

What Are Slotted Terminal Screws Used For?

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Typical applications, the industries that specify slotted terminal screws, and how to choose the right size, material and finish for the joint

Slotted Terminal Screws are used for threaded assemblies where the head drive and seating style matter. They are manufactured to DIN 84, 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

Threaded assemblies where the head drive and seating style matter

Governing standard

DIN 84

Thread size range

M2.5 to M6

Category

Screws

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



Application guide for Slotted Terminal Screws to DIN 84. The core duty of the type is threaded assemblies where the head drive and seating style matter. The typical industries, the how-to-specify checklist, assembly practice and the exclusion cases are set out below. Stocked across roughly M2.5 to M6, they cover light-duty and instrument-scale work.

Typical Applications for Slotted Terminal Screws

The most common settings where these are specified:

- **Appliances & consumer goods:** high-volume assembly with power tools and consistent seating.
- **Machine guarding & panels:** removable access covers that are opened for service.
- **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.
- **Fabrication & metalwork:** bench and on-site assembly of steel frames, enclosures and weldments.

How to Specify Slotted Terminal Screws for Your Application

- **Size:** Match the nominal size to the mating thread or hole. This product spans M2.5-M6; check the full table below for the exact dimensions of each size.

- **Drive & head:** Pick the drive (socket, cross, slot) and head style for the tool access and seating surface; a recessed drive resists cam-out under power tools.
- **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 DIN 84. Quoting the standard on your order guarantees interchangeable dimensions between suppliers.

Installation & Assembly Practice

- Match the driver exactly to the recess (PH ≠ PZ; hex key sizes per ISO 2936) and keep the tool axial — side load is the main cause of stripped drives.
- In tapped holes, engage a thread length of at least 1× the nominal diameter in steel, 2× in aluminum.
- Set power tools to a torque that seats the head without embedding it into the mating surface.

Common Selection Mistakes with Slotted Terminal Screws

- Under-sizing the drive for the installation torque — a small recess at high torque strips before the screw is seated.
- Using a countersunk head in thin sheet where the countersink removes most of the load-bearing material.
- Specifying stainless in high-strength duty: A2-70 is roughly class 7 steel, not a 10.9 substitute.

Where Slotted Terminal Screws Are Not the Right Choice

Not for high-preload structural joints (use a property-class bolt and nut), and not in thin sheet where a self-drilling or self-tapping type suits better.

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 (DIN 84)

Thread size	Pitch (mm)	Head diameter dk (mm)	Head height k (mm)	Slot width n (mm)	Slot depth t (mm)	Common material	Common length range (mm)	Reference standard
M2.5	0.45	4.5	1.8	0.6	1.1	Brass CW614N	4~20	DIN 84
M3	0.5	5.5	2.0	0.8	1.2	Brass CW614N	4~25	DIN 84
M3.5	0.6	6.0	2.4	1.0	1.5	Brass CW614N	5~30	DIN 84
M4	0.7	7.0	2.6	1.2	1.6	Brass CW614N	5~35	DIN 84
M5	0.8	8.5	3.3	1.2	2.0	Brass CW614N	6~40	DIN 84
M6	1.0	10.0	3.9	1.6	2.4	Brass CW614N	8~50	DIN 84

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.

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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.



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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.

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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.

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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 material should Slotted Terminal Screws be for outdoor use?

For damp, coastal or chemical environments specify A4 (316) stainless or a suitably coated steel. For indoor or dry use, A2 (304) stainless or zinc-plated steel is normally adequate.

Are Slotted Terminal Screws made to a recognized standard?

Yes — they are manufactured to DIN 84, so dimensions are interchangeable between suppliers when you quote the standard on your order.

What are Slotted Terminal Screws used for?

Threaded assemblies where the head drive and seating style matter. They are supplied to DIN 84.

Which industries use Slotted Terminal Screws?

They are commonly specified in appliances & consumer goods, machine guarding & panels and general machine building, among other sectors.

Can I get a quote for Slotted Terminal Screws 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.

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