

TIME TO RETORQUE?

Back Off, Buster!

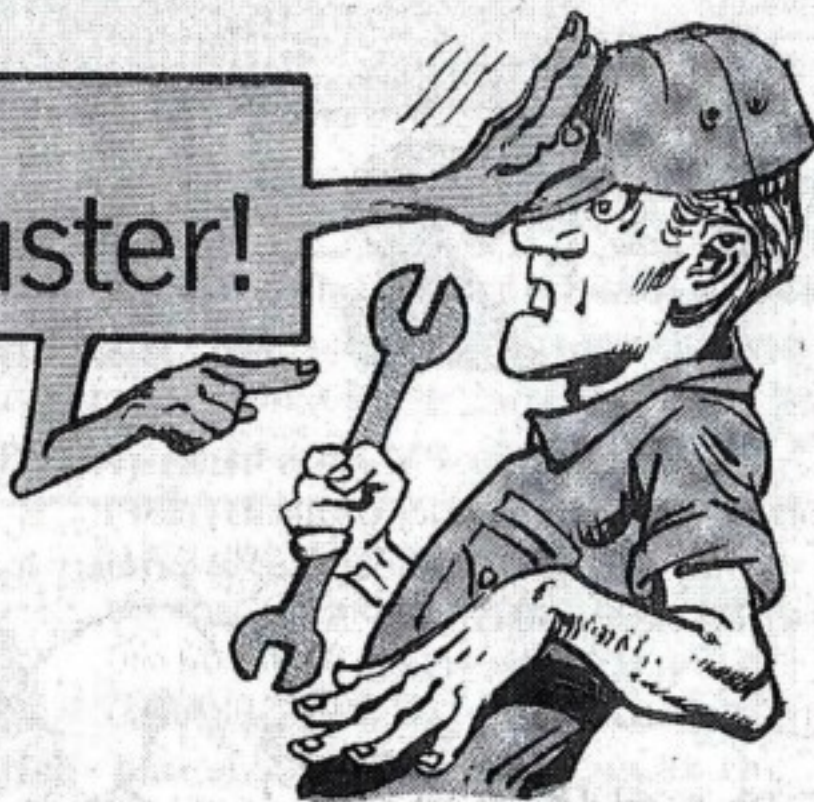
Physics may play second fiddle to the opposite sex at your bull sessions, but at least one subject seems to cause quite a few arguments: How to check torque.

OK, once more.

When it's time to check torque on a nut, never just slap the wrench on it and take a reading. You need about 10



Back off —
then
Torque.



percent more torque than was originally applied just to start the nut moving again. And, the nut has to be moving to get the right torque.

Back off on the nut a half to a full turn with a regular wrench, and tighten it with the torque wrench to the correct value. That's the word in para 6-152h of TM 55-1500-204-25/1 (Apr 70).