## TAP AND DIE INSTRUCTIONS

STARTING A DIE
Make a small bevel on the edge to be threaded before starting. Insert the die into the die stock with the size markings visible. Tighten the set screw to secure die into die stock. Apply cutting oil. Hold stock with both hands near die as shown in illustration. Place tapered side of die over end to be threaded. Make sure die goes on squarely. While slowly turning clockwise apply firm pressure downward similar to using a tap.


After the thread has properly started, the die will draw itself into the workpiece. It is not necessary to continue downward pressure. Move hands to ends of stock handle and continue turning. Occasionally turn counter-clockwise slightly to break chip and relieve resistance. Do not force die

## MEASURING THREADS

The fastest and most accurate way to find the number of threads per inch on a nut or bolt is with a screw pitch gauge. How to find the "pitch" of external and internal threads is shown below.


Measuring external threads


Measuring internal threads


## TAP-DRILL SELECTOR

 Drill sizes listed are based on 75\% of full thread depth. If necessary, use the next larger drill bit sizeSAE SIZES

| Tap Size Drill size | Tap Size Drill size |
| :---: | :---: |
| 4-40 NC ........... $\# 43$ 6-32 NC .......... $\# 36$ 8-32 NC ........ $9 / 64 \mathrm{in}$. 10-24 NC ........ 5/32 in. 10-32 NF ........ 11/64 in. 12-24 NC ........ $3 / 16$ in. 1/4-20 NC ....... 13/64 in. 1/4-28 NF ....... 7/32 in. 5/16-18 NC ..... 17/64 in. | 5/16-24 NF ......9/32 in. 3/8-16 NC ........ 5/16 in. 3/8-24 NF ........ 21/64 in. 7/16-14 NC ...... $3 / 8$ in. 7/16-20 NF ...... 25/64 in. 1/2-13 NC ........ 27/64 in. 1/2-20 NF ........ 29/64 in. 1/8-27 NPT...... 21/64 in. |

## METRIC SIZES

| Tap Size $\quad$ Drill size | Tap Size $\quad$ Drill size |
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| $M 3 \times 0.5 \ldots \ldots \ldots .2 .5 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $M 7 \times 1.00 \ldots \ldots . .6 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $M 3 \times 0.6 \ldots \ldots \ldots .2 .4 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $M 8 \times 1.00 \ldots \ldots .7 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $M 4 \times 0.7 \ldots \ldots \ldots .3 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $M 8 \times 1.25 \ldots \ldots .6 .8 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $M 4 \times 0.75 \ldots \ldots .3 .25 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $M 10 \times 1.25 \ldots \ldots 8.8 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $M 5 \times 0.8 \ldots \ldots \ldots .4 .2 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $M 10 \times 1.50 \ldots \ldots 8.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $M 5 \times 0.9 \ldots \ldots \ldots .4 .1 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $M 12 \times 1.5 \ldots \ldots .10 .5 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $M 6 \times 0.75 \ldots \ldots .5 .2 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $M 12 \times 1.75 \ldots \ldots .10 .2 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $M 6 \times 1.00 \ldots \ldots .5 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $1 / 8 \mathrm{NPT} \ldots \ldots \ldots .8 .2 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $M 7 \times 0.75 \ldots \ldots .6 .2 \mathrm{~mm}$ |  |

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[^0]:    See reverse side of card
    for tap and die
    instructions

