Whitworth Pipe Threads

Using Whitworth pipe threads it has to be distinguished between those threads which are thought to be sealing on the thread and those which produce a mechanical connection without sealing function.

Those threads which are sealing on the thread are specified in various national and international standards. Basic thread dimensions are common for all threads mentioned below. ISO 7/1 and BS 21 do not only specify the connection of cylindrical internal and taper external thread as DIN 2999 does, but in addition define a taper internal thread (taper 1 : 16). Gauging systems for all three threads differ and may lead to different results and decisions.

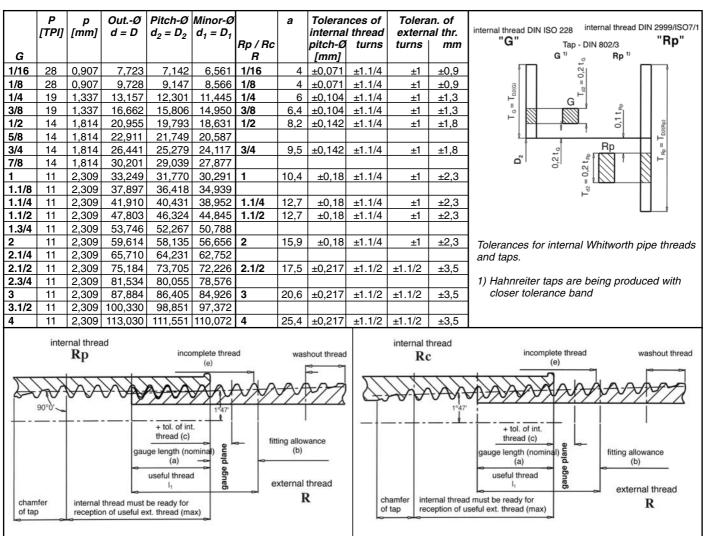
The thread connection given in DIN ISO 228 is not meant to be sealing on the thread. Basic thread dimensions and pitch is common to the sealing threads.

1	standard	4	internal-/external thread		
2	title of standard	5	short sign for thread		
3	kind of connection	6	kind of gauges		

1		ISO	7/1	DIN	BS 21			DIN ISO 228 part 1 ²⁾		
2	Pipe threads where pressure tight joints are made on the threads threads threads					Pipe threads for tubes and fittings where pressure tight joints are made on the threads			Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are not made on the threads	
3	S	sealing on the thread		sealing on the thread		sealing on the thread			not sealing on the thread	
4	interna cylind.	l thread taper	external thread taper	internal thread cylindrical	external thread taper	internal thread cylind. taper		external thread taper	internal and external thread cylindrical	
5	Rp	Rc	R	Rp	R	Rp	Rc	Ŕ	G	
6	taper limit plug gauge - ISO 7/2 ¹⁾		taper limit ring gauge - ISO 7/21)	taper limit plug gauge - DIN 2999-4	cylindrical limit ring gauge - DIN 2999-5	taper limit plug gauge - BS 21		taper limit ring gauge - BS 21	cylindrical Go / No Go plug gauge cyl. Go ring gauge tolerance A or B DIN ISO 228 part 2	

1. Standard ISO 7/2 specifying the appropriate gauges is subject to general revision.

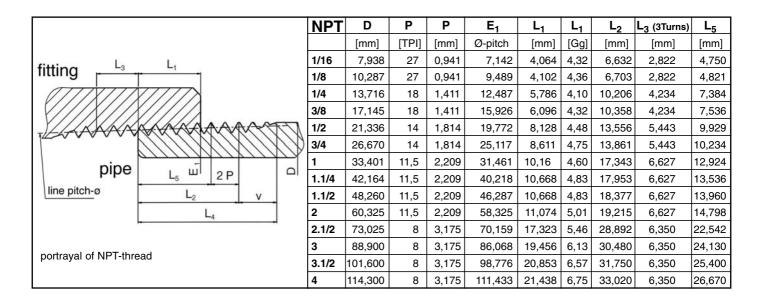
2. DIN ISO 228 has replaced DIN 259 (Whitworth pipe threads - cylindrical internal and external threads). For the cylindrical internal and external thread short sign "R" has been applied, which could have led to confusion, because the same short sign is used for the taper external thread of DIN 2999 or ISO 7/1. Compared to DIN ISO 228 there are no differences between the threads but some minor differences between the gauges.



American Pipe Threads

		pipe thread	external thread	internal thread	remarks
NPT		"general purpose"	taper	taper	
NPTF		dry sealing	taper	taper	
NPSC	C=coupling	"general purpose"	taper (NPT)	cylindrical	profile as NPT
NPSM	M=mechanical	fastening thread	cylindrical	cylindrical	UN-thread profile
NPSF		dry sealing	taper (NPTF)	cylindrical	profile as NPTF
NPSI		dry sealing	taper (NPT-SAE /	cylindrical	thread diameter slightly increased with,
			NPTF)		same width of tolerance field
NPSL	L=Locknut		cylindrical	cylindrical	

NPT-, NPSC-, NPSM- and NPSL-thread are defined in ANSI/ASME B1.20.1, NPTF, NPSF and NPSI-thread are given in ANSI B1.20.3



D	outside-Ø of pipe	L ₃	wrenching allowance			
E ₁	pitch-Ø at length L_1	L_4	length of external thread			
L ₁	position of handtight engagement	L ₅	external thread with complete thread profile (on the length of 2 P beyond L_5 external thread profile is incomplete at the top of the threads because the cone of thread profile meets the cylindrical outside diameter of the pipe)			
L ₂	useful external thread	v	incomplete thread produced by the chamfer of thread cutting tool			

The difference between thread profile of NPT and NPTF threads is the width of flat of profile on the outside and minor diameter. NPTF thread has got an overlap of profiles of internal and external thread. By this method, drysealing property is achieved. Compared to the NPT, NPTF is one thread longer on $L_1 + L_3$ and L_2 .

P		N	РТ		NPTF			
[TPI] -	max min	nal thread	internal thread	top max. top min. top min.				
	width of fla	t of profile	height of profile		width of flat of profile			
	min.	max.	min.	max.	min.	max.	min.	max.
27	0,036	0,104	0,634	0,753	0,102	0,152	0,051	0,102
18	0,053	0,145	0,974	0,974 1,129		0,178	0,076	0,127
14	0,069	0,163	1,288	1,451	0,127	0,178	0,076	0,127
11 ¹ / ₂	0,084	0,185	1,590 1,767		0,152	0,229	0,102	0,152
8	0,122 0,229 2,356 2,540					0,279	0,152	0,203