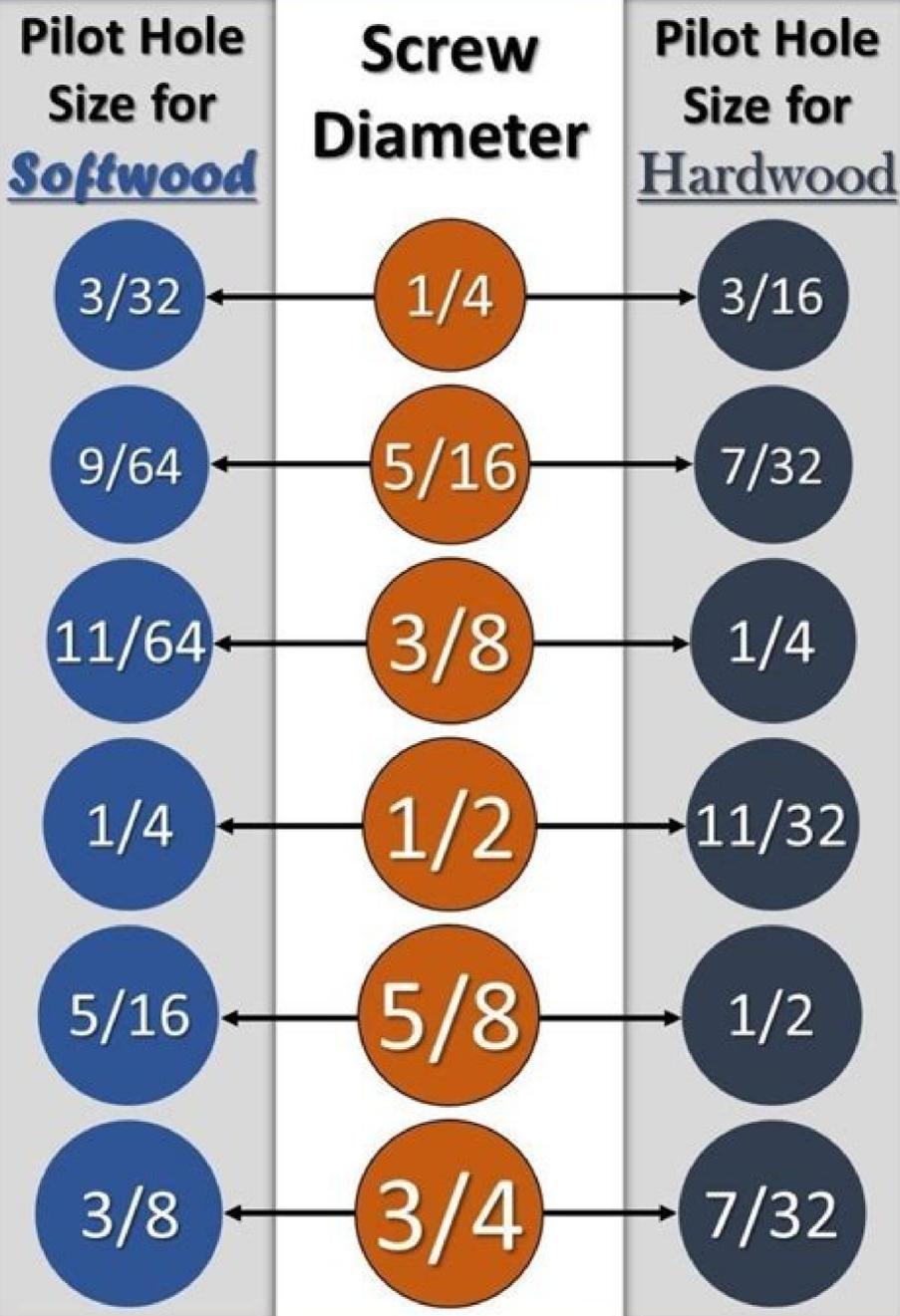


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Lag Screw Pilot Hole Sizes



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Nominal Diameter	Shank Portion (Unthreaded)	Pilot Hole Diameter (Threaded Portion)
3/8"	3/8"	15/64"
7/16"	7/16"	9/32"
1/2"	1/2"	5/16"
9/16"	9/16"	23/64"
5/8"	5/8"	13/32"
3/4"	3/4"	1/2"
7/8"	7/8"	39/64"
1"	1"	23/32"
1-1/8"	1-1/8"	53/64"
1-1/4"	1-1/4"	15/16"

Wood Screw Gauge	Shank Hole	Pilot Softwood	Pilot Hardwood
0	1/16	1/64	1/32
1	5/64	1/32	1/32
2	3/32	1/32	3/64
3	7/64	3/64	1/16
4	7/64	3/64	1/16
5	1/8	1/16	5/64
6	9/64	1/16	5/64
7	5/32	1/16	3/32
8	11/64	5/64	3/32
9	3/16	5/64	7/64
10	3/16	3/32	7/64
11	13/64	3/32	1/8
12	7/32	7/64	1/8
14	1/4	7/64	9/64
16	17/64	9/64	5/32
18	19/64	9/64	3/16
20	21/64	11/64	13/64

Metric Tap & Clearance Drill Sizes		Tap Drill			
		75% Thread for Aluminum, Brass, & Plastics		50% Thread for Steel, Stainless, & Iron	
Screw Size (mm)	Thread Pitch (mm)	Drill Size (mm)	Closest American Drill	Drill Size (mm)	Closest American Drill
M1.5	0.35	1.15	56	1.25	55
M1.6	0.35	1.25	55	1.35	54
M 1.8	0.35	1.45	53	1.55	1/16
M 2	0.45	1.55	1/16	1.70	51
	0.40	1.60	52	1.75	50
M 2.2	0.45	1.75	50	1.90	48
M 2.5	0.45	2.05	46	2.20	44
M 3	0.60	2.40	41	2.60	37
	0.50	2.50	39	2.70	36
M 3.5	0.60	2.90	32	3.10	31
M 4	0.75	3.25	30	3.50	28
	0.70	3.30	30	3.50	28
M 4.5	0.75	3.75	25	4.00	22
M 5	1.00	4.00	21	4.40	11/64
	0.90	4.10	20	4.40	17
	0.80	4.20	19	4.50	16
M 5.5	0.90	4.60	14	4.90	10
M 6	1.00	5.00	8	5.40	4
	0.75	5.25	4	5.50	7/32
M 7	1.00	6.00	B	6.40	E
	0.75	6.25	D	6.50	F
M 8	1.25	6.80	H	7.20	J
	1.00	7.00	J	7.40	L

Screw Size	Hard Wood		Soft Wood		Countersink Size
	Tapered Bit	Straight Bit	Tapered Bit	Straight Bit	
2	3/32	1/16	5/64	1/16	1/4
3	7/64	5/64	3/32	1/16	1/4
4	7/64	5/64	3/32	1/16	1/4
5	1/8	3/32	7/64	5/64	5/16
6	9/64	7/64	1/8	3/32	5/16
7	5/32	7/64	9/64	3/32	5/16
8	11/64	1/8	5/32	7/64	3/8
9	3/16	9/64	11/64	1/8	3/8
10	13/64	9/64	3/16	1/8	7/16
12	7/32	5/32	13/64	9/64	7/16
14	1/4	11/64	15/64	5/32	1/2
16	9/32	3/16	17/64	11/64	9/16
18	5/16	7/32	19/64	13/64	5/8
20	21/64	15/64	5/16	7/32	3/4
24	3/8	17/64	3/8	1/4	3/4

Pilot hole screw size chart. Pilot hole size chart. Pilot hole screw chart. Pilot hole size guide.

Which one of the options? I have explained this screw data in an easy-to-understand table because I find recommendations from manufacturers are often vague and general, I mean, why not be specific? I understand that there is a 'range' but why doesn't it give us the 'ideal' measurement, because we mostly have an option? The following table shows you: Its metric equivalents to the imperial caliber. What sized pilot hole to drill in wooden substrates for the best screw grip. What a hole in the cleaning size to pierce through the wood that is fixed. Which plastic wall plug size to use with each screw or caliber size. Righty-ho, let's get in... (you can download a free PDF of this table at the bottom)32.5mm1.0mm3.0mmA hole (5mm hole)43.0mm1.5mm3.5mmA hole (5mm hole)63.5mm2.0mm4.0mmA hole (6mm hole)84.0mm2.5mm4.5mmA hole (6mm hole) or brown (7mm)105.0 I have some emails about this.... -> If you are not sure what all these holes do, here is a brief explanation... How tight is it? The recommendations of pilot holes in the chart are typical of the soft. Hardwoods may need a slightly larger pilot hole. If the screw starts to get too tight, then it is advisable to go back and re-drill a bigger pilot hole instead of risking to break a screw (which will have a very bad day if a screw is taken...). In fact, if any screw starts to get very tight, it is better to stop and have a reproof before breaking the screw or breaking the material. Screws must be tight, but not crazy, "sweet to get them" tight! Just turn back and take it. Then you will have to consider whether to use a smaller caliber screw or piercing a larger pilot hole if it is in wood. In the masonry you always have-dry the hole in a size(rolling through the existing wall plug) and using a larger, red, brown plug for example. General TipsIncidentally, the gauge is related to the thickness of the crank or the body of a screw and is only related to screws of imperial size. Metric screws are measured simply and the thickness is given in millimeters. The equivalent size of metric screw is approximate, but since we are heading that way, we need to learn and get used to them! By coincidence, the size of an imperial screw head also equals approximately the caliber. For example, an 8-caliber screw has an 8-mm wide head... How deep does a wall cap need? I talked a lot about this in another post, here is the link: How to use correctly Wall plugs Participation note on wall plugs: Note that not everyone follows the color 'rules', one of the main brands plugs are all grey for example, and others are, well; they can be any color under the sun (as shown in the previous photo of my box). Blue wall plugs are another example, can be 8 mm or 10mm, see the figure! If in doubt always measure the plug at the thickest end to make sure it is suitable for the hole in size that has pierced. I hope that helps you solve your screw dilemmas. Feel free to send this to anyone you need your 'screws explained' lol! And don't forget to tell me how you get. By the way, if you want to help support this site, grab your... screws, etc. ebay... That much! Stay fine. IanAll round and practical type, humanitarian and crazy scribble. He moved a little, from one side of the planet to the other, but now he settled near the beach in Norway. They ask us this question a lot and for many people, especially the first time or beginners to drill, thePilot can be a little confusing. By the time you finish this article, then you'll know everything you need to know about the pilot drill holes. The only reason for drilling a pilot hole is to prepare the material for a larger hole or screw.simplest method is to take the screw you plan to use, and measure the width of it through the threads. Then take off a couple millimeters to allow the thread. You want the pilot hole to be big enough to allow the screw to enter easily. At the same time it needs to be small enough to allow the threads of the screw to actually grab the wood. Finding that perfect size is usually what causes people's concern. Don't worry, this is really a very easy thing to do as you will see below. Pilot holes can be used for one of two reasons: To drill through the material as a guide to make a bigger hole with a larger piece of drill To make a hole prepared for a screw or nailWhy do you make a pilot hole in wood or wood? The main reason the pilot holes are drilled into wood is for a screw or nail to be easily screwed or hammered without the split of wood or to be damaged. This is really important when you do a clean wood work and where you will see wood or wood. If, for example, you're placing deck boards, then many people will simply use your drill/conductor to unlock the tables directly on the deck. In the middle of a deck board that is the best way to do that. However, if you are at the end of a board, and you try to force a screw through the last inch or so, then more often than not the board will break. Even if it doesn't break, the board weakens and can break later. In addition, in hard work like making a noise wall really doesn't matter much as no one can see the finished work. However, when pierced at the end of a board, it is always a good idea to pierce a pilot hole, to avoid any risk of damagingwood. When drilling a pilot hole, and then driving in the screw is very unlikely to split or damage the wood. Why are you doing a pilot hole in metal? Sometimes you may also need to drill a pilot hole in the metal. When used for metal, the pilot hole actually acts as a guide for bigger. The pilot hole becomes the guide for the tip of the larger bit. Having this smaller hole makes the hole bigger much easier. The smallest hole is much easier to control when drilled, and it is a more accurate way to forge a larger piece of drill. The perforated pilot hole acts as a guide for the tip of the larger drill. How do you know what drilling size to use? This is often the hardest thing to find out. We have provided all the information right below, and we hope this is much easier. Pilot Hole Drill Bit Size Chart (Metric)Some people like to stick with the oldest method in the UK of screw sizes. These are often known as imperial measurements and are expressed in the fractions of an inch measurement. Most people, although they have now adopted what is called metric size. There will still be this difference in how people ask and buy screws. Some people will talk about a 2" screw while others will talk about a 50 mm screw. The graph below shows the metric measurements, as that is what most people now use. Understand the UK screw size As you know, screws come in different thicknesses and in different lengths. There are also different types of screws, but for the purpose of the pilot holes, we will stick to your normal wood screw. All sizes of metric screw are measured by diameter and length in mm Are they confusing already? Don't worry is much easier than you can think. 30 mm, 40 mm, 25 mm, 40 mm, 35 mm, 40 mm, 40 mm,45 mm, 50 mm, 60 mm, 70 mm, 75 mm, 80 mm, 90 mm, 100 mm, 110 mm, 130 mm and 150 mm So when drilling a pilot hole, the best advice is to use a 2 mm shoot smaller than the screw size. The depth of the whole must then be the length of the screw. If you hold on to that rule, then you'll never be wrong. Check Close the best drilling fragments by clicking here How to drill a HoleIdeally pilot should always try any pilot hole you want to drill into an old piece of material. That way if you make a mistake really doesn't matter much. Most times I cut a short piece of wood, grabbed it to a vice or a work bench, and then I do a couple of pilot holes using my drill, and then drive in a couple of screws. Once I am completely satisfied with the results, then I feel very confident when it comes to working on the main project. Every time I have to pierce a different-sized hole, then I first test that size on an old piece of wood. January 27, 2019 tools O'Tools, Hardwood, photo: istockphoto.com; I know it's a good pre-drill idea before nailing or screwing two pieces of wood together, but it doesn't seem like you can get the hanging of the technique. Any advice for me? A. Yes, creating what is called "pilot holes" will help prevent your wooden boards — solid or MDF — from dividing or breaking when driving a nail or screwing through them. The small holes also mean that you will use less force by nailing or screwing in hard woods, such as maple and oak, and you will prevent the squeeze from bending or waving off the line during insertion. Ultimately, even if starting with pilot holes means it will double the amount of perforation, it will actually offset the extra time of preparation by removing that could stop or stop the project. taking into account its usefulness in a series of projects, it is smart to study the correct way to drill pilot holes. with the following key tips and some practices,I should meet with ease. mark the place with pencil or tape before starting, as the old saying says, measure twice, cut once. that truisim can also be applied to pilot drilling: before touching the drill bit to the wood, take the time to measure carefully and mark the place where the pilot hole belongs. (do not simply try to eye it or measure it and depend on your finger to mark the right point—whether these methods leave you misaligned). mark the place in pencil. or, better still, create a "X" with a painter's tape on the location for your nail or screw. the tape will reinforce the wood and offer additional protection against possible cracks. photo: istockphoto.com creates an indente that your drill can grab. Once you have determined where your pilot hole will go, or the tip of a nail or awl to create a slight indentation over the place. This will prevent your drill from coming out of place once you start drilling, choose the right size drilling part. photo: istockphoto.com the key to drilling a good pilot hole—one that is wide enough for you to insert a bra easily but not as wide as it moves—is to choose the right sized drill bit. as a general rule: if you are creating a pilot hole for a nail, the right perforation part is slightly smaller than the nail clip. if you are creating a pilot hole for a screw, the drill bit should be the same size as the screw body, not including the threads. While there are tables that show the right size of drill for various screw sizes, it can be done without comparing bits of perforation with the screw until you find the matching one. Keep the screw in good light to facilitate the task. the proper shoot covers the screw body, but not threads. if you don't have an exact match, gothe shoot that is slightly smaller than the body of the screw. Open the wooden boards to keep them firm. To prevent the upper table from sliding oralways as slightly as it is pierced, you may want to hold them together, or even tighten a bit of wood glue between the two tables (bonus: this strengthens the joint) and then embrace. This extra tool leaves the two hands free to make sure your drill is completely perpendicular to the wood. Keep your perpendicular bud and slowly pierce your pilot hole. Before piercing in the wood, donate protective clothing so that it is not irritated by the sawdust that flies out of the pilot hole. Then, place the tip of your drill into the indentation you created earlier, holding the drill to make the bit perpendicular to the wood. Start with the drill set at low speed. Speed slightly if you feel confident that you can control drill; otherwise stay at low speed. Photo: istockphoto.com Know when to stop. Perforate until your pilot hole is the same depth as the length of your screw or nails. Many experienced do-it-yourselfers can eye the depth, but if you are not yet so experienced, you can use a drill stop to mark the right depth. In a pinch, you can even use a bit of tape or tortilla to mark the screw length in the perforation part. Once you hit the right depth, slowly pull back the hole drill while continuing to keep the perpendicular drill to the wood. Now you can move on and install your nail or screw. Reach a hard pilot hole without a power drill. While a power drill/conductor does a quick job of the drill holes and inserting screws, not everyone has a hand. In a pinch, you can still make a pilot hole by choosing a nail that is the same size as the body of your screw, and then carefully hammer it directly into a nail.wood to the appropriate depth before getting it out again. Then use a manual or powered screwdriver to complete the rest of the project. project.

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