

Understanding Rivet Sizing

Understanding the Part Numbers and Sizing of Ideal Fastener's Rivets

Part Number Structure

1. Initial Letter:

• All rivet part numbers start with an "R" which stands for rivet.

2. Material Codes:

• The next two letters indicate the material of the body and the stem, respectively, as per the table below:

Rivet Code	Material
Α	Aluminium
S	Steel
Т	Stainless Steel

3. Body Size Code:

• The next number denotes the rivet body size according to the following table:

Code	Imperial	Metric	Standard Drill Size
3	3/32	2.4mm	2.5mm
4	1/8	3.2mm	#30 (3.3mm)
5	5/32	4.0mm	#20 (4.1mm)
6	3/16	4.8mm	#11 (4.9mm)
8	1/4	6.4mm	6.5mm

4. Grip Range Code:

• The following code denotes the approximate grip range:

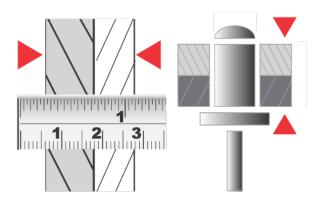
Grip Code	Grip Range Imperial	Grip Range Metric	Grip Code	Grip Range Imperial	Grip Range Metric
01	1/16	1.6mm	12	3/4	19.1mm
02	1/8	3.2mm	13	13/16	20.7mm
03	3/16	4.8mm	14	7/8	22.3mm
04	1/4	6.4mm	15	15/16	23.9mm
05	5/16	8.0mm	16	1	25.4mm
06	3/8	9.5mm	17	1-1/16	27.0mm
07	7/16	11.2mm	18	1-1/8	28.6mm
08	1/2	12.7mm	19	1-3/16	30.2mm
09	9/16	14.3mm	20	1-1/4	31.8mm
10	5/8	15.9mm	21	1-5/16	33.4mm
11	11/16	17.5mm	22	1-3/8	35.0mm

5. Additional Codes:

- Additional elements of the part number may indicate the head type and the pack size:
 - Head Type: e.g., D = Domed, L = Long
 - Pack Size: e.g., H = Hang Pack, P = Pale (bucket)



Step 1: Measure the grip range. The grip range corresponds to the total thickness of the materials being joined together.



Step 2: Use the table below to determine the length of the blind rivet. The greater the diameter of the rivet, the stronger the join.

Example: If you are going to join two metal plates with a grip of 13mm and want to use a 4.8mm diameter blank rivet, the rivet must be 18 mm long.

Ømm	Measured Grip Range	Required rivet height (mm)
3,2	Between 2 and 4 mm	8mm
4,0	Between 2 and 5 mm	8mm
4,0	Between 6 and 9 mm	12mm
4,0	Between 8 and 10 mm	14mm
4,0	Between 9 and 12 mm	16mm
4,0	Between 12 and 15 mm	18mm
4,8	Between 4 and 7 mm	10mm
4,8	Between 6 and 9 mm	12mm
4,8	Between 8 and 11 mm	14mm
4,8	Between 9 and 12 mm	16mm
4,8	Between 12 and 14 mm	18mm
4,8	Between 14 and 16 mm	20mm
4,8	Between 19 and 22 mm	25mm