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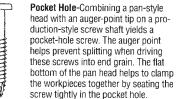
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Choosing and Using the Right Screw

Traditional-The shape and design of the traditional wood screw has changed little over time. Some new versions use a Phillips drive. Although they require you to drill separate pilot and shank holes, many woodworkers still use the traditional screws in antique or reproduction pieces that call for matching hardware.

Drywall, Deck-These resemble production screws except for their bugle heads. Drywall screws have a black-oxide coating and often employ a double-lead thread. Deck screws come with a variety of anti-corrosion coatings. Drywall screws lack the strength of production screws. Both types also come with a smooth (unthreaded) upper shank.





Production Screws (shown actual size)

Gauge	4	6	8	10	12	14		
Head-Bore Size		0	0	0	0	0	0	
		7/32"	17/64"	11/32"	23/64"	7/16"	1/2"	
Shank-Hol	Use Pilot-Hole Diameter Below							
Pilot-Hole Size	Hardwood	5/64"	7/64"	1/8"	9/64"	5/32"	3/16"	
	Softwood	1/16"	3/32"	7/64"	1/8"	9/64"	5/32"	
Phillips-Head Point Size		#1		#2	#3			
Square-Drive Bit Size		#0	#1 #2			#3		

Head Types



Flat-The most common screw head type. Used for general fastening. Requires a countersink in workpiece.



Trim—Narrow-diameter head looks and acts like a finish nail. Eliminates the need for a countersink and counterbore.



Oval—Head projects above surface of workpiece for a decorative effect. Also prevents rough edges that occur when a flathead screw doesn't countersink perfectly flush.



Bugle—Tapered head snugs screw into the workpiece without requiring a countersink. Found on drywall and deck screws.



Self-Sinking—Nibs on the underside of the head cut the wood to create a countersink as the screw is driven. Use when the head will sit flush with the workpiece.



Round—Flat bearing surface under head distributes load evenly when attaching metal to wood. Some decorative uses.



Round Washer—Built-in washer under head distributes load over a wide area and helps hold soft, thin or brittle material.



Pan/Truss—Large, flat head allows some latitude in positioning hardware such as hinges and drawer slides. Also found on pocket-hole screws.

Traditional Wood Screws (shown actual size)

Gauge		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	14
Head-Bore Size		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		11/64"	13/64"	15/64"	1/4"	9/32"	5/16"	11/32"	23/64"	25/64"	7/16"	1/2"
Shank-Hole Size		3/32"	7/64"	7/64"	1/8"	9/64"	5/32"	11/64"	3/16"	13/64"	7/32"	1/4"
Pilot-Hole Size	Hardwood	1/16"	1/16"	5/64"	5/64"	3/32"	7/64"	7/64"	1/8"	1/8"	9/64"	5/32"
	Softwood	1/16"	1/16"	1/16"	1/16"	5/64"	3/32"	3/32"	7/64"	7/64"	1/8"	9/64"
Phillips-Head Point Size		#1			#2						#3	
Square-Drive Bit Size		#0			#1			#2			#3	