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SELF-LOCATING  
PROJECTION WELD NUTS



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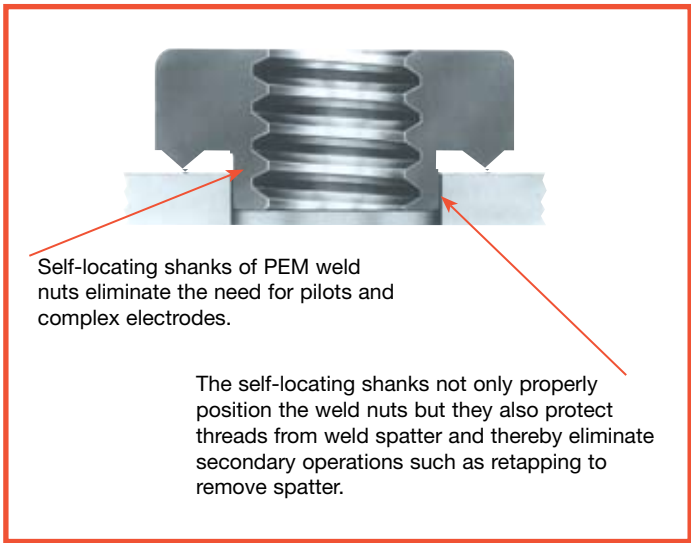
# SELF-LOCATING PROJECTION WELD NUTS

PEM® weld nuts (Types WN/WNS) provide load-bearing threads in metal sheets too thin to tap, and permit faster assembly.

PEM brand weld nuts overcome many problems associated with other weld nuts – burn-outs, complicated electrodes and pilots, tedious time-consuming indexing and re-tapping to remove weld spatter. Their design, based on the experience of hundreds of users of weld nuts, speeds production using standard equipment, thereby reducing labor costs.

PEM stainless steel weld nuts offer the added advantage of resisting corrosion. You may specify steel or stainless steel for your requirements and be sure you are getting the weld nuts that are easiest to install.

A variety of welding equipment is suitable for installation of PEM weld nuts. Best results have been obtained with a 50KVA press-type, spot-welding machine whose upper welding head moves vertically in a straight line with the lower electrode. Flat-faced electrodes with tip diameters 3.2 mm larger than the “E” dimension of the PEM weld nut should be used.



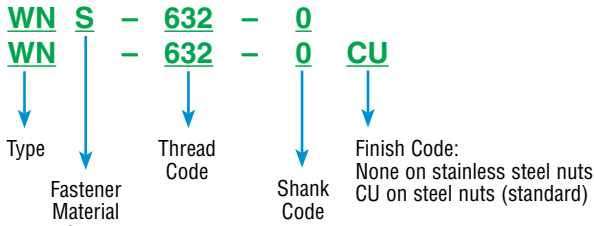
Round head of PEM brand weld nuts eliminates tedious, time-consuming indexing. Compact PEM weld nuts fit on narrow flanges.

The engineered projections of PEM weld nuts prevent burn-outs in thin sheets

Look for the PEM trademark on all cataloged sizes.



### PART NUMBER DESIGNATION



S = 300 series stainless steel  
None = Carbon steel

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## FASTENER MATERIAL:

Type WN – Carbon Steel

Type WNS– 300 Series Stainless Steel

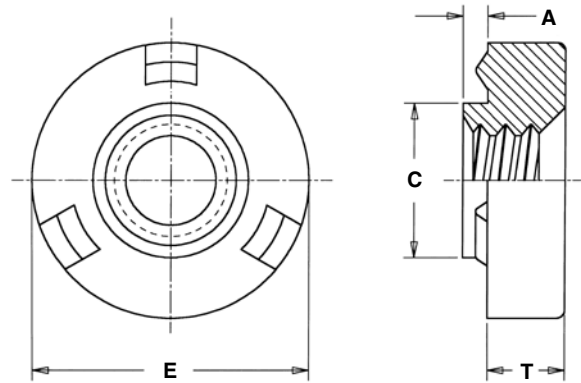
## FINISH:

Type WN – CU - Copper Flash

Type WNS– Passivated and/or tested per ASTM A380

## THREADS:

Internal, ASME B1.1, 2B / ASME B1.13M, 6H



All dimensions are in millimeters.

METRIC	Thread Size x Pitch	Type		Thread Code	Shank Code	A (Shank) Max.	Min. Sheet Thickness	Hole Size In Sheet +0.1	C Max.	E -0.25	T ±0.1	Min. Dist. Hole $\phi$ To Edge
		Steel	Stainless Steel									
	M3 x 0.5	WN	WNS	M3	0	0.77	0.77	4.39	4.36	7.82	1.49	3.91
	M4 x 0.7	WN	WNS	M4	0	0.77	0.77	5.53	5.5	9.42	2.58	4.71
	M5 x 0.8	WN	WNS	M5	0	0.77	0.77	6.35	6.32	11.17	3.78	5.59
	M6 x 1	WN	WNS	M6	0	1.22	1.22	8.02	7.99	13.25	4.56	6.63

## INSTALLATION

1. With a PEM weld nut inserted in the properly sized hole (see above), bring the electrode force up sufficiently to clamp the projections of the fastener firmly against the sheet without embedding any portion of the projections. Be sure the electrodes are centered, and that the electrode faces are flat so that the force is applied evenly to all three projections.
2. Set the current or heat regulator on the low side and adjust along with the weld time until a good weld is produced. For mild steel, which has a medium electrical resistance, there is a wide range of adjustments possible. For austenitic stainless steel, which has a high electrical resistance, the range is narrow at low heat.
3. Adjust squeeze time so that there is adequate time for the electrodes to close and develop proper forces (suggested initial setting 35 cycles). The weld period should be established by starting with the settings suggested in the tables on page WN-4. As indicated above for current adjustments, a wide range of time is possible with mild steel, but there is a limited range with stainless steel. If weld time starts too soon, and proper welding is not achieved, the squeeze time should be lengthened. Also, the electrodes should be moved closer together so that they require less travel time to close on the work. Longer squeeze times will have no effect on the quality of the weld. However, they do affect productivity and decrease the number of weld nuts that can be installed per hour. Hold time is set long enough to permit cooling and solidification of the weld before removing the electrodes. Start with 15 cycles and lengthen if necessary.

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## PERFORMANCE DATA<sup>(1)</sup>

METRIC	Type	Thread Code	Test Sheet Material			
			1.5 mm Cold-rolled Steel		1.5 mm 302 Stainless Steel	
			Pushout (N)	Torque-out (N•m)	Pushout (N)	Torque-out (N•m)
WN	M3		2220	1.4	N/A	N/A
	M4		3380	3.7	N/A	N/A
	M5		3910	6.3	N/A	N/A
	M6		4445	20.9	N/A	N/A
WNS	M3		N/A	N/A	3020	1.4
	M4		N/A	N/A	3780	5
	M5		N/A	N/A	4000	12.4
	M6		N/A	N/A	4445	22.5

N/A Not Applicable.

(1) The values reported are averages when all installation specifications and procedures are followed. Performance testing of this product in your application is recommended. We will be happy to provide samples for this purpose.

## GUIDES TO BETTER WELDING

Electrodes, weld nuts, and panels must be clean and free of grease, rust, and metal burrs. When welds appear satisfactory on installed nut, but pushout values are low, one or more of the following may be the cause:

- (1) Ram pressure too high.
- (2) Current too low.
- (3) Panel not clean.
- (4) Weld nuts not centered under electrodes.
- (5) Hold time not long enough to allow proper cooling.
- (6) Pressure regulator on welding equipment drifts.

If installed threads are distorted, the following singly or in combination may be the cause:

- (1) Weld time too long.
- (2) Current too high.
- (3) Ram pressure too high.

Should it be impossible to produce a proper weld because weld time starts before electrodes close on the work, shorten the gap between the electrodes so that they take less time to move into position and/or lengthen the squeeze time.

## SETTING GUIDES FOR PEM WELD NUTS IN 0.77 MM TO 1.6 MM SHEETS

METRIC	Type	Thread Code	Test Sheet Material					
			Cold-rolled Steel			302 Stainless Steel		
			Electrode (A) Ram Force (N)	Secondary (B) Current Amps $\pm 500$	Weld Time (C) Cycles/Sec.	Electrode (A) Ram Force (N)	Secondary (B) Current Amps $\pm 500$	Weld Time (C) Cycles/Sec.
WN	M3		2000-2220	17,000	6 / 0.10	N/A	N/A	N/A
	M4		2000-2220	17,000	6 / 0.10	N/A	N/A	N/A
	M5		2220-2440	18,000	10 / 0.17	N/A	N/A	N/A
	M6		2440-2670	20,000	10 / 0.17	N/A	N/A	N/A
WNS	M3		N/A	N/A	N/A	2000-2220	16,500	6 / 0.10
	M4		N/A	N/A	N/A	2220-2440	16,500	6 / 0.10
	M5		N/A	N/A	N/A	2440-2670	18,500	6 / 0.10
	M6		N/A	N/A	N/A	2890-3110	20,000	6 / 0.10

N/A Not Applicable.

(A) **Electrode Force** is the force exerted by the electrodes on the fastener and sheet to clamp them together and ensure good electrical contact. Electrode force also sets the weld nut down flush on the sheet as the projections melt during the welding period. Insufficient electrode force may result in flashing, spitting, burning, spatter, and discoloration. On the other hand, excessive electrode force may flatten the fastener projections before proper welding temperature is reached or may imbed the projections of the cold fastener into the sheet. Excessive electrode force can also distort threads during the weld cycle.

(B) **Secondary Current** determines the heat applied to the PEM weld nut and sheet. Heat is in direct proportion to weld time, resistances of the materials, and the square of the current. Current should not be set so high as to cause flashing or spattering or excessive heat which will distort the threads. Low currents may produce good looking welds but pushout and torque-out strengths will not be satisfactory.

(C) **Timing Cycle** for projection welding comprises four periods. (1) the squeeze time in which the electrodes move into position and develop the required force; (2) the weld time when the current is applied; (3) the hold time while the weld congeals and cools; and (4) the off time for positioning the work for the next weld nut.

**NOTE:** The setting guides shown in the above charts are for reference only and may differ for your welding equipment.

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