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Bolt Grade Markings and Strength Chart - U.S. Bolts

Head Marking	Grade and Material	Nominal Size Range (inches)	Mechanical Properties		
			Proof Load (psi)	Min. Yield Strength (psi)	Min. Tensile Strength (psi)
 No Markings	Grade 2 Low or medium carbon steel	1/4 thru 3/4	55,000	57,000	74,000
		Over 3/4 thru 1-1/2	33,000	36,000	60,000
 3 Radial Lines	Grade 5 Medium Carbon Steel, Quenched and Tempered	1/4 thru 1	85,000	92,000	120,000
		Over 1 thru 1-1/2	74,000	81,000	105,000
 6 Radial Lines	Grade 8 Medium Carbon Alloy Steel, Quenched and Tempered	1/4 thru 1-1/2	120,000	130,000	150,000
Stainless markings vary. Most stainless is non-magnetic	18-8 Stainless Steel alloy with 17-19% Chromium and 8-13% Nickel	1/4 thru 5/8		40,000 Min. 80,000 – 90,000 Typical	100,000 – 125,000 Typical
		3/4 thru 1		40,000 Min. 45,000 – 70,000 Typical	100,000 Typical
		Above 1			80,000 – 90,000 Typical

Tensile Strength: The maximum load in tension (pulling apart) which a material can withstand before breaking or fracturing.

Yield Strength: The maximum load at which a material exhibits a specific permanent deformation

Proof Load: An axial tensile load which the product must withstand without evidence of any permanent set.

$1\text{MPa} = 1\text{N/mm}^2 = 145 \text{ pounds/inch}^2$