

Bolt Axial force Calculations

Ref: Bosch Automotive Handbook, 6th ed., p. 292 ff with corrections for the head friction term

$M_k := 200$		applied torque, lb ft
$d_{nom} := 1.5$		nominal bolt diameter
$p := 6$		thread pitch (thread/in)
$d_{head} := 0.5$		head contact diameter (in); in this case, the contact diam with the axle
$\mu_g := 0.15$		fundamental coef of friction of the threads
$\mu_k := 0.25$		coef of friction of the bolt head
$\alpha := 60 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}$		thread profile (usually 60 deg.)
$h_{th} := \frac{1}{2.0 \cdot p \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}$	$h_{th} = 0.144$	Thread height (ideal profile)
$d2 := d_{nom} - 2 \cdot h_{th}$	$d2 = 1.211$	bolt minor ("flank") diameter
$t := \frac{\mu_g}{\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}$	$t = 0.173$	
$\rho := \text{atan}(t)$	$\rho = 0.172$	effective coef of friction, threads
$M_k := 12 \cdot M_k$		convert torque to lb in
$\phi := \text{atan}\left(\frac{1}{\pi \cdot d2 \cdot p}\right)$	$\phi = 0.044$	thread pitch angle
$\phi \cdot \frac{180}{\pi} = 2.508$		thread pitch angle in degrees
$r1 := 0.0$	$r2 := 0.5 \cdot d_{head}$	radii for head friction term
$F_v := \frac{M_k}{\frac{d2}{2} \cdot \tan(\phi + \rho) + \mu_k \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{r2^3 - r1^3}{r2^2 - r1^2}\right)}$		axial force, pounds
$F_v = 1.379 \cdot 10^4$		