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Penetration depth of cross recesses

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- Part 1: Head configuration and gauging
- Part 2: Penetration depth of cross recesses d363bb8c-c271-4c1e-9ab0-i9ea402f7b4c/iso-7721-2-1990

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Introduction

The penetration depth of cross recesses for countersunk flat head screws has to satisfy two requirements which act in opposite directions for a given head dimension.

First, there is the requirement for sufficient head strength to attain the proof and breaking loads of the respective property class. A shallow cross recess increases the head strength. On the other hand, the wrenchability of the screw should be satisfactory; this can only be achieved by a sufficiently deep cross recess.

ISO 7721-2 was developed in order to find a compromise which, as far as possible, would meet both requirements.

This part of ISO 7721 specifies deep cross recesses for countersunk head screws of low strength: a good wrenchability is achieved and the head strength is still sufficient. This execution will be used in ISO 7046-1 (see annex A).

For screws of higher strength, sufficient head strength can only be attained by a shallower penetration depth of the cross recesses. If such screws also require good wrenchability, then, under the conditions of the common head style, a shoulder has to be provided under the head, in addition to the larger penetration depth, in order to guarantee sufficient head strength.

This compromise, which unfortunately results in different but interchangeable types of cross recessed flat countersunk head screws, is at the moment the only way of reaching an agreement at the international level.

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