Power Screws and Bolted Connections

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Overview

A power screw is a machine component that converts rotational motion into linear motion. This is neccesary in variety of applications.





Leadscrews are used to raise and lower the front door of the Boeing 747-8F Freighter aircraft

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Overview

Advantages:

- large mechanical advantage possible
- capable of lifting or moving large loads
- suitable for precision motion control
- self locking or back-drivable

Disadvantages:

- Low Efficiency due to high friction
- High wear possible

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