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Element location: Sheffield

This report details the results of prototype tests carried out on friction type sleeve couplers used for connecting steel tubes of 48.3mm outside diameter and of at least 3.2mm nominal wall thickness at a minimum in the construction of working scaffolds and false work required for the construction, maintenance, repair and demolition of buildings and structures.

#### Description and Marks on couplings

Pressed Sleeve Coupler

Marks :- EN74-1 B L GH 0914 CLASS BL

#### Basis of Tests.

The couplings have been tested in accordance with the requirements of EN 74-1: 2005.

#### Information given by customer

Manufactured by: Nanjing Guhua Metalwork Co Ltd  
Shape: As per drawing shown at the end of this report  
Dimensions: As per drawing shown at the end of this report  
Material Characteristics: Sleeve  
Surface Protection: Zinc plated  
Tightening Torque: 50 Nm

#### Element Materials Technology Sheffield

Authorised by: Lee Mangham - Operations Manager

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## RESULTS

### Design

The design of the coupling complied with the requirements of the relevant items in clause 6.2 of the standard.

### Dimensions and Material Characteristics

The measured dimensions, mass and material characteristics, of the couplings, were all within the tolerances as specified by the manufacturer. (Drawings are shown at the end of this report)

### Marking

The markings satisfy the requirements laid out in EN74-1.

### Slipping Force Tests, tested in accordance with Clause 7.2

Tested using 3.2mm steel tube	
Test Number	Load at $1 \leq \Delta_2 \leq 2\text{mm}$ (kN)
1	12.25
2	11.01
3	13.25
4	11.28
5	11.94
6	10.96
7	13.02
8	12.26
9	13.20
10	11.06
<b>F<sub>S5%</sub></b>	<b>10.21</b>

Tested using 4.0mm aluminium tube	
Test Number	Load at $1 \leq \Delta_2 \leq 2\text{mm}$ (kN)
1	13.26
2	13.65
3	12.68
4	12.96
5	13.06
<b>F<sub>S5%</sub></b>	<b>12.26</b>

Requirements from EN 74-1 table 8 for sleeve couplers :-  
 Class A  $1 \leq \Delta_2 \leq 2\text{mm}$  ( $F_{S5\%}$ ) = 6.0kN  
 Class B  $1 \leq \Delta_2 \leq 2\text{mm}$  ( $F_{S5\%}$ ) = 9.0kN

**From the results, the prototype is accepted for Class B.**

### Bending Moment Resistance, tested in accordance with 7.4.3

Tested using 4.0mm steel tube	
Test Number	Bending Moment $\Delta_4$ @ 5mm
1	4.35mm @ 25kN
2	4.36mm @ 25kN
3	4.35mm @ 25kN
4	4.37mm @ 25kN
5	4.40mm @ 25kN

Requirements from EN 74-1 table 8 for sleeve couplers: -  $\Delta_4=5\text{mm}$  1.4kNm

**From the results, the prototype is accepted for Class B for bending load capacity.**

Load-displacement curves are shown in charts 1 to 5

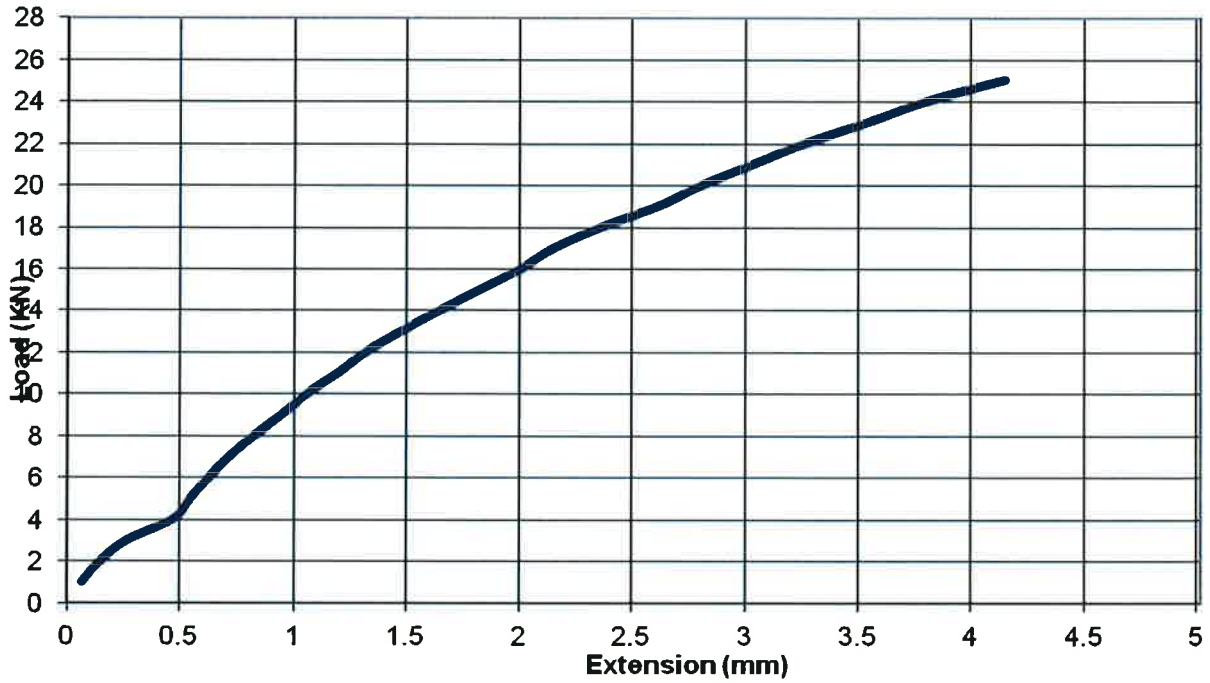
### Conclusion

The coupler passed the requirements for Class B

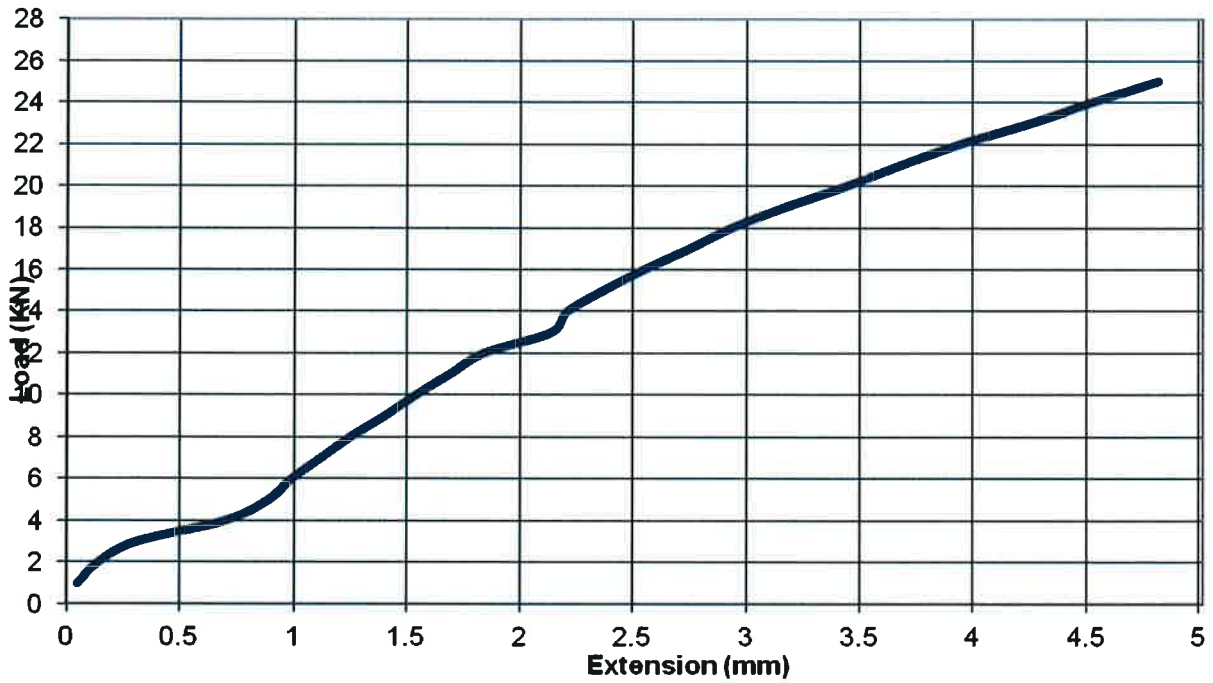


Graphs of Bending Moment Test on 4.0mm Steel Tubes (RT<sub>s3</sub>)

**Bend Test To Sleeve Coupler - 1**

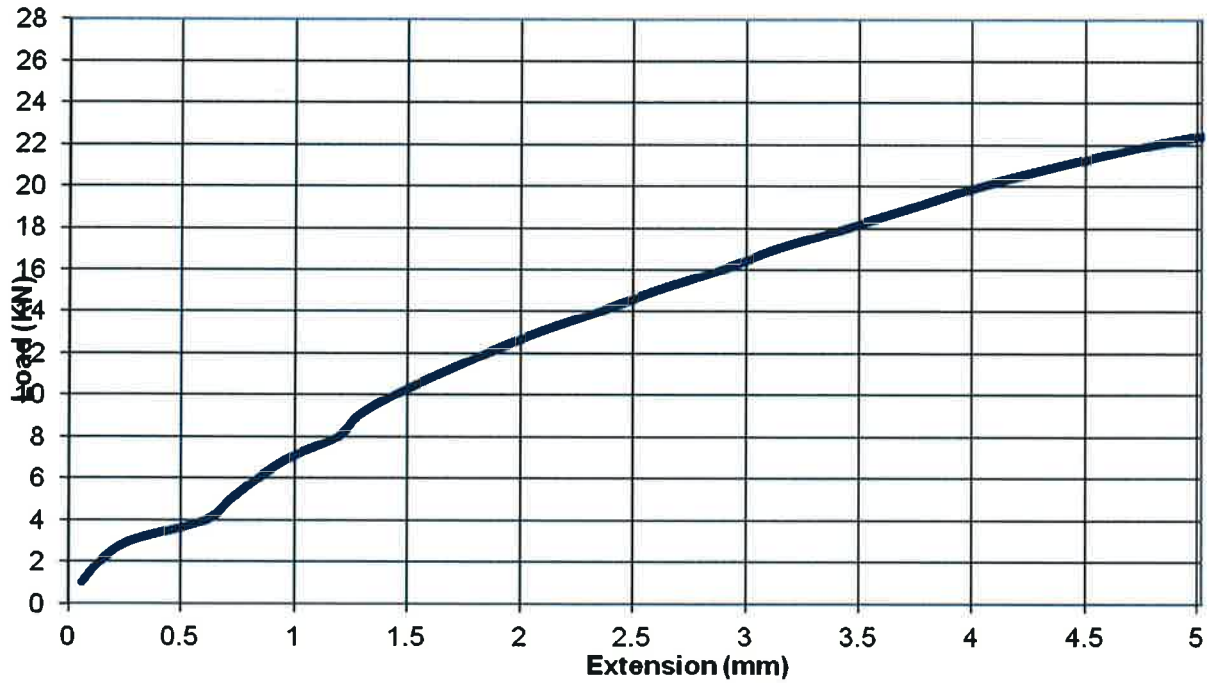


**Bend Test To Sleeve Coupler - 2**

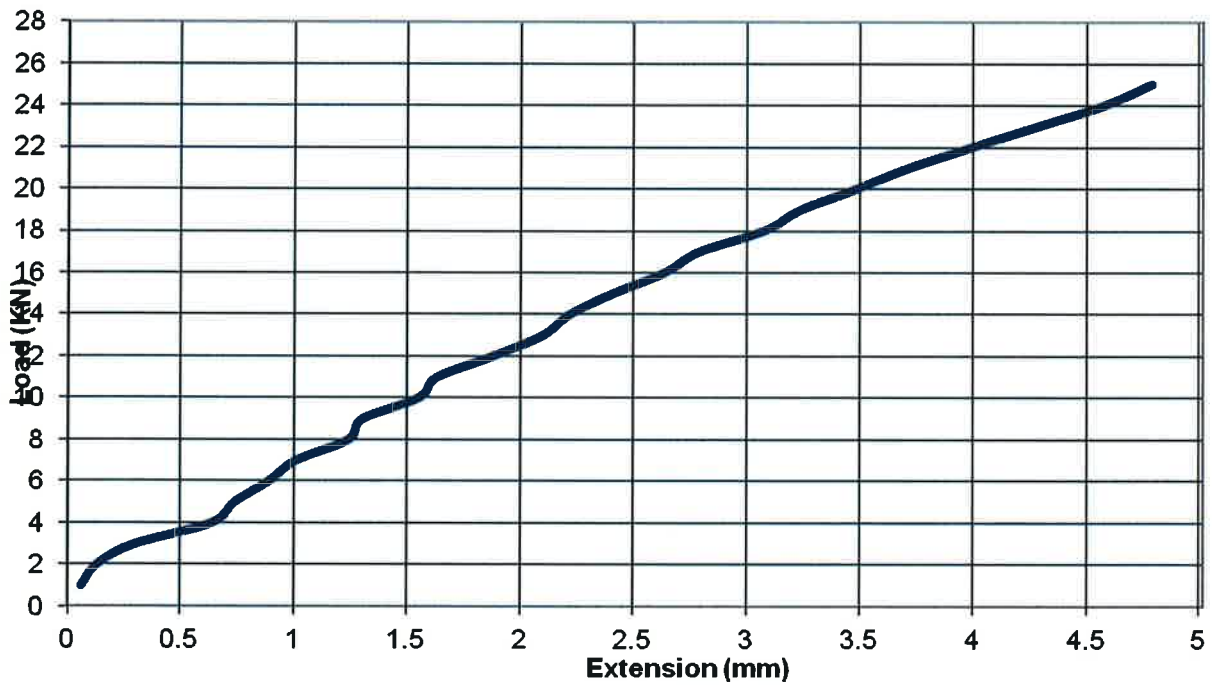


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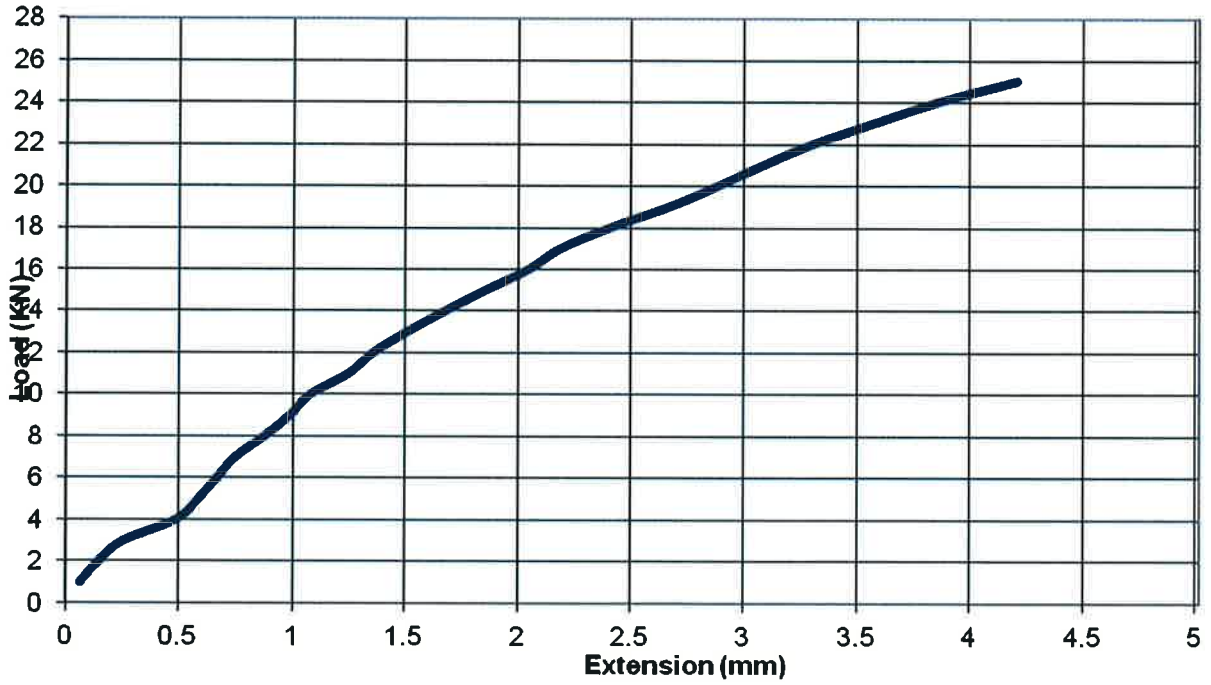
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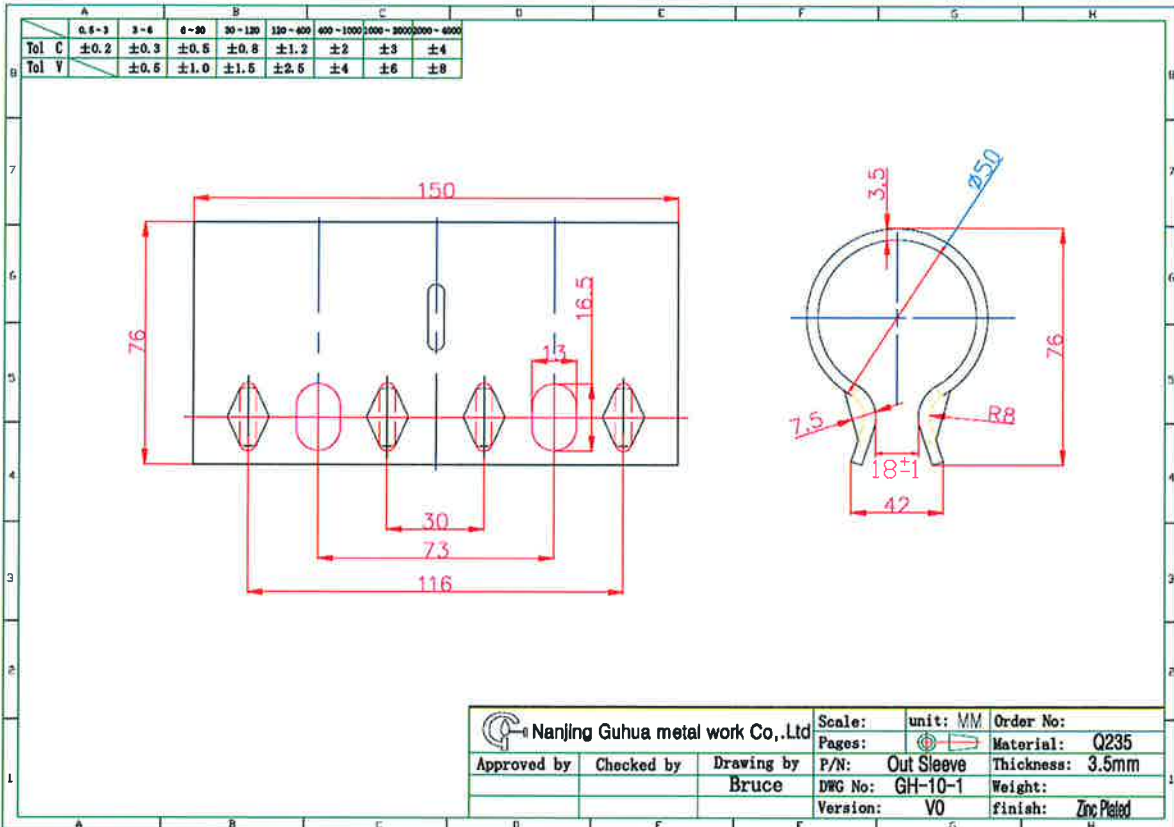
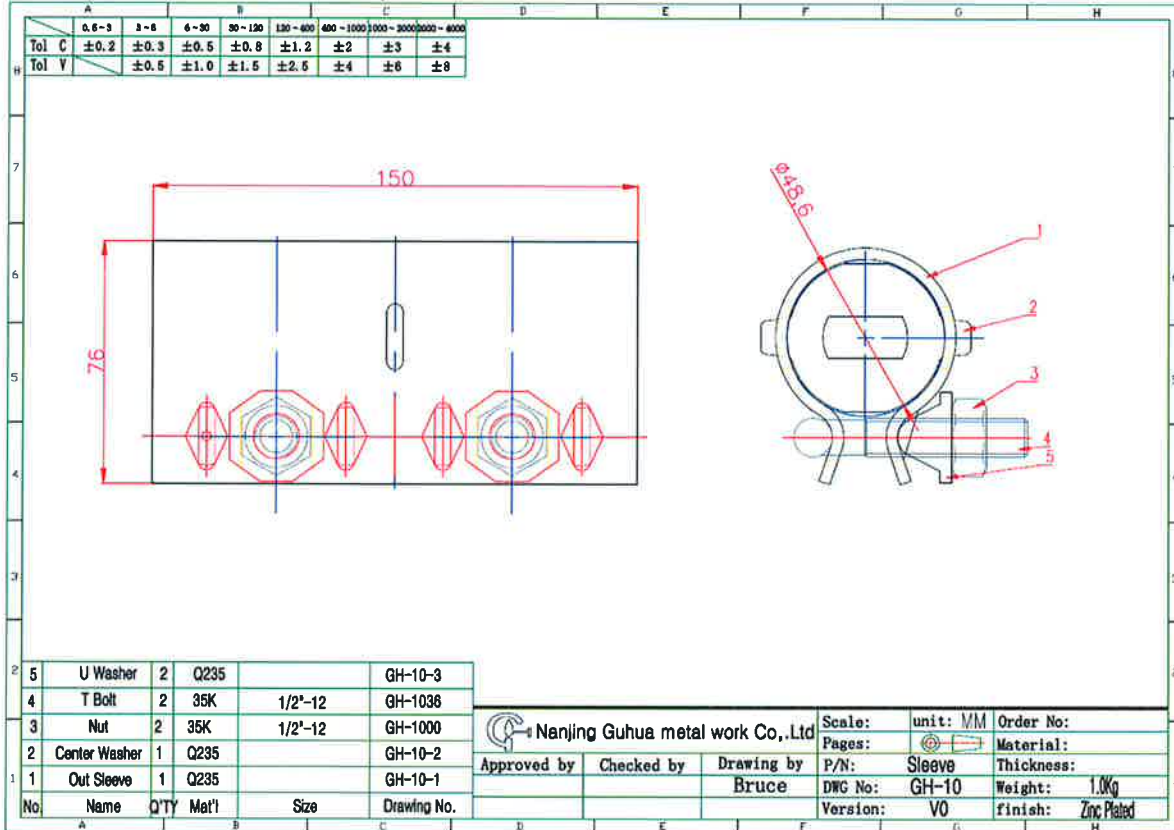
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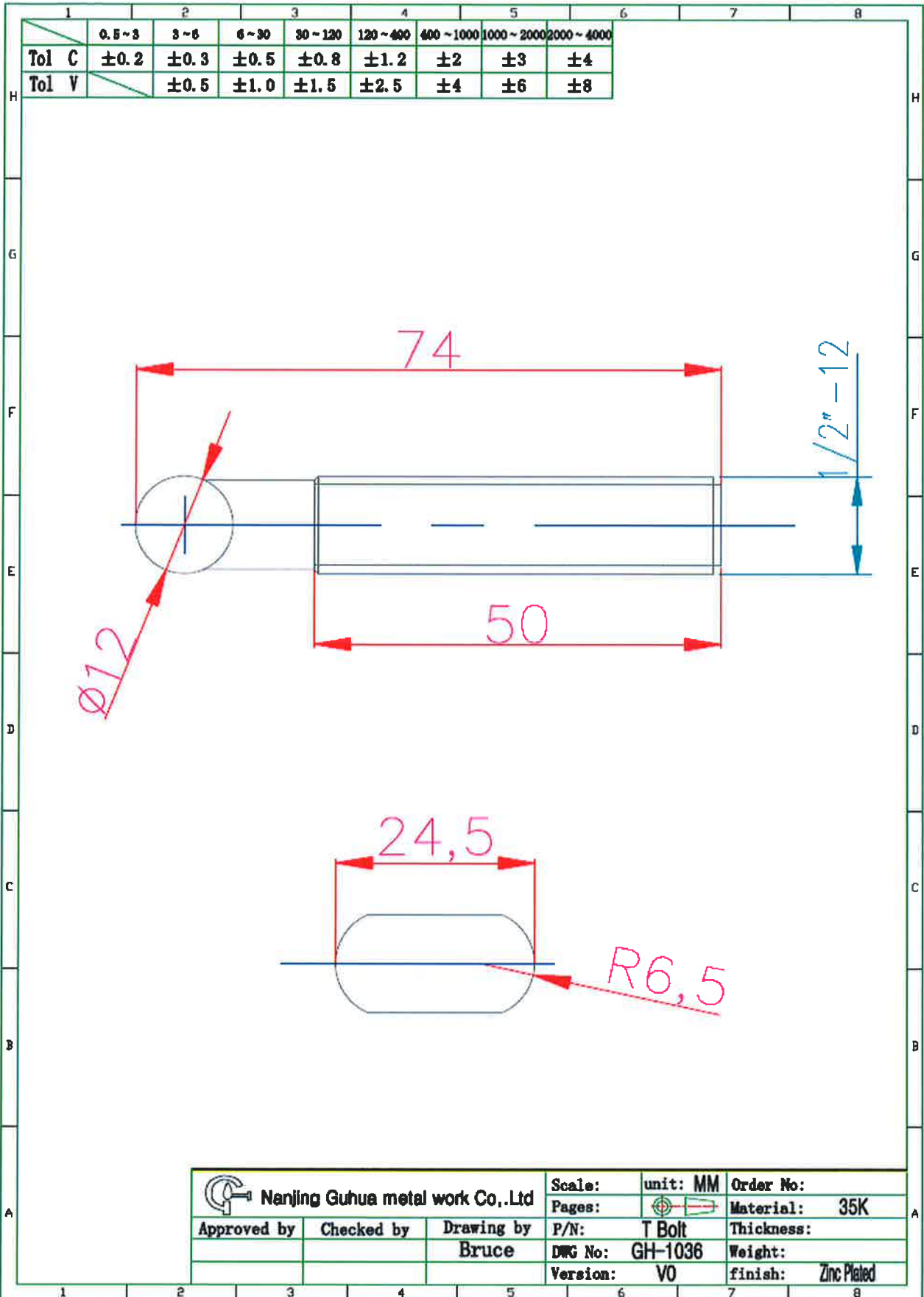


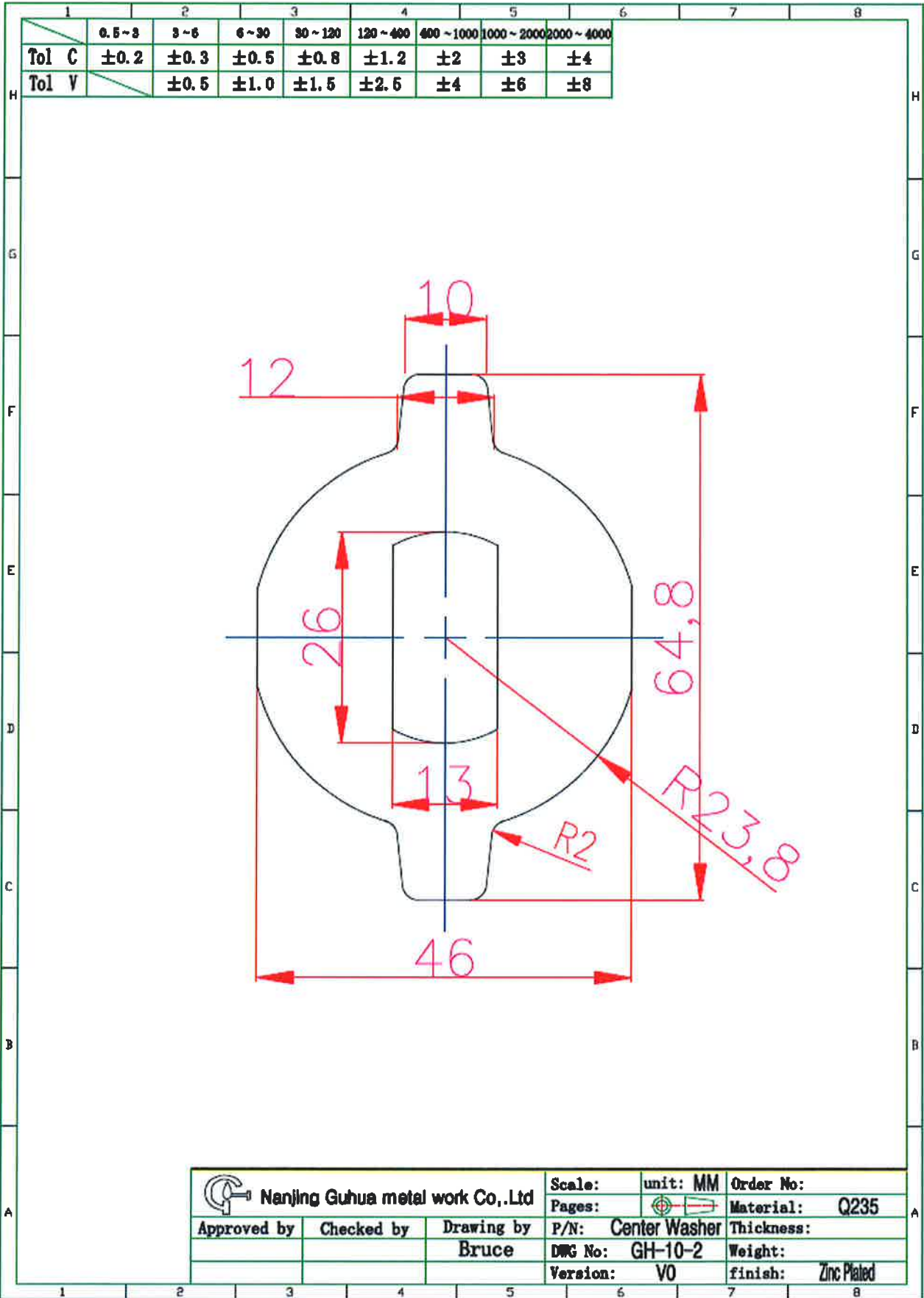
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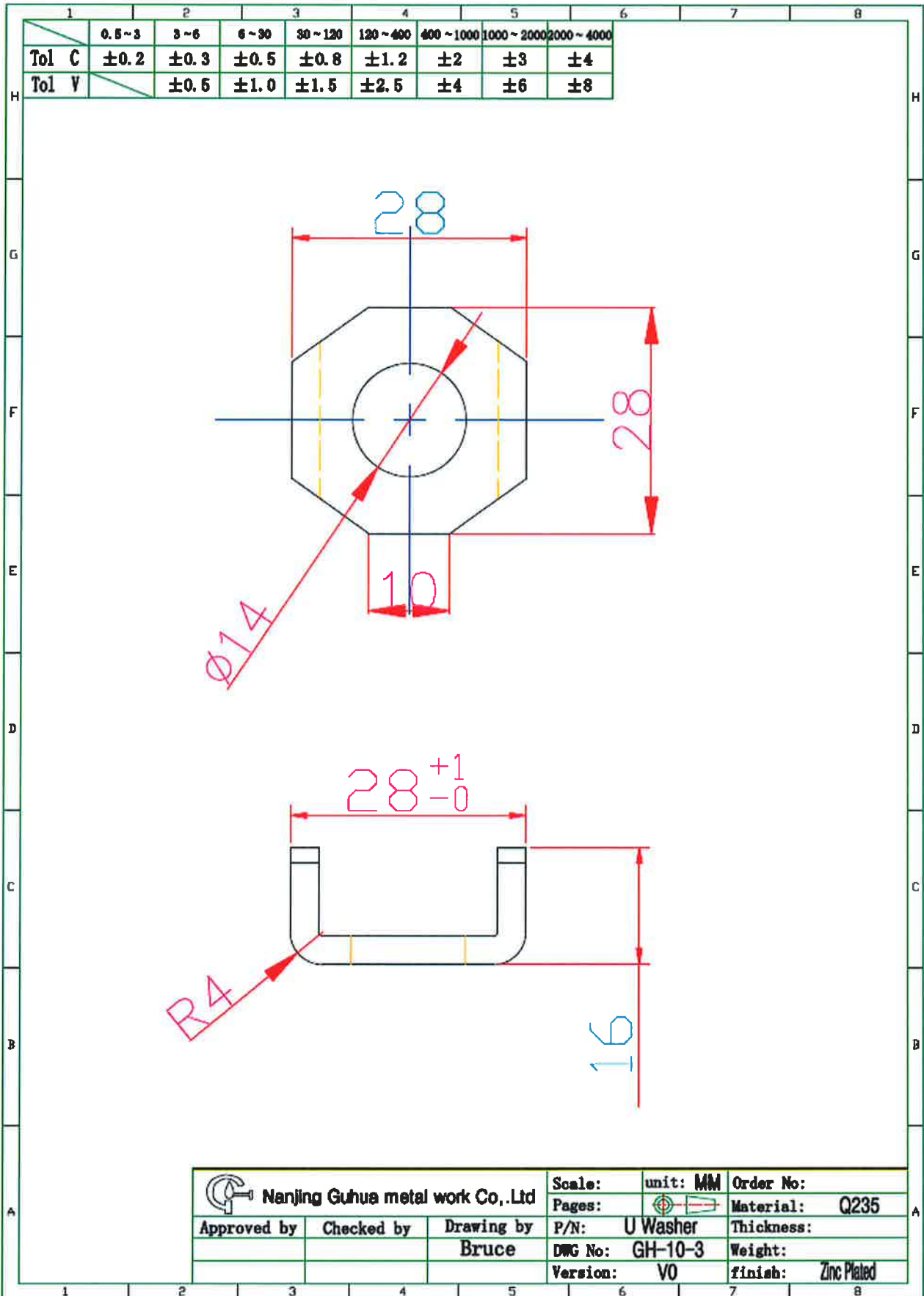
### Drawings of couplers supplied by customer



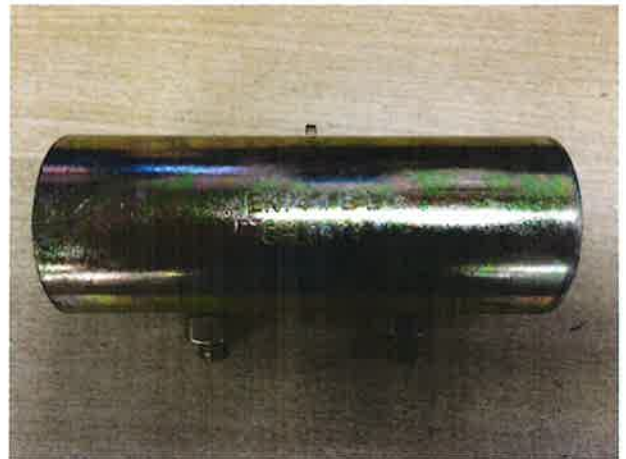






Photographs of Couplers



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