Common Fastener Types



Hex bolts, or hex cap screws, are used in machinery and construction. Can be used with a nut, or in a tapped hole. Fully threaded hex bolts are also known as tap bolts.

Wood screws have large threads and a smooth shank for pulling two pieces of material together. They can be used in wood and other soft materials.

Sheet metal screws have sharp points and threads, and are designed to be driven directly into sheet metal. They can also be used in softer materials like plastic, fiberglass, or wood.

Machine screws are fully threaded for use with a nut or in a tapped hole. Certain types are sometimes referred to as stove bolts.

Socket screws are machine screws with an internal hex socket (Allen) drive. Longer lengths may have a smooth shank.

Lag bolts, or lag screws, are large wood screws with hex heads. Typically used for wood construction.

Carriage bolts have smooth, domed heads with a square section underneath that pulls into the material to prevent spinning during installation.

Nuts are used to fasten machine threaded fasteners in through-hole applications. Lock nuts help prevent loosening.

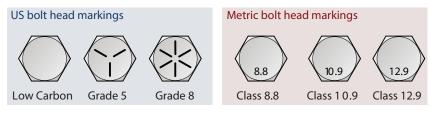
Washers spread the load over a greater surface area when tightening a bolt, screw or nut. Lock washers help prevent loosening.

Tip: Find a more comprehensive fastener type chart at www.mbs-standoffs.com

Grade/Class & Fastener Strength

Fastener Grade (US) or Class (metric) refers to the mechanical properties of the fastener material. Generally, a higher number indicates a stronger, more hardened (but also more brittle) fastener.

For a chart of fastener grades, head markings and mechanical properties, see Mbs Standoffs Grade markings and Strength Chart at www.mbs-standoffs.com



Note: In addition to these markings, the head will often have a manufacturer stamp.

Materials Fastener

Note: Do not rely on this guide for color-matching. The appearance of these materials sometimes differs significantly from the photos below.

Zinc-plated steel is a low carbon steel for general use. Relatively inexpensive, with the zinc plating providing moderate corrosion resistance suitable for indoors or otherwise dry conditions. Color is either a blue-ish tint or



yellow depending on the exact process.

Hot-dipped galvanized steel has a thicker zinc coating for better corrosion resistance. making it suitable for outdoor use. Because of the thick plating,



only galvanized nuts and washers will fit galvanized bolts. The coating typically has a rough, dull grey finish.

Stainless steel offers good corrosion resistanc e, making it suitable for outdoor use and marine applications, but is

plating offers moderate corrosion resistance.





Brass and bronze are copper alloys with good corrosion resistance. More expensive than steel, these materials are typically used for decorative applications. Colors can vary significantly.

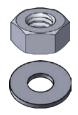
Alloy steel is highly hardened and usually black oxide and/or oil coated, offering little corrosion resistance.



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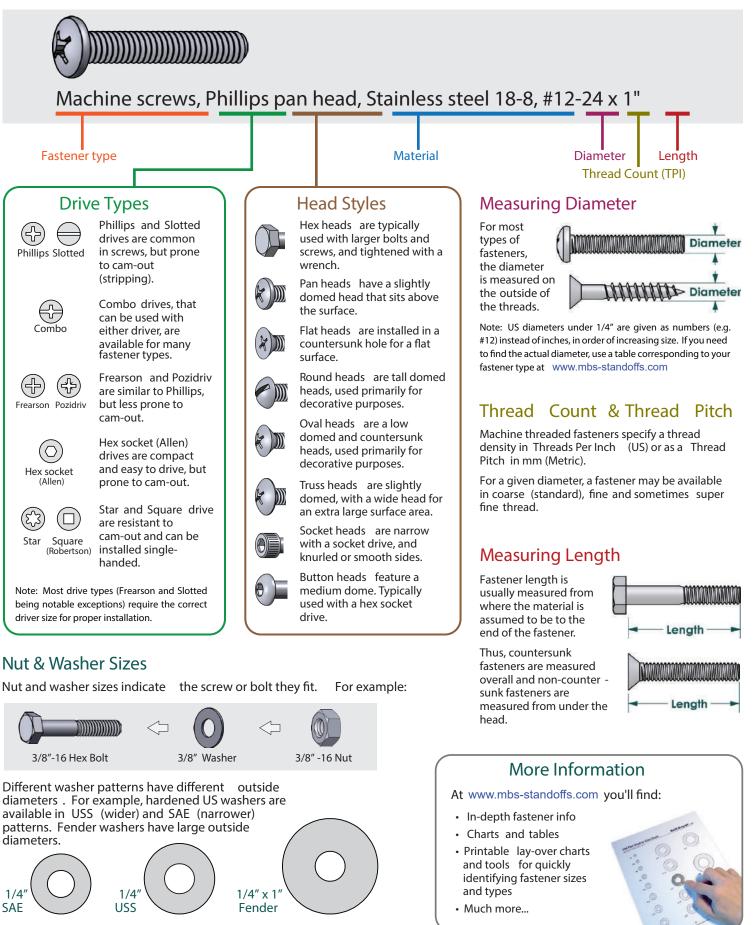






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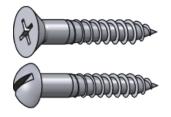
Chrome and nickel plated steel are smooth and polished for appearance. The



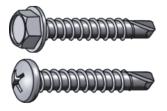
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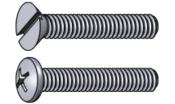
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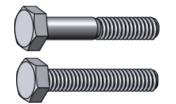
Wood Screws Screws with a smooth shank and tapered point for use in wood. Abbreviated WS.



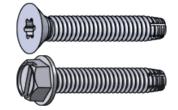
Self Drilling SMS A sheet metal screw with a self drilling point.



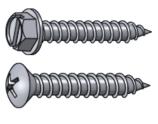
Machine Screws Screws with threads for use with a nut or tapped hole. Abbreviated MS.



Hex Bolts Bolts with a hexagonal head with threads for use with a nut or tapped hole. Abbrevi ated HHMB or HXBT.



Thread Cutting Machine Screws Machine screws with a thread cutting (self tapping) point.



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Sheet Metal Screws Fully threaded screws with a point for use in sheet metal. Abbreviated SMS.



Carriage Bolts Bolts with a smooth rounded head that has a small square section underneath.



Plow Bolts Similar to carriage bolts but used for attaching the cutting edge of a plow to the plow blade.



Socket Screws Socket screws, also known as Allen Head, are fastened with a hex Allen wrench.



J-Bolts J shaped bolts are used for tie-downs or as an open eye bolt.



Lag Bolts Bolts with a wood thread and pointed tip. Abbreviated Lag.



U-Bolts Bolts in U shape for attaching to pipe or other round surfaces. Also available with a square bend.



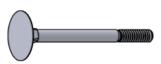
Eye Bolts A bolt with a circular ring on the head end. Used for attaching a rope or chain.



Shoulder Bolts Shoulder bolts (also known as stripper bolts) are used to create a pivot point.



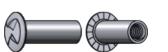
Eye Lags Similar to an eye bolt but with wood threads instead of machine thread.



Elevator Bolts Elevator bolts are often used in conveyor systems. They have a large, flat head.

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Sex Bolts Sex bolts (a.k.a. barrel nuts or Chicago bolts) have a female thread and are used for through bolting applications where a head is desired on both sides of the joint.



Timber Bolts Machine threaded fasteners with a wide domed head. The head has fins underneath that prevent the bolt from spinning during installation. Typically used in wood.



Fastener Categories

Mating Screws Mating screws have a shoulder that matches the diameter of the sex bolts they are used with.



Cotter Pins Cotter or split pins have two tines which are bent apart to hold them in place.



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Hanger Bolts Hanger bolts have wood thread on one end and machine thread on the other end



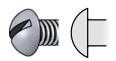
Rivets Used to join sheets of metal. During installation the rivet body is deformed to permanently lock in place. Blind rivets can be installed without access to the back side of the material.



Set Screws Machine screws with no head for screwing all the way into threaded holes.



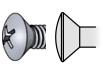
Flat A countersunk head with a flat top. Abbreviated FH



Round A domed head. Abbreviated RH

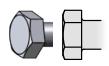


Slotted Hex Washer A hex head with built in washer and a slot.



Head Styles

Oval A countersunk head with a rounded top. Abbreviated OH or OV



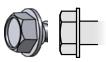
Hex A hexagonal head Abbreviated HH or HX



Button A low-profile rounded head using a socket drive.



Pan A slightly rounded head with short vertical sides. Abbreviated PN



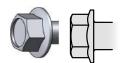
Hex Washer A hex head with built in washer.



Socket Cap A small cylindrical head using a socket drive.



Truss An extra wide head with a rounded top.



Hex Flange A hex head with built in flange.

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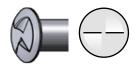
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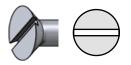
Washer Types



Phillips and Frearson An X-shaped drive. Abbreviated PH.



One Way Installs with a normal slotted driver but can not be removed without special tools.



Slotted A slot in the head. Abbreviated SL.



Square Also known as Robertson drive. Abbreviated SQ or SD.



Combination A combination of slotted and Phillips drives. Abbreviated combo.



Star A six-pointed star pattern, specifically designed to prevent cam-out and stripped heads.



Socket, Hex or Allen A hexagonal hole for use with an Allen wrench.



Flat A flat washer, used to distribute load. Available in SAE, USS and other patterns.



External Tooth Lock A washer with external 'teeth'. Used to prevent nuts and bolts from backing out.



Ogee Thick, large diameter, cast iron washers with a curved or sculpted appearance. Typically used in dock and wood construction.



Fender An oversize flat washer used to further distribute load especially on soft materials.



Internal Tooth Lock A washer with internal 'teeth'. Used to prevent nuts and bolts from backing out.



Finishing A washer used to obtain a 'finished' look. Usually used with oval head screws.



Square A square shaped washer.



Split Lock The most common style of washer used to prevent nuts and bolts from backing out.



Dock washers have a larger outside diameter and are thicker than standard.

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Nut Types



Hex A six sided nut. Also referred to as a Finished Hex Nut.



Heavy Hex A heavier pattern version of a standard hex nut.



Nylon Insert Lock A nut with a nylon insert to prevent backing off. Also referred to as a Nylock.



Jam A hex nut with a reduced height.



Nylon Insert Jam Lock A nylock nut with a reduced height.



Flange A nut with a built in washer like flange.



K-Lock or Kep A nut with an attached free-spinning external tooth lock washer.



Pin Lock A nut that does not require an high installation torque and can be installed and removed without thread damage.



Wing A nut with 'wings' for hand tightening.



Tee A nut designed to be driven into wood to create a threaded hole.



Coupling nuts are long nuts used to connect pieces of threaded rod or other male fasteners.



Cap A nut with a domed top over the end of the fastener.



Square A four sided nut.



Slotted Slotted nuts are used in conjunction with a cotter pin on drilled shank fasteners to prevent loosening.



Acorn Acorn nuts are a high crown type of cap nut, used for appearance.



Prevailing Torque Lock A non-reversible lock nut used for high temperature applications.



Castle Castle nuts are used in conjunction with a cotter pin on drilled shank fasteners to prevent loosening.

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Anchoring Products



Stud Anchors A.k.a. Wedge Anchors. One piece expansion bolts for heavy duty fastening into stone or solid concrete.



Sleeve Anchors Heavy duty masonry anchors. Does not require a solid base material for installation.



Lag Shields Medium dury anchors for use in concrete, brick or mortar. Use with a lag bolt.

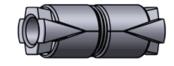


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Machine Screw Anchors A two-piece machine thread anchor for use in stone, brick, or concrete.



Drop-in Anchors A heavy duty machine thread anchor for concrete or stone.



Double Expansion Sleeves

Expansion anchor for masonry that ensures contact along the length of the hole.



Concrete Screws Used in concrete, brick or block. A quick and easy way to fasten in light to medium duty applications



Spring Toggle Wings Non-removable fasteners that expand behind the material, e.g. inside a wall, for a secure grip.



Plastic Toggle When these anchors are driven in they expand inside the hole for a secure grip. Drill hole the same size as the anchor. Non-removable.



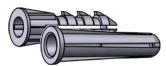
Wood Screw Anchors This anchor is made of lead and can be used with wood screws or sheet metal screws.



Kaptoggle® A non removable anchor commonly used for hollow spaces such as drywall and masonry block.



Hollow Wall Anchors A.k.a. Molly Bolts. Used for light duty anchoring in drywall or other hollow walls.



Conical Anchors Plastic anchors used with sheet metal screws. Can be used in most materials.

Nail Drive Anchors

Non removable anchors that

expand inside the hole when

the nail like pin is driven.



Self Drilling Drywall Anchors Quick-install plastic anchors used in drywall with sheet metal screws.



Anchor Bolts L shaped, machine threaded anchors. Typically embedded in concrete when it is poured.

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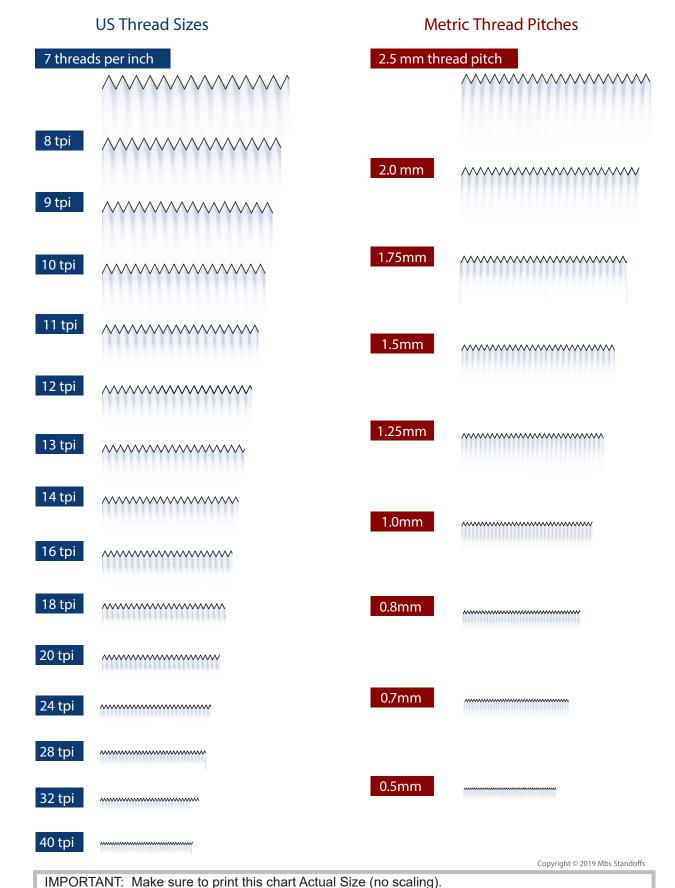
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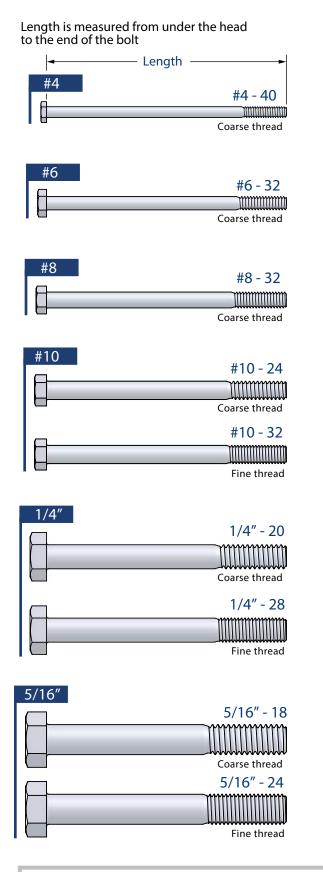


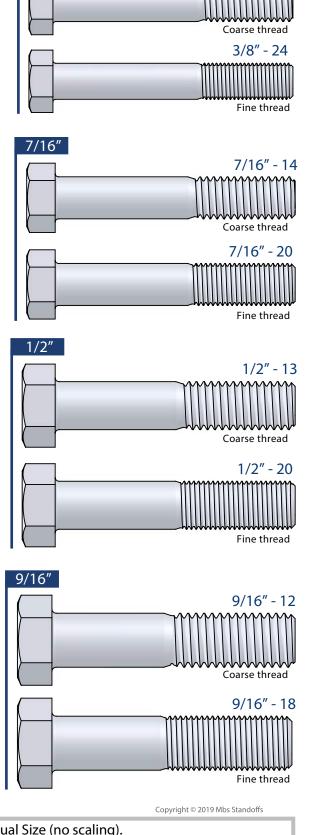
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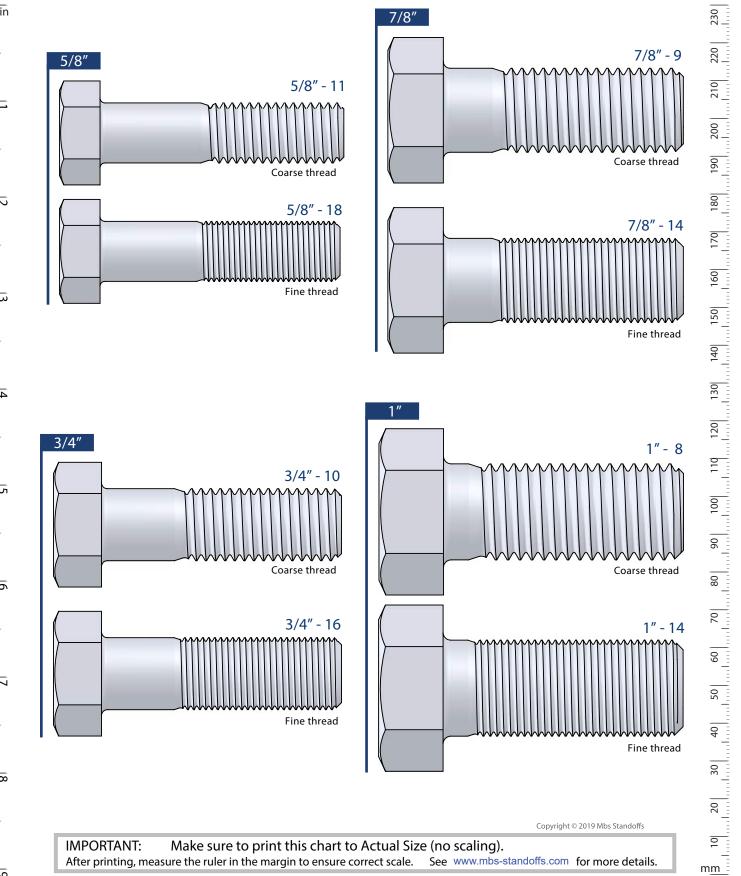


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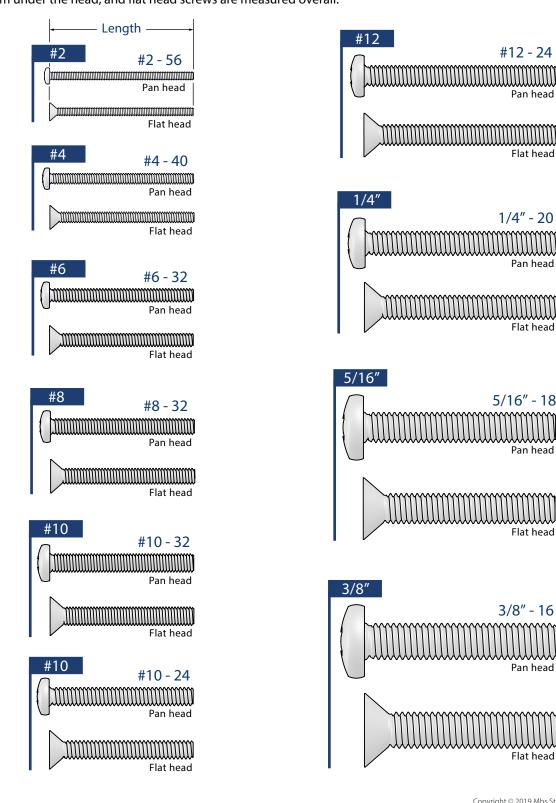
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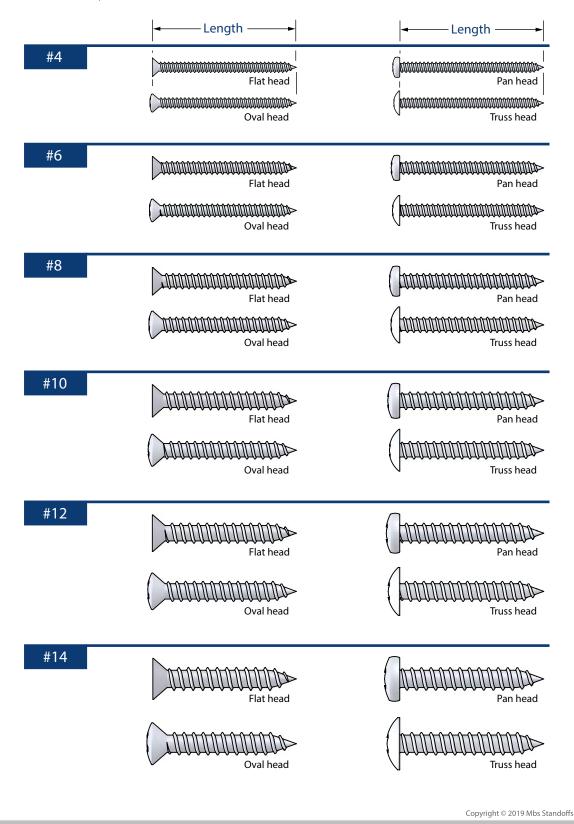
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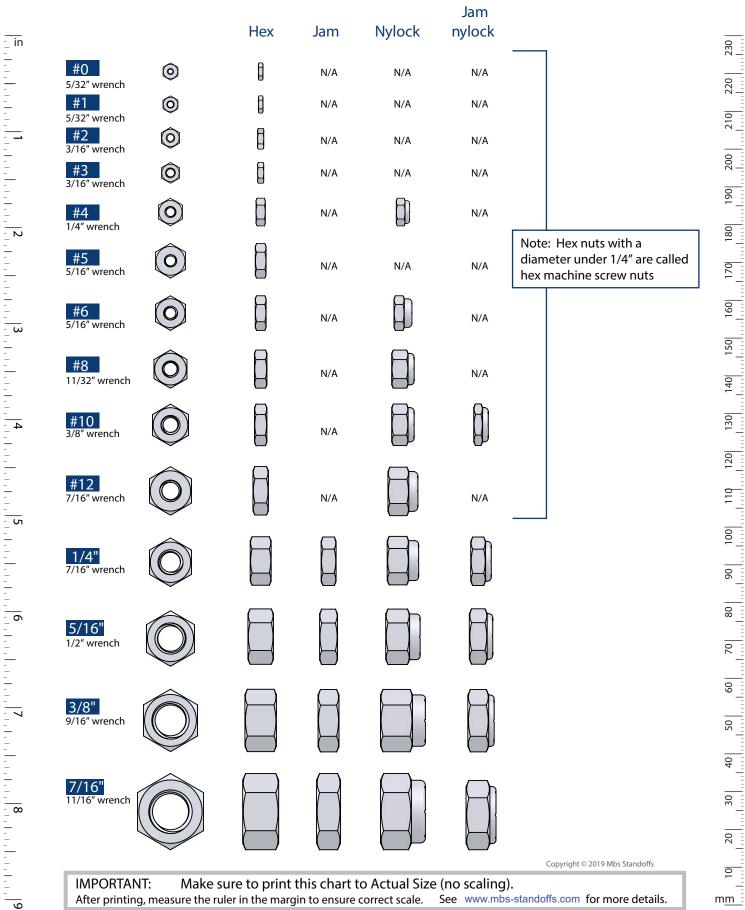
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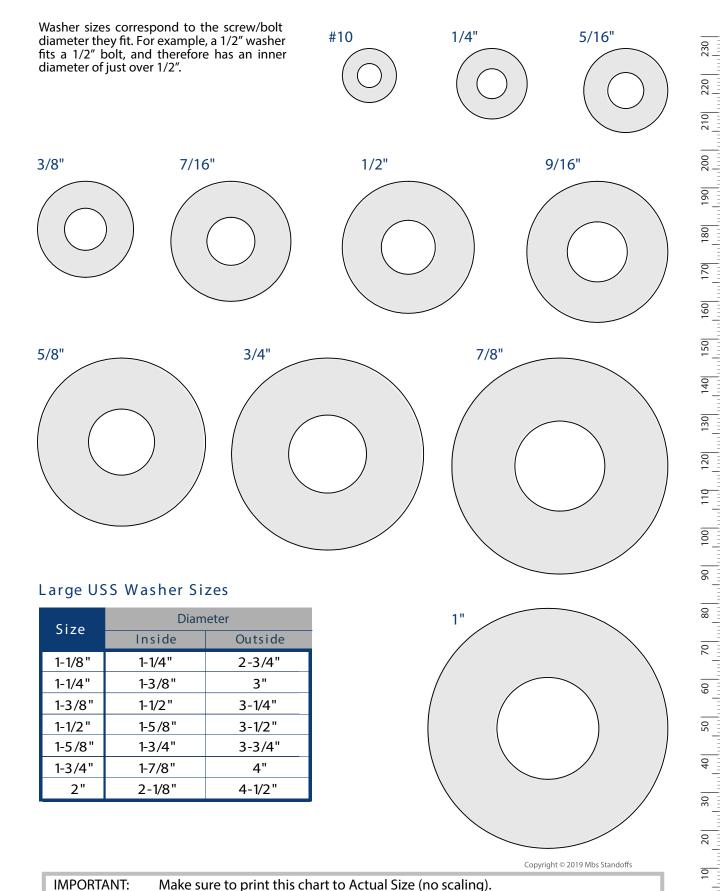
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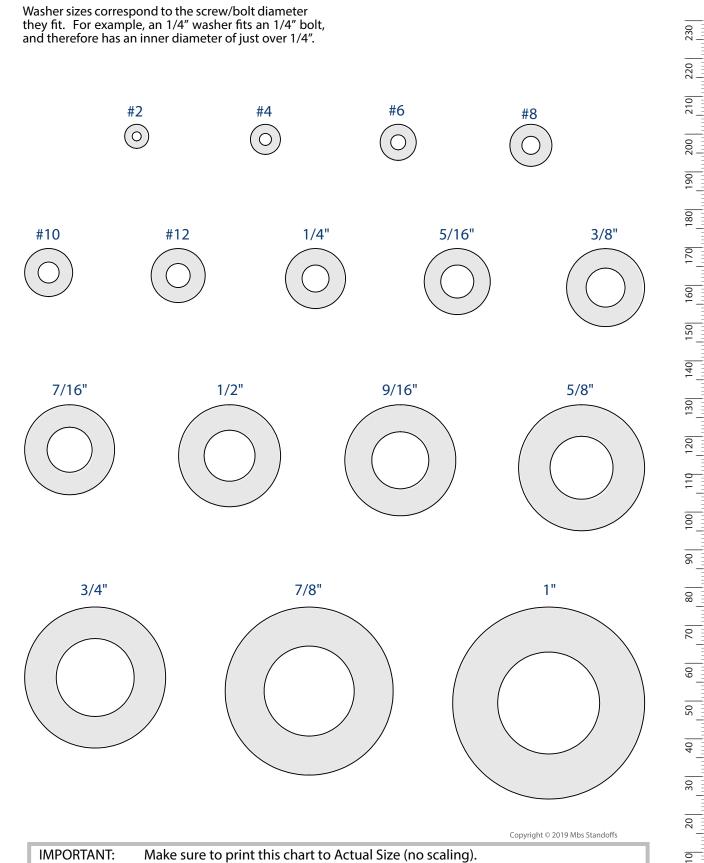
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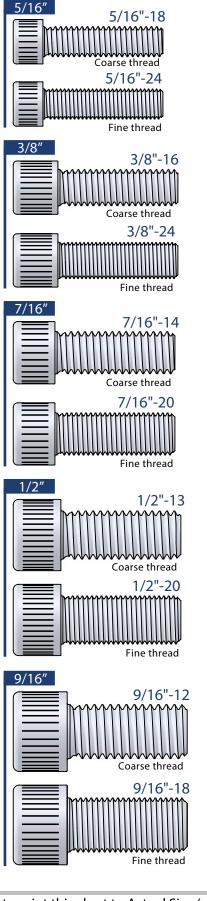
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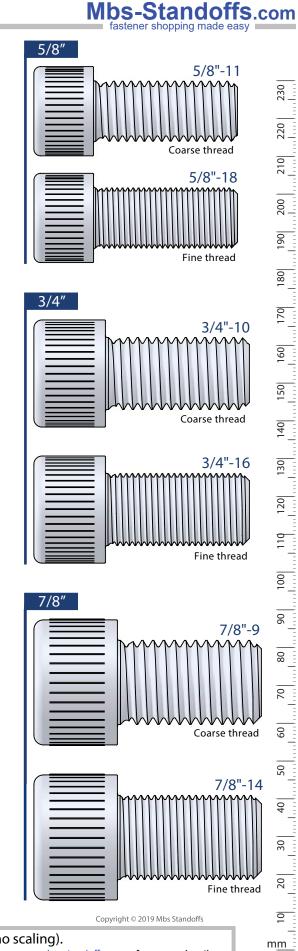
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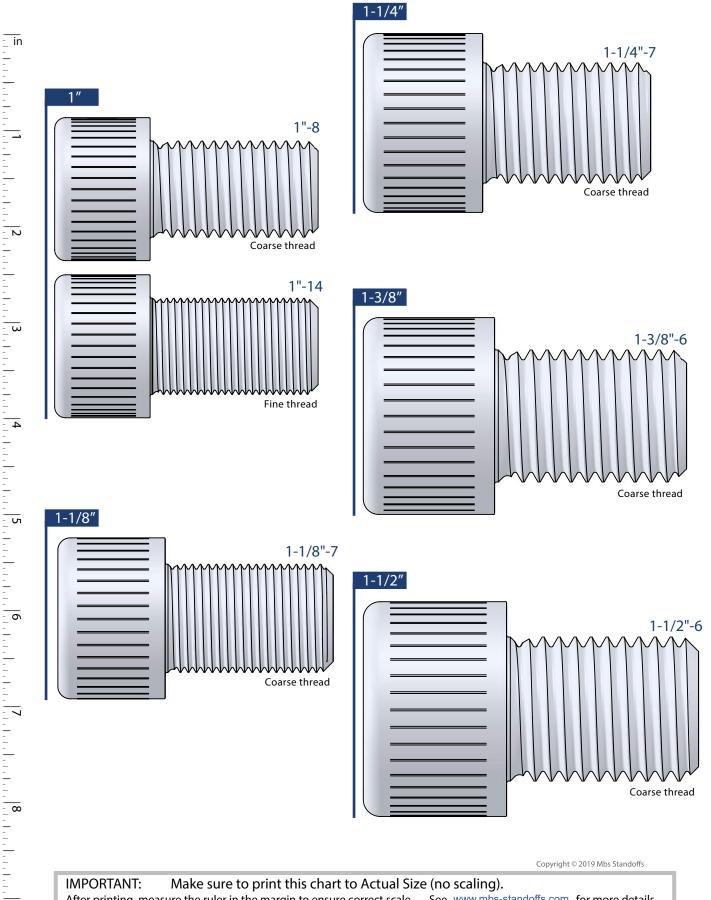


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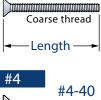
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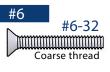
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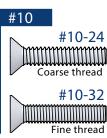
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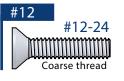


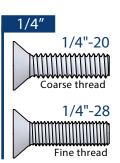


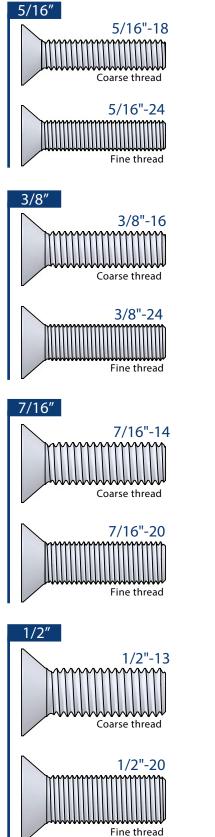


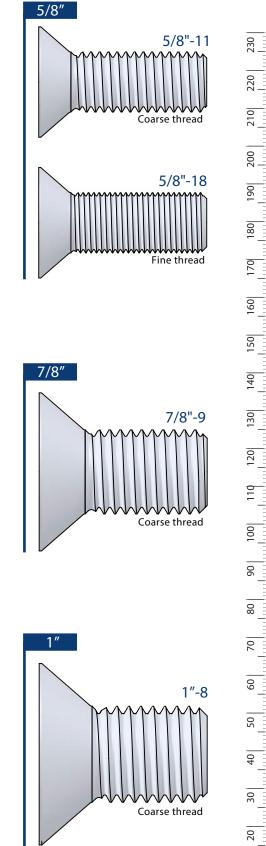












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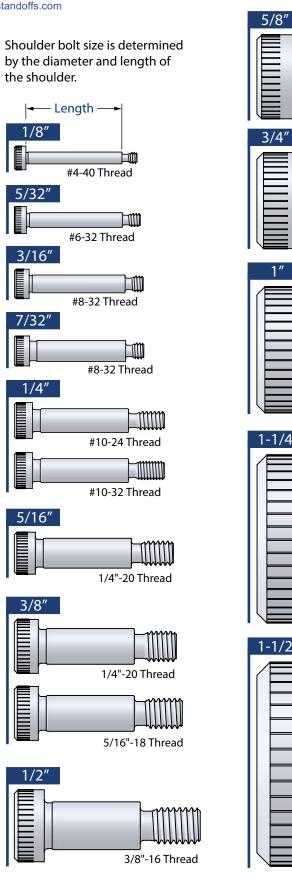
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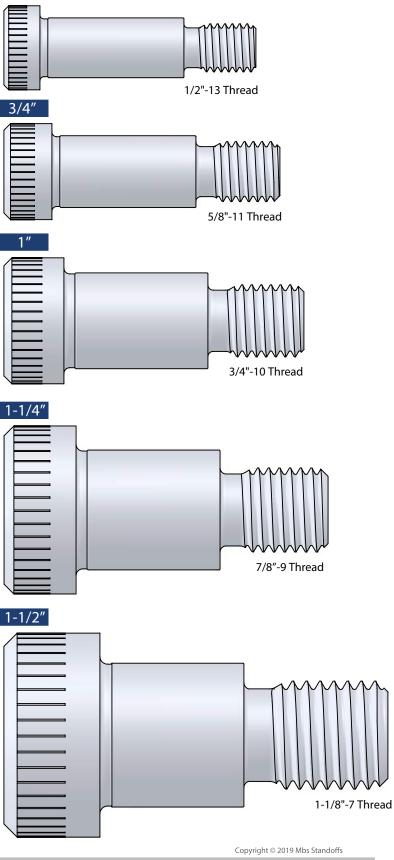
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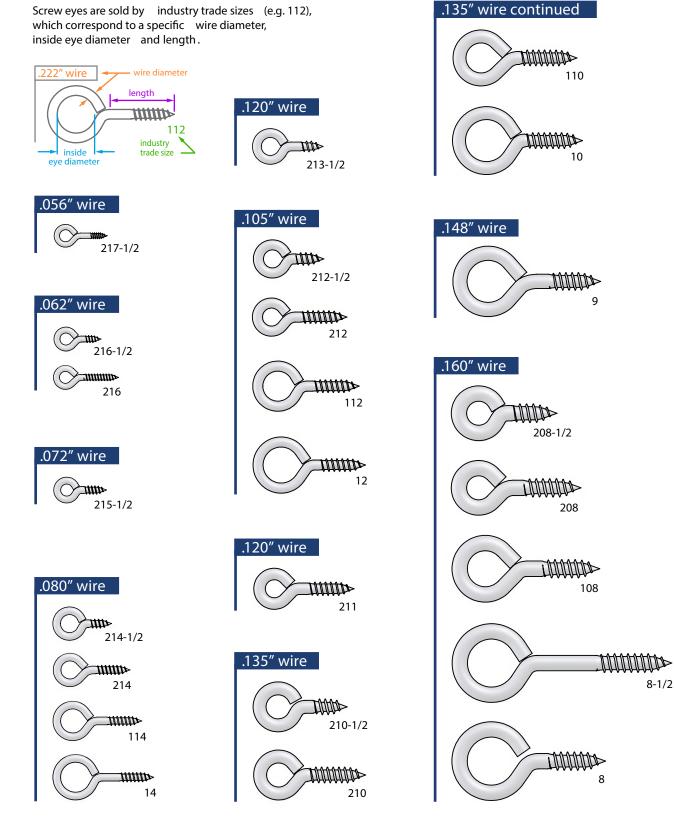
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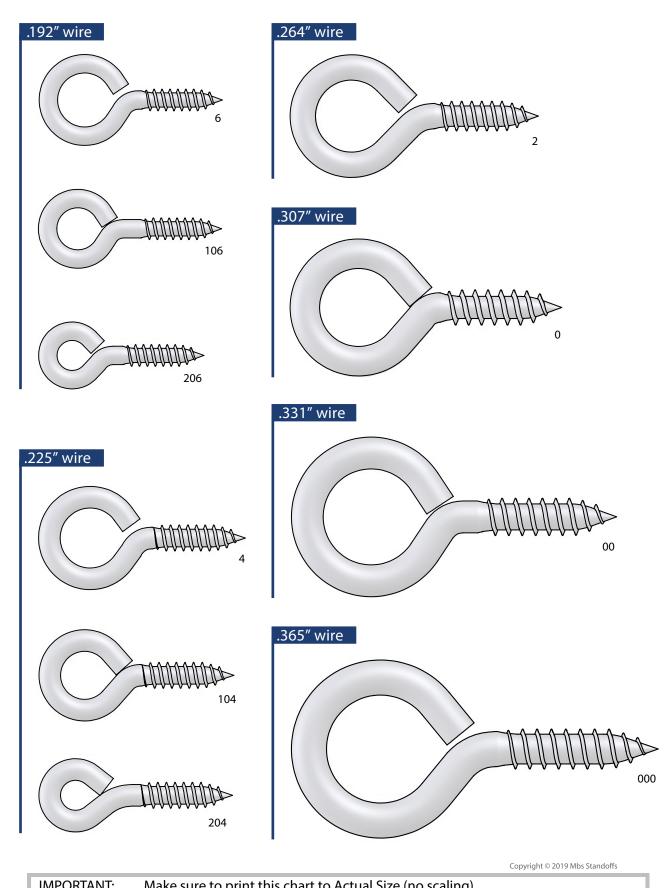
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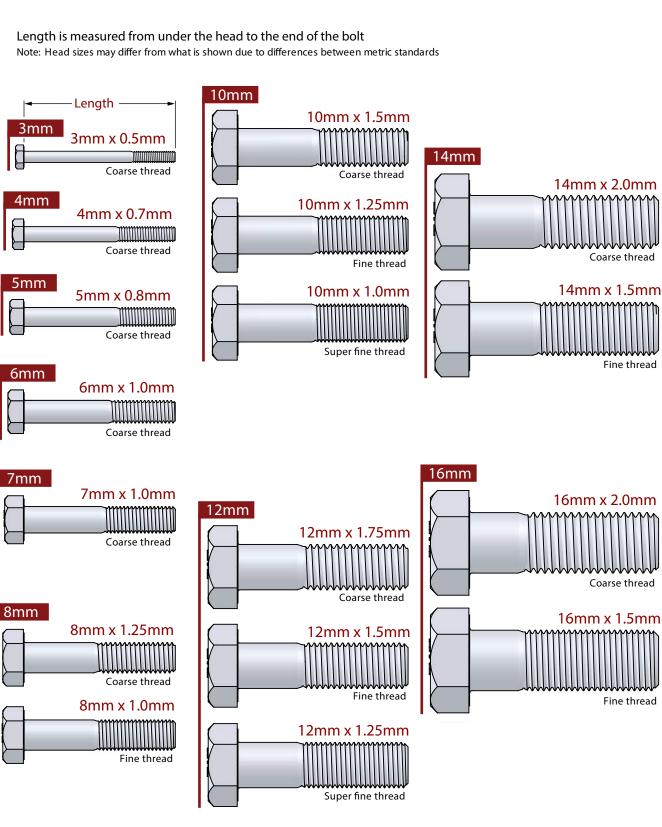
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Standard Metric Machine Screw Sizes

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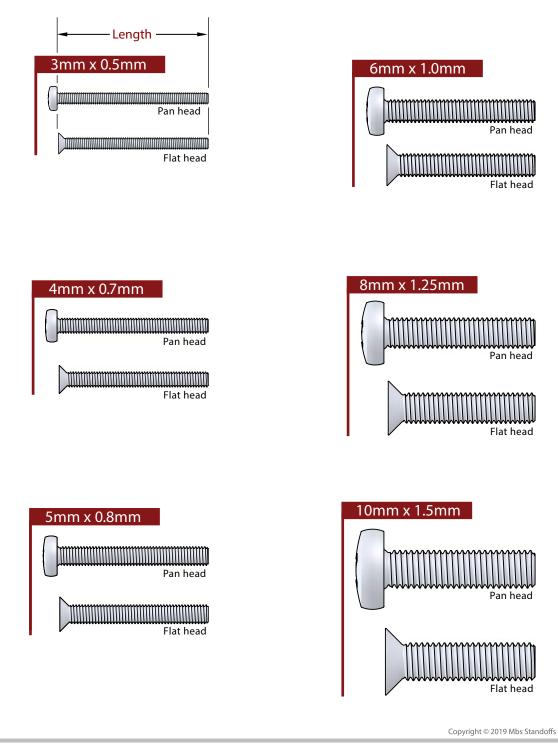
the end of the screw. Therefore, pan head screws are measured

from under the head, and flat head screws are measured overall.

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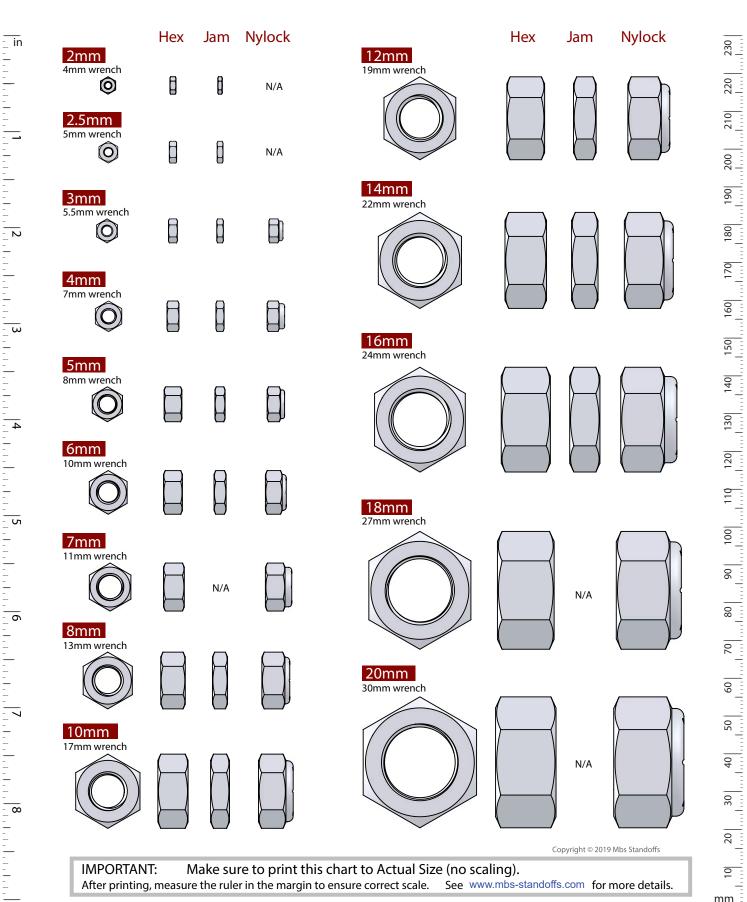


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Metric Nut Sizes

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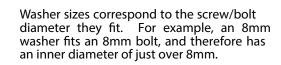
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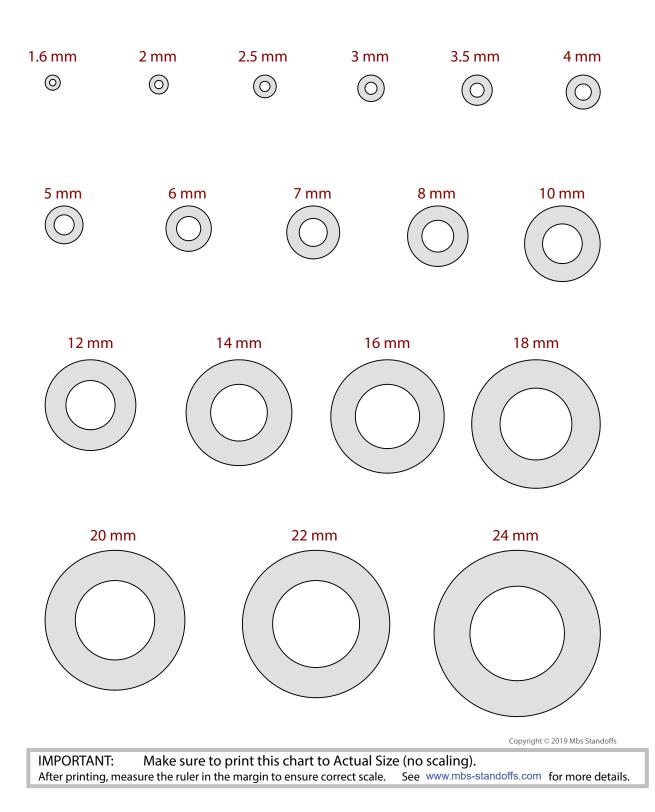
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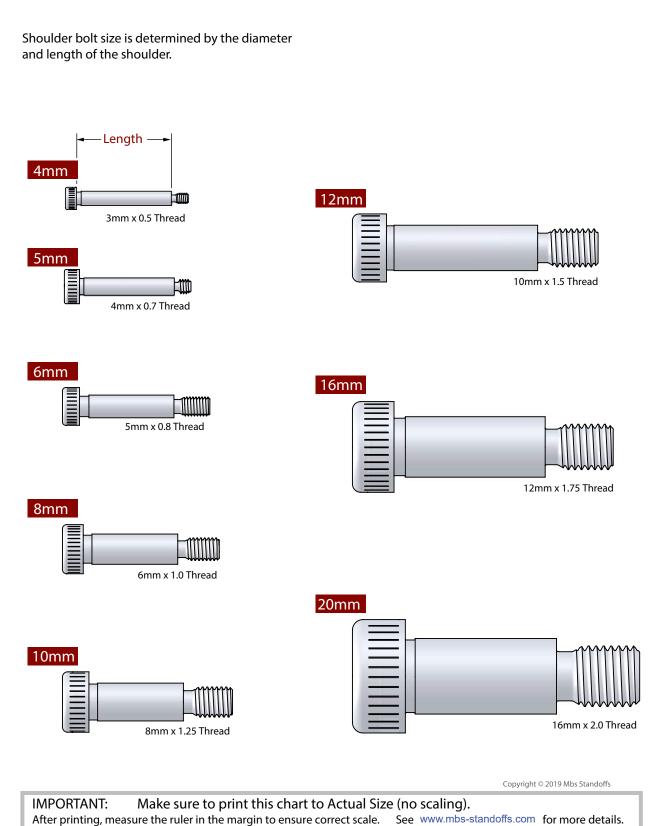
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Metric Shoulder Bolt Sizes

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Metric Socket Cap Sizes

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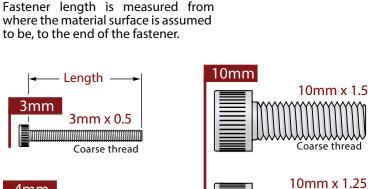
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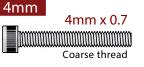
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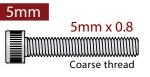
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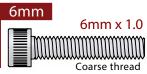
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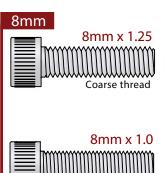
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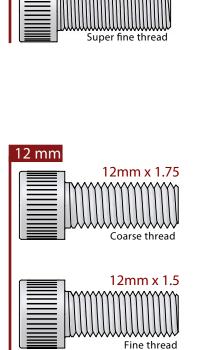








Fine thread



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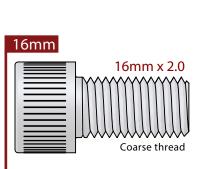
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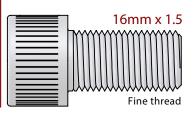
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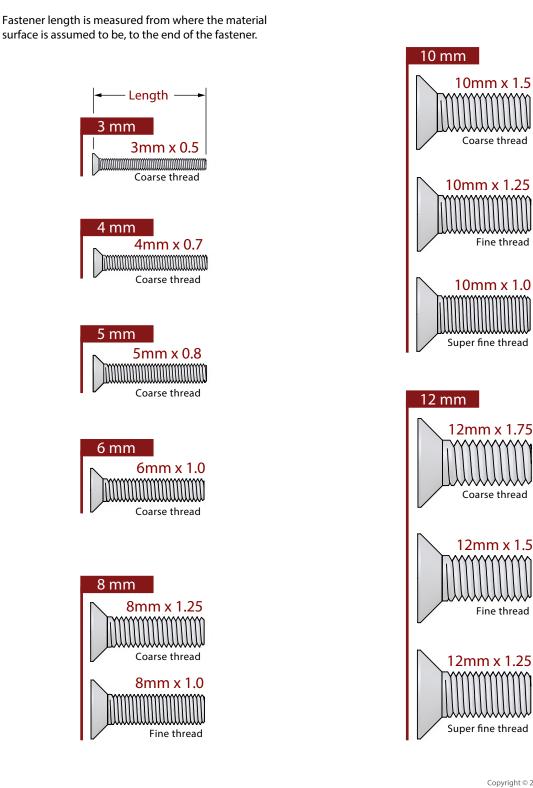


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Metric Socket Flat Head Sizes

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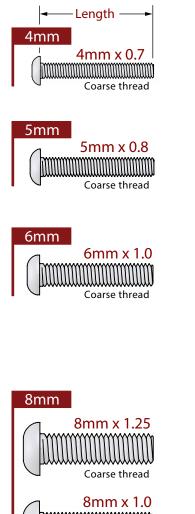
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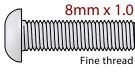
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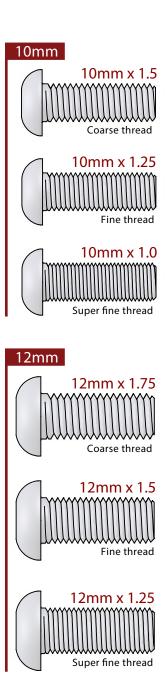
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Fastener length is measured from where the material surface is assumed to be, to the end of the fastener.







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