North American Tool
SPECIAL TAPS ENGINEERING DATA

FORMULA FOR TAP/DRILL SIZES
(METRIC)

METHOD 1

$$\text{Drilled Hole Size (mm)} = \text{Basic Major Dia. of Thread (mm)} - \frac{\%\text{ of Full Thread* X mm Pitch}}{76.98}$$

** Use whole number for % of thread...for 65%, use 65 (not .65).*

METHOD 2

Nominal O.D. - (Dbl. Thread Depth X % of Full Thread) = Drilled Hole Size

EXAMPLE: To find the hole size for obtaining 75% of thread in a (M6) 6mm x 1.00 tapped hole, follow first column down to 1.00 threads, then across to 75% of thread. This figure (.9743), when subtracted from 6mm diameter, is 5.0257, which is the required diameter of hole. See equation:
M6 - (1.2990 X 75) = (6 - .9743) = 5.0257mm

To figure whether or not pitch is too coarse for diameter:
(Double thread depth) X 3 = x
x = the smallest diameter possible for that T.P.I.

NOTE: All numbers are shown in millimeters (mm). To convert metric values to inches, divide by 25.4

mm Pitch	Double Thread Depth	50% Thread	55% Thread	60% Thread	65% Thread	70% Thread	75% Thread	80% Thread	85% Thread
4.0	5.1963	2.5982	2.8580	3.1178	3.3776	3.6374	3.8972	4.1570	4.4169
3.50	4.5466	2.2733	2.5006	2.7280	2.9553	3.1826	3.4100	3.6373	3.8646
3.00	3.8969	1.9485	2.1433	2.3381	2.5330	2.7278	2.9227	3.1175	3.3124
2.50	3.2476	1.6238	1.7862	1.9486	2.1109	2.2733	2.4357	2.5981	2.7605
2.00	2.5979	1.2990	1.4288	1.5587	1.6886	1.8185	1.9484	2.0783	2.2082
1.75	2.2733	1.1367	1.2503	1.3640	1.4776	1.5913	1.7050	1.8186	1.9323
1.50	1.9487	.9744	1.0718	1.1692	1.2667	1.3641	1.4615	1.5590	1.6564
1.25	1.6236	.8118	.8930	.9742	1.0553	1.1365	1.2177	1.2989	1.3801
1.00	1.2990	.6495	.7145	.7794	.8444	.9093	.9743	1.0392	1.1042
.90	1.1687	.5844	.6428	.7012	.7597	.8181	.8765	.9350	.9934
.80	1.0394	.5197	.5717	.6236	.6756	.7276	.7796	.8315	.8835
.75	.9743	.4871	.5359	.5846	.6333	.6820	.7307	.7794	.8282
.70	.9093	.4547	.5001	.5456	.5910	.6365	.6820	.7274	.7729
.60	.7793	.3897	.4286	.4676	.5065	.5455	.5845	.6234	.6624
.50	.6421	.3211	.3532	.3853	.4174	.4495	.4816	.5137	.5458
.45	.5847	.2924	.3216	.3508	.3801	.4093	.4385	.4678	.4970
.40	.5197	.2599	.2858	.3118	.3378	.3638	.3898	.4158	.4417
.35	.4547	.2274	.2501	.2728	.2956	.3183	.3410	.3638	.3865
.30	.3896	.1948	.2143	.2338	.2532	.2727	.2922	.3117	.3312
.25	.3246	.1663	.1785	.1948	.2110	.2272	.2434	.2597	.2759

Figures in table show amount to subtract from O.D. of screw to obtain specific percentages of thread.
Select nearest size commercial stock drill.