

## LUNATI CONNECTING ROD INSTALLATION

Lunati strongly recommends using the bolt-stretch method for proper rod bolt installation. Use of a bolt-stretch gauge ensures that the bolts are correctly preloaded and are providing the proper clamping load. If you do not have a stretch gauge, Lunati offers one under part # 98401.



- 1** Apply the molybdenum base lubricant (Part # CRL 100) under the head of the bolt and on the threads.



- 2** With the bolts installed hand tight, install the gauge and zero the dial indicator. The stretch gauge must fit into the dimples on each end of the bolt.



- 3** Alternating from one side of the rod to the other, tighten the bolts, until the bolt stretches **.0050"**- **.0054"** on Pro-Mod and Pro Billet rods and **.0039"**- **.0043"** on Street Race rods.

Lunati *does not* recommend the use of a torque wrench to install the rod bolts. Errors due to friction, calibration, and technique can lead to improper bolt stretch and can cause rod failure. Only as a last resort, should a torque wrench be used.

**DO NOT STAMP THE ROD NUMBERS ON THE RODS! ETCH THE NUMBERS. STAMPING WILL DISTORT THE ROUNDNESS!**