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Dear Mr. Davis:

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## "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FASTENER THREAD ACCEPTABILITY"

The subject of screw threads and gaging procedures have received far too much attention in recent decades in terms of the actual screw contribution to joint integrity. The "real issues" have been and remain mechanical and performance characteristics which relate to quality in the manufacturing process control of materials in manufacture and related heat treatments.

Sincerely,

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