

# Tapping Formulas and Calculations

## RPM for UNC/UNF Taps

$$\text{RPM} = (\text{revolution / minute}) = \frac{\text{cutting speed (SFM)} \times 3.82}{\text{tap diameter}}$$

## Feed Rate for UNC/UNF Taps

$$\text{IPR} = (\text{inch / revolution}) = \frac{1 \text{ inch}}{\text{threads per inch (TPI)}}$$

$$\text{IPM} = (\text{inch / minute}) = \frac{\text{RPM}}{\text{threads per inch (TPI)}}$$

## RPM for M/MF Taps

$$\text{RPM} = (\text{revolution / minute}) = \frac{\text{cutting speed (SFM)} \times 97.028}{\text{tap diameter (mm)}}$$

## Feed Rate for M/MF Taps

$$\text{IPR} = (\text{inch / revolution}) = \text{pitch (mm)} \times 0.03937$$

$$\text{IPM} = (\text{inch / minute}) = \text{RPM} \times \text{pitch (mm)} \times 0.03937$$

## To calculate Tap Drill Size

### UNC/UNF and M/MF Cut Taps – General Requirements

$$\text{Tap Drill Size} = \text{Tap basic major diameter} - \text{pitch}$$

### UNC/UNF Cut Taps – Special Percentage of Thread Requirements

$$\text{Drill Size} = \text{Basic major diameter} - \frac{0.01299 \times \text{desired percentage of thread}^*}{\text{threads per inch (TPI)}}$$

### M/MF Cut Taps – Special Percentage of Thread Requirements

$$\text{Drill Size (mm)} = \text{Basic major diameter} - \frac{\text{desired percentage of thread}^* \times \text{pitch (mm)}}{76.98}$$

### UNC/UNF and M/MF Form Taps – General Requirements

$$\text{Tap Drill Size} = \text{Basic major diameter} - \frac{\text{pitch}}{2}$$

### UNC/UNF Form Taps – Special Percentage of Thread Requirements

$$\text{Drill Size} = \text{Basic major diameter} - \frac{0.0068 \times \text{desired percentage of thread}^*}{\text{threads per inch (TPI)}}$$

### M/MF Form Taps – Special Percentage of Thread Requirements

$$\text{Drill Size (mm)} = \text{Basic major diameter} - \frac{\text{desired percentage of thread}^* \times \text{pitch (mm)}}{147.06}$$

\* Actual percentage will vary from desired percentage due to runout of drilling operation.