

IS 4508 : 2024 Open Ended Slugging Wrenches (Spanners)

Open ended slugging wrenches are short, thick wrenches with a block-shaped end on the handle. These are used for tightening and loosening of bolts/nuts by impact load which is applied by hammering on the striking end of the spanner arm. These are commonly used in refineries, pipelines, chemical plants, flanges, and for other similar applications.

The Indian Standard IS 4508 : 2024 specifies the quality parameters for the slugging wrenches for sizes ranging between 19 mm to 230 mm. The ISS also prescribes the critical dimensions (overall length, overall width, thickness and width across flat etc) along with applicable tolerances. The ISS prescribes suitable protective coating to prevent rusting, mode of packing with marking of the requisite information to facilitate the user to choose appropriate wrench. The other specified parameters include grade and composition of the steel suitable for manufacture of Ring Slugging wrenches.

Further, it has been prescribed in the ISS that the spanners shall be well forged to desired shape and finished smooth all over with all sharp corners removed. The spanners shall be free from burrs, cracks, seams or other manufacturing defects. This ensures that the wrenches so manufactured are of robust construction, acquire requisite toughness and are safe for the user. These wrenches are subsequently case hardened to prevent wear and tear. The hardness values prescribed in the ISS take care of performance and durability requirements of wrenches enhancing their ability to bear severe impact loads and adverse usage conditions thus ensuring a longer service life.