

A4 (316) Stainless Steel Thread Forming Screws for Plastic

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Fasteners/Screws Thread Forming Screws for Plastic/A4 (316) Stainless Steel Thread Forming Screws for Plastic
Screws - Industry standard
Mechanical properties, corrosion behaviour and the full dimensional range for this grade.

A4 Stainless Steel Thread Forming Screws for Plastic are supplied to ISO 3506 group A4 (316 / 1.4401), commonly supplied A4-80. Corrosion behaviour is superior, including marine and chloride environments, the material is largely non-magnetic, and the usable service range is approx. -200 °C to +400 °C, subject to the property class and the joint. In practice this grade is specified for marine, coastal and chemical applications.

Grade

ISO 3506 group A4 (316 / 1.4401), commonly supplied A4-80

Corrosion resistance

Superior, including marine and chloride environments

Magnetic response

Largely non-magnetic

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 Thread Forming Screws for Plastic

Specified for marine, coastal and chemical applications. For thread forming screws for plastic, this matters when superior, including marine and chloride environments is the primary requirement.

Mechanical & Physical Properties

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Corrosion Behavior in Service

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

Galvanic & Galling Considerations

Two important notes for stainless thread forming screws for plastic: (1) stainless can gall on stainless threads under load — use a thread lubricant or anti-galling compound, especially for M6 and below; (2) when joined to aluminum or galvanized steel, stainless can drive galvanic corrosion of the less-noble metal in wet service — isolate with a coating or sleeve where appropriate.

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 Thread Forming Screws for Plastic Available in A4 Stainless Steel

Thread size	Pitch (mm)	Head diameter dk (mm)	Head height k (mm)	Boss hole, amorphous (mm)	Boss hole, filled (mm)	Common length range (mm)	Reference standard
2.0	0.9	4.0	1.6	1.65	1.75	5~16	Industry standard
2.5	1.1	5.0	2.0	2.05	2.15	5~20	Industry standard
3.0	1.3	6.0	2.4	2.45	2.60	6~25	Industry standard
3.5	1.5	7.0	2.8	2.85	3.00	8~30	Industry standard
4.0	1.7	8.0	3.1	3.25	3.45	8~35	Industry standard
5.0	2.1	10.0	3.8	4.10	4.30	10~40	Industry standard
6.0	2.5	12.0	4.6	4.90	5.15	12~50	Industry standard

Technical Drawing

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Dimensions & Specifications (Industry standard)

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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

Can A4 Stainless Steel replace plated alloy steel structurally?

Only at the standard strength classes — A2-70 / A4-80 are roughly equivalent to class 7 steel; A4-100 reaches class 8.8. For class 10.9 or 12.9 strength, plated alloy steel is required.

Are A4 Stainless Steel Thread Forming Screws for Plastic magnetic?

A4 Stainless Steel Thread Forming Screws for Plastic are largely non-magnetic.

What corrosion resistance do A4 Stainless Steel Thread Forming Screws for Plastic offer?

A4 Stainless Steel Thread Forming Screws for Plastic 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 Thread Forming Screws for Plastic?

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

How do I request a quotation?

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