting part of a fabrication.
swaging  Using a swage tool to shape metal to a desired form.
torque  A turning or twisting force that produces or tends to produce rotation or torsion.
tolerance  The total permissible variation of a size. Tolerance is the difference between the limits of size.
upsetting  The process of increasing the cross-section area of a rivet, both longitudinally and radially, when the rivet is driven into place.
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