TAPTITE [®] II RECOMMENDED PILOT HOLE SIZES FOR VARIOUS MATERIAL THICKNESSES															
Application Duty Class					Medium-Light 0.5 Diameter of Material			Medium-Heavy 0.75 Diameter of Material			III Streng		Extended 1.25 Diameter of Material		
% of Thread		90%		85%			80%				75%		70%		
Nominal Size	Material Thick- ness	Pilot Hole	Drill Size	Material Thick- ness	Pilot Hole	Drill Size	Material Thick- ness	Pilot Hole	Drill Size	Material Thick- ness	Pilot Hole	Drill Size	Material Thick- ness	Pilot Hole	Drill Size
2-56	.017- .034	.0756	.0748	.034- .052	.0761	.076	.052- .073	.0767	.0763	.073- .095	.0773	.0781	.095- .169	.0779	.0781
3-48	.020- .040	.0868	.0866	.040- .059	.0875	.0866	.059- .084	.0882	.089	.084- .110	.0888	.089	.110- .141	.0895	.089
4-40	.022- .045	.0974	.098	.045- .067	.0982	.098	.067- .095	.099	.0995	.095- .126	.0998	.0995	.126- .157	.1006	.0995
5-40	.025- .051	.1104	.1102	.051- .075	.1112	.111	.075- .106	.112	.113	.106- .141	.1128	.113	.141- .175	.1136	.113
6-32	.028- .066	.1197	.120	.066- .083	.1207	.120	.083- .117	.1218	.122	.117- .152	.1228	.122	.152- .193	.1238	.125
8-32	.033- .066	.1457	.1457	.066- .098	.1467	.147	.098- .141	.1478	.1476	.141- .180	.1488	.1496	.180- .230	.1498	.1496
10-24	.038- .079	.1656	.166	.079- .114	.167	.1673	.114- .162	.1683	.1695	.162- .209	.1697	.1695	.209- .266	.171	.1719
10-32	.038- .079	.1717	.1719	.079- .114	.1727	.173	.114- .162	.1738	.173	.162- .209	.1748	.1732	.209- .266	.1758	.177
12-24	.043- .086	.1916	.191	.086- .130	.193	.1929	.130- .184	.1943	.196	.184- .238	.1957	.196	.238- .302	.197	.1969
1/4-20	.050- .100	.2208	.221	.100- .150	.2224	.2244	.150- .213	.224	.2244	.213- .275	.2256	.2264	.275- .350	.2273	.228
5/16-18	.062- .126	.2800	.2795	.126- .188	.2818	.2812	.188- .266	.2836	.2835	.266- .345	.2854	.2854	.345- .438	.2872	.2874
3/8-16	.075- .150	.3384	.3386	.150- .225	.3405	.3386	.225- .319	.3425	.3425	.319- .413	.3445	.3455	.413- .525	.3466	.3465
1/2-13	.100- .200	.455	.4531	.200- .300	.4575	.4531	.300- .425	.460	.4531	.425- .550	.4625	.4688	.550- .700	.465	.4688

NOTES:

APPLICATION DUTY CLASS is a general term used here to group material thicknesses in terms of screw diameters. For example, the average material thickness listed under "Medium-Heavy" equals 75% of the screw diameter.

TAPTITE [®] II SUGGESTED HOLE SIZES AT VARIOUS PERCENTAGES OF THREAD ENGAGEMENT Reminc														
Nominal Screw Size	Percent Thread													
	100	95	90 ₍₁₎	85 ₍₁₎	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35
	Pilot Hole Sizes													
2-56	.0744	.0750	.0756	.0761	.0767	.0773	.0779	.0785	.0790	.0796	.0802	.0808	.0814	.0819
3-48	0.0855	.0861	.0868	.0875	.0882	.0888	.0895	.0902	.0909	.0916	.0922	.0929	.0936	.0943
4-40	.0958	.0966	.0974	.0982	.0990	.0998	.1006	.1014	.1023	.1031	.1039	.1047	.1055	.1063
5-40	.1088	.1096	.1104	.1112	.1120	.1128	.1136	.1144	.1153	.1161	.1169	.1177	.1185	.1193
6-32	.1177	.1187	.1197	.1207	.1218	.1228	.1238	.1248	.1258	.1268	.1278	.1289	.1299	.1309
8-32	.1437	.1447	.1457	.1467	.1478	.1488	.1498	.1508	.1518	.15 <mark>2</mark> 8	.1538	.1549	.1559	.1569
10-24	.1629	.1643	.1656	.1670	.1683	.1697	.1710	.1724	.1738	.1751	.1765	.1778	.1792	.1805
10-32	.1697	.1707	.1717	.1727	.1738	.1748	.1758	.1768	.1778	.1788	.1798	.1809	.1819	.1829
12-24	.1889	.1903	.1916	.1930	.1943	.1957	.1970	.1984	.1998	.2011	.2025	.2038	.2052	.2065
1/4-20	.2175	.2191	.2208	.2224	.2240	.2256	.2273	.2289	.2305	.2321	.2338	.2354	.2370	.2386
5/16-18	.2764	.2782	.2800	.2818	.2836	.2854	.2872	.2890	.2908	.2926	.2944	.2963	.2981	.2999
3/8-16	.3344	.3364	.3384	.3405	.3425	.3445	.3466	.3486	.3506	.3527	.3547	.3567	.3588	.3608
1/2-13	.4500	.4525	.4550	.4575	.4600	.4625	.4650	.4675	.4700	.4725	.4750	.4775	.4800	.4825
(1) Pilot holes listed under 90% & 85% (thread percent) also recommended for single punch extruded holes. See suggested extruded hole chart.														

NOTES:

-The above values are based on a linear relation between hole size and percentage thread engagement, the hole data becomes less accurate for engagements less than 70%. The chart indicates that a 10-32 screw in a .1738" hole size provides 80% thread engagement. -These holes are based on the U.S. basic thread depth of .6495 times the pitch and are calculated using nominal screw diameters.

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