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FOREWORD

The B18 American National Standards Committee for the standardization of bolts, screws, nuts, rivets, and similar fasteners was organized in March 1922, as Sectional Committee B18 under the aegis of the American Engineering Standards Committee (later the American Standards Association, then the United States of America Standards Institute, and as of October 6, 1969, the American National Standards Institute, Inc.), with the Society of Automotive Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers as joint sponsors. B18 Subcommittee 2 was subsequently established and charged with the responsibility for technical content of standards covering wrench head bolts and nuts.

At its meeting on December 4, 1974, the B18 Committee authorized preparation of a series of standards for metric fasteners. Subcommittee 2 was assigned responsibility for developing standards for metric hex bolts, screws, and nuts.

At a meeting on September 22, 1976, Subcommittee 2 organized the content of a standard covering six different styles of hex nuts. Actual drafting was postponed until ISO/TC2 could reach final decisions relating to basic dimensions and characteristics of hex bolts, screws, and nuts. At ISO/TC2 meetings held in April 1977, final actions were taken. The B18 Committee affirmed the TC2 decisions at a meeting on June 29, 1977, and drafting of this Standard was started.

In February 1978, the B18 Committee established a cooperative program with the Department of Defense to draft American National Standards for metric fasteners in such a way that they could be used directly by the Government for procurement purposes. The Department of Defense requested that each of the six nut products be covered in separate standards, and Subcommittee 2 accepted this approach at its meeting on June 27, 1978.

This Standard was approved by letter ballot of the B18 Committee on July 2, 1979, and was subsequently approved by the secretariats and submitted to the American National Standards Institute for designation as an American National Standard. This was granted on December 6, 1979.

In March 2007, B18 Subcommittee 2 decided to start a major revision of the Standard. The scope was revised to include the range of nuts from M12 through M100, dimensional differences were coordinated to the extent possible with ISO 4775, the referenced standards were specifically identified, the terminology was referenced specifically to ASME B18.12, symbols specifying geometric characteristics were made in accordance with ASME Y14.5, stainless steel and nonferrous nuts were conformed to the requirements of ASTM F 836M, stainless steel and nonferrous nuts were marked to identify the property class and manufacturer in accordance with requirements specified in ASTM F 836M or ASTM F 467M, acceptability of nuts was determined in accordance with ASME B18.18.7, a reference was made for the recommended B18 (PIN) for metric heavy hex nuts and was included in ASME B18.24, a workmanship reference to ASTM F 812/F 812M was added, Table 1 was enhanced to include symbols specifying geometric characteristics per ASME Y14.5, a table in Nonmandatory Appendix A was added to assist in determining the dimensional differences between ASME B18.2.4.6M and ISO 4775, and Appendix 1 and Table 2 were removed.

This Standard was approved by the American National Standards Institute on February 22, 2010.



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METRIC HEAVY HEX NUTS

1 SCOPE

(a) This Standard covers the complete general and dimensional data for metric heavy hex nuts M12 through M100 recognized as American National Standard.

(b) The inclusion of dimensional data in this Standard is not intended to imply that all of the nut sizes in conjunction with various options described herein are stock items. Purchasers should consult with suppliers concerning lists of stock production heavy hex nuts.

2 COMPARISON WITH ISO STANDARDS

Heavy hex nuts in normal thread diameters M12 through M36 as covered in this Standard have been coordinated to the extent possible with ISO 4775 (see Appendix A for dimensional differences).

3 REFERENCED STANDARDS

The following is a list of publications referenced in this Standard.

- ASME B1.13M, Metric Screw Threads: M Profile
 ASME B18.12, Glossary of Terms for Mechanical Fasteners
 ASME B18.18.2, Inspection and Quality Assurance for High-Volume Machine Assembly Fasteners
 ASME B18.24, Part Identifying Number (PIN) Code System Standard for B18 Fastener Products
 ASME Y14.5-2009, Dimensioning and Tolerancing
 Publisher: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Three Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5990; Order Department: 22 Law Drive, Box 2300, Fairfield, NJ 07007-2300 (www.asme.org)
- ASTM A 563M, Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts [Metric]
 ASTM F 467M, Nonferrous Nuts for General Use [Metric]
 ASTM F 812/1 812 M, Surface Discontinuities of Nuts, Inch and Metric Fasteners
 ASTM F 837M, Standard Specification for Style 1 Stainless Steel Metric Nuts
 ASTM F 947M, Electrodeposited Coatings on Threaded Fasteners [Metric]
 Publisher: The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM International), 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428 (www.astm.org)
- ISO 4775, Hexagon Nuts for High-Strength Structural Bolting with Large Width-Across-Flats Product Grade B — Property Classes 8 and 10

Publisher: International Organization for Standardization (ISO), 1, ch. de la Voie-Creuse, Case Postale 56, CH-1211, Genève 20, Switzerland/Suisse (www.iso.org)

4 TERMINOLOGY

For definitions of terms relating to fasteners or component features thereof used in this Standard, refer to ASME B18.12.

5 DIMENSIONS

(a) Unless otherwise stated, all dimensions in this Standard are in millimeters and apply before any coating. When plating or coating is specified, the finished product dimensions shall be as agreed upon between supplier and purchaser.

(b) Symbols specifying geometric characteristics are in accord with ASME Y14.5.

6 WIDTH ACROSS FLATS

(a) The width across flats shall be the distance, measured perpendicular to the axis of the nut, between two opposite wrenching flats.

(b) The minimum width across flats does not apply for 25% of the minimum nut thickness as measured from either face.

(c) On nonferrous products where milled-from-bar material is used, the dimensions across flats may be modified to conform to the dimensions of the bar material when agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier.

7 THICKNESS

The nut thickness shall be the overall distance, measured parallel to the axis of the nut, from the top of the nut to the bearing surface, and include the thickness of the washer face where provided, but exclude raised identification markings, where they are permitted.

8 TOPS AND BEARING SURFACES

(a) Nuts shall be either double chamfered or have a washer faced bearing surface and a chamfered top.

(b) The diameter of the bearing surface shall not exceed the width across flats nor be less than the bearing face diameter specified in Table 1. The measurement of

