Hole Size Information

Suggested hole sizes for TAPTITE II®, DUO-TAPTITE® and TAPTITE® CA Screws and Bolts at various percentages of thread engagement

Metric Sizes (mm)

NOMINAL SCREW SIZE	PERCENT THREAD													
	100	95	90 (1)	85 (1)	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35
	PILOT HOLE SIZES													
M2.5 x 0.45	2.21	2.22	2.24	2.25	2.27	2.28	2.29	2.31	2.32	2.34	2.35	2.37	2.38	2.40
M3 x 0.5	2.67	2.69	2.71	2.72	2.74	2.76	2.77	2.79	2.80	2.82	2.84	2.85	2.87	2.90
M3.5 x 06	3.11	3.13	3.15	3.17	3.19	3.21	3.23	3.25	3.27	3.29	3.30	3.32	3.34	3.36
M4 x 0.7	3.54	3.57	3.59	3.61	3.64	3.66	3.68	3.70	3.73	3.75	3.77	3.79	3.80	3.84
M4.5 x 0.75	4.01	4.04	4.06	4.09	4.11	4.13	4.16	4.18	4.21	4.23	4.26	4.28	4.30	4.33
M5 x 0.8	4.48	4.51	4.53	4.56	4.58	4.61	4.64	4.66	4.69	4.71	4.74	4.77	4.79	4.82
M6 x 1.0	5.35	5.38	5.42	5.45	5.48	5.51	5.54	5.58	5.61	5.64	5.67	5.71	5.74	5.77
M6.3 x 1.0	5.65	5.68	5.72	5.75	5.78	5.81	5.84	5.88	5.91	5.94	5.97	6.01	6.04	6.07
M7 x 1.0	6.35	6.38	6.42	6.45	6.48	6.51	6.54	6.58	6.61	6.64	6.67	6.71	6.74	6.77
M8 x 1.25	7.19	7.23	7.27	7.31	7.35	7.39	7.43	7.47	7.51	7.55	7.59	7.63	7.67	7.72
M10 x 1.5	9.03	9.07	9.12	9.17	9.22	9.27	9.32	9.37	9.41	9.46	9.51	9.56	9.61	9.66
M12 x 1.75	10.86	10.92	10.98	11.03	11.09	11.15	11.20	11.26	11.31	11.37	11.43	11.49	11.55	11.60

Inch Sizes (in)

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	.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	.1528	.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
7/16-14	.3911	.3934	.3957	.3980	.4004	.4027	.4050	.4073	.4096	.4120	.4143	.4166	.4189	.4213
1/2-13	.4500	.4525	.4550	.4575	.4600	.4625	.4650	.4675	.4700	.4725	.4750	.4775	.4800	.4825

EXAMPLE – The shaded area indicates that an M5 – 0.8 screw size in a 4.58 hole size provides 80% thread engagement.

Because 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%.

Note also, these holes are based on the U.S. basic thread depth of .6495 times the pitch and are calculated using nominal screw diameters. Hole = D - (0.6495 x P x %), where D = nominal screw diameter.

(1) Pilot holes listed under 90% & 85% (Thread Percent) also recommended for single punch extruded holes. - See Page 11

For Pilot Hole Tolerance in terms of thread percentage, we suggest +5% to -10% of the nominal, percent thread value.

EXAMPLE; If 80% is the percent thread for the nominal hole, the minimum hole would yield 85% thread and the maximum hole would yield 70% thread.