

What Are Socket Head Cap Screws Used For?

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Typical applications, the industries that specify socket head cap screws, and how to choose the right size, material and finish for the joint.

Socket Head Cap Screws are used for threaded assemblies where the head drive and seating style matter. They are manufactured to ISO 4762 / DIN 912, 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

ISO 4762 / DIN 912

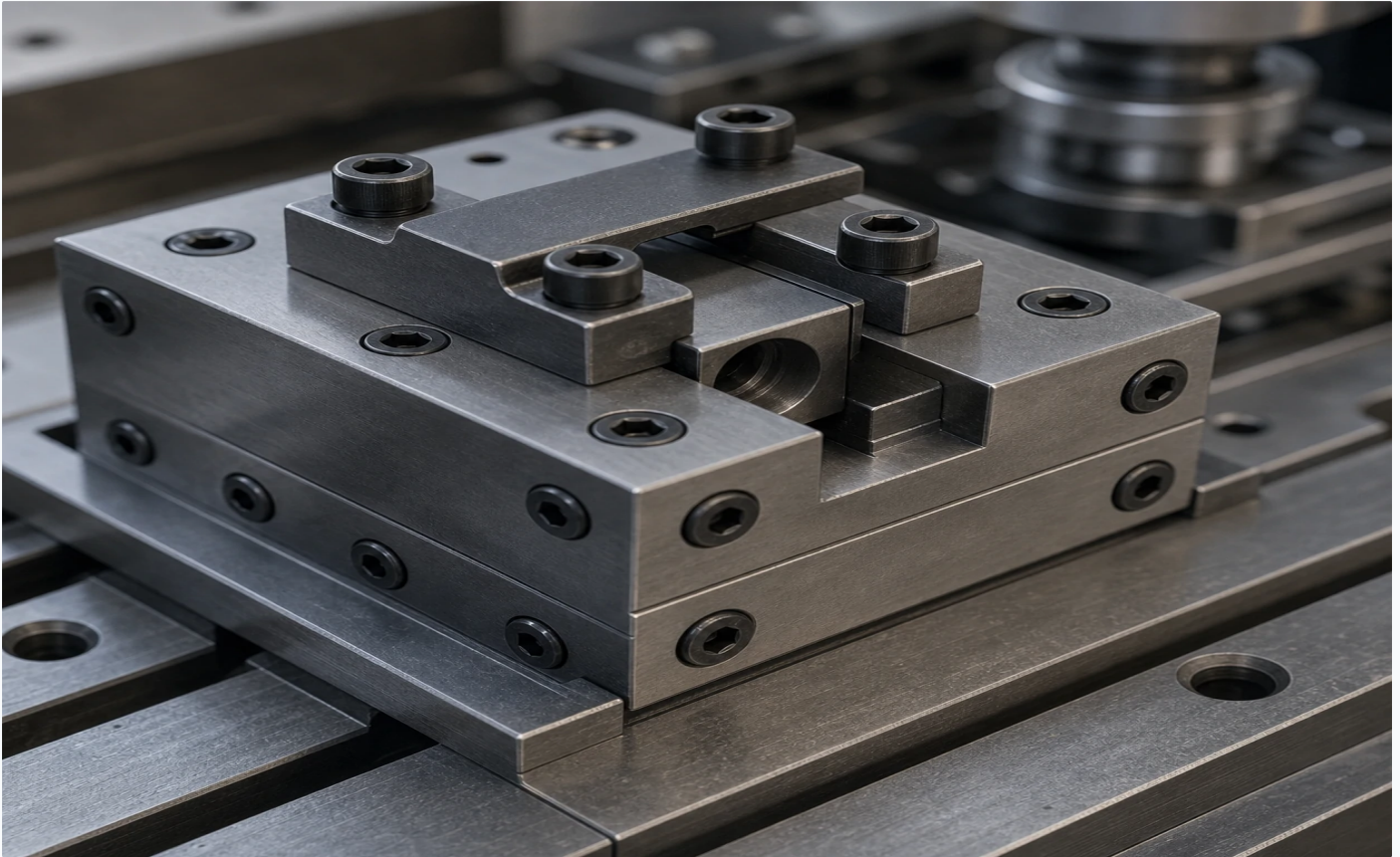
Thread size range

M1 to M48

Category

Screws

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



Socket Head Cap Screws are used primarily for threaded assemblies where the head drive and seating style matter. This page lists the industries and assemblies where they are specified, the selection criteria that matter for each application, installation practice, and the cases where a different fastener type is the correct choice. Parts are supplied to ISO 4762 / DIN 912. Stocked across roughly M1 to M48, they cover general to heavy-duty work.

Typical Applications for Socket Head Cap 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 Socket Head Cap Screws for Your Application

- **Size:** Match the nominal size to the mating thread or hole. This product spans M1-M48; 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 ISO 4762 / DIN 912. 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 Socket Head Cap 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 Socket Head Cap 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 (ISO 4762 / DIN 912)

Size	Pitch (mm)	Head diameter dk (mm)	Head height k (mm)	Hex key s (mm)	Socket depth t min (mm)	Reference standard
M1	0.25	1.9	1.0	0.7	0.5	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M1.2	0.25	2.3	1.2	0.9	0.6	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M1.4	0.3	2.6	1.4	1.0	0.7	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M1.6	0.35	3.0	1.6	1.5	0.7	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M2	0.4	3.8	2.0	1.5	1.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M2.5	0.45	4.5	2.5	2.0	1.1	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M3	0.5	5.5	3.0	2.5	1.3	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M4	0.7	7.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M5	0.8	8.5	5.0	4.0	2.5	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M6	1.0	10.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M8	1.25	13.0	8.0	6.0	4.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M10	1.5	16.0	10.0	8.0	5.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M12	1.75	18.0	12.0	10.0	6.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M14	2.0	21.0	14.0	12.0	7.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M16	2.0	24.0	16.0	14.0	8.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M18	2.5	27.0	18.0	14.0	9.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M20	2.5	30.0	20.0	17.0	10.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M22	2.5	33.0	22.0	17.0	11.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M24	3.0	36.0	24.0	19.0	12.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M27	3.0	40.0	27.0	19.0	13.5	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M30	3.5	45.0	30.0	22.0	15.5	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M33	3.5	50.0	33.0	24.0	17.5	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M36	4.0	54.0	36.0	27.0	19.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912
M42	4.5	63.0	42.0	32.0	21.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912

Size	Pitch (mm)	Head diameter dk (mm)	Head height k (mm)	Hex key s (mm)	Socket depth t min (mm)	Reference standard
M48	5.0	72.0	48.0	36.0	25.0	ISO 4762 / DIN 912

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 Socket Head Cap 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 Socket Head Cap Screws made to a recognized standard?

Yes — they are manufactured to ISO 4762 / DIN 912, so dimensions are interchangeable between suppliers when you quote the standard on your order.

What are Socket Head Cap Screws used for?

Threaded assemblies where the head drive and seating style matter. They are supplied to ISO 4762 / DIN 912.

Which industries use Socket Head Cap Screws?

They are commonly specified in fabrication & metalwork, electronics & enclosures and appliances & consumer goods, among other sectors.

Can I get a quote for Socket Head Cap 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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