CROSS RECESSED SCREWS / AMENDED

# Quality Control Order for cross recessed, drilling, tapping, drywall and wood screws

Cross recessed screws need the BIS Standard Mark from November 1, 2025, but a 2026 amendment pauses enforcement for drywall, chipboard and wood screws.

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### IS 18471 (Part 1) : 2023/ ISO 15481:1999 (revised as 18471: 2025, per S.O. 3927(E))

Fasteners - Cross Recessed Drilling Screws with Tapping Screw Thread Part 1 Pan Head

### IS 18471 (Part 2) :2023/ ISO 15482:1999 (revised as 18471: 2025, per S.O. 3927(E))

Fasteners - Cross Recessed Drilling Screws with Tapping Screw Thread Part 2 Countersunk Head

### IS 18471 (Part 3) :2023/ ISO 15483:1999 (revised as 18471: 2025, per S.O. 3927(E))

Fasteners - Cross Recessed Drilling Screws with Tapping Screw Thread Part 3 Raised Countersunk Head

KEY FACTS

ORDER

**Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025**

CAME INTO FORCE

The Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025 came into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette (August 27, 2025), with November 1, 2025 as the date of implementation in general in its Table. The 2024 order it superseded came into force on its publication (September 20, 2024), with six months from publication as the date of implementation in general.

WHERE IT STANDS

**Amended**

REFERENCES

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| S.O. 3298(E) | Amended |
| S.O. 3927(E) | In force |
| S.O. 4099(E) | In force |

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The screws must conform to the corresponding Indian Standard and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards, as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. Exclusions cover goods made domestically for export, imports forming part of a finished good, sub-assembly or component, imports for making export products, goods made by Udyam-registered enterprises within set investment and turnover limits, and limited imports for research and development. The Bureau enforces the order; contraventions are punishable under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

S.O. 3927(E), dated August 27, 2025, superseded the 2024 order with the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025. It kept the same standards and exemptions, marked entries 1 to 4 as revised as 18471: 2025, and set November 1, 2025 for enterprises in general, February 1, 2026 for small enterprises and May 1, 2026 for micro enterprises.

On June 20, 2026 the Ministry of Steel issued S.O. 3298(E), the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026, under which enforcement of the drywall, chipboard and wood screw entries is not operative for 3 years from publication in the gazette. The 2025 order is listed as in force.

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| Order | Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025 |
| Issued by | Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) |
| Product group | Cross Recessed Screws |
| Where it stands | Amended |

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| What it requires | The screws in the Table must conform to the corresponding Indian Standard and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. |
| Certification scheme | Scheme-I of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018 |
| Came into force | The Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025 came into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette (August 27, 2025), with November 1, 2025 as the date of implementation in general in its Table. The 2024 order it superseded came into force on its publication (September 20, 2024), with six months from publication as the date of implementation in general. |
| Small enterprises | Under the 2025 order, February 1, 2026 for small enterprises and May 1, 2026 for micro enterprises, as defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006; the 2024 order had given nine and twelve months from publication. Both orders also exclude goods manufactured domestically by an enterprise registered under the Udyam portal with investment in plant and machinery or equipment not exceeding twenty-five lakh rupees and turnover not exceeding two crore rupees for the previous financial year, as certified by a Chartered Accountant. |
| Exemptions | • Goods or articles manufactured domestically for export<br>• Goods or articles imported as a part of any finished good or sub-assembly or component<br>• Goods or articles imported by domestic manufacturer for manufacturing products for export<br>• Goods or articles manufactured domestically by an enterprise registered under the Udyam portal of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, with investment in plant and machinery or equipment at original cost not exceeding twenty-five lakh rupees and turnover not exceeding two crore rupees for the previous financial year, as certified by a Chartered Accountant<br>• Goods or articles imported up to two hundred kilograms per year for the purpose of research and development by manufacturers of cross recessed screws, which are not to be sold commercially and can be disposed of as scrap, with a financial year-wise record maintained and furnished if so desired by Government authorities<br>• Under S.O. 3298(E), enforcement of the entries at serial numbers 12, 13 and 14 (IS 18507 : 2024, IS 18508 : 2024 and IS 18509 : |

2023) is not operative for a period of 3 years from date of publication in the gazette (S.O. 3298(E) was published June 22, 2026)

Enforcement

The Bureau of Indian Standards is the certifying and enforcing authority. Any person who contravenes the order is punishable under the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

## The products and their standards

| Product | Indian Standard | Title of the standard |
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| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18471 (Part 1) : 2023/ ISO 15481:1999 (revised as 18471: 2025, per S.O. 3927(E)) | Fasteners - Cross Recessed Drilling Screws with Tapping Screw Thread Part 1 Pan Head |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18471 (Part 2) :2023/ ISO 15482:1999 (revised as 18471: 2025, per S.O. 3927(E)) | Fasteners - Cross Recessed Drilling Screws with Tapping Screw Thread Part 2 Countersunk Head |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18471 (Part 3) :2023/ ISO 15483:1999 (revised as 18471: 2025, per S.O. 3927(E)) | Fasteners - Cross Recessed Drilling Screws with Tapping Screw Thread Part 3 Raised Countersunk Head |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18476 : 2023/ ISO 15480:2019 (revised as 18471: 2025, per S.O. 3927(E)) | Fasteners - Hexagon Washer Head Drilling Screws with Tapping Screw Thread |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18480 (Part 1) :2023/ ISO 7049 : 2011 | Cross Recessed Tapping Screws: Part 1 Pan Head |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18480 (Part 2) :2023/ ISO 7050 : 2011 | Cross Recessed Tapping Screws Part 2 Countersunk Flat Head |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18480 (Part 3) :2023/ ISO 7051 : 2011 | Cross Recessed Tapping Screw Part 3 Raised Countersunk Oval Head |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 7483 : 2018/ ISO 7045 : 2011 | Pan Head Screws With Type H or Type Z Cross Recess – Product Grade A |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 7485 (Part 1) : 2018/ ISO 7046-1 : 2011 | Countersunk Flat Head Screws (Common head Style) With Type H or Type Z Cross Recess - Product Grade A Part 1 Steel Screws of Property Class 4.8 |

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| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 7485 (Part 2) : 2018/ ISO 7046-2 : 2011 | Countersunk flat head screws (common head style) with type H or Type Z Cross Recess - Product Grade A part 2 Steel Screws of Property Class 8.8, Stainless Steel Screws and Non - Ferrous Metal Screws |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 7486 : 2018/ ISO 7047 : 2011 | Raised countersunk head screws (Common Head Style) with type H or type Z cross recess - Product grade A |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18507 : 2024 | Drywall Screws – Specification |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18508 : 2024 | Chipboard Screws – Specification |
| Cross Recessed Screws | IS 18509 : 2023 | Cross-recessed Countersunk Head Wood Screws – Specification |

## Every notification on this order

| Date | Notification | Status | What it did |
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| June 22, 2026 | S.O. 3298(E) PDF, 591 KB · Gazette | Amended | Issued by the Ministry of Steel as the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026, dated June 20, 2026 and in force on publication, it provides that enforcement of the entries at serial numbers 12, 13 and 14 of the 2025 order (drywall, chipboard and cross-recessed countersunk head wood screws) shall not be operative for a period of 3 years from date of publication in the gazette. Its preamble also refers to supersession of the 2025 order. |
| August 27, 2025 | S.O. 3927(E) PDF, 719 KB · Gazette | In force | Issued the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025, dated and published August 27, 2025, in supersession of the 2024 order, with the same fourteen standards (the entries at serial numbers 1 to 4 marked 'revised as 18471: 2025') and exemptions, and with November 1, 2025 as the date of implementation in general, February 1, 2026 for small enterprises and May 1, 2026 for micro enterprises. |
| September 20, 2023 | S.O. 4099(E) PDF, 2.0 MB · Gazette | In force | Issued the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2024, dated September 17, 2024 and published in the Gazette of India on September 20, 2024, covering fourteen standards for cross recessed and other drilling, tapping, drywall, chipboard and wood screws, with dates of implementation six, nine and twelve months from publication for enterprises in general, small enterprises and micro enterprises. |

Each notification is linked, as a PDF, in the list above.

Where a notification shows "Gazette", that links the Gazette of India's copy; ours was checked against it on October 20, 2026.

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