

What Are Hex Bolt Used For?

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Typical applications, the industries that specify hex bolt, and how to choose the right size, material and finish for the joint.

Hex Bolts are used for structural and machine joints that must be tightened to a controlled preload. They are manufactured to GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675, and the choice of size, property class and finish is driven by the load in the joint and the environment it sits in.

Primary duty

Structural and machine joints that must be tightened to a controlled preload

Governing standard

GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675

Thread size range

M3 to M36

Category

Bolts

Application notes are general engineering guidance. Verify the property class and any approval requirement against your own design calculation.



The primary duty of Hex Bolts is structural and machine joints that must be tightened to a controlled preload. Below: the sectors that specify them in volume, the checklist used to select the right size and material for the application, installation notes, and the known limits of the type. Stocked across roughly M3 to M36, they cover general to heavy-duty work.

Typical Applications for Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057)

The most common settings where these are specified:

- **Automotive & transport:** chassis, suspension and powertrain mounting points subject to vibration.
- **Heavy machinery:** securing gearboxes, frames and guarding on plant that sees shock loads.
- **Energy & infrastructure:** tower, pylon and pipework supports exposed to weather and long service life.
- **General machine building:** fastening covers, brackets, motors and sub-assemblies on production equipment.
- **Maintenance & repair (MRO):** a stocked size for servicing existing plant where the original fastener spec must be matched.

How to Specify Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057) for Your Application

- **Size:** Match the nominal size to the mating thread or hole. This product spans M3-M36; check the full table below for the exact dimensions of each size.

- **Strength class:** Choose the property class (e.g. 8.8, 10.9, 12.9 or A2/A4 stainless) for the load and environment, and tighten to the matching torque so the joint relies on preload, not friction.
- **Environment:** For damp, coastal or chemical exposure prefer A4/316 stainless or a suitable coating; indoors, plated steel or A2 is usually sufficient.
- **Standard:** This product is supplied to GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675. Quoting the standard on your order guarantees interchangeable dimensions between suppliers.

Installation & Assembly Practice

- Tighten to the torque for the size and property class with a calibrated wrench — the joint is held by preload, not by the thread friction alone.
- Ensure at least one full thread projects beyond the nut after tightening, and never re-use a bolt that has been tightened into yield.
- Under slotted or oversized holes, fit a hardened washer so the preload does not relax into the hole edge.

Common Selection Mistakes with Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057)

- Specifying class 12.9 "to be safe" in a corrosive environment — high classes are more sensitive to hydrogen embrittlement and stress corrosion; 8.8 hot-dip galvanized often outlasts them outdoors.
- Choosing a length that puts the shear plane through the threaded portion when a plain shank (partially threaded bolt) was available.
- Mixing stainless bolts with plated-steel nuts: the joint loses its corrosion logic and can gall or seize.

Where Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057) Are Not the Right Choice

Not for permanent joints that will never be opened (a rivet or weld is cheaper), and not where the head must sit flush — use a countersunk screw instead.

Technical Drawing

Customize the parameters below — every spec field is editable, and the drawing redraws to match the values you choose.

Changing the size will snap the other fields to that size's standard values; you can then override any individual value.

Sends the selected values to the quote form below.

Request a Quote

The form below follows the current technical drawing configuration. Change the drawing values above and the request details update automatically.

Dimensions & Specifications (GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675)

Size	Pitch (mm)	Nominal diameter d (mm)	Length L (mm)	Width across flats s (mm)	Width across corners e (mm)	Head height k (mm)
M3	0.5	3	20	5.5	6.01	2.0
M4	0.7	4	25	7.0	7.66	2.8
M5	0.8	5	30	8.0	8.79	3.5
M6	1.0	6	40	10.0	11.05	4.0
M8	1.25	8	50	13.0	14.38	5.3
M10	1.5	10	60	16.0	17.77	6.4
M12	1.75	12	80	18.0	20.03	7.5
M14	2.0	14	80	21.0	23.36	8.8
M16	2.0	16	100	24.0	26.75	10.0
M18	2.5	18	100	27.0	30.14	11.5
M20	2.5	20	120	30.0	33.53	12.5
M24	3.0	24	150	36.0	39.98	15.0
M30	3.5	30	180	46.0	50.85	18.7
M36	4.0	36	200	55.0	60.79	22.5

Inside the plant

Manufactured in our own plant

This part is cold-formed, threaded, heat-treated and finished in-house. The stages below are where its class and finish are actually decided.

1.



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Cold heading

Wire rod is drawn to size and cold-formed into blanks. Forming rather than cutting keeps the grain flow continuous around the head, which is where a bolt is most likely to fail.

Head dimensions and under-head radius checked at set-up and per shift.



2.

02

Thread rolling

Threads are rolled between hardened dies rather than cut. Rolled threads are stronger in fatigue than cut threads and hold pitch and flank angle far more consistently across a batch.

Go / no-go ring gauges to ISO 965 tolerance class 6g.

3.



03

Heat treatment

Quench-and-temper brings carbon and alloy steel to the property class ordered — 8.8, 10.9 or 12.9 — with the furnace charge tracked so a finished lot can be traced back to it.

Core hardness and tensile tested per lot to ISO 898-1.

4.



04

Surface treatment

Zinc, zinc-nickel, hot-dip galvanizing, black oxide, phosphate and Dacromet, selected against the service environment rather than against the price list.

Coating thickness and neutral salt spray hours to ISO 9227.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057) used for?

Structural and machine joints that must be tightened to a controlled preload. They are supplied to GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675.

Which industries use Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057)?

They are commonly specified in structural steel, automotive & transport and heavy machinery, among other sectors.

How do I choose the right size of Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057)?

Match the nominal size to the mating thread or hole. This product is available from M3 to M36; the full dimension table on this page lists each size.

How tight should Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057) be torqued?

Tighten to the torque for the size and property class so the joint is held by bolt preload. The size pages and torque reference table give recommended values; use a calibrated torque wrench for anything structural.

Can I get a quote for Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057) in the size and material I need?

Yes. Use the technical drawing and quote form on this page to set the size and options, then send the exact configuration to our team for pricing and lead time.

Related Pages

Product page: [Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 \(Series 057\) — specifications & sizes](#)

Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 (Series 057) Specification Guides

- [M3 Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 \(Series 057\) size guide](#)
- [A4 stainless Hex Bolt — GB/T 6173 / ISO 8675 \(Series 057\)](#)

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- [Carriage Bolts applications](#)
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