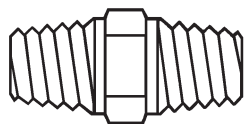


Thread Information

Pipe Threads

Pipe threads are either tapered or straight (parallel). The two styles may or may not be compatible. Refer to thread information chart on page 1134 and 1135.

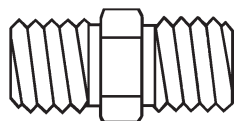


tapered threads

Tapered threads

Tapered threads are the most common type of thread available. As the name implies, they have a slight taper. When mated together and tightened, the threads compress and may form a seal. Usually a thread sealant is required. The mating threads both hold the fitting in place and seal the connection. The most widely used pipe threads in North America are NPT (National Pipe Taper). Some confusion may result from the use of NPT, FPT, and MPT in describing threads. Both FPT and MPT are NPT threads, with FPT meaning female threads (internal) and MPT meaning male threads (external).

NPTF (Dryseal) threads are modified NPT threads, which are less likely to leak without a sealant. For a leak-free seal, we recommend using a sealant compound or PTFE tape. You can use NPTF threads with NPT threads, but you'll lose some of the leak-free characteristics.



straight threads

Straight threads

Straight (parallel) threads are used for mechanical joining. They serve one purpose - to hold a fitting in place. As a result, an O-ring (elastomer), hard metal seal or a soft seat seal is required. Straight pipe threads include NPSM (National Pipe Straight Mechanical), and NPSH (National Pipe Straight Hose). Sizing and pitches may differ from the NPT threads

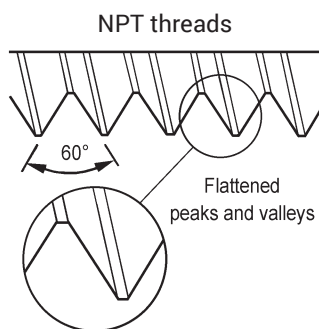
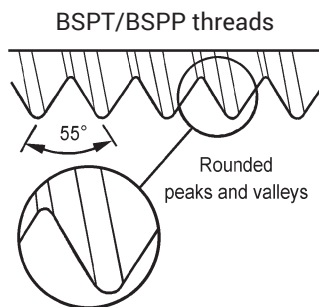
Less common straight threads are GHT (Garden Hose) and NST (fire hose coupling).

NPT vs. BSP (British Standard Pipe)

BSP threads are common in many countries outside the United States. BSP consists of two types of threads - BSPT (British Standard Pipe Taper) and BSPP (British Standard Pipe Parallel).

BSPT threads have a slight taper similar to NPT. BSPP threads are straight (parallel) threads and have the same thread angle, shape and threads per inch (pitch) as BSPT threads. *BSPT and BSPP threads should not be substituted for NPT threads.*

NPT and BSPT/BSPP threads have different angles, shape, and (in most cases) threads per inch (pitch). The thread angle is 60° for NPT threads; 55° for BSPT/BSPP threads. NPT threads are flattened at the peaks and valleys, while BSPT/BSPP threads are rounded.



Nominal Pipe Size	Threads per inch	
	NPT	BSPT / BSPP
1/16"	27	---
1/8"	27	28
1/4"	18	19
3/8"	18	19
1/2"	14	14
3/4"	14	14
1"	11-1/2	11
1-1/4"	11-1/2	11
1-1/2"	11-1/2	11
2"	11-1/2	11
2-1/2"	8	11
3"	8	11
3-1/2"	8	11
4"	8	11
5"	8	11
6"	8	11
8"	8	11