

TAPS & DIES

Q. *What dimensional standards do your taps and dies conform to?*

A. Generally stocked items conform to the standards historically preferred in UK, ISO 529, BS 949 for taps and BS1127 for dies and die nuts. We do however stock some taps to standards preferred in the EU, DIN 376. Refer to our Technical information pages for full details. For custom made taps and dies we can follow any dimensions that you choose though this may delay delivery if a blank is not readily available.

Q. *What materials are your taps and dies made from?*

A. All of our stocked items are HSS (M2) tool steel, except for some boxed sets that are designed for repairs only. These are carbon steel to keep the cost low.

Q. *What materials CAN your taps and dies be made from?*

A. We can supply in other materials; M35, M42, Carbide etc but you would need to enquire and delivery would not currently be from stock.

Q. *Can you supply taps and dies with surface coatings?*

A. Yes, please discuss your requirements with our sales office.

Q. *Some items on your stock lists are marked 'Please Enquire' why is this?*

A. These are items where the stock levels are showing zero. Please ask for estimated in stock date. In many cases though these are very slow moving 'specials'. We put these into stock in very small quantities when required, or we may be holding them as 'almost finished' so that we can complete to suit, usually within 24 hours. Always worth asking if needed quickly.

Q. *Can you advise me on use of taps and dies; Speeds and feeds, tapping drill sizes, cutting fluids etc?*

A. Check out our Technical Information pages or call our sales office.

Q. *How do I calculate the maximum depth that I should thread with a standard tap?*

A. Rule of thumb is 1.5 times diameter for most taps. If you want to go deeper use serial taps