



# PRODUCT BULLETIN #488

## U-BOLT THREAD CHANGE ON 3.50" DIAMETER AXLE TUBING

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Dexter is pleased to announce a change to the U-bolts used on axles with 3.50" diameter tubing. The U-bolts will transition to a fine pitch thread (UNF) as a running change beginning immediately. This change improves spring retention to the Dexter cast spring seat for both double-eye and slipper spring configurations. As an upgrade option, we offer 3.50" diameter axle tube on D60, D70, D72, and D75 axle models, which is standard for D80N and D80 axle models.

Always use new U-bolts and hardware when servicing or replacing a leaf spring on an existing axle.

Installation torque values will remain the same for the new fine pitch thread U-bolts at 100-120 ft. lbs. for an unloaded axle.

NEW PART NUMBER	PREVIOUS PART NUMBER	NEW DESCRIPTION
011-315-01	011-123-01	U-Bolt, 9/16-18 UNF x 7.8" Long, 3.5" Tube, Coined Flat
006-456-01	006-301-01	Nut, Flange 9/16-18 UNF Serrated, Zinc

Please contact your Dexter account manager for additional information and further assistance.

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