

M3 Hex Nut Dimensions

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M3 Hex Nut dimensions to GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032: width across flats (spanner size) 5.5 mm, nut height 2.4 mm, coarse thread pitch 0.5 mm. Tighten to approximately 1.3 Nm at property class 8.8 in a dry, as-supplied condition.

Width across flats (spanner size)

5.5 mm

Nut height

2.4 mm

Coarse thread pitch

0.5 mm

Tightening torque (class 8.8)

1.3 Nm

Figures are nominal values from the governing standard. Confirm against the tolerance class for your application before machining or ordering.



M3 Hex Nut are manufactured to GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032. This page lists the controlling dimensions for the M3 size together with the drive and the installation notes for this type.

Values are taken from the governing standard rather than from a general machine-thread table, because this type is not selected on one.

M3 Dimensional Row (GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032)

Size	Pitch (mm)	Width across flats s (mm)	Width across corners e (mm)	Nut height
M3	0.5	5.5	6.01	2.4

Spanner & Drive for M3 Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 (Series 061)

M3 Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 (Series 061) have a width across flats of 5.5 mm — fit a 5.5 mm open-ended spanner or socket. Prefer a 6-point socket over a 12-point: it loads the corners of the 5.5 mm hex far less, which matters on plated heads and on anything that will be re-used. Set preload with a torque wrench rather than by arm.

Tightening Torque for M3

Class 8.8 (dry, ~μ 0.125)	≈ 1.3 Nm
Class 10.9 (dry, ~μ 0.125)	≈ Nm
Class 12.9 (dry, ~μ 0.125)	≈ 2.2 Nm

Indicative dry-joint values. Lubrication can lower the required torque by 15–25%.

Always confirm against the joint design, especially when going up a strength class.

Proof Load & Strength for M3

Nuts are graded to ISO 898-2 by the proof load the nut itself will hold (classes 04, 05, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12), not by the 8.8 / 10.9 / 12.9 scale used for bolts. A class-8 nut is the correct mate for a class-8.8 bolt, and the joint is designed on the bolt, so no bolt-tension figure is quoted here.

Mating Parts for M3

Pair M3 with the matching M3 bolt or screw, plus a M3 flat washer where required to distribute load on softer materials.

When to Step Up or Down from M3

When the joint preload approaches the proof load of M3 class 8.8, step up to M4 class 8.8 (or move to M3 class 10.9). When the joint is over-specified, M2 often saves weight and cost without losing the safety margin.

Custom manufacturing · Made to drawing

Need hex nut in a size this table does not list?

This page covers M3 hex nut. Height and across-flats are the two most often changed — a thinner nut for clearance, a larger hex for a tool that is already on the line. Made by cold heading or tapping.

Minimum order from 2,000 pieces; samples within 7 days of drawing approval.

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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.



Dimensioned line drawing of M3 Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 (Series 061) to GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032. Side view and top view, drawn to the dimensions in the table below and redrawn for any size selected.

Opens a short step to confirm the exact specification before you enter contact details.

Request a Quote

Click “Request this configuration” under the drawing to confirm the exact specification, then add your contact details. You can also send the request without a specification — but only an accurate selection gets an accurate quote.

Dimensions & Specifications (GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032)

Size	Pitch (mm)	Width across flats s (mm)	Width across corners e (mm)	Nut height
M3	0.5	5.5	6.01	2.4
M4	0.7	7.0	7.66	3.2
M5	0.8	8.0	8.79	4.7
M6	1.0	10.0	11.05	5.2
M8	1.25	13.0	14.38	6.8
M10	1.5	16.0	17.77	8.4
M12	1.75	18.0	20.03	10.8
M14	2.0	21.0	23.36	12.8
M16	2.0	24.0	26.75	14.8
M18	2.5	27.0	30.14	15.8
M20	2.5	30.0	33.53	18.0
M24	3.0	36.0	39.98	21.5
M30	3.5	46.0	50.85	25.6
M36	4.0	55.0	60.79	31.0

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.

Stainless Steel

Carbon Steel66

Alloy Steel41

Bearing Steel5

Spring Steel25

Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys21

Brass17

Bronze11

Copper8

Titanium and Titanium Alloys18

Nickel and Nickel Alloys22

Iron-Nickel and High-Temperature Alloys10

Tool Steel and Specialty Hardened Steel9

Structural and Construction Steel9

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

ML08AI**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

Tool Steel and Specialty Hardened Steel

AISI D2

AISI H13

SKD11

Cr12MoV

AISI O1

AISI A2

AISI S7

SKD61

9CrSi

Structural and Construction Steel

Structural and Construction Steel

ASTM A36

Q235B**Q355B****S355JR****Q235C****Q355C****S235JR****S275JR****S355J2**

Applications & Industries for M3 Hex Nut

Hex Nut are bought for a small number of well-defined jobs. These are the ones we ship them for. Stocked from M3 to M36.

Industries that specify Hex Nut

Building services **Threaded rod, channel and suspension assemblies.**

Machine building & OEM **The clamping counter-face on studs and bolts throughout an assembly.**

Steel fabrication **Bolted structural and frame connections.**

Automotive & transport **Vibration-prone joints where the locking type is specified on the drawing.**

Maintenance & MRO **Replacements matched to the existing bolt class, thread and finish.**

Typical applications

- **joints re-torqued at a service interval**
- **completing a bolted joint on a stud, rod or bolt**
- **locking an adjustment so it cannot drift**

Service conditions to specify against

Marine and coastal

Available in A4 (316) stainless for chloride exposure — coastal structures, pool halls, water treatment and deck hardware, where A2 will eventually pit.

High load

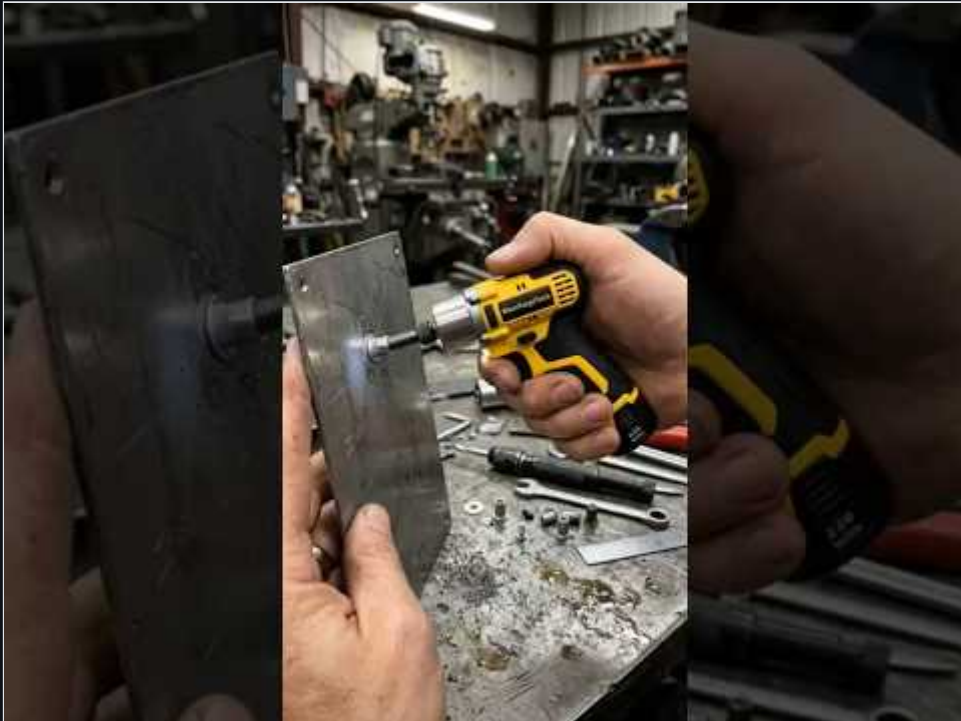
Supplied in ISO 898-1 property classes, so the joint can be designed to a stated proof load and tightened to a calculated torque rather than by feel.

Match the class

A nut below the bolt property class strips before the bolt reaches its own limit — pair class 8 nuts with 8.8 bolts, class 10 with 10.9.

Need help matching Hex Nut to your application? Send the assembly, the load and the environment with your enquiry and we will specify the size, material and finish against them.

Video: M3 Hex Nut Dimensions



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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.



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.



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.



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.



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 spanner size fits M3 Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 (Series 061)?

The width across flats for M3 Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 (Series 061) is 5.5 mm, so a 5.5 mm spanner or 6-point socket fits.

What is the coarse-thread pitch of M3 for Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 (Series 061)?

For M3 the standard coarse pitch is 0.5 mm — this is the value used for Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 (Series 061).

What clearance and tapping drill suit M3?

Use a 3.4 mm clearance hole (ISO 273 medium) for through-fixing, or a 2.5 mm tapping drill for a coarse M3 thread.

Is M3 Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 (Series 061) suitable for electronics and small mechanisms?

M3 Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 (Series 061) is in the micro range and is widely used in electronics, instrument enclosures and small precision mechanisms. Watch the over-torque margin — micro joints strip easily.

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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[View the full Hex Nut — GB/T 6170 / ISO 4032 \(Series 061\) page](https://engineeringhardware.com/fastener/cad-svg-061-hexnut/)
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