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FOREWORD

ASME B18.16.6-2008 was balloted and approved by the B18 Standards Committee and B18 Subcommittee 16 on April 29, 2008. The proposal was submitted to the American National Standards Institute and designated as an American National Standard on August 25, 2008.

At the B18 meeting in the fall of 2011, Subcommittee 16 decided to expand this Standard to include all styles of locking nuts. B18.16.6 now contained dimensional and performance requirements for nonmetallic insert and all-metal locking nuts in a variety of grades. This Standard was intended to replace IFI-100/107, which the Industrial Fasteners Institute agreed to withdraw after the publication of this Standard. ASME B18.16.6-2014 was balloted and approved by the B18 Standards Committee and B18 Subcommittee 16 on March 12, 2014.

At the B18 meeting in the spring of 2015, Subcommittee 16 decided to revise this Standard based on several technical and editorial updates. Updates to this Standard include lowering the proof and clamp load values of thin nuts from 60% to 45% of regular hex nuts; harmonizing proof loads with SAE J995 2012, resulting in lower proof loads for fine and 8-UN series nuts; correcting hex height values on style NTM locknuts; clarifying corner fill requirements; increasing the proof load requirement for style NU locknuts; and correcting various table references.

This revision was approved as an American National Standard on June 1, 2017.

Suggestions for improvement of this Standard are welcome. They should be sent to Secretary, B18 Committee, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Two Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5990.

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Subject:	Cite the applicable paragraph number(s) and the topic of the inquiry in one or two words.
Edition:	Cite the applicable edition of the Standard for which the interpretation is being requested.
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PREVAILING TORQUE LOCKNUTS (INCH SERIES)

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope

This Standard covers the complete general, dimensional, mechanical, and performance requirements (proof load, prevailing torque, and torque-tension) for carbon steel, inch series nylon insert locknuts of grades N2, N5, and N8 in styles NE (1/4 in. to 1 1/2 in.), NTE (1/4 in. to 1 1/2 in.), NU (1/4 in. to 3 in.), NTU (1/4 in. to 3 in.), NM (#2 to #12), NTM (#2 to #12), and hex flange (1/4 in. to 3/4 in.). This Standard also includes all-metal hex (#4 to 1 1/2 in.) and hex flange (1/4 in. to 3/4 in.) locking nuts of grades A, B, C, F, and G. These nut designs are designated as American National Standards.

1.2 Comparison to ISO Standards

There is no ISO inch standard for these products.

2 REFERENCE STANDARDS

The following is a list of publications referenced in this Standard. Unless otherwise specified, the reference standard(s) shall be the most recent issue at the time of order placement.

ASME B1.1, Unified Inch Screw Threads (UN and UNR Thread Form)

ASME B1.3, Screw Thread Gaging Systems for Acceptability: Inch and Metric Screw Threads (UN, UNR, UNJ, M, and MJ)

ASME B1.15, Unified Inch Screw Threads (UNJ Thread Form)

ASME B18.2.1, Square, Hex, Heavy Hex, and Askew Head Bolts and Hex, Heavy Hex, Hex Flange, Lobed Head, and Lag Screws (Inch Series)

ASME B18.12, Glossary of Terms for Mechanical Fasteners

ASME B18.18, Quality Assurance for Fasteners

ASME B18.21.1, Washers: Helical Spring-Lock, Tooth Lock, and Plain Washers (Inch Series)

Publisher: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Two Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5990 (www.asme.org)

ASTM F436, Standard Specification for Hardened Steel Washers

ASTM F606/F606M, Standard Test Methods for Determining the Mechanical Properties of Externally and Internally Threaded Fasteners, Washers, Direct Tension Indicators, and Rivets

ASTM F788, Standard Specification for Surface Discontinuities of Bolts, Screws, and Studs, Inch and Metric Series

ASTM F812, Standard Specification for Surface Discontinuities of Nuts, Inch and Metric Series

ASTM F1137, Standard Specification for Phosphate/Oil Corrosion Protective Coatings for Fasteners

ASTM F1470, Standard Practice for Fastener Sampling for Specified Mechanical Properties and Performance Inspection

ASTM F1941/F1941M, Standard Specification for Electrodeposited Coatings on Mechanical Fasteners, Inch and Metric

Publisher: American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM International), 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (www.astm.org)

IFI-101, Torque-Tension Requirements for Prevailing-Torque Type Steel Hex and Hex Flange Nuts

Publisher: Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI), 6363 Oak Tree Boulevard, Independence, OH 44131 (www.indfast.org)

SAE J409, Product Analysis — Permissible Variations from Specified Chemical Analysis of a Heat or Cast of Steel

Publisher: SAE International, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001 (www.sae.org)

3 TERMINOLOGY

For definitions of terms relating to fasteners or component features thereof used in this Standard, refer to ASME B18.12.

4 DIMENSIONS

Unless otherwise specified, all dimensions in this Standard are inches and shall be as specified in the tables and sections 6 through 9. All dimensions apply before coating.