

# Self-drilling tapping screws

## Dimensions, requirements and testing

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### Foreword

This standard has been prepared by the Normenausschuß Mechanische Verbindungselemente (Fasteners Standards Committee).

### Amendments

The following amendments have been made to the February 1992 edition.

- Types N, P and Q screws are no longer included.
- The standard has been editorially revised.

### Previous editions

DIN 7504: 1982-11, 1992-02.

### 1 Scope and field of application

This standard specifies dimensions, requirements and test methods for heat-treated self-drilling tapping screws (tapping screws; for short). These screws have a drill point with which they form a pilot hole during assembly, followed by a threaded section with which they form their mating thread, either in a forming or in a cutting operation. See the relevant DIN Standards and ISO Standards for head styles and threads of self-drilling screws.

The specifications of this standard are intended to ensure that tapping screws are capable of performing the above functions without their own thread fracturing or becoming deformed. To that end, requirements have been specified for surface hardness, drilling and thread forming capability and torsional strength.

### 2 Normative references

This standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

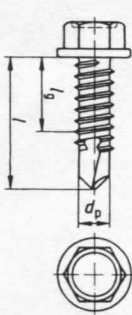
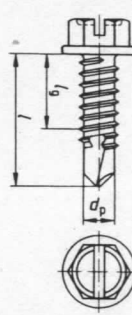
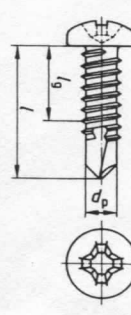
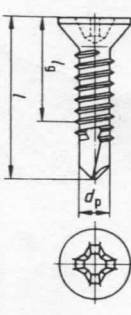
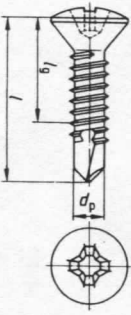
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Tabular layouts of article characteristics for bolts, screws and nuts

- DIN 6928  
Hexagon washer head tapping screws
- DIN 17 210  
Case hardening steel; technical delivery conditions
- DIN 50 133  
Vickers hardness testing of metallic materials; HV 0,2 to HV 100
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Quenched and tempered steels; technical delivery conditions for special steels
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Heat-treated steel tapping screws; mechanical properties (ISO 2702: 1992)
- ISO 3269 : 1988  
Fasteners; acceptance inspection
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Threaded components; electroplated coatings
- ISO 7049 : 1983  
Cross recessed pan head tapping screws
- ISO 7050 : 1983  
Cross recessed countersunk (flat) head tapping screws (common head style)
- ISO 7051 : 1983  
Cross recessed raised countersunk (oval) head tapping screws

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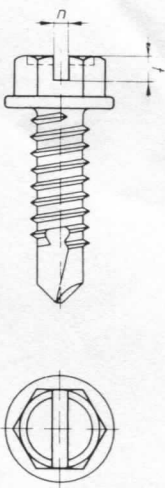
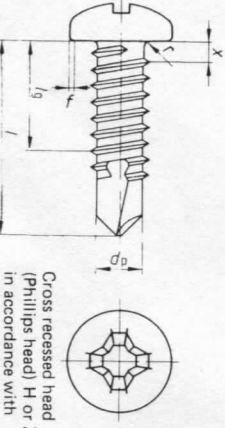
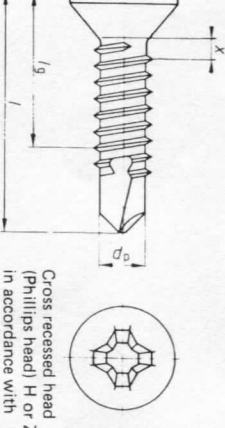
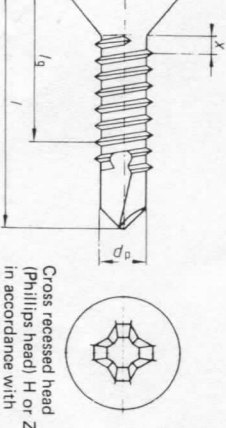
## 2 Dimensions and designations

Table 1: Screw types and designations

Type	Illustration	Other dimensions as in	Example of designation
K		DIN 6928	Screw DIN 7504 – ST 4,2 x 13 – K
L		DIN 6928; slot dimensions as in DIN 962	Screw DIN 7504 – ST 4,2 x 13 – L
M		ISO 7049	Screw DIN 7504 – ST 4,2 x 13 – M – H
O		ISO 7050	Screw DIN 7504 – ST 4,2 x 13 – O – H
R		ISO 7051	Screw DIN 7504 – ST 4,2 x 13 – R – H

The DIN 4000 – 2 – 1 tabular layout of article characteristics shall apply to screws as covered in this standard.

Table 1. (continued)

Type	Figure	Remaining dimensions in accordance with	Example of designation
L		Table 3	Drilling screw DIN 7504 – ST 4,2 X 13 – L
	Remaining dimensions as for type K See table 3 for f and r		
N		DIN 7981 *)	Drilling screw DIN 7504 – ST 4,2 X 13 – N – H
	Cross recessed head (Phillips head) H or Z in accordance with DIN 7962 *)		
P		DIN 7982 *)	Drilling screw DIN 7504 – ST 4,2 X 13 – P – H
	Cross recessed head (Phillips head) H or Z in accordance with DIN 7962 *)		
Q		DIN 7983 *)	Drilling screw DIN 7504 – ST 4,2 X 13 – Q – H
	Cross recessed head (Phillips head) H or Z in accordance with DIN 7962 *)		

\*) At present at the stage of draft

Note: The letters A to J and M have not been used to designate the types, in order to avoid the possibility of confusion with conventional designations for self-tapping screws and metric screws.

Tabular layout of article characteristics DIN 4000 – 2 – 1 applies to screws in accordance with this standard

Table 2. Drilling range and screw lengths

Screw thread d	ST 2,9		ST 3,5		(ST 3,9)		ST 4,2	ST 4,8	ST 5,5	ST 6,3
	from	to	from	to	from	to	from	from	from	from
Drilling range (sheet or plate thickness) <sup>1)</sup>	0,7	1,9	0,7	2,25	0,7	2,4	1,75	1,75	1,75	2
d <sub>p</sub> <sup>2)</sup>	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.
l										
Nominal length	min.	max.	min.	max.	min.	max.	min.	min.	min.	min.
9,5	8,75	10,25	3,25 3)	2,85 3)	5,8	4,3	4,7 3)			
13	12,1	13,9	6,6	6,2	8,8	7,3	5,8	5,3		
16	15,1	16,9	9,6	9,2	11,7	10,3	8,7	8	7	
19	18	20	12,5	12,1	14,7	13,3	11,7	11	10	
22	21	23	15,1	14,7	17,7	16,3	14,7	14	13	
25	24	26	18,1	17,7	20,5	19,1	17,7	16	15	
32	30,75	33,25			24,5	23	21,5	21	20	
38	36,75	39,25			30,5	29	27,5	27	26	
45	43,75	46,25					34,5	34	33	
50	48,75	51,25					39,5	39	38	

<sup>1)</sup> In order to determine the nominal length l it may be necessary to add an air gap (if present) to the individual sheet or plate thicknesses.

<sup>2)</sup> The diameter d<sub>p</sub> is dependent on the technical process and it presupposes operational capability in accordance with table 5.

<sup>3)</sup> These lengths are not applicable to countersunk head screws.

Table 3. Head dimensions of type K and L screws

Screw thread d	ST 3,5	(ST 3,9)	ST 4,2	ST 4,8	ST 5,5	ST 6,3
c	0,6	0,6	0,9	0,9	1	1
d <sub>e</sub>	max. 8,3	8,3	8,8	10,5	11	13,2
	min. 7,6	7,6	8,2	9,8	10	12,2
f <sup>1)</sup>	≈ 0,4	0,4	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,5
e	min. 5,96	5,96	7,59	8,71	8,71	10,95
	max. 3,45	3,45	4,25	4,45	5,45	6,45
k	min. 3,2	3,2	4	4,15	5,15	6,15
	max. 1,55	1,55	1,9	2	2,7	3,3
k' <sup>2)</sup>	1	1	1,2	1,2	1,6	1,6
n	min. 1,06	1,06	1,26	1,26	1,66	1,66
	max. 1,2	1,2	1,51	1,51	1,91	1,91
r	max. 0,5	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,9
s	min. 5,32	5,32	7	8	8	10
	max. 1	1	1,2	1,4	1,6	1,8
l	min. 1,4	1,4	1,6	1,8	2	2,2

<sup>1)</sup> Chamfer necessary for manufacturing reasons

<sup>2)</sup> Minimum depth required to ensure proper grip by the wrench; the dimension e<sub>min</sub> must be present within this range.

The ST 3,9 screw thread featured in brackets in the above table should be avoided wherever possible.