

ALUMEGA

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



HP



HVG



JVG

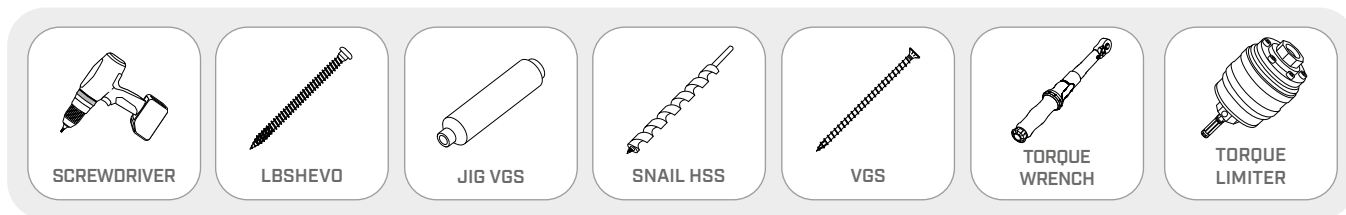


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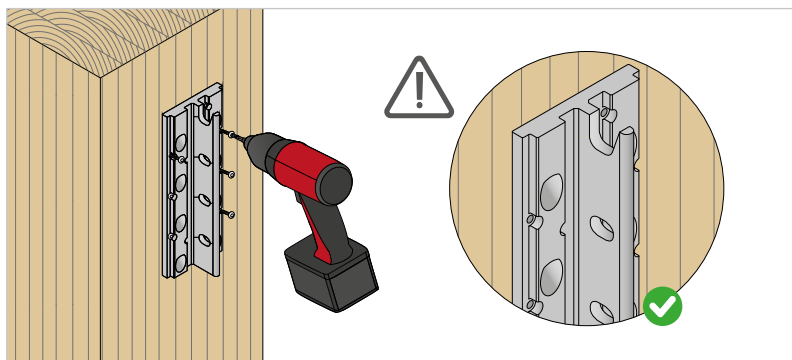
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ALUMEGA HVG - JVG



CONNECTOR POSITIONING

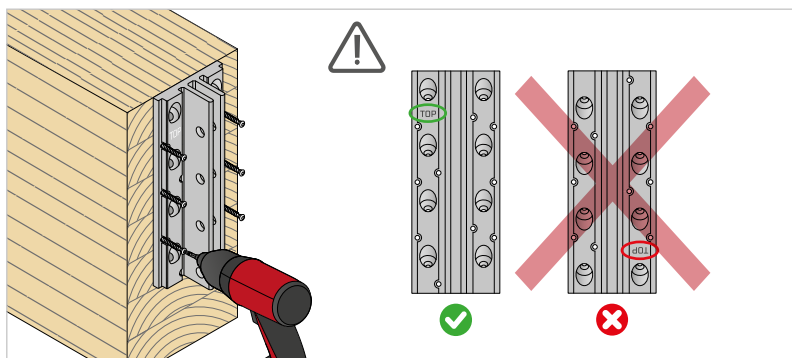
ALUMEGA HVG



CODE	LBSHEVO Ø0.20" x 3 1/8" [pcs]
ALUMEGA240HVG	6
ALUMEGA360HVG	10
ALUMEGA480HVG	14
ALUMEGA600HVG	18
ALUMEGA720HVG	22
ALUMEGA840HVG	26

Position the **ALUMEGA HVG** connector with the upper countersink facing upwards and fasten it to the column or main beam using **LBSHEVO** Ø0.20" x 3 1/8" screws, using the two outer rows of holes.

ALUMEGA JVG

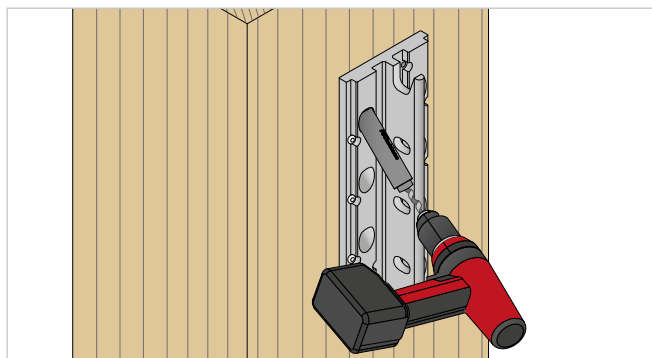


CODE	LBSHEVO Ø0.20" x 3 1/8" [pcs]
ALUMEGA240JVG	6
ALUMEGA360JVG	10
ALUMEGA480JVG	14
ALUMEGA600JVG	18
ALUMEGA720JVG	22
ALUMEGA840JVG	26

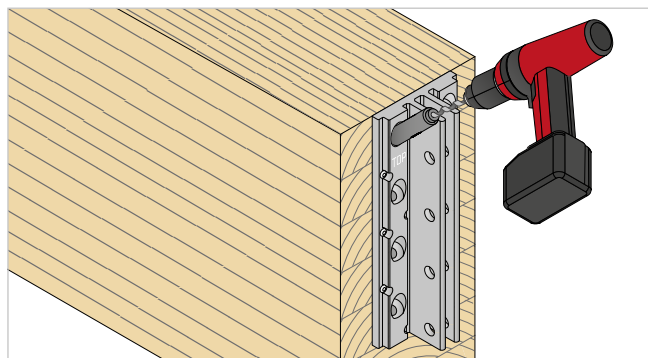
Position the **ALUMEGA JVG** connector on the secondary beam paying particular attention to the correct orientation with reference to the "TOP" marking on the connector. Fasten the **LBSHEVO** Ø0.20" x 3 1/8" screws using the two outer rows of holes.

PILOT AND PRE-DRILLED HOLE | JIG VGS

ALUMEGA HVG

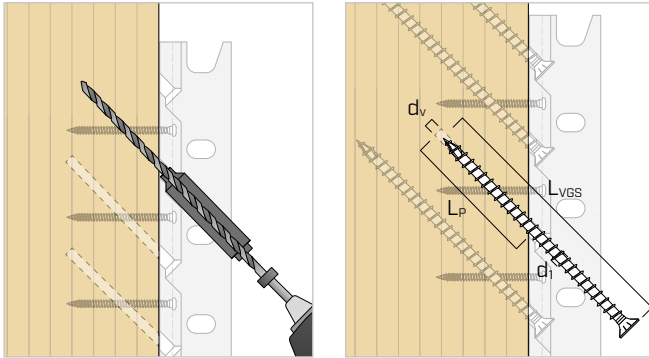


ALUMEGA JVG



Pilot holes and pre-drilling facilitate installation, ensure correct screw insertion and allow the screws to be positioned at the specified 45° angle.

PILOT HOLE

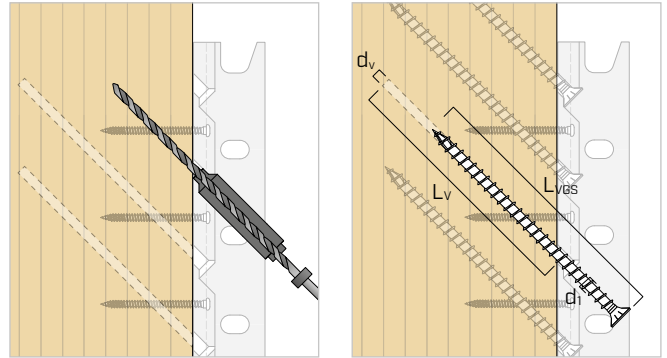


Wood members with $G \leq 0.55$ - pilot hole

CODE	G [-]	d ₁ [in]	d _v [in]	L _p [in]
JIGVGS9	≤ 0.55	0.36	0.20	2

Select the appropriate **JIG VGS** jig according to the assigned specific gravity G of the wood member: for $G \leq 0.55$, a 2.0 in long pilot hole using **JIGVGS9** is recommended, while for $G > 0.55$, pre-drilling for the full screw length using **JIGVGS9H** is recommended. This recommendation is based on the ALUMEGA installation provisions of ESR-5207 and the applicable VGS screw provisions of ESR-4645. The use of a **SNAIL HSS** drill bit is also recommended.

PRE-DRILLING HOLE

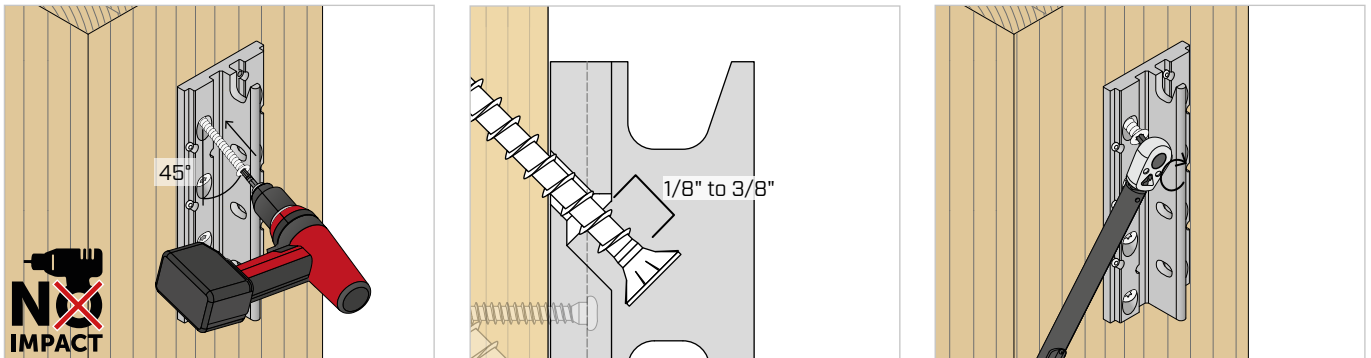


Wood members with $G > 0.55$ - pre-drilling

CODE	G [-]	d ₁ [in]	d _v [in]	L _v [in]
JIGVGS9H	> 0.55	0.36	0.24	$L_v = L_{VGS}$

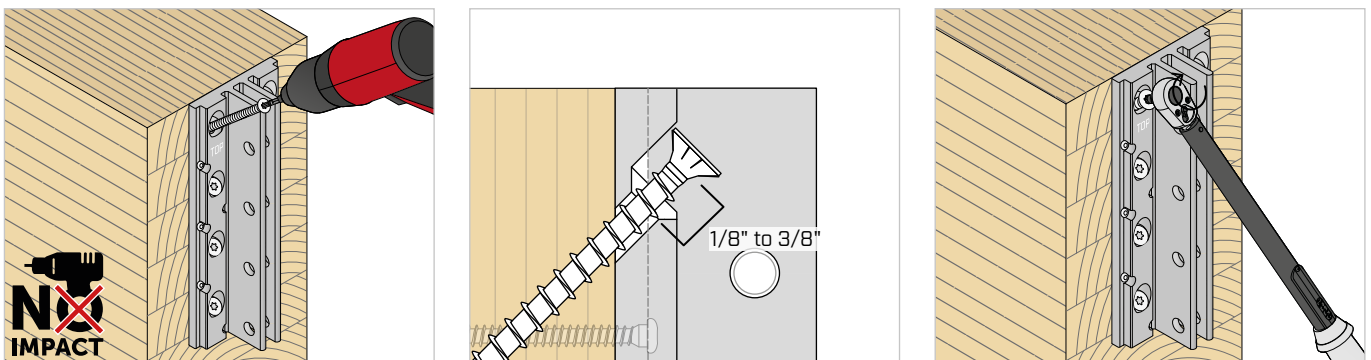
OPTION 1 - VGS INSERTION AND TIGHTENING USING A TORQUE WRENCH

ALUMEGA HVG



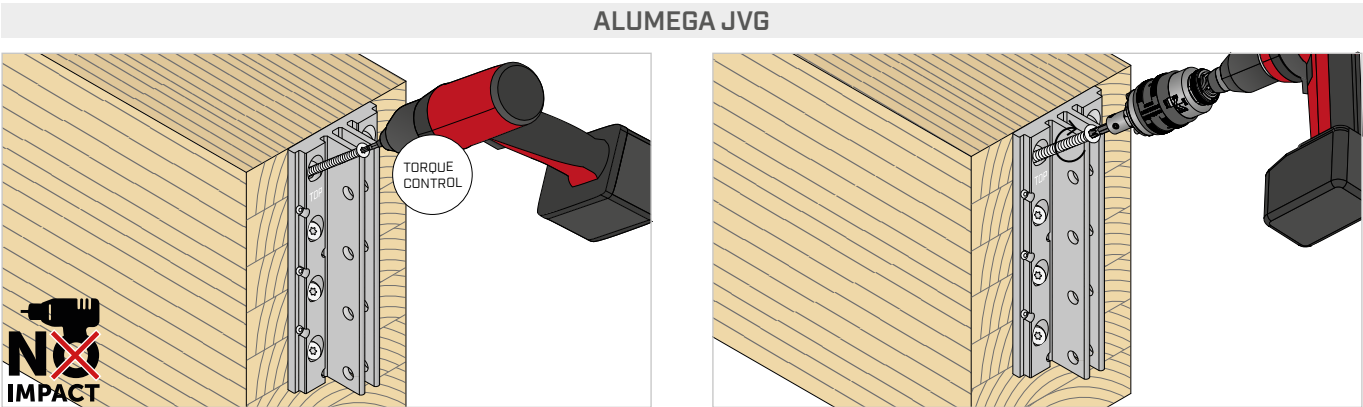
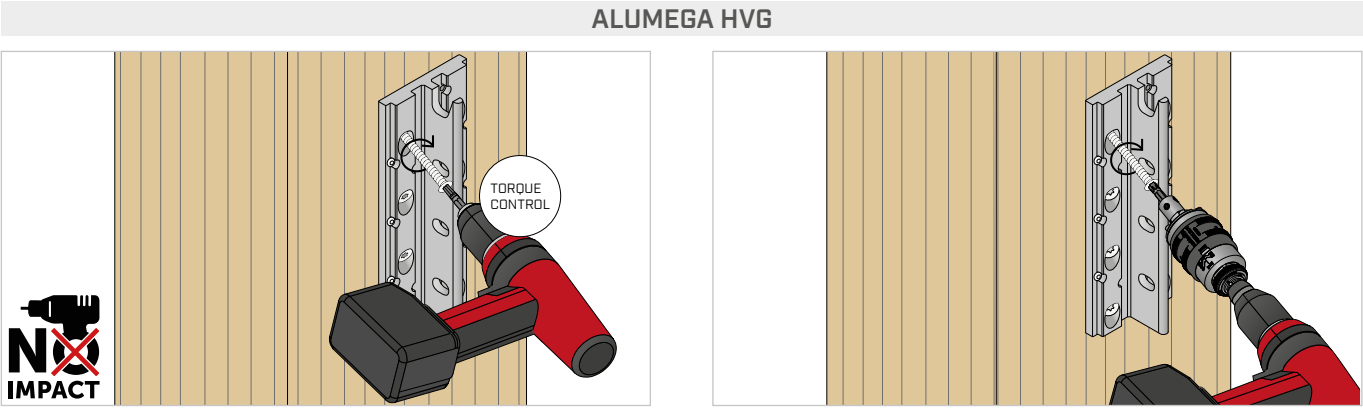
The use of non-impact drivers is recommended. Drive the **VGS** screw in one continuous operation, stopping approximately 1/8" to 3/8" from the plate. Complete tightening using the **BEAR** torque wrench. Repeat the procedure for all **VGS** screws.

ALUMEGA JVG



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OPTION 2 – VGS INSERTION AND TIGHTENING USING A TORQUE LIMITER



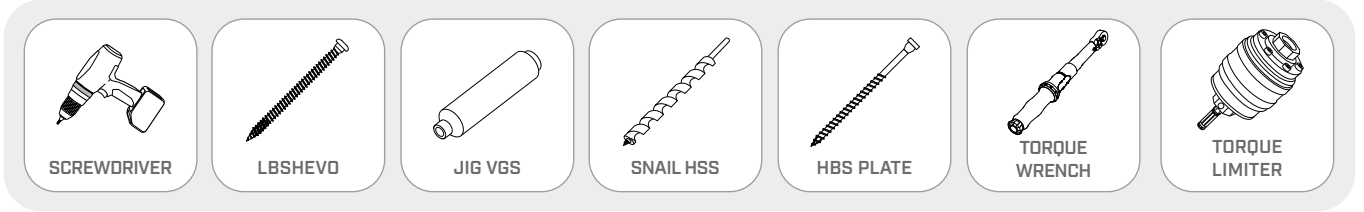
We recommend the use of screwdrivers with integrated torque control or non-pulse screw guns/impact wrenches with **TORQUE LIMITER** application.

RECOMMENDED TIGHTENING TORQUE				
VGS	d ₁ [in]	L _{ins} [in]	M _{ins,rec,min} [*] [ft-lbs]	M _{ins,rec,max} [*] [ft-lbs]
Ø0.36	0.36	6 1/4 ≤ L _{ins} ≤ 8	5	9
		8 < L _{ins} ≤ 11 3/4	9	14

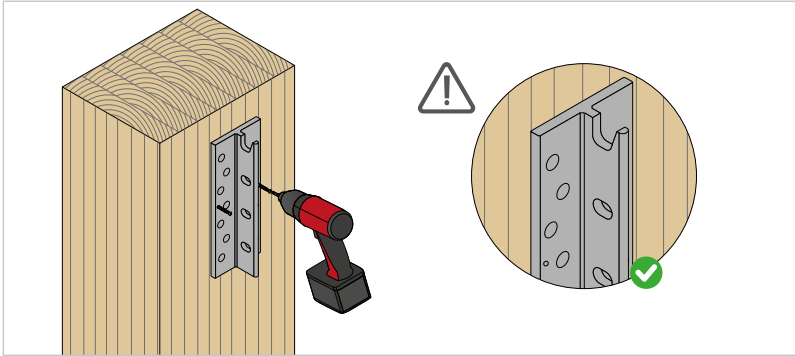
*A tightening torque range is provided according to the screw insertion length L_{ins}, within which effective screw installation is ensured without compromising screw performance. To avoid overtorque, the minimum tightening torque (M_{ins,rec,min}) must be applied. If the screw cannot be inserted, the tightening torque may be increased (M_{ins,rec,max}).

⚠ Use low RPM screwdrivers with high torque capacity.

ALUMEGA HP



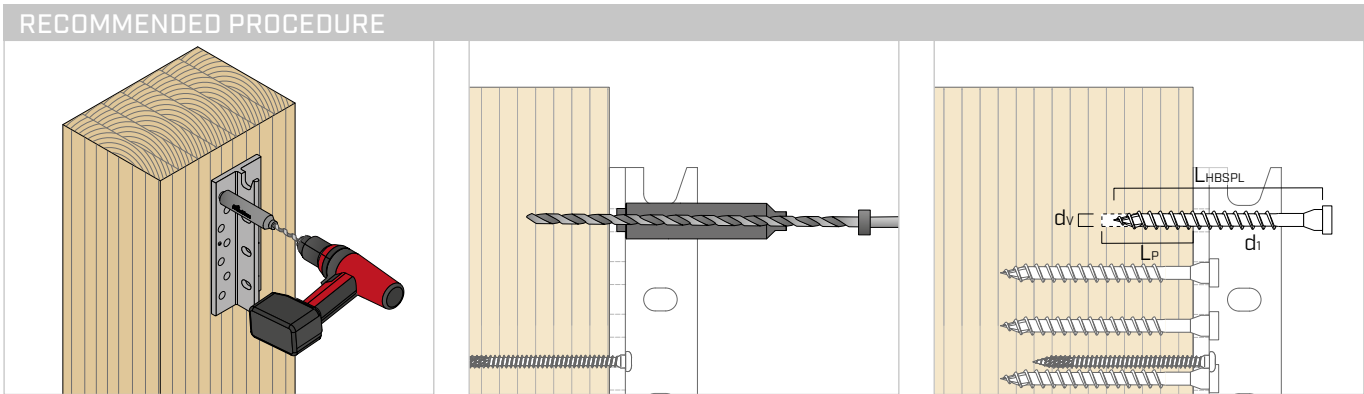
CONNECTOR POSITIONING



Position the **ALUMEGA HP** connector with the upper countersink facing upwards and fasten it to the column or main beam using **LBSHEVO** Ø0.20" x 3 1/8" screws.

CODE	LBSHEVO Ø0.20" x 3 1/8"
	[pcs]
ALUMEGA240HP	2
ALUMEGA360HP	2
ALUMEGA480HP	4
ALUMEGA600HP	4
ALUMEGA720HP	6
ALUMEGA840HP	6

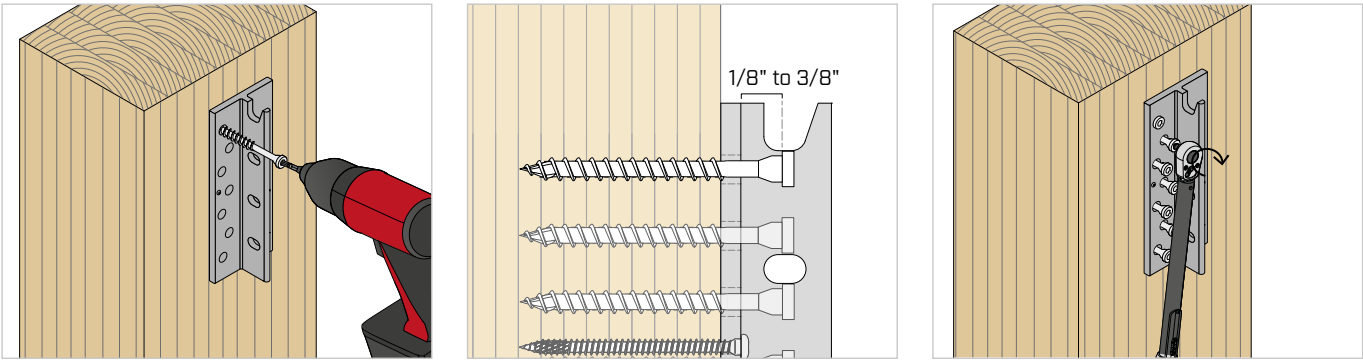
PILOT HOLE | JIG VGS



Either of the two pilot-hole options shown in the table may be used to ensure correct screw centering and installation, regardless of the assigned specific gravity of the wood member.

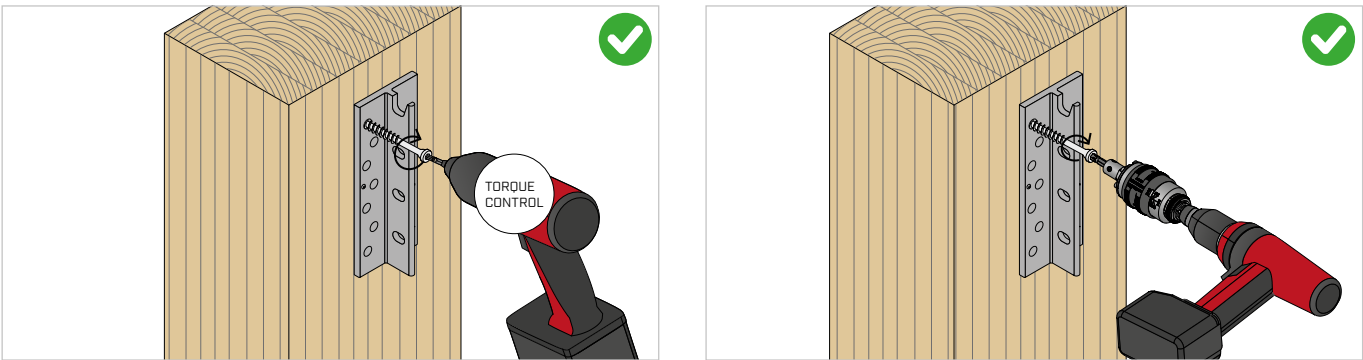
CODE	d ₁ [in]	d _v [in]	L _p [in]
JIGVGS9	0.36	0.20	2
JIGVGSH9		0.24	2

OPTION 1 - HBS PLATE INSERTION AND TIGHTENING USING A TORQUE WRENCH



The use of non-impact drivers is recommended. Drive the **HBS PLATE** screw in one continuous operation, stopping approximately 1/8" to 3/8" from the plate. Complete tightening using the **BEAR** torque wrench. Repeat the procedure for all **HBS PLATE** screws.

OPTION 2 - HBS PLATE INSERTION AND TIGHTENING USING A TORQUE LIMITER



We recommend the use of screwdrivers with integrated torque control or non-pulse screw guns/impact wrenches with **TORQUE LIMITER** application.

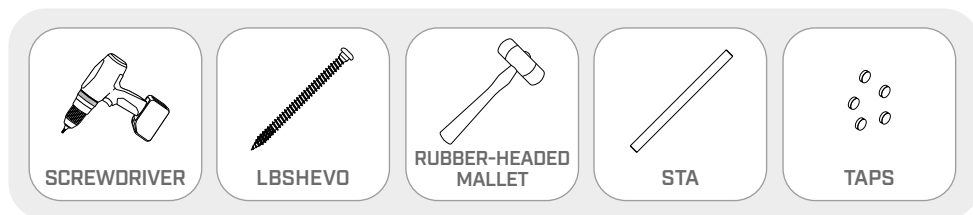
RECOMMENDED TIGHTENING TORQUE				
HBS PLATE	d ₁ [in]	L _{ins} [in]	M _{ins,rec,min} * [ft-lbs]	M _{ins,rec,max} * [ft-lbs]
Ø0.40	0.40	4 ≤ L _{ins} ≤ 4 3/4	7	14
		4 3/4 < L _{ins} ≤ 7 1/8	14	22

*A tightening torque range is provided according to the screw insertion length L_{ins}, within which effective screw installation is ensured without compromising screw performance. To avoid overtorque, the minimum tightening torque (M_{ins,rec,min}) must be applied. If the screw cannot be inserted, the tightening torque may be increased (M_{ins,rec,max}).

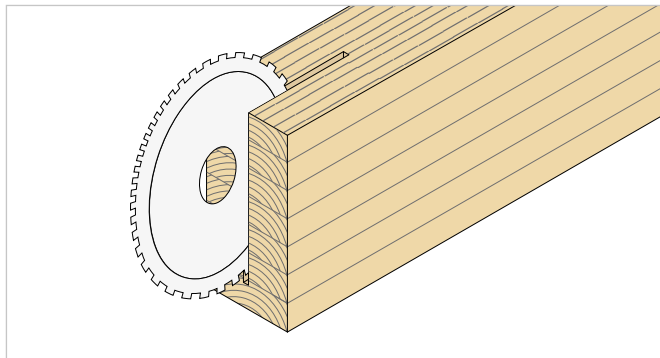
⚠ Use low RPM screwdrivers with high torque capacity.

ALUMEGA JS

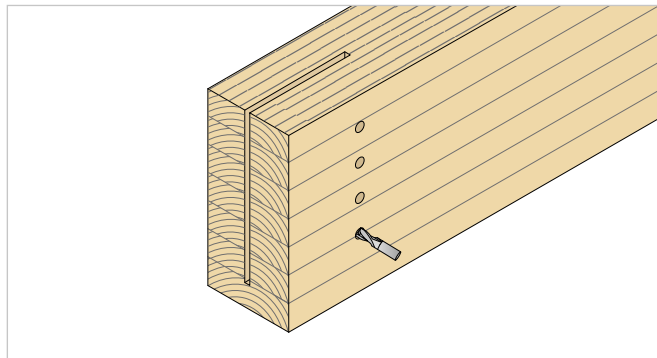
FASTENING WITH STA SMOOTH DOWELS



ROUTING

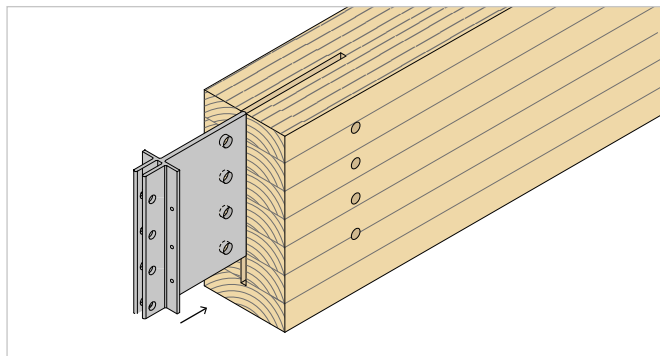


Machine a 7/16" wide slot in the secondary beam using a CNC machine.

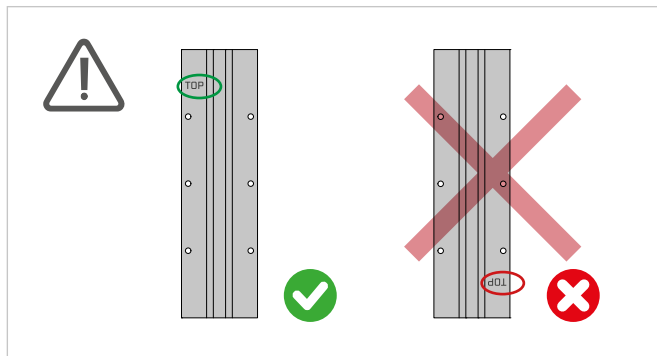


Pre-drill a $\varnothing 5/8$ " hole for the **STA** $\varnothing 0.63$ " dowel using a CNC machine.

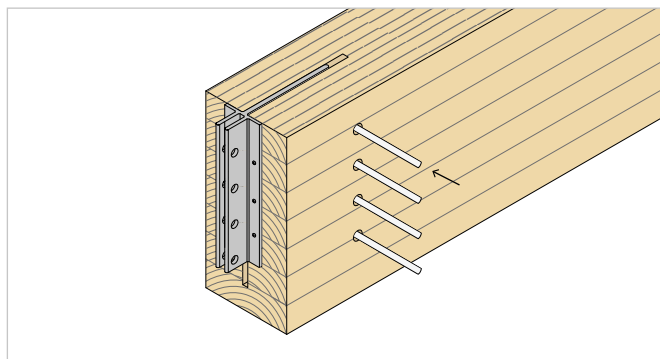
CONNECTOR POSITIONING



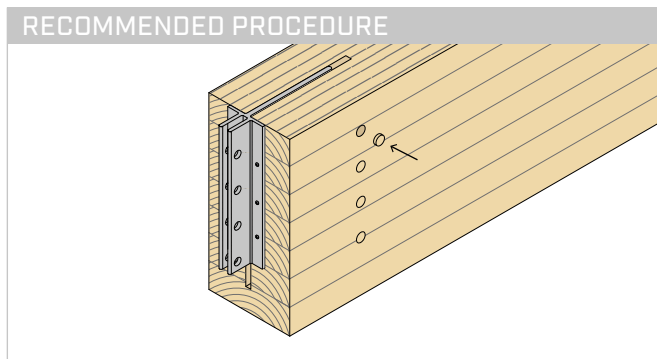
Position the **ALUMEGA JS** connector with the "TOP" marking facing upwards.



FASTENING



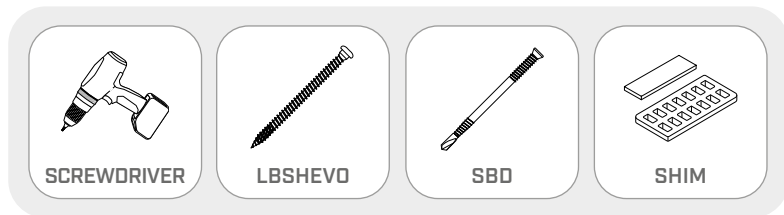
Drive the dowel into the hole using a hammer.



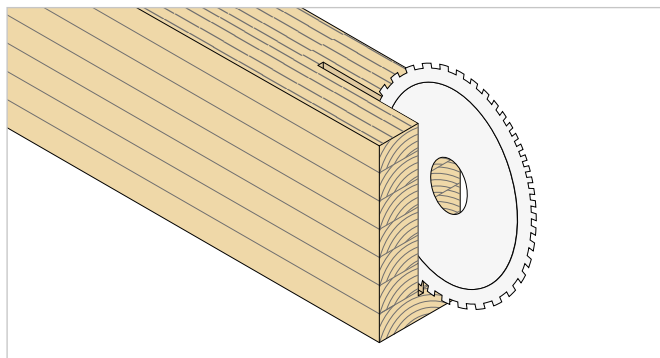
Seal with **TAPS** timber plugs.

ALUMEGA JS

FASTENING WITH SBD SELF-DRILLING DOWELS

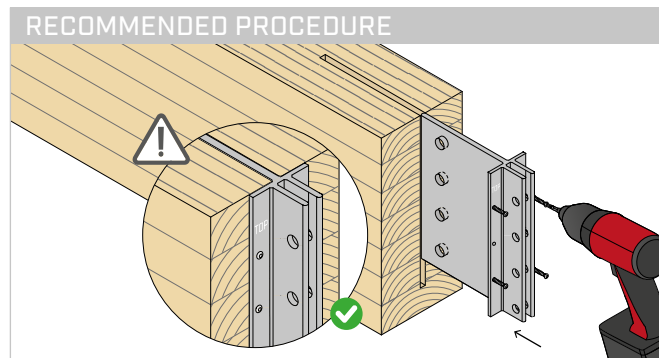


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Machine a 7/16" wide slot in the secondary beam using a CNC machine.

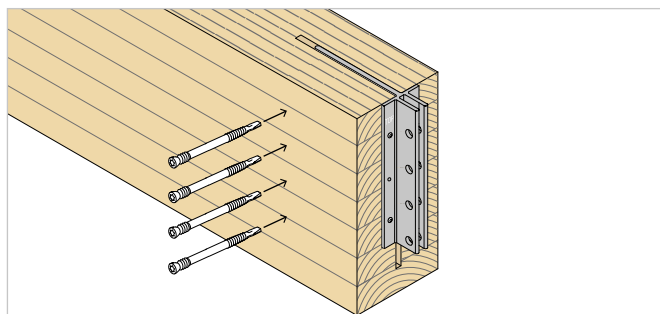
CONNECTOR POSITIONING AND FASTENING WITH LBSHEVO



Position the **ALUMEGA JS** connector with the "TOP" marking facing upwards and fasten it using **LBSHEVO** Ø0.20" x 3 1/8" screws.

CODE	LBSHEVO Ø0.20" x 3 1/8"
	[pcs]
ALUMEGA240JS	4
ALUMEGA360JS	4
ALUMEGA480JS	6
ALUMEGA600JS	6
ALUMEGA720JS	8
ALUMEGA840JS	8

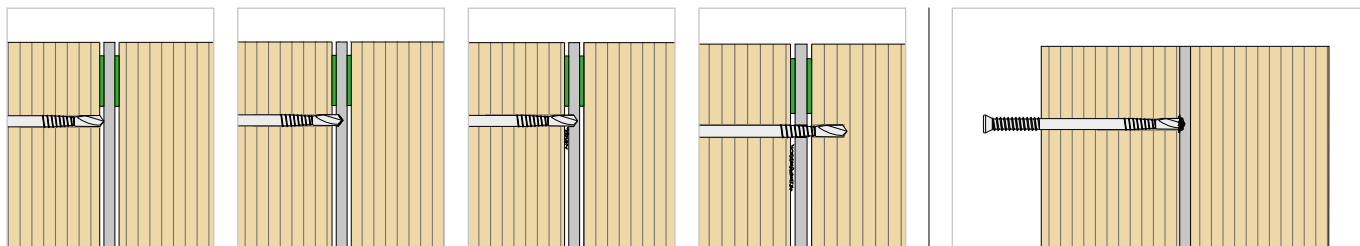
FASTENING



Insert the **SBD** Ø0.30" dowels as specified in the table.

	88 lb	55 lb
pressure to be applied	88 lb	55 lb
recommended screwdriver	Maffell A 18M BL	
recommended speed	1st gear (600-1000 rpm)	

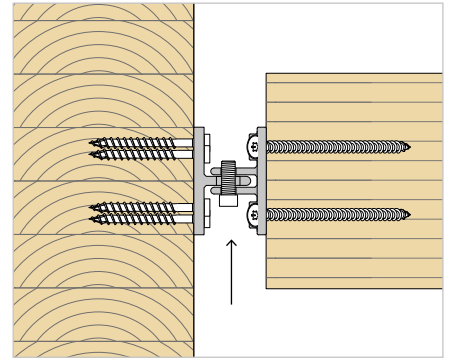
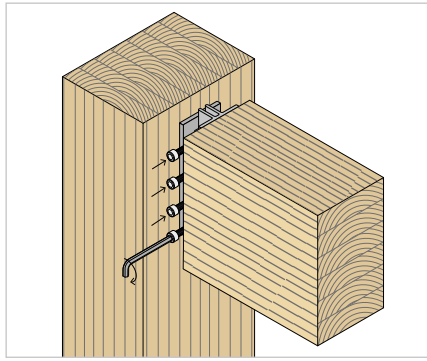
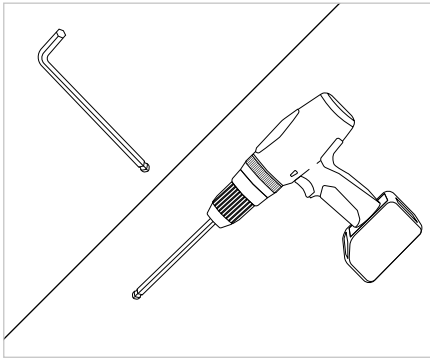
The 7/16" slot provides a clearance of approximately 1/16" on each side between the plate and the timber. The use of **SHIM** spacers is recommended to ensure correct centring of the plate and facilitate the removal of metal swarf during installation.



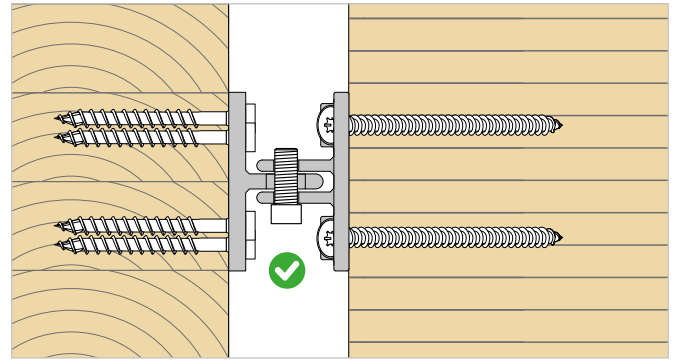
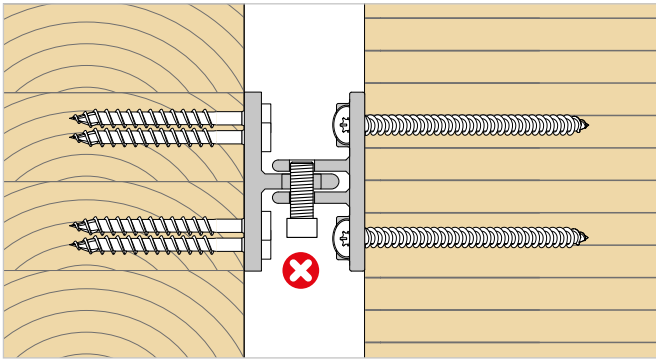
Slot oversized by 1/16" on each side and use of spacers.

Without **SHIM** spacers, the holes may become obstructed by metal swarf.

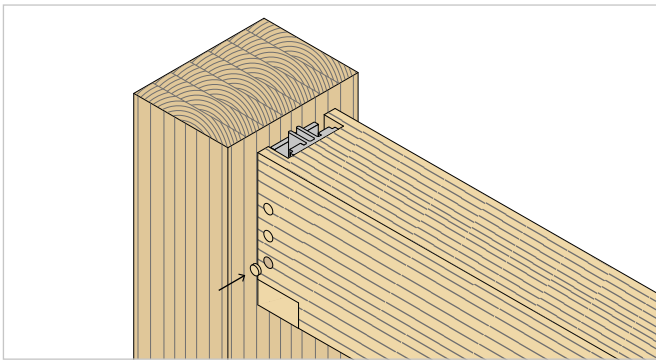
MEGABOLT INSTALLATION



Tighten the **MEGABOLT** bolts using a 10 mm hex key. Tightening can be carried out manually or, preferably, using a power driver. In the latter case, it is recommended to cut the 10 mm hex key (**HEX10L234**) and insert it directly into the chuck to make the operation easier and faster.

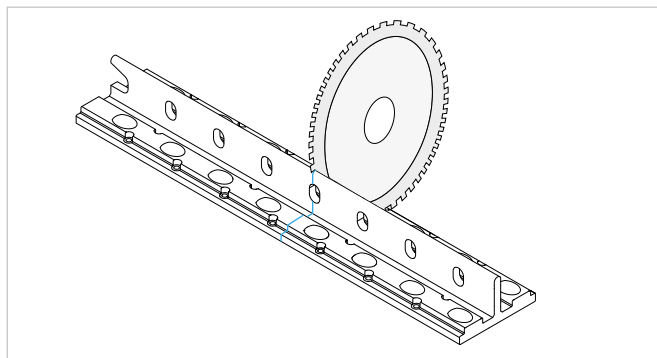
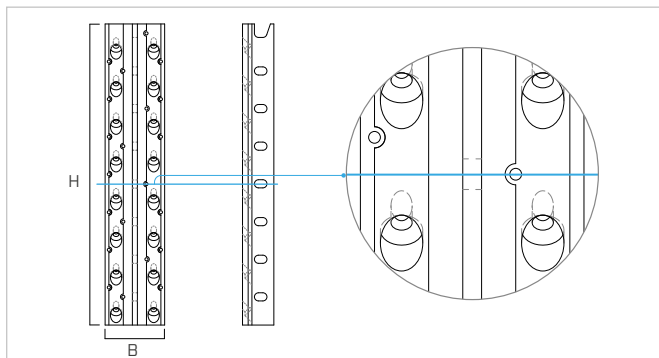


Do not exceed the recommended maximum tightening torque of ≤ 22 ft-lbs, ensuring the bolt is fully inserted and the head is in full contact with the plate.



For concealed connections, drill $\varnothing 1"$ holes for the **MEGABOLT** bolts in the secondary beam or column. It is recommended to use **TAPS** timber plugs with a diameter $1/32"$ - $1/16"$ smaller than the hole to facilitate insertion. For the different installation configurations, refer to the technical data sheet available at www.rothoblaas.com.

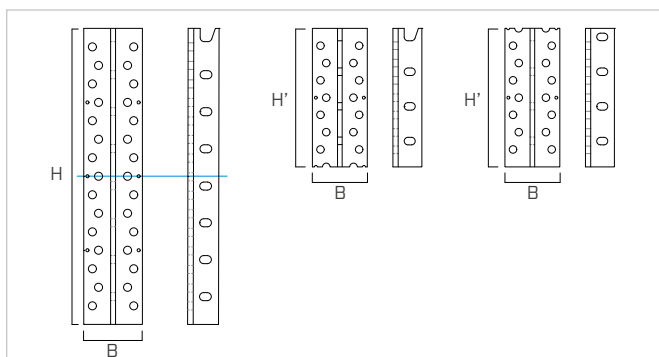
CUTTING THE CONNECTOR



Each **ALUMEGA** version is available in 6 standard heights. Thanks to the connector's modular geometry, height H can be adjusted by cutting, in accordance with the requirements of ESR-5207: minimum height 9 1/2", maximum height 33 1/16" and 2 3/8" increments. When cutting, it is recommended to use the Ø0.20" holes for the **LBSHEVO** screws as reference points.

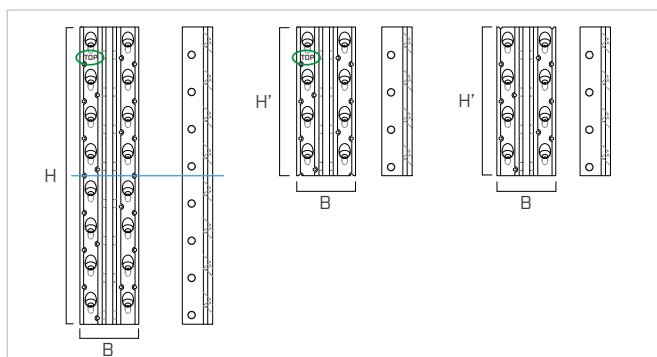
The lower section of the connector can be reused, provided it complies with the required minimum dimensions, or otherwise discarded.

ALUMEGA HP - HVG



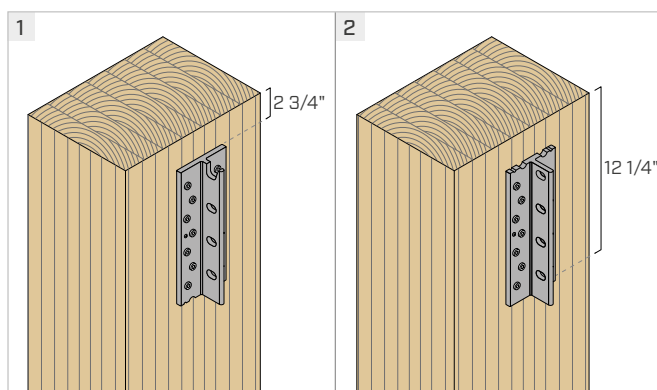
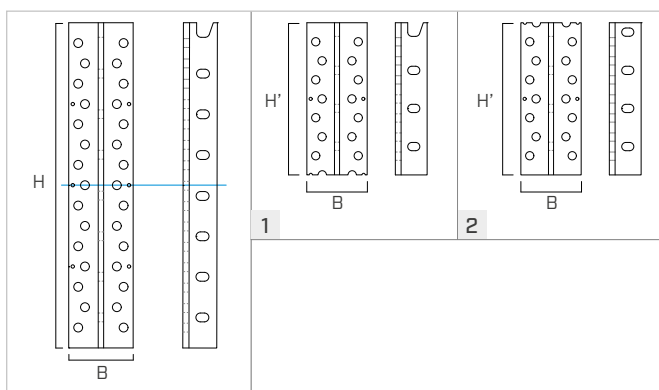
When **HP** and **HVG** connectors are cut, the upper countersink remains on the upper connector, while the lower section resulting from the cut is without a countersink. If the countersink needs to be recreated, it must be machined in accordance with the CAD drawings available at www.rothoblaas.com, without altering the geometry or functionality of the connector.

ALUMEGA JVG - JS



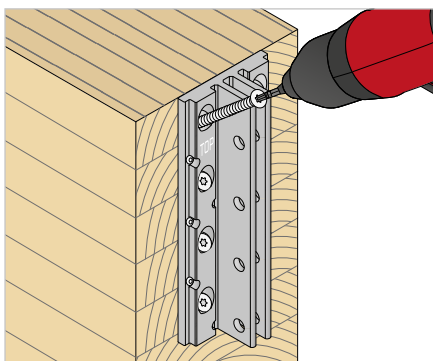
When **JVG** and **JS** connectors are cut, the "TOP" marking remains on the upper connector, while the lower section resulting from the cut is without a marking. During installation, carefully check that the lower connector is correctly oriented.

CONNECTOR POSITIONING

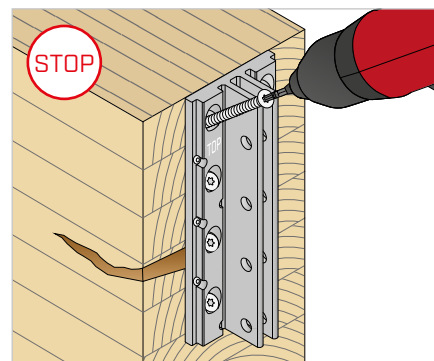
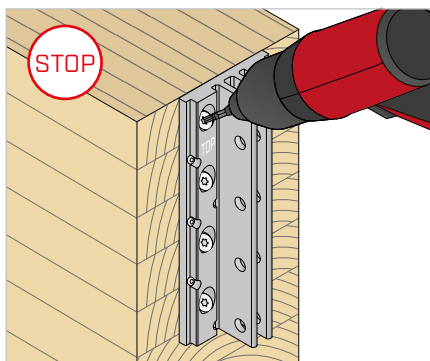


Cutting results in the loss of a few millimetres of material due to the blade thickness. It is recommended to position connector 1 with reference to the upper edge and connector 2 with reference to the lower edge. The images above show an example application using **ALUMEGA HP**.

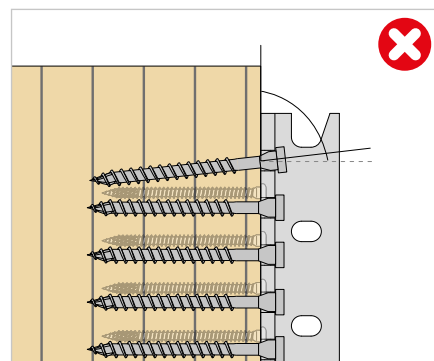
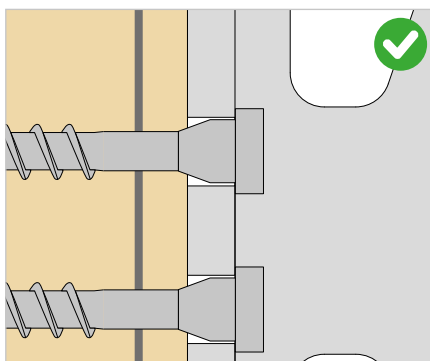
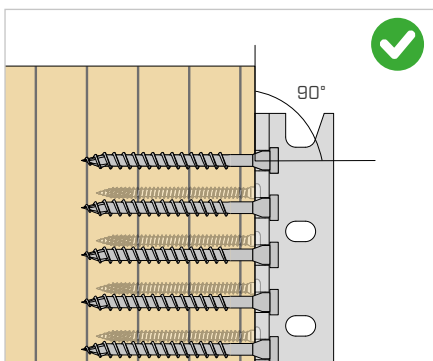
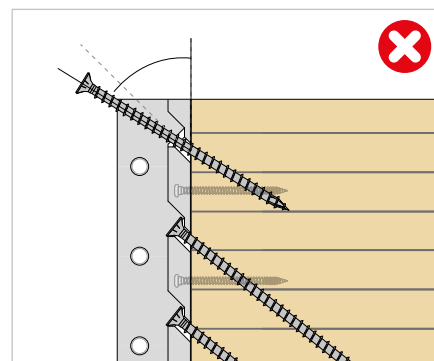
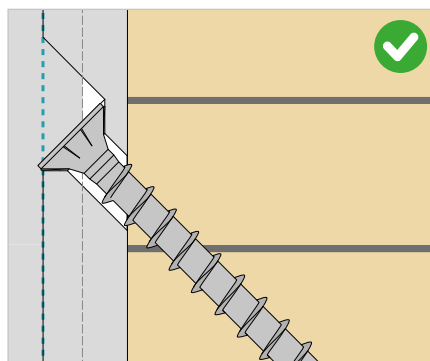
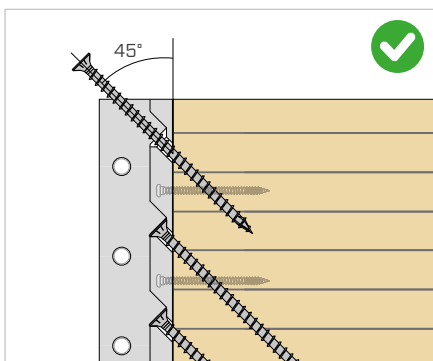
INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS



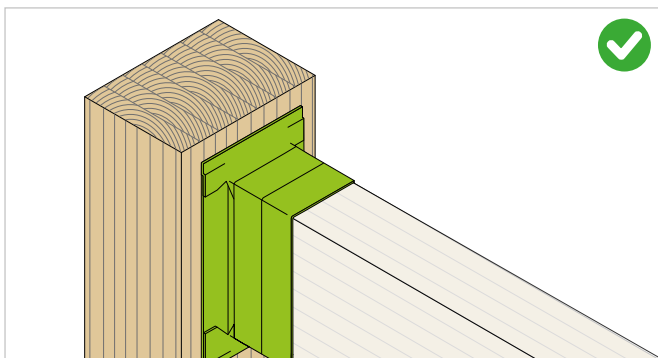
Install screws in one continuous stroke and stop when the screw head makes contact with the metal element.



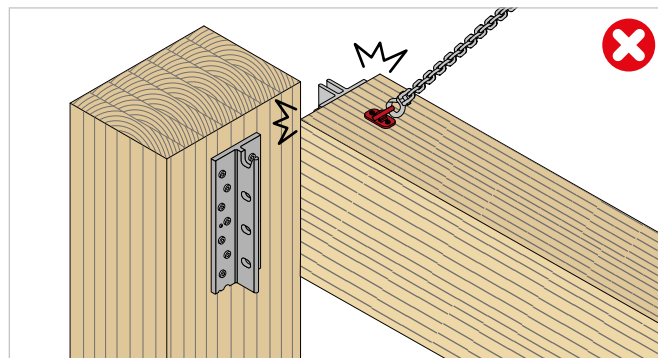
Stop installation if damage to the timber is noticed.



Observe the specified insertion angle and ensure full contact between the entire surface of the screw head and the metal element.



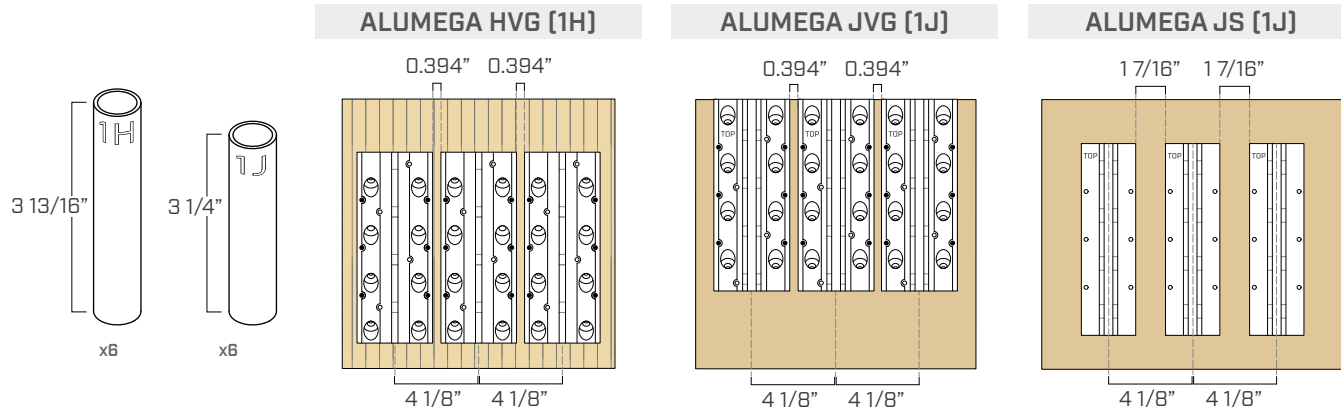
Sealing the connection with waterproof tape and applying a protective membrane to the beam limit moisture absorption by the timber during transport, storage and construction, helping to improve the durability of the connection. For further information, visit www.rothoblaas.com.



Avoid impacts or dynamic loads on the connection during transport and construction.

INSTALLATION OF SIDE-BY-SIDE CONNECTORS

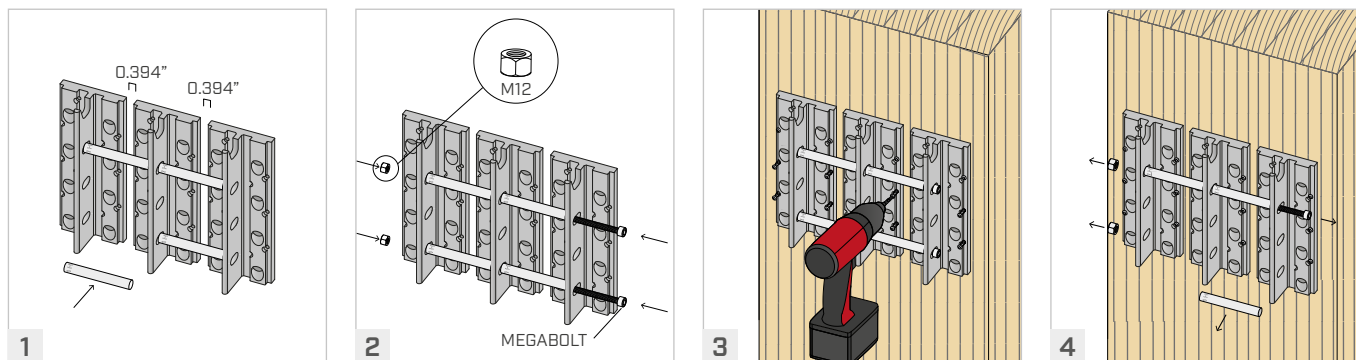
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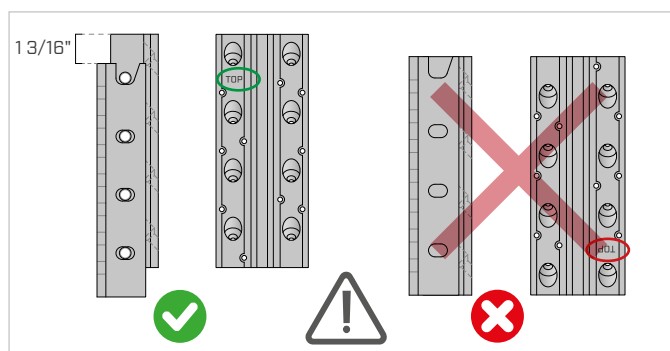
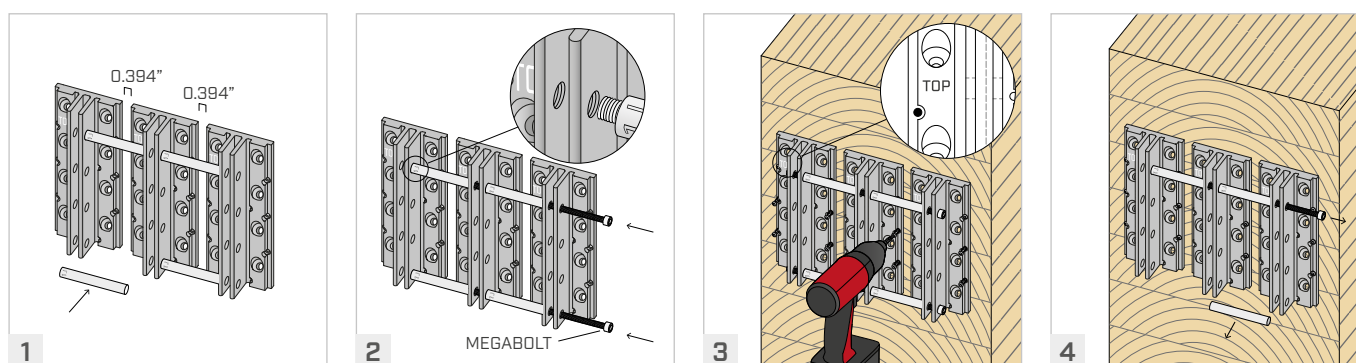
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ALUMEGA HVG



JIGALUMEGA10 | 1J

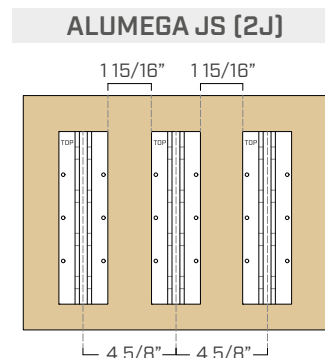
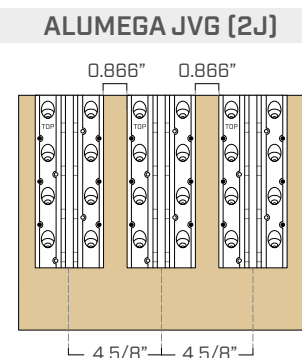
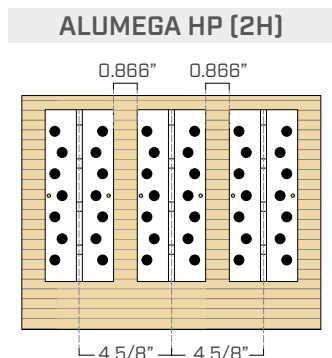
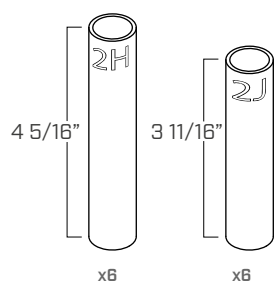
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- 1 Use **JIGALUMEGA** as a spacer between side-by-side connectors. Component H refers to the column/main beam (Header), while component J refers to the secondary beam (Joist).
- 2 Temporarily assemble the connectors using the **MEGABOLT** bolts (and M12 nuts for **HVG**).
- 3 Position the connectors on the timber element and fasten them using **LBSHEVO** screws.
- 4 Remove the **MEGABOLT** bolts, jig and any M12 nuts.

INSTALLATION OF SIDE-BY-SIDE CONNECTORS

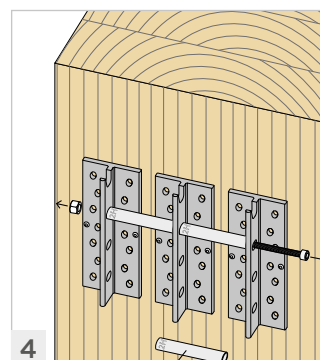
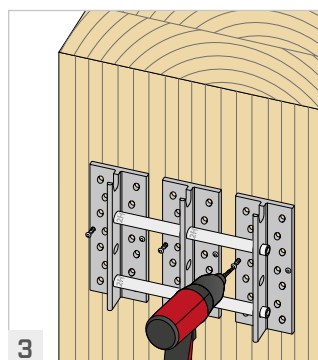
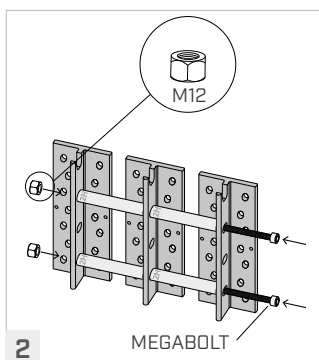
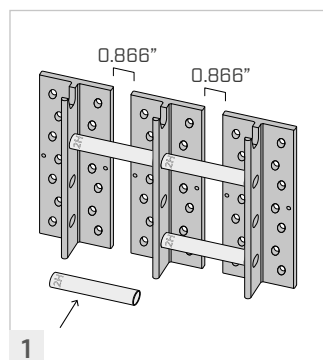
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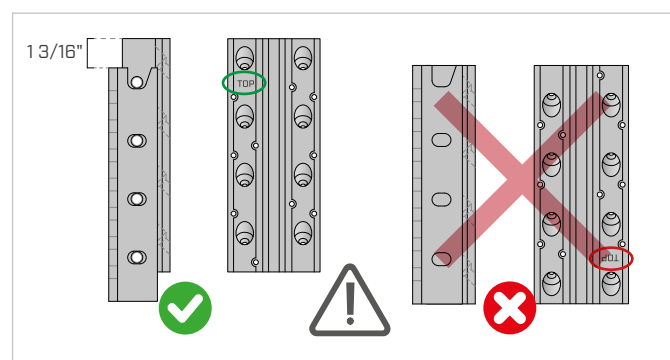
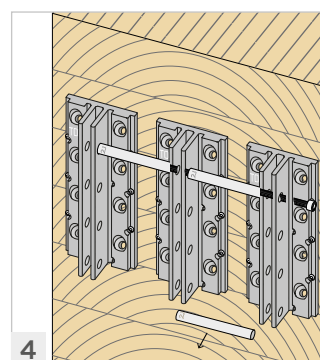
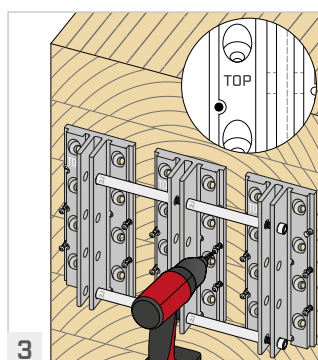
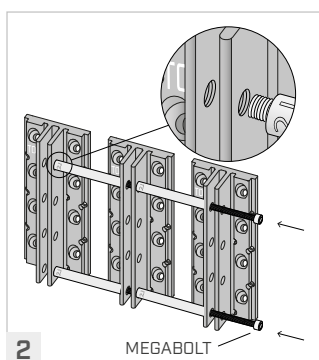
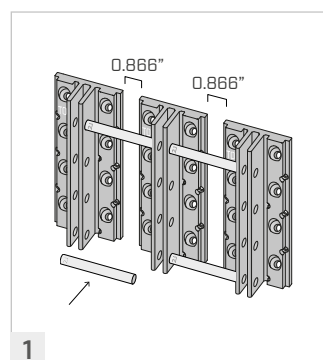
JIGALUMEGA22 | 2H

ALUMEGA HP



JIGALUMEGA22 | 2J

ALUMEGA JVG



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- 2 Temporarily assemble the connectors using the **MEGABOLT** bolts (and M12 nuts for **HP**).
- 3 Position the connectors on the timber element and fasten them using **LBSHEVO** screws.
- 4 Remove the **MEGABOLT** bolts, jig and any M12 nuts.

*JIGALUMEGA22 is not suitable for the side-by-side installation of ALUMEGA HP connectors in wood members with an assigned specific gravity $G \geq 0.50$. For further information, visit www.rothoblaas.com.

CHECKLIST - ALUMEGA INSTALLATION

The following instructions provide a reference for verifying the correct installation of the ALUMEGA system and are intended for designers, installers and personnel involved in installation, inspection and checking activities. Where applicable, they apply to activities carried out both in the factory and on site.

REFERENCE TO SCREW AND DOWEL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1_Planning and preliminary checks

- ☐ The designer and/or installer must define the process and procedures for installing the connectors and associated fasteners in accordance with these instructions and the installation instructions available at www.rothoblaas.com.
- ☐ Installation personnel must be adequately trained and instructed in the correct installation procedures.
- ☐ Tools, equipment and driving methods must be specified for each fastener type and size.
- ☐ For fasteners requiring torque control, particularly VGS and HBS PLATE, the applied values must fall within the ranges specified in this document or in the relevant installation instructions.
- ☐ The condition of the supporting structural elements (timber, concrete and steel), including machining, pilot holes and routing, must comply with the design requirements and installation instructions.
- ☐ Methods must be defined for protecting the connection and timber elements against water ingress during transport, storage and construction.

Step 2_Installation checks and final inspection

- ☐ Installation, inspection and checking activities must be carried out in accordance with the applicable regulations in force and the Rothoblaas documents available at www.rothoblaas.com.
- ☐ Acceptance criteria and inspection procedures must be defined and documented.
- ☐ The timber elements, fasteners and connectors must be checked for damage before, during and after installation.
- ☐ The tightening torque values applied when driving the screws must fall within the ranges specified in this document and in the installation instructions for the relevant fasteners.
- ☐ Any non-conformities identified during installation must be recorded and managed in accordance with the applicable procedures. In the event of non-conformities or installation issues, preferably contact your Rothoblaas technical sales representative or the Rothoblaas technical consultancy service.
- ☐ Final installation and inspection documentation containing all key information relating to the installation must be prepared and retained.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The complete installation instructions for VGS and HBS PLATE screws are available at www.rothoblaas.com.





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