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Fastener Basics



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 f or 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 http://creativeforged.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 Bolt Depot's Grade markings and Strength Chart at http://creativeforged.com

US bolt head markings





Metric bolt head markings



Note: In addition to these markings, the head will often have a manufacturer stamp. Copyright © 2000-2017 Bolt Creative Piping.

Fastener Materials

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





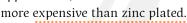
yellow depending on the exact process.

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 resistance, making it suitable for outdoor use and marine applications, but is

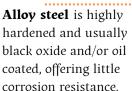


Chrome and nickel plated steel are smooth and polished for appearance. The



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.









How Fasteners are Notated: An Example



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Machine screws, Phillips pan head, Stainless steel 18-8, #12-24 x 1"

Fastener type

Material

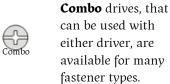
Diameter Length
Thread Count (TPI)

Drive Types

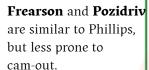


Phillips and Slotted

drives are common in screws, but prone to cam-out (stripping).









Hex socket (Allen) drives are compact and easy to drive, but prone to cam-out.



Star and **Square** drive are resistant to

cam-out and can be installed singlehanded.

Note: Most drive types (Frearson and Slotted being notable exceptions) require the correct driver size for proper installation.

Head Styles

Hex heads are typically used with larger bolts and screws, and tightened with a wrench.



Pan heads have a slightly domed head that sits above the surface.



Flat heads are installed in a countersunk hole for a flat surface.



Round heads are tall domed heads, used primarily for decorative purposes.



Oval heads are a low domed and countersunk heads, used primarily for decorative purposes.



Truss heads are slightly domed, with a wide head for an extra large surface area.



Socket heads are narrow with a socket drive, and knurled or smooth sides.



Button heads **feature a medium** dome. Typically used with a hex socket drive.

Measuring Diameter

For most types of fasteners, the diameter is measured on the outside of the threads.



Note: US diameters under 1/4" are given as numbers (e.g. #12) instead of inches, in order of increasing size. If you need to find the actual diameter, use a table corresponding to your fastener type at http://creativeforged.com

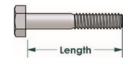
Thread Count & Thread Pitch

Machine threaded fasteners specify a thread density in **Threads Per Inch** (US) or as a **Thread Pitch** in mm (Metric).

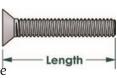
For a given diameter, a fastener may be available in **coarse** (standard), **fine** and sometimes s**uper fine** thread.

Measuring Length

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



Thus, countersunk fasteners are measured overall and non-countersunk fasteners are measured from under the head.



Nut & Washer Sizes

Nut and washer sizes indicate the screw or bolt they fit. For example:



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3/8" Washer



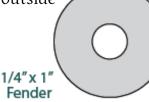


3/8" -16 Nut

Different washer patterns have different **outside diameters**. For example, hardened US washers are available in **USS** (wider) and **SAE** (narrower) patterns. Fender washers have large outside

diameters.





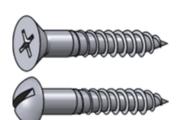
More Information

At http://creativeforged.com/info you'll find:

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- Charts and tables ·
- Printable lay-over charts and tools for quickly identifying fastener sizes and types
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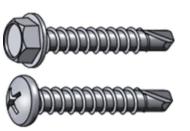


Fastener Categories



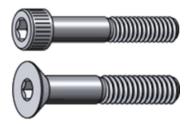
Wood Screws

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.



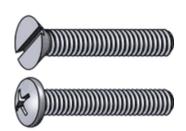
Socket Screws

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



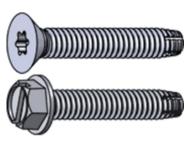
J-Bolts

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



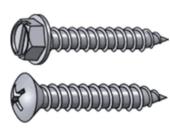
Machine Screws

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



Thread Cutting Machine Screws

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



Sheet Metal Screws

Fully threaded screws with point for use in sheet metal Abbreviated SMS.



Plow Bolts

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



Bolts with a smooth rounded

head that has a small square

section underneath.

Hex Bolts

Bolts with a hexagonal head with threads for use with a nut or tapped hole. Abbreviated HHMB or HXBT.



Lag Bolts

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



Eye Bolts

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



Eye Lags

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



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



Shoulder Bolts

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



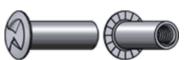
Elevator Bolts

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





Fastener Categories (continued)



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.





Hanger Bolts

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

Set Screws

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



Timber Bolts

Machine threaded fasteners head has fins underneath that prevent the bolt from spinning during installation. Typically used in wood.



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.



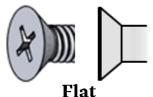
Rivets

Used to join sheets of During installation the rivet body is deformed to permanently lock in place. Blind access to the back side of the material.



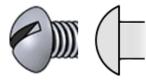
with a wide domed head. The





A countersunk head with a

flat top. Abbreviated FH



Round

A domed head. Abbreviated RH





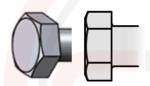
Slotted Hex Washer

A hex head with built in washer and a slot.



Oval

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



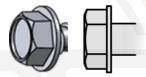
Hex

A hexagonal head Abbreviated HH or HX



Pan

A slightly rounded head with short vertical sides. Abbreviated PN



Hex Washer

A hex head with built in washer.



Hex Flange

Truss

An extra wide head with a

rounded top.

A hex head with built in flange.



Button

A low-profile rounded head using a socket drive.



Socket Cap

A small cylindrical head using a socket drive.



Fastener Type Chart

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Drive Types





Phillips and Frearson

An X-shaped drive. Abbreviated PH.



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.



Socket, Hex or Allen

A hexagonal hole for use with an Allen wrench.





One Way

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









Star

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



Washer Types



Flat

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



Fender

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



Finishing

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



Split Lock

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



External Tooth Lock

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

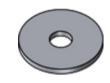


Internal Tooth Lock

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



A square shaped washer.



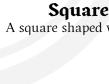
Dock

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



Ogee

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







Nut Types



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



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



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



A hex nut with a reduced height.



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



Wing
A nut with 'wings' for hand tightening.



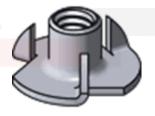
CapA nut with a domed top over the end of the fastener.



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



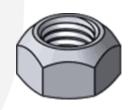
Flange A nut with a built in washer like flange.



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



Square A four sided nut.



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



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



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



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



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



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



Fastener Type Chart

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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.

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.



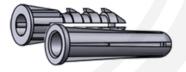
Plastic Toggle

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.



Kaptoggle®

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



Conical Anchors

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



Self Drilling Drywall Anchors

Quick-install plastic anchors used in drywall with sheet metal screws.



Wood Screw Anchors

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



Hollow Wall Anchors

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



Nail Drive Anchors

Non removable anchors that expand inside the hole when the nail like pin is driven.

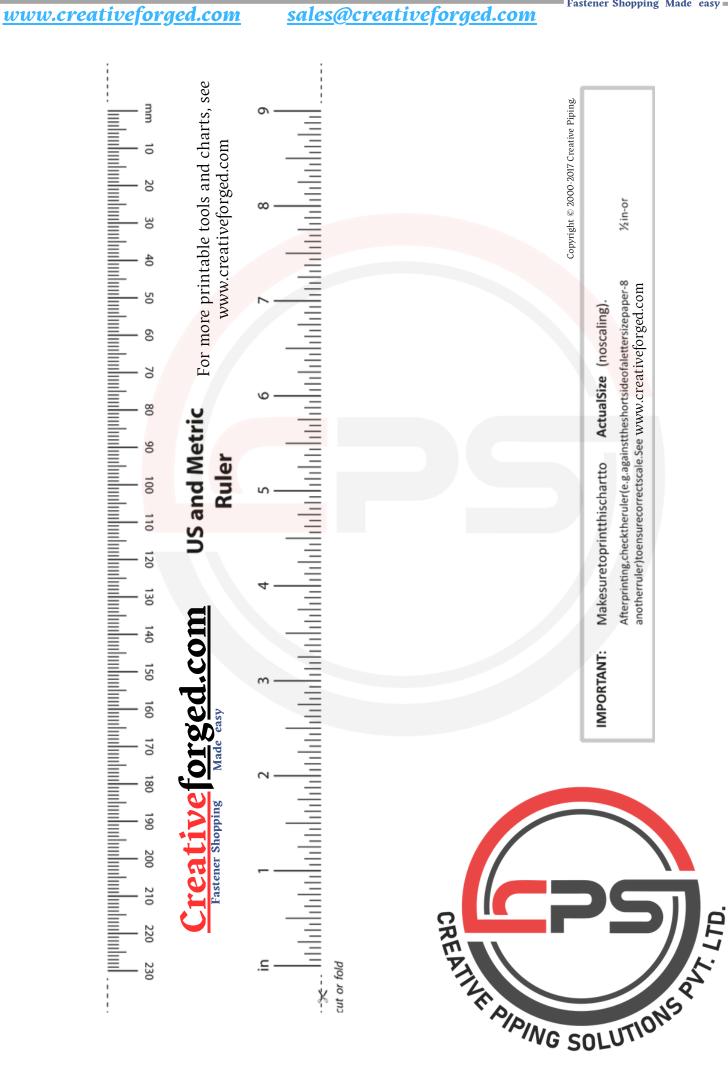


Anchor Bolts

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



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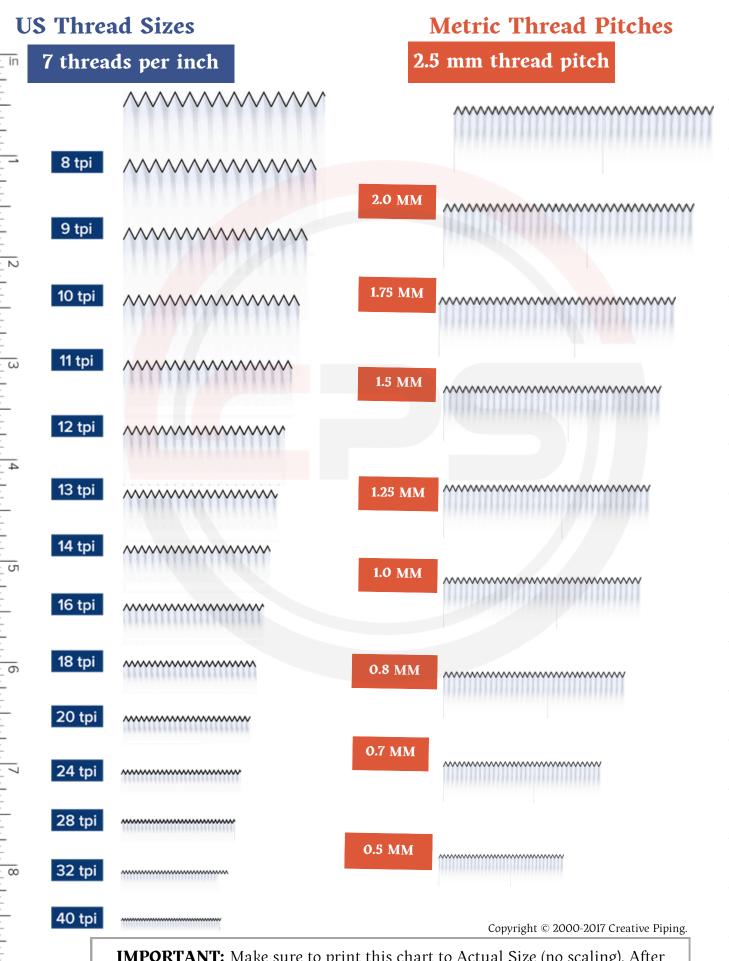
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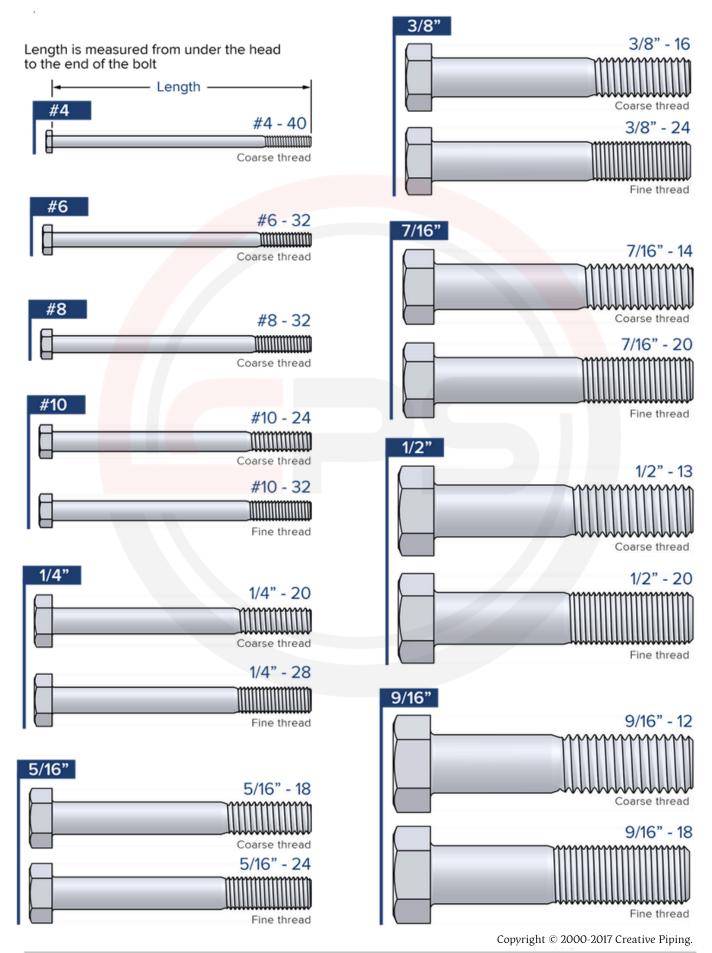
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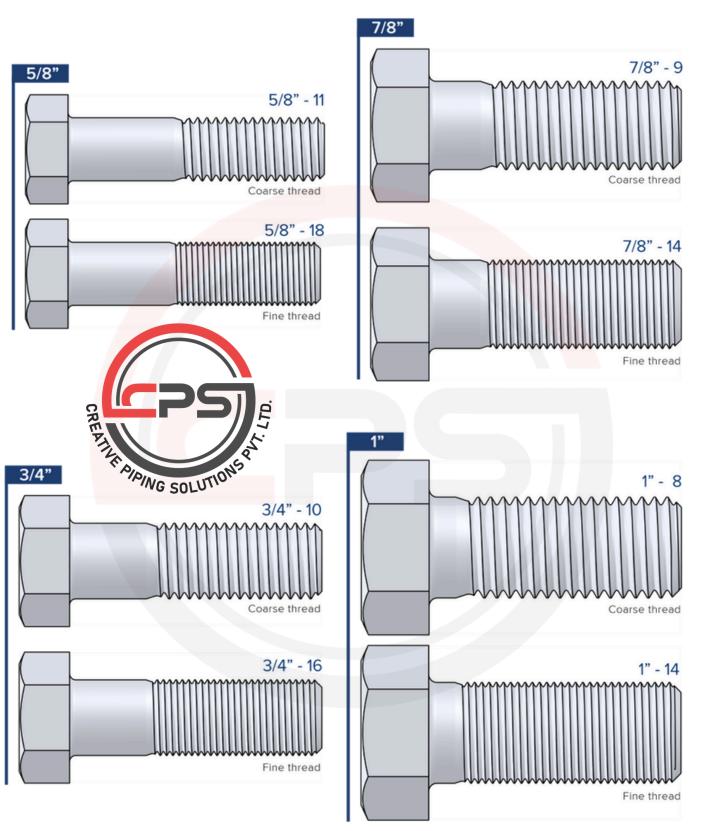
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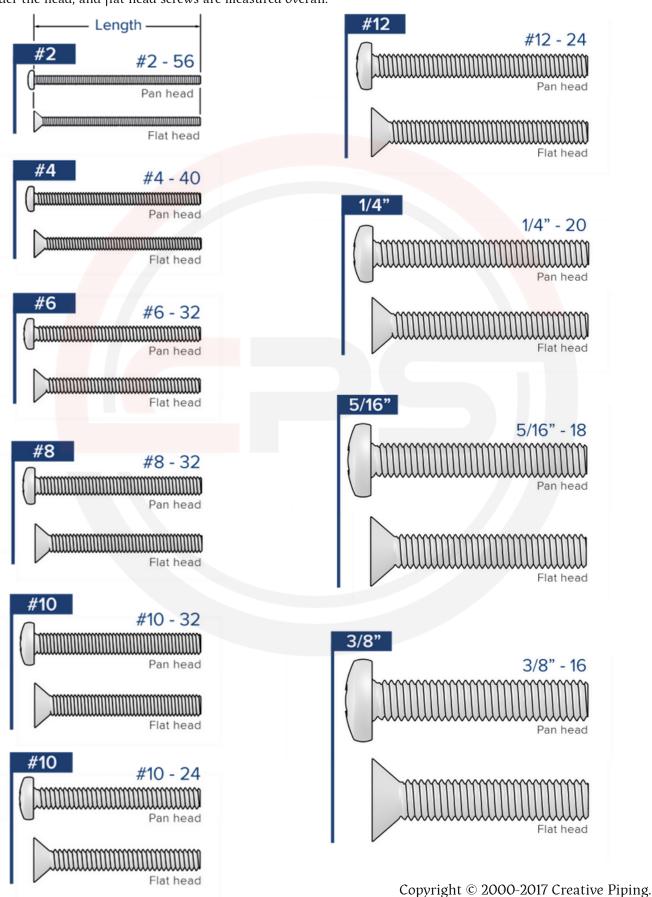
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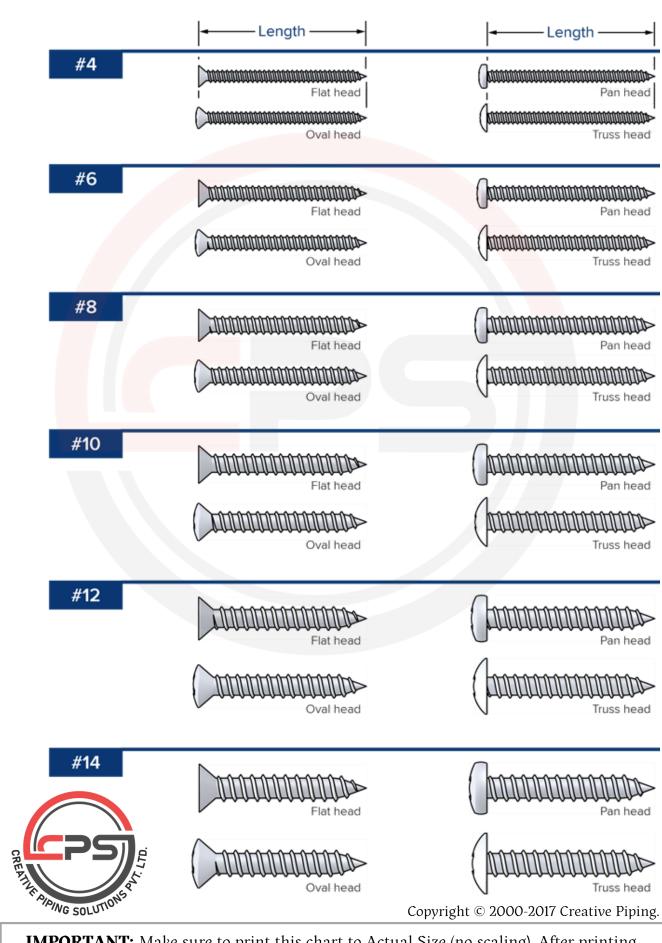
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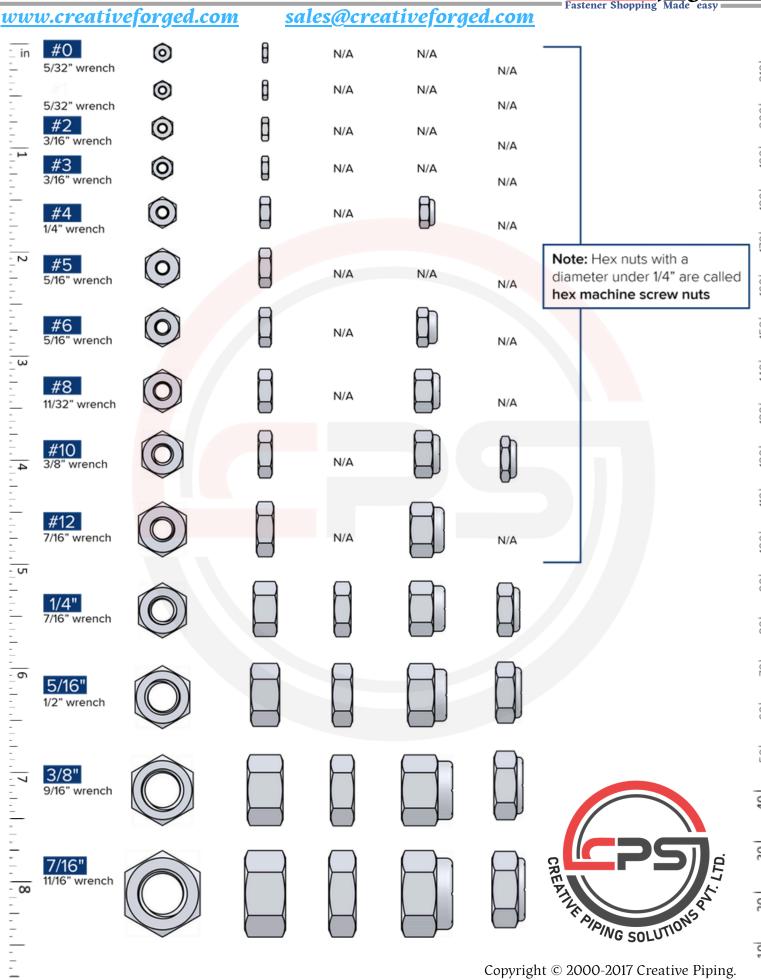
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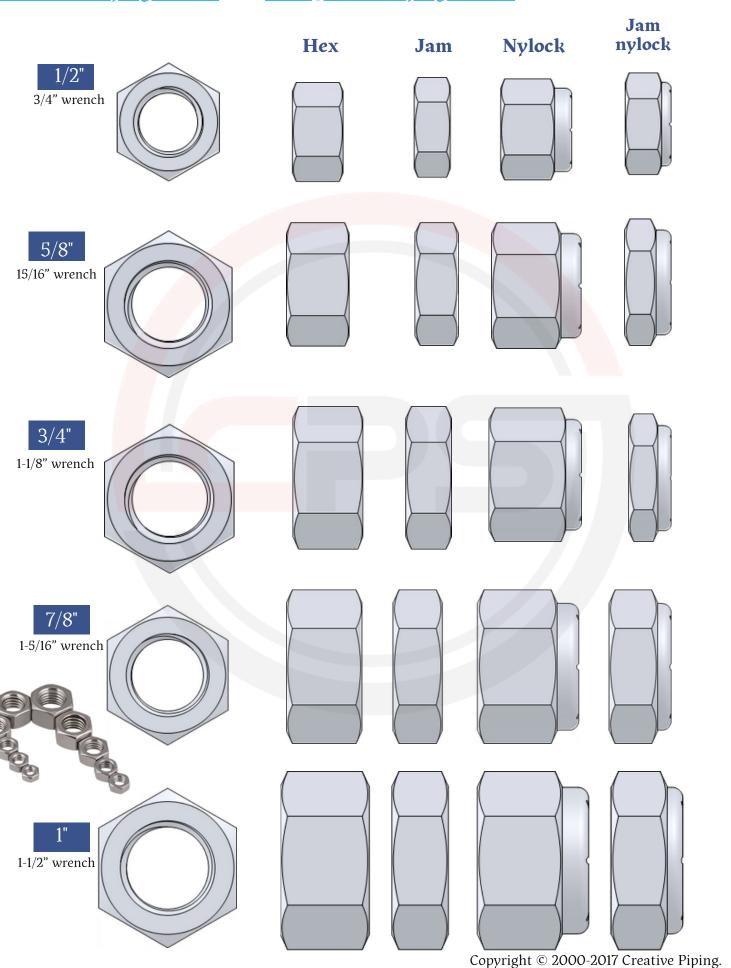
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4-1/2"

1-3/4"

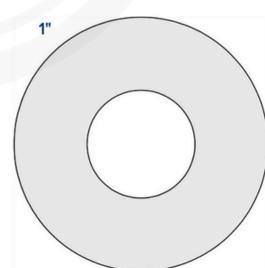
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1-5/8" 1-3/4"

2"





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5/16"-18 5/16"-24

Fine thread

3/8"-16

3/8"-24

1/2"-13

5/8"-18

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#6 #6-32 Coarse thread #6-40 Fine thread

#8 #8-32 Coarse thread #8-36 Fine thread

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Fine thread



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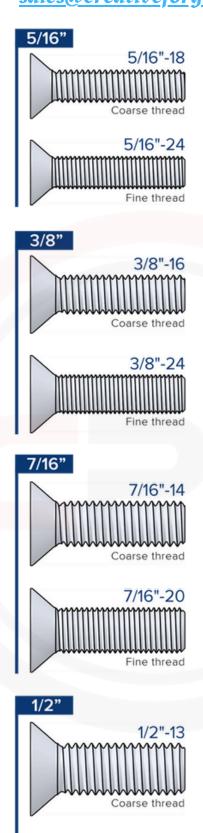
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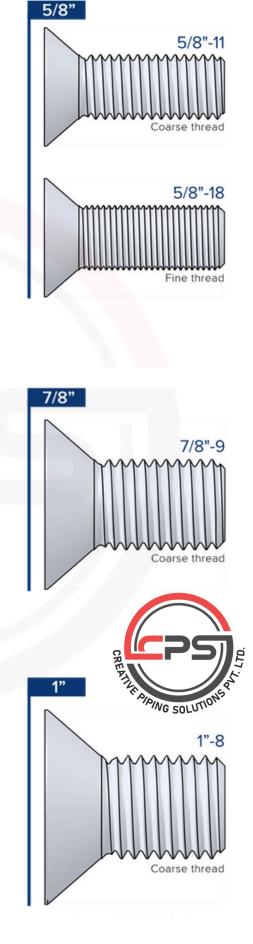
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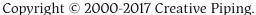
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Fine thread









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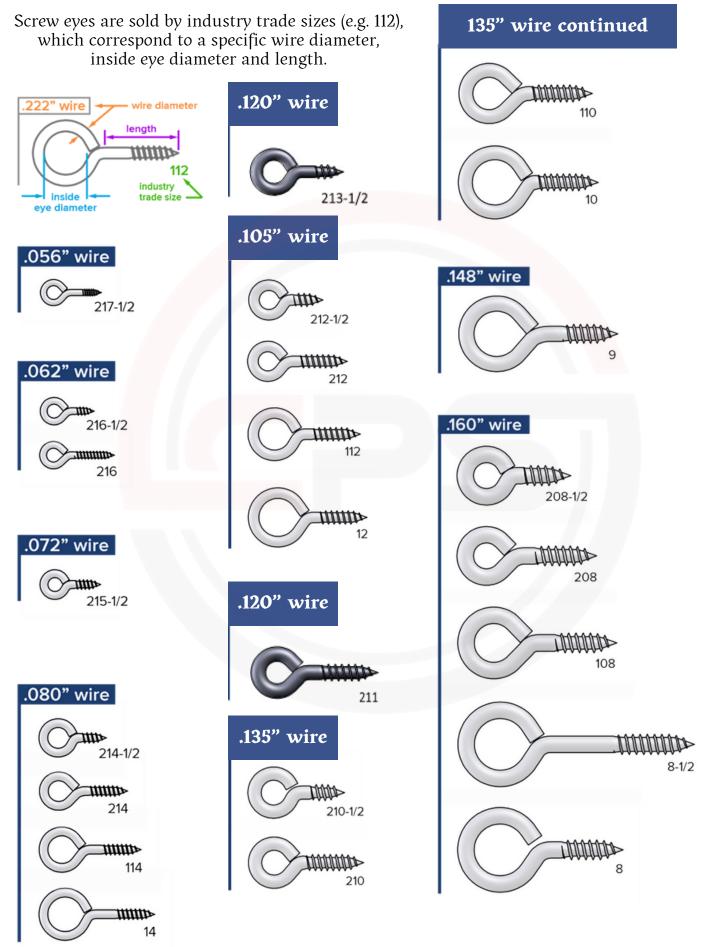
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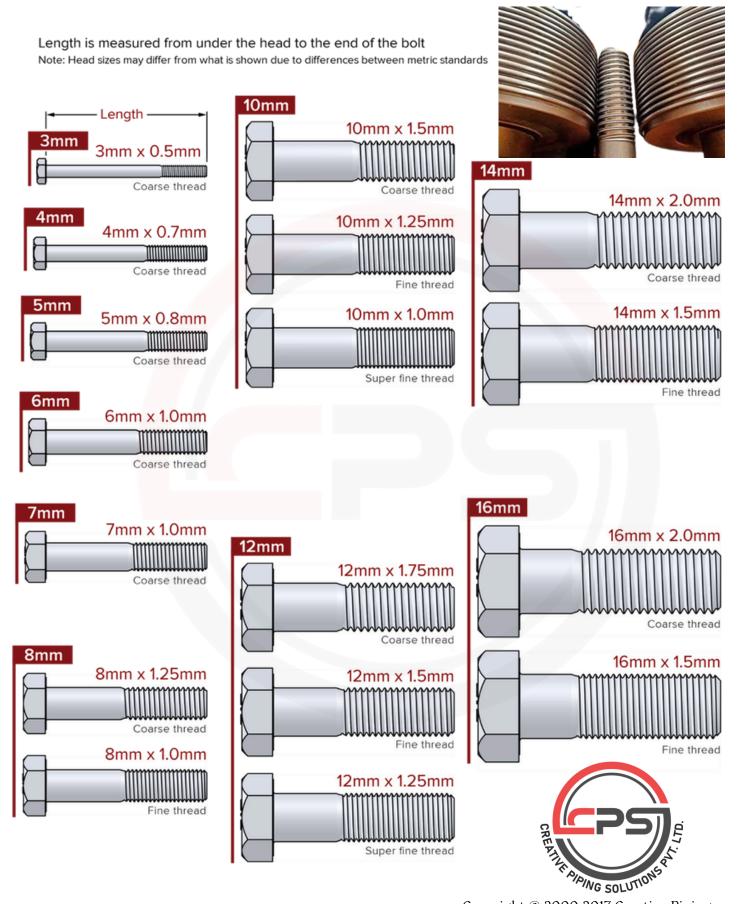
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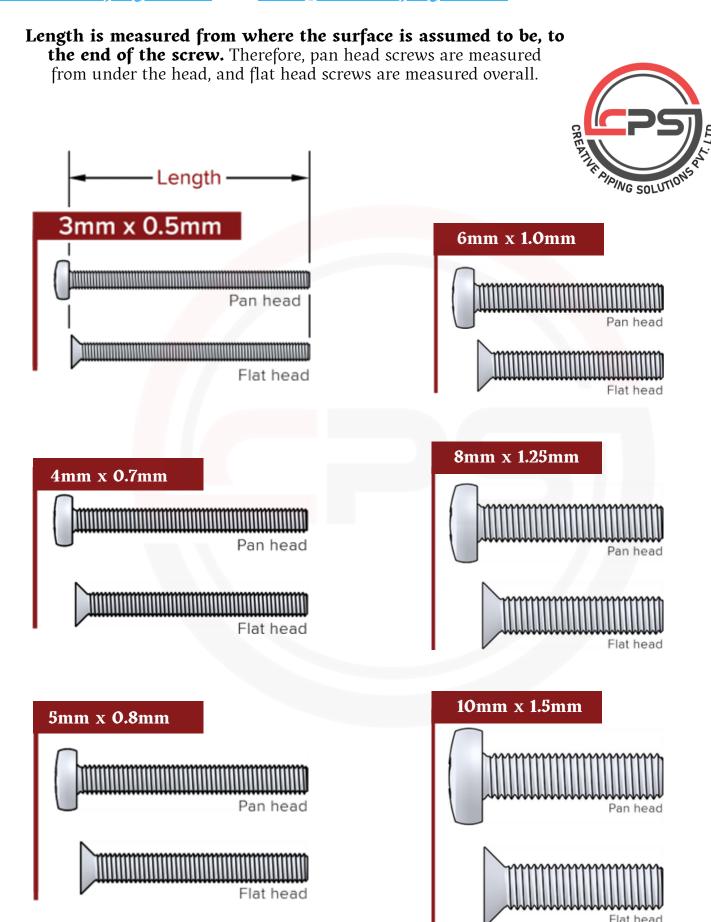
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