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Mirror Assy Lateral Adjustment HW Analysis

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The groove lock lateral adjustment hardware are described in Reference 1 and shown in Figures 1 & 2. Their primary function is to move the mirror assembly laterally (in the plane of the mirror) to properly position the mirror during alignment. Originally standard torque specifications were to be applied after final alignment. However, this procedure needed to be applied while dial gauge indicators are attached to the assembly (Reference 1), which does not allow access to all the hardware when using a torque wrench. As a result the proper procedure could not be applied without moving the assembly and compromising alignment.

In reality and upon further inspection torquing this hardware to standard or typical specifications is not necessary. This hardware is not actively securing components and are essentially unnecessary after final alignment. Their function after alignment is stay securely in place and be available if re-alignment of the mirrror is necessary in the future. They also provide a load sharing during worst case earthquake response. The criteria for the M3 location at the top of the tower is 15Gs.

Component strength and safety margins have been calculated for all hardware and is shown in Figure 3. The worksheet calculations show that the (worst case) groove lock bracket can take 435 lbs before yielding. The friction force resistance provided by the Groove Plate lock down bolts is 2115 lbs. Together this is a restraining force of 2550 lbs. Given the weight of the Mirror Assembly at 165 lbs, this is a factor of (2550/165) 15.46. Sufficient for the 15G requirement.

The lateral adjustment screws only need to snugly contact the groove plate and be secured either by safety wire or Loctite. Only positive contact is required so that they can function as a resistive force in the event of earthquake.

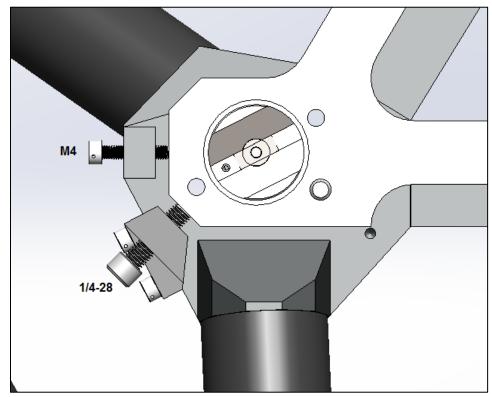


Figure 1 - Groove Lock off axis position components and hardware. Note that Swing-Arm HW is M4 and the Groove Lock component is 1/4-28. Hardware is drilled head for safety wire after final alignment. [Figure from Reference 1]

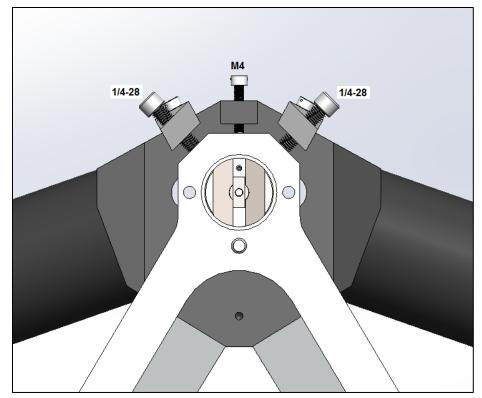


Figure 2 - Groove Lock on axis position components. Note that Swing-Arm is M4 and Groove Lock components are 1/4-28. Hardware is drilled head for safety wire after final alignment. [Figure from Reference 1]

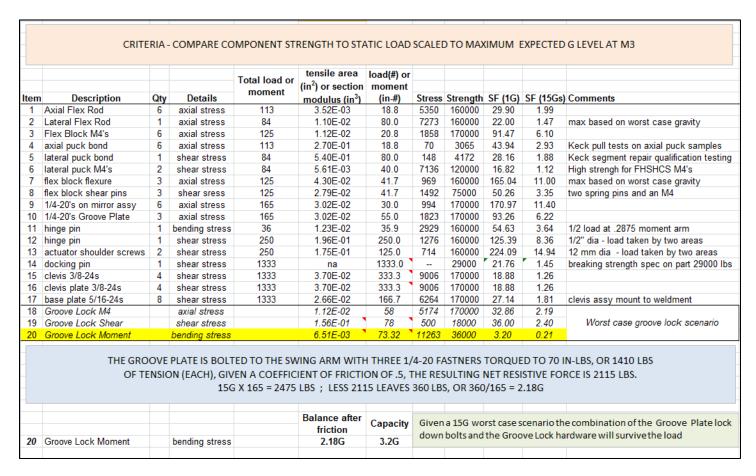


Figure 3– Worksheet from the K1DM3 Excel file itemizing load components and calculated safety margins for 15G earthquake.

References

- Mirror Installation Set-Up and Assembly Plan, K1DM3 Technical Note, 872-LTN2002
- Mirror and Swing-Arm Assembly, K1DM3 Drawing, 872-LM4700
- 3. K1DM3 project spreadsheet, Excel file, K1DM3.xlsx (Technical Note 872-LTN1001)

Revisions

A. Initial release, 27 July 2018