

Imperial pilot-hole-sizes-for- **woodscrews**

Pilot Hole Sizes for Traditional Woodscrews			
Screw Gauge	Shank Hole	Pilot Hole Soft Wood	Pilot Hole Hard Wood
2	$3/32$	$1/32$	$3/64$
3	$7/64$	$3/64$	$1/16$
4	$7/64$	$3/64$	$1/16$
5	$1/8$	$1/16$	$5/64$
6	$9/64$	$5/64$	$3/32$
7	$5/32$	$5/64$	$7/64$
8	$5/32$	$3/32$	$7/64$
9	$11/64$	$7/64$	$1/8$
10	$3/16$	$7/64$	$9/64$
12	$7/32$	$1/8$	$5/32$
14	$1/4$	$9/64$	$11/64$

Pilot Hole Sizes for Modern Woodscrews		
Screw Gauge	Pilot Hole Soft Wood	Pilot Hole Hard Wood
4	$3/64$	$1/16$
6	$1/16$	$5/64$
8	$3/32$	$7/64$
9	$7/64$	$1/8$
10	$1/8$	$9/64$
12	$9/64$	$5/32$
14	$5/32$	$3/16$