

# A4 (316) Stainless Steel Insulating Shoulder Washers

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Washers · Industry standard

Mechanical properties, corrosion behaviour and the full dimensional range for this grade.

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## Corrosion resistance

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## Magnetic response

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## Service temperature

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Property values are typical for the grade. Certified mechanical test data is available on request for production orders.



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## Why Choose A4 Stainless Steel for Insulating Shoulder Washers

Specified for marine, coastal and chemical applications. For insulating shoulder washers, this matters when superior, including marine and chloride environments is the primary requirement.

## Mechanical & Physical Properties

|                                 |                                                                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Grade designation</b>        | ISO 3506 group A4 (316 / 1.4401), commonly supplied A4-80               |
| <b>Magnetic response</b>        | Largely non-magnetic                                                    |
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| <b>Corrosion characteristic</b> | Superior, including marine and chloride environments                    |

## Corrosion Behavior in Service

A4 (316) adds 2–3% molybdenum to the A2 (304) composition, which dramatically improves resistance to chloride-pitting corrosion. For Insulating Shoulder Washers in marine, coastal, swimming-pool or food-processing environments, A4 is the default selection.

## Galvanic & Galling Considerations

For stainless insulating shoulder washers the compatibility question is galvanic rather than galling: joined to aluminum or galvanized steel in wet service, stainless drives corrosion of the less-noble metal. Isolate with a coating, sleeve or non-conductive washer where the joint sees moisture. Note also that stainless is softer than hardened carbon steel, so where the part carries a wear or shear duty, check the load against the grade before substituting.

## Using Stainless Fasteners in Aluminum

Stainless steel is more noble than aluminum, so in the presence of an electrolyte — rain, condensation, salt spray — the aluminum becomes the anode and corrodes at the joint. The effect is driven by the area ratio: a small stainless fastener in a large aluminum section is normally acceptable, while a large stainless fastener in thin aluminum is not. Where the joint is wet, isolate the two metals with a coated or nylon washer and a sealant, or specify an aluminum or coated fastener instead.

## Sizes of Insulating Shoulder Washers Available in A4 Stainless Steel

| Screw size | Bore d1 (mm) | Shoulder outer diameter (mm) | Flange outer diameter d2 (mm) | Shoulder length (mm) | Flange thickness (mm) | Material  | Reference standard |
|------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| M2.5       | 2.7          | 3.6                          | 6.0                           | 1.5                  | 0.8                   | Nylon 6/6 | Industry standard  |
| M3         | 3.2          | 4.2                          | 7.0                           | 1.5                  | 0.8                   | Nylon 6/6 | Industry standard  |
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| M4         | 4.3          | 5.4                          | 9.0                           | 2.0                  | 1.0                   | Nylon 6/6 | Industry standard  |
| M4         | 4.3          | 5.4                          | 9.0                           | 3.5                  | 1.0                   | Nylon 6/6 | Industry standard  |
| M5         | 5.3          | 6.6                          | 11.0                          | 2.5                  | 1.0                   | Nylon 6/6 | Industry standard  |
| M6         | 6.4          | 7.8                          | 13.0                          | 3.0                  | 1.2                   | Nylon 6/6 | Industry standard  |

## 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 (Industry standard)

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## Materials & Grades

Select a material class to see the grades we supply it in. Each designation is listed with its ISO/EN, AISI/SAE, JIS and GB equivalents.

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### Stainless Steel

#### Austenitic Stainless Steel

- A1 AISI 303 · SAE 303 · SUS303 · EN 1.4305 · X8CrNiS18-9
- A2 AISI 304 · SAE 304 · SUS304 · EN 1.4301 · X5CrNi18-10 · 06Cr19Ni10
- 304L AISI 304L · SUS304L · EN 1.4307 · X2CrNi18-9 · 022Cr19Ni10
- 302 AISI 302 · SUS302 · EN 1.4310
- 305 AISI 305 · SUS305 · EN 1.4303
- A4 AISI 316 · SAE 316 · SUS316 · EN 1.4401 · X5CrNiMo17-12-2 · 06Cr17Ni12Mo2
- 316L AISI 316L · SUS316L · EN 1.4404 · X2CrNiMo17-12-2 · 022Cr17Ni12Mo2
- 321 AISI 321 · SUS321 · EN 1.4541 · X6CrNiTi18-10
- 310 / 310S AISI 310 · AISI 310S · SUS310S · EN 1.4845
- 302HQ AISI 302HQ
- A3
- A5
- 347 AISI 347 · SUS347 · EN 1.4550 · X6CrNiNb18-10
- 309 / 309S AISI 309 · AISI 309S · SUS309S

#### Martensitic Stainless Steel

- AISI 410 SUS410 · EN 1.4006 · X12Cr13 · 12Cr13
- AISI 420 SUS420J1 · SUS420J2 · EN 1.4021 · EN 1.4028 · 20Cr13 · 30Cr13
- AISI 431 SUS431 · EN 1.4057 · X17CrNi16-2
- C1
- C3
- C4
- AISI 440A
- AISI 440B
- AISI 440C SUS440C · EN 1.4125

#### Ferritic Stainless Steel

- AISI 430 SUS430 · EN 1.4016 · X6Cr17 · 10Cr17
- F1
- AISI 434
- AISI 444

### **Precipitation-Hardening Stainless Steel**

- 17-4 PH AISI 630 · UNS S17400 · SUS630 · EN 1.4542 · X5CrNiCuNb16-4
- 15-5 PH UNS S15500
- 17-7 PH UNS S17700

### **Duplex and Super Duplex Stainless Steel**

- Duplex 2205 UNS S31803 · UNS S32205 · EN 1.4462
- Super Duplex 2507 UNS S32750 · EN 1.4410
- D2
- D4
- D6
- D8
- Lean Duplex 2101 UNS S32101
- Super Duplex S32760 UNS S32760 · EN 1.4501

### **Carbon Steel**

#### **Low-Carbon Steel**

- SAE 1006
- SAE 1008
- SAE 1010
- SAE 1018
- SAE 1020
- Q195
- Q235
- SAE 1012
- SAE 1015
- Q215
- ML08
- ML08Al
- ML10
- ML15
- ML20
- SWRCH6A
- SWRCH8A

- SWRCH10A
- SWRCH12A
- SWRCH15A
- SWRCH18A

### **Medium-Carbon Steel**

- SAE 1035
- SAE 1045
- S45C
- C45
- SAE 1030
- SAE 1040
- SAE 1050
- 30
- 35
- 40
- 45
- 50
- S35C
- S40C
- S50C
- C35
- C40

### **High-Carbon Steel**

- SAE 1060
- SAE 1070
- 65Mn
- SAE 1065
- SAE 1075
- SAE 1080
- SAE 1085
- SAE 1090
- SAE 1095
- 60
- 65

- 70
- 75
- 80
- 85

### **Cold-Heading Steel**

- SWRCH22A
- 10B21
- SWRCH22K
- SWRCH25K
- SWRCH30K
- SWRCH35K
- SWRCH40K
- ML20Mn
- ML25
- ML30
- ML35
- ML40
- 15B25

### **Alloy Steel**

#### **Chromium Steel**

- 40Cr
- 45Cr
- AISI 5140
- SAE 5140
- AISI 5120
- SAE 5120
- SCr420
- SCr440

#### **Chromium-Molybdenum Steel**

- 35CrMo
- 42CrMo
- AISI 4140



- SCM435
- SCM440
- 42CrMo4
- 30CrMo
- AISI 4130
- SAE 4130
- SAE 4140
- AISI 4142
- AISI 4145
- SCM415
- SCM420
- SCM445
- EN 1.7220
- EN 1.7225
- 25CrMo4
- 34CrMo4

#### **Nickel-Chromium-Molybdenum Steel**

- AISI 4340
- SAE 4340
- 40CrNiMo
- SNCM439
- EN 1.6511
- 36CrNiMo4

#### **Boron Alloy Steel**

- 10B22
- 10B21
- 15B21
- 15B25
- 20MnTiB
- 20Mn2B
- 35VB
- 40MnB

## Bearing Steel

### Bearing Steel

- GCr15
- AISI 52100 SAE 52100 · UNS G52986
- SUJ2
- 100Cr6 EN 1.3505
- GCr15SiMn

## Spring Steel

### Carbon Spring Steel

- SAE 1065
- SAE 1070
- SAE 1075
- SAE 1080
- SAE 1095
- 65
- 70
- 75
- 80
- 65Mn

### Silicon-Manganese Spring Steel

- 60Si2Mn
- 60Si2MnA
- SUP6
- SUP7

### Chromium-Vanadium Spring Steel

- 50CrVA
- SAE 6150
- AISI 6150
- SUP10

## **Stainless Spring Steel**

- AISI 301
- SUS301
- EN 1.4310
- AISI 302
- AISI 304
- AISI 316
- 17-7 PH

## **Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys**

### **Commercially Pure Aluminum**

- 1050
- 1060
- 1070
- 1100

### **2xxx Series Aluminum**

- 2024
- 2011
- 2014
- 2017

### **5xxx Series Aluminum**

- 5052
- 5083
- 5754

### **6xxx Series Aluminum**

- 6061
- 6061-T6
- 6063
- 6082
- 6082-T6

## 7xxx Series Aluminum

- 7075
- 7075-T6
- 7005
- 7050
- 7075-T73

## Brass

### Free-Cutting Brass

- C36000
- H62
- HPb59-1
- C3601
- C3602
- C3604
- CuZn36Pb3
- CuZn39Pb3
- EN CW614N
- EN CW617N
- H65

### Lead-Free Brass

- C69300
- C27450
- CW510L
- CW511L

### Naval Brass

- C46400
- CuZn39Sn1

## Bronze

### Silicon Bronze

- C65500
- C65100
- C65600

### Phosphor Bronze

- C51000
- C52100
- CuSn6
- CuSn8

### Aluminum Bronze

- C95400
- C95500
- C63000
- CuAl10Ni5Fe4

## Copper

### Copper

- C11000
- T2
- C10100
- C10200
- C12200
- T1
- TU1
- TU2

## Titanium and Titanium Alloys

### Commercially Pure Titanium

- Grade 2

- Grade 1
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- TA1
- TA2
- TA3

### **Alpha-Beta Titanium Alloys**

- Grade 5
- Ti-6Al-4V
- TC4
- UNS R56400

### **Low-Interstitial Grade**

- Grade 23
- Ti-6Al-4V ELI
- UNS R56407

### **Other Titanium Fastener Alloys**

- Ti-6Al-6V-2Sn
- Ti-6Al-2Sn-4Zr-2Mo
- Beta-C titanium
- Ti-10V-2Fe-3Al

## **Nickel and Nickel Alloys**

### **Commercially Pure Nickel**

- Nickel 200
- UNS N02200
- Nickel 201
- UNS N02201

### **Inconel Alloys**

- Inconel 625 UNS N06625
- Inconel 718 UNS N07718
- Inconel 600 UNS N06600

- Inconel 601 UNS N06601
- Inconel 686 UNS N06686
- Inconel X-750 UNS N07750

### **Monel Alloys**

- Monel 400 UNS N04400
- Monel K-500 UNS N05500

### **Hastelloy Alloys**

- Hastelloy C-276 UNS N10276
- Hastelloy C-22 UNS N06022
- Hastelloy B-2 UNS N10665
- Hastelloy B-3 UNS N10675
- Hastelloy X UNS N06002

### **Other Nickel Alloys**

- Alloy 20 UNS N08020
- Alloy 625
- Alloy 718
- Alloy 825 UNS N08825
- Alloy 925 UNS N09925

## **Iron-Nickel and High-Temperature Alloys**

### **A286**

- A-286
- UNS S66286
- EN 1.4980

### **Invar**

- Invar 36
- Alloy 36
- UNS K93600
- FeNi36

## **Alloy 42**

- Alloy 42
- UNS K94100
- FeNi42

## **Tool Steel and Specialty Hardened Steel**

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- AISI D2
- AISI H13
- SKD11
- Cr12MoV
- AISI O1
- AISI A2
- AISI S7
- SKD61
- 9CrSi

## **Structural and Construction Steel**

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- ASTM A36
- Q235B
- Q355B
- S355JR
- Q235C
- Q355C
- S235JR
- S275JR
- S355J2

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.



01

### **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 corrosion resistance do A4 Stainless Steel Insulating Shoulder Washers offer?

A4 Stainless Steel Insulating Shoulder Washers provide superior, including marine and chloride environments with a service range of approx. -200 °C to +400 °C, subject to the property class and the joint.

Should I choose A4 Stainless Steel or A2 (304) for Insulating Shoulder Washers?

For Insulating Shoulder Washers, A4 Stainless Steel suits general indoor and outdoor use; A2 (304) is preferred for marine, coastal and chemical environments. Choose by corrosion exposure first.

Can A4 Stainless Steel Insulating Shoulder Washers gall during installation?

Yes — stainless on stainless is prone to thread galling under load, especially at smaller sizes. Use an anti-galling lubricant or wax thread compound, and slow the tightening rate where possible.

Is A4 Stainless Steel food-grade?

A4 (316) is the standard food-contact stainless grade in most jurisdictions, particularly where chloride exposure (brines, dairy CIP) is present.

How do I request a quotation?

Use the technical drawing on this page to pick the exact configuration, then submit it with the quote form. We respond within one business day.

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