

aluminum post & screws



Aluminum posts and screws, also known as Chicago screws, are ideal for binding swatch books, brochures and menus. The aluminum finish makes post and screws well suited for projects that require a high-quality look. The durability of these parts make them ideal for long-term usage.

Popco's aluminum post and screws are sold in sets and are available in sizes ranging from 1/8-inch to 1-inch shaft lengths. These lengths are specific to the female parts (or posts). The male parts (the screws) are available in lengths from 3/16-inch to 3/8-inch.

There are two reasons why the post sizes do not exactly match the screw sizes:

The smallest posts (1/8-inch to 3/8-inch) feature an open-style head. When screws are fully inserted into the small posts, the bottom of the screw closes the opening in the post as shown above.

The largest posts (1/2-inch to 1-inch) are coupled with 3/8-inch screws. This is simply because it is not necessary, or even desirable, to have the screw extend all the way to the bottom of the long posts.

Here is a chart which details the size-matching and head styles of Popco's aluminum posts & screws:

post size	screw size	post head-style
1/8	3/16	open
3/16	1/4	open
1/4	1/4	open
3/8	3/8	open
1/2	3/8	closed
3/4	3/8	closed
1-inch	3/8-inch	closed