

ne aim of this article is to dispel the mistaken opinion that the technocrats, concretely fastener experts, are "squares"*, they reportedly have no sense of humour. It is not true at all. A bolt boy but also the following Fastener Vademecum, made in Hum Bolt (meaning humour bolt), have to persuade you about it.

Fastener Vademecum:

- 1. A precise construction, when uncontrolled tightening, is for a bolt connection as valid as a coat to the dead.
- 2. When the jingle of bolts is accompanied by the jingle of coins, the music sounds the most beautifully.
- 3. Murphy's Bolt Law: When there are needed four same bolts you will find three for sure.
- 4. We are not so rich to be allowed to buy cheap bolts.
- 5. Not only coefficient of friction is dependent on lubrication.
- 6. Why is bolt a boy but not a girl? Because he also has a head.
- 7. Show me some bolts and I tell you where you stole them.
- 8. During the day, trade briskly with the fasteners, however do only such trades to sleep at night calmly. (a paraphrase from Budenbrook's by Thomas Mann)
- 9. There is no danger of communism from the side of bolts because they mostly move to the right.
- 10. A torque wrench can become a crucial moment of bolt connections.
- 11. A bolt connection behaves analogically with coalition in the political sense. It holds together while both sides (i.e. bolt and nut) move in the same course.
- 12. To tighten bolts rather than the belts.

Finally, here is a little illustration from the sortiment of the Hum Bolt Ltd.

Special screw needs a special tool!



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^{*} a square in old-fashioned informal English means a boring person (without any humour or does not like new things or exciting ideas.)