

INCH SCREW THREADS - UNJ PROFILE Controlled Root Radius with Increased Minor Diameter

The UNJ thread standard (ASME B1.15) defines a system of threads for highly stressed applications requiring high fatigue strength. It was derived from a military specification (MIL-S-8879). MIL-S-8879 was primarily thought of and used for aerospace fastener and threaded component applications. Due to the increase in both its use and types of applications, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers developed and published ASME B1.15 in 1995.

Form. UNJ screw threads are of the same form as Unified Screw Threads to ASME/ANSI B1.1 except:

External threads: the root has a maximum and minimum prescribed continuous radius, and is not merely rounded due to tool wear.

Internal threads: the minor diameter is increased to accommodate the maximum root radius of the external thread. There is no radius requirement for either the crest or the root of the internal thread.

Designation. UNJ product threads are identified by the letter “J” in the thread symbol, and a thread class symbol including an “A” for external threads or a “B” for internal threads.

Use of Unified Tooling. Many of the UNJ thread form characteristics are the same as for UN threads. Therefore, some of the tooling used to produce one form can be used to produce the other.

External UNJ threads must be produced with a prescribed root radius; therefore, standard Unified Screw Thread (UN) tooling may not be used.

Internal UNJ threads are not required to have a root radius; therefore, ground thread taps designed to produce Unified Screw Threads of the proper class of fit may be used. The letter “J” need not be marked on the tap. The larger product minor diameter of the UNJ internal thread requires the use of a larger tap drill than is used when producing Unified Screw Threads.

- UNJ Thread Form: Unified Thread Series with a 0.15011P to 0.18042P controlled root radius on external thread only. (As defined by MIL-S-8879C)
- UNJ internal threads do not require radius; only external thread requires radius on root.
- UNJ external thread assemblies only with UNJ internal thread.
- UNJ tap is standard 3B class of fit.

