GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLATION

The many mounting hole options offered with IDC isolators makes installing them simple. In order to facilitate installation and insure successful performance, certain guidelines should be followed when selecting isolator mounting holes:

1. Plain clearance holes (-F configuration) should generally be avoided unless other mounting hole options are not feasible. This is especially true for applications involving shock where large displacements can be expected. The bolt heads can severely reduce the isolator's available sway space. In addition, installation of the -F configuration can prove difficult for low profile isolators.

2. The -C configuration (combination c'sink thru holes & threaded inserts) usually provides the easiest installation. First bolt the isolator in place using the top holes as a clearance for an Allen wrench. Then lower the equipment down and bolt to top of isolator.

3. When selecting hardware for countersunk or plain clearance hole configurations, be sure that the length of the bolt does not exceed the distance between the inner bars. This distance is easily calculated by subtracting the combined bar thicknesses from the overall height.
4. When specifying isolators with threaded inserts, limit protrusion of bolt to approximately two threads into the space between the bars. This is especially important for applications involving large displacements. A protruding bolt can significantly reduce the available sway space.

5. Use proper amount of tightening torque when installing isolators. The amount of torque will depend on the size and material of the installation hardware. Over-tightening may result in damaging threaded inserts; Under-tightening may result in hardware becoming loose during conditions of shock & vibration. This is especially true for the side of the isolator subjected to vibration/shock. Use of Loctite or other locking features, is recommended to prevent loosening of hardware. All IDC isolators are available with locking inserts.

6. For applications where installation is difficult, the use of transition plates may become necessary. A secondary benefit of transition plates is they provide structural rigidity to the equipment and/or mounting surfaces. See section under "Specials & Systems" for examples.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the installation of IDC Isolators.