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FOREWORD

Development of this Standard began in 2004 and was completed in 2009 by B18 Subcommittee 6. This Standard was originally published by the Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI) as IFI-156 in 2002. IFI agreed to participate in the conversion of this Standard from an IFI standard to an ASME standard. Since the completion of this ASME Standard, IFI-156 has been withdrawn from circulation. ASME B18.6.8 is the only standard covering the inch series for thumb and wing screws.

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Edition: Cite the applicable edition of the Standard for which the interpretation is being requested.
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THUMB SCREWS AND WING SCREWS (INCH SERIES)

1 INTRODUCTORY NOTES

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 This Standard covers the general and dimensional data for the various types of thumb screws and wing screws recognized as standard.

1.1.2 The inclusion of dimensional data in this Standard is not intended to imply that all of the products described are stock production sizes. Purchasers must consult with suppliers concerning stock sizes.

1.2 Comparison With ISO Standards

There are no ISO standards at this time for these products.

1.3 Dimensions

All dimensions are in inches unless otherwise stated in this Standard. When nominal sizes are designated in decimals, zeros in the fourth place shall be omitted.

1.4 Terminology

For definition of terms other than those defined below relating to fasteners or components thereof used in this Standard, refer to ASME B18.12.

thumb screw: a screw with a flattened head designed for manual turning without a driver or wrench. The thumb screws covered by this Standard are classified by types on the basis of design characteristics. They consist of the following:

Type A thumb screws: forged one-piece screws with a shoulder under head that are available in two series: regular and heavy. Dimensions are given in Tables 1 and 2, respectively.

Type B thumb screws: forged one-piece screws without shoulder that are available in two series: regular and heavy. Dimensions are given in Tables 3 and 4, respectively.

wing screw: a screw with a wing-shaped head designed for manual turning without a driver or wrench. The wing screws covered by this Standard are classified first by type, on the basis of the method of manufacture, and secondly by style, on the basis of design characteristics. They consist of the following:

Type A wing screws: screws of two-piece construction with cold-formed or cold-forged wing portions of moderate height. In some sizes they are produced in regular, light, and heavy series to best suit the requirements of specific applications. Dimensions are given in Table 5.

Type B wing screws: screws of hot-forged one-piece construction available in two wing styles: Style 1, with wings of moderate height; and Style 2, with high wings. Dimensions are given in Tables 6 and 7, respectively.

Type C wing screws: screws available in two styles: Style 1, a one-piece die-cast construction with wings of moderate height; and Style 2, a two-piece construction with a die-cast wing portion of moderate height. Dimensions are given in Tables 8 and 9, respectively.

Type D wing screws: screws of two-piece welded construction with stamped sheet metal wing portions of moderate height. Dimensions are given in Table 10.

1.5 Reference Standards

Unless otherwise specified, the referenced standards shall be the most recent issue.

ASME B1.1, Unified Inch Screw Threads (UN and UNR Thread Form)

ASME B1.3, Screw Thread Gaging Systems for Acceptability — Inch and Metric Screw Threads (UN, UNR, UNJ, M, and MJ)

ASME B18.2.9, Straightness Gage and Gaging for Bolts and Screws

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

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ASTM DS-56I, Metals & Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)

ASTM F 788/788M, Standard Specification for Surface Discontinuities of Bolts, Screws, and Studs, Inch and Metric Series

ASTM F 1941, Standard Specification for Electrodeposited Coatings on Threaded Fasteners [Unified Inch Screw Threads (UN/UNR)]

Publisher: American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM International), 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (www.astm.org)

1.6 Related Standards

ASME B18.6.9, Wing Nuts (Inch Series)

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2 GENERAL DATA

2.1 Heads and Wings

The details of head and wing contour shall be optional when the manufacturer provides and maintains dimensions in the applicable table. The design of two-piece wing screws shall be such that the wing portions shall be retained on and not rotate about the shank portions where screws are tightened and loosened with finger pressure.

2.2 Bearing Surface

The bearing surface of the shoulder on all wing screws and on Type A thumb screws shall be at right angles to the axis of the screw shank within a tolerance of 4 deg. The surface shall be free from burrs, fins, and protruding surface irregularities.

2.3 Length

2.3.1 Measurement. The length, L , of thumb or wing screws shall be measured parallel to the axis of the screw from the intersection of the head or shoulder with the shank to the extreme end of the screw.

2.3.2 Standard Lengths. The standard length within the practical screw length ranges specified in the respective dimensional tables for the various types and sizes of thumb and wing screws shall be as tabulated in Table 11.

2.3.3 Tolerance on Length. The tolerance on length of screw shall be as tabulated in Table 11.

2.4 Threads

Threads for all types of thumb screws and wing screws shall be in conformance with ASME B1.1, Class 2A, before plating or coating. The applicable thread size limits after plating or coating shall be Class 3A maximum and Class 2A minimum. Thread acceptability shall be determined using ASME B1.3, System 21.

2.5 Length of Thread

Screws shall have thread lengths conforming to Table 11.

2.6 Points

Thumb and wing screws shall be supplied with plain sheared ends. When specified, screws may be obtained with cone, cup, dog, flat, or oval points conforming to dimensions shown in Table 14.

2.7 Straightness

Wing and thumb screws shall be straight within the limits of 0.006 in./in. using the gage and procedure in ASME B18.2.9.

2.8 Material

2.8.1 Thumb Screws

2.8.1.1 Thumb screws of all types shall be made from low carbon steel per UNS designation G10060 or higher, having 48,000 psi min. ultimate tensile strength.

2.8.1.2 When specified, case-hardened thumb screws shall be supplied when using UNS designated low carbon steel G10180 or higher as defined in ASTM DS-56I.

2.8.1.3 Thumb screws may also be made from corrosion-resistant steel, brass, aluminum, or other materials as agreed upon by the supplier and purchaser.

2.8.2 Wing Screw

2.8.2.1 Type A. Type A wing screws shall be supplied in carbon steel with the shank portion case hardened. When specified, they may also be made from corrosion-resistant steel, brass, aluminum, or other materials as agreed upon by the supplier and purchaser.

2.8.2.2 Type B. Both portions of Type B wing screws shall be made from carbon steel per UNS designation G10060 or higher. When specified, they may also be made from corrosion-resistant steel, brass, aluminum, or other materials as agreed upon by the supplier and purchaser.

2.8.2.3 Type C. Type C, Style 1 wing screws shall be supplied only in die-cast zinc alloy such as UNS designation Z33520.

Type C, Style 2 wing screws shall have wing portion made from die-cast zinc alloy such as UNS designation Z33520 with shank portion made from low carbon steel per UNS designation G10060 or higher. When specified, the shank portion may be made from corrosion-resistant steel, brass, aluminum, or other materials as agreed upon by the supplier and purchaser.

2.8.2.4 Type D. Both portions of Type D wing screws shall be supplied in carbon steel per UNS designation G10060 or higher. When specified, they may also be made from corrosion-resistant steel, brass, aluminum, or other materials as agreed upon by the supplier and purchaser. See Table 15.

2.9 Finish

Unless otherwise specified, thumb screws and wing screws shall be supplied with a plain (unplated or uncoated) finish. When an electrodeposited finish is required, appropriate finish code in ASTM F 1941 shall be referenced.