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SPOTFAST® FASTENERS



BULLETIN **SF**



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SPOTFAST® FASTENERS

Allows permanent joining of two metal sections and metal to PCB/plastic panels

- Alternative to riveting and welding.
- No special installation equipment required.
- Flush mounted on both sides.
- Minimal space requirements.
- Can be installed blind into bottom (panel 2) sheet.
- Can be concealed with paints and powder coatings.



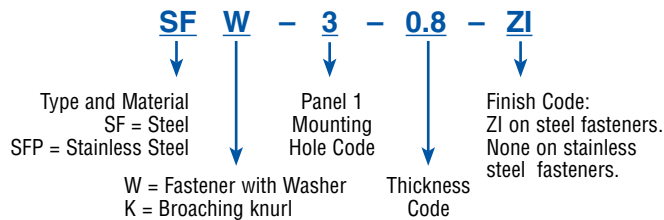
SpotFast fasteners shown actual size.

The PEM® SpotFast® self-clinching fastener creates a permanent, flush joining of two sheets. The RoHS-compliant fasteners install smooth with the top sheet, and flush or sub-flush with the bottom sheet. Squeezing the fastener into place causes a cold-flow of panel material into the fastener's two separate clinch profiles. Type SF, SFP, and SFW fasteners can attach two metal sheets too thin to weld; fasten sheets of unequal thicknesses; join dissimilar metals unable to be welded; and even attach ultra-thin metal sections. Type SFP fasteners are made from precipitation hardened stainless steel for installation into stainless steel sheets where corrosion resistance may be required. Type SFW is specifically designed to allow pivoting of two sheets of metal. A wave washer provides the consistent torsion to allow repeatable rotation.

Type SFK fasteners create a permanent, flush joining of metal to PCB/plastic panels. The fastener has two separate joining profiles. Squeezing the fastener into place causes a cold-flow of the metal panel material into the fastener's clinch profile and a broaching fit of the knurl into the PC Board or plastic panel.

Unlike rivets that "bulb" during installation, the ultimately flush profile of SpotFast fasteners allows for unobtrusive attachment requiring minimal space. A smooth surface is retained for finishing and fasteners can be concealed easily with paints or powder coatings.

PART NUMBER DESIGNATION



Look for the PEM® "dimple" trademark.

SPOTFAST® FASTENER SELECTOR GUIDE

Type	Primary Use				
	Joining two panels of similar or dissimilar metals	Joining two panels when one is stainless steel	Joining a metal panel to a PCB or plastic panel	Single point hinging applications	Offers highest corrosion resistance in product family
SF	•			• (1)	
SFP		•		• (1)	•
SFW				•	
SFK			•	• (1)	

(1) Not primary use. Can be used as hinge point if required.

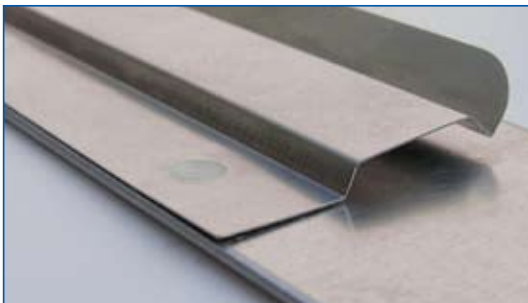
METAL TO METAL



Type SF fastener installed into unequal thickness sheets. Fastener is smooth with top of panel 1.



Type SF fastener installed sub-flush with panel 2. Fastener will be flush at minimum sheet thickness.



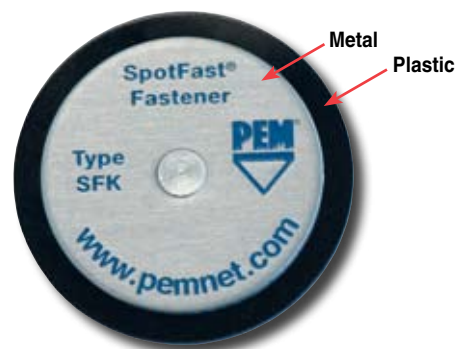
Sheets as thin as 0.13mm may be attached to thicker sheets using a PEM® SpotFast® fastener. The thin sheet must be panel 1 and the "L" dimension must be equal to or less than the combined panel thicknesses.

HINGING APPLICATIONS



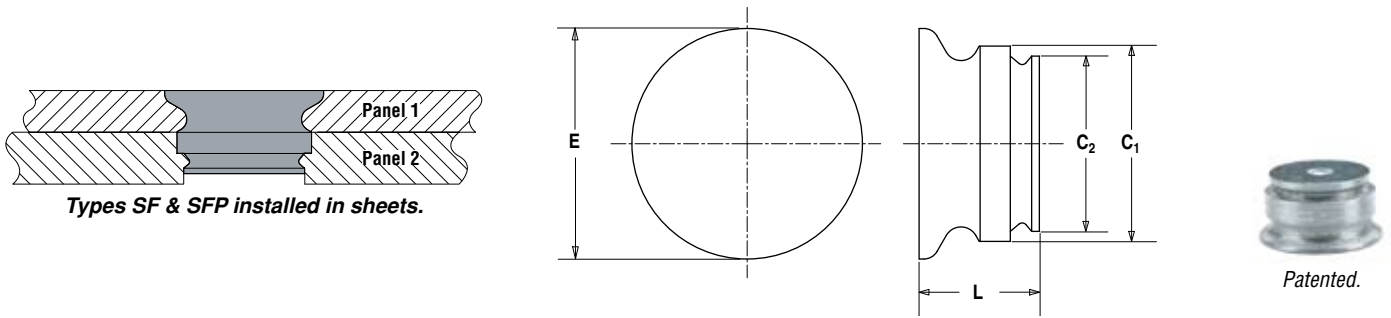
Type SFW fastener offers flush-mounted, smooth pivot point.

METAL TO PLASTIC



Type SFK fastener joining metal to plastic.

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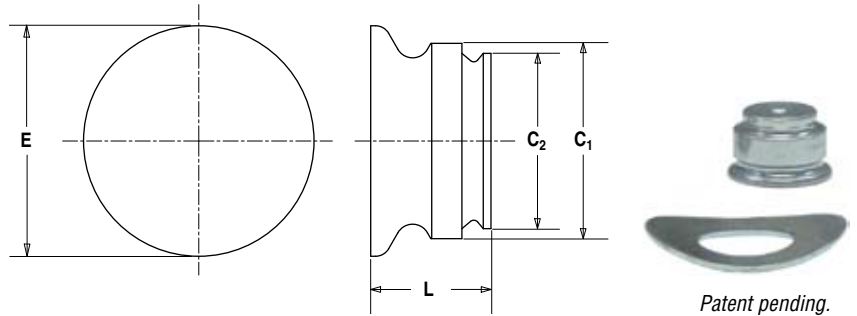
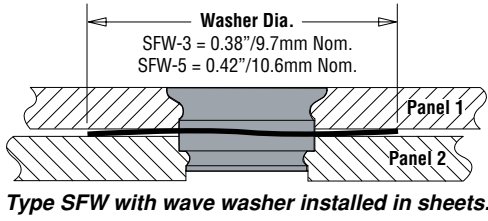
TYPE SF FOR PERMANENT JOINING OF TWO METAL SHEETS

Type and Size	Thickness Code	Panel 1		Panel 2		C ₁ Max.	C ₂ Max.	E Max.	L Max.	Min. Dist Hole C/L To Edge
		Thickness ±0.08mm	Mounting Hole +0.08mm	Thickness Min. (1)	Mounting Hole +0.08mm					
		mm	mm	mm	mm					
SF-3	0.8	0.8	3	0.8	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.53	1.5	2.54
SF-3	1.0	1	3	1	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.76	1.9	2.54
SF-3	1.2	1.2	3	1.2	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.76	2.31	2.54
SF-3	1.6	1.6	3	1.6	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.76	3.12	2.54
SF-5	0.8	0.8	5	0.8	4	4.98	3.97	5.56	1.5	3.56
SF-5	1.0	1	5	1	4	4.98	3.97	5.56	1.9	3.6
SF-5	1.2	1.2	5	1.2	4	4.98	3.97	5.56	2.31	3.6
SF-5	1.6	1.6	5	1.6	4	4.98	3.97	5.56	3.12	3.6

TYPE SFP FOR INSTALLATION INTO STAINLESS STEEL

Type and Size	Thickness Code	Panel 1		Panel 2		C ₁ Max.	C ₂ Max.	E Max.	L Max.	Min. Dist Hole C/L To Edge
		Thickness ±0.08mm	Mounting Hole +0.08mm	Thickness Min. (1)	Mounting Hole +0.08mm					
		mm	mm	mm	mm					
SFP-3	1.0	1	3	1	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.76	1.9	2.54
SFP-3	1.2	1.2	3	1.2	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.76	2.31	2.54
SFP-3	1.6	1.6	3	1.6	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.76	3.12	2.54
SFP-5	1.0	1	5	1	4.5	4.98	4.47	5.56	1.9	3.6
SFP-5	1.2	1.2	5	1.2	4.5	4.98	4.47	5.56	2.31	3.6
SFP-5	1.6	1.6	5	1.6	4.5	4.98	4.47	5.56	3.12	3.6

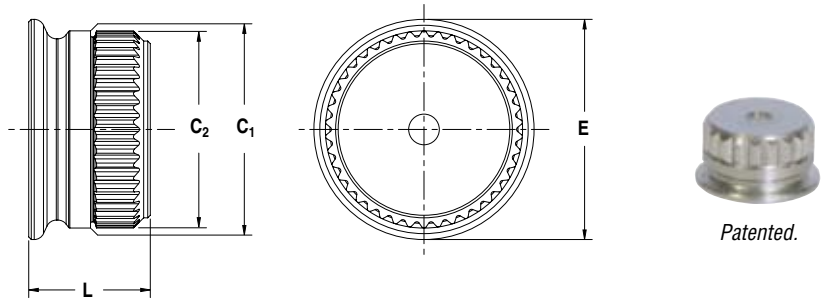
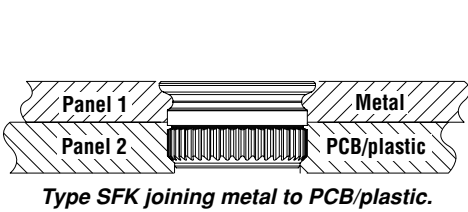
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TYPE SFW WITH WAVE WASHER FOR SINGLE POINT HINGING APPLICATIONS

Type and Size (2)	Thickness Code	Panel 1		Panel 2		C ₁ Max.	C ₂ Max.	E Max.	L Max.	Min. Dist Hole C/L To Edge
		Thickness ±0.08mm	Mounting Hole +0.08mm	Thickness Min. (1)	Mounting Hole +0.08mm					
		mm	mm	mm	mm					
SFW-3	0.8	0.8	3	0.8	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.53	2.09	2.54
SFW-3	1.0	1	3	1	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.76	2.49	2.54
SFW-3	1.2	1.2	3	1.2	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.76	2.90	2.54
SFW-3	1.6	1.6	3	1.6	2.5	2.98	2.48	3.76	3.71	2.54
SFW-5	0.8	0.8	5	0.8	4	4.98	3.97	5.56	1.98	3.6
SFW-5	1.0	1	5	1	4	4.98	3.97	5.56	2.39	3.6
SFW-5	1.2	1.2	5	1.2	4	4.98	3.97	5.56	2.79	3.6
SFW-5	1.6	1.6	5	1.6	4	4.98	3.97	5.56	3.61	3.6

(1) Fastener will provide flush application at minimum sheet thickness. (2) Type SFW fasteners are shipped with mating washers.



TYPE SFK FOR JOINING METAL TO PCB/PLASTIC PANELS

Type and Size	Thickness Code	Panel 1		Panel 2		C ₁ Max.	C ₂ ±0.08mm	E Max.	L Max.	Min. Dist Hole ϕ To Edge
		Thickness ±0.08mm	Mounting Hole +0.08mm	Thickness Min. (1)	Mounting Hole +0.08mm					
		mm	mm	mm	mm					
SFK-3	0.8	0.8	3	1.6	2.5	2.98	2.9	3.53	2.31	3
SFK-3	1.0	1	3	1.6	2.5	2.98	2.9	3.76	2.51	3
SFK-3	1.2	1.2	3	1.6	2.5	2.98	2.9	3.76	2.72	3
SFK-3	1.6	1.6	3	1.6	2.5	2.98	2.9	3.76	3.12	3
SFK-5	0.8	0.8	5	1.6	4.5	4.98	4.9	5.56	2.31	5.1
SFK-5	1.0	1	5	1.6	4.5	4.98	4.9	5.56	2.51	5.1
SFK-5	1.2	1.2	5	1.6	4.5	4.98	4.9	5.56	2.72	5.1
SFK-5	1.6	1.6	5	1.6	4.5	4.98	4.9	5.56	3.12	5.1

(1) Fastener will provide flush application at minimum sheet thickness.

MATERIAL AND FINISH SPECIFICATIONS

Type	Fastener Materials			Standard Finishes			For Use in Sheet Hardness: (2)	
	Low Carbon Steel	Carbon Steel	Precipitation Hardening Grade Stainless Steel	Passivated and/or Tested Per ASTM A380	Zinc Plated, 5µm, Colorless (1)	Zinc Plated, 5µm, Colorless with Lubricant (1)	HRB 80 / HB 150 or Less	HRB 88 / HB 183 or Less
SF	•				•		•	
SFP			•	•				•
SFW	•					•	•	
Wave washer		•			•			
SFK	•				•		•	
Part Number Code For Finishes				None	ZI	LZ		

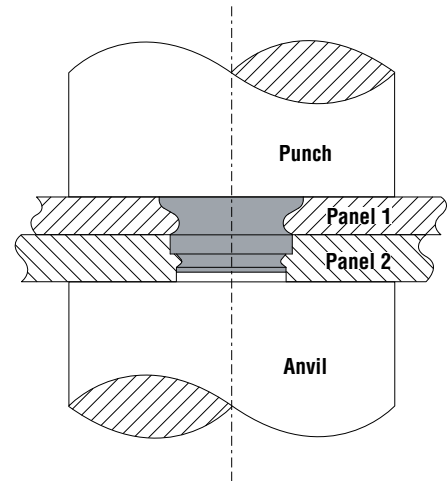
(1) See PEM Technical Support section of our web site for related plating standards and specifications.
 (2) HRB - Hardness Rockwell "B" Scale. HB - Hardness Brinell.

INSTALLATION

TYPE SF AND SFP

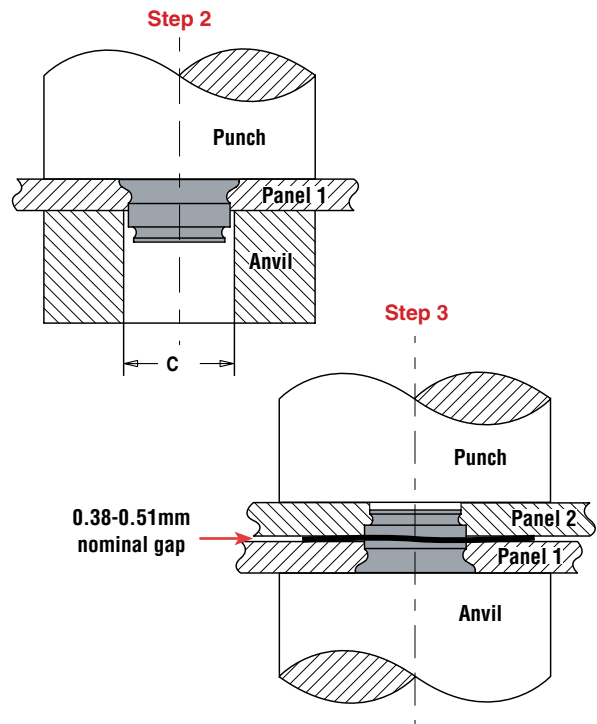
1. Prepare properly sized mounting hole in both panels. Do not perform any secondary operations such as deburring.
2. Place Panel 2 with smaller mounting hole on anvil and align Panel 1 mounting hole with the mounting hole of Panel 2. Place the smaller diameter end of the fastener through the mounting holes as shown in the drawing to the right.
3. With the punch and anvil surfaces parallel, apply squeezing force until the fastener is flush with the top of Panel 1.

NOTE: To use Type SF or SFP as a flush-mounted pivot point, for best results, install SpotFast fastener into Panel 1 first, then place Panel 2 over fastener and squeeze again.



TYPE SFW

- Step 1.** Prepare properly sized mounting hole in both panels. Do not perform any secondary operations such as deburring.
- Step 2.** Using only Panel 1, with the punch and anvil surfaces parallel, apply squeezing force until the fastener is flush with the top of Panel 1.
- Step 3.** Place washer over installed fastener (concave side facing up), then place Panel 2 over fastener. Apply squeezing force. Keep 0.38-0.51mm nominal gap between two sheets after installation.



ANVIL DIMENSIONS

Size	C ±0.13 (mm)	Punch Part No.	Anvil Part No.*
SFW-3	3.05	975200048	970200229300
SFW-5	5.05	975200048	970200020300

* Part number for anvil used in Step 2

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TYPE SFK

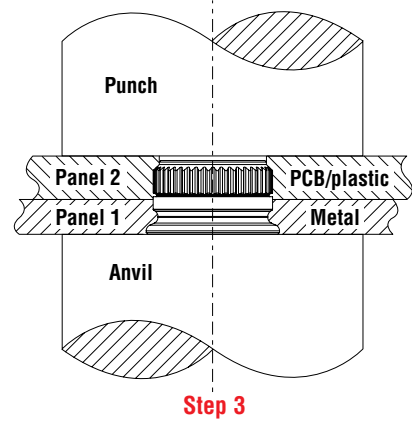
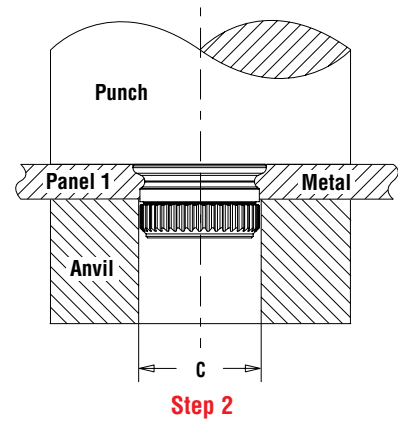
- Step 1.** Prepare properly sized mounting hole in both panels.
- Step 2.** Using only Panel 1, with the punch and anvil surfaces parallel, apply squeezing force until the fastener is flush with the top of Panel 1.
- Step 3.** Place Panel 2 over fastener and apply squeezing force.

ANVIL DIMENSIONS

Size	C ±0.13 (mm)	Punch Part No.	Anvil Part No.*
SFK-3	3.05	975200048	970200229300
SFK-5	5.05	975200048	970200020300

* Part number for anvil used in Step 2

NOTE: Fastener can be installed in both sheets at once when metal panel is adequately soft compared to the non-metal panel. E-mail techsupport@pemnet.com for more information.



PERFORMANCE DATA⁽¹⁾

TYPE SF

Type and Size	Thickness Code	Installation		Pushout	
		Cold-rolled Steel	Aluminum	Cold-rolled Steel	Aluminum
		kN	kN	N	N
SFW-3	0.8	8	6	360	200
SFW-3	1.0	9	6.5	525	250
SFW-3	1.2	11	7	555	310
SFW-3	1.6	13	7.5	920	550
SFW-5	0.8	11	8	625	310
SFW-5	1.0	12	9.5	800	515
SFW-5	1.2	18	10	1200	770
SFW-5	1.6	20	12.5	1500	1145

TYPE SFP

Type and Size	Thickness Code	Stainless Steel	
		Installation	Pushout
		kN	N
SFP-3	1.0	13.5	620
SFP-3	1.2	20	830
SFP-3	1.6	22	1500
SFP-5	1.0	18	990
SFP-5	1.2	27	1158
SFP-5	1.6	33	3117

(1) The values reported are averages when all installation specifications and procedures are followed. Variations in mounting hole size, sheet material, and installation procedure will affect this data. Performance testing of this product in your application is recommended. We will be happy to provide samples for this purpose or perform the installation for you.

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PERFORMANCE DATA⁽¹⁾

TYPE SFW

Type and Size	Thickness Code	Installation into Panel 1		Installation into Panel 2		Pushout of Panel 2	
		Cold-rolled Steel	Aluminum	Cold-rolled Steel	Aluminum	Cold-rolled Steel	Aluminum
		kN	kN	kN	kN	N	N
SFW-3	0.8	4.5	2.5	3	2	350	85
SFW-3	1.0	5.5	3.5	4.5	2	375	140
SFW-3	1.2	6	3.5	5	2	500	250
SFW-3	1.6	7	4	6	2.5	780	340
SFW-5	0.8	7	3.5	8	4	350	270
SFW-5	1.0	7	3.5	8.5	5	380	425
SFW-5	1.2	7	4	8.5	5	925	510
SFW-5	1.6	9	5	10	5	1450	600

TYPE SFK

Type and Size	Thickness Code	Installation into Panel 1		Installation into Panel 2		Pushout of Panel 2 ⁽³⁾
		Cold-rolled Steel		FR-4 Fiberglass		
		kN		kN		
SFK-3	0.8	6.2		1.8		200
SFK-3	1.0	8		1.8		200
SFK-3	1.2	8.9		1.8		200
SFK-3	1.6	10.2		1.8		200
SFK-5	0.8	11.1		1.8		400
SFK-5	1.0	13.5		1.8		400
SFK-5	1.2	15.6		1.8		400
SFK-5	1.6	17.8		1.8		400

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(2) In most applications, pullout strength of the SFK fastener in Panel 1 exceeds pushout strength of Panel 2.

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