



## TOP 5 REASONS WHY CONTRACTORS HAVE ABANDONED WOOD TEMPLATES

From conversations with contractors, here are the Top 5 Reasons contractors cite for abandoning the wood template method in favor of BOLT STAR.

**#1. “We were building a wood template for every pole base.”** Contractors realized this is an inefficient process, with wasted time that could be used to finish other job site tasks. They recognize that having to build a wood template for every pole base involves sunk costs. What also stood out is that you only need enough BOLT STAR tools for the pole bases poured each day.

**Example:** you have a small job of only 18 light pole bases for a retail parking lot. Using the wood template method, you must build 18 wood templates.

Plan to pour 6 pole bases per day? Then you only need 6 BOLT STAR tools, and you can reuse them 3 times. That amounts to 1/3 the work compared to building wood templates, or an estimated *savings of 2 days-worth of labor!* On a larger job of perhaps 50 light pole bases with a crew pouring 10 bases per day, the savings could amount to a week’s worth of labor!!!

**#2. “No room to trowel finish the entire top of base using a wood template.”** Crews like being able to trowel finish the the top without having to wait to pull the template first. They can finish the job *faster*. Other reported advantages:

- **Bottom nuts stay clear of the concrete**, with over 1 ½” clearance from top of form to bottom of template, everything stays out of the “mud”;
- **Wide openings promote faster pours**, making it easier to get the concrete from the chute into the hole. Ample room for a vibrator too;
- **No form marks** since there is no 2x4 form board sitting across the top of the concrete forming tube.



**#3. “We experienced an occasional ‘leaner’ with wood, i.e., bolts shifting or leaning requiring costly rework.”**

Leaners are a contractor’s worst nightmare, costing hundreds to several thousand dollars to fix depending on how many foundations are affected. Leaners are eliminated with BOLT STAR because you can leave the tool in place longer giving more time for the concrete to set up. Cost of rework? Zero.





#### **#4. “Incorrect measurements, resulting in bolts that are in the wrong place.”**

As one contractor put it, “if you’ve ever set anchor bolts using wood templates, then you’ve had a problem.” Incorrect measurements are common in building wood templates, resulting in costly re-work.



#### **#5. “We had to maintain a variety of wood template versions.”**

Large contractors that did not discard wood templates after every job maintained an assortment of templates back at the shop. They liked the fact there are over 40 paper template specifications built into every BOLT STAR that can be used over and over again with no measuring, drilling or cutting. Less waste of time, less waste period!



Building wood templates has been an industry practice for decades with little or no improvement, until BOLT STAR®. BOLT STAR is field-proven to deliver savings and higher quality, in use daily by thousands of contractors all over the U.S. and in different countries, under varying site and environmental conditions.



## **Don't be stuck in the dark ages.**

**Isn't it time you abandoned wood templates and started saving time and money?**