

Bolt Torque Chart — M16

M16 · 6 property classes · 5 friction states · N·m (typ / min–max) · coarse + fine thread

M16

N·m · As 157 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	37.4	120 108–132	102 90–120	132 108–149	78 72–90	60 48–72
8.8	640	70.3	225 203–248	191 169–225	248 203–281	146 135–169	113 90–135
10.9	940	103.3	331 298–364	281 248–331	364 298–413	215 198–248	165 132–198
12.9	1100	120.9	387 348–426	329 290–387	426 348–484	251 232–290	193 155–232
A2-70	450	49.5	158 142–174	135 119–158	174 142–198	103 95–119	79 63–95
A4-80	600	65.9	211 190–232	179 158–211	232 190–264	137 127–158	106 84–127

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 (M16 As = 157 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	39.7	127 114–140	108 95–127	140 114–159	83 76–95	64 51–76
8.8	640	74.8	239 215–263	203 180–239	263 215–299	156 144–180	120 96–144
10.9	940	109.9	352 316–387	299 264–352	387 316–440	229 211–264	176 141–211
12.9	1100	128.6	411 370–453	350 309–411	453 370–514	267 247–309	206 165–247
A2-70	450	52.6	168 152–185	143 126–168	185 152–210	109 101–126	84 67–101
A4-80	600	70.1	224 202–247	191 168–224	247 202–281	146 135–168	112 90–135

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.