

Bolt Torque Chart — M18

M18 · 6 property classes · 5 friction states · N·m (typ / min–max) · coarse + fine thread

M18

N·m · As 192 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	45.7	165 148–181	140 123–165	181 148–206	107 99–123	82 66–99
8.8	640	86	310 279–341	263 232–310	341 279–387	201 186–232	155 124–186
10.9	940	126.3	455 409–500	387 341–455	500 409–569	296 273–341	227 182–273
12.9	1100	147.8	532 479–585	452 399–532	585 479–665	346 319–399	266 213–319
A2-70	450	60.5	218 196–240	185 163–218	240 196–272	142 131–163	109 87–131
A4-80	600	80.6	290 261–319	247 218–290	319 261–363	189 174–218	145 116–174

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 (M18 As = 192 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	51.4	185 167–204	157 139–185	204 167–231	120 111–139	93 74–111
8.8	640	96.8	348 314–383	296 261–348	383 314–435	226 209–261	174 139–209
10.9	940	142.1	512 460–563	435 384–512	563 460–640	333 307–384	256 205–307
12.9	1100	166.3	599 539–659	509 449–599	659 539–748	389 359–449	299 240–359
A2-70	450	68	245 220–269	208 184–245	269 220–306	159 147–184	122 98–147
A4-80	600	90.7	327 294–359	278 245–327	359 294–408	212 196–245	163 131–196

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.