

Bolt Torque Chart — M12

M12 · 6 property classes · 5 friction states · N·m (typ / min–max) · coarse + fine thread

M12

N·m · As 84.3 mm²

Class	Rp0.2 (MPa)	Target preload (kN)	Dry / Black K 0.18–0.22 · N·m	Electro Zinc K 0.15–0.2 · N·m	Hot-Dip Galv. K 0.18–0.25 · N·m	Oiled K 0.12–0.15 · N·m	Wax / PTFE / Anti-seize K 0.08–0.12 · N·m
4.8	340	20.1	48 43–53	41 36–48	53 43–60	31 29–36	24 19–29
8.8	640	37.8	91 82–100	77 68–91	100 82–113	59 54–68	45 36–54
10.9	940	55.5	133 120–146	113 100–133	146 120–166	87 80–100	67 53–80
12.9	1100	64.9	156 140–171	132 117–156	171 140–195	101 93–117	78 62–93
A2-70	450	26.6	64 57–70	54 48–64	70 57–80	41 38–48	32 25–38
A4-80	600	35.4	85 76–93	72 64–85	93 76–106	55 51–64	42 34–51

Torque follows the K-factor (nut factor) method $T = K \cdot D \cdot F$: D is the nominal diameter and F the target preload = 70% of $Rp0.2 \times$ thread stress area (M12 As = 84.3 mm²). Yield strengths are published values from ISO 898-1 (carbon/alloy steel) and ISO 3506-1 (stainless A2/A4). K follows published empirical ranges per friction condition (Machinery's Handbook; the wax/PTFE/anti-seize band $K \approx 0.10$ follows Machine Design test data). The grease/MoS₂ band ($K \approx 0.11$) nearly overlaps anti-seize and is available in the calculator instead of a separate column.

Fine-Thread Torque Matrix

Class	Rp0.2 (MPa)	Target preload (kN)	Dry / Black K 0.18–0.22 · N·m	Electro Zinc K 0.15–0.2 · N·m	Hot-Dip Galv. K 0.18–0.25 · N·m	Oiled K 0.12–0.15 · N·m	Wax / PTFE / Anti-seize K 0.08–0.12 · N·m
4.8	340	21	50 45–55	43 38–50	55 45–63	33 30–38	25 20–30
8.8	640	39.5	95 85–104	81 71–95	104 85–118	62 57–71	47 38–57
10.9	940	58	139 125–153	118 104–139	153 125–174	90 83–104	70 56–83
12.9	1100	67.8	163 147–179	138 122–163	179 147–204	106 98–122	81 65–98
A2-70	450	27.8	67 60–73	57 50–67	73 60–83	43 40–50	33 27–40
A4-80	600	37	89 80–98	75 67–89	98 80–111	58 53–67	44 36–53

Cell shows the typical value; the small line below is the range (min–max).

Basis of Calculation & Sources

Boundary: this chart is a simplified K-factor estimate, not a full VDI 2230 analysis (which accounts for joint resilience, embedment and assembly method). Friction is the dominant variable — no single torque value exists without its friction state. Always follow the design specification or manufacturer torque table.

References

- ISO 898-1:2013 — Mechanical properties of fasteners made of carbon and alloy steel — <https://www.iso.org/standard/60610.html>
- ISO 3506-1:2020 — Mechanical properties of corrosion-resistant stainless steel fasteners (A2/A4) — <https://www.iso.org/standard/70045.html>
- GB/T 3098.1-2010 — Mechanical properties of bolts, screws and studs (CN national standard, official full text) — https://openstd.samr.gov.cn/bzgk/gb/std?std_no=GB%2FT%203098.1-2010
- GB/T 3098.6-2014 — Mechanical properties of stainless steel bolts, screws and studs (CN, official full text) — https://openstd.samr.gov.cn/bzgk/gb/std?std_no=GB%2FT%203098.6-2014
- ISO 16047:2005 — Fasteners: torque/clamp force testing (K-factor measurement method)
- Machinery's Handbook (30th ed.) — empirical K-factor ranges
- Machine Design — anti-seize compound friction test ($K \approx 0.10$)

Disclaimer: This chart is an engineering estimation for selection and budgeting only. It does not constitute assembly instructions or acceptance criteria.