



Torque Wrenches

# Operation and Maintenance Manual



The RUFNEX Series Extra Low Clearance Ratchet Links are essential for limited clearance applications. Featuring a reduced width and reduced radius, as well as a durable steel reaction plate, the RUFNEX Series fits standard 4HEXPRO and 4HEXDRV Power Heads. This manual applies only to the TorsionX RUFNEX Torque Wrenches Series. TorsionX reserves the right to change this document at any time without notice.



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# Carrier Damage Inspection

**Upon receipt of this tool, inspect the package for damage.**

Carefully inspect all components of tool for damage incurred during shipping. If any damage is found, notify the carrier at once. Shipping damage is NOT covered by warranty. The carrier is responsible for all repair or replacement costs resulting from damage in shipment.

## Introduction to Safety Precautions

Use RUFNEX Series Torque Wrenches to install and remove large bolts with limited clearance. TorsionX wrenches provide precision torque during bolt makeup and maximum torque for bolt breakout. Safety procedures and proper operating practices must be followed to avoid equipment damage, equipment failure, and personal injury or death.

Read and understand this Operation and Maintenance Manual prior to use. Replace worn or damaged parts with genuine TorsionX replacement parts. Use of other parts may result in safety hazards, decreased tool performance, increased maintenance and may invalidate warranty.

This document assumes that the operator of the RUFNEX Hydraulic Torque Wrench and associated products is trained and competent to do so. Only qualified operators should be allowed to operate equipment. This manual does not replace in-person training, nor does it cover every situation encountered while installing, operating, or maintaining the product. Training is imperative to safely handle and operate hydraulic torque tools.

TorsionX is not responsible for any damage to the equipment from improper use. Nor is TorsionX responsible for injury or death resulting from improper/unsafe use or a lack of equipment maintenance. For questions or concerns, contact TorsionX directly or a trained distributor of TorsionX products.

# Warnings

## Work Area Safety:

- Ensure work areas are clean and well-lit.
- Only trained operators or authorized persons should be near the task site.
- NEVER operate tools in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or material.

## Hydraulic Safety Precautions:

### Personal Protection Equipment:

- When operating or performing maintenance on hydraulic equipment, ALWAYS use proper safety equipment and clothing. Consult with your company's safety representative for this information.

### Before Operating Hydraulic Torque Tools:

- Read all instructions, warnings, and precautions before every operation. Comply with the safety precautions to avoid personal injury or equipment damage while operating this power tool.
  - DO NOT remove any labels from products. Replace any unreadable labels immediately.
- Always inspect the hydraulic hose assembly for damage before using it.
- Confirm there is a hydraulic gauge before operating hydraulic tools. Never use a hydraulic torque wrench without a hydraulic gauge to indicate working pressure.
- To avoid personal injuries and/or equipment damage, be sure that all hydraulic components are rated for 10,000PSI (700bar) operating pressure.
- Make sure the hydraulic torque wrench swivel couplings, hose couplings and hydraulic power pack couplings are clean/free of debris prior to connecting the hydraulic torque wrench and hydraulic hose assembly to the assembled power pack. Loose or dirty couplers will cause tool to not operate properly.
- Ensure the tool is correctly and securely coupled to its pump with both hydraulic hoses.
  - NEVER pressurize uncoupled couplers.
- **To avoid personal injuries, equipment damage and/or warranty invalidation:**
  - DO NOT Modify any component of the hydraulic torque wrench.
  - DO NOT Adjust the hydraulic torque wrench safety relief valve located inside the swivel couplings.

#### During Hydraulic Torque Tool Operation:

- NEVER exceed the maximum rated pressure of any hydraulic equipment.
  - For hydraulic systems that have different pressure ratings, do not exceed the pressure rating of the lowest-rated component in the system.
- NEVER handle a pressurized hydraulic hose.
  - This could lead to an oil injection injury which needs immediate medical attention.
- NEVER connect or disconnect hydraulic equipment that is pressurized.
- ALWAYS ensure that there is a proper reaction point before operating equipment.
- When there are multiple operators, ensure that there is clear communication between the parties.
- If a problem arises during use, shut off the power immediately and consult your TorsionX distributor.
  - Neither TorsionX nor its distributors are responsible for damage caused by unsafe and/or faulty operations.
- If a tool becomes damaged, immediately stop usage and have the part repaired or replaced.

#### After Operating a Hydraulic Torque Tool:

- NEVER disconnect a hose from a pressurized hydraulic system.
- NEVER loosen a coupler that is pressurized.
  - This could lead to an oil injection injury which needs immediate medical attention.

## Cautions

- Do NOT expose the hydraulic hose assembly to high temperatures.
- Keep all hydraulic torque wrench components away from excessive heat, flame, moving machine parts, sharp edges, and chemicals.
- Do NOT use a damaged hydraulic hose assembly. Replace it immediately.
  - Avoid sharp bends and kinks when routing the hydraulic hose assembly. This will cause severe backpressure and damage the internal lining of the hose leading to premature failure.
  - DO NOT drive over or drop heavy objects onto the hydraulic hose assembly. These forces may damage hose wire strands and applying pressure to a damaged hose assembly may cause it to rupture.
- NEVER lift, carry, or move any hydraulic components by the hose.

# Operation

To operate the TorsionX RUFNEX Series Hydraulic Torque Wrench, a Hydraulic Torque Wrench Pump is required. Reference the PWRPAX Series Operation and Maintenance Manual before beginning use.

NOTE: Only use equipment that properly fits the nut/bolt. Any accessories used should be recommended or manufactured by TorsionX.

## Preparation

Prior to use:

Determine:

- Nut or bolt head size
- Material and strength grade
- The desired torque

Ensure that you know:

- How to properly operate the Hydraulic Torque Wrench Pump
- The maximum working pressure of the HEXPRO or HEXDRV Series
- The maximum torque the stud/bolt can withstand
- The required working pressure that will be applied to the RUFNEX Series
- The torquing sequence/procedure for the job

Inspect:

- All components of the hydraulic torque wrench system to ensure everything is clean and clear of damage
- The hydraulic hose assembly to verify that it is not kinked or damaged.

Appendix VI - presented for reference only - gives typical torque values specified for the most commonly encountered fasteners. You should always abide by established procedures for the job site.

# Setting the Pressure on the Hydraulic Power Pack

Refer to PWRPAX Operating Manual

## Operating the RUFNEX Series Torque Wrench

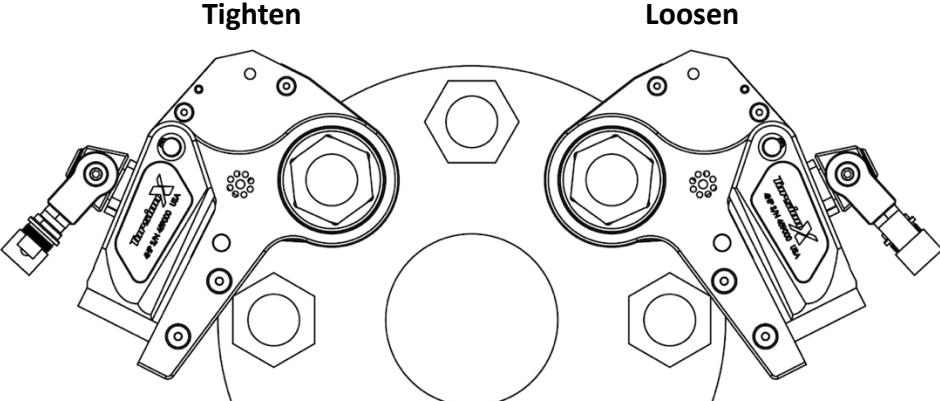
### Pre-Operation Steps:

1. Place the ratchet link on the nut/bolt and ensure it is the correct size and fully engaged. Remove ratchet link from nut/bolt.
2. Connect the hydraulic torque wrench, hydraulic hose assembly and the hydraulic power pack to a hydraulic circuit.
3. Attach the ratchet link to power head.
  - a. Ensure the torque wrench piston is fully retracted and the ratchet link drive plate is pushed forward.
  - b. Remove link pin from power head.
  - c. Insert the fixed pin of the power head into the "hooks" on the ratchet link's side plates.
  - d. Swing the power head down to rest along the base of the ratchet link.
  - e. Align the link pin hole of the power head and link. Insert link pin to secure.
    - i. NOTE: Using the incorrect link pin can damage the tool.
4. Cycle the hydraulic torque wrench to engage the power head with the ratchet link.
5. Adjust pressure to the desired torque:
  - a. With the tool OFF the nut/bolt:
    - i. Hold the Advance Button on the remote control.
    - ii. Adjust the pressure regulator on the pump to the desired pressure.



## Operation Steps:

6. Place the torque wrench on the nut/bolt.
  - a. The nut/bolt turns clockwise for tightening and counterclockwise for loosening.



**Tighten**

**Loosen**

- b. **NOTE: If the nut/bolt does not loosen with the above procedures, the job will require a larger hydraulic torque wrench to loosen the nut/bolt.**
7. Position the reaction surface against an adjacent nut/bolt, flange or solid system component.
  - a. Make certain there is clearance for the hydraulic hose assembly, swivels, and couplings.
  - b. **Do not** allow the tool to react against the hydraulic hose assembly, swivels, or couplings.
8. Check to make sure all body parts are safely out of harm's way before applying pressure to the hydraulic wrench.
  - a. **This tool has massive power and can cause SERIOUS physical harm.**
9. Depress the remote-control advance button to advance the piston.
  - a. The nut/bolt will begin to turn when you apply hydraulic pressure to the hydraulic torque wrench and the reaction surface moves against the reaction point.
10. Once the piston reaches the end of its stroke, release the remote button and the tool will automatically retract the piston.
  - a. **NOTE: Each "advance and retract" of the piston is considered one cycle.**
11. Listen for a "click".
  - a. This indicates that you can push the remote-control button again and the ratchet link will turn.
12. Continue cycling the hydraulic torque wrench until it "stalls" and the preset PSI/Torque has been attained.
  - a. **IMPORTANT: The reading of full preset pressure after the cylinder is extended DOES NOT INDICATE this pressure (torque) is applied to the nut/bolt. It only indicates that the cylinder is fully extended and cannot turn the socket further until the tool automatically resets itself.**
13. Cycle the tool one last time to assure total torque.

### The Loosening Process:

1. Set the hydraulic power pack to 10,000 PSI.
2. Position the reaction surface against an adjacent nut/bolt, flange or solid system component.
3. Press and hold hydraulic power pack's remote control advance button.
4. Pressure will decrease as the nut/bolt begins to turn.
5. When the cylinder is fully extended, you will hear an audible "click".
6. Release the remote-control advance button and the hydraulic torque wrench's cylinder will automatically retract.
7. Listen again for the audible "click".
8. Repeat this process until the fastener can be removed by hand.

**NOTE: If the nut/bolt does not loosen with the above procedures, the job will require a larger hydraulic torque wrench to loosen the nut/bolt.**

### After the Operation:

1. Upon completing the project, turn off the power to the hydraulic power pack.
2. Disconnect the hydraulic power pack from the power source.
3. Disconnect the coupler connections between the hydraulic torque wrench and hydraulic hose assembly.
4. Disconnect the hose assembly from the hydraulic power pack.
5. Loosen the locking ring below the Adjustment Knob on the hydraulic power pack external pressure regulator.
6. Turn the Adjustment Knob counterclockwise until it turns freely and easily.
7. When not in use, store tools and accessories properly to avoid damage.

## APPENDIX

### I. Connecting & Disconnecting the Hydraulic Torque Wrench

Use a twin-line hydraulic hose assembly with a 10,000 PSI operating pressure to connect the wrench to the hydraulic pump.

#### IMPORTANT

To avoid hydraulic torque wrench malfunction:

- DO NOT reverse connectors.
- DO NOT tamper with the set screw in the swivel assembly. It is factory preset for safety purposes and adjustments should only be made by trained personnel.
- Both the advance and retract couplers must be securely connected to the pump before operating. NEVER pressurize the pump if there are disconnected couplers.
- Ensure all couplers are clean before connecting.

To connect:

1. Press the male coupler into the female coupler until no gap between them exists.
2. Twist the band on the female coupler until tight.
3. Repeat for fittings on pump.

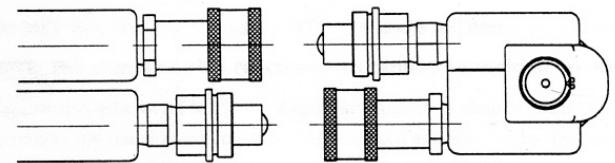


To disconnect:

1. Ensure that the pump is turned off and the pressure has been released.
2. Twist the band on the female coupler until loose.
3. Pull female and male couplers apart.

#### Coupler Placement

**Tool** Advance Side-Male  
Retract Side-Female



**Hose** Advance Side-Female to Female  
Retract Side-Male to Male

**Pump** Advance Side-Male  
Retract Side-Female

## II: Maintenance

**IMPORTANT:** Maintenance should only be performed by a qualified technician. Otherwise, send tools to a TorsionX-certified repair center.

### Lubrication:

- Periodically coat all moving parts with a good quality lubricant.
- Under harsh environmental conditions perform cleaning and lubricating more frequently.

### Hydraulic Hose Assembly:

- Inspect the hydraulic hose assembly for damage (cracks, burns, kinks, etc.) and leaks after each job.
- Replace the hydraulic hose assembly immediately if you find any damage.

### Connectors:

- Keep hydraulic fittings clean and do not allow them to drag on the ground. Even small particles of dirt can cause the internal valves to malfunction.

### Cylinder Seals:

- If the cylinder requires disassembly, replace cylinder seals at the same time.
- Seal kits are readily available.

### Structural Members:

- Inspect all structural parts on the tool periodically for cracks, chips or deformities. If found, replace the part immediately.

### Calibration:

- Calibrate all hydraulic torque wrenches and gauges annually or as required.

### III: Trouble-shooting Chart

SYSTEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	REMEDY
Cylinder will not advance	Couplers are loose or damaged Directional control valve on pump Couplers not mated securely	Tighten/Replace Assemble and clean Tighten
Cylinder will not retract	See above	See above
Cylinder will not build pressure	Piston seal leaks Pump coupling may be broken, not mated properly or coupler is defective Gauge	Replace seals Replace coupling Replace gauge
Cylinder leaks	Leaking seals	Replace housing seal kit
Cylinder operates backwards	Couplers are reversed on hoses, pump or tool	Reverse couplers
Ratchet will not make successive strokes	Defective drive pawl spring Defective drive pawl Cylinder is not retracting completely	Replace Replace Remove tool from job, cycle freely once or twice, and return to job
No pressure reading on gauge	Gauge not tight Pump coupling broken Gauge defective Defective cylinder seals	Tighten gauge coupler Replace Replace Inspect and replace all cylinder seals
Pump will not build pressure	Defective high pressure relief valve Power source is too low Gauge	Inspect and replace Ensure suitable power Replace
Pressure reading erratic	Defective gauge Differential Control Valve	Replace Replace

## IV: Accessories



**Hydraulic Wrench Tool Handle**  
Part Number: 9001TH



**Hydraulic Wrench Reaction Pad**  
Reaction Pad Part Number: #HP-RP  
Link Pin Part Number: #HP-8-L



**Hydraulic Wrench Alco Arm**  
Reaction Pad Part Number: #HP-ALC  
Link Pin Part Number: #HP-9

## V: Recommended Torque For B7 Studs (ASTM A193) Based Upon 50% Yield

Bolt Diameter	Heavy hex nut size (A.F.)	Lubricated torque using copper, graphite or comparable lubricant with a coefficient of friction F-.100 (both nut face and threads should be well lubricated)	Dry steel on steel, no lubricant, coefficient of friction F-.400
3/4"	1-1/4"	157	559
7/8"	1-7/16"	250	893
1"	1-5/8"	373	1332
1-1/8"	1-13/16"	538	1994
1-1/4"	2"	746	2720
1-3/8"	2-3/16"	1000	3678
1-1/2"	2-3/8"	1307	4837
1-5/8"	2-9/16"	1682	6260
1-3/4"	2-3/4"	2109	7888
1-7/8"	2-15/16"	2602	9775
2"	3-1/8"	3167	11942
2-1/8"	3-5/16"	3809	14408
2-1/4"	3-1/2"	4531	17191
2-3/8"	3-11/16"	5339	20310
2-1/2"	3-7/8"	6238	23786
2-3/4"	4-1/4"	7533	28846
3"	4-5/8"	9803	37670
3-1/4"	5"	12488	48129
3-1/2"	5-3/8"	15622	60365
3-3/4"	5-3/4"	19241	74516
4"	6-1/8"	22162	86146
4-1/4"	6-1/2"	23337	90720
4-1/2"	6-7/8"	26332	102513
4-3/4"	7-1/4"	30994	120831
5"	7-5/8"	36176	141210

## VI: RUFNEX Series Torque Wrench Cheat Sheet

- 1) Attach the ratchet link to the power head
- 2) Securely connect the hose assembly to the torque wrench and pump
- 3) Connect power to the pump
- 4) Cycle the torque wrench to engage the power head with the link before placing tool on nut/bolt to ensure proper engagement
- 5) Adjust pressure to the desired torque:
  - a. With the tool OFF the nut/bolt:
    - i. Hold the Advance Button on the remote control
    - ii. Adjust the pressure regulator on the pump to the desired pressure
- 6) Place the torque wrench on the nut/bolt
- 7) Position the reaction surface against an adjacent nut/bolt, flange, or solid system component
- 8) Advance wrench with the remote control
  - a. Release the remote advance button at end of stroke
  - b. Allow the cylinder to reset
  - c. Repeat until nut/bolt no longer turns
- 9) Turn off pump with remote control
- 10) Move to next bolt

### Notes

- Refer to Appendix IV: Trouble Shooting Chart for any issues that arise
- If you are using an extension cord to power the hydraulic pump, use a heavy gauge cord (10 gauge or better)

### Couplings



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