

TPI - Threads Per Inch, the number of threads per inch length of thread. Place a ruler against a bolt, count the number of peaks, then you have Threads Per Inch.

There are various Thread Forms;

BA - British Association

BSC - British Cycle Thread.

BSF - British Standard Fine.

UNF - Unified Fine Thread.

BSC = British Cycle Thread				
SIZE	THREAD	TPI	DIA	DRILL
1\8	BSC	40	0.125	0.098
5\32	BSC	32	0.156	0.123
3\16	BSC	32	0.188	0.154
7\32	BSC	26	0.219	0.178
1\4	BSC	26	0.25	0.209
9\32	BSC	26	0.281	0.24
5\16	BSC	26	0.313	0.272
3\8	BSC	26	0.375	0.334
7\16	BSC	26	0.438	0.397
1\2	BSC	26	0.5	0.459
9\16	BSC	26	0.563	0.522
5\8	BSC	26	0.625	0.584
11\16	BSC	26	0.688	0.647
3\4	BSC	26	0.75	0.709
7\16	BSC	20	0.438	0.384
1\2	BSC	20	0.5	0.447
9\16	BSC	20	0.563	0.509
5\8	BSC	20	0.625	0.572
11\16	BSC	20	0.688	0.634
3\4	BSC	20	0.75	0.697
BSF = British Standard Fine				

SIZE	THEAD	TPI	DIA	DRILL
3\16	BSF	32	0.188	0.148
7\32	BSF	28	0.219	0.173
1\4	BSF	26	0.25	0.201
5\16	BSF	22	0.313	0.254
3\8	BSF	20	0.375	0.311
7\16	BSF	18	0.438	0.366
1\2	BSF	16	0.5	0.42
9\16	BSF	16	0.563	0.483
5\8	BSF	14	0.625	0.534
3\4	BSF	12	0.75	0.643
7\8	BSF	11	0.875	0.759
SPARK = Spark Plug Thread				
SIZE	THREAD	TPI	DIA	DRILL
1\4	SPARK	24	0.25	0.196
3\8	SPARK	24	0.375	0.321
7\8	SPARK	18	0.875	0.803
UNF = Unified Fine				
SIZE	THREAD	TPI	DIA	DRILL
1\4	UNF	28	0.25	0.206
5\16	UNF	24	0.313	0.261
3\8	UNF	24	0.375	0.324
7\16	UNF	20	0.438	0.376
1\2	UNF	20	0.5	0.439
9\16	UNF	18	0.563	0.494
5\8	UNF	18	0.625	0.557
3\4	UNF	16	0.75	0.673
7\8	UNF	14	0.875	0.787