## **Self-Tapping Screws**

## **Thread Cutting**

FASTENERS & COMPONENTS



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	ASME THREADS AND POINTS FOR TYPE-F THREAD CUTTING SCREWS B18.6.4-1998 B18.6.4-1998													
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Nominal Size or Basic Screw Diameter		Threads Per Inch	Major Diameter		Point Diameter	Point Taper Length				Determinant		Minimum		Torsional Strength
						Short Screws		Long Screws		Length for Point Taper		Lengths		Ibin.
			Max	Min	Ref	Мах	Min	Мах	Min	90° Heads	Csk Heads	90° Heads	Csk Heads	SCREWS ONLY)
2	.0860	56	.0860	.0813	.068	.062	.045	.080	.062	5/32	3/16	5/32	3/16	5
4	.1120	40	.1120	.1061	.087	.088	.062	.112	.088	7/32	1/4	3/16	1/4	13
5	.1250	40	.1250	.1191	.100	.088	.062	.112	.088	7/32	9/32	3/16	1/4	18
6	.1380	-32	.1380	.1312	.107	.109	.078	.141	.109	1/4	5/16	1/4	5/16	23
8	.1640	32	.1640	.1571	.132	.109	.078	.141	.109	1/4	11/32	1/4	5/16	42
10	.1900	24	.1900	.1818	.148	.146	.104	.188	.146	11/32	7/16	5/16	13/32	56
10	.1900	32	.1900	.1831	.158	.109	.078	.141	.109	1/4	11/32	1/4	5/16	74
12	.2160	24	.2160	.2078	<sup>7</sup> .174	.146	.104	.188	.146	11/32	7/16	5/16	13/32	93
1/4	.2500	20	.2500	.2408	.200	.175	.125	.225	.175	13/32	17/32	3/8	1/2	140
5/16	.3125	18	.3125	.3026	.257	.194	.139	.250	.194	15/32	19/32	7/16	9/16	306
3/8	.3750	16	.3750	.3643	.312	.219	.156	.281	.219	1/2	11/16	15/32	5/8	560
1/2	.5000	13	.5000	.4876	.423	.269	.192	.346	.269	5/8	25/32	19/32	3/4	1075
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Tolerance on Length			U	p to 3/4 ir	1., incl.: -0.0	3 Over 3/4 to 1-1/2 in., incl.: -0.05 Over 1-1/						/er 1-1/2 i	n.: -0.06	

Description	A thread cutting screw with machine screw thread pitch, blunt point, tapered entering threads and multiple cutting edges.							
Applications/ Advantages	Steel thread-cutters are used in heavy gauge sheet metal, aluminum, zinc and lead die castings, cast iron, brass and plastic. Stainless screws offer additional resistance to corrosion, 18-8 moreso than 410. When using any thread-cutting screw, the material in which the threads are cut should have a lower hardness by at least 10 to 20 Rockwell hardness points.							
Material	Steel: AISI 1016 - 1024 or equivalent steel. Stainless: 410 martensitic stainless steel or 18-8 stainless steel.							
Heat Treatment	Steel: Screws shall be quenched in liquid and then tempered by reheating to 650°F minimum. 410 Stainless: Screws shall be annealed by heating to 1850-1950°F, held at least for 1/2 hour and rapid air- or oil-quenched then reheating to 525°F minimum for at least 1 hour and air cooled to provide the required tensile, yield and hardness properties.							
Case Depth (steel)	No. 4 thru 6 diameter: .002007           No. 8 thru 12 diameter: .004009           1/4" diameter & larger: .005011							
Hardness	Steel Surface Hardness: Rockwell C45 minimum; Steel Core Hardness (after tempering): Rockwell C28 - 38 410 Stainless: Rockwell C38 - 42 18-8 Stainless: Rockwell B90 - C20							
Plating	See Appendix-A for information on plating of steel thread cutting screws.							

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