

# HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SELF-DRILLING SCREW ?

Technical training





## SUMMARY

- Definition
- Application fields
- Assembly rules
- Acton self-drilling screws

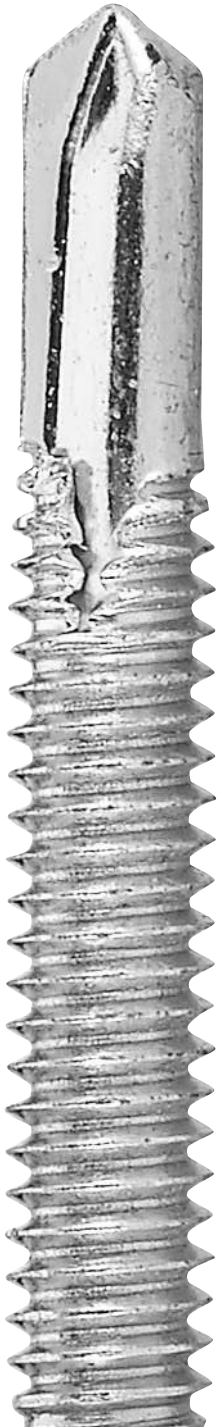
The self-drilling screws allows the assembly of sheet metal with a middle thickness and with weak pressure.

A self-drilling screw allows to delete the pointing, drilling and threading operations. The sheet metal assembly can be done without pre-drilling, so it means an important **gain of time**.

For high pressure (high load, traffic of heavy machines) it is **advised to bolting**.

- No needs of drilling or threading tools
- No pointing
- No difference between the two gaps inside the pieces
- No needs of more security elements
- High performance of drilling
- High security of the processus

**ADVANTAGES**



- The self-drilling screws are drilling their own gap and are shaping their own threading
- Gain of time and gain of materials estimated at more than 50%
- The self-drilling screws are pushed with electric screwdriver or with a speed controller.
- The good rotation speed is essential, the advised one is between 1000-2000 t/min & the assembly pressure between 150-200 N.
- When the drilling is made into hard materials, the rotation speed needs to be evaluated by preliminary tests.



# BUILDING

Cladding, door frames, windows...



# HVAC systems engineering

Heating, ventilation, air conditioning...

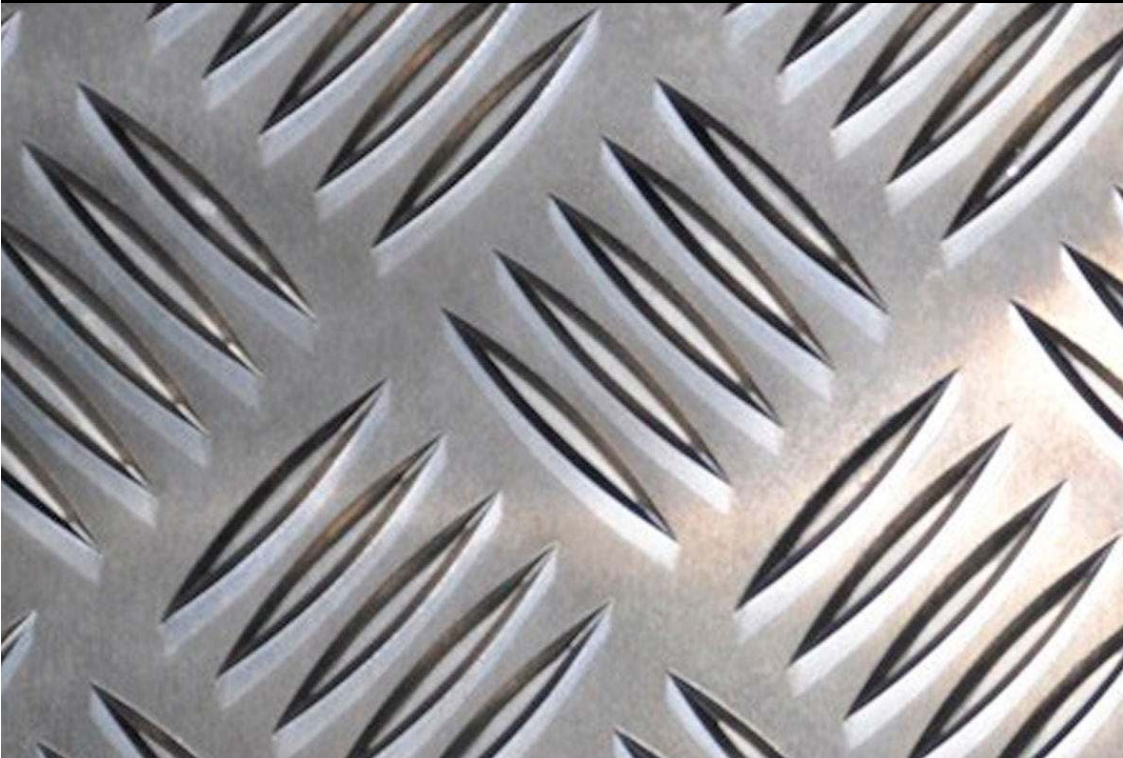


# SHEET METAL FACTORY CAR BODY



# DIVERSE INDUSTRIES

domestic electrical...



## SCREW MATERIAL

Steel sheet or aluminium

- ACIER ZINGUÉ
- BI-MÉTAL (acier/alu)
- AISI 410 (acier/alu)

Aluminium sheet

- INOX A2

## TYPE OF IMPRINT

- PHILLIPS : standard
- HEXAGONAL HEAD : high tightening torque
- SQUARE : high tightening torque  
+ good holding to the connector
- 6 LOBES : high tightening torque  
+ very good holding to the connector

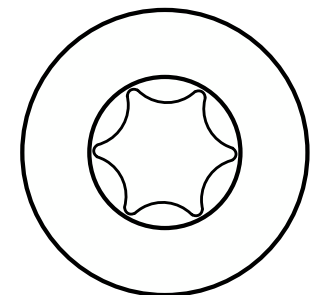
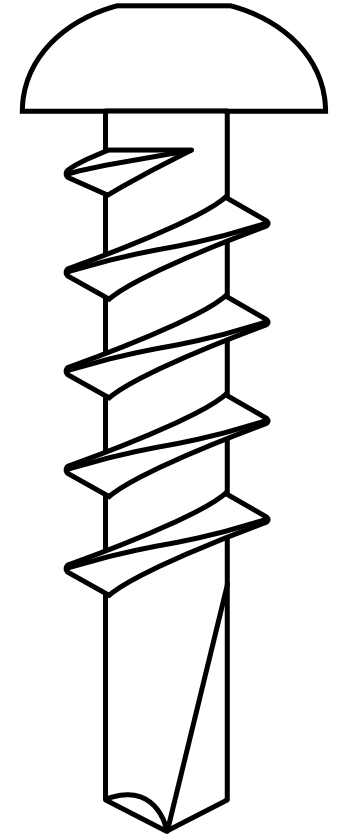


# VITESSE DE ROTATION ET COUPLE DE SERRAGE

AVAILABLE DIAMETERS	2,9 mm	3,5 mm	3,9 mm	4,2 mm	4,8 mm	5,5 mm	6,3 mm
ROTATION SPEED	1700 à 2500 tr/minute					1200 à 1800 tr/minute	
THICKNESS TO BE DRILLED (mm)	0,7 à 1,9	0,7 à 2,25	0,7 à 2,4	1,75 à 4,4	1,75 à 4,4	1,75 à 5,25	2 à 6
DRILL LENGTH (mm)	2,5	3	3,5	4,5	5	6,5	7,5
CRUCIFORM IMPRINT	PH1	PH2	PH2	PH2	PH2	PH3	PH3
SQUARE IMPRINT		SQ 1	SQ 2	SQ 2	SQ 2	SQ 3	
6 LOBES IMPRINT		TX 10	TX 15	TX 20	TX 25	TX 25	
HEXAGONAL HEAD SW		5,5 mm	5,5 mm	7 mm	8 mm	8 mm	10 mm

## SELF-DRILLING SCREWS / ZINC PLATED STEEL

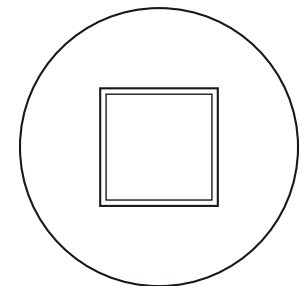
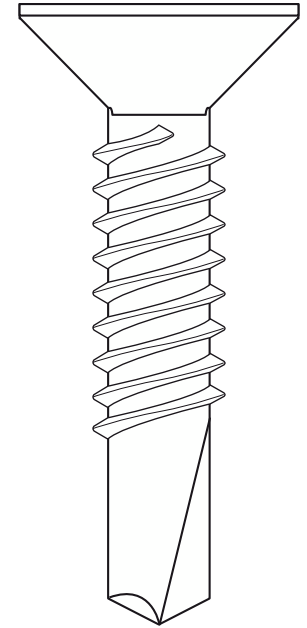
- Strong capacities of drilling: for steel and aluminium sheet
  - Low corrosion resistance: needs to be in a non-corrosive and dry atmosphere
  - Screw with a good value for money
- Warning: the risk of a deferred break (weakening at the hydrogen)*
- Phillips, square and 6 lobes (Torx) imprints
  - Pan head, countersunk head and hexagon head
  - Assembly with an electric screwdriver (tyre disadvised)





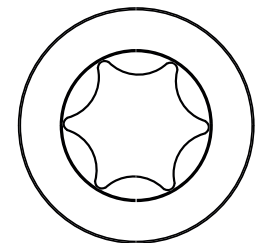
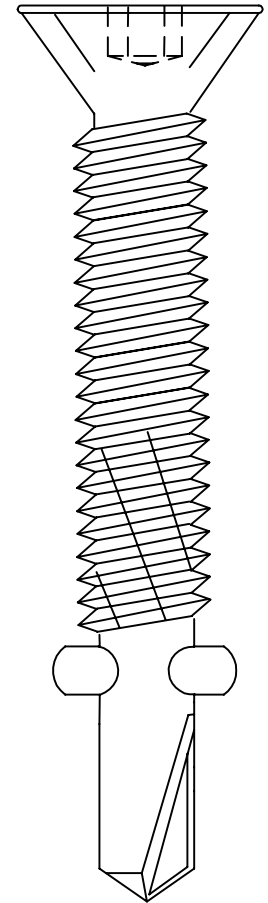
## SELF-DRILLING SCREW / STAINLESS STEEL A2

- Moderated capacity of drilling: only for sheet steel
- Good corrosion resistance: faintly-corrosive atmospheres
- Phillips, square and 6 lobes (Torx) imprints
- Pan head, countersunk head and hexagon head
- Assembly with an electric screwdriver (tyre disadvised)



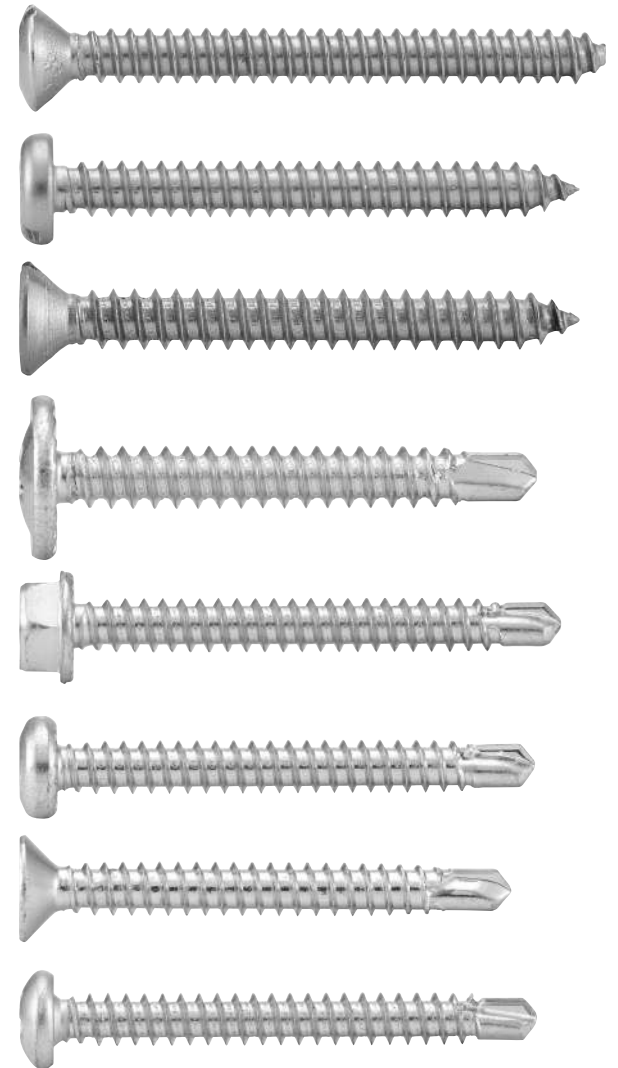
## SELF-DRILLING SCREWS / BI-METAL

- A steel point hardened by heating treatment
- Threads and head in stainless steel A2
- High capacities of drilling : for steel and aluminium sheets
- Good corrosion-resistance
- Protection by Silver Ruspert type coating
- Countersunk or hexagon head
- 6 lobes (Torx) imprint
- Assembly with an electric screwdriver (tyre disadvised)




# Acton

	Pan head	Countersunk head	Hexagon head	Special head
<b>ZINC PLATED STEEL</b>	33201 33361 33342	33301 33351 33343	33401 33431 33331	33371 33372 33341
<b>STAINLESS STEEL A2</b>	62430 62431 62435	62432 62433 62436	62434	
<b>AISI 410</b>	62440 62443	62442	62441	
<b>BI-METAL</b>		62450 62451	62445 62446 62447	62448 62449



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