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M8 × 1 to M52 × 3 hexagon head bolts  
with fine pitch thread  
Product grades A and B

**DIN**  
**961**

Sechskantschrauben mit Gewinde bis Kopf; Feingewinde M8 × 1 bis M52 × 3;  
Produktklassen A und B

Supersedes  
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*In keeping with current practice in standards published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), a comma has been used throughout as the decimal marker.*

This standard should be used together with ISO 8676. For details, see Explanatory notes. It is intended to withdraw the present standard by 1 July 1992 at the latest.

Dimensions in mm

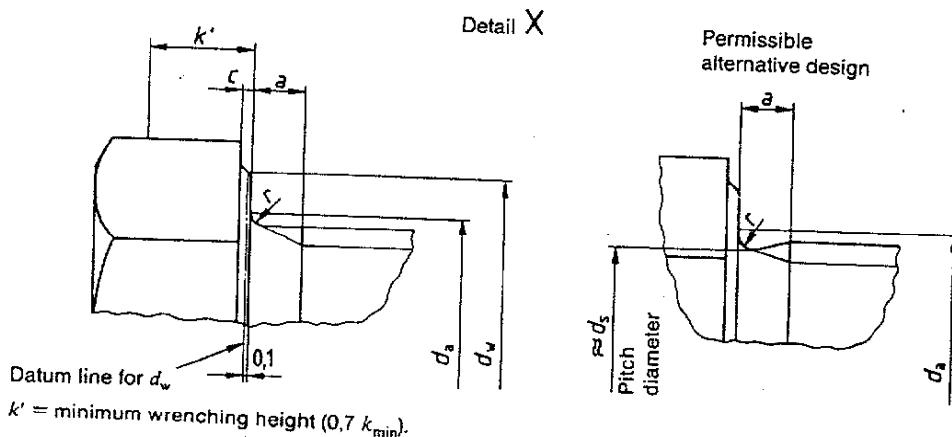
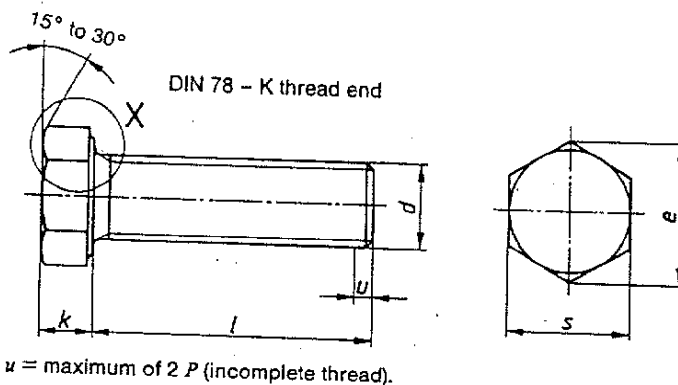
**1 Field of application**

This standard specifies requirements for M8 to M52 hexagon head bolts threaded up to the head, with metric fine pitch thread, assigned to product grade A for sizes up to M24 and lengths not exceeding 10  $d$  or 150 mm, whichever is shorter, and product grade B for sizes larger than M24 or lengths exceeding 10  $d$  or 150 mm, whichever is shorter. The bolts are identical in design with those specified in DIN 933, except that they have a fine pitch thread.

For special bolt types or designs, see DIN 962.

If, in special cases, bolts are to comply with specifications other than those given in this standard, e.g. regarding materials or property classes, these shall be selected in accordance with the appropriate standards.

**2 Dimensions**



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Table.

| Thread size ( <i>d</i> ) |                    | M8 × 1 | M10 × 1    | M12 × 1,5  | (M14 × 1,5)  | M16 × 1,5 | (M18 × 2)   | M20 × 1,5 | (M22 × 2)   | M24 × 2   |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------|------------|--|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------|-----|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
|                          |                    | —      | M10 × 1,25 | M12 × 1,25 | —  | —         | (M18 × 1,5) | M20 × 2   | (M22 × 1,5) | M24 × 1,5 |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| a <sup>1)</sup>          | max.               | 3      | 3,75       | 4,5        | 4,5  | 4,5       | 6           | 6         | 6           | 6         |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| c                        | min.               | 0,15   | 0,15       | 0,15       | 0,15   | 0,2       | 0,2         | 0,2       | 0,2         | 0,2       |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | max.               | 0,6    | 0,6        | 0,6        | 0,6  | 0,8       | 0,8         | 0,8       | 0,8         | 0,8       |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| d <sub>a</sub>           | max.               | 9,2    | 11,2       | 13,7       | 15,7   | 17,7      | 20,2        | 22,4      | 24,4        | 26,4      |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| d <sub>w</sub>           | min. Product grade | A      | 11,6       | 15,6       | 17,4   | 20,5      | 22,5        | 25,3      | 28,2        | 30        | 33,6  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          |                    | B      | 11,4       | 15,4       | 17,2   | 20,1      | 22          | 24,8      | 27,7        | 29,5      | 33,2  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| e                        | min. Product grade | A      | 14,38      | 18,9       | 21,1   | 24,49     | 26,75       | 30,14     | 33,53       | 35,72     | 39,98 |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          |                    | B      | 14,2       | 18,72      | 20,88  | 23,91     | 26,17       | 29,56     | 32,95       | 35,03     | 39,55 |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| k                        | Nominal size       |        | 5,3        | 6,4        | 7,5  | 8,8       | 10          | 11,5      | 12,5        | 14        | 15    |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | A                  | min.   | 5,15       | 6,22       | 7,32   | 8,62      | 9,82        | 11,28     | 12,28       | 13,78     | 14,78 |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          |                    | max.   | 5,45       | 6,58       | 7,68   | 8,98      | 10,18       | 11,72     | 12,72       | 14,22     | 15,22 |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | B                  | min.   | 5,06       | 6,11       | 7,21   | 8,51      | 9,71        | 11,15     | 12,15       | 13,65     | 14,65 |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| max.                     |                    | 5,54   | 6,69       | 7,79       | 9,09   | 10,29     | 11,85       | 12,85     | 14,35       | 15,35     |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| k'                       | min.               | 3,54   | 4,28       | 5,05       | 5,96   | 6,8       | 7,8         | 8,5       | 9,6         | 10,3      |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| r                        | min.               | 0,4    | 0,4        | 0,6        | 0,6  | 0,6       | 0,6         | 0,8       | 0,8         | 0,8       |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| max. = nominal size      |                    | 13     | 17         | 19         | 22   | 24        | 27          | 30        | 32          | 36        |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| s                        | min. Product grade | A      | 12,73      | 16,73      | 18,67  | 21,67     | 23,67       | 26,67     | 29,67       | 31,61     | 35,38 |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          |                    | B      | 12,57      | 16,57      | 18,48  | 21,16     | 23,16       | 26,16     | 29,16       | 31        | 35    |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal size             | Product grade      |        |            |            | Mass (7,85 kg/dm <sup>3</sup> ) per 1000 units, in kg, approximately |           |             |           |             |           |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | A                  |        | B          |            |  |           |             |           |             |           |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | min.               | max.   | min.       | max.       |  |           |             |           |             |           |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8                        | 7,71               | 8,29   | —          | —          | 8,6  | 16,7      |             |           |             |           |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10                       | 9,71               | 10,29  | —          | —          | 9,3  | 17,8      | 25,5        | 38,8      |             |           |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12                       | 11,65              | 12,35  | —          | —          | 9,9  | 18,9      | 27,0        | 40,9      | 55,1        |           |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| (14)                     | 13,65              | 14,35  | —          | —          | 10,6   | 19,9      | 28,5        | 43,0      | 57,9        |           |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16                       | 15,65              | 16,35  | —          | —          | 11,3   | 21,0      | 30,0        | 45,1      | 60,7        |           |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| (18)                     | 17,65              | 18,35  | —          | —          | 11,9   | 22,1      | 31,5        | 47,2      | 63,4        | 86,6      | 115   | 143 |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20                       | 19,58              | 20,42  | —          | —          | 12,6   | 23,2      | 33,0        | 49,3      | 66,2        | 90,0      | 119   | 148 | 193 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (22)                     | 21,58              | 22,42  | —          | —          | 13,2   | 24,2      | 34,5        | 51,3      | 69,0        | 93,4      | 124   | 154 | 199 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25                       | 24,58              | 25,42  | —          | —          | 14,2   | 25,8      | 36,7        | 54,4      | 73,2        | 98,6      | 131   | 162 | 209 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (28)                     | 27,58              | 28,42  | —          | —          | 15,2   | 27,4      | 39,0        | 57,6      | 77,3        | 104       | 137   | 170 | 218 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30                       | 29,58              | 30,42  | —          | —          | 15,9   | 28,5      | 40,5        | 59,7      | 80,1        | 107       | 141   | 175 | 224 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35                       | 34,5               | 35,5   | —          | —          | 17,6   | 31,2      | 44,2        | 64,9      | 87,1        | 116       | 152   | 188 | 240 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40                       | 39,5               | 40,5   | —          | —          | 19,2   | 33,9      | 48,0        | 70,2      | 94,0        | 124       | 163   | 201 | 256 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45                       | 44,5               | 45,5   | —          | —          | 20,9   | 36,6      | 51,7        | 75,4      | 101         | 133       | 174   | 215 | 272 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50                       | 49,5               | 50,5   | —          | —          | 22,6   | 39,3      | 55,5        | 80,6      | 108         | 141       | 186   | 228 | 288 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 55                       | 54,4               | 55,6   | —          | —          | 24,2   | 42,0      | 59,2        | 85,8      | 115         | 150       | 197   | 241 | 303 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60                       | 59,4               | 60,6   | —          | —          | 25,9   | 44,7      | 63,0        | 91,1      | 122         | 159       | 208   | 254 | 319 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 65                       | 64,4               | 65,6   | —          | —          | 27,6   | 47,4      | 66,7        | 96,3      | 129         | 167       | 219   | 267 | 335 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70                       | 69,4               | 70,6   | —          | —          | 29,2   | 50,0      | 70,5        | 102       | 136         | 176       | 230   | 281 | 351 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (75)                     | 74,4               | 75,6   | —          | —          | 30,9   | 52,7      | 74,2        | 107       | 143         | 184       | 241   | 294 | 367 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80                       | 79,4               | 80,6   | —          | —          | 32,5   | 55,4      | 78,0        | 112       | 150         | 193       | 253   | 307 | 383 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (85)                     | 84,3               | 85,7   | 83,25      | 86,75      | 34,2   | 58,1      | 81,7        | 117       | 157         | 202       | 264   | 320 | 399 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90                       | 89,3               | 90,7   | 88,25      | 91,75      | 35,9   | 60,8      | 85,4        | 122       | 164         | 210       | 275   | 333 | 415 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (95)                     | 94,3               | 95,7   | 93,25      | 96,75      | 37,5   | 63,5      | 89,2        | 128       | 171         | 219       | 286   | 347 | 430 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 100                      | 99,3               | 100,7  | 98,25      | 101,75     | 39,2   | 66,2      | 92,9        | 133       | 177         | 227       | 297   | 360 | 446 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 110                      | 109,3              | 110,7  | 108,25     | 111,75     | 42,5   | 71,6      | 100         | 143       | 191         | 244       | 319   | 386 | 478 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 120                      | 119,3              | 120,7  | 118,25     | 121,75     | 45,9   | 77,0      | 108         | 154       | 205         | 261       | 342   | 413 | 510 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 130                      | 129,2              | 130,8  | 128        | 132        |  | 82,4      | 115         | 164       | 219         | 279       | 364   | 439 | 541 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 140                      | 139,2              | 140,8  | 138        | 142        |  | 87,7      | 123         | 175       | 233         | 296       | 386   | 466 | 573 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 150                      | 149,2              | 150,8  | 148        | 152        |  | 93,1      | 130         | 185       | 247         | 313       | 409   | 492 | 605 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 160                      | 159,2              | 160,8  | 158        | 162        |  |           | 138         | 196       | 260         | 330       | 431   | 518 | 637 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (170)                    | 169,2              | 170,8  | 168        | 172        |  |           | 145         | 206       | 274         | 347       | 453   | 545 | 668 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 180                      | 179,2              | 180,8  | 178        | 182        |  |           | 153         | 217       | 288         | 365       | 475   | 571 | 700 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (190)                    | 189,08             | 190,92 | 187,7      | 192,3      |  |           |             | 227       | 302         | 382       | 498   | 598 | 732 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 200                      | 199,08             | 200,92 | 197,7      | 202,3      |  |           |             | 236       | 316         | 399       | 520   | 624 | 764 |  |  |  |  |  |

As a rule, bolts are manufactured in the sizes for which values of mass (guideline values) have been given. Use of sizes given in brackets should be avoided where possible.

Product grade A has been given above, product grade B below the stepped line.

<sup>1)</sup> The values specified for *a* apply for the coarser pitch (*a* = 3 *P*).

Table (concluded).

| Thread size (d) |                     |        | (M27 x 2)  | M30 x 2 | (M33 x 2) | M36 x 3 | (M39 x 3) | M42 x 3 | (M45 x 3) | M48 x 3 | (M52 x 3) |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| a               | max.                |        | 6  | 6       | 6         | 9       | 9         | 9       | 9         | 9       | 9         |
| c               | min.                |        | 0,2  | 0,2     | 0,2       | 0,2     | 0,3       | 0,3     | 0,3       | 0,3     | 0,3       |
|                 | max.                |        | 0,8  | 0,8     | 0,8       | 0,8     | 1         | 1       | 1         | 1       | 1         |
| d <sub>n</sub>  | max.                |        | 30,4   | 33,4    | 36,4      | 39,4    | 42,4      | 45,6    | 48,6      | 52,6    | 56,6      |
| d <sub>w</sub>  | min.                |        | 38   | 42,7    | 46,6      | 51,1    | 55,9      | 59,9    | 64,7      | 69,4    | 74,2      |
| e               | min.                |        | 45,2   | 50,85   | 55,37     | 60,79   | 66,44     | 71,3    | 76,95     | 82,6    | 88,25     |
| k               | Nominal size        |        | 17   | 18,7    | 21        | 22,5    | 25        | 26      | 28        | 30      | 33        |
|                 | min.                |        | 16,65  | 18,28   | 20,58     | 22,08   | 24,58     | 25,58   | 27,58     | 29,58   | 32,5      |
|                 | max.                |        | 17,35  | 19,12   | 21,42     | 22,92   | 25,42     | 26,42   | 28,42     | 30,42   | 33,5      |
| k'              | min.                |        | 11,7   | 12,8    | 14,4      | 15,5    | 17,2      | 17,9    | 19,3      | 20,9    | 22,8      |
| r               | min.                |        | 1  | 1       | 1         | 1       | 1         | 1,2     | 1,2       | 1,6     | 1,6       |
| s               | max. = nominal size |        | 41   | 46      | 50        | 55      | 60        | 65      | 70        | 75      | 80        |
|                 | min.                |        | 40   | 45      | 49        | 53,8    | 58,8      | 63,1    | 68,1      | 73,1    | 78,1      |
| l               |                     |        | Mass (7,85 kg/dm <sup>3</sup> ) per 1000 units, in kg, approximately |         |           |         |           |         |           |         |           |
| Nominal size    | min.                | max.   |  |         |           |         |           |         |           |         |           |
| 20              | 18,95               | 21,05  | 273  |         |           |         |           |         |           |         |           |
| (22)            | 20,95               | 23,05  | 281  |         |           |         |           |         |           |         |           |
| 25              | 23,95               | 26,05  | 293  |         |           |         |           |         |           |         |           |
| (28)            | 26,95               | 29,05  | 305  |         |           |         |           |         |           |         |           |
| 30              | 28,95               | 31,05  | 313  | 417     |           |         |           |         |           |         |           |
| 35              | 33,75               | 36,25  | 333  | 442     | 569       | 705     | 898       |         |           |         |           |
| 40              | 38,75               | 41,25  | 354  | 468     | 600       | 741     | 940       | 1131    | 1377      |         |           |
| 45              | 43,75               | 46,25  | 374  | 493     | 631       | 776     | 983       | 1180    | 1434      | 1721    |           |
| 50              | 48,75               | 51,25  | 394  | 519     | 662       | 812     | 1025      | 1230    | 1491      | 1786    | 2190      |
| 55              | 53,5                | 56,5   | 415  | 544     | 693       | 848     | 1067      | 1279    | 1548      | 1852    | 2267      |
| 60              | 58,5                | 61,5   | 435  | 569     | 724       | 884     | 1109      | 1329    | 1605      | 1917    | 2344      |
| 65              | 63,5                | 66,5   | 455  | 595     | 755       | 919     | 1158      | 1378    | 1663      | 1982    | 2422      |
| 70              | 68,5                | 71,5   | 476  | 620     | 786       | 955     | 1194      | 1428    | 1720      | 2048    | 2499      |
| (75)            | 73,5                | 76,5   | 496  | 645     | 817       | 991     | 1236      | 1477    | 1777      | 2113    | 2576      |
| 80              | 78,5                | 81,5   | 517  | 671     | 848       | 1027    | 1279      | 1526    | 1834      | 2178    | 2653      |
| (85)            | 83,25               | 86,75  | 537  | 696     | 879       | 1062    | 1321      | 1576    | 1891      | 2244    | 2730      |
| 90              | 88,25               | 91,75  | 557  | 722     | 910       | 1098    | 1363      | 1625    | 1948      | 2309    | 2807      |
| (95)            | 93,25               | 96,75  | 578  | 747     | 941       | 1134    | 1406      | 1675    | 2005      | 2374    | 2885      |
| 100             | 98,25               | 101,75 | 598  | 772     | 972       | 1169    | 1448      | 1724    | 2062      | 2440    | 2962      |
| 110             | 108,25              | 111,75 | 639  | 823     | 1034      | 1240    | 1533      | 1823    | 2176      | 2571    | 3116      |
| 120             | 118,25              | 121,75 | 679  | 874     | 1096      | 1312    | 1617      | 1922    | 2290      | 2701    | 3271      |
| 130             | 128                 | 132    | 720  | 924     | 1158      | 1383    | 1702      | 2021    | 2405      | 2832    | 3425      |
| 140             | 138                 | 142    | 761  | 975     | 1220      | 1455    | 1786      | 2119    | 2519      | 2963    | 3579      |
| 150             | 148                 | 152    | 802  | 1026    | 1282      | 1526    | 1871      | 2218    | 2633      | 3093    | 3734      |
| 160             | 158                 | 162    | 842  | 1077    | 1344      | 1598    | 1956      | 2317    | 2747      | 3224    | 3888      |
| (170)           | 168                 | 172    | 883  | 1127    | 1405      | 1669    | 2040      | 2416    | 2861      | 3355    | 4043      |
| 180             | 178                 | 182    | 924  | 1178    | 1467      | 1741    | 2125      | 2515    | 2976      | 3485    | 4197      |
| (190)           | 187,7               | 192,3  | 964  | 1229    | 1529      | 1812    | 2209      | 2614    | 3090      | 3616    | 4351      |
| 200             | 197,7               | 202,3  | 1005   | 1280    | 1591      | 1883    | 2294      | 2712    | 3204      | 3747    | 4506      |

Lengths exceeding 200 mm shall be graded in 20 mm steps.

**3 Technical delivery conditions**

| Material   |                           | Steel   | Stainless steel  | Non-ferrous metal     |
|--|---------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| General requirements   |                           | As specified in DIN 267 Part 1.   |  |                       |
| Thread   | Tolerance                 | 6 g <sup>3)</sup>   |  |                       |
|  | Standard                  | DIN 13 Parts 12 and 15  |  |                       |
| Mechanical properties  | Property class (material) | For sizes up to M39: 5.6, 8.8 or 10.9.<br>For larger sizes: subject to agreement. <sup>2)</sup>   | For sizes up to M20: A2-70 or A4-70. For sizes larger than M20 up to M39: A2-50 or A4-50. For sizes larger than M39: subject to agreement. <sup>2)</sup> | Subject to agreement. |
|  | Standard                  | ISO 898 Part 1  | DIN 267 Part 11  | DIN 267 Part 18       |
| Limit deviations, geometrical tolerances   | Product grade             | A, up to size M24 and <i>l</i> up to 10 <i>d</i> or 150 mm. <sup>1)</sup><br>B, for sizes above M24 or <i>l</i> exceeding 10 <i>d</i> or 150 mm. <sup>1)</sup>  |  |                       |
|  | Standard                  | ISO 4759 Part 1   |  |                       |
| Surface finish   |                           | As processed.   | Bright.  | Bright.               |
|  |                           | Property class 8.8 and above:<br>(thermally or chemically) blackened.<br>DIN 267 Part 2 shall apply with regard to surface roughness.<br>DIN 267 Part 19 shall apply with regard to permissible surface discontinuities.<br>DIN 267 Part 9 shall apply with regard to electroplating. |  |                       |
| Acceptance inspection  |                           | DIN 267 Part 5 shall apply with regard to acceptance inspection.  |  |                       |
| <p>1) Whichever is shorter (see stepped line in the dimension table).</p> <p>2) The symbols used to denote the property class as specified in ISO 898 Part 1 and DIN 267 Part 11 may also be used for sizes above M39 provided that the finished product has all the properties assigned to the particular symbol.</p> <p>3) Only for screws without surface protection. 6g makes it possible for normal coating thicknesses to be applied in accordance with DIN 267 Part 9, the reference line not being exceeded. Depending on the coating thickness required, a larger fundamental deviation shall be selected than that for the g position. This might, however, impair the resistance to stripping of the bolt/nut assembly.</p> |                           |   |  |                       |

**4 Designation**

Designation of an M8 × 1 hexagon head bolt of nominal length, *l* = 50 mm, with the material assigned to property class 8.8:

Hexagon head bolt DIN 961 – M8 × 1 × 50 – 8.8

If product grade A is required for sizes up to M24 with lengths over 150 mm or with *l* greater than 10 *d*, or for sizes above M24, this shall be indicated in the designation by adding 'A', e.g.

Hexagon head bolt DIN 961 – M30 × 2 × 100 – 8.8 – A

DIN 962 shall apply with regard to the designation of designs and types, with additional details to be given when ordering. The DIN 4000-2-1 tabular layout of article characteristics shall apply to bolts covered in this standard.

**Standards referred to**

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| DIN 13 Part 12  | ISO metric screw threads; coarse and fine pitch threads with diameters from 1 to 300 mm; selected for diameters and pitches              |
| DIN 13 Part 15  | ISO metric screw threads; fundamental deviations and tolerances for screw threads of 1 mm diameter and larger                            |
| DIN 78          | Thread ends for ISO metric screw threads in accordance with DIN 13   |
| DIN 267 Part 1  | Fasteners; technical delivery conditions; general requirements   |
| DIN 267 Part 2  | Fasteners; technical delivery conditions; finish and dimensional accuracy  |
| DIN 267 Part 5  | Fasteners; technical delivery conditions; acceptance inspection (modified version of ISO 3269, 1984 edition)                             |
| DIN 267 Part 9  | Fasteners; technical delivery conditions; electroplated components   |
| DIN 267 Part 11 | Fasteners; technical delivery conditions, with addenda to ISO 3506; corrosion-resistant stainless steel components                       |
| DIN 267 Part 18 | Fasteners; technical delivery conditions; non-ferrous metal components   |
| DIN 267 Part 19 | Fasteners; technical delivery conditions; surface discontinuities on bolts   |
| DIN 933         | M1,6 to M52 hexagon head bolts threaded up to the head; product grades A and B   |
| DIN 962         | Bolts, screws, studs and nuts; designations, types and finishes  |
| DIN 4000 Part 2 | Tabular layout of article characteristics for bolts, screws and nuts   |
| ISO 898 Part 1  | Mechanical properties of fasteners; bolts, screws and studs  |
| ISO 4759 Part 1 | Tolerances for fasteners; bolts, screws, and nuts with thread diameters between 1,6 (inclusive) and 150 mm and product grades A, B and C |

**Previous editions**

DIN 961: 12.52, 03.63, 11.67, 11.70, 12.83.

**Amendments**

The following amendments have been made to the December 1983 edition.

- A note on the period of validity of this standard has been included.
- For sizes M10, M12, M14 and M22, the ISO 272 widths across flats are no longer specified.
- A datum line for determination of the bearing face diameter,  $d_w$ , has been included.
- The standard has been editorially revised.

### Explanatory notes

For more than 20 years efforts have been directed towards the achievement of the international interchangeability of fasteners by preparing international standards for the product concerned. ISO Standards have now been published for the most important types of fasteners (see ISO Standards Handbook 18).

However, international efforts only serve a useful purpose if national standards are adapted as far as possible to international standards, or, ideally, replaced by them. Current DIN Standards already agree in substance with the relevant ISO Standards, but still differ in some respects, as for instance in the widths across flats for hexagon products.

The Federal Republic of Germany adopted International Standard ISO 272 on widths across flats as national standard DIN ISO 272 in October 1979. Nevertheless, widths across flats deviating from DIN ISO 272 are still being used in Germany for thread sizes M10, M12, M14 and M22. The table below compares the previous widths across flats with the new ones specified for the four thread sizes referred to.

| Thread size                                 | M 10 | M 12 | M 14 | M 22 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| Previous width across flats, in mm          | 17   | 19   | 22   | 32   |
| New width across flats as in ISO 272, in mm | 16   | 18   | 21   | 34   |

The manufacturers and users of hexagon products participating in the work of the *Normenausschuß Mechanische Verbindungselemente* (Fasteners Standards Committee), together with representatives of the dealers in fasteners, have decided to introduce the new widths across flats in all relevant product standards. Since experience has shown that

the introduction of the new widths across flats has not been advanced by their inclusion in DIN Standards merely as preferred alternatives to the previous widths across flats, the following decisions have been reached to accelerate the changeover procedure.

Supplementary to current DIN Standards specifying the previous widths across flats, DIN ISO Standards dealing with the same products will, wherever ISO Standards are available, be published which, besides introducing a number of other minor amendments, will specify the new widths across flats conforming to ISO 272. In both DIN and DIN ISO Standards attention will be drawn to the fact that the relevant ISO Standards are to be preferred and that the DIN Standard is to be replaced after a transition period of 3 to 4 years. If no relevant ISO Standard is available, the DIN Standard will contain a foreword stating that the previous width across flats specifications are to be withdrawn after a transition period and replaced by those specified in ISO 272.

This sets a time limit for both manufacturer and user of hexagon products by which the changeover to the new widths across flats must be effected. The responsible committee is of the opinion that it will still be possible after this period to obtain fasteners complying with the superseded specifications as spare parts.

When using products having the new widths across flats, attention shall be paid to the fact that not only the overall dimensions have changed but also the surface pressure for the underhead bearing area (cf. ISO 272).

In some cases, the replacement of previous DIN Standards by relevant ISO Standards may involve that some nominal sizes or particular technical delivery conditions are no longer specified, the reason being that either ISO standardization has not yet reached a certain level of completeness or no standardization has as yet been intended by ISO.

Finally, it should be noted that the date for withdrawal given on page 1 may be irrelevant as this standard will be superseded upon the publication of an EN Standard.

### International Patent Classification

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