

# DI Flanged Joints

## Installation Guidelines

### Installation guidelines for ductile iron flanged joints

#### Notes

- Grade 4.6 galvanised mild steel or Grade 316 property class 50 stainless steel bolts are proposed for joining Class 16 flanges except for DN900.
- Grade 8.8 galvanised steel or Grade 316 property class 70 stainless steel stud bolts are proposed for joining Class 35 flanges & DN900 Class 16 flanges.
- Bolt tensions have been calculated to counter the force due to expected internal pressure and to provide adequate sealing stress on the nominated gasket material, without exceeding the maximum allowable gasket stress at the time of installation. The necessary torques to induce these tensions are estimated for raised face ductile iron flanges with common surface finishes used in the Water Industry.
- The application of excessive torque at the time of installation may overstress the gasket causing crushing or extrusion, which can lead to leakage at operating pressures.
- The surface conditions of the threads as a result of rust, plating, coating and lubrication are the predominant factors influencing the torque/tension relationship. However there are many others including thread fit, surface texture and the speed and continuity of tightening.
- The flange faces are assumed to have a surface roughness of  $R_a = 10 - 12 \mu\text{m}$ .
- A torque wrench is most commonly utilised to achieve the required bolt tension, however in critical applications a hydraulic tensioner should be used.
- Special care should be taken when jointing screw-on flanges as excessive torques can cause damage to the epoxy seal.

1

Thoroughly clean the flange faces to be jointed, ensuring there is no dirt, particles of foreign matter, protrusions or coating build-up on the mating surfaces. Use a scraper or wire brush to remove any irregularities.

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Ensure that the mating threads of all nuts and bolts are clean and in good condition.

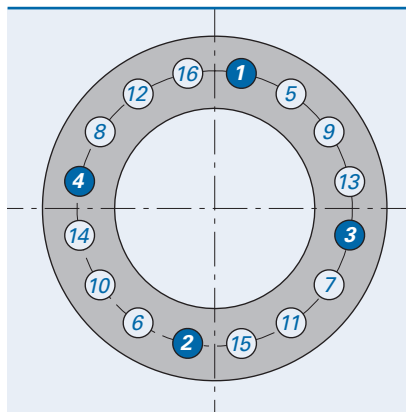
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Evenly apply a suitable lubricant (e.g. molybdenum disulphide) to all mating threads, including the nut load bearing face.

4

Align the flanges to be joined and ensure that the components are satisfactorily supported to avoid bending stress on the flanged joint during and after assembly.

#### Star pattern tightening sequence



5

Insert four bolts in locations 1 to 4 as indicated on the diagram below and position the insertion gasket on the bolts, taking care not to damage the gasket surface.

6

Offer the adjoining flange to the bolts, taking care to maintain alignment and support of the components.

7

Tighten nuts to finger tight and check alignment of flange faces and gasket.

8

Insert the remaining bolts and tighten nuts to finger tight.

9

Determine the required bolt tension and the estimated torque from the Estimated Tightening Torque Values Tables.

10

Tighten nuts to 30% of estimated torque using the star pattern detailed on the diagram below.

11

Tighten to 60% of estimated torque using the same tightening sequence.

12

Tighten to 100% of estimated torque using the same tightening sequence.

13

Finish with one final pass, torquing in a clockwise direction.

## Estimated tightening torque values Standard pressure flanges AS 4087 Figure B5 Class 16

Grade 4.6 Galvanised Steel Bolts & Nuts or Grade 316 Class 50 Stainless Steel Bolts & Nuts. Full Face Gasket – 3 mm EPDM Seal-16.

Nom Size	Bolt Size	Number of Bolts	Bolt Length	Bolt Tension	Estimated Torques Nm		
					Galvanised		Stainless
					Lightly Oiled $\mu = 0.22$	Well Lubricated $\mu = 0.15$	Well Lubricated $\mu = 0.20$
DN			mm	kN			
80	M16	4	65	20	70	50	65
100	M16	4	75	20	70	50	65
150	M16	8	75	20	70	50	65
200	M16	8	75	20	70	50	65
225	M16	8	75	25	90	60	80
250	M20	8	90	35	160	110	140
300	M20	12	100	35	160	110	140
375	M24	12	120	50	270	180	240
450	M24	12	120	55	290	200	270
500	M24	16	120	55	290	200	270
600	M27	16	130	70	420	290	380
750	M30	20	140	80	530	360	480
*900	M33	24	195	200	1460	990	1320

*\*Grade 8.8 galvanised steel studs and nuts or Grade 316 Class 70 stainless steel studs and nuts. Full face gasket – 1.5 mm TEADIT NA1000 compressed fibre used for DN 900 Class 16 flanges.*

- 'Lightly Oiled' refers to the application of a good quality lubricating oil and is the usual as received condition of fasteners.
- 'Well lubricated' refers to the application of molybdenum disulphide grease, or equivalent antiseize compound.
- The estimated torques provided in the tables at left are based on the coefficients of friction ( $\mu$ ) indicated. Where other coefficients apply, alternative torques should be calculated.
- Required bolt tensions and estimated torques have been assessed using established engineering principles, however, variation in installation procedures may result in different requirements.

## Estimated tightening torque values High pressure flanges AS 4087 Figure B6 Class 35

Grade 8.8 galvanised steel studs and nuts or Grade 316 Class 70 stainless steel studs and nuts. Full face gasket – 1.5 mm TEADIT NA1000 compressed fibre.

Nom Size	Bolt Size	Number of Bolts	Bolt Length	Bolt Tension	Estimated Torques Nm		
					Galvanised		Stainless
					Lightly Oiled $\mu = 0.22$	Well Lubricated $\mu = 0.15$	Well Lubricated $\mu = 0.20$
DN			mm	kN			
80	M16	8	110	50	180	120	160
100	M16	8	110	50	180	120	160
150	M20	12	130	80	350	240	320
200	M20	12	130	80	350	240	320
225	M24	12	150	115	610	420	550
250	M24	12	150	115	610	420	550
300	M24	16	150	115	610	420	550
375	M27	16	170	150	900	610	810
450	M30	20	190	180	1190	810	1080
500	M30	24	190	180	1190	810	1080
600	M33	24	210	230	1670	1140	1520
750	M33	28	210	230	1670	1140	1520
900	M36	32	230	270	2140	1460	1950

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