The Original Expansion Bolt for Structural Steel

Hollo-Bolt®
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Lindapter®, the steel connection specialists, invented the Hollo-Bolt® as a fast, cost effective connection for Hollow Structural Section (HSS). The ‘blind connection’ technique requires installation access to only one side of the steel for exceptional convenience. In comparison to alternative methods such as welding, a Hollo-Bolt connection can be quickly installed by simply inserting the fastener into pre-drilled holes and tightening with a torque wrench.

Since the Hollo-Bolt was first launched in 1995, the product range has been continuously developed to meet the diverse requirements of Structural Engineers and Architects, with enhancements including new head types, lengths, finishes and performance improvements.

### 10 REASONS TO USE HOLLO-BOLT

1. **Fast, time saving installation**
2. **Lower labor costs**
3. **Easy to install from just one side**
4. **For structural tube and other hollow sections**
5. **No need to weld, no hot work permits**
6. **High resistance to shear and tension**
7. **High clamping force**
8. **Various corrosion resistant options**
9. **Aesthetically pleasing connections**
10. **Independently approved product performance**

### INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The British Constructional Steelwork Association (BCSA) and Steel Construction Institute (SCI) include the Hollo-Bolt as a structural connection in the design guide ‘Joints in Steel Construction: Simple Connections’.

The American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) also recognizes the Hollo-Bolt as a HSS connection in the Steel Construction Manual.

Engineers and Architects around the world specify the Hollo-Bolt as a time and labor saving method of connecting structural steel frames or securing almost anything to HSS (see page 8-19 for project examples).

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TYPICAL HOLLO-BOLT APPLICATIONS

- Structural Frames
- Glazing and Roofs
- Staircases and Handrails
- Balconies
- Facades and Cladding
- Towers and Masts

APPROVALS

CE Marking provides additional security for Engineers, Architects and Specifiers by demonstrating that product performance is tested and confirmed by a third party to meet a standard renowned on a European scale.

DIBt - Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik is a body that approves construction products for use in structural and civil engineering industries in Germany.

TÜV are the certifying authority for safety, quality and environmental protection in Germany.

Hollo-Bolts are produced under strict quality and environment management systems to ensure consistently high manufacturing standards across the range.

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Applications

All the applications featured in the brochure are based on real projects. For more information and further examples visit www.hollo-bolt.com.

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**ALTERNATIVE CONNECTION METHODS**

**WELDING**
- ✗ Hot Work Permit required
- ✗ Skilled labor needed
- ✗ Requires power/consumables

**HOLLO-BOLT**
- ✔ A secure and permanent connector that is easy to install using hand tools.

**THROUGH-BOLTING**
- ✗ Inappropriate for larger HSS
- ✗ Strength of connection not guaranteed
- ✗ Risk of HSS deformation

**HOLLO-BOLT**
- ✔ A reliable and effective connector, supported by independently approved safe working loads.

**BRACKETS & STRAPPING**
- ✗ Unsightly finish
- ✗ Time consuming installation
- ✗ Low capacity in friction

**HOLLO-BOLT**
- ✔ A quick and easy to install connection, with a range of architectural finishes.

**CUTTING ACCESS HOLES**
- ✗ Expensive & time consuming
- ✗ Unsuitable for structural connections
- ✗ Defeats any architectural benefit of HSS

**HOLLO-BOLT**
- ✔ A neat, labor saving HSS connection, suitable for structural applications.

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**SIMPLE HOLLO-BOLT INSTALLATION**

*Project Example: Salt River Fields · Spring Training Facility, Arizona, USA*

1. Deliver pre-drilled steel to site.
2. Align the pre-drilled fixture and steelwork and insert the Hollo-Bolt.
3. Using a torque wrench, tighten the Hollo-Bolt to the recommended torque.

[www.hollo-bolt.com](http://www.hollo-bolt.com)
The Hollo-Bolt is available in three head types to complement diverse architectural designs. Lindapter also has the capability to produce customized Hollo-Bolts, a service passionately referred to as 'Engineered Solutions'.

**HEAD VARIANTS**

**HEXAGONAL**
Visible protrusion: Regular
**Description:** The Hollo-Bolt collar and hexagonal head of the Grade 8.8 bolt (Grd.5 / A325 equivalent) are evident above the surface of the steel section. This head variant is the usual choice for the majority of HSS connections, or where architects favor an 'industrial' look.

**COUNTERSUNK (HEAD)**
Visible protrusion: Minimal
**Description:** This discreet midway option has a smaller protrusion for the perfect balance of appearance and convenience, and features a Grade 10.9 (A490 equivalent) countersunk bolt with a special collar designed to accommodate the entire bolt head. Drilling countersunk holes in the steel section is not required.

**FLUSH FIT**
Visible protrusion: Zero
**Description:** The innovative Flush Fit Hollo-Bolt is entirely concealed within a drilled countersunk hole once installed, leaving no protrusion above the surface of the steel section - the perfect solution for architects!

**ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS**
Visible protrusion: Customized
**Description:** For the rare connection requirement that an off-the-shelf Hollo-Bolt cannot fulfil, Lindapter’s Research and Development Facility has the capability to design and manufacture custom connection solutions. Just one example of a custom Hollo-Bolt is the tamperproof Button Security Head variant, developed for use in prisons.

**CORROSION RESISTANCE**
The Hollo-Bolt is available in a series of protective coatings and materials to provide a customizable yet off-the-shelf connection solution. See right for availability:

* Sheraplex is an advanced coating designed for intricately shaped and precision machined components. The two-stage treatment process first involves Sheradizing (Zinc coating), then secondly applying an organic barrier layer. The resulting surface has a smooth matt grey finish that provides high corrosion resistance.
The Hollo-Bolt is available in two versions: the original 3-part design for general hollow section connections and the larger sized 5-part High Clamping Force (HCF) version, for higher strength structural connections.

A typical connection is made by inserting the Hollo-Bolt into the pre-drilled holes of the fixture and hollow section. As the bolt head is tightened, the cone is pulled up the bolt thread, causing the legs of the sleeve to expand until the cone locks the sleeve against the inner wall of the hollow section.

At full tightening torque, a clamping action is set up between the fixture and the steel section to form a secure connection. Once installed, only the head and collar are visible.

Working closely with Structural Engineers & Steel Fabricators, Lindapter identified the need for the larger M16 & M20 (5/8" & 3/4") Hollo-Bolts to have an increased clamping force suitable for higher strength structural connections. Research & Development led to the invention of the patented 5-part design, optimized for superior performance.

The High Clamping Force (HCF) mechanism consists of a special washer that ‘compresses’ to significantly increase clamping force between the fixture and hollow section, when compared to a 3-part product of the same size, thereby reducing displacement.
**Hollo-Bolt (HCF)**

**Typical Performance Increase**

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**Clamping Force**

As with any structural bolt, immediately after installation the bolt relaxes until a typical clamping force is reached. The typical clamping force of the Hollo-Bolt (HCF) is over three times higher than the same sized product without the HCF mechanism. This results in a more secure connection and a greater force that has to be overcome before displacement begins.

**Displacement**

The significance of increased clamping force is illustrated in the graphs above. At Safe Working Load, displacement is minimized when using the Hollo-Bolt (HCF). Connections made with products without the HCF mechanism (i.e. the 3-part in these larger sizes) exhibited significantly higher displacement.
Attaching façade glazing to the building’s structural steel frame

APPLICATION

LOCATION
Paris, France

HEAD TYPE
Hexagonal

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**APPLICATION**
Connecting façade spider brackets to hollow structural section

**LOCATION**
Manchester, UK

**HEAD TYPE**
Hexagonal
HISTORY MUSEUM

APPLICATION
Connecting perforated steel cladding to hollow structural section

LOCATION
Dresden, Germany

HEAD TYPE
Hexagonal

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THAMES EXCHANGE

APPLICATION
Structural connections of the elevator glazing frame

LOCATION
London, UK

HEAD TYPE
Countersunk (Head)

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APPLICATION
Structural steel truss connections of the conservatory frame

LOCATION
San Marino, CA, USA

HEAD TYPE
Hexagonal
Hafen City

Application: Connecting the glazing support frame and roof

Location: Hamburg, Germany

Head Type: Flush Fit

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Image: Jeff Goldberg/Esto, courtesy of Kimmel Center
Image: R. Bradley Maule

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SALT RIVER FIELDS - SPRING TRAINING FACILITY

APPLICATION
HSS connections for the floodlighting frame

LOCATION
Scottsdale, AZ, USA

HEAD TYPE
Hexagonal

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Connection of mounting points for solar panels

APPLICATION

Munich, Germany

LOCATION

GERMANY

Hexagonal

HEAD TYPE

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SNORRE OFFSHORE

APPLICATION
Securing handrails to fabricated hollow section

LOCATION
Norwegian
North Sea

HEAD TYPE
Hexagonal

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PHOENIX METRO LIGHT RAIL

APPLICATION
Securing station signage and seating to structural frames

LOCATION
Phoenix, AZ, USA

HEAD TYPE
Button Security

Montebello / 19th Ave

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TELSTRA STADIUM / OLYMPIC STADIUM

APPLICATION
Securing temporary seating to supporting steel structure

LOCATION
Sydney, Australia

HEAD TYPE
Hexagonal & Countersunk (Head)

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Ensure that holes are drilled in both the fixture and the section according to the drilling guidance below.
Please note that clearance holes are slightly larger than standard bolt clearance holes to accommodate the sleeve and cone.

![Drilling & Preparation Diagram]

### Type | Clearance Hole Ø | Hole Distances | Edge Distances
--- | --- | --- | ---
LHBM08 | 9/16” | 1 3/8” 1/2” | 1 1/6”
LHBM10 | 3/4” | 1 9/16” 9/16” | 7/8”
LHBM12 | 9/16” | 2” 3/4” | 1”
LHBM16 | 1 1/6” | 2 3/16” 13/16” | 1 5/16”
LHBM20 | 1 5/16” | 2 3/4” 1” | 1 5/16”

Clearance Holes can be drilled with a -0 / + 1/16” tolerance.

### INSTALLATION

1. **Align pre-drilled fixture and section and insert Hollo-Bolt a).**
2. **Grip the Hollo-Bolt collar with an open ended wrench.**
3. **Using a torque wrench, tighten the central bolt to the recommended torque b).**

a) Before tightening, ensure that the materials that are to be connected together are touching.
b) Power tools, such as an impact wrench, may be used to speed up the tightening of the Hollo-Bolt. However, when using power tools, always complete the tightening process with a torque wrench to ensure the correct torque is applied to the Hollo-Bolt.

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## INSTALLATION GUIDANCE

### DRILLING & PREPARATION

Ensure that countersunk holes are drilled in the fixture, and standard holes are drilled in the section, according to the drilling guidance below. Please note that clearance holes are slightly larger than standard bolt clearance holes to accommodate the sleeve and cone.

### INSTALLATION

1. Align pre-drilled fixture and section and insert Hollo-Bolt.
2. Apply installation nut and grip with open ended adjustable wrench.
3. Using a torque wrench, tighten the central countersunk bolt to the recommended torque.

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#### Installation Nut

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a) Before tightening, ensure that the materials that are to be connected together are touching.
b) Power tools, such as an impact wrench, may be used to speed up the tightening of the Hollo-Bolt. However, when using power tools, always complete the tightening process with a torque wrench to ensure the correct torque is applied to the Hollo-Bolt.

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### INSTALLATION (continued)

![Diagram of installation process]

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1) Type HB (LHBM6 and LHBM20 only) require the thickness of the outer ply (min t) to be at least 5/32”. If necessary, spacer washers should be used beneath the collar to increase the thickness to 5/16”.

2) The Hollo-Bolt can be used on a wide variety of steel hollow shape sections; safe working loads shown are based on use in A36 Structural Tube. The safe working loads, in both tension and shear, are applicable to the Hollo-Bolt only. Failure of the section, particularly on those with thin walls and a wide chord face, could occur at a lower figure and its strength should be checked by a qualified structural engineer.
### CHARACTERISTIC VALUES

Characteristic values of tensile and shear resistance for Hollo-Bolt taken from ETA-10/0416. For more information visit www.lindapter.com/about/ce

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#### BUTTON HEAD / SECURITY HOLO-BOLT

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The characteristic values for the Hollo-Bolt listed in the above tables are for use when designing bolted connections to Eurocode 3 only, these are not standard safe working loads.

Hollo-Bolt lengths 1, 2 and 3 are covered by this ETA 10/0416. The characteristic values are used to determine the design resistance of the Hollo-Bolt. The design resistance is calculated by dividing the characteristic value by a partial factor $\gamma_2$. The partial factor is a nationally determined parameter (for example: $\gamma_2 = 1.25$ in the UK).

For designing to Eurocode 3 only.
YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED...

**Can Lindapter Hollo-Bolts be used in all sizes & shapes of structural tube?**
Yes, the Lindapter Hollo-Bolt can be used in all sizes of structural tube and is suitable for use in those of square, rectangular, circular or elliptical shape.

**The capacity figures for the Lindapter Hollo-Bolts shown in both SCI ‘Green Books’ are different to the figures shown in the Lindapter catalog. Which figures should I use?**

The loads shown on page 22 of this brochure are Safe Working Loads, with Lindapter’s typical Factor of Safety of 5:1, and are for general use.

For structural use, the loads shown in the SCI design guides are not Safe Working Loads, they are Design Capacities, to be compared in calculations with the structural capacity of the supporting column wall (HSS/RHS).

**Are Lindapter Hollo-Bolts removable?**
Yes. Although designed as a permanent method of connection, it is possible to remove the hexagon, countersunk & button head styles of Lindapter Hollo-Bolt. Instructions can be found on the Lindapter website (www.lindapterusa.com). The special Security Button Head Hollo-Bolt is designed so that it cannot be easily removed without the Security Key.

**Can Hollo-Bolts be used in slotted holes?**
Yes, it is possible to use Hollo-Bolts with slotted holes in the outer bracket or end plate as long as there is no horizontal load in the direction of the slot. However, the hole in the hollow section into which the Hollo-Bolt is to be installed must be circular and within the tolerance stated in the Lindapter catalog.

**Who is responsible for checking the capacity of the structural section when using Lindapter Hollo-Bolts?**
It is the responsibility of a structural engineer to ensure a structural tube has sufficient capacity to take the necessary loads. Help can be found within either of the current SCI/BCSA ‘Green Books’, where P.212 should be used if designing simple connections to BS5950 whilst P.358 should be used if designing simple joints to Eurocode 3.
Can I use stainless steel Hollo-Bolts to connect brackets to mild steel box section?

Where possible the best option is to ensure that the section, bracket and Hollo-Bolt are all produced from the same material, or are close to each other on the galvanic corrosion chart. If stainless components are in contact with mild steel, bimetallic corrosion will be accelerated.

Can I use the Hollo-Bolt to connect timber to steel?

Yes, although it is important to ensure that the timber is capable of withstanding the clamping force created when applying torque to the Hollo-Bolt. In some cases a spreader washer can be used under the collar of the Hollo-Bolt to distribute the force over a greater area.

Why aren’t the Flush Fit, Countersunk & Button Head Hollo-Bolts available in Hot Dip Galvanised finish?

When components with a hexagon socket are Hot Dip Galvanized, the high build up of zinc in the recess results in a reduced A/F dimension meaning that a standard Allen/Hexagon Key no longer fits correctly. This would make it very difficult for the installer to apply the required torque to ensure the Hollo-Bolt opens up correctly.

Can Lindapter Hollo-Bolts be sealed to prevent water ingress?

Yes. Although the vast majority of Lindapter Hollo-Bolts used globally do not use any sealing method, special washers have been supplied on a limited number of occasions. However, it is important not to ignore the interface between the structural tube and plate or bracket which is being attached.

Can I use the Hollo-Bolt in concrete filled sections?

The Hollo-Bolt was designed for connecting to structural sections and needs an obstacle free area for the sleeve to expand. Once the component is installed correctly the section can then be filled with concrete.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT inquiries@lindapterusa.com
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Lindapter offers the Toggle Clamp as the ideal service suspension connection for pre-cast hollow core concrete slabs. This versatile connector is also compatible with HSS, steel sheeting & purlins.

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Lindapter provides a wide range of connection solutions for suspending building services, such as pipe work, sprinklers & suspended ceilings, from structural or supporting steel.

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