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WN™
SELF-LOCATING PROJECTION WELD NUTS
PEM® brand WN™/WNS™ weld nuts are designed to be welded onto another metal surface into properly sized holes. The PEM® weld nut design helps overcome many problems associated with other welded nuts:

- **Engineered projections**
  - Prevent burn-outs in thin sheets
  - Help keep the nut from warping while welding in high current

- **Round head design**
  - Eliminates tedious time-consuming indexing
  - Speeds production using standard equipment
  - Compact design fits on narrow flanges

- **Self-locating shank**
  - Eliminates the need for complex electrodes with pilots
  - Properly positions weld nuts
  - Protects threads from weld spatter

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 .125" / 3.2 mm larger than the “E” dimension of the PEM® weld nut should be used.

PEM® weld nuts are available in steel (WN™) or stainless steel (WNS™). Stainless steel nuts offer the added advantage of corrosion resistance.
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 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.

(1) Copper Flash plating prevents surface rust, facilitates automatic feeding, and requires no preparation before painting or finishing.
### PERFORMANCE DATA (1)

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### SETTING GUIDES FOR PEM® WELD NUTS IN .030”/0.77 MM TO .063”/1.6 MM SHEETS

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### 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, one or more of the following 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.

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**Axial Strength and Mating Screw Recommended Tightening Torque data is available at:** [www.pemnet.com/design_info/tightening-torque/](http://www.pemnet.com/design_info/tightening-torque/)

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

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**N/A** Not Applicable.

1. Published installation forces are for general reference. Actual set-up and confirmation of complete installation should be made by observing proper seating of fastener as described in the installation steps. Other performance values reported are averages when all proper installation parameters and procedures are followed. Variations in mounting hole size, sheet material, and installation procedure may affect performance. Performance testing this product in your application is recommended. We will be happy to provide technical assistance and/or samples for this purpose.

2. **(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 fasterer projections before proper welding temperature is reached or may embed the projections of the cold fastener into the sheet. Excessive electrode force can also distort threads during the weld cycle.

3. **(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.

4. **(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.

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