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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR ZAP SCREWLOK “SL” SERIES COUPLERS ON GRADE 60 REBAR [U.S. METRIC GRADE 420]

Slide the **ZAP SCREWLOK ‘SL’** coupler over one of the rebar ends until the rebar touches the positive center stop of the coupler, as shown in Figure 1. Do not under-insert, as shown in Figure 2. If the coupler is specially supplied **without** a center stop or if the center stop is removed, measure and mark the rebar for one half of the coupler length ($L/2$) before inserting it into the coupler per Figure 3 and Chart 1.

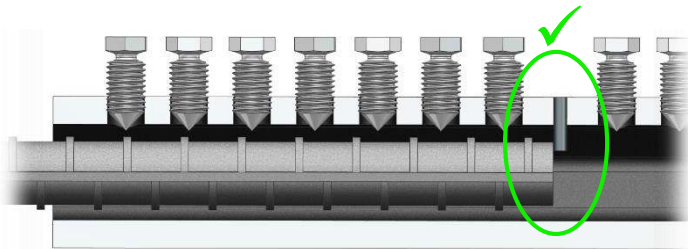


Figure 1. **Correct** Rebar Insertion Depth

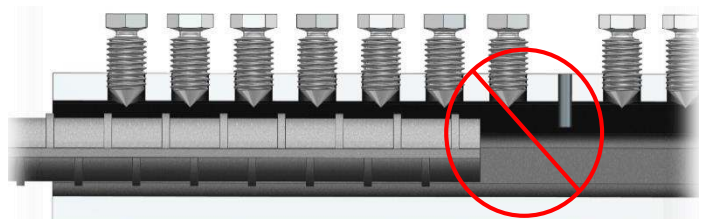


Figure 2. **Incorrect** Rebar Insertion Depth

Using an **impact wrench** and a **socket “S”** per Chart 1, tighten the twist-off screws starting **at the end** of the coupler and working your way **toward the middle** of the coupler. Tighten each screw until the head of the screw **twists off**. See Chart 1 for approximate twist-off torque. **THE CORRECT IMPACT WRENCH TORQUE RATING MUST BE USED WHEN INSTALLING THIS PRODUCT.** For **best performance** and **ease of installation**, Barsplice recommends the use of a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch drive pneumatic **impact wrench** and suitable socket. Make sure the impact wrench is rated to achieve at least the minimum impact wrench torque specified in **CHART 1** to avoid stalling. The **air supply** line should have a minimum diameter of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. The air compressor should be large enough to provide **100 psi** (7 bar) gauge pressure & deliver 45 cfm of air flow.

For illustration purposes only. See **CHART 1** on page 2 for number of screws and twist-off torque.

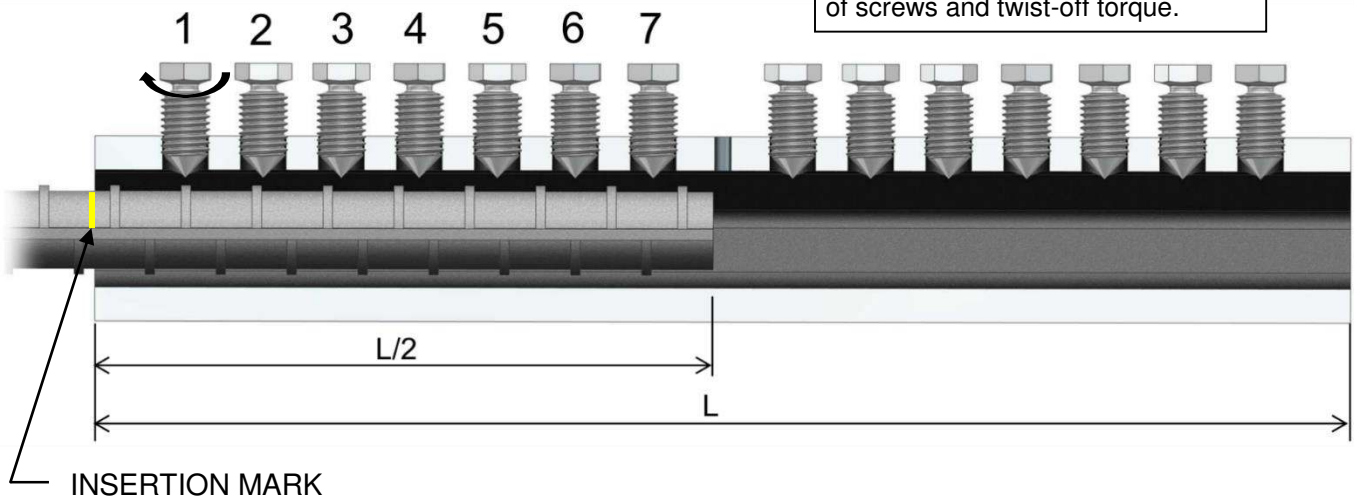


Figure 3. **Correct** Tightening Order, 1ST Side

Once the screws on the first side have been tightened down and heads twisted off, **insert the other** rebar into the coupler until it butts up **against the center stop** per Figure 4. If the coupler has no center stop, insert the second rebar until it butts up **against the first rebar**. In the **same order** as the first side, tighten the screws until the heads twist-off working from the end of the coupler toward the middle of the coupler.

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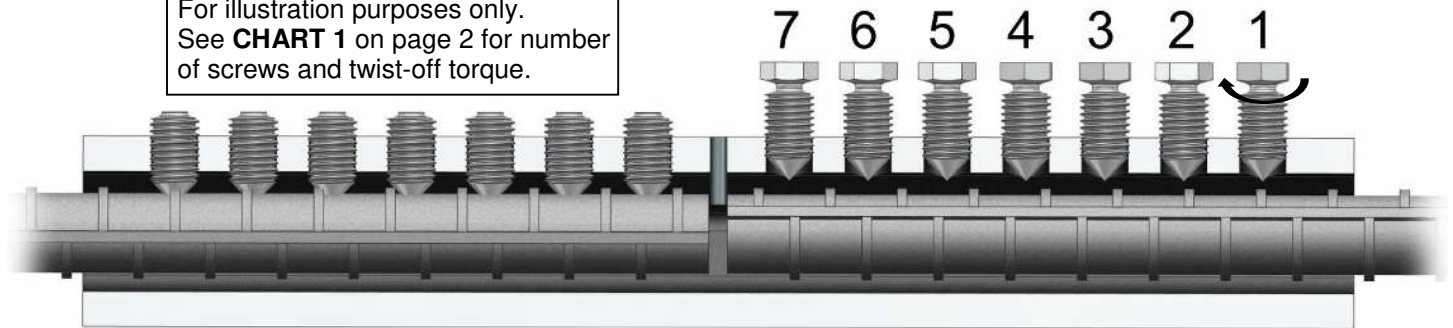


Figure 4. **Correct** Tightening Order, 2nd Side

DO NOT USE THESE COUPLERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH REBAR WHICH IS LARGER OR SMALLER THAN THE INTENDED BAR SIZE. **KEEP COUPLERS CLEAN AND KEEP THREADS RUST FREE, PER FIGURE 5. STORE COUPLERS IN A CLEAN, DRY PLACE UNTIL READY TO INSTALL. RUST IN THE THREADS PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY, PER FIGURE 6, IS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT COULD RESULT IN LOWER PERFORMANCE OF THE ASSEMBLED SPLICE.**



Figure 5. Clean **Acceptable** Coupler



Figure 6. **Unacceptable** Rust in Coupler Threads

CHART 1

REBAR SIZE US [metric]	APPROXIMATE COUPLER LENGTH "L" (in.)	½ COUPLER LENGTH "L / 2" (in.)	NUMBER OF SCREWS PER BAR	SOCKET SIZE "S"	AVERAGE SCREW TWIST-OFF TORQUE "T" (ft-lb)	MINIMUM IMPACT WRENCH TORQUE RATING (ft-lb)
#4 [13]	5	2 ½	2	½	60	250
#5 [16]	7	3 ½	3	½	60	250
#6 [19]	9	4 ½	4	½	60	250
#7 [22]	10 ¾	5 ⅜	4	⅝	105	500
#8 [25]	13	6 ½	5	⅝	105	500
#9 [29]	13 ¾	6 ⅞	4	¾	215	750
#10 [32]	16 ½	8 ¼	5	¾	215	750
#11 [36]	19	9 ½	6	¾	215	750

▼ Example of suitable impact wrench is Ingersoll Rand, IR 261

CAUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. **Do not use** an open-ended wrench or an adjustable wrench because of the risk of rounding-out the hexagon head prior to reaching the torque needed to break off the head.
2. Prior to assembly, straighten excessively bent rebar ends so that proper wedge contact is made between rebar and coupler. BAR ENDS should be straight to within $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in 18 inches. For curved rebar with a diameter that exceeds 54 feet, a bar end straightness check is not necessary. If needed, grind-off large shear lips that prevent proper insertion of rebar into coupler. **DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT ON CURVED COLUMN REBAR ENDS.**
3. If removal of the center stop is necessary, use a hammer and punch or large nail to tap it out of the coupling body.
4. Replace missing screws immediately with BPI special screws only. **DO NOT ALLOW THREADED HOLES TO RUST.**
5. If bars are corroded, removal of rust/corrosion must be performed to the same degree as that required to bond with concrete prior to installing the Zap coupler. Testing of old or severely corroded bars is recommended to ensure the integrity of the adjoining bars and compliance to design requirements. Performance statements of Zap couplers are based upon the use of ASTM **A 615/A 706**, Grade 60 rebar.
6. This product is NOT suitable for use on EPOXY COATED or GALVANIZED REBARS. If epoxy bars are to be spliced, use the EPOXY series of Zap Screwlok. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO EPOXY COAT OR HOT-DIP GALVANIZE THIS PRODUCT IN ANY WAY. DO NOT ALLOW ABRASIVE BLAST MATERIAL TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH UNASSEMBLED THREADS.**
7. In all cases, consider your own **personal safety**. Make sure you are securely positioned and that you will not slip or fall during installation.

Please direct all assembly questions to BarSplice Products, Inc.