



**Model 119B12**  
**Charge Output Pressure Sensor**  
**Installation and Operating Manual**

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# OPERATION MANUAL FOR QUARTZ PRESSURE SENSOR Model 119B & 119B02, B11 & B12

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

PCB® Series 119B are unique sensors featuring 100,000 psi capability, acceleration compensation and a rugged one piece integral machined diaphragm. The Models 119B and 119B02 are rated to 80,000 and 120,000 psi, respectively. The 119B11 and 119B12 are the same as the B01 and B02, but they have floating clamp nuts instead of integral mounting threads on the body.

These sensors are primarily for measuring ballistic chamber pressures during R & D and production testing of ammunition. They may also be used for explosive air blast and other high pressure measurements in extreme shock environments where ultra-fast, micro-second response is required.

The shoulder seal design features a one-piece diaphragm machined integral with the housing for ruggedness. A ceramic coating is applied to the diaphragm to minimize flash temperature effects.

The charge output from the 119B series is negative, making them compatible with inverting type charge amplifiers.

A positive output model is available for use with non-inverting amplifiers such as the PCB® miniature source follower Series 402A.

## 2.0 DESCRIPTION

Series 119B contains an acceleration compensated quartz element with an integral seismic mass that counteracts the acceleration effects of the end piece and diaphragm and acts to extend the frequency characteristics and enhance the transient response of the sensor.

The machined diaphragm is made from maraging steel, selected because of its high strength and durability.

As shown in Figure 1, four quartz crystals are employed, two for acceleration compensation and two for active production of charge when acted upon by pressure. The short, rigid element and stiff diaphragm give the Series 119B a 400 kHz natural frequency and good linearity, even below 1000 psi.

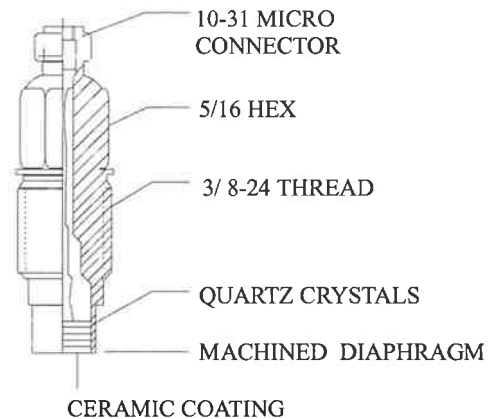


Figure 1  
Series 119B Internal Construction

## 3.0 INSTALLATION

The Series 119B, with 3/8-24 (M10 x 1.0 for metric) thread and flush diaphragm design also mount in existing ports for PCB® Series 108, 109, 118, 119, 165 and 167 sensors.

**Caution:** Extra care should be exercised to avoid bottoming in the mounting hole when recess mounted or when mounting into existing ports as the sensor diaphragm may be damaged.

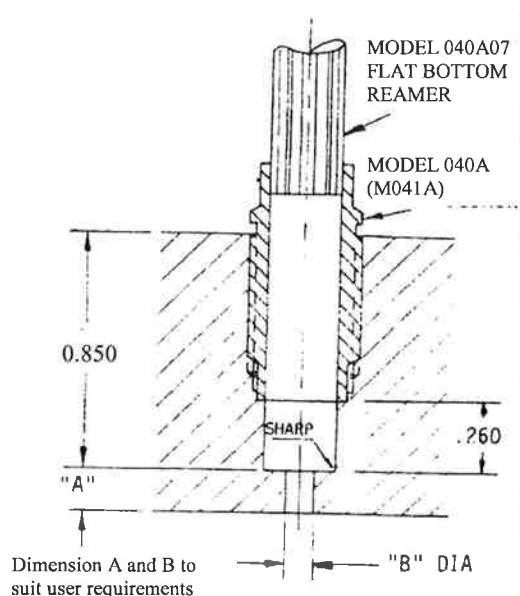
Prepare mounting ports in accordance with instructions given on the installation drawing provided in this manual. Use good machining practice paying particular attention to the sealing surface, keeping it free from tool chatter marks, nicks and other imperfections that could preclude a pressure seal. Use of an optional PCB Model 040B20 SAE thread or Model 040B21 metric tool kit is recommended.

Install the sensor using only one of the seals provided and use a torque wrench to monitor the mounting torque value specified on the installation drawing. It is recommended to replace the seal each time the sensor is re-installed.

For fastest response time, flush mounting should be used to avoid passage resonances and attenuation of rise time.

### 3.1 MOUNTING IN EXISTING RECESSED PORTS

Before installing the sensor in previously used mounting ports, clean out the residue left by previous tests, as shown in Figure 2 below.



**Figure 2  
Recessed Mount Seal Surface Cleaning**

The ports can be cleaned by hand-reaming the 0.252 inch (6.4 mm) diameter hole using a PCB® Model 040A07 (Part Nr. 100-8075-10 for metric mount) end cutting reamer (or equivalent). The reamer is guided using Reamer Bushing Model 040A for SAE threaded mounts and M041A for metric mounts.

If waveform distortion occurs during prolonged testing, remove the sensor and clean the residue as illustrated above.

If the shoulder seal requires re-machining for proper sealing after prolonged use in a recessed mount, the installation drawing should be reviewed as the 0.252 inch (6.4 mm) diameter hole must also be deepened accordingly. If the 0.252 inch (6.4 mm) hole is not re-machined, the sensor may bottom when installed.

### 3.2 PREPARING NEW MOUNTING PORTS

Use good machining practices when preparing the mounting port, paying particular attention to keeping the seal surface free from tool chatter marks.

*Note: It is important that this surface be perfectly smooth and free from nicks or other discontinuities. These cause leaks at high pressures.*

### 3.3 RECESSED MOUNT

Recessed mounting protects the sensor diaphragm from the effects of high flash temperatures and particle impingement from blast effects, prolonging sensor life.

The recommended range of passage diameters is from 0.090 to 0.125 inch (2.29 to 3.18 mm).

The response limitation of the recessed mounting technique is determined by the length of the passage.

The passage behaves like an under-damped second order system, with a resonant frequency determined by its length. The length may have a limiting effect on pressure pulse rise time and cause passage ringing in cases where the passage is too long.

The following relationship estimates this resonant frequency ( $f_r$ ):

$$f_r = \frac{V}{4L} \quad (\text{Hz}) \quad (\text{EQ. 1})$$

Where:  $f_r$  = Resonant frequency of passage (Hz)

$V$  = Velocity of sound in air (ft/sec)

$L$  = linear length of column plus 40% of the diameter (ft)

For air at room temp, (EQ. 1) becomes:

$$f_r = \frac{13392}{L} \quad (\text{EQ. 2})$$

Where:  $L$  = Effective passage length (in.)

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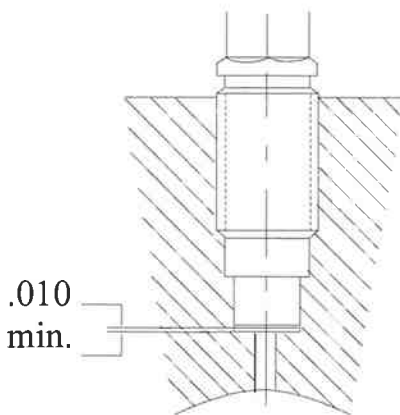
The natural frequency estimate and approximate fastest Pressure step rise time for various length passages is shown in the following chart. (Medium, air at 25 °C).

PASSAGE LENGTH (in)	PASSAGE RESONANCE (kHz)	APPROX. FASTEST PULSE RISE TIME (uSec)
.050	66	5
.100	33	10
.200	16.5	20
.50	6.6	50
1.0	3.3	100

Resonant frequencies measured during testing may differ slightly from the chart values. Discrepancies may be caused by variations in the velocity of sound in air resulting from fluctuations in air temperature and pressure.

If possible, keep passage lengths below 0.10 in (2.54 mm) for best results in most ballistic applications, especially when measuring port and case mouth pressures.

For best frequency matching of passage to diaphragm, maintain the 0.010 inch (0.254 mm) clearance shown in Figure 3 below.



**Figure 3**

Drawing Number: 21110  
Revision: A  
ECO Number: 30725

### 3.4 FLUSH MOUNT

When flush mounting, there is no reduced area passage from the sensor diaphragm to the test chamber; rather the sensor diaphragm is mounted flush with (or slightly recessed from) the inside surface of the test chamber.

**Important:** Use this type of installation only if space or rise time considerations preclude the use of the recessed installation technique. In severe pyrotechnic environments, sensor life may be severely limited with flush installation.

### 3.5 FLASH TEMPERATURE EFFECTS

The sensors are manufactured with a heat-resistance ceramic coating on the diaphragm. The ceramic coating on the diaphragm of these sensors should render the flash thermal effect insignificant in most cases, especially when recess mounted.

In cases where flash temperatures such as those generated by blasts and shock fronts are present, it may be necessary to apply additional thermally insulating material to minimize signals generated by these effects. Such signals are usually longer term and will usually show up as baseline shift long after the event to be measured has passed.

#### Flush Mounting:

A silicone rubber coating approximately 0.010 inch (0.254 mm) thick has been proven effective in many field applications. G.E. type 106 RTV is recommended; available from PCB® as Model 065A67.

Black vinyl electrical tape has also been found to be an effective ablative material in many cases. One or more layers may be used across the diaphragm as needed.

#### Recessed Mounting:

If increased protection from flash thermal effects is required, the recess mount passage can be filled with silicone grease (DC-4 or equivalent).

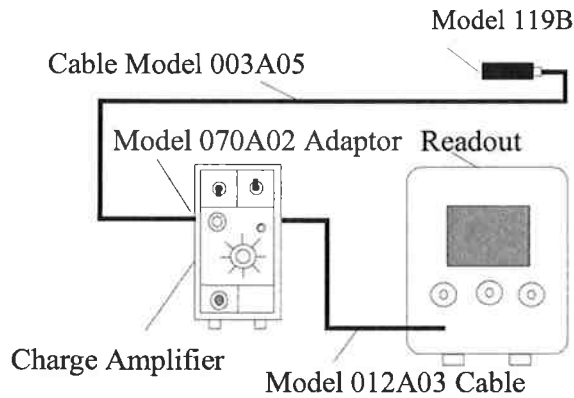
### 3.6 INSTALLING CABLES

Use only low noise coaxial cable (PCB® Series 003 or equivalent), to connect the sensor to the charge amplifier, in-line voltage amplifier, or other high

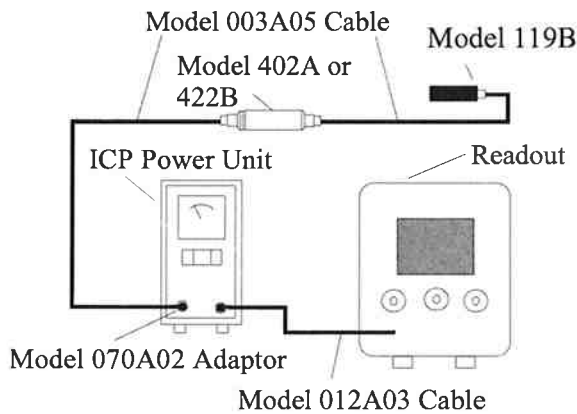
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input impedance readout instrument. Protect the ultra-high impedance connection against moisture contamination with shrink tubing or other suitable means. It is good practice to support sensor cables by tying them to rigid structures, to prevent excessive motion which can generate noise and shorten cable life. Allow an adequate strain relief loop.

Figures 4 and 5 illustrate typical circuit connections.



**Figure 4  
Charge Amplifier Measuring Chain**



**Figure 5  
Source Follower Measuring Chain**

## 4.0 OPERATION

Most test set-ups will include Series 119B sensors coupled with electrostatic charge amplifiers, such as PCB® Model 443B02.

*Note:* Keep the charge amplifier input cable as short as practical. Electrical noise at the output of any charge amplifier is directly related to input cable length (capacitance).

Depress the ground button of the charge amplifier and adjust electrical zero if necessary. Range the amplifier as required, to give the necessary full-scale voltage.

For normal, drift-free operation, switch charge amplifier time constant selector to “medium” or “short” during use.

## 4.1 POLARITY

Since most charge amplifiers are inverting amplifiers, Series 119B sensors are designed to produce a negative-going charge as pressure increases on the diaphragm.

Special positive output versions are available for use with non-inverting ICP® source follower amplifiers; Series 402A.

## 5.0 CALIBRATION

Series 119B sensors are supplied with a calibration certificate from the factory. Recalibration services are provided at the factory for a nominal charge.

They can be calibrated using quasi-static hydraulic techniques such as dead weight testers or by comparison with a strain gage reference.

Use the charge amplifier on "long time constant" and allow the sensor to thermally stabilize before attempting to calibrate.

*Note: Do not attempt to use a charge amplifier which has less than a 5000 second time constant in the "long time constant" position.*

Several charge amplifiers are specially designed for use with ceramic accelerometers measuring higher frequencies. In general, this type of charge amplifier is not suitable for calibration of quartz pressure sensors by quasi-static means.

## 6.0 MAINTENANCE

Regular inspection of the sensor diaphragm, threads and connector is good practice.

The only maintenance required on Series 119B sensors is cleaning of the connector to restore insulation resistance.

During use in damp environments or after a period of storage, the insulation resistance of these sensors may degrade ( $10^{12}$  ohms is normal).

To restore insulation, wipe the connector end with a clean cloth or paper towel dipped in Lenium® or an equivalent solvent, followed by an isopropyl alcohol wipe. Bake the sensor in a 250 °F (120 °C) oven for several hours. A vacuum oven, if available, will speed the process.

Contact the factory for further assistance if the insulation resistance cannot be restored.



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119B12

# CHARGE OUTPUT PRESSURE SENSOR

Revision: D  
ECN #: 27048

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<b>Performance</b>			
Sensitivity(± 15 %)	0.25 pC/psi	0.036 pC/kPa	
Measurement Range	0 to 120,000 psi	0 to 827,000 kPa	
Maximum Pressure	125 kpsi	862,000 kPa	
Resolution	≤ 1 psi	≤ 7 kPa	
Resonant Frequency	≥ 400 kHz	≥ 400 kHz	
Rise Time(Reflected)	≤ 2 μ sec	≤ 2 μ sec	
Non-Linearity	≤ 2 % FS	≤ 2 % FS	[2]
<b>Environmental</b>			
Acceleration Sensitivity	≤ 0.02 psi/g	≤ 0.015 kPa/(m/s <sup>2</sup> )	
Temperature Range(Operating)	-300 to 400 °F	-184 to 204 °C	
Temperature Coefficient of Sensitivity	≤ 0.07 %/°F	≤ 0.126 %/°C	
Maximum Flash Temperature	4000 °F	2204 °C	
Maximum Vibration	2000 g pk	19,614 m/s <sup>2</sup> pk	
Maximum Shock	50,000 g pk	490,330 m/s <sup>2</sup> pk	
<b>Electrical</b>			
Output Polarity(Positive Pressure)	Negative	Negative	[1]
Capacitance	20 pF	20 pF	
Insulation Resistance(at room temp)	≥ 1E12 ohm	≥ 1E12 ohm	
<b>Physical</b>			
Sensing Element	Quartz	Quartz	
Housing Material	C-300	C-300	
Diaphragm	C-300	C-300	[3]
Sealing	Epoxy	Epoxy	
Electrical Connector	10-32 Coaxial Jack	10-32 Coaxial Jack	
Weight	.5 oz	14 gm	

All specifications are at room temperature unless otherwise specified.  
In the interest of constant product improvement, we reserve the right to change specifications without notice.  
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## OPTIONAL VERSIONS

Optional versions have identical specifications and accessories as listed for the standard model except where noted below. More than one option may be used.

<b>H - Hermetic Seal</b>		
Housing Material	17-4 Stainless Steel	17-4 Stainless Steel
Maximum Shock	20,000 g pk	196,200
Sealing	Welded Hermetic	Welded Hermetic

**M - Metric Mount**

**P - Positive Output Polarity**

**W - Water Resistant Cable**

### NOTES:

- [1] Nominal.
- [2] Zero-based, least-squares, straight line method.
- [3] Ceramic coated.

### SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES:

Model 065A06 Seal ring 0.318" OD x 0.250" ID x 0.010" thk 316L SS material (3)

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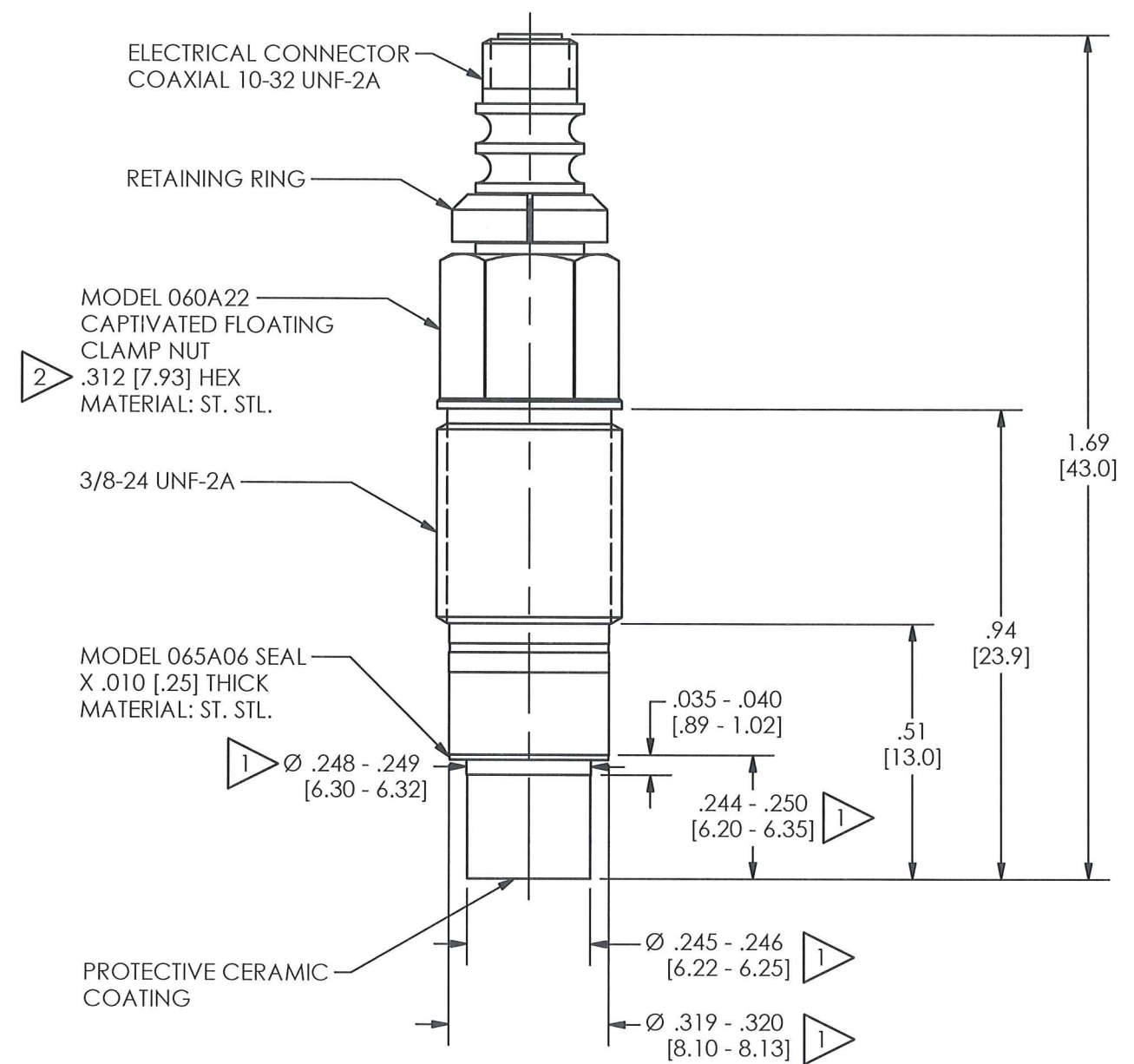
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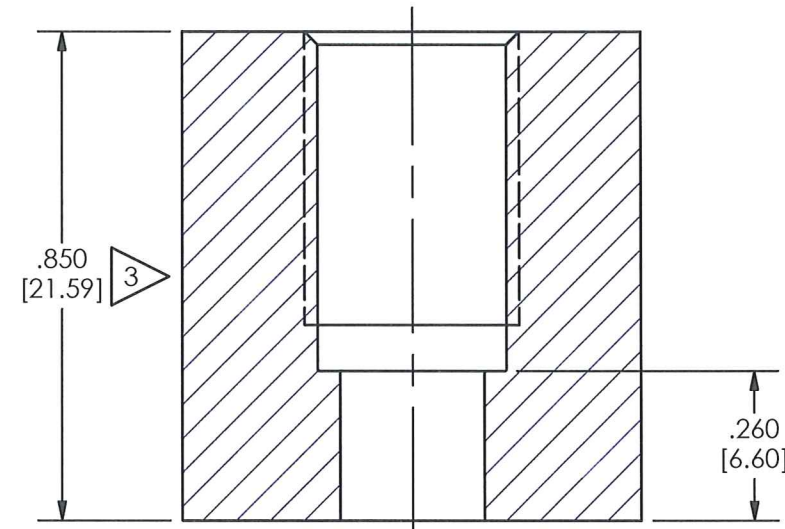
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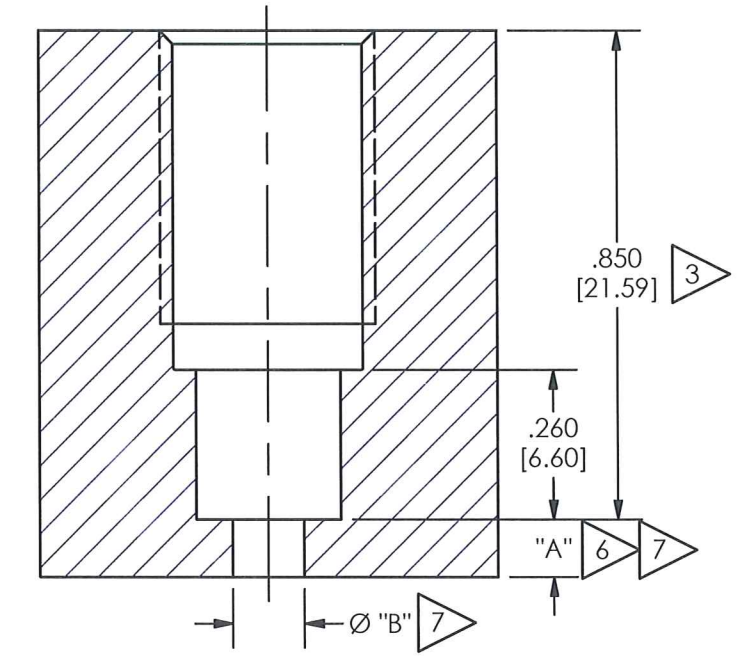
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FLUSH INSTALLATION



RECESSED INSTALLATION



MOUNTING HOLE DIMENSIONS

- 3 5  $\square$   $\varnothing .252 \pm .001 [6.40 \pm .03]$  THRU
- 4 5  $\square$   $\varnothing .332 \pm .001 [8.43 \pm .03]$  ( $\nabla .590 [14.99]$ )
- 8 3/8-24 UNF-2B  $\nabla .510 [12.95]$

MOUNTING HOLE DIMENSIONS

- 3 5  $\square$   $\varnothing .252 \pm .001 [6.40 \pm .03]$   $\nabla .850 [21.59]$
- 4 5  $\square$   $\varnothing .332 \pm .001 [8.43 \pm .03]$  ( $\nabla .590 [14.99]$ )
- 8 3/8-24 UNF-2B  $\nabla .510 [12.95]$

- 8 CAUTION: DO NOT TOUCH SEAL SURFACE WITH TAP WHEN TAPPING HOLE.
- 7 DIMENSION "A" & "B" TO SUIT USER REQUIREMENTS.
- 6 KEEP "A" AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE, SEE OPERATING GUIDE FOR OPTIMUM PASSAGE LENGTH.
- 5 THESE DIAMETERS TO BE CONCENTRIC WITHIN .001 [.03] TIR.
- 4 SEAL SURFACE SHOULD BE FLAT AND FREE OF TOOL MARKS WITH A MINIMUM 63[1.6] FINISH FOR BEST RESULTS.
- 3 DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE FOR .850 [21.59] WALL THICKNESS. COUNTERBORE FOR THICKER WALL.
- 2 RECOMMENDED MOUNTING TORQUE ON .312 [7.93] HEX: 27-32 FT-LB [36-43 N-M].
- 1 MATERIAL: C-300 MARAGING STEEL.

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