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POSITION TAPER THREADED GRIP-TWIST SYSTEMS
FOR CONNECTING STEEL REINFORCING BARS****1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE****Compliance with the following code:**2006 *International Building Code*® (IBC)**Property evaluated:**

Structural

2.0 USES

The BPI-Grip XL, Taper Threaded Grip-Twist and Position Taper Threaded Grip-Twist systems are used to mechanically butt-splice deformed steel reinforcing bars in reinforced concrete construction. The systems comply with Section 12.14.3.2 of ACI 318-05 (ACI 318-05 is referenced in Section 1901.2 of the IBC) for use as tension and compression mechanical connections of ASTM A 615 Grade 60 or ASTM A 706 deformed steel reinforcing bars. The systems also comply with the Type 2 mechanical splice requirements of ACI 318-05 Section 21.2.6.1.

3.0 DESCRIPTION**3.1 BPI-Grip XL Systems:**

The BPI-Grip XL system, for splicing equal-diameter steel reinforcing bars inserted into each end of the coupler, is a single-piece, hollow, straight, cylindrical sleeve manufactured from ASTM A 519, low carbon steel, seamless tubing complying with additional specifications in the approved quality control documentation. The couplers have uniform inside and outside diameters over the length of the coupler.

The BPI-Grip XL transition couplers for splicing two reinforcing bars of unequal diameters have stepped inside and outside diameters and are manufactured from ASTM A 576 low-carbon steel rods complying with additional specifications in the approved quality control documentation.

The inside diameters of both types of BPI-Grip XL couplers are larger than the steel reinforcing bar diameter. See Tables 1 and 2 for the dimensions of couplers, and Figures 1 and 2 for additional details.

3.2 Taper Threaded Grip-Twist System:

The Taper Threaded Grip-Twist System is a two-piece threaded coupler consisting of a taper threaded male coupling device and a taper threaded female coupling device. The end of each coupling device opposite the threaded end is a sleeve for insertion of a steel reinforcing bar. The couplers are manufactured from ASTM A 576 steel rods complying with additional specifications in the approved quality control documentation. For use in transition splices of steel reinforcing bars, the coupling device of the larger bar size has a female threaded end to match the male threaded end of the coupling device on the smaller steel reinforcing bar. See Tables 3 and 4 for the dimensions of the coupling devices, and Figures 3 and 4 for additional details.

3.3 Position Taper Threaded Grip-Twist System:

The Position Taper Threaded Grip-Twist System consists of three pieces: one taper threaded female coupling device, one standard threaded female coupling device and one positional stud with tapered threads on one end and standard threads on the opposite end. The end of each coupling device opposite the threaded end is a sleeve for insertion of a steel reinforcing bar. The coupling devices and positional stud are manufactured from ASTM A 576 steel rods complying with specifications in the approved quality control documentation. See Table 5 for the dimensions of the coupling devices, and Figure 5.

4.0 INSTALLATION**4.1 General:**

Ends of steel reinforcing bars to be spliced must have square-cut ends. The couplers are pressed onto the bars by a swaging procedure using a hydraulic press and a series of overlapping pressings in accordance with the Barsplice Products, Inc., published instructions. The BPI-Grip XL installation instructions are entitled "Swaging Instructions (SM02) for No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 18 Reinforcing Bars - Installation of BPI-Grip Couplers," and are dated August 2003. The installation instructions for the Taper Threaded Grip-Twist and Position Taper Threaded Grip-Twist systems are entitled "Swaging and Coupler Assembly Instructions (SM 18) for BPI-Taper Threaded Grip-Twist Couplers," Revision 6, dated August 2004. The couplers are swaged onto the steel reinforcing bars either at the jobsite or at an approved

fabricator's facility. The published instructions must be available on the jobsite at all times during installation.

4.2 BPI-Grip XL Systems:

For splices of bars with equal diameters, the steel reinforcing bar must be inserted halfway into each end of the coupler with the bar ends butted together, swaging the coupler onto the bar on one end of the coupler prior to insertion and swaging of the coupler onto the second bar. For transition splices, the larger bar must be inserted into the coupler to the insertion depth noted in Table 2.

4.3 Taper Threaded Grip-Twist System:

The steel reinforcing bar must be inserted into the sleeve portion of each of the coupling devices to the insertion depth stated in Table 3, prior to swaging the coupler onto the bar with a die designated by Barsplice Products as a Type 2 die. After both coupling devices are pressed onto the bars, the bars are joined by engaging the threaded ends of each coupling device, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The threaded ends must be fully engaged, with verification in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

4.4 Position Taper Threaded Grip-Twist System:

The steel reinforcing bars must be inserted into the sleeve portion of each coupling device to the insertion depth noted in Table 4, prior to swaging the coupler onto the bar with a die designated by Barsplice Products as a Type 2 die. Initially, the positional stud must be fully engaged into the swaged sleeve containing standard female threads. To assemble the splice, the bars must be aligned and brought together with the male taper threaded end of the positional stud inside the female taper threaded end of the coupling device. The positional stud must be rotated until the tapered threads of the positional stud are fully engaged in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

4.5 Special Inspection:

4.5.1 General: Special inspection is required in accordance with IBC Section 1704. In addition to verifying placement of steel reinforcing bar splices, the special inspector must verify the grade and size of reinforcing bars; coupler identification; field preparation of components; and assembly of the components resulting in spliced bars.

4.5.2 Jobsite Swaging of Couplers: For jobsite swaging of the couplers onto the steel reinforcing bars, the jobsite fabricator must demonstrate the following to the satisfaction of the special inspector for each coupler model type and steel reinforcing bar size:

- a. The fabricator assembles the couplers onto the ends of the steel reinforcing bar as required by Barsplice Products, Inc., in a manner consistent with the installation instructions noted in Section 4.1.
- b. Connections using the fabricator-prepared assemblies of couplers and steel reinforcing bars, tested in static tension, comply with the following requirements:
 1. Minimum tension value of Type 2 splices must be 100 percent of the specified tensile strength of the steel reinforcing bar and 125 percent of the specified yield strength of the steel reinforcing bar.

2. Minimum tension value of Type 1 splices must be 125 percent of the specified yield strength of the steel reinforcing bar.

4.5.3 Fabricator Facility Swaging of Couplers: The fabricator, approved by the code official, must demonstrate the same items noted in Section 4.5.2 for each coupler model type and steel reinforcing bar size to the satisfaction of the code official.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The BPI-Grip XL, Taper Threaded Grip-Twist and Position Taper Threaded Grip-Twist Systems described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to what is specified in, the code indicated in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 The couplers must be identified and installed in accordance with the applicable code, the manufacturer's instructions and this report. In the event of conflict between this report and the manufacturer's instructions, this report governs.
- 5.2 Special inspection must be provided in accordance with Section 4.5 of this report.
- 5.3 The minimum concrete cover must be in accordance with the IBC and must be measured from the outer surface of the coupler.
- 5.4 Splice locations must comply with applicable IBC requirements and be noted on plans approved by the code official.
- 5.5 For structures regulated by Chapter 21 of ACI 318 (as required by IBC Section 1908.1), to splice reinforcing bars resisting earthquake-induced flexural and axial forces in frame members and in structural wall boundary elements with the Barsplice mechanical splice systems, mill certificates must be submitted to the code official as evidence that the steel reinforcing bars comply with ACI 318 Section 21.2.5 (denoted as ACI 318 Section 21.2.5.1 in IBC Section 1908.1.5).
- 5.6 The couplers must be swaged onto the steel reinforcing bars by installers approved by Barsplice Products, Inc.
- 5.7 Offsite swaging of the couplers onto the steel reinforcing bars must be in the facility of a fabricator approved by the code official in accordance with IBC Section 1704.2

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Mechanical Connectors for Steel Bar Reinforcement (AC133), dated May 2008.

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

Each carton of couplers, coupler devices and positional studs is labeled with the name and address of Barsplice Products, Inc., product name and size, heat number, and the evaluation report number (ICC-ES ESR-2299). Each coupler and coupler device is labeled with the Barsplice Products, Inc., name, the designation "Type 2" and the evaluation report number.

TABLE 1—BPI-GRIP XL DIMENSIONS¹

REINFORCING BAR SIZE	COUPLER INSIDE DIAMETER (inches)	COUPLER OUTSIDE DIAMETER (inches)	COUPLER LENGTH (inches)
4	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{15}{16}$	4
5	$\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{8}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$
6	$1\frac{15}{16}$	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$
7	$1\frac{1}{16}$	$1\frac{9}{16}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$
8	$1\frac{3}{16}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	7
9	$1\frac{7}{8}$	$1\frac{15}{16}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$
10	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{16}$	$8\frac{1}{4}$
11	$1\frac{11}{16}$	$2\frac{3}{8}$	9
14	$1\frac{15}{16}$	$2\frac{15}{16}$	11
18	$2\frac{5}{8}$	$3\frac{13}{16}$	14

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

¹The tabulated coupler outside diameters and lengths are prior to swaging of the coupler onto the steel reinforcing bars.

TABLE 2—BPI-GRIP XL TRANSITION COUPLERS¹

REINFORCING BAR SIZE	COUPLER APPROXIMATE OUTSIDE DIAMETER (inches)		COUPLER APPROXIMATE INSIDE DIAMETER (inches)		NOMINAL INSERTION, LARGER BAR, “I” (inches)	COUPLER LENGTH, “L” (inches)
	Larger Bar	Smaller Bar	Larger Bar	Smaller Bar		
5/4	$1\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$1\frac{11}{16}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$
6/5	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$1\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{15}{16}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{16}$	$5\frac{1}{4}$
7/6	$1\frac{9}{16}$	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$1\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{15}{16}$	$2\frac{7}{16}$	$5\frac{7}{8}$
8/7	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{9}{16}$	$1\frac{3}{16}$	$1\frac{1}{16}$	$2\frac{7}{8}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$
9/8	$1\frac{15}{16}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{5}{16}$	$1\frac{3}{16}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{5}{8}$
10/9	$2\frac{3}{16}$	$1\frac{15}{16}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{5}{16}$	$3\frac{7}{16}$	$8\frac{1}{8}$
11/9	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$1\frac{15}{16}$	$1\frac{5}{8}$	$1\frac{5}{16}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$
11/10	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$2\frac{3}{16}$	$1\frac{5}{8}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$
14/11	$2\frac{7}{8}$	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$1\frac{15}{16}$	$1\frac{5}{8}$	$3\frac{7}{8}$	$10\frac{1}{8}$
18/11	$3\frac{15}{16}$	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$2\frac{5}{8}$	$1\frac{5}{8}$	$4\frac{1}{8}$	$11\frac{9}{16}$
18/14	$3\frac{3}{8}$	3	$2\frac{9}{16}$	2	$4\frac{3}{8}$	$11\frac{9}{16}$

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TABLE 3—TAPER THREADED GRIP-TWIST DIMENSIONS¹

REINFORCING BAR SIZE	COUPLER LENGTH (inches)		COUPLER APPROXIMATE OUTSIDE DIAMETER (inches)	COUPLER APPROXIMATE INSIDE DIAMETER (inches)	REBAR INSERTION DISTANCE (inches)	
	Male	Female			Male	Female
4	2 ¹³ / ₁₆	2 ¹³ / ₁₆	7/8	5/8	1 ⁵ / ₈	1 ⁵ / ₈
5	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₈	3/4	2	2 ¹ / ₁₆
6	4 ¹ / ₁₆	4 ¹ / ₁₆	1 ³ / ₈	1 ⁵ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₈	2 ¹ / ₂
7	4 ³ / ₄	4 ³ / ₄	1 ⁹ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₄	2 ⁷ / ₈
8	5 ³ / ₈	5 ³ / ₈	1 ³ / ₄	1 ³ / ₁₆	3 ³ / ₁₆	3 ¹ / ₄
9	6 ¹ / ₈	6 ¹ / ₈	1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	1 ⁵ / ₁₆	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	3 ¹¹ / ₁₆
10	6 ⁷ / ₈	6 ⁷ / ₈	2 ³ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₂	4	4 ¹ / ₈
11	7 ¹ / ₄	7 ¹ / ₄	2 ³ / ₈	1 ⁵ / ₈	4 ⁷ / ₁₆	4 ¹ / ₂
14	8 ⁷ / ₈	8 ⁷ / ₈	2 ⁷ / ₈	1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	5 ³ / ₈	5 ⁹ / ₁₆
18	11 ⁹ / ₁₆	11 ⁹ / ₁₆	3 ¹³ / ₁₆	2 ⁵ / ₈	7	7 ¹ / ₄

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TABLE 4—TRANSITION TAPER THREADED GRIP-TWIST DIMENSIONS¹

REINFORCING BAR SIZE	COUPLER LENGTH (inches)		COUPLER APPROXIMATE OUTSIDE DIAMETER (inches)		COUPLER APPROXIMATE INSIDE DIAMETER (inches)		REBAR INSERTION DISTANCE (inches)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
5/4	2 ¹³ / ₁₆	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	7/8	1 ¹ / ₈	5/8	3/4	1 ⁵ / ₈	2 ¹ / ₁₆
6/5	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	4 ¹ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₈	1 ³ / ₈	3/4	1 ⁵ / ₁₆	2	2 ¹ / ₂
7/6	4 ¹ / ₁₆	4 ³ / ₄	1 ³ / ₈	1 ⁹ / ₁₆	1 ⁵ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₈	2 ⁷ / ₈
8/7	4 ³ / ₄	5 ³ / ₈	1 ⁹ / ₁₆	1 ³ / ₄	1 ¹ / ₁₆	1 ³ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₄
9/8	5 ³ / ₈	6 ¹ / ₈	1 ³ / ₄	1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	1 ³ / ₁₆	1 ⁵ / ₁₆	3 ³ / ₁₆	3 ¹¹ / ₁₆
10/9	6 ¹ / ₈	6 ⁷ / ₈	1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₁₆	1 ⁵ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₂	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	4 ¹ / ₈
11/9	6 ¹ / ₈	7 ¹ / ₄	1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₈	1 ⁵ / ₁₆	1 ⁵ / ₈	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	4 ¹ / ₂
11/10	6 ⁷ / ₈	7 ¹ / ₄	2 ³ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₈	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ⁵ / ₈	4	4 ¹ / ₂
14/11	7 ¹ / ₄	6 ³ / ₄	2 ³ / ₈	2 ⁷ / ₈	1 ⁵ / ₈	1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	4 ⁷ / ₁₆	3 ¹⁵ / ₁₆
18/11	7 ¹ / ₄	8	2 ³ / ₈	3 ¹³ / ₁₆	1 ⁵ / ₈	2 ⁵ / ₈	4 ⁷ / ₁₆	4 ⁵ / ₈
18/14	8 ⁷ / ₈	8	2 ⁷ / ₈	3 ¹³ / ₁₆	1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	2 ⁵ / ₈	5 ³ / ₈	4 ⁵ / ₈

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¹The tabulated coupler outside diameters and lengths are prior to swaging of the coupler onto the steel reinforcing bars.

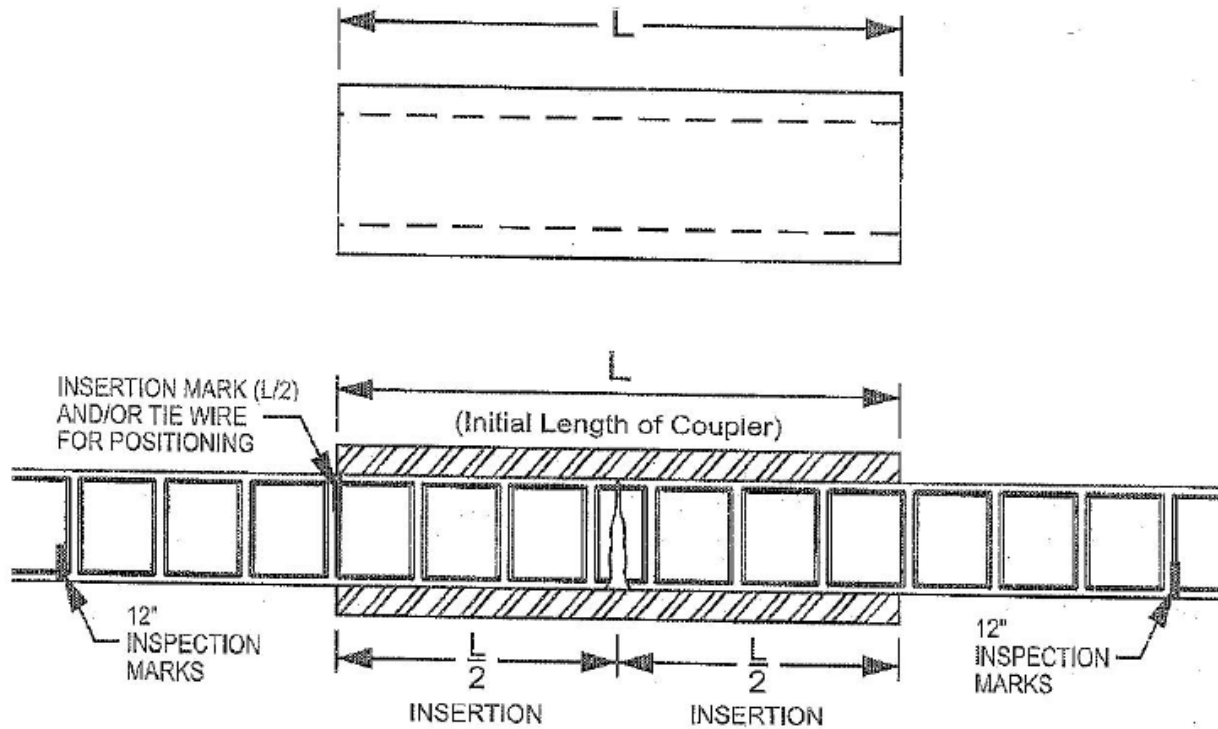
TABLE 5—POSITION TAPER THREADED GRIP-TWIST DIMENSIONS¹

REINFORCING BAR SIZE	COUPLER LENGTH (inches)		COUPLER APPROXIMATE OUTSIDE DIAMETER (inches)	COUPLER APPROXIMATE INSIDE DIAMETER (inches)	REBAR INSERTION DISTANCE (inches)	TAPER MALE INSERTION ² , "H" (inches)	SPACE AFTER ASSEMBLY ² , "S" (inches)
	Taper Threads	Straight Threads					
8	5 ³ / ₈	5 ³ / ₈	1 ³ / ₄	1 ³ / ₁₆	3 ¹ / ₄	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂
9	6 ¹ / ₈	6 ¹ / ₈	1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	1 ⁵ / ₁₆	3 ¹¹ / ₁₆	1 ³ / ₄	1 ⁵ / ₈
10	6 ⁷ / ₈	6 ⁷ / ₈	2 ³ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₂	4 ¹ / ₈	2	1 ⁷ / ₈
11	7 ¹ / ₄	7 ¹ / ₄	2 ³ / ₈	1 ⁵ / ₈	4 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₈	1 ³ / ₄
14	8 ⁷ / ₈	8 ⁷ / ₈	2 ⁷ / ₈	1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	5 ⁹ / ₁₆	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₈
18	11 ⁹ / ₁₆	11 ⁹ / ₁₆	3 ¹³ / ₁₆	2 ⁵ / ₈	7 ¹ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₄	2 ¹ / ₈

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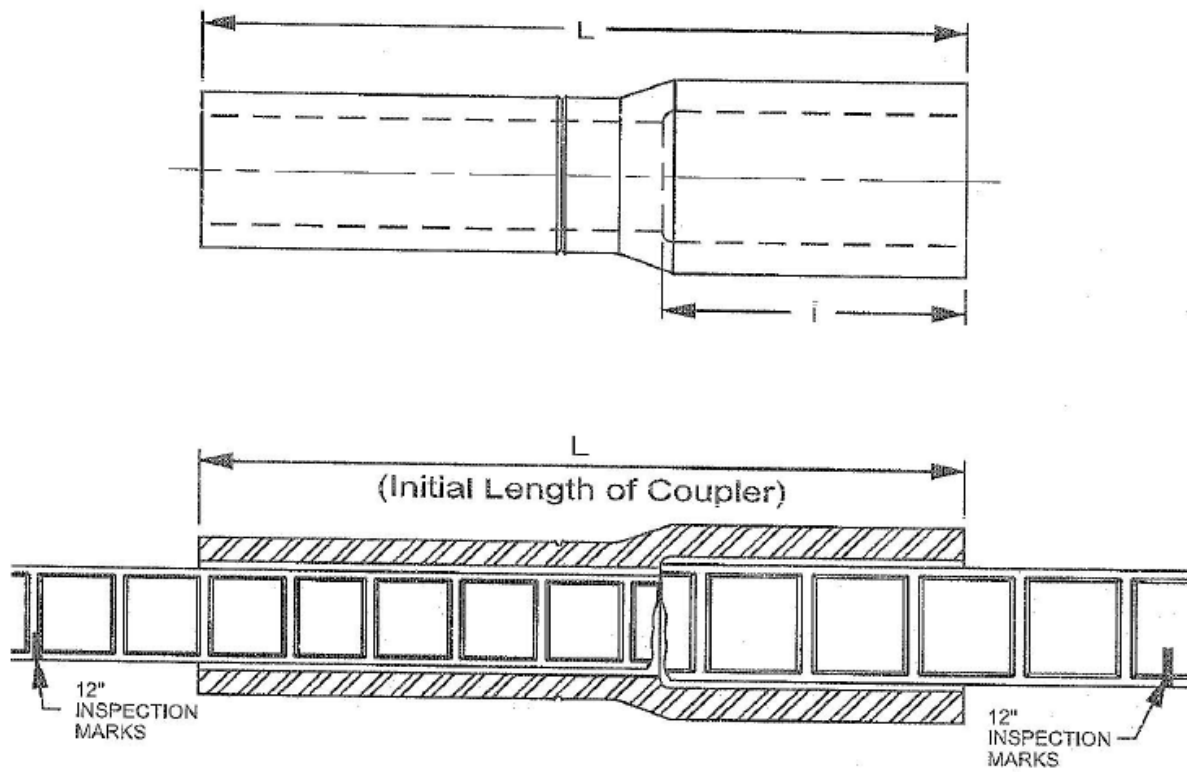
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²See Figure 5 for description of dimensions "H" and "S".



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FIGURE 1—BPI-GRIP XL



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FIGURE 2—BPI-GRIP XL TRANSITION

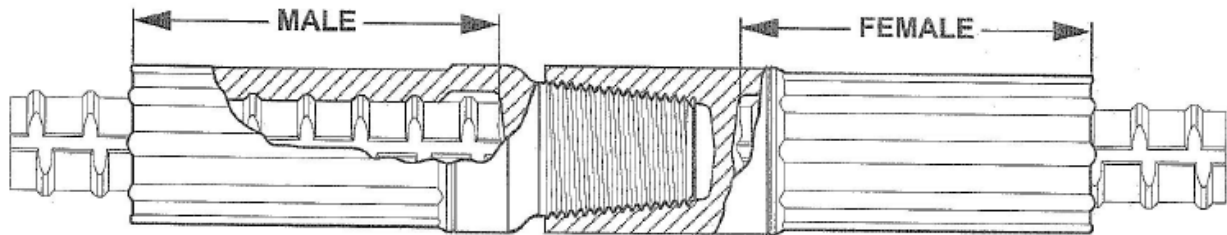


FIGURE 3—TAPER THREADED GRIP-TWIST

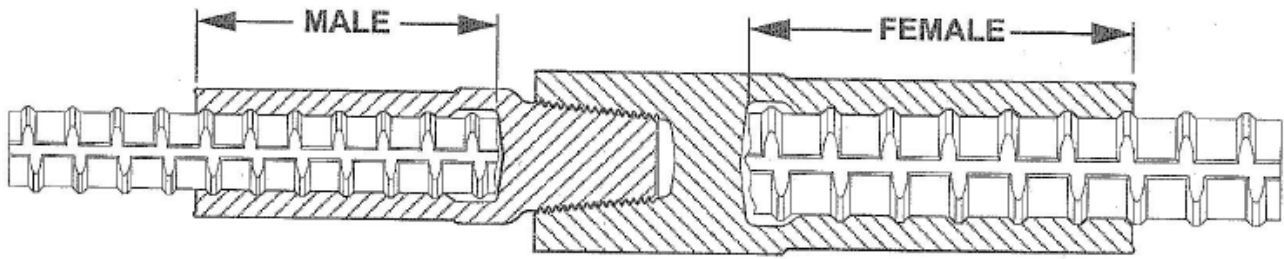


FIGURE 4—TRANSITION TAPER THREADED GRIP-TWIST

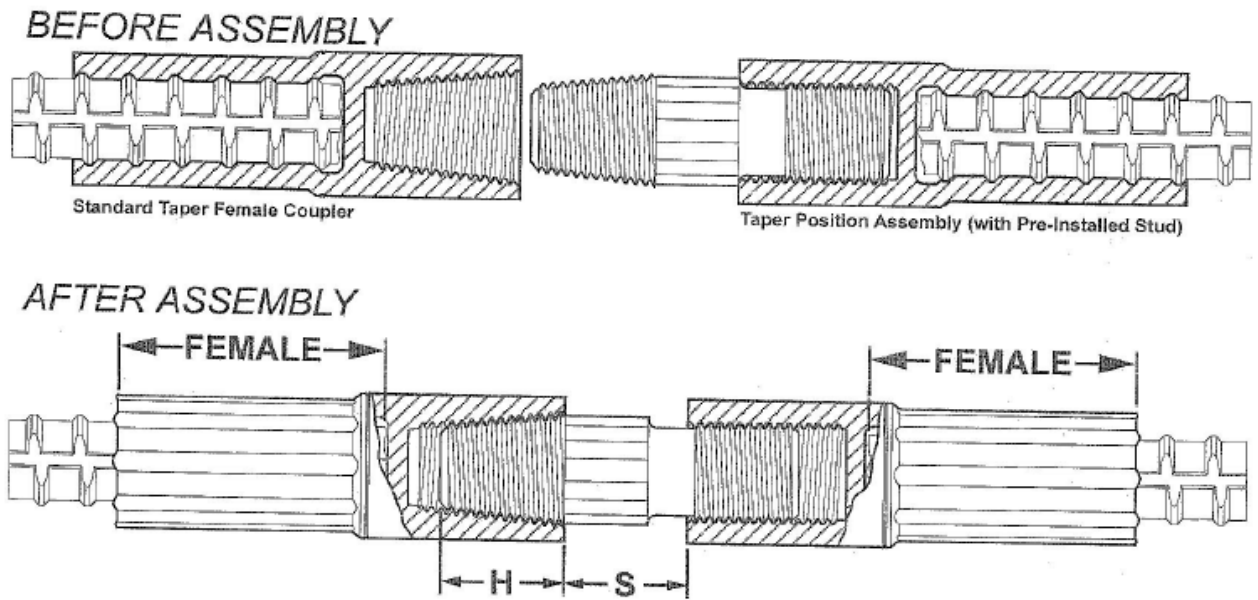


FIGURE 5—POSITION TAPER THREADED GRIP-TWIST