STANDARD AND XP
NATIONAL COARSE THREADED COUPLERS, HEADED REINFORCEMENT AND CONNECTORS FOR REINFORCING BARS
Epoxy-coated couplers are used for splicing epoxy coated bars that comply to ASTM A775 / A775M.

Dowel bars at construction joints transfer tension and compression loads between reinforcing bars on both sides of the joint. A common headache for contractors and placers is that one-piece bars projecting from the concrete get damaged, interfere with other construction activities and can be a cause of accidents.

BPI® BARSPLICER dowel bar replacements have the advantage of permitting continuity of reinforcement across construction joints without formwork penetration. Because flanged couplers are typically fully embedded in concrete, their use eliminates projecting bars, thereby relieving constructability problems and potential worker injuries.

BPI® BARSPLICER SETTING BARS AND SPLICE BARS are supplied to your dimensional specifications, straight or bent or can be headed with a Barsplicer DoughNUT™. When fully assembled, splices across construction joints achieve the full tension-compression requirements of ACI 318-14 Section 25 (ACI 318-11 Section 12). Flanged couplers are used on setting bars and have holes that permit nailing them to the sides or ends of formwork. Flanges may be metal or plastic. BPI® Barsplicer couplers have internal threads that permit the attachment of dowel splice bars or long lengths of reinforcing bar. These couplers are typically made from steel conforming to ASTM A108. Although mostly used for splicing reinforcing bars to dowel splice bars, nothing precludes their use as standard tension-compression mechanical splices.

Bar sizes No. 4 through 11 (metric 13 through 36) Grade 60 (420), Grade 75 (520) and Grade 80 (550) can be spliced by the BPI® Barsplicer method. The system uses standard Unified American national coarse threads – the same as those utilized in the familiar nuts and bolts you know and trust. Threaded couplers are used with bars that have matching exterior threads cut or rolled directly onto the ends of the reinforcing bars. There is no requirement for pre-forging or for a bar end upsizing operation so the system is simple and highly cost-effective. The thread length on the bars is controlled by BPI to ensure proper thread engagement. Precautions are taken by BPI to protect the threaded ends of the bars during shipping and handling.

In the field, reinforcing bars are cast in concrete with the flanged coupler attached to the form face. After the formwork is removed, straight or bent splice bars are installed into the coupler to extend the reinforcing bar. A simple pipe wrench can be used to snug and secure the splice assembly. No torque wrench is required for this operation.

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**Specialized BARSPLICER couplers available include:**

- **HOT-DIP GALVANIZED COUPLERS** for splicing ASTM A767 reinforcing bars,
- **STAINLESS STEEL COUPLERS** for splicing stainless steel reinforcing bars,
- **BPI® 100KSI BARSPLICER COUPLERS** for splicing ASTM A1035 Grade 100 corrosion resistant bars, and
- **BPI® BARSPLICER HEX COUPLERS** for welding parallel to structural steel.
**BPI® BARSPLICER SYSTEM**

**STANDARD AND XP UNC THREADED BAR WITH COUPLER & OPTIONAL FLANGE**
- **ACI 318 FULL MECHANICAL SPLICE** – The Standard BPI Barsplicer system, when threaded by BPI, is pre-tested to develop at least 125% \( x \) \( f_y \) of the bar. For Xtra Performance, use the BARSPLICER XP series.
- **ICC EVALUATION REPORT ESR-4355** – For BARSPLICER XP series Grades 60, 75 and 80.
- **APPLICATIONS** – Bridge decks, piers, ramps, walls, mats, tanks, parking garages – where specifications are 125% specified yield (\( f_y \)) Grade 60, 75 and 80.
- **AASHTO AND DOT PROJECTS** – Exceeds 125% \( x \) \( f_y \) per AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications.
- **MASONRY APPLICATIONS** – Exceeds 125% \( x \) specified yield (\( f_y \)) per ACI 530 / TMS 402.
- **PRE-FABRICATED SETTING AND SPLICE BARS** – Made by BPI to your dimensions – straight, hooked 90° to 180°, single or double-ended connections and many other configurations.
- **STANDARD REINFORCING BARS** – Each reinforcement bar heat lot supplied by BPI is controlled, tested and certified, ASTM A615 or A706 uncoated, ASTM A775 epoxy coated, and ASTM A767 galvanized deformed reinforcing bars, Grades 60, 75 and 80.
- **DOWEL BAR REPLACEMENT** – No drilling holes through forms – No protruding rebar when concrete is poured. Continuity across construction joint is established upon engaging splice bar from BPI.
- **BARSPLICER XP SERIES** – Bars supplied by BPI exceed 135% \( x \) specified yield (\( f_y \)) ASTM A615 uncoated, ASTM A706 uncoated and epoxy, ASTM A775 epoxy and ASTM A767 galvanized. Grade 60 bar. Procurable as a TYPE 2 splice to exceed the specified tensile (\( f_y \)) strength of Grade 60 bar. For ASTM A615 bars, this equals 150% \( x \) \( f_y \), uncoated and epoxy coated. For ASTM A706 bars, this equals 133% \( x \) \( f_y \), uncoated and epoxy coated. Be sure to specify BARSPLICER XP Type 2.

**BPI® BARSPLICER POSITION**
- **STANDARD AND XP UNC THREADED BAR WITH COUPLER**
  - **ACI 318 FULL MECHANICAL SPLICE** – BPI Barsplicer Position couplers are designed to develop at least 125% \( x \) \( f_y \) of the bar, Grade 60 and 75, meeting the mechanical splice requirements of ACI 318 and most state DOT requirements. For Xtra Performance, use the BARSPLICER XP series.
  - **MASONRY APPLICATIONS** – Exceeds 125% \( x \) specified yield (\( f_y \)) per ACI 530 / TMS 402.
  - **NO ROTATION OF BARS** – When reinforcing steel congestion is a problem and splice bars cannot be rotated to engage the threads, or when bar lengths are long and impractical to rotate, the assembly can be completed in the field by unwinding a pre-assembled coupler from a long thread on the splice bar onto the adjoining thread on the setting bar.
  - **OPTIONAL LOCK NUT** – Available to lock a pre-bent splice bar in a specific position, alignment or orientation after engaging a position coupler onto the setting bar. (Extra thread length required)
  - **CONVENIENCE** – Position Couplers, and optional lock nuts, are pre-assembled to splice bars that have been fabricated to your dimensions, resulting in time saved in the field.
  - **GRADE 60 and 75 REINFORCING** – Setting and positional splice bars threaded and supplied by BPI are controlled and certified, ASTM A615 uncoated deformed or ASTM A775 epoxy coated reinforcing bars.
  - **BARSPLICER XP SERIES** – Bars supplied by BPI exceed 135% \( x \) specified yield (\( f_y \)) ASTM A615 uncoated, ASTM A706 uncoated and epoxy, ASTM A775 epoxy and ASTM A767 galvanized. Grade 60 bar.

**BPI® STRUCTURAL CONNECTOR**

**WELDABLE CONNECTOR WITH STANDARD NATIONAL COARSE THREADS**
- **STRENGTH RATING** – Barsplicer Structural Connectors, installed with deformed bars threaded by BPI, have the capacity to exceed a minimum joint strength of 80,000 psi measured in the rebar.*
- **COMPATIBILITY** – Both ASTM A615 uncoated and ASTM A775 epoxy coated reinforcing bars, Grade 60, 75 and 80, supplied with thread ends from BPI can be used.
- **VERSATILITY** – For attachment of reinforcing bars with threaded ends to plates, structural steel shapes or for creating headed anchorage. Shop or field weldable, before or after bar placement.
- **CERTIFIED LOW CARBON STEEL** – Meets chemistry AISI Grade 1018 and ASTM A36. Suited to E7018 electrode.
- **WELDING BEVEL** – For full penetration, provided for greater strength, convenience & quality assurance.
- **LESS WELD STRESS** – Compared to direct butt welds, the weld area is disposed over greater length, because the outside diameter of structural connector is larger than the reinforcing bar.

*Welder qualification, weld procedure, integrity and strength are the responsibility of others.

**BPI® BARSPLICER DOUGHNUT™**

**NATIONAL COARSE THREADED BAR HEADED REINFORCEMENT**
- **HEADED REINFORCING BAR MECHANICAL ANCHORAGE** – Reduces development length of bars by transmitting a proportion of force from bar to concrete via head bearing area.
- **STRENGTH RATING** – In accordance with ACI 318, the BPI® Barsplicer DoughNUT develops at least the specified yield (\( f_y \)) strength of the bar for Grades 60, 75 and 80. The BPI® Barsplicer DoughNUT also meets ASTM A970 Class A and HA requirements.
- **HEADED VERSUS HOOK** – While hook bars reduce development length compared to straight, they bring about congestion. The DoughNUT alleviates this problem, eases installation and facilitates bar placement.
- **APPLICATIONS** – Replaces hook bars in beam-column joints, knee joints, pile caps and column roof slab connections. Replaces stirrup bars as confinement steel.
- **BENEFITS** – The DoughNUT comes pre-installed on threaded reinforcing bars supplied by BPI, saving field labor. Easy placement – no special bend direction, minimal detailing, saves space, more design flexibility.
- **HEAD AREA** – 5\( A_b \) full cross-sectional area with at least 4\( A_c \) projected bearing area in tension. \( (A_b = \text{area of reinforcement}) \). Minimum recommended anchorage length = 12 \( d_b \). ** (\( d_b = \text{bar dia} \)).

**REF:** “Headed Reinforcement A Viable Option” John W. Wallace.
BPI® BARSPLICER setting and splice bars can be fabricated to almost any shape, and the small, compact, threaded couplers allow the system to be used in tight spaces such as walls, traffic barriers, corbels, and slabs.

For DOT projects, BPI can supply you fully certified epoxy coated bars and couplers, threaded, processed and tested in accordance with BPI’s quality system ISO 9001:2015.

Dowel bar splices at construction joints shall consist of threaded setting and splice bars [configured as shown on plans] having standard unified NC threads, flanged couplers and/or position couplers, be procured with ISO 9001 certification and pre-tested to develop at least 1.25 x fy***.

Reinforcing bar mechanical splices shall be tension-compression threaded couplers or position couplers with standard unified NC threads, procured with ISO 9001 certification and pre-tested to develop at least 1.25 x fy***.

Bar-to-structural steel connections shall consist of threaded bars and weldable connectors with standard UNC threads, weld bevels inclined 30-degrees to the rebar axis, ISO 9001 certification and pre-tested to develop at least 1.25 x fy***.

Mechanical Headed Reinforcing Bars shall consist of round steel heads with area 5Ab, attached to the bar by means of standard unified NC threads, procured with ISO 9001 certification and pre-tested to develop at least 1.25 x fy***.

Great value built-in…

- Controlled heat lots tested for every order
- Copy of mill CMTR provided
- Copy of epoxy coating certification
- Splice test reports available
- ISO 9001:2015 quality system
- Bundled and tagged to requirements
- Unmatched Sales and technical support

HOW TO SPECIFY BPI® BARSPLICER COUPLERS, HEADS AND CONNECTORS

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** Include flange requirements (if any), bar size(s) and bar type. Include statement: “Parts shall be manufactured to the quality requirements of ISO 9001.”

*** Substitute 1.33 x fy or 1.35 x fy (Grade 60 or 75) or 1.50 x fy (Grade 60) as required, and specify bar type and Grade (60, 75 or 80).

WARNING: When a State DOT requires the use of ASTM A706 Epoxy Coated Reinforcement and/or Dowel Bars, BPI IS READY TO HELP – JUST LET US KNOW YOUR PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS AND NEEDS.

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