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## Foreword

**T**HIS standard on Woodruff Keys and Keyseats is a revision of USA Standard Woodruff Keys, Keyslots and Cutters, USAS B17f-1930, which standard was developed by sub-committee No. 5 of USA Standards Committee B17 on Shafting.

The sub-committee's initial work was started in 1925 and after numerous drafts and revisions was accepted by industry and designated by ASA (later changed to USASI) as an American Standard on December 31, 1930.

The B17f-1930 standard was reaffirmed in 1955 but it was recognized that the standard was not in conformity with current practice.

In 1962 the USA Standards Committee B17 was reactivated and a sub-committee developed and established this updated standard on Woodruff Keys and Keyseats which is in part a revision of B17f-1930.

Following approval by the USA Standards Committee B17 and the sponsor, the proposed revision was approved on September 18, 1967 by the USA Standards Institute, and redesignated B17.2-1967.

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### 1. Scope

This standard covers nomenclature, definitions, identification number, dimensions and tolerances of Woodruff Keys and Keyseats.

It represents manufacturing practices for sizes and types from  $\frac{1}{16}$  in.  $\times$   $\frac{1}{4}$  in. thru  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.  $\times$   $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. covering 66 listings.

Material, heat treatment, hardness or finish is not within the scope of this standard.

Dimensional features only are included.

### 2. Definitions

**Woodruff Key.** A demountable machinery part which, when assembled into keyseats, provides a positive means for transmitting torque between the shaft and hub.

**Woodruff Key Number.** An identification number by which the size of key may be readily determined (see footnote to Table 1).

**Woodruff Keyseat - Shaft.** The circular pocket in which the key is retained.

**Woodruff Keyseat - Hub.** An axially located rectangular groove in a hub. (Has been referred to as a keyway.)

**Woodruff Keyseat Milling Cutter.** An arbor type or shank type milling cutter normally used for milling Woodruff keyseats in shafts. (See USA Standard B5.3-1960 Milling Cutters for sizes and types).

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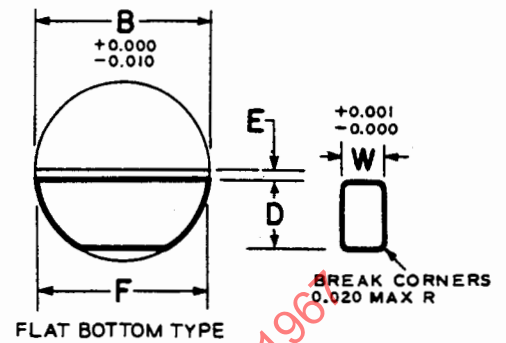
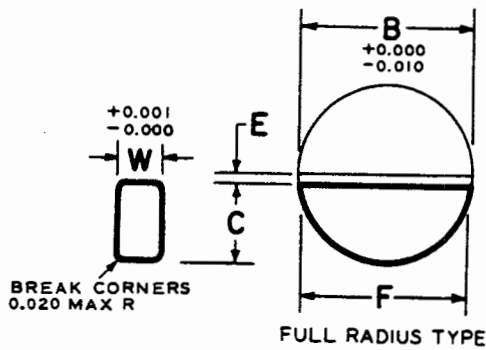


Table 1 Woodruff Keys

| Key No. | Nominal Key Size<br>W × B          | Actual Length F<br>+0.000-0.010 | Height of Key |       |       |       | Distance Below Center E |
|---------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------|
|         |                                    |                                 | C             |       | D     |       |                         |
|         |                                    |                                 | Max           | Min   | Max   | Min   |                         |
| 202     | $\frac{1}{16} \times \frac{1}{4}$  | 0.248                           | 0.109         | 0.104 | 0.109 | 0.104 | $\frac{1}{64}$          |
| 202.5   | $\frac{1}{16} \times \frac{5}{16}$ | 0.311                           | 0.140         | 0.135 | 0.140 | 0.135 | $\frac{1}{64}$          |
| 302.5   | $\frac{3}{32} \times \frac{5}{16}$ | 0.311                           | 0.140         | 0.135 | 0.140 | 0.135 | $\frac{1}{64}$          |
| 203     | $\frac{1}{16} \times \frac{3}{8}$  | 0.374                           | 0.172         | 0.167 | 0.172 | 0.167 | $\frac{1}{64}$          |
| 303     | $\frac{3}{32} \times \frac{3}{8}$  | 0.374                           | 0.172         | 0.167 | 0.172 | 0.167 | $\frac{1}{64}$          |
| 403     | $\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{3}{8}$   | 0.374                           | 0.172         | 0.167 | 0.172 | 0.167 | $\frac{1}{64}$          |
| 204     | $\frac{1}{16} \times \frac{1}{2}$  | 0.491                           | 0.203         | 0.198 | 0.194 | 0.188 | $\frac{3}{64}$          |
| 304     | $\frac{3}{32} \times \frac{1}{2}$  | 0.491                           | 0.203         | 0.198 | 0.194 | 0.188 | $\frac{3}{64}$          |
| 404     | $\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$   | 0.491                           | 0.203         | 0.198 | 0.194 | 0.188 | $\frac{3}{64}$          |
| 305     | $\frac{3}{32} \times \frac{5}{8}$  | 0.612                           | 0.250         | 0.245 | 0.240 | 0.234 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 405     | $\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{5}{8}$   | 0.612                           | 0.250         | 0.245 | 0.240 | 0.234 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 505     | $\frac{5}{32} \times \frac{5}{8}$  | 0.612                           | 0.250         | 0.245 | 0.240 | 0.234 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 605     | $\frac{3}{16} \times \frac{5}{8}$  | 0.612                           | 0.250         | 0.245 | 0.240 | 0.234 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 406     | $\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$   | 0.740                           | 0.313         | 0.308 | 0.303 | 0.297 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 506     | $\frac{5}{32} \times \frac{3}{4}$  | 0.740                           | 0.313         | 0.308 | 0.303 | 0.297 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 606     | $\frac{3}{16} \times \frac{3}{4}$  | 0.740                           | 0.313         | 0.308 | 0.303 | 0.297 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 806     | $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$   | 0.740                           | 0.313         | 0.308 | 0.303 | 0.297 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 507     | $\frac{5}{32} \times \frac{7}{8}$  | 0.866                           | 0.375         | 0.370 | 0.365 | 0.359 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 607     | $\frac{3}{16} \times \frac{7}{8}$  | 0.866                           | 0.375         | 0.370 | 0.365 | 0.359 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 707     | $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{8}$   | 0.866                           | 0.375         | 0.370 | 0.365 | 0.359 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 807     | $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{7}{8}$   | 0.866                           | 0.375         | 0.370 | 0.365 | 0.359 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 608     | $\frac{3}{16} \times 1$            | 0.992                           | 0.438         | 0.433 | 0.428 | 0.422 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 708     | $\frac{1}{2} \times 1$             | 0.992                           | 0.438         | 0.433 | 0.428 | 0.422 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 808     | $\frac{1}{4} \times 1$             | 0.992                           | 0.438         | 0.433 | 0.428 | 0.422 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 1008    | $\frac{5}{16} \times 1$            | 0.992                           | 0.438         | 0.433 | 0.428 | 0.422 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 1208    | $\frac{3}{8} \times 1$             | 0.992                           | 0.438         | 0.433 | 0.428 | 0.422 | $\frac{1}{16}$          |
| 609     | $\frac{3}{16} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ | 1.114                           | 0.484         | 0.479 | 0.475 | 0.469 | $\frac{5}{64}$          |
| 709     | $\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$  | 1.114                           | 0.484         | 0.479 | 0.475 | 0.469 | $\frac{5}{64}$          |
| 809     | $\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$  | 1.114                           | 0.484         | 0.479 | 0.475 | 0.469 | $\frac{5}{64}$          |
| 1009    | $\frac{5}{16} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ | 1.114                           | 0.484         | 0.479 | 0.475 | 0.469 | $\frac{5}{64}$          |



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|         |                                    |                                 | C             |       | D     |       |                         |
|         |                                    |                                 | Max           | Min   | Max   | Min   |                         |
| 610     | $\frac{3}{16} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ | 1.240                           | 0.547         | 0.542 | 0.537 | 0.531 | $\frac{5}{64}$          |
| 710     | $\frac{7}{32} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ | 1.240                           | 0.547         | 0.542 | 0.537 | 0.531 | $\frac{5}{64}$          |
| 810     | $\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$  | 1.240                           | 0.547         | 0.542 | 0.537 | 0.531 | $\frac{3}{64}$          |
| 1010    | $\frac{5}{16} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ | 1.240                           | 0.547         | 0.542 | 0.537 | 0.531 | $\frac{5}{64}$          |
| 1210    | $\frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$  | 1.240                           | 0.547         | 0.542 | 0.537 | 0.531 | $\frac{5}{64}$          |
| 811     | $\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{8}$  | 1.362                           | 0.594         | 0.589 | 0.584 | 0.578 | $\frac{3}{32}$          |
| 1011    | $\frac{5}{16} \times 1\frac{3}{8}$ | 1.362                           | 0.594         | 0.589 | 0.584 | 0.578 | $\frac{3}{32}$          |
| 1211    | $\frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{3}{8}$  | 1.362                           | 0.594         | 0.589 | 0.584 | 0.578 | $\frac{3}{32}$          |
| 812     | $\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  | 1.484                           | 0.641         | 0.636 | 0.631 | 0.625 | $\frac{7}{64}$          |
| 1012    | $\frac{5}{16} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ | 1.484                           | 0.641         | 0.636 | 0.631 | 0.625 | $\frac{7}{64}$          |
| 1212    | $\frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  | 1.484                           | 0.641         | 0.636 | 0.631 | 0.625 | $\frac{7}{64}$          |

All dimensions given are in inches.

The key numbers indicate nominal key dimensions. The last two digits give the nominal diameter B in eighths of an inch and the digits preceding the last two give the nominal width W in thirty-seconds of an inch.

Example:

- No. 204 indicates a key  $\frac{7}{32} \times \frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{16} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .  
 No. 808 indicates a key  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{4} \times 1$ .  
 No. 1212 indicates a key  $\frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ .