EJOT ALtracs® Plus
The Self-Tapping
Fastener for
Light Alloys
EJOT ALtracs® Plus screws are thread-forming fasteners developed for maximum strength values in light alloy assemblies and other non-ferrous metals such as zinc, copper, brass etc., up to 140 HB.

**The Product**

- flank angle of 33°
- metric compatibility
- circular thread cross section
- conical thread forming zone
**ALtracs® Plus**

Comparison of Total Costs

### Metric Screw

![Metric Screw Diagram](image)

### ALtracs® Plus Screw

![ALtracs® Plus Screw Diagram](image)

- **ALtracs® Plus vs. Metric Threads**
  - Compared to metric screws, cost savings of up to 40% can be achieved with thread-forming fasteners.
  - Self-tapping screws can be directly assembled into cast holes as opposed to the pre-drilling, thread cutting, and subsequent cleaning of metal chips necessary for metric screws. This financial and time expense can be saved with the use of self-tapping fasteners.
  - An ALtracs® Plus screw joint achieves strength values which are comparable to the metric screw joint strength value 10.9.

### ALtracs® Plus vs. other Thread-Forming Screws

ALtracs® Plus can be directly assembled into cast holes — additional drilling due to high casting tolerances is usually not necessary. The ability of compensating for bigger hole tolerances also leads to a certain immunity against casting flaws like drill drift and porosity.

Due to the high thread engagement per thread, shorter installation depths are possible without any drawbacks concerning the quality of the joint — consequently shorter core pins for casting can be used.

All this leads to cost savings for the casting tools and longer service intervals.
Thread Design

The thread design plays a key role for direct assemblies into light alloy.

In order to maximise the overall performance of the screw joint, the load capacity of the female thread needs to be improved.

The different material strengths of steel and alloy require a specific design of the steel screw for use in light alloy.

Material strength ratio for light alloy assemblies:

\[
\frac{\sigma_{\text{screw}}}{\sigma_{\text{nut}}} \approx \frac{3}{1}
\]

An optimum stability ratio between male and female thread requires:

\[
\frac{A_{\text{nut}}}{A_{\text{screw}}} \approx \frac{3}{1}
\]

60° Thread

A screw joint with a 60° flank angle allows only a stability ratio of:

\[
\frac{A_{\text{nut}}}{A_{\text{screw}}} \approx \frac{1.5}{1}
\]

ALtracs® Plus Thread

The ALtracs® Plus thread geometry achieves a desirable stability ratio of:

\[
\frac{A_{\text{nut}}}{A_{\text{screw}}} \approx \frac{3}{1}
\]

The thread flank angle of 33° forms a considerably stronger female thread in the alloy compared to a 60° thread. The female thread in the weaker alloy material is strengthened by the larger thread root formed by the ALtracs® Plus thread form. This ensures that the desired balanced stability ratio has been achieved for optimum strength.

The asymmetric thread flank results in an optimal material displacement and creates a large thread engagement area between the screw thread and the mating material. In addition, the flank root support gives extra stability to the thread in high clamp load conditions. The flank root support is specifically designed to allow unhindered material flow during the thread forming process.
Thread Forming Zone
The conical thread forming zone enables good alignment and easy insertion of the ALtracs® Plus fastener.

The forming zone in conjunction with the 33° flank angle generates a lower installation torque due to the small displacement volume.

Thread Cross Section
The circular cross section is designed for maximum thread engagement compared to non-circular cross sections or tapped metric threads. The ALtracs® Plus geometry has a favourable influence on load capacity and long-term stability.

Metric Compatibility
The thread pitch and dimensions ensure metric compatibility and a common metric screw can be used in case of future maintenance or repair. ALtracs® Plus and metric screws of the same diameter are completely interchangeable if required.
Neutral test institutes certify adequate values for EJOT ALtracs® Plus screws compared to high strength screw joints grade 10.9 concerning clamp load torque and fatigue limit.

Assemblies of ALtracs® Plus in aluminium die cast

a) with equal tightening torque show:
- comparable clamp load
- equal or better break loose torque
- equal or better long term behavior; that is similar loss of clamp load under temperature and dynamic stress as high strength screw joints according to VDI 2230, class 10.9
- higher pull-out force

b) with higher tightening torque (to compensate for the installation torque) show:
- higher clamp load
- higher break loose torque
- higher pull-out force

ALtracs® Plus forms a tight-fitting female thread in light metal alloy. Compared to pre-cut metric threads with a minus tolerance at the bolt and a plus tolerance at the female thread ALtracs® Plus achieves a higher thread engagement per thread pitch.

Along with the **geometrically reinforced female thread** the result is a higher load capacity of every single ALtracs® Plus turn of thread, compared to pre-cut metric screw joints.

The ALtracs® Plus thread withstands high dynamic stress conditions without extra locking features (e.g. locking patch, under-head profiles).
Load Capacity—Compared to non-circular Fasteners

Due to the ALtracs® Plus thread form the mating material properties are used most effectively.

This means:
- high assembly safety due to high stripping torque
- high and stable clamp loads due to reinforced female thread flank
- minor creeping due to larger thread flank engagement under thermal/dynamic stress
- possible reduction of insertion depth, resulting in shorter screws, smaller component sizes, less weight, and reduced wear and tear of the die casting tools
- excellent repeat assembly properties
- high vibration resistance

Load Retention of ALtracs® Plus vs. Non-circular Threads

Unlike various other thread designs, the ALtracs® Plus thread with its circular cross section is completely engaged and can be fully loaded. In combination with the higher load capacity of the geometrically reinforced female thread this leads to:
- improved stripping torque
- improved clamp load
- improved long-term performance (remaining clamp load, dynamic safety)
- improved break-loose torque
- improved pull-out force

Test results for ALtracs® Plus show advantages of up to 60% in remaining clamp load compared to other self-tapping fasteners, especially under thermal and dynamic stress.

Material: EN AC-46000 (AlSi9Cu3)
Hole diameter: 5.6 mm (blind hole)
Tightening torque: 12.5 Nm

- ALtracs® Plus AP 60
- selftapping screw M6
- graph temperature
## EJOT ALtracs® Plus Designs

### Drives
- **Hexagon Flange Head**
- **TORX®PLUS® / AUTOSERT®**
- **TORX®**
- **Tamper Resistant TORX®PLUS®**

### EJOT ALtracs® Plus

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**WN 5117**

- **Head-Ø D**: no manufacturing at present
- **Width across flats SW**: upon request
- **Head height K**: upon request
- **Washer thickness s**: upon request
- **Radius R<sub>max</sub]**: upon request

**WN 5151**

- **Head-Ø D**: 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.50, 9.00, 10.00, [11.50], 14.50, 19.00
- **Head height K**: 1.50, 1.60, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 2.90, 3.40, 4.40, 5.70
- **Washer thickness s**: 0.60, 0.60, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80, 1.00, 1.20, 1.60, 2.00
- **Radius R<sub>max</sub>**: 6IP, 7IP, 8IP, 10IP, 15IP, 20IP, 25IP, 30IP, 40IP
- **TORX®PLUS® / AUTOSERT®**: 1.75, 2.05, 2.40, 2.80, 3.35, 3.95, 4.50, 5.60, 6.75
- **Insertion depth t**<sub>min.</sub>: 0.69, 0.70, 0.90, 1.00, 1.10, 1.30, 1.50, 1.90, 2.60
- **Insertion depth t**<sub>max.</sub>: 0.85, 0.85, 1.10, 1.30, 1.40, 1.65, 1.85, 2.30, 3.10

TORX PLUS®/AUTOSERT® is used as a standard recess. All TORX® recesses from size 8 are available with combi recess. Other recesses on request.

**Example of Ordering:**
Description of EJOT ALtracs® Plus screws with TORX PLUS®/AUTOSERT® recess, nominal Ø 6.0 mm and thread length 25 mm, shaft length 18 mm WN5151
EJOT ALtracs® Plus screw WN5151, AP 60 x 25/18
Material:
- through hardened steel
  AT10 according WN5161, part 2 (analog metric, steel grade 10.9)
- stainless steel grade A2 / A4

Chrome VI Free Platings:
- zinc clear / blue passivated*
- zinc / thick film passivation*
- ZnFe or ZnNi / transparent passivated* (with or without black top coat)
- ZnNi / black passivated*
- zinc flake coatings
  (for example DELTA PROTEKT)

* Additional sealing possible

Lubrication as Standard
(Dimensions Ø < 3 mm upon request)

Different platings and special design upon request.

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### Manufacturing Range

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### EJOT ALtracs® Plus Screw

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For full thread please note thread run-out $x_{max}$.

Manufacturing range and thread length (figures in dark-grey field = thread length).

Partial thread length for counter sunk heads on request or in the EJOT Service Area under www.ejot.com.

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Special length upon request!
### Design Recommendations

**d₁** = nominal diameter of screw
**d₂** = hole diameter middle
**d₃** = hole diameter top
**tₑ** = insertion depth

All indications in mm. For pre-hole design please choose **d₂** or **d₃**.

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**Recommendation for cast, drilled, punched or extruded pre-holes in aluminum, magnesium, zinc, copper, brass, bronze up to hardness of 140 HB**

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**Influence of Different Platings**

Different surface treatments lead to varying friction coefficients. Therefore we recommend assembly tests with screws including definite plating.

**Recommended Pre-hole Tolerances**

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**Advice for Installation Depth tₑ**

- safe assembly process (excl. forming point screw) min. 0,5 x d₁
- vibration safe screw joint (incl. forming point screw) min. 1,5 x d₁
- high-strength screw-joint (property class 10.9) (incl. forming point screw) min. 2,0 x d₁

Installation depth > 2,5 x d₁ is not recommended.

**Advice for Assembly**

Pneumatic or EC-screw drivers are mandatory for the assembly process and should run between 320 - 800 rpm. It is recommended to check out slower or faster assembly speeds prior to production. Fastening can be carried out using common tightening strategies (controlled by torque or torque/angle or yield strength). Torque/angle or yield strength controlled tightening needs consideration during screw joint design (screw fracture).

**Assembly in Extruded Profiles**

- Our extensive data base can assist during design process. Please contact EJOT.

- Installation depth tₑ ≥ 1.5 x d₁

**The stated design recommendations are suitable for light alloys and other non-ferrous metals with tensile strength ≤ 470 MPa, hardness ≤ 140 HB.** Higher material hardness requires an increased hardness of the thread point. In this case we recommend an inductive hardened ALtracs® Plus screw (EJOT® HardTip).

The detailed hole sizes in the previous table are based on laboratory tests. Due to possible deviations from these values in reality, tests on actual parts prior to start of production are recommended. EJOT is running extensive test facilities, the EJOT® APPLITEC, in order to carry out those evaluations.

Our application engineers are pleased to assist your design team in their planning, developing, and assembling needs in order to arrive with a high quality product, assembled in the most cost effective way.

Please contact the EJOT Application Engineers or our Product Management for application engineering support.

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Design Consultation

A major consideration of today’s product manufacture is the basic need to be cost competitive. Significant in achieving this objective is the design process. No other part of the cost structure is influenced more than by design.

Generally speaking, the development of a product, which represents about 10% of the overall costs, determines about 70% of the costs for the final product.

Here the cost responsibility of the design engineer becomes evident, because he should think about the adequate fastening technology already during the product conception stage. It is known that an alteration of the part during the production stage is much more expensive than an optimisation during the design conception stage.

To assist our customers in this process EJOT offers support during the design stage with comprehensive application engineering services. These services provide accurate information on product performance and result in design recommendations that can be used safely on the production line.

Consequent Application Engineering

The daily work with our customers and their application queries greatly influences our understanding of fastening technology and opens up possibilities for innovation. This way we consequently improve our products to meet customer demands and needs.

In addition to highly-qualified engineers and application engineering consultants our application laboratory, the EJOT® APPLITEC, is at your disposition. Here we carry out a series of tests on the customer components and also develop new fastening solutions.

Our knowledge is passed on to our customers and this way supports their effort towards more rational fastening and assembly.

Detailed test reports, technical advice on site, acknowledged seminars and technical publications show our Know-How.
Logistic and Data Exchange
It is our aim to keep procurement and warehousing costs as low as possible by simultaneously offering product availability and quality.

With respect to simplified procuring processes, EJOT offers a variety of cost reducing procedures and services. The continued analysis of our customers’ demands and advanced logistics procedures lead to high availability of our products.

Quality for Automated Assembly
High lot purity of the screws results in minimal malfunctions and higher availability of the machines. Standard quality is not sufficient anymore.

The grade of purity offered by EJOMAT® Quality is 10 times higher than the usual standard quality which means less assembly down time costs: EJOMAT®, Quality that pays for itself.

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