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IMPORTANT EUROPEAN SCREW THREAD SYSTEMS  
AND DIMENSIONS OF BOLT AND SCREW HEADS AND NUTS

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## I. INTRODUCTION

This circular is a collection of data appertaining to screw thread systems and standard dimensions for bolt and screw heads and nuts in use in various European countries. It covers, particularly, those standards which originated in Great Britain, France, Switzerland, and Germany, although used by other European nations as well.

So far as practicable the nomenclature in vogue in the United States and sanctioned by the National Screw Thread Commission has been used, in order that information given may be understood and applied with as little difficulty as possible. An effort has been made to give a complete presentation of all essential data.

Since American standards for the dimensions of bolt and screw heads are still in the process of formulation, this collection of data may prove of use in arriving at such standards. These data should also prove useful to those who manufacture machinery for export.

## II. BRITISH STANDARD WHITWORTH AND BRITISH STANDARD FINE SCREW THREADS

### 1. British Standard Whitworth and British Standard Fine Screw Threads

The Whitworth series of screw threads was proposed in 1841 by Joseph Whitworth of Great Britain in a paper read before the Institution of Civil Engineers. The Whitworth thread angle, diameters and pitches were chosen because they represented the average engineering practice at that time. Of thread angle, Mr. Whitworth said: "The mean of the angles in one inch screws was found to be about 55 deg, which was also nearly the mean in screws of different diameters, hence, it is adopted throughout the scale".

The British Engineering Standards Association adopted the British Standard Whitworth Screw Threads (B.S.W.) in 1905 and issued a report giving the essential dimensions of the series. The thread angle in an axial plane is 55 deg.; the threads are rounded equally at crest and root to a radius of 0.137529 times the pitch, and the resulting depth of thread becomes 0.640527



times the pitch. Thus, one-sixth of the depth of the basic triangle is removed from the crest of the thread, and one-sixth of the depth is filled in at the root. This form of thread is designated the "Whitworth" thread form, and is shown in Fig. 1.

The Whitworth form of thread is also used in the British standard Fine Screw Threads (B.S.F.) British Standard Pipe Threads (B.S.P.), and British Standard Conduit Threads.

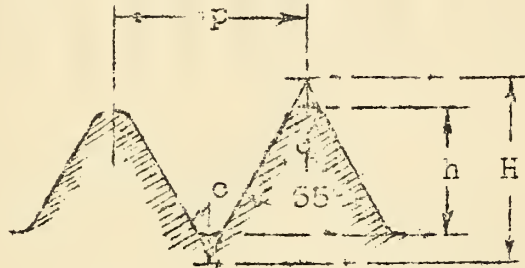


Fig. 1. Whitworth Thread Form.

The British Standard Fine Screw Threads were introduced in 1908 by the British Engineering Standards Association, and are said to be well suited to the purposes for which they were designated. The pitches are obtained by the formula,

$$p = 0.1 D^{3/5}$$

for sizes up to and including one inch, and

$$p = 0.1 D^{5/8}$$

for sizes above one inch. In these formulas,

and  $p$  = pitch  
 $D$  = major diameter.

## 2. Dimensions, Allowances, and Tolerances

The basic dimensions of British Standard Whitworth and British Standard Fine Screw Threads are given in Tables 1 and 4. In Tables 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are given the dimensions and tolerances on bolts and nuts for both series.





The maximum screw is made to the basic size. For example, the maximum major diameter of a 1/4 inch B.S.W. screw is 0.2500 inch, and the minimum major diameter is equal to the maximum major diameter minus the tolerance. The tolerance is given in Table 3 as 0.0018 inch, hence, the maximum major diameter is 0.2482 inch.

All allowances to provide for clearance are in the nut, the minimum diameter of the thread in the nut being above basic size. As shown in Table 3, the minimum major diameter of a 1/4 inch nut is 0.0005 inch above basic size, or 0.2505 inch. The maximum major diameter is 0.2523 inch, being greater than the minimum major diameter by an amount equal to the tolerance, namely, 0.0018 inch.

### 3. British Standard Automobile Threads

In a report submitted by the Sub-Committee on Automobile Threads, which was adopted by the Section Committee on Screw Threads and Limit Gages, and approved by the British Engineering Standards Association in 1911, the sizes of the British Standard Fine Screw Threads from 1/4 in. to 1 in., inclusive, as given under bolt dimensions in Table 4, were taken as standard for threads used in automobile construction.

### 4. Interchangeability of United States National Coarse and British Standard Whitworth Threads by Diameter Modification

Table 9 shows that the diameters and pitches of the U.S. National Coarse Thread Series and the British Standard Whitworth Threads, in most cases, correspond. Consequently the question of interchangeability between them has caused considerable discussion, both in this country and in England. A method of securing interchangeability is based on a slight modification of the diameters of either the National or the Whitworth threads, or both, without changing the angle or thread form of either. Table 10 shows the modification of diameters of either of the systems necessary to produce assembly. Since the Whitworth thread angle is 5 deg. less than that of the National Thread, contact occurs near the crest of the Whitworth thread and near the root of the National Thread. Table 10 includes only those threads whose pitches are common to both systems.

Fig. 2 shows the two possible combinations of the Whitworth and National Threads. The conditions of stress developed in the thread would be the same in either system as would ordinarily





occur with a slight difference in angle between bolt and nut. It is desirable that, in such combinations, the bolt thread be of the National form and the nut thread of the Whitworth form, as in that case the crest of the nut thread will bear near the root of the bolt thread, which is a very favorable condition as to distribution of stresses in the nut. If, however, as in the combination of a Whitworth bolt thread with a National nut thread, the root of the nut thread bears on the crest of the bolt thread, the stresses in the nut will be two or three times as severe as in the first case, which may result in failure of the threads at the bottom of the nut.

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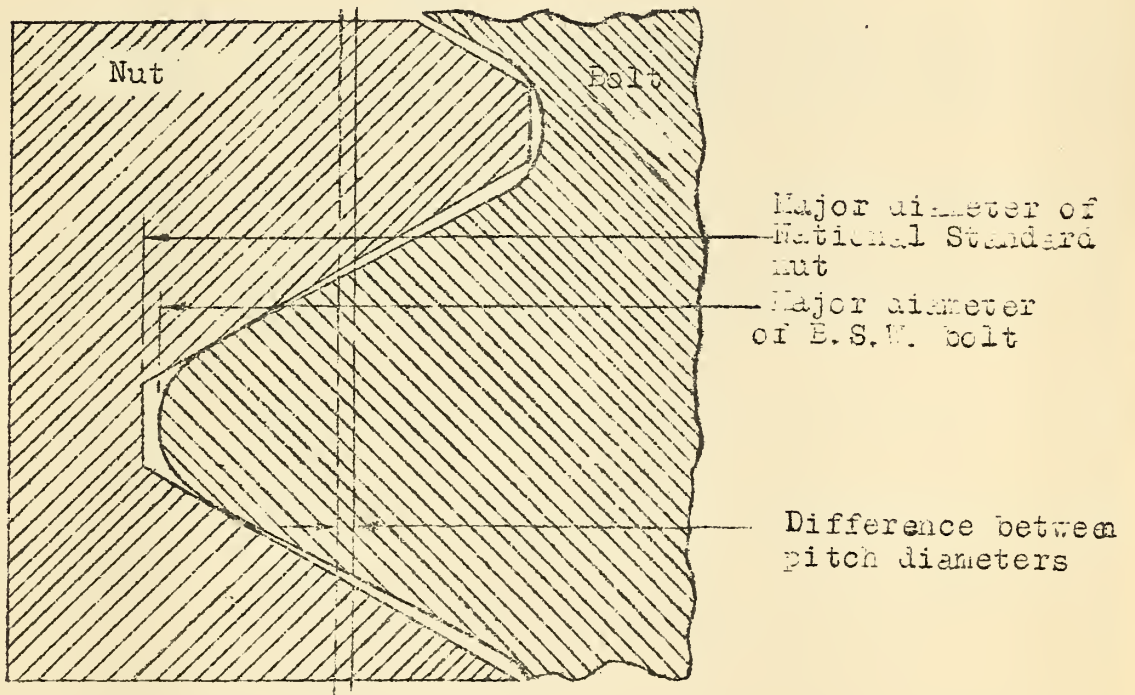
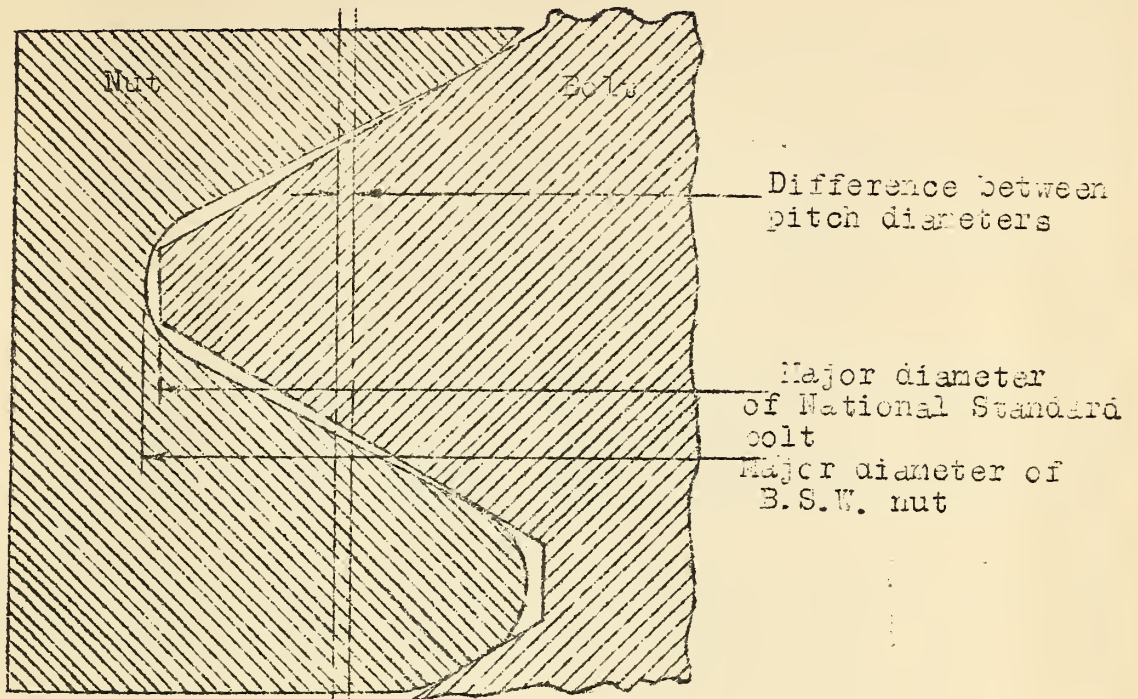


Fig. 2.



Table 1.-Basic Dimensions of British Standard Whitworth Screw Threads

1 Nominal dia. In.	2 No. of thds. per in.	3 Pitch In.	4 Depth of thd. In.	5		6		7		8		9		10			
				Major diameter		Pitch diameter		Minor diameter		Bolt		Nut		Bolt		Nut	
				Bolt	Nut	Bolt	Nut	Bolt	Nut	Bolt	Nut	Bolt	Nut	Bolt	Nut	Bolt	Nut
1/4	20	0.05000	0.03200	0.2500	0.2520	0.2130	0.2200	0.1860	0.1880								
5/16	18	.05556	.03556	.3125	.3145	.2709	.2789	.2414	.2434								
3/8	16	.06250	.04000	.3750	.3770	.3350	.3370	.2950	.2970								
7/16	14	.07143	.04575	.4375	.4395	.3918	.3938	.3460	.3480								
1/2	12	.08333	.05335	.5000	.5020	.4466	.4486	.3933	.3953								
9/16	12	.08333	.05335	.5625	.5645	.5091	.5111	.4558	.4578								
5/8	11	.09091	.05820	.6250	.6270	.5668	.5688	.5086	.5106								
3/4	10	.10000	.06405	.7500	.7520	.6860	.6880	.6219	.6239								
7/8	9	.11111	.07115	.8750	.8770	.8039	.8059	.7327	.7347								
1	8	.12500	.08005	1.0000	1.0020	.9200	.9220	.8339	.8419								
1 1/8	7	.14286	.09150	1.1250	1.1270	1.0335	1.0355	.9420	.9440								
1 1/4	7	.14286	.09150	1.2500	1.2520	1.1585	1.1605	1.0670	1.0690								
1 1/2	6	.16667	.10670	1.5000	1.5020	1.3933	1.3953	1.2866	1.2886								
1 3/4	5	.20000	.12805	1.7500	1.7520	1.6219	1.6239	1.4939	1.4959								
2	4.5	.22222	.14230	2.0000	2.0020	1.8577	1.8597	1.7154	1.7174								
2 1/4	4	.25000	.16010	2.2500	2.2520	2.0999	2.0919	1.9298	1.9318								
2 1/2	4	.25000	.16010	2.5000	2.5020	2.3399	2.3419	2.1798	2.1818								
2 3/4	3.5	.28571	.18295	2.7500	2.7520	2.5670	2.5690	2.3841	2.3861								
3	3.5	.28571	.18295	3.0000	3.0020	2.8170	2.8190	2.6341	2.6361								
3 1/4	3.25	.30769	.19700	3.2500	3.2520	3.0530	3.0550	2.8560	2.8580								
3 1/2	3.25	.30769	.19700	3.5000	3.5020	3.3050	3.3050	3.1060	3.1080								
3 3/4	3	.33333	.21345	3.7500	3.7520	3.5366	3.5386	3.3231	3.3251								
4	3	.33333	.21345	4.0000	4.0020	3.7866	3.7886	3.5731	3.5751								
4 1/2	2.875	.34783	.22270	4.5000	4.5020	4.2773	4.2793	4.0546	4.0566								
5	2.75	.36364	.23285	5.0000	5.0020	4.7672	4.7692	4.5343	4.5363								
5 1/2	2.625	.38095	.24395	5.5000	5.5020	5.2561	5.2581	5.0121	5.0141								
6	2.5	.40000	.25815	6.0000	6.0020	5.7459	5.7459	5.4877	5.4897								

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Table 2. - Standard Sizes and Tolerances for Threads on Bolts,  
British Standard Whitworth Screw Threads

1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14									
			See note A											Major diameter			Pitch diameter			Minor diameter		
			Pitch	Angle										Maximum	Minimum	0.04V <sub>s</sub>	Maximum	Minimum	0.02V <sub>s</sub>	Maximum	Minimum	0.04V <sub>s</sub>
of threads per inch	Inches	Pitch Inches	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches										
1/4	20	0.05000	0.0012	4.5	0.2500	0.2453	0.0037	0.2190	0.2135	0.0045	0.1860	0.1770	0.0090									
5/16	18	.05556	.0012	4.0	.3125	.3054	.0071	.2769	.2722	.0047	.2414	.2320	.0094									
3/8	16	.06250	.0013	3.8	.3750	.3675	.0075	.3350	.3300	.0050	.2950	.2850	.0100									
7/16	14	.07143	.0014	3.5	.4375	.4295	.0080	.3918	.3865	.0053	.3460	.3353	.0107									
1/2	12	.08333	.0015	3.3	.5000	.4913	.0087	.4466	.4408	.0058	.3933	.3818	.0115									
9/16	12	.08333	.0015	3.23	.5625	.5538	.0087	.5091	.5033	.0059	.4558	.4443	.0115									
5/8	11	.09091	.0016	3.2	.6250	.6160	.0090	.5668	.5608	.0060	.5086	.4965	.0121									
3/4	10	.10000	.0016	3.0	.7500	.7405	.0095	.6860	.6797	.0063	.6219	.6093	.0136									
7/8	9	.11111	.0017	2.9	.8750	.8650	.0100	.8039	.7972	.0067	.7327	.7194	.0153									
1	8	.12500	.0018	2.7	1.0000	.9894	.0106	.9200	.9129	.0071	.8399	.8258	.0141									
1-1/8	7	.14286	.0020	2.5	1.1250	1.1137	.0113	1.0335	1.0259	.0076	.9420	.9269	.0151									
1-1/4	7	.14286	.0020	2.5	1.2500	1.2387	.0113	1.1585	1.1509	.0076	1.0670	1.0519	.0151									
1-1/2	6	.16667	.0021	2.5	1.5000	1.4878	.0122	1.3933	1.3851	.0083	1.2866	1.2703	.0163									
1-5/4	5	.20000	.0023	2.1	1.7500	1.7366	.0134	1.6219	1.6130	.0089	1.4939	1.4760	.0179									
2	4.5	.22222	.0025	2.0	2.0000	1.9859	.0141	1.8577	1.8483	.0094	1.7154	1.6965	.0169									
2-1/4	4	.25000	.0026	1.9	2.2500	2.2350	.0150	2.0899	2.0799	.0100	1.9298	1.9098	.0200									
2-1/2	4	.25000	.0026	1.9	2.5000	2.4850	.0150	2.3399	2.3299	.0100	2.1798	2.1598	.0200									
2-5/4	3.5	.28571	.0028	1.8	2.7500	2.7340	.0160	2.5870	2.5563	.0107	2.3841	2.3627	.0214									
3	3.5	.28571	.0028	1.8	3.0000	2.9840	.0160	2.8170	2.8063	.0107	2.6341	2.6127	.0214									
3-1/4	3.25	.30769	.0029	1.7	3.2500	3.2334	.0166	3.0530	3.0419	.0111	2.8560	2.8338	.0222									
3-1/2	3.25	.30769	.0029	1.7	3.5000	3.4834	.0166	3.3030	3.2919	.0111	3.1060	3.0838	.0222									
3-3/4	3	.33333	.0030	1.6	3.7500	3.7327	.0173	3.5366	3.5271	.0115	3.3231	3.3000	.0231									
4	3	.33333	.0030	1.6	4.0000	3.9827	.0173	3.7866	3.7751	.0115	3.5731	3.5500	.0231									
4-1/2	2.875	.34783	.0031	1.6	4.5000	4.4823	.0177	4.2773	4.2655	.0118	4.0546	4.0310	.0236									
5	2.75	.36364	.0031	1.6	5.0000	4.9819	.0181	4.7672	4.7551	.0121	4.5343	4.5102	.0241									
5-1/2	2.625	.38095	.0032	1.5	5.5000	5.4815	.0185	5.2561	5.2439	.0123	5.0121	4.9874	.0247									
6	2.5	.40000	.0033	1.5	6.0000	5.9810	.0190	5.7439	5.7313	.0126	5.4877	5.4624	.0253									

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Table 3. - Standard Sizes and Tolerances for Threads in Nuts.

British Standard Whitworth Screw Threads

1 Nominal diameter Inches	2 Number of threads per inch	3 Pitch p Inches	4 See note A		6 Major diameter			9 Pitch diameter			12 Minor diameter		
			Pitch Inches	Angle Degrees	Minimum Inches	Maximum Inches	Tolerance 0.04Vp Inches	Minimum Inches	Maximum Inches	Tolerance 0.02Vp Inches	Minimum Inches	Maximum Inches	Tolerance 0.04Vp Inches
1/4	20	.05000	0.0012	4.5	0.2520	0.2610	0.0090	0.2200	0.2245	0.0045	0.1880	0.1947	0.0067
5/16	18	.05556	.0012	4.0	.3145	.3239	.0094	.2789	.2836	.0047	.2434	.2505	.0071
3/8	16	.06250	.0013	3.8	.3770	.3870	.0100	.3370	.3420	.0050	.2970	.3045	.0075
7/16	14	.07143	.0014	3.5	.4395	.4502	.0107	.3938	.3991	.0053	.3480	.3560	.0080
1/2	12	.08333	.0015	3.3	.5020	.5135	.0115	.4486	.4544	.0058	.3953	.4040	.0087
9/16	12	.08333	.0015	3.3	.5645	.5760	.0115	.5111	.5169	.0058	.4578	.4665	.0087
5/8	11	.09091	.0016	3.2	.6270	.6391	.0121	.5688	.5748	.0060	.5106	.5193	.0090
3/4	10	.10000	.0016	3.0	.7520	.7646	.0126	.6880	.6943	.0063	.6239	.6334	.0095
7/8	9	.11111	.0017	2.9	.8770	.8903	.0133	.8059	.8126	.0067	.7547	.7647	.0100
1	8	.12500	.0018	2.7	1.0020	1.0161	.0141	.9220	.9291	.0071	.8419	.8525	.0103
1-1/8	7	.14286	.0020	2.5	1.1270	1.1421	.0151	1.0355	1.0431	.0076	.9440	.9553	.0113
1-1/4	7	.14286	.0020	2.5	1.2520	1.2671	.0151	1.1605	1.1681	.0076	1.0690	1.0803	.0113
1-1/2	6	.16667	.0021	2.3	1.5020	1.5183	.0163	1.3953	1.4035	.0082	1.2386	1.2508	.0122
1-3/4	5	.20000	.0023	2.1	1.7520	1.7699	.0179	1.6239	1.6328	.0089	1.4959	1.5093	.0134
2	45	.22222	.0025	2.0	2.0020	2.0209	.0189	1.8597	1.8691	.0094	1.7174	1.7315	.0141
2-1/4	4	.25000	.0026	1.9	2.2520	2.2720	.0200	2.0919	2.1019	.0100	1.9318	1.9468	.0150
2-1/2	4	.25000	.0026	1.9	2.5020	2.5220	.0200	2.3419	2.3519	.0100	2.1818	2.1968	.0150
2-3/4	35	.28571	.0028	1.8	2.7520	2.7734	.0214	2.5690	2.5797	.0107	2.3861	2.4021	.0160
3	35	.28571	.0028	1.8	3.0020	3.0234	.0214	2.8190	2.8297	.0107	2.6361	2.6521	.0160
3-1/4	325	.50769	.0029	1.7	3.2520	3.2742	.0222	3.0550	3.0661	.0111	2.8580	2.8746	.0166
3-1/2	325	.30769	.0029	1.7	3.5020	3.5242	.0222	3.3050	3.3161	.0111	3.1080	3.1246	.0166
3-3/4	3	.33333	.0030	1.6	3.7520	3.7751	.0231	3.5386	3.5501	.0115	3.3251	3.3424	.0173
4	3	.33333	.0030	1.6	4.0020	4.0251	.0231	3.7886	3.8001	.0115	3.5751	3.5924	.0173
4-1/2	2875	.34785	.0031	1.6	4.5020	4.5256	.0236	4.2793	4.2911	.0118	4.0566	4.0743	.0177
5	275	.36364	.0031	1.6	5.0020	5.0261	.0241	4.7692	4.7813	.0121	4.5363	4.5544	.0181
5-1/2	2625	.38095	.0032	1.5	5.5020	5.5267	.0247	5.2581	5.2704	.0123	5.0141	5.0326	.0185
6	25	.40000	.0033	1.5	6.0020	6.0273	.0253	5.7459	5.7585	.0126	5.4897	5.5087	.0190

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Table 4. - Basic Dimensions of British Standard Fine Screw Threads

1 Nominal diameter Inches	2 Number of threads per inch	3 Pitch Inches	4 Depth of thread Inches	5 Major Diameter		6 Major Diameter		7 Pitch Diameter		8 Pitch Diameter		9 Minor Diameter	
				Bolt Inches	Nut Inches	Bolt Inches	Nut Inches	Bolt Inches	Nut Inches	Bolt Inches	Nut Inches	Bolt Inches	Nut Inches
7/32	28	0.03571	0.02285	0.2188	0.2208	0.1960	0.1980	0.1731	0.1751	0.1731	0.1751	0.1731	0.1751
1/4	26	0.03846	0.02465	0.2500	0.2520	0.2254	0.2274	0.2007	0.2027	0.2007	0.2027	0.2007	0.2027
9/32	26	0.03846	0.02465	0.2813	0.2833	0.2566	0.2586	0.2320	0.2340	0.2320	0.2340	0.2320	0.2340
5/16	22	0.04545	0.02910	0.3125	0.3145	0.2834	0.2854	0.2543	0.2563	0.2543	0.2563	0.2543	0.2563
5/8	20	0.05000	0.03200	0.3750	0.3770	0.3430	0.3450	0.3110	0.3130	0.3110	0.3130	0.3110	0.3130
7/16	18	0.05556	0.03555	0.4375	0.4395	0.4019	0.4039	0.3654	0.3674	0.3654	0.3674	0.3654	0.3674
1/2	16	0.06250	0.04000	0.5000	0.5020	0.4600	0.4620	0.4200	0.4220	0.4200	0.4220	0.4200	0.4220
9/16	16	0.06250	0.04000	0.5625	0.5645	0.5225	0.5245	0.4825	0.4845	0.4825	0.4845	0.4825	0.4845
5/8	14	0.07143	0.04575	0.6250	0.6270	0.5793	0.5813	0.5355	0.5375	0.5355	0.5375	0.5355	0.5375
1 1/16	14	0.07143	0.04575	0.6875	0.6895	0.6418	0.6438	0.5960	0.5980	0.5960	0.5980	0.5960	0.5980
3/4	12	0.08333	0.05335	0.7500	0.7520	0.6966	0.6986	0.6433	0.6453	0.6433	0.6453	0.6433	0.6453
1 3/16	12	0.08333	0.05335	0.8125	0.8145	0.7591	0.7611	0.7058	0.7078	0.7058	0.7078	0.7058	0.7078
7/8	11	0.09091	0.05820	0.8750	0.8770	0.8168	0.8188	0.7586	0.7606	0.7586	0.7606	0.7586	0.7606
1	10	0.10000	0.06405	1.0000	1.0020	0.9360	0.9380	0.8719	0.8739	0.8719	0.8739	0.8719	0.8739
1-1/8	9	0.11111	0.07115	1.1250	1.1270	1.0539	1.0559	0.9827	0.9847	0.9827	0.9847	0.9827	0.9847
1-1/4	9	0.11111	0.07115	1.2500	1.2520	1.1789	1.1809	1.1077	1.1097	1.1077	1.1097	1.1077	1.1097
1-3/8	8	0.12500	0.08005	1.3750	1.3770	1.2950	1.2970	1.2149	1.2169	1.2149	1.2169	1.2149	1.2169
1-1/2	8	0.12500	0.08005	1.5000	1.5020	1.4200	1.4220	1.3399	1.3419	1.3399	1.3419	1.3399	1.3419
1-5/8	8	0.12500	0.08005	1.6250	1.6270	1.5450	1.5470	1.4649	1.4669	1.4649	1.4669	1.4649	1.4669
1-3/4	7	0.14286	0.09150	1.7500	1.7520	1.6585	1.6605	1.5670	1.5690	1.5670	1.5690	1.5670	1.5690
2	7	0.14286	0.09150	2.0000	2.0020	1.9085	1.9105	1.8170	1.8190	1.8170	1.8190	1.8170	1.8190
2-1/4	6	0.16667	0.10670	2.2500	2.2520	2.1433	2.1453	2.0366	2.0386	2.0366	2.0386	2.0366	2.0386
2-1/2	6	0.16667	0.10670	2.5000	2.5020	2.3933	2.3953	2.2866	2.2886	2.2866	2.2886	2.2866	2.2886
2-3/4	6	0.16667	0.10670	2.7500	2.7520	2.6433	2.6453	2.5366	2.5386	2.5366	2.5386	2.5366	2.5386
3	5	0.20000	0.12805	3.0000	3.0020	2.8719	2.8739	2.7439	2.7459	2.7439	2.7459	2.7439	2.7459

This table is taken from British Engineering Standards Association Report No. 84-1918.





Table 5. - Standard Sizes and Tolerances for Threads on Bolts,

British Standard Fine Screw Threads

Nominal diameter	Number of threads per inch	Pitch	See note A		Major diameter			Pitch diameter			Minor diameter		
			Pitch	Angle	Maximum	Minimum	Tolerance	Maximum	Minimum	Tolerance	Maximum	Minimum	Tolerance
			Inches	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
7/32	28	.03571	.0010	5.1	.3168	.3131	.0057	.4019	.3972	.0047	.3664	.3570	.0094
1/4	26	.03846	.0010	4.8	.2500	.2441	.0059	.4600	.4550	.0050	.4200	.4100	.0100
9/32	26	.03846	.0010	4.8	.2813	.2754	.0059	.5225	.5175	.0050	.4825	.4735	.0100
5/16	22	.04545	.0011	4.5	.3125	.3061	.0064	.5793	.5740	.0053	.5335	.5238	.0107
3/8	20	.05000	.0012	4.3	.3750	.3685	.0067	.6418	.6365	.0053	.5960	.5853	.0107
7/16	18	.05556	.0012	4.0	.4375	.4304	.0071	.6966	.6908	.0058	.6433	.6318	.0115
1/2	16	.06250	.0013	3.8	.5000	.4925	.0075	.7591	.7533	.0058	.7058	.6943	.0115
9/16	16	.06250	.0013	3.3	.5625	.5550	.0075	.8168	.8108	.0060	.7536	.7465	.0121
5/8	14	.07143	.0014	3.5	.6250	.6170	.0080	.9360	.9297	.0063	.8719	.8593	.0126
11/16	14	.07143	.0014	3.3	.6575	.6495	.0080	1.0539	1.0472	.0067	.9827	.9694	.0133
3/4	12	.08333	.0015	3.3	.7500	.7413	.0087	1.1789	1.1722	.0067	1.1077	1.0944	.0133
13/16	12	.08333	.0015	3.3	.8125	.8038	.0087	1.2950	1.2879	.0071	1.2149	1.2008	.0141
7/8	11	.09091	.0016	3.2	.8750	.8660	.0090	1.4200	1.4129	.0071	1.3399	1.3258	.0141
1	10	.10000	.0016	3.0	1.0000	.9905	.0095	1.5450	1.5379	.0071	1.4649	1.4508	.0141
1-1/8	9	.11111	.0017	2.9	1.1250	1.1150	.0100	1.6585	1.6509	.0076	1.5670	1.5519	.0151
1-1/4	9	.11111	.0017	2.9	1.2500	1.2400	.0100	1.9085	1.9009	.0076	1.8170	1.8029	.0151
1-5/8	8	.12500	.0018	2.7	1.3750	1.3644	.0106	2.1433	2.1351	.0082	2.0366	2.0203	.0163
1-7/8	8	.12500	.0018	2.7	1.5000	1.4894	.0108	2.3933	2.3851	.0082	2.2866	2.2703	.0163
1-5/8	8	.12500	.0018	2.7	1.6250	1.6144	.0108	2.6433	2.6351	.0082	2.5366	2.5203	.0163
1-5/4	7	.14286	.0020	2.5	1.7500	1.7387	.0113	2.8719	2.8630	.0089	2.7439	2.7260	.0179
2	7	.14286	.0020	2.5	2.0000	1.9887	.0113						
2-1/4	6	.16667	.0021	2.3	2.2500	2.2378	.0122						
2-1/2	6	.16667	.0021	2.3	2.5000	2.4878	.0122						
2-3/4	6	.16667	.0021	2.3	2.7500	2.7378	.0122						
3	5	.20000	.0023	2.1	3.0000	2.9866	.0134						

A. The errors in pitch in the length of thread engaged, and in angle, are given, which can each be compensated by one-half of the tolerance on pitch diameter as given. The errors in pitch and angle may exist together, provided that the pitch diameter has the minimum value; also, the permissible error in pitch may be increased to twice the value shown, provided that the error in angle is correspondingly reduced, and vice versa.



Table 6. - Standard Sizes and Tolerances for Threads in Nuts  
British Standard Fine Screw Threads

1 Nominal diameter Inches	2 Number of thds. per inch	3 Pitch Inches	4 See note A		6 Major diameter		8 Tolerance Inches	9 Pitch diameter			13 Minor diameter		
			4 Pitch Inches	5 Angle Degrees	6 Minimum Inches	7 Maximum Inches		9 Minimum Inches	10 Maximum Inches	11 Tolerance Inches	13 Minimum Inches	13 Maximum Inches	14 Tolerance Inches
7/32	28	0.03571	0.0010	5.1	0.2203	0.2284	0.0070	0.1980	0.2018	0.0038	0.1751	0.1808	0.0057
1/4	26	.03846	.0010	4.8	.2520	.2598	.0073	.2274	.2313	.0039	.2027	.2086	.0059
9/32	26	.03946	.0010	4.8	.2833	.2911	.0078	.2586	.2625	.0039	.2340	.2399	.0059
5/16	22	.04545	.0011	4.5	.3145	.3230	.0085	.2854	.2897	.0043	.2533	.2627	.0084
3/8	20	.05000	.0012	4.3	.3770	.3860	.0090	.3450	.3495	.0045	.3130	.3197	.0067
7/16	18	.05556	.0012	4.0	.4395	.4489	.0094	.4039	.4086	.0047	.3694	.3755	.0071
1/2	16	.06250	.0013	3.8	.5020	.5120	.0100	.4620	.4670	.0050	.4220	.4305	.0075
9/16	16	.06250	.0013	3.8	.5645	.5745	.0100	.5245	.5295	.0050	.4845	.4920	.0075
5/8	14	.07143	.0014	3.5	.6270	.6377	.0107	.5813	.5868	.0053	.5355	.5435	.0080
11/16	14	.07143	.0014	3.5	.6895	.7002	.0107	.6438	.6491	.0053	.5980	.6000	.0080
3/4	12	.08333	.0015	3.3	.7520	.7635	.0115	.6986	.7044	.0058	.6453	.6540	.0087
13/16	12	.08333	.0015	3.3	.8145	.8260	.0115	.7611	.7669	.0058	.7078	.7165	.0087
7/8	11	.09091	.0016	3.2	.8770	.8891	.0121	.8188	.8248	.0060	.7603	.7696	.0090
1	10	.10000	.0016	3.0	1.0020	1.0146	.0126	.9380	.9443	.0063	.8739	.8834	.0095
1 1/8	9	.11111	.0017	2.9	1.1370	1.1403	.0133	1.0559	1.0626	.0067	.9847	.9947	.0100
1 1/4	9	.11111	.0017	2.9	1.2520	1.2653	.0133	1.1809	1.1876	.0067	1.1097	1.1197	.0100
1 3/8	8	.12500	.0018	2.7	1.3770	1.3911	.0141	1.2970	1.3041	.0071	1.2169	1.2375	.0106
1 1/2	8	.12500	.0018	2.7	1.5020	1.5161	.0141	1.4220	1.4291	.0071	1.3419	1.3525	.0106
1 5/8	8	.12500	.0018	2.7	1.6270	1.6411	.0141	1.5470	1.5541	.0071	1.4669	1.4775	.0106
1 3/4	7	.14286	.0020	2.5	1.7520	1.7671	.0151	1.6605	1.6681	.0076	1.5690	1.5803	.0113
2	7	.14286	.0020	2.5	2.0020	2.0171	.0151	1.9105	1.9181	.0076	1.8190	1.8303	.0113
2 1/4	6	.16667	.0021	2.3	2.2520	2.2683	.0163	2.1453	2.1535	.0082	2.0306	2.0508	.0122
2 1/2	6	.16667	.0021	2.3	2.5020	2.5183	.0163	2.3953	2.4035	.0082	2.2683	2.3003	.0122
2 3/4	6	.16667	.0021	2.3	2.7520	2.7693	.0163	2.6453	2.6535	.0082	2.5286	2.5509	.0122
3	5	.20000	.0023	2.1	3.0020	3.0199	.0179	2.8739	2.8828	.0089	2.7459	2.7593	.0134

Note A. The errors in pitch in the length of thread engaged, and in angle, are given, which can each be compensated by one-half of the tolerance on pitch diameter, as given. The errors in pitch and angle may exist together, provided that the pitch diameter has the maximum value; also, the permissible error in pitch may be increased to twice the value shown, provided that the error in angle is correspondingly reduced, and vice versa.





Table 7. - Standard Sizes and Tolerances for Threads on Bolts,  
British Standard Fine Screw Threads (Close Fits)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Nominal diameter Inches	Number of thds. per inch	Pitch Inches	See note A		Major diameter			Pitch diameter			Minor diameter		
			Pitch Inches	Angle Degrees	Maximum Inches	Minimum Inches	Tolerance Inches	Maximum Inches	Minimum Inches	Tolerance Inches	Maximum Inches	Minimum Inches	Tolerance Inches
7/32	28	.03571	.0005	2.6	.2138	.2159	.0029	.1960	.1941	.0019	.1731	.1693	.0038
1/4	26	.03846	.0005	2.4	.2500	.2470	.0030	.2254	.2234	.0020	.2007	.1968	.0039
9/32	26	.03846	.0005	2.4	.2813	.2783	.0030	.2566	.2546	.0020	.2320	.2281	.0039
5/16	22	.04545	.0006	2.3	.3125	.3093	.0032	.2834	.2812	.0022	.2543	.2500	.0043
3/8	20	.05000	.0006	2.2	.3750	.3716	.0034	.3430	.3407	.0023	.3110	.3065	.0045
7/16	18	.05556	.0006	2.0	.4375	.4339	.0036	.4019	.3995	.0024	.3664	.3617	.0047
1/2	16	.06250	.0007	1.9	.5000	.4962	.0038	.4600	.4575	.0025	.4200	.4150	.0050
9/16	16	.06250	.0007	1.9	.5625	.5587	.0038	.5225	.5200	.0025	.4825	.4775	.0050
5/8	14	.07143	.0007	1.8	.6250	.6210	.0040	.5793	.5765	.0027	.5335	.5281	.0054
11/16	14	.07143	.0007	1.8	.6875	.6835	.0040	.6418	.6391	.0027	.5960	.5906	.0054
3/4	12	.08333	.0008	1.7	.7500	.7456	.0044	.6966	.6937	.0029	.6433	.6375	.0059
13/16	12	.08333	.0008	1.7	.8125	.8081	.0044	.7591	.7562	.0029	.7053	.7000	.0059
7/8	11	.09091	.0008	1.6	.8750	.8705	.0045	.8168	.8133	.0030	.7585	.7525	.0061
1	10	.10000	.0008	1.5	1.0000	.9952	.0048	.9360	.9323	.0037	.8719	.8653	.0067
1 1/8	9	.11111	.0009	1.5	1.1250	1.1200	.0050	1.0539	1.0505	.0034	.9827	.9750	.0077
1 1/4	9	.11111	.0009	1.5	1.2500	1.2450	.0050	1.1789	1.1755	.0034	1.1077	1.1010	.0067
1 3/8	8	.12500	.0009	1.4	1.3750	1.3697	.0053	1.2950	1.2914	.0036	1.2149	1.2079	.0071
1 1/2	8	.12500	.0009	1.4	1.5000	1.4947	.0053	1.4200	1.4164	.0036	1.3399	1.3323	.0071
1 5/8	8	.12500	.0009	1.4	1.6250	1.6197	.0053	1.5450	1.5414	.0036	1.4643	1.4573	.0071
1 3/4	7	.14286	.0010	1.3	1.7500	1.7443	.0057	1.6585	1.6547	.0038	1.5570	1.5494	.0075
2	7	.14286	.0010	1.3	2.0000	1.9943	.0057	1.9085	1.9047	.0038	1.8170	1.8094	.0075
2 1/4	6	.16667	.0011	1.2	2.2500	2.2439	.0061	2.1433	2.1392	.0041	2.0366	2.0284	.0082
2 1/2	6	.16667	.0011	1.2	2.5000	2.4939	.0061	2.3933	2.3892	.0041	2.2866	2.2784	.0082
2 3/4	6	.16667	.0011	1.2	2.7500	2.7439	.0061	2.6433	2.6392	.0041	2.5366	2.5284	.0082
3	5	.20000	.0012	1.1	3.0000	2.9933	.0067	2.8719	2.8674	.0045	2.7459	2.7349	.0090

Note A. The errors in pitch in the length of thread engaged, and in angle, are given, which can each be compensated by one-half of the tolerance on pitch diameter as given. The errors in pitch and angle may exist together, provided that the pitch diameter has the minimum value; also, the permissible error in pitch may be increased to twice the value shown, provided that the error in angle is correspondingly reduced, and vice versa.





Table 8. - Standard Sizes and Tolerances for Threads in Nuts,  
British Standard Fine Screw Threads (Close Fits)

1 Nominal diameter Inches	2 Number of thds. per inch	3 Pitch Inches	4 See Note A		5 Major diameter			6 Pitch diameter			7 Minor diameter		
			Pitch Inches	Angle Degrees	Minimum Inches	Maximum Inches	Tolerance Inches	Minimum Inches	Maximum Inches	Tolerance Inches	Minimum Inches	Maximum Inches	Tolerance Inches
7/32	28	0.03571	0.0005	2.6	0.2203	0.2246	0.0038	0.1980	0.1999	0.0019	0.1751	0.1780	0.0029
1/4	26	.03846	.0005	2.4	.2520	.2559	.0039	.2274	.2294	.0020	.2027	.2057	.0030
9/32	26	.03846	.0005	2.4	.2833	.2872	.0039	.2586	.2606	.0020	.2340	.2370	.0030
5/16	22	.04545	.0006	2.3	.3145	.3188	.0043	.2854	.2876	.0022	.2563	.2595	.0032
3/8	20	.05000	.0006	2.2	.3770	.3815	.0045	.3450	.3473	.0023	.3130	.3164	.0034
7/16	18	.05556	.0006	2.0	.4395	.4442	.0047	.4039	.4063	.0024	.3684	.3720	.0036
1/2	16	.06250	.0007	1.9	.5020	.5070	.0050	.4620	.4645	.0025	.4220	.4258	.0038
9/16	16	.06250	.0007	1.9	.5645	.5695	.0050	.5245	.5270	.0025	.4845	.4883	.0038
5/8	14	.07143	.0007	1.8	.6270	.6324	.0054	.5813	.5840	.0027	.5355	.5395	.0040
11/16	14	.07143	.0007	1.8	.6895	.6949	.0054	.6438	.6465	.0027	.5980	.6020	.0040
3/4	12	.08333	.0008	1.7	.7520	.7578	.0058	.6986	.7015	.0029	.6453	.6497	.0044
13/16	12	.08333	.0008	1.7	.8145	.8203	.0058	.7611	.7640	.0029	.7078	.7122	.0044
7/8	11	.09091	.0008	1.6	.8770	.8831	.0061	.8188	.8218	.0030	.7606	.7651	.0045
1	10	.10000	.0008	1.5	1.0020	1.0083	.0063	.9380	.9412	.0032	.8739	.8787	.0048
1 1/8	9	.11111	.0009	1.5	1.1270	1.1337	.0067	1.0559	1.0593	.0034	.9847	.9897	.0050
1 1/4	9	.11111	.0009	1.5	1.2520	1.2587	.0067	1.1809	1.1843	.0034	1.1097	1.1147	.0050
1 3/8	8	.12500	.0009	1.4	1.3770	1.3841	.0071	1.2970	1.3006	.0036	1.2169	1.2222	.0053
1 1/2	8	.12500	.0009	1.4	1.5020	1.5091	.0071	1.4220	1.4256	.0036	1.3419	1.3472	.0053
1 5/8	8	.12500	.0009	1.4	1.6270	1.6341	.0071	1.5470	1.5506	.0036	1.4669	1.4722	.0053
1 3/4	7	.14286	.0010	1.3	1.7520	1.7596	.0076	1.6605	1.6643	.0038	1.5690	1.5747	.0057
2	7	.14286	.0010	1.3	2.0020	2.0096	.0076	1.9105	1.9143	.0038	1.8190	1.8247	.0057
2 1/4	6	.16667	.0011	1.2	2.2520	2.2602	.0082	2.1453	2.1494	.0041	2.0386	2.0447	.0061
2 1/2	6	.16667	.0011	1.2	2.5020	2.5102	.0082	2.3953	2.3994	.0041	2.2886	2.2947	.0061
2 3/4	6	.16667	.0011	1.2	2.7520	2.7602	.0082	2.6453	2.6494	.0041	2.5386	2.5447	.0061
3	5	.20000	.0012	1.1	3.0020	3.0110	.0090	2.8739	2.8784	.0045	2.7459	2.7526	.0067

Note A. The errors in pitch in the length of thread engaged, and in angle, are given, which can be compensated by one-half of the tolerance on pitch diameter as given. The errors in pitch and angle may exist together, provided that the pitch diameter has the maximum value; also, the permissible error in pitch may be increased to twice the value shown, provided that the error in angle is correspondingly reduced, and vice versa.



Table 9. — Comparison of Threads per Inch of United States National and British Standard Whitworth and Fine Screw Threads

	1	2	3	4	5
	Number of threads per inch				
Size Inches	U.S. National Coarse Threads	British Standard Whitworth Threads	U.S. National Fine Threads	British Standard Fine Threads	
*7/32	24		28	28	
1/4	20	20	28	26	
5/16	18	18	24	22	
3/8	16	16	24	20	
7/16	14	14	20	18	
1/2	13	12	20	16	
9/16	12	12	18	16	
5/8	11	11	18	14	
3/4	10	10	16	12	
7/8	9	9	14	11	
1	8	8	14	10	
1 1/8	7	7	12	9	
1 1/4	7	7	12	9	
1 1/2	6	6	12	8	
1 3/4	5	5	12	7	
2	4 1/2	4 1/2	12	7	
2 1/4	4 1/2	4	12	6	
2 1/2	4	4	12	6	
2 3/4	4	3 1/2	12	6	
3	4	3 1/2	10	5	

\* National size #12, major diameter, 0.216 inches.



Table 10. - Diameter Modification of National or British Standard Whitworth Threads for Interchangeability

1 Threads per inch	2 Pitch Inches	3	5	
		Change in pitch diameter for in- terchangeability Minus on bolts or plus on nuts	Difference in major diameter required for assembly	
			4 U.S.nut B.S.W.bolt Inches	B.S.W.nut U.S.bolt Inches
20	0.0500	0.0024	0.0029	0.0019
18	.0556	.0027	.0032	.0022
16	.0625	.0031	.0037	.0025
14	.0714	.0035	.0042	.0028
12	.0833	.0041	.0048	.0034
11	.0909	.0045	.0053	.0035
10	.1000	.0049	.0059	.0039
9	.1111	.0054	.0065	.0043
8	.1250	.0061	.0073	.0049
7	.1429	.0070	.0083	.0057
6	.1667	.0082	.0098	.0066
5	.2000	.0098	.0116	.0080
4.5	.2222	.0109	.0129	.0089
4	.2500	.0122	.0145	.0099





### III. BRITISH ASSOCIATION SCREW THREADS

In 1878 the Horological Section of the Geneva Society of Arts recommended a system of screw threads designed by Prof. M. Thury. This system was based on the measurement of well proportioned watch and small instrument screws in actual use in European countries. This thread had an angle of 47.5 degrees and was rounded equally at crest and root to a radius of approximately two elevenths of the pitch. The sizes were designated by consecutive numbers (n), the pitch (p) corresponding to any given size being given by the formula:

$$p = 0.9^n,$$

and the major diameter (D), corresponding to any pitch, being given by the formula:

$$D = 6p^{6/5}.$$

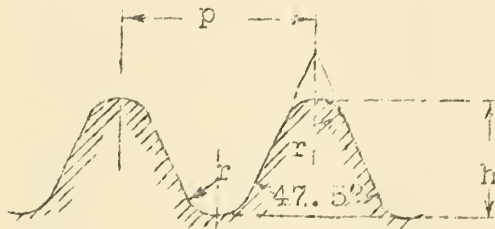


Fig. 3. British Association Thread Form

In 1884 the British Association for the Advancement of Science recommended the use of the Thury system, with modifications, for all screws less than 1/4 inch in diameter. The thread form was modified to give an equal rounding at crest and root of approximately  $2/11 p$ . See Fig. 3. The British Engineering Standards Association, in their Report No. 20 on British Standard Screw Threads, give dimensions of British Association Screw Threads, including recommended clearances between crests and roots of mating threads which are given herein in tables 11 and 12.

#### References:

- Systematique des Vis Horologeries, by M. Thury.
- Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, 1884 and 1900.
- British Engineering Standards Association Report No. 20-1913. - Screw Threads.



Table 11. -- British Association Screw Threads

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Designating number	Major Diameter	Approximate major diameter	Pitch	Approximate threads per inch	Depth of thread	Pitch diameter	Minor diameter
	mm	Inches	mm		mm	mm	mm
0	6.0	0.236	1.00	25.4	0.60	5.40	4.80
*1	5.3	.209	.90	28.2	.54	4.76	4.22
2	4.7	.185	.81	31.4	.485	4.215	3.73
*3	4.1	.161	.73	34.8	.44	3.66	3.22
4	3.6	.142	.66	38.5	.395	3.205	2.81
*5	3.2	.126	.59	43.1	.355	2.845	2.49
6	2.8	.110	.53	48.0	.32	2.48	2.16
*7	2.5	.098	.48	53.0	.29	2.21	1.92
8	2.2	.087	.43	59.1	.26	1.94	1.68
*9	1.9	.075	.39	65.2	.235	1.665	1.43
10	1.7	.067	.35	72.6	.21	1.49	1.28
*11	1.5	.059	.31	82.0	.185	1.315	1.13
12	1.3	.051	.28	90.7	.17	1.13	.96
*13	1.2	.047	.25	102	.15	1.05	.90
14	1.0	.039	.23	110	.14	.86	.72
*15	.90	.035	.21	121	.125	.775	.65
16	.79	.031	.19	134	.115	.675	.56
17	.70	.028	.17	149	.10	.60	.50
18	.62	.024	.15	169	.09	.53	.44
19	.54	.021	.14	181	.085	.455	.37
20	.48	.019	.12	212	.07	.41	.34
21	.42	.017	.11	231	.065	.355	.29
22	.37	.015	.10	254	.06	.31	.25
23	.33	.013	.09	282	.055	.275	.22
24	.29	.011	.08	318	.05	.24	.19
25	.25	.010	.07	363	.04	.21	.17

The figures in columns 3 and 5 are given for convenience only, and should, in no case, be worked to where satisfactory interchangeability is required.

\*The British Engineering Standards Association recommend that for general use these sizes be dispensed with.



Table 12. -- Recommended Crest and Root Clearances,  
British Association Screw Threads

1	2	3	4	5
Designating number	Minor diameter of screw		Major diameter of tap	
	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum
	mm	mm	mm	mm
0	4.74	4.60	6.20	6.06
*1	4.16	4.04	5.48	5.36
2	3.68	3.57	4.86	4.75
*3	3.17	3.07	4.25	4.15
4	2.77	2.68	3.77	3.64
*5	2.45	2.37	3.32	3.24
6	2.13	2.05	2.91	2.83
*7	1.89	1.82	2.60	2.53
8	1.65	1.59	2.29	2.23
*9	1.41	1.35	1.98	1.92
10	1.26	1.21	1.77	1.72
*11	1.11	1.07	1.56	1.52
12	.94	.90	1.36	1.32
*13	.88	.85	1.25	1.22
14	.71	.67	1.05	1.01
*15	.64	.61	.94	.91
16	.55	.52	.83	.80
17	.48	.47	.72	.71
18	.43	.41	.65	.63
19	.36	.34	.57	.55
20	.33	.32	.50	.49
21	.28	.27	.44	.43
22	.24	.23	.39	.38
23	.21	.20	.35	.34
24	.18	.17	.31	.30
25	.16	.15	.27	.26

\*The British Engineering Standards Association recommend that for general use these sizes be dispensed with.



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#### IV. BRITISH STANDARD PIPE THREADS

##### 1. British Standard Pipe Thread for Iron and Steel Tubes

The British Standard Pipe Thread for Iron and Steel Tubes (B.S.P.) was adopted in 1905 by the Sectional Committee on Screw Threads and Limit Gages of the British Engineering Standards Association. It was approved by the Association in March 1905.

The Whitworth form of thread was adopted. Two classes of pipe threads were recognized by the Association, and are now in use, namely, -

- Class I - the taper thread
- Class II - the parallel (straight) thread.

Class I. The thread at the pipe end is tapered 1/16 inch per inch of length, the threads being perpendicular to the surface of the cone and pitch being measured parallel to the axis of the thread. The thread in the coupling may be either straight or tapered; ordinarily, a straight coupling and tapered pipe end are used. Taper couplings are used to secure exceptionally good fits.

Dimensions of Class I, tapered threads, are given in Table 13. All threads for iron and steel pipe and tubing purporting to be of British Standard dimensions shall have the dimensions given in this table.

Class II. Straight pipe threads have the same diameters as the diameters of tapered threads at the gaging notch. (See Column 3, Table 13).

##### 2. British Standard Thread for Steel Conduit

Two classes of steel conduit are recognized as standard:-

- Class A - plain,
- Class B - threaded.

Class "A" is a light gage conduit. The coupling joining the lengths of tubing is a sleeve and neither the ends of the conduit, nor the coupling joining the lengths are threaded.

Class "B" is a heavy gage conduit. Both ends of the conduit are threaded with the Whitworth form of thread as defined for British Standard Pipe Threads.

The length of thread on the ends of conduits, which shall be the same for binds, tees, junction boxes and other threaded accessories, is given in Table 14, and is deduced by the formula,

$$L = 1/2 D + 3/8 \text{ inches,}$$

in which  
and

$$L = \text{length of thread,}$$
$$D = \text{outside diameter.}$$



British Standard Dimensions of both Class "A" and Class "B" steel conduit are given in Table 14.

### 3. British Standard Dimensions for Copper Tubes and Their Screw Threads.

The report of the Sub-Committee on Metal Tubes and Connections on standard specifications for copper tubes and their screw threads was adopted by the Sectional Committee on Screw Threads and Limit Gages, and was approved by the British Engineering Standards Association, in March 1913. For the heavier gage tubes the British Standard Pipe Threads, as given in Tables 13 and 16, were adopted, and for the lighter gage tubes the dimensions given in Table 15 were adopted, the Whitworth form of thread being used.

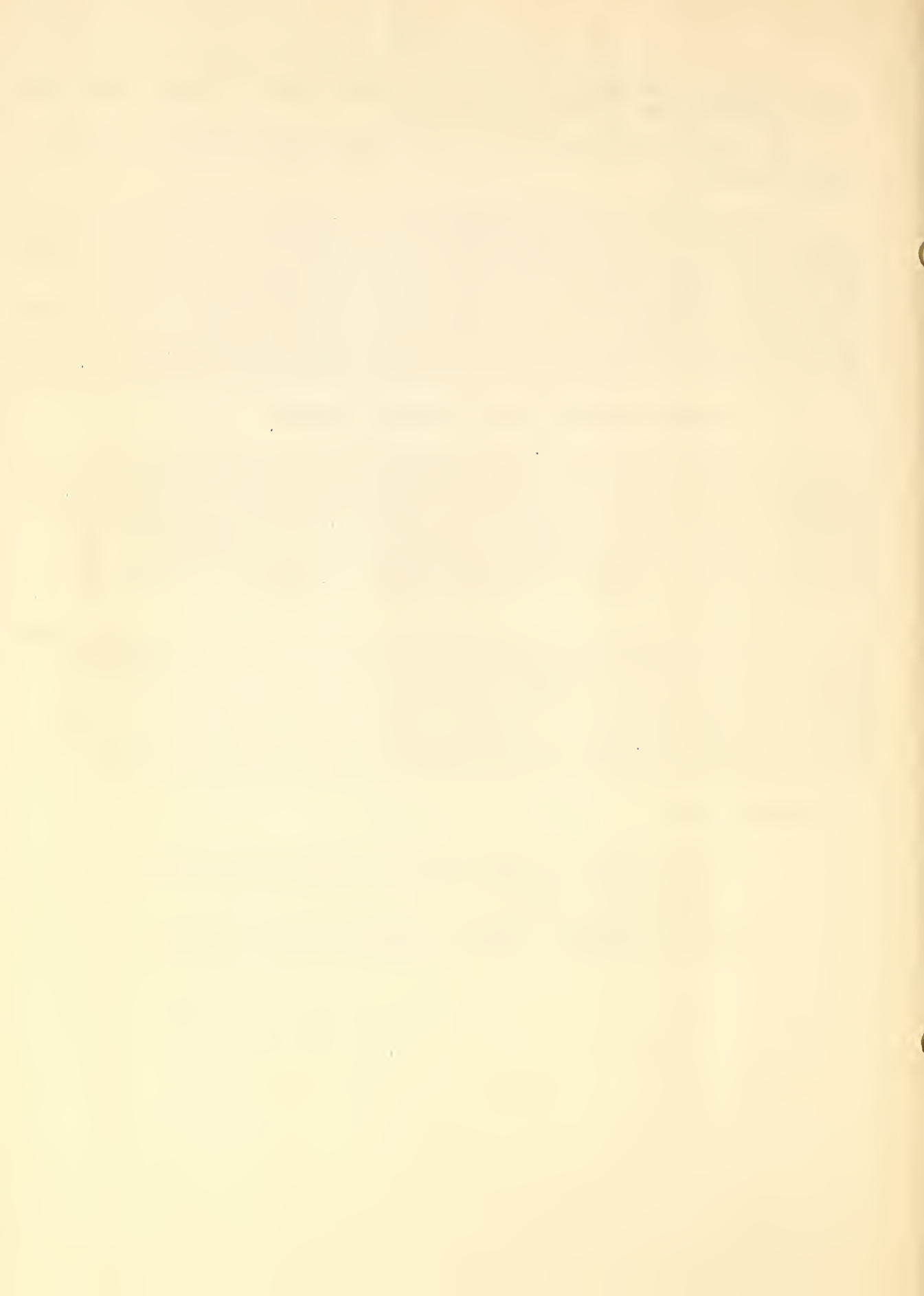
### 4. Gaging British Standard Pipe Threads

In order to insure correct gaging, it is necessary to define the position of the gage diameter on the pipe end and in the coupling. Fig. 4 is a drawing of plug and ring gages which give satisfactory results. Instead of dimensions being given on the drawing, reference is made to column numbers of Table 13. By referring to the table, dimensions may be found for gaging any size of thread.

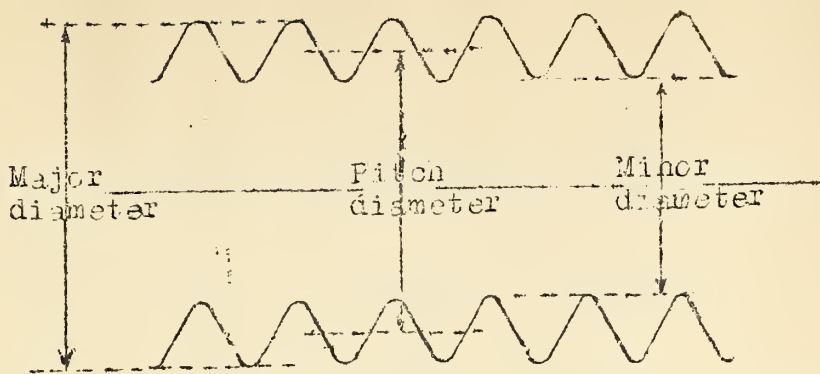
The distances between the surfaces A and B of the ring gages, for any given size, is the difference between values given in columns 10 and 11. The gage having a plain conical surface is slipped over the end of the pipe, and, when pressed on by hand, the pipe end must protrude beyond surface B. On the plug gage, surfaces C and D correspond to surfaces A and B on the ring. The plug must enter beyond C, but surface D must remain outside.

#### References:

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Pipes and Tubes.
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Thread form of British Standard Pipe Threads

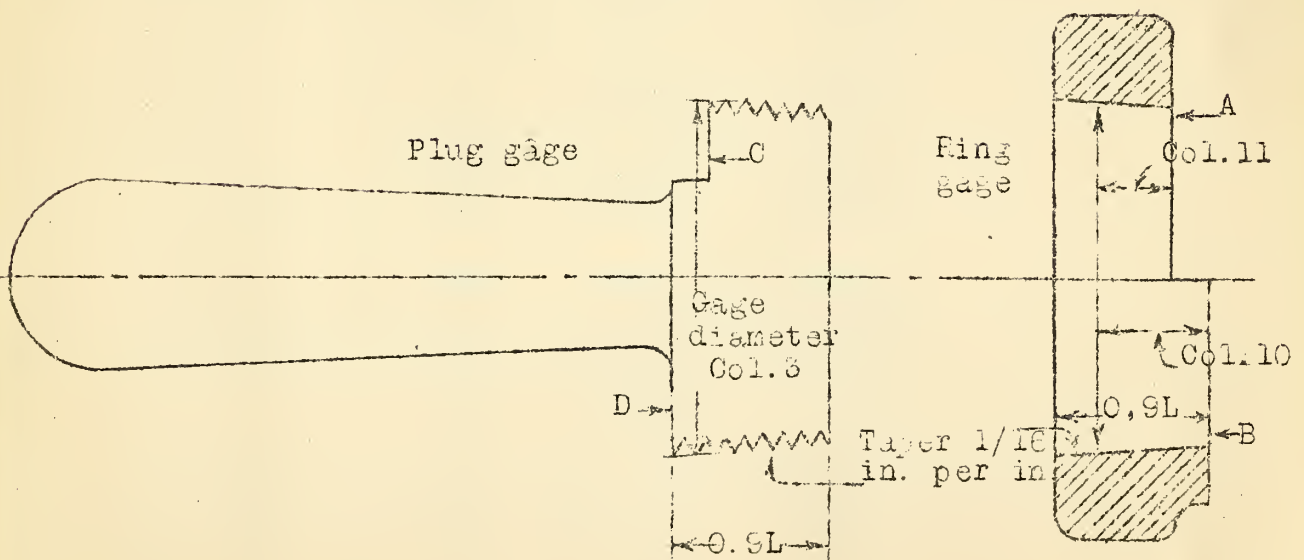
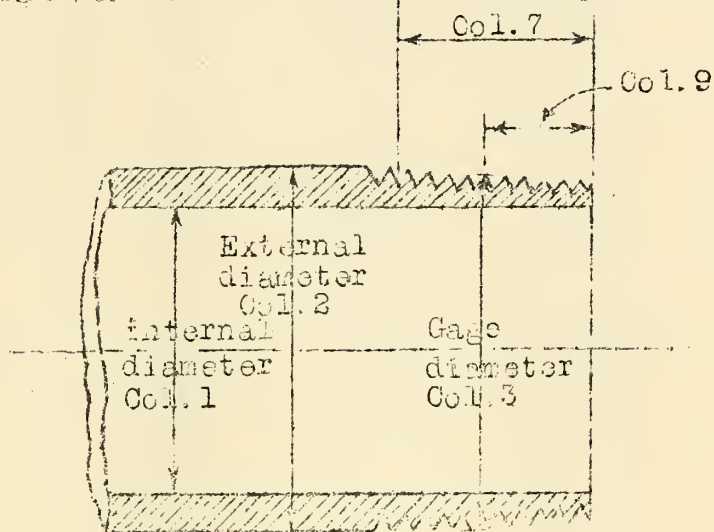


Fig. 4.- Gages for British Standard Pipe Threads



Table 13. - Dimensions of British Standard Pipe Threads

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Nominal size of pipe Inches	Outside diameter of pipe Inches	Gage diameter (basic major diameter) Inches	Number of threads per inch	Depth of thread Inches	Minor diameter corresponding to gage diameter Inches	Minimum length of thread		Distance of gage diameter from pipe-end (Class I. taper screw)		
						on pipe-end Inches	In coupling Inches	Standard Inches	Maximum Inches	Minimum Inches
1/8	13/32	0.383	28	0.02285	0.3373	3/8	3/4	5/32	0.1823	0.1302
1/4	17/32	.518	19	.03370	.4506	7/16	7/8	3/16	.2188	.1562
3/8	11/16	.656	19	.03370	.5886	1/2	1	1/4	.2917	.2083
1/2	27/32	.825	14	.04575	.7335	5/8	1 1/4	1/4	.2917	.2083
5/8	15/16	.902	14	.04575	.8105	5/8	1 1/4	1/4	.2917	.2083
3/4	1 1/16	1.041	14	.04575	.9495	3/4	1 1/2	3/8	.4375	.3125
7/8	1 7/32	1.189	14	.04575	1.0975	3/4	1 1/2	3/8	.4375	.3125
1	1 11/32	1.309	11	.05820	1.1926	7/8	1 3/4	3/8	.4375	.3125
1 1/4	1 11/16	1.650	11	.05820	1.5336	1	2	1/2	.5823	.4167
1 1/2	1 29/32	1.882	11	.05820	1.7656	1	2	1/2	.5823	.4167
1 3/4	2 5/32	2.116	11	.05820	1.9996	1 1/8	2 1/4	5/8	.7292	.5208
2	2 3/8	2.347	11	.05820	2.2306	1 1/8	2 1/4	5/8	.7292	.5208
2 1/4	2 5/8	2.587	11	.05820	2.4706	1 3/4	2 1/2	11/16	.8021	.5729
2 1/2	3	2.960	11	.05820	2.8436	1 1/4	2 1/2	11/16	.8021	.5729
2 3/4	3 1/4	3.210	11	.05820	3.0936	1 3/8	2 3/4	13/16	.9479	.6771
3	3 1/2	3.460	11	.05820	2.3436	1 3/8	2 3/4	13/16	.9479	.6771
3 1/4	3 3/4	3.700	11	.05820	3.5836	1 1/2	3	7/8	1.0208	.7292
3 1/2	4	3.950	11	.05820	3.8336	1 1/2	3	7/8	1.0208	.7292
3 3/4	4 1/4	4.200	11	.05820	4.0836	1 1/2	3	7/8	1.0208	.7292
4	4 1/2	4.450	11	.05820	4.3336	1 5/8	3 1/4	1	1.1667	.8333
4 1/2	5	4.950	11	.05820	4.8336	1 5/8	3 1/4	1	1.1667	.8333
5	5 1/2	6.450	11	.05820	5.3336	1 3/4	3 1/2	1 1/8	1.3125	.9375
5 1/2	6	5.950	11	.05820	5.8336	1 7/8	3 3/4	1 1/4	1.4583	1.0417
6	6 1/2	6.450	11	.05820	6.3336	2	4	1 3/8	1.6042	1.1458
7	7 1/2	7.450	10	.0640	7.3219	2 1/8	4 1/4	1 3/8	1.6042	1.1458
8	8 1/2	8.450	10	.06405	8.3219	2 1/4	4 1/2	1 1/2	1.7500	1.2500
9	9 1/2	9.450	10	.06405	9.3219	2 1/4	4 1/2	1 1/2	1.7500	1.2500
10	10 1/2	10.450	10	.06405	10.3219	2 3/8	4 3/4	1 5/8	1.8958	1.3542
11	11 1/2	11.450	8	.08005	11.2899	2 1/2	5	1 5/8	1.8958	1.3542
12	12 1/2	12.450	8	.08005	12.2899	2 1/2	5	1 5/8	1.8958	1.3542
13	13 3/4	13.680	8	.08005	13.5199	2 5/8	5 1/4	1 5/8	1.8958	1.3542
14	14 3/4	14.680	8	.08005	14.5199	2 3/4	5 1/2	1 3/4	2.0417	1.4583
15	15 3/4	15.680	8	.08005	15.5199	2 3/4	5 1/2	1 3/4	2.0417	1.4583
16	16 3/4	16.680	8	.08005	16.5199	2 7/8	5 3/4	1 7/8	2.1875	1.5625
17	17 3/4	17.680	8	.08005	17.5199	3	6	2	2.3333	1.6667
18	18 3/4	18.680	8	.08005	18.5199	3	6	2	2.3333	1.6667



Table 14.-British Standard Dimensions of Threaded Steel Conduits, Class "B", and Plain Steel Conduit, Class "A"

			1	2	3	4	5	6
Outside diameter in inches			5/8	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2
Threads per inch			18	16	16	16	14	14
Depth of thread in inches			0.0356	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400	0.0457	0.0457
Maximum length of thread on end of conduit in inches			1/2	9/16	11/16	13/16	15/16	1 3/16
Minimum length of thread on end of conduit in inches			7/16	1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1 1/8
Nominal thickness	Class A	S.W.G.No. 19	19	18	17	16	16	
		Inches	0.040	0.048	0.048	0.056	0.064	0.064
	Class B)	S.W.G.	16	15	15	15	14	13
		Inches	0.064	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.080	0.092
Weight per 100 ft. in lbs.	Class A	Max.	28.9	40.8	55.4	79.9	108.7	146.7
		Min.	23.6	34.4	46.6	68.9	95.4	128.1
	Class B	Max.	42.2	56.9	78.1	99.3	132.1	202.4
		Min.	37.4	51.0	69.8	88.5	119.0	184.7
Combined lengths of recessed portions of plain sockets in inches			2 1/4	2 1/2	3	3 1/2	4	5
Thickness of plain socket in inches			0.060	0.072	0.072	0.084	0.096	0.096
Length of coupling in inches			1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 3/4	2	2 1/2
Thickness of coupling in inches before threading			0.128	0.144	0.144	0.144	0.160	0.184
Minimum radius of bends in inches			1 7/8	2	2 1/2	2 3/4	5 1/4	8 1/2





Table 15. - Screw Threads for Low and Medium Pressure  
Copper Tubes

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nominal bore of tube	Outside diameter standard	Gage dia- meter	No. of threads per in.	Depth of thread	Minor dia- meter	Length of thread
Inches	Inches	Inches		Inches	Inches	Inches
1/8	0.253	0.248	28	.0230	0.202	5/16
1/4	.394	.389	20	.0320	.325	3/8
3/8	.519	.514	20	.0320	.450	1/2
1/2	.644	.639	20	.0320	.575	1/2
5/8	.769	.764	20	.0320	.700	5/8
3/4	.894	.889	20	.0320	.825	5/8
7/8	1.019	1.014	20	.0320	.950	3/4
1	1.160	1.155	20	.0320	1.091	3/4
1 1/4	1.410	1.405	20	.0320	1.341	7/8
1 1/2	1.660	1.655	20	.0320	1.591	7/8
1 3/4	1.934	1.929	16	.0400	1.849	1
2	2.184	2.179	16	.0400	2.099	1
2 1/4	2.434	2.429	16	.0400	2.349	1
2 1/2	2.684	2.679	16	.0400	2.599	1
2 3/4	2.934	2.929	16	.0400	2.849	1
3	3.208	3.203	16	.0400	3.123	1 1/8
3 1/4	3.458	3.453	16	.0400	3.373	1 1/8
3 1/2	3.732	3.727	16	.0400	3.647	1 1/8
3 3/4	3.982	3.977	16	.0400	3.897	1 1/8
4	4.256	4.251	16	.0400	4.171	1 1/4



Table 16. - Screw Threads for British Standard High Pressure Copper Tubes

For working pressures up to 200 lbs. per square inch.

1 Nom- inal bore of In.	2 Outside dia- meter In.	3 Gage dia- meter In.	4 No. of tnds. per inch	5 Depth of tnd. In.	6 Minor dia- meter In.	7 Length of threads, Min.		8 Distance of gage diameter from end of pipe		
						On pipe In.	In coup- ling In.	9 Std. In.	10 Max. In.	11 Min. In.
1/8	0.388	0.383	28	0.0230	0.337	5/8	3/4	5/32	0.18	0.13
1/4	.523	.518	19	.0335	.451	7/16	7/8	3/16	.22	.16
3/8	.661	.656	19	.0335	.589	1/2	1	1/4	.29	.21
1/2	.830	.825	14	.0455	.734	5/8	1 1/4	1/4	.29	.21
5/8	.907	.902	14	.0455	.811	5/8	1 1/4	1/4	.29	.21
3/4	1.046	1.041	14	.0455	.950	3/4	1 1/2	3/8	.44	.31
7/8	1.194	1.189	14	.0455	1.092	3/4	1 1/2	3/8	.44	.31
1	1.314	1.309	11	.0580	1.193	7/8	1 3/4	3/8	.44	.31
1 1/8	1.497	1.492	11	.0580	1.376	7/8	1 3/4	3/8	.44	.31
1 1/4	1.655	1.650	11	.0580	1.534	1	2	1/2	.58	.42
1 3/8	1.750	1.745	11	.0580	1.629	1	2	1/2	.58	.42
1 1/2	1.887	1.882	11	.0580	1.766	1	2	1/2	.58	.42
1 5/8	2.087	2.082	11	.0580	1.966	1	1/8 2 1/4	5/8	.73	.52
1 3/4	2.121	2.116	11	.0580	2.000	1	1/8 2 1/4	5/8	.73	.52
1 7/8	2.249	2.244	11	.0580	2.138	1	1/8 2 1/4	5/8	.73	.52
2	2.352	2.347	11	.0580	2.231	1	1/8 2 1/4	5/8	.73	.52
2 1/4	2.592	2.587	11	.0580	2.471	1	1/4 2 1/2	11/16	.80	.57
2 1/2	2.965	2.960	11	.0580	2.844	1	1/4 2 1/2	11/16	.80	.57
2 3/4	3.215	3.210	11	.0580	3.094	1	3/8 2 3/4	13/16	.95	.68
3	3.465	3.460	11	.0580	3.344	1	3/8 2 3/4	13/16	.95	.68
3 1/4	3.705	3.700	11	.0580	3.584	1	1/2 3	7/8	1.02	.75
3 1/2	3.955	3.950	11	.0580	3.824	1	1/2 3	7/8	1.02	.75
3 3/4	4.205	4.200	11	.0580	4.084	1	1/2 3	7/8	1.02	.75
4	4.455	4.450	11	.0580	4.334	1	5/8 3 1/4	1	1.17	.85





## V. BRITISH STANDARD BOLT HEADS, NUTS, AND SCREW HEADS

### 1. British Standard Bolt Heads and Nuts.

Standard dimensions for hexagonal bright nuts and bright bolt heads; black nuts, black lock nuts, and black bolt heads; spanners; and castle nuts, which were adopted by the Sectional Committee on Screw Threads and Limit Gages, and approved by the British Engineering Standards Association in 1906, are given in Tables 17, 18, and 19.

### 2. British Standard Automobile Bolt Heads and Nuts

Standard dimensions for nuts and bolt heads used in automobile construction as given in Table 20 were submitted by the Sub-Committee on Automobile Threads, adopted by the Sectional Committee on Screw Threads and Limit Gages, and approved by the British Engineering Standards Association in 1911.

### 3. British Standard Heads for British Association Screws

The proportions of heads for small screws, namely, -counter-sunk, instrument, round, cheese, filister, capstan, connection, and hexagon, for sizes 0 to 15 ("British Association" designating numbers) were established by the Sectional Committee on Machine Parts, their Gaging and Nomenclature, and approved on behalf of the British Engineering Standards Association in 1920. The sizes standardized range from 6 mm to 0.9 mm (0.236 in. to 0.035 in.). The smaller sizes not being in general use, except in special cases, were not standardized. See Table 21.

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Table 17. -- British Standard Hexagonal Bright Nuts and Bolt Heads

1 Diameter of bolt  Inches	2		3		4		5	6
	Bright Nuts							
	Width across flats		Width across corners		Thickness			
	Max.	Min.	Approx. Max.	Max.	Min.			
	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
1/4	0.525	0.520	0.61	0.26	0.25			
5/16	.600	.595	.69	.32	.31			
3/8	.710	.705	.82	.39	.38			
7/16	.820	.815	.95	.45	.44			
1/2	.920	.915	1.06	.51	.50			
9/16	1.010	1.002	1.17	.57	.56			
5/8	1.100	1.092	1.27	.64	.63			
11/16	1.200	1.192	1.39	.70	.69			
3/4	1.300	1.292	1.50	.76	.75			
13/16	1.390	1.382	1.61	.82	.81			
7/8	1.480	1.472	1.71	.89	.88			
1	1.670	1.662	1.93	1.01	1.00			
1 1/8	1.860	1.850	2.15	1.15	1.13			
1 1/4	2.050	2.040	2.37	1.27	1.25			
1 3/8	2.220	2.210	2.53	1.40	1.38			
1 1/2	2.410	2.400	2.78	1.52	1.50			
1 5/8	2.580	2.570	2.98	1.65	1.63			
1 3/4	2.760	2.750	3.19	1.77	1.75			
2	3.150	3.140	3.64	2.02	2.00			
2 1/4	3.550	3.535	4.10	2.27	2.25			
2 1/2	3.890	3.875	4.49	2.52	2.50			
2 3/4	4.180	4.165	4.83	2.77	2.75			
3	4.530	4.515	5.23	3.02	3.00			
3 1/4	4.850	4.830	5.60	3.27	3.25			
3 1/2	5.180	5.160	5.98	3.52	3.50			
3 3/4	5.550	5.530	6.41	3.77	3.75			
4	5.950	5.930	6.87	4.02	4.00			
4 1/2	6.820	6.795	7.88	4.53	4.50			
5	7.800	7.775	9.01	5.03	5.00			
5 1/2	8.850	8.820	10.22	5.53	5.50			
6	10.000	9.970	11.55	6.03	6.00			

7		8		9		10	
Bright lock nuts				Bright bolt heads			
Thickness				Thickness			
Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
0.18	0.17	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.22
.22	.21	.28	.27	.28	.27	.28	.27
.26	.25	.34	.33	.34	.33	.34	.33
.30	.29	.39	.38	.39	.38	.39	.38
.34	.33	.45	.44	.45	.44	.45	.44
.39	.38	.50	.49	.50	.49	.50	.49
.43	.42	.56	.55	.56	.55	.56	.55
.47	.46	.61	.60	.61	.60	.61	.60
.51	.50	.67	.66	.67	.66	.67	.66
.55	.54	.72	.71	.72	.71	.72	.71
.59	.58	.78	.77	.78	.77	.78	.77
.68	.67	.89	.88	.89	.88	.89	.88
.77	.75	1.00	.99	1.00	.99	1.00	.99
.85	.83	1.11	1.09	1.11	1.09	1.11	1.09
.94	.92	1.22	1.20	1.22	1.20	1.22	1.20
1.02	1.00	1.33	1.31	1.33	1.31	1.33	1.31
1.10	1.08	1.44	1.42	1.44	1.42	1.44	1.42
1.19	1.17	1.55	1.53	1.55	1.53	1.55	1.53
1.35	1.33	1.77	1.75	1.77	1.75	1.77	1.75
1.52	1.50	1.99	1.97	1.99	1.97	1.99	1.97
1.69	1.67	2.21	2.19	2.21	2.19	2.21	2.19
1.85	1.83	2.43	2.41	2.43	2.41	2.43	2.41
2.02	2.00	2.65	2.63	2.65	2.63	2.65	2.63
2.19	2.17	2.86	2.84	2.86	2.84	2.86	2.84
2.35	2.33	3.08	3.06	3.08	3.06	3.08	3.06
2.52	2.50	3.30	3.28	3.30	3.28	3.30	3.28
2.69	2.67	3.52	3.50	3.52	3.50	3.52	3.50
3.03	3.00	3.97	3.94	3.97	3.94	3.97	3.94
3.36	3.33	4.41	4.38	4.41	4.38	4.41	4.38
3.70	3.67	4.84	4.81	4.84	4.81	4.84	4.81
4.03	4.00	5.28	5.25	5.28	5.25	5.28	5.25



Table 18. -- British Standard Black Nuts, Lock Nuts, and Bolt Heads

1 Diameter of Bolt  Inches	2 Black Nuts				
	3 Width across flats		4 Width across corners Approx. Max. Inches	5 Thickness	
	Max. Inches	Min. Inches		Max. Inches	Min. Inches
1/4	0.535	0.505	0.61	0.27	0.25
5/16	.600	.580	.69	.33	.31
3/8	.710	.690	.82	.40	.38
7/16	.820	.800	.95	.46	.44
1/2	.920	.900	1.06	.52	.50
9/16	1.010	.990	1.17	.58	.56
5/8	1.100	1.080	1.27	.65	.63
11/16	1.200	1.180	1.39	.71	.69
3/4	1.300	1.280	1.50	.77	.75
13/16	1.390	1.370	1.61	.83	.81
7/8	1.480	1.460	1.71	.90	.88
1 1/8	1.670	1.650	1.93	1.02	1.00
1 1/4	1.860	1.830	2.15	1.16	1.13
1 3/8	2.050	2.020	2.37	1.28	1.25
1 1/2	2.220	2.190	2.56	1.41	1.38
1 5/8	2.410	2.380	2.78	1.53	1.50
1 3/4	2.580	2.550	2.98	1.66	1.63
2	2.760	2.730	3.19	1.78	1.75
2 1/4	3.150	3.120	3.64	2.03	2.00
2 1/2	3.550	3.510	4.10	2.28	2.25
2 3/4	3.890	3.850	4.49	2.53	2.50
3	4.180	4.140	4.83	2.78	2.75
3 1/4	4.530	4.490	5.23	3.03	3.00
3 1/2	4.850	4.810	5.60	3.28	3.25
3 3/4	5.180	5.140	5.98	3.53	3.50
4	5.550	5.510	6.41	3.78	3.75
4 1/2	5.950	5.910	6.87	4.03	4.00
5	6.820	6.770	7.88	4.54	4.50
5 1/2	7.800	7.750	9.01	5.04	5.00
6	8.850	8.800	10.22	5.54	5.50
	10.000	9.950	11.55	6.04	6.00

7 Black lock nuts Thickness		8 Black bolt heads Thickness	
Max. Inches	Min. Inches	Max. Inches	Min. Inches
0.19	0.17	0.24	0.22
.23	.21	.23	.27
.27	.25	.35	.33
.31	.29	.40	.38
.35	.33	.46	.44
.40	.38	.51	.49
.44	.42	.57	.55
.48	.46	.63	.60
.52	.50	.68	.66
.56	.54	.73	.71
.60	.58	.79	.77
.69	.67	.90	.88
.78	.75	1.01	.98
.86	.83	1.12	1.09
.95	.92	1.23	1.20
1.03	1.00	1.34	1.31
1.11	1.08	1.45	1.42
1.20	1.17	1.56	1.53
1.36	1.33	1.78	1.75
1.53	1.50	2.00	1.97
1.70	1.67	2.22	2.19
1.86	1.83	2.44	2.41
2.03	2.00	2.66	2.63
2.20	2.17	2.87	2.84
2.36	2.33	3.09	3.06
2.53	2.50	3.31	3.28
2.70	2.67	3.53	3.50
3.04	3.00	3.98	3.94
3.37	3.33	4.42	4.38
3.71	3.67	4.85	4.81
4.04	4.00	5.29	5.25





Table 19.-British Standard Castle Nuts

Diameter of bolt	Dimensions of nut				
	Width across flats		Width across corners	Total thickness	Thickness of hexagonal portion
	Max.	Min.	Approximate Max.*	D	H
Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
1/4	0.525	0.520	0.61	0.31	0.19
3/8	.710	.705	.82	.47	.28
1/2	.920	.915	1.06	.63	.38
5/8	1.100	1.092	1.27	.78	.47
3/4	1.300	1.292	1.50	.94	.53
7/8	1.480	1.472	1.71	1.09	.66
1	1.670	1.662	1.93	1.25	.75
1 1/8	1.860	1.850	2.15	1.41	.84
1 1/4	2.050	2.040	2.37	1.56	.94
1 1/2	2.410	2.400	2.72	1.88	1.13
1 3/4	2.760	2.750	3.19	2.19	1.31
2	3.150	3.140	3.64	2.50	1.50

\*The figures in this column represent the maximum width across the corners correct to two decimal places.

The dimensions given are based on the following proportions, which the committee believe have, by experience, proved themselves to be the most satisfactory:

- T = 1.25D
- H = 0.75D
- S = 0.4375D
- C = Width across flats minus 1/16 in.
- where D = full diameter of thread on bolt.

Thickness of cylindrical portion	Diameter of cylindrical portion	Rounding of edge of cylindrical portion	Dimensions of slot	
			Width	Depth
			W	S
D-H	C	R	Inches	Inches
Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
0.12	0.45	0.03	0.063	0.11
.19	.64	.05	.094	.16
.25	.85	.06	.125	.22
.31	1.02	.08	.156	.27
.38	1.22	.09	.188	.33
.43	1.400	.11	.219	.38
.50	1.590	.13	.250	.44
.57	1.78	.14	.281	.49
.62	1.97	.16	.313	.55
.75	2.33	.19	.375	.66
.86	2.69	.22	.438	.77
1.00	3.07	.25	.500	.88

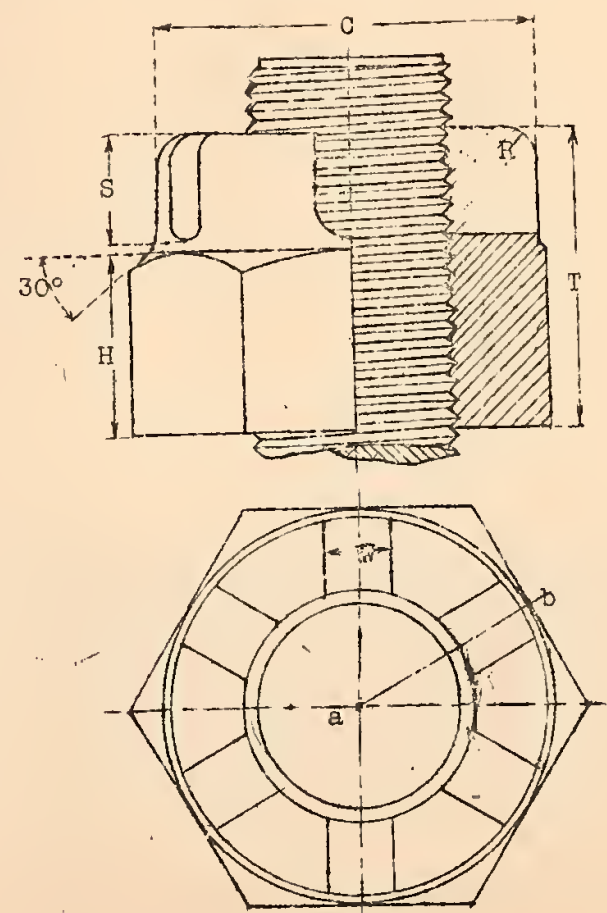


Fig. 5



Table 20. - British Standard Automobile Nuts and Bolt Heads

Diameter of bolt	Nuts and bolt heads			Nuts		Bolt heads	
	Width across flats		Width across corners	Thickness		Thickness	
	Max.	Min.	Approx. Max.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
In.	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
1/4	0.445	0.440	0.515	0.21	0.20	0.16	0.15
9/32	.525	.520	.61	.26	.25	.23	.22
5/16	.525	.520	.61	.26	.25	.23	.22
3/8	.600	.595	.69	.32	.31	.28	.27
7/16	.710	.705	.82	.39	.38	.34	.33
1/2	.820	.815	.95	.45	.44	.39	.38
9/16	.920	.915	1.06	.51	.50	.45	.44
5/8	1.010	1.002	1.17	.57	.56	.50	.49
11/16							
3/4	1.200	1.192	1.39	.70	.69	.61	.60
13/16							
7/8	1.390	1.382	1.61	.82	.81	.72	.71
15/16							
1	1.480	1.472	1.71	.89	.88	.78	.77

The above nuts and bolt heads are lighter than the B.S.W. and B.S.F. bright nuts and bolt heads, but the same set of wrenches will fit all sizes with the exception of the 1/4 in. diameter size, since, with this exception, the widths across the flats of the British Standard Nuts and Bolt Heads have been adopted.



Table 21. — BRITISH STANDARD HEADS FOR BRITISH ASSOCIATION SCREWS.

SCHEDULE OF DIMENSIONS.

(All dimensions are given in mils except where otherwise stated.)  
One mil = 1/1001 of an inch.

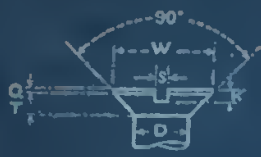


FIG. 6.  
COUNTERSUNK



FIG. 7.  
INSTRUMENT.

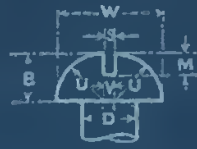


FIG. 8.  
ROUND.



FIG. 9.  
CHEESE.



FIG. 10.  
FILISTER.



FIG. 11.  
CAPSTAN.



FIG. 12.  
CONNECTION.



FIG. 13.  
HEXAGON.



FIG. 14.  
HEXAGON NUT.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11-14				15-18				19-22				23-26				27	28	29	30	31	32	33
										Total Depth of Head.		Tolerance on		Hexagon		Tolerance on		Depth of Saw Cut.		Round		Depth of Saw Cut.		Round								
B.A. Designating Number.	Diameter of Shank and Full Diameter of Thread.	Diameter of Head.	Tolerance on Dimensions marked W.	Diameter of Head of Connection Screw.	Diameter of Head of Connection Screw.	Depth of Head of Connection Screw.	Part Depth of Head (See Figs. 6 & 7).	Part Depth of Head (See Fig. 7 & 10).	Countersunk.	Instrument.	Tolerance on Cols. 11 & 12.	Round, Cheese, Filister.	Capstan.	Tolerance on Cols. 15, 16, 17.	See Notes for Tolerances.	Countersunk.	Instrument.	Round.	Connection, Cheese, Capstan.	Filister.	Round Head.	Round Head, Distance between Centres.	Round Head.	Round Head, Distance between Centres.	Hexagon Heads & Nuts	Hexagon Heads & Nuts	Hexagon Heads & Nuts	Hexagon Heads & Nuts	Hexagon Heads & Nuts			
	D	W	X	T	0.05 D	0.1 mm.	0.2 D	T + Q	T + Q + C	B	A	A + C	Y	S	K	L	M	N	O	U	V	R	Z	H	E	E	E	E				
	mm.	mm.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.	mils.			
0	6.0	236	413	-8	472	-8	89	16	105	189	177	224	330	18	52	76	94	89	112	189	35	472	120	413	236							
1	5.3	209	365	-8	413	-8	78	14	92	167	156	198	293	18	47	68	83	78	99	167	31	417	113	365	209							
2	4.7	185	324	-8	365	-8	69	13	82	148	130	176	259	19	43	61	74	69	88	148	28	370	107	324	185							
3	4.1	161	282	-6	324	-6	61	12	73	129	121	153	225	19	36	52	65	61	77	129	24	323	98	282	161							
4	3.6	142	248	-6	282	-6	53	11	64	113	106	134	190	21	32	47	57	53	67	113	21	283	89	248	142							
5	3.2	126	220	-6	248	-6	47	10	57	101	94	119	176	21	32	42	50	47	60	101	19	252	82	220	126							
6	2.8	110	193	-	220	-6	41	9	50	88	83	105	154	23	25	36	44	41	52	88	17	220	76	193	110							
7	2.5	98	172	-5	193	-6	37	9	46	79	74	94	137	23	24	32	39	37	47	79	16	200	67	172	98							
8	2.2	87	152	-5	172	-5	32	8	40	69	65	82	122	23	24	29	35	32	41	69	13	173	59	152	87							
9	1.9	75	131	-4	152	-5	28	8	36	60	56	71	105	26	18	18	25	30	28	36	11	150	52	131	75							
10	1.7	67	117	-4	131	-4	25	7	32	54	50	63	94	26	18	16	23	27	25	32	10	134	43	117	67							
11	1.5	58	103	-4	117	-4	23	7	29	47	44	56	83	26	18	15	21	24	22	28	9	118			58							
12	1.3	51	90	-4	103	-4	19	6	25	41	38	48	71	30	12.4	14	19	20	19	24	8	102			90							
13	1.2	47	83	-3	90	-4	18	6	24	38	35	44	66	30	12.4	13	18	19	18	22	7	94			83							
14	1.0	39	69	-3	83	-3	15	6	21	31	30	38	55	30	12.4	11	15	16	15	19	6	79			69							
15	0.9	35	61	-3	69	-3	13	6	19	28	28	33	49	31	11.6	7	10	14	13	17	5	70			61							

NOTES TO TABLE.—Tolerances on Diameter and Depths of Head are minus, i.e., the dimensions to which they refer should not exceed the values given in the Table.

The Association recommends that the tolerances on the Widths and Depths of the Saw Cuts (columns 19 to 23 inclusive) be from -7% to +3% of the dimensions given in the Table, such standard tolerances being determined by the nearest unit above calculated.







## VI. International Metric Screw Thread Standard, and Proposed Metric Fine and International Pipe Threads.

The International Screw Thread Standard (S. I.) was adopted by a congress, representing principal continental countries, at Zurich in 1898. The system proposed was based on the French Metric Screw Thread System as adopted by the Société d'Encouragement de l'Industrie Nationale in 1894. The principal difference between the two systems is in the pitch of three screws 8, 9 and 12 mm; the French system specifying 1, 1, and 1.5 mm pitch respectively while the International gives 1.25, 1.25, and 1.75 mm. The International form of thread has a 60° angle and the crest of thread is flattened 1/8th the height of the basic triangle while the root is filled in 1/16 the height, either flat or rounded, as shown in Fig. 15. This gives a definite clearance between the tops and bottoms of the threads of screw and nut. The actual form at the root is left to the choice of the manufacturer.

The dimensions of the International Screw Thread System are given in Table 23. The sizes from 6 mm to 80 mm, inclusive, were standardized at the Congress of Zurich, and those above 80 mm were added by the Société de Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale of France. No tables of allowances and tolerances for this thread series are available. A chart showing a comparison of the pitches and diameters of the International with the U. S. National Coarse and Fine Thread Series is given in Fig. 16.

A series of Metric Fine Threads consisting of 188 sizes ranging from 1 mm to 300 mm has been proposed by the German Industry Committee on Standards, but has not yet been established as a standard.

A series of pipe threads has been proposed as an International Standard, and published (see reference below). It is practically a translation of the British Standard into metric units.

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#### International Metric Screw Threads

Bulletin Soc. d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale,  
March 1899 and September-October 1919.  
Protokoll International Commission, 1898, (Druck von  
F. Lehmaner).

#### Proposed Metric Fine Threads

Normenausschuss der Deutschen Industrie, Maschinenbau,  
Vol. 1, No. 7, July 8, 1922, pp. 473-492.

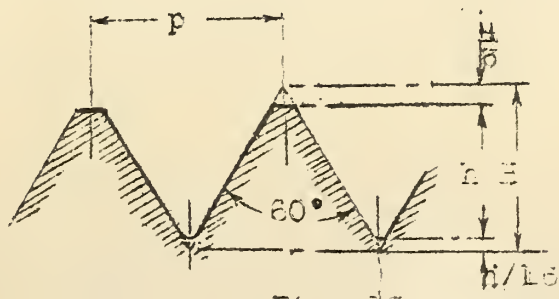
#### Proposed International Pipe Threads

Bulletin Soc. d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale,  
May-June, 1916.



Table 22. - International Metric Screw Thread System

1 Size	2 Pitch mm	3 Approx. threads per inch	4 Major diameter		6 Pitch diameter Inches	7 Minor diameter		8 Nut Inches
			Screw Inches	Nut Inches		Screw Inches	Nut Inches	
6	1.0	25.4	0.2362	0.2405	0.2106	0.1808	0.1851	
7	1.0	25.4	.2756	.2799	.2500	.2202	.2244	
8	1.25	20.3	.3150	.3203	.2830	.2457	.2510	
9	1.25	20.3	.3543	.3597	.3223	.2851	.2904	
10	1.5	16.9	.3937	.4001	.3553	.3106	.3170	
11	1.5	16.9	.4331	.4395	.3947	.3500	.3564	
12	1.75	14.5	.4724	.4799	.4276	.3755	.3829	
14	2.0	12.7	.5512	.5597	.5001	.4404	.4489	
16	2.0	12.7	.6299	.6384	.5788	.5191	.5276	
18	2.5	10.2	.7087	.7193	.6448	.5701	.5808	
20	2.5	10.2	.7874	.7981	.7235	.6489	.6595	
22	2.5	10.2	.8661	.8768	.8022	.7276	.7383	
24	3.0	8.5	.9449	.9577	.8682	.7787	.7915	
27	3.0	8.5	1.0630	1.0758	.9863	.8968	.9096	
30	3.5	7.3	1.1811	1.1960	1.0916	.9872	1.0021	
33	3.5	7.3	1.2992	1.3141	1.2097	1.1053	1.1202	
36	4.0	6.3	1.4173	1.4344	1.3150	1.1957	1.2127	
39	4.0	6.3	1.5354	1.5525	1.4331	1.3138	1.3308	
42	4.5	5.6	1.6535	1.6727	1.5384	1.4042	1.4234	
45	4.5	5.6	1.7716	1.7908	1.6565	1.5223	1.5415	
48	5.0	5.1	1.8898	1.9111	1.7619	1.6127	1.6340	
52	5.0	5.1	2.0472	2.0685	1.9193	1.7702	1.7915	
56	5.5	4.6	2.2047	2.2282	2.0640	1.9000	1.9234	
60	5.5	4.6	2.3622	2.3856	2.2215	2.0575	2.0809	
64	6.0	4.2	2.5197	2.5453	2.3663	2.1872	2.2128	
68	6.0	4.2	2.6772	2.7027	2.5238	2.3447	2.3703	
72	6.5	3.9	2.8346	2.8623	2.6684	2.4745	2.5022	
76	6.5	3.9	2.9921	3.0198	2.8259	2.6320	2.6597	
80	7.0	3.6	3.1496	3.1794	2.9706	2.7618	2.7916	
84	7.0	3.6	3.3071	3.3339	3.1281	2.9192	2.9491	
88	7.5	3.4	3.4646	3.4965	3.2728	3.0490	3.0810	
92	7.5	3.4	3.6220	3.6540	3.4303	3.2065	3.2385	
96	8.0	3.2	3.7795	3.8136	3.5749	3.3363	3.3704	
100	8.0	3.2	3.9370	3.9711	3.7324	3.4938	3.5279	







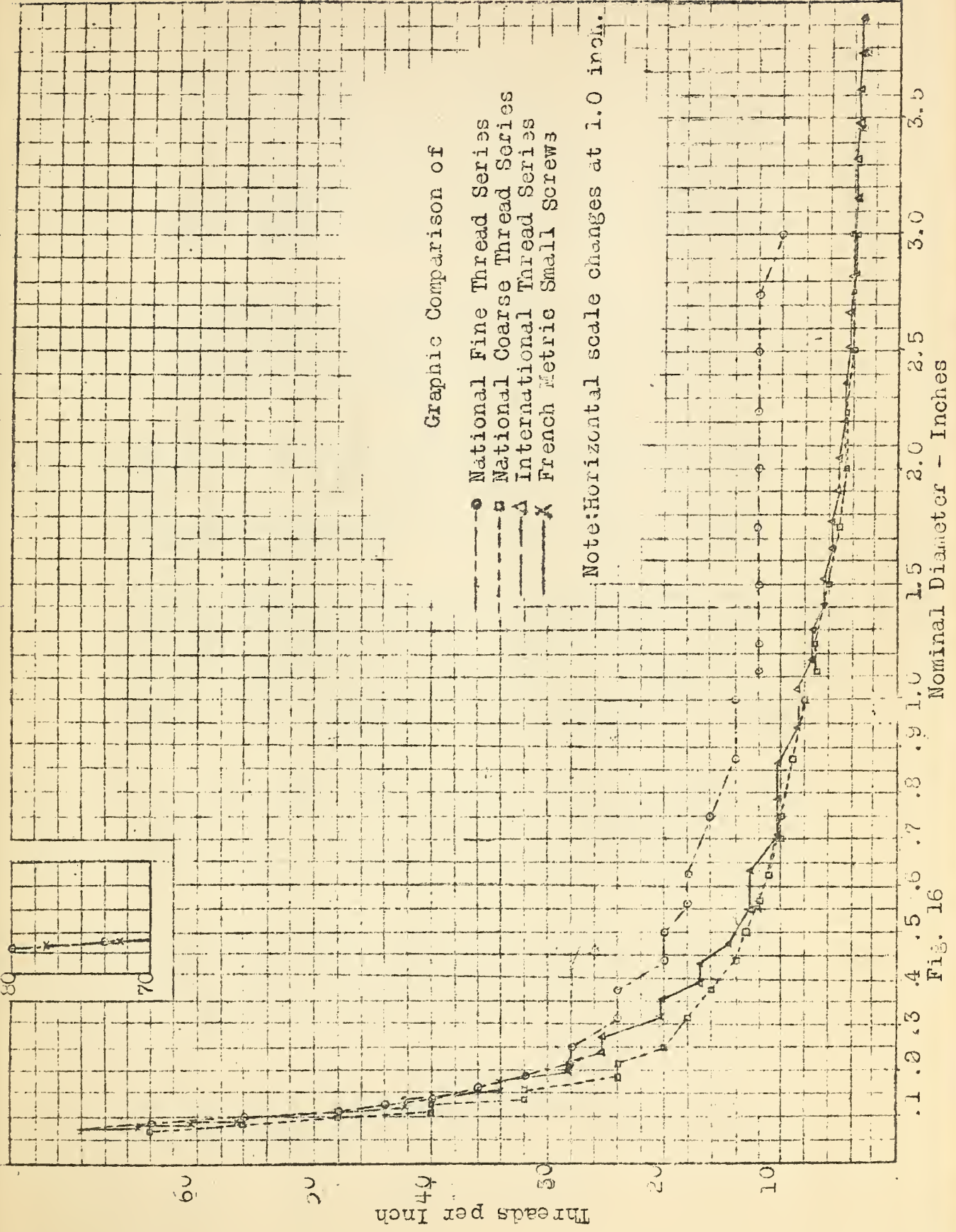


Fig. 16





## VII. SCREW THREAD STANDARDS IN USE IN FRANCE

The International form of thread (Fig. 13) is the standard form for screw threads used in France. The diameters and pitches of the International System are most widely used for those sizes which fall within the range of this series. The Société d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale has supplemented the International series by introducing sizes between 12 mm and 40 mm so that the series advances by 1 mm steps throughout this range. The interpolated diameters have, in each case, the same pitch as the next larger diameter in the Congress of Zurich series. See Table 23.

A small machine screw series (Série de la Petite Mécanique) below the International series, from 2.5 to 5.5 mm inclusive, Tables 23 and 24, were added by the Société d'Encouragement in 1906, and the small watchmakers' screws (Série Horlogère), Table 27, were standardized by the same body in 1909.

The various commercial interests recognize selected sizes, given in Table 23, of the International and Société d'Encouragement series, with the following exceptions and additions:

1. The Etablissements Schneider et Cie add a size having a diameter of 106 mm and a pitch of 8.5 mm.
2. In the series of the Chambre Syndicale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles, the sizes 0.3 mm and 0.5 mm have the pitches 0.5 mm and 0.75 mm respectively, and are, therefore, not interchangeable with the corresponding sizes of the "Série de la Petite Mécanique". The same is true of the 5 mm size in the series of the Chambre Syndicale des Industries Aéronautiques.

There are also variations in practice as to the form of thread at crest and root. The Société d'Encouragement does not specify a clearance at the major and minor diameters of screw and nut, and the Syndicale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles does not round the profile at the root. Neither of these modifications, however, prevent interchangeability with S. I. threads.

No tables of allowances and tolerances are available except those for the Aircraft Threads given in Tables 25 and 26. These tolerances were suggested by the British Engineering Standards Association at the request of the Naval and Military Air Service of Great Britain.

### References:

Bulletin Soc. d'Encouragement l'Industrie Nationale,  
Sept.-Oct. 1919.



Table 26. - Standard Screw Threads in Use in France

Diameter						Diameter					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	6	7
(Internat- ional) Congrès de Zurich	Société d'Encoura- gement pour l'Industrie nationale	Chemins de fer Français (Railroads)	Chambre Syndicale des Con- structeurs d'Automobiles (Automobiles)	Chambre Syndicale des Indus- tries Aéro- nautiques (Aircraft)	Establis- sements Schneider et Cie. (Ordnance)	Pitch	(Internat- ional) Congrès de Zurich	Société d'Encoura- gement pour l'Industrie nationale	Chemins de fer Français (Railroads)	Establis- sements Schneider et Cie. (Ordnance)	Pitch
mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm
	2.5					0.45					3.5
	3		3			.5	33			33	3.5
	3.5			3		.6				34	3.5
	4		4	4		.6				35	3.5
	4.5					.75	36			36	4
	5		5	5		.75				37	4
	5.5					.75				38	4
6	6	6	6	6	6	.9	39			39	4
						.9				40	4
7	7		7			1.0	42			42	4.5
8	8	8	8	7		1.0					
9	9		9	8	8	1.25	45			45	4.5
10	10		10	9		1.25	48			48	5
11	11	10	10	10	10	1.5	52			52	5
				11		1.5	56			56	5.5
12	12	12	12	12	12	1.5	60			60	5.5
	13					1.75					
14	14	14	14	12	12	1.75	64			64	6
	15						68			68	6
16	16	16	16			2	72			72	6.5
						2	76			76	6.5
	17					2	80			80	7
18	18	18	18			2					
	19					2.5	84			84	7
20	20	20	20		18	2.5	88			88	7.5
	21					2.5	92			92	7.5
					20	2.5	96			96	8
						2.5	100			100	8
22	22	22	22		22						
	23					2.5				106	8.5
24	24	24	24		24	2.5					
	25					3					
	26		26			3					
						3					
27	27	27									
	28				27	3					
	29		28			3					
30	30	30	30		30	3					
	31					3.5					
						3.5					



Table 24. - Standard Small Screws in Use in France

1	2	3	4	5
Standard screws in use.			Screws superseded	
Name of series	Diameter	Pitch	Pitch	Remarks
	mm	mm	mm	
Watchmakers' screws	0.40	0.11		
	.45	.11		
	.50	.13		
	.55	.13		
	.60	.15		
	.65	.15		
	.70	.17		
	.75	.17		
	.80	.19		
	.85	.19		
	.90	.21		
	.95	.21		
Watchmakers' screws and small machine screws. Sizes common to both	1.00	.24	0.25	Superseded pitches of small machine screws temporarily maintained for existing machines
	1.10	.24		
	1.20	.27		
	1.25		.25	
	1.30	.27		
	1.40	.30		
	1.50	.30	.35	
	1.60	.33		
	1.70	.33		
	1.75		.35	
	1.80	.36		
	1.90	.36		
	2.00	.39	.45	
	2.10	.39		
	2.20	.42		
2.30	.42			
2.40	.45			
2.50	.45			
Small machine screw series	3.00	.60		
	3.50	.60		
	4.00	.75		
	4.50	.75		
	5.00	.90		
	5.50	.90		
	6.00	1.00		

This table is taken from the table issued by the Société d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale in the Bulletin of November-December, 1915.





Table 25. - French Metric Aircraft Threads

Screw Sizes

Nominal size	Major diameter			Pitch	Tolerance on pitch		Pitch diameter			Minor diameter	
	Max.	First grade	Second grade		First grade	Second grade	Max.	First grade	Second grade	1st or 2nd grade	
	mm.	Min.	Min.		mm.	mm.	mm.	mm.	mm.	mm.	mm.
3	3.00	2.84	2.78	0.60	0.046	0.092	2.61	2.53	2.45	2.00	2.22
4	4.00	3.84	3.78	.75	.046	.092	3.51	3.43	3.35	2.80	3.02
5	5.00	4.84	4.78	.75	.046	.092	4.51	4.43	4.35	3.80	4.02
6	6.00	5.84	5.74	1.00	.046	.092	5.35	5.27	5.19	4.44	4.70
7	7.00	6.84	6.74	1.00	.046	.092	6.35	6.27	6.19	5.44	5.70
8	8.00	7.80	7.70	1.25	.058	.115	7.19	7.09	6.99	6.06	6.36
9	9.00	8.80	8.70	1.25	.058	.115	8.19	8.09	7.99	7.06	7.36
10	10.00	9.80	9.64	1.50	.058	.115	9.03	8.93	8.83	7.68	8.04
11	11.00	10.80	10.64	1.50	.058	.115	10.03	9.93	9.83	8.68	9.04
12	12.00	11.80	11.60	1.75	.058	.115	10.86	10.76	10.66	9.32	9.72

Tables 25 and 26 were prepared by the British Engineering Standards Committee upon request. The pitch of the 5 mm. screw given in these tables is 0.75 mm., whereas the pitch commonly used in France is 0.90 mm., as shown by Table 23.



Table 26. - French Metric Aircraft Threads

Sizes for Nuts and Tapped Holes

Nominal size mm.	Major diameter		Pitch mm.	Tolerance on pitch		Pitch diameter			Minor diameter		
	Max.	1st or 2nd Gr. Min.		First grade	Second grade	Min.	First grade Max.	Second grade Max.	Min.	First grade Max.	Second grade Max.
	mm.	mm.		mm.	mm.	mm.	mm.	mm.	mm.	mm.	mm.
3	3.24	3.02	0.60	0.046	0.092	2.63	2.71	2.79	2.24	2.40	2.46
4	4.24	4.02	.75	.046	.092	3.53	3.61	3.69	3.04	3.20	3.26
5	5.24	5.02	.75	.046	.092	4.53	4.61	4.69	4.04	4.20	4.26
6	6.28	6.02	1.00	.046	.092	5.37	5.45	5.53	4.72	4.88	4.98
7	7.28	7.02	1.00	.046	.092	6.37	6.45	6.53	5.72	5.88	5.98
8	8.32	8.02	1.25	.058	.115	7.21	7.31	7.41	6.38	6.58	6.68
9	9.32	9.02	1.25	.058	.115	8.21	8.31	8.41	7.38	7.58	7.68
10	10.38	10.02	1.50	.058	.115	9.05	9.15	9.25	8.06	8.26	8.42
11	11.38	11.02	1.50	.058	.115	10.05	10.15	10.25	9.06	9.26	9.42
12	12.42	12.02	1.75	.058	.115	10.88	10.98	11.08	9.74	9.94	10.10



VIII. STANDARD DIMENSIONS OF BOLT HEADS, NUTS,  
AND SCREW HEADS IN USE IN FRANCE

The commercial practice in France as to dimensions of bolt heads, nuts, and screw heads, varies among the various industrial organizations. The standard practice of each organization is given separately for each element in tables, 27 to 32 inclusive. This information was taken from two numbers of the Bulletin of the Société d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale, September - October 1913, and April 1921. The wrench openings specified by the Congress of Zurich, all dimensions specified by L'Union des Syndicats d'Electricite, the depth of slot of circular heads, and the angle of countersunk heads were copied directly from tables published in the Bulletin. The remainder of the dimensions given in the tables herein were computed from the formulas published in the Bulletin.

1. Width Across Flats or Diameters of Bolt Heads, Nuts,  
and Screw Heads (Table 27)

Congress of Zurich. The Congress of Zurich did not fix the sizes of heads, as such, but specified a wrench opening for every diameter of the International Standard Series determined by the formula  $1.4 D + 4 \text{ mm}$ , in which  $D$  is the diameter of body in millimeters. These wrench openings thus determine the widths across flats of both hexagon and square heads and nuts.

Société d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale. For hexagon heads and nuts of the small machine screw series, a diameter across corners of  $2 D$  is recommended, that is,  $1.732 D$  is the width across flats. For circular heads a diameter of  $2 D$  is recommended.

Ettablissements Schneider et Cie. The widths across flats of hexagon and square heads, and hexagon nuts are the same as the wrench openings specified by the Congress of Zurich, that is,  $1.4 D + 4 \text{ mm}$ . The diameters of circular heads are the same as the widths across flats of the corresponding hexagon heads.

Chambre Syndicale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles. The widths across flats of square and hexagon heads are determined by the width of a hexagon inscribed in a circle whose diameter is  $2 D$  (that is,  $1.732 D$ ), in which  $D$  is the diameter of body of the next smaller size in the series. More than half of the sizes thus determined do not fit the wrench sizes specified by the Congress of Zurich.





The diameters of circular heads are not listed in Table 27, since they are permitted to vary from  $1.8 D$  to  $2 D$  for cylindrical and countersunk heads. Round heads are somewhat smaller.

The widths across flats of hexagon nuts is  $1.732 D$ ,  $D$  being the diameter of the body of the bolt. The nuts are, thus, larger than the corresponding bolt heads.

Union des Syndicats d'Electricite. For sizes from 2.5 to 7 mm the widths across flats for square and hexagon heads and nuts are equal to the diameter  $d'$  of the body four steps larger in the series. For sizes from 8 to 12 mm. the widths across flats are  $1.4 d'' + 4 \text{ mm.}$ ,  $d''$  being the diameter of body of two steps smaller in the series. Thus the same widths across flats, or wrench openings are used as those specified by the Congress of Zurich, but are associated with different sizes of bolts or screws.

For circular heads, whether rounded, cylindrical, or countersunk, the diameters are equal to the diameter  $d'$  of the bolt four steps larger in the series. The diameters of circular heads agree, therefore, with those of the body diameters of bolts and screws, thus reducing the necessary number of sizes of bar stock.

## 2. Height of Bolt and Screw Heads and Thickness of Nuts (Tables 28 and 29)

Congress of Zurich. The Congress of Zurich recommended a height of  $0.7 D$  for square and hexagon bolt and screw heads, and a thickness equal to  $D$  for nuts,  $D$  being the major diameter of the thread.

Société d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale. The height of heads, whether hexagonal or circular, and also the thickness of nuts, is equal to the diameter of thread,  $D$ .

Etablissemments Schneider et Cie. The height of hexagonal or cylindrical heads is approximately  $0.7 D$ . Two different thicknesses of nuts are provided, - thick nuts whose thickness is equal to  $D$ , and lock nuts of a thickness equal to  $0.7 D$ .

Chambre Syndicale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles. The heights of heads approved by this association vary considerably. For hexagonal or square heads, the height is about  $2/3 D$ . The thicknesses of nuts are equal to  $D$ , and of lock-nuts,  $2/3 D$ .

L'Union des Syndicats d'Electricite. The heights of heads for corresponding sizes are the same for hexagonal, cylindrical, and rounded forms, and are equal to  $0.7 D$ . The height of the conical portion of a countersunk head is determined by the cone-angle,  $84^\circ$ , and the diameter of the head. It is equal to 1.555 times the difference between the diameters of the head and body.



A cylindrical portion surmounts the cone, its height being equal to one-half the pitch of the thread. The total height of the flat countersunk head is equal to the sum of the heights of these two portions. If the head is convex, the height of the rounded portion is added to this height.

Two thicknesses of nuts are provided, both of which apply to either square or hexagonal nuts. For thick nuts, the thickness is equal to the diameter of body, D, two steps smaller in the series. The thickness of thin nuts is equal to 2/3 that of the thick nuts.

### 3. Dimensions of Slots in Screw Heads (Table 30)

Neither the Congress of Zurich nor the Société d'Encouragement have specified the dimensions of slots in circular screw heads.

Etablissemments Schneider et Cie. The width of slot is specified for screws from 6 mm to 18 mm in diameter. The depth of slot varies for different types of head between the limits indicated in Table 30.

Chambre Syndicale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles. The width of slot is specified for screws from 3 mm to 30 mm in diameter. The depth of slot varies for different types of head between the limits indicated in Table 30.

Union des Syndicats d'Electricite. The width of slot is the same for corresponding sizes of all forms of heads. The depth of slot is the same for cylindrical and rounded heads, and is equal to 1/3 the height of the head. For countersunk heads the depth of slot is equal to 1/2 the total height of head.

### 4. Length Below Head and Length of Threaded Portion of Bolts and Screws (Tables 31 and 32)

Etablissemments Schneider et Cie. There are twenty-nine lengths of bolts, studs, and screws listed in Column 1 of Table 31, which are obtained by adding to the minimum length of 10 mm the successive increments listed in Column 3, which are also used in determining threaded lengths.

The length of threading is such that if the screw, stud, or bolt were cut down to the next shorter length in the series, the threaded part would still remain long enough to take a nut. The formula applied is

$F = D + 3R/2,$   
in which  $F$  = length of threaded part,  
 $D$  = diameter of thread,  
and  $R$  = difference in length between the bolt and the  
next shorter one in the series.





When the threaded part must also carry a locknut, the threaded length is increased by the thickness of the locknut and becomes,

$$F' = F + 0.7 D = 1.7 D + 3R/2.$$

Chambre Syndicale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles. The total lengths below heads are graduated as follows:

by 5 mm steps between 10 mm and 100 mm,
" 10 " " " 100 " " 200 " ,
" 50 " " " 200 " " 300 " .

Thus there are 30 different lengths from 10 mm to 300 mm.

Threads to take nut and locknut have a length equal to 2 d, and for nut and washer equal to 1.5 d, d being the diameter of the next smaller (in diameter) bolt in the series. For sizes up to and including 12 mm this length is increased by 2 mm. This is not sufficient, in all cases, to permit a bolt cut down to the next shorter length to take a nut.

Union des Syndicats d'Electricite. The minimum lengths below head for each diameter of screw are given in Table 32. The series of lengths above these minima corresponds to the series obtained by adding successively and cumulatively to the base 4 mm the natural series of numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc. giving the lengths given in Column 7, Table 31. These values serve only as a suggestion and are those recognized by Etablissements Schneider et Cie, and Chemins de fer Francais.

#### 5. Angles of Countersunk Heads.

The Congress of Zurich made no recommendation in regard to the cone angle of countersunk heads. The angles specified by other organizations are as follows:

Société d'Encouragement,	84 degrees,
Schneider et Cie,	84 " ,
Constructeurs d'Automobiles,	90 " ,
Syndicats d'Electricite,	84 " .

#### References:

Bulletin Société d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale, September-October 1919, and April 1921.





















Table 30. - Dimensions of Slots in Screw Heads in Use in France

1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
Diameter of body and major diameter of thread		Etablissements Schneider et Cie.				Chambre Syndicale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles				L'Union des Syndicats d'Electricite				Depth of slot									
		Width of slot				Width of slot				Width of slot				Cylindrical and rounded heads		Countersunk heads							
mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches
2.5	0.098							0.7	0.028	0.7	0.028	0.7	0.028	0.7	0.028					0.7	0.028		
3	.118					1	0.039	0.7	.028	.7	.028	.7	.028	.7	.028					.7	.028		
3.5	.138							.7	.028	.8	.031	.7	.028	.7	.028					.7	.028		
4	.157					1	.039	.7	.028	1.0	.039	.7	.028	.7	.028					.7	.028		
4.5	.177							.7	.028	1.0	.039	.9	.035										
5	.197					1	.039	1.2	.047	1.2	.047	1.1	.045										
5.5	.217							1.2	.047	1.3	.051	1.2	.047										
6	.236	2	0.079	1	.039	1	.039	1.2	.047	1.5	.059	1.4	.055										
7	.276			1	.039	1	.039	1.2	.047	1.7	.067	1.4	.055										
8	.315	2.5	.098	1.5	.059	1.2	.047	1.2	.047	1.8	.071	1.4	.055										
9	.354			2	.079	2	.079	2	.079	2.2	.087	1.7	.067										
10	.394	2.5	.098	2	.079	2	.079	2	.079	2.3	.091	2	.079										
11	.433			2	.079	2	.079	2	.079	2.5	.098	2.3	.091										
12	.472	2.5	.098	2	.079	2	.079	2	.079	2.8	.110	2.7	.106										
14	.551	2.5	.098	2.5	.098																		
16	.630	2.5	.098	3	.118																		
18	.709	2.5	.098	3.5	.138																		
20	.787			4	.157																		
22	.866			4.5	.177																		
24	.945			5	.197																		
26	1.024			5.5	.217																		
28	1.102			5.5	.217																		
30	1.181			6	.236																		

1	2		3		4		5		6		7	
Shape of head	Etablissements Schneider et Cie.				Chambre Syndicale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles				Depth of slot			
	Depth of slot		Major dia. of thread		Depth of slot		Major dia. of thread		Depth of slot		Major dia. of thread	
	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches
Cylindrical	2.5 to 4.0	.10 to .16	20 to 30	.79 to 1.18	1 to 2.5	.04 to .10						
Rounded	2.5 to 4.0	.10 to .16										
Countersunk flat	1.5 to 4.5	.06 to .18	6 to 30	.24 to 1.18	1.5 to 8	.06 to .31						
" convex	2.5 to 7.0	.10 to .28	20 to 30	.79 to 1.18	1 to 2.5	.04 to .10						







Table 32. - Minimum Length Below Head, L'Union des Syndicats  
d'Electricite

1		2		3		4	
Major diameter of thread				Minimum length below head			
mm	Inches			mm	Inches		
2.5	0.098			4	0.16		
3	.118			4	.16		
3.5	.138			4	.16		
4	.157			5	.20		
4.5	.177			5	.20		
5	.197			7	.28		
5.5	.217			7	.28		
6	.236			10	.39		
7	.276			10	.39		
8	.315			14	.55		
9	.354			14	.55		
10	.394			19	.75		
11	.433			19	.75		
12	.472			19	.75		





## IX. The Loewenherz Screw Thread System and Standard Instrument and Machine Screws

The Verein Deutscher Ingenieure in 1888 adopted a system of metric screw threads for sizes from 6 mm to 40 mm diameter inclusive. The thread form selected, shown in Fig. 17, has an angle of  $53^{\circ} 8'$  and is flattened at top and bottom  $1/8$ th the height of the basic triangle. The angle  $53^{\circ} 8'$  gives a triangle whose height is equal to its base, therefore, the depth of thread is  $3/4$  of the pitch.

In December 1892 a commission representing German instrument makers, technical societies, and government departments, adopted a system of threads ranging in diameter from 1 mm to 10 mm, and especially intended for use in small machines and instruments. The same form of thread is employed as in the earlier system and the overlapping sizes 6 mm to 10 mm are identical. The system was called the Loewenherz System after Dr. Leopold Loewenherz, at one time Director of the Physicalisch-Technische Reichsanstalt. The dimensions of the Loewenherz Screw Thread System are given in Table 33.

At the same time standard proportions for instrument and machine screws for sizes from 1.0 to 10.0 mm were adopted by the commission, which are given in Table 34.

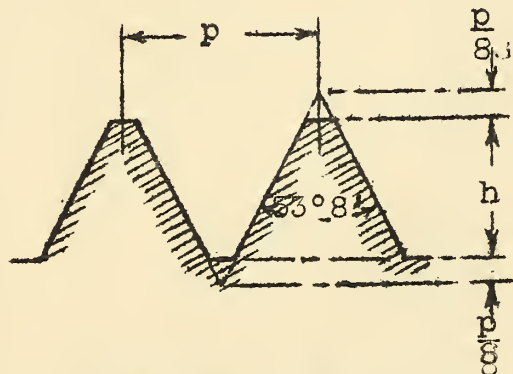


Fig. 17 - Loewenherz Thread Form

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pages 41-58; June 1893, pages 246-249; and  
August 1894, pages 285-291.



Table 33. - Lowenherz Screw Thread System

Major diameter		Pitch	Approx. threads per inch	Pitch diameter	Minor diameter
mm.	Inches	mm.		Inches	Inches
1.	0.0394	0.25	102.	0.0320	0.0246
1.2	.0472	.25	102.	.0399	.0325
1.4	.0551	.3	84.6	.0462	.0374
1.7	.0669	.35	72.6	.0566	.0463
2.	.0787	.4	63.5	.0669	.0551
2.3	.0906	.4	63.5	.0787	.0669
2.6	.1024	.45	56.4	.0891	.0758
3.	.1181	.5	50.8	.1033	.0886
3.5	.1378	.6	42.3	.1201	.1024
4.0	.1575	.7	36.3	.1368	.1161
4.5	.1772	.75	33.9	.1550	.1329
5.	.1969	.8	31.7	.1732	.1496
5.5	.2165	.9	28.2	.1900	.1634
6.	.2362	1.0	25.4	.2067	.1772
7.	.2756	1.1	23.1	.2431	.2106
8.	.3150	1.2	21.2	.2795	.2441
9.	.3543	1.3	19.5	.3159	.2776
10.	.3937	1.4	18.1	.3524	.3110
12.	.4724	1.6	15.9	.4251	.3779
14.	.5512	1.8	14.1	.4980	.4449
16.	.6299	2.0	12.7	.5708	.5118
18.	.7087	2.2	11.5	.6437	.5787
20.	.7874	2.4	10.6	.7165	.6457
22.	.8661	2.8	9.1	.7835	.7008
24.	.9449	2.8	9.1	.8622	.7795
26.	1.0236	3.2	7.9	.9291	.8346
28.	1.1024	3.2	7.9	1.0079	.9134
30.	1.1811	3.6	7.1	1.0748	.9685
32.	1.2598	3.6	7.1	1.1535	1.0472
36.	1.4173	4.0	6.3	1.2992	1.1811
40.	1.5748	4.4	5.8	1.4449	1.3150



Table 34. - Loewenherz Standard Instrument and Machine Screws

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Diameter of body		Pitch	Length of threaded portion		Diameter of cylindrical head		Diameter of countersunk head		Height of slotted head		Dimensions of slot, slotted head				Capstan head			
d		p	L = 3d + 1		D = $\frac{5d + 1}{3}$		D <sub>r</sub> = 3a		h <sub>g</sub> = 0.6D		Width of slot		Depth of slot		Height of capstan head		Diameter of hole	
mm	Inches	mm	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches	mm	Inches
1.0	0.039	0.25	4	0.157	2.0	0.079	2.0	0.079	1.2	0.047	0.3	0.012	0.8	0.031	1.6	0.063	0.8	0.031
1.2	.047	.25	5	.197	2.3	.091	2.4	.094	1.4	.055	.3	.012	.9	.035	1.9	.075	.9	.035
1.4	.055	.30	5	.197	2.7	.106	2.8	.110	1.6	.063	.3	.012	1.0	.039	2.2	.087	.9	.035
1.7	.067	.35	6	.236	3.2	.126	3.4	.134	1.9	.075	.4	.016	1.1	.043	2.6	.102	1.0	.039
2.0	.079	.40	7	.276	3.7	.146	4.0	.157	2.2	.087	.4	.016	1.3	.051	3.0	.118	1.1	.043
2.3	.091	.40	8	.315	4.2	.165	4.6	.181	2.5	.098	.4	.016	1.4	.055	3.4	.134	1.3	.051
2.6	.102	.45	9	.354	4.7	.185	5.2	.205	2.8	.110	.5	.020	1.6	.063	3.8	.150	1.4	.055
3.0	.118	.50	10	.394	5.3	.209	6	.236	3.2	.126	.5	.020	1.8	.071	4.3	.169	1.5	.059
3.5	.138	.60	11	.433	6.0	.236	7	.276	3.7	.146	.6	.024	2.0	.079	5.0	.197	1.7	.067
4.0	.157	.70	13	.512	7.0	.276	8	.315	4.2	.165	.6	.024	2.3	.091	5.6	.230	1.8	.071
4.5	.177	.75	14	.551	8.0	.315	9	.354	4.7	.185	.7	.028	2.5	.098	6.3	.243	2.0	.079
5.0	.197	.8	16	.630	8.5	.335	10	.394	5.2	.205	.7	.028	2.8	.110	7.0	.276	2.2	.087
5.5	.217	.9	17	.669	9.5	.374	11	.433	5.7	.224	.8	.031	3.0	.118	7.6	.299	2.4	.094
6	.236	1.0	19	.748	10.5	.413	12	.472	6.2	.244	.8	.031	3.3	.130	8.3	.327	2.5	.098
7	.276	1.1	22	.866	12.0	.472	14	.551	7.2	.283	.9	.035	3.8	.150	9.6	.378	2.9	.114
8	.315	1.2	25	.984	13.5	.532	16	.630	8.2	.323	1.0	.039	4.3	.169	11.0	.453	3.2	.126
9	.354	1.3	28	1.102	15.5	.610	18	.709	9.2	.362	1.1	.043	4.8	.189	12.5	.484	3.6	.142
10	.394	1.4	31	1.220	17.0	.669	20	.787	10.2	.402	1.2	.047	5.3	.209	13.6	.535	4.0	.157

The diameter of cylindrical head, D, is rounded off to the next half or whole millimeter when d is greater than 3 mm.

Countersunk heads have an included angle of 90° and are finished on the top of the head with a spherical surface of radius 2d, or with a cylindrical projection of height equal to 0.4d.

Length of unthreaded portion varies in all gradations from 0.5d to 1.0d.





