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How To Identify Morse Taper Sizes

To fit accessories to your lathe, such as drive centres, live centres, pen mandrels & drill chucks, you will need to know the Morse Taper (MT) size of your head & tail stock spindles. As a general rule, a lathe will use the same size at both ends.

Almost all hobby and professional woodworking lathes will use either a MT1 or MT2 sized fitting.

This is easily determined by measuring the inside diameter of the spindle. Dimensions may vary slightly according to the depth of the taper, but should be near to the size stated.



MT1 (12mm approx.)



MT2 (18mm approx.)



An adapter sleeve is available to convert MT2 to the smaller MT1 size. Product Code **2MTS**