

# Alignment Checklist

## 1) Pre-Alignment checks:

- Lock-out and tag-out the equipment you will be working on.
- Clean the area under and around the feet of loose rust, dirt and paint.
- Make sure that the base, grout and feet of the machines to be aligned are in good condition.
- Remove any existing pipe strain if possible.

## 2) Rough Alignment:

- Loosen all bolts and make sure the alignment is close by eyesight.
- Fill any obvious gaps under the feet.
- Torque bolts to correct amount.

## 3) First Alignment Check:

- Mount the brackets, heads and center the laser.
- Enter the proper dimensions as well as any thermal growth or targets that are required.
- Take at least two sets of readings in order to establish repeatability.
- Ensure that the feet of the moveable machine are within .075" of the horizontal center line.

## 4) Soft Foot Correction:

- Measure each foot using the laser alignment system.
- Diagnose the type of soft foot, if any, and make the necessary corrections.
- Get all soft foot readings as low as possible with a goal of no more than .002" on any foot.

## 5) Final alignment:

- Measure the misalignment once all soft feet corrections have been made.
- Align the machines to within the specified tolerances for their rotating speed.
- Measure again to make sure you have what you think you have.

## 6) Saving and Documentation:

- Save the file using the accepted format.
- Generate a PDF report or upload the file to the alignment software for future reference.

## 7) Final Housekeeping and Safety Items

- Make sure all guards are fastened back in place.
- Clean up the work area and remove all trash and tools.
- Sign-out and remove any locks you have on the equipment.



### TOLERANCES FOR SHAFT ALIGNMENT

RPM	OFFSET thous		GAP thous/10"		SPACER SHAFT thous/inch	
	EXCELLENT	OK	EXCELLENT	OK	EXCELLENT	OK
600	5.0	9.0	10.0	15.0	1.8	3.0
900	3.0	6.0	7.0	10.0	1.2	2.0
1200	2.5	4.0	5.0	8.0	0.9	1.5
1800	2.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	0.6	1.0
3600	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	0.3	0.5
7200	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.15	0.25
Softfoot tolerance is 2.0 thous						

SAE Bolt Suggested Torque Specs		
Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8
5/16"	15 FT-LB	20 FT-LB
3/8"	30 FT-LB	35 FT-LB
7/16"	45 FT-LB	60 FT-LB
1/2"	65 FT-LB	90 FT-LB
9/16"	95 FT-LB	130 FT-LB
5/8"	135 FT-LB	175 FT-LB
3/4"	185 FT-LB	280 FT-LB

### Thermal Growth Calculation Sheet

Thermal Growth = (Avg. Temp. Hot - Avg. Temp. Cold) x Height x Coefficient of Expansion

Hot = temperatures at operating condition.  
Cold = temperatures when aligning.

Target

Hot Cold Hot Cold

•  +  +

•  +  +

•  +  +

•  +  +

-  Averages  -

← Avg. Temp. Change →

X

← Height →

=

X

← Coefficient of Expansion →

=

← Thermal Growth →

Target

Hot Cold Hot Cold

•  +  +

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-  Averages  -

← Avg. Temp. Change →

X

← Height →

=

X

← Coefficient of Expansion →

=

← Thermal Growth →

**COEFFICIENTS OF EXPANSION**

Material	Mils °F
Carbon Steel	0.0063
Aluminum	0.0124
Cast Iron	0.0059
Nickel Steel	0.0073
Stainless Steel	0.0095
Concrete	0.0065 - 0.008

Enter height in inches, answer in mils.