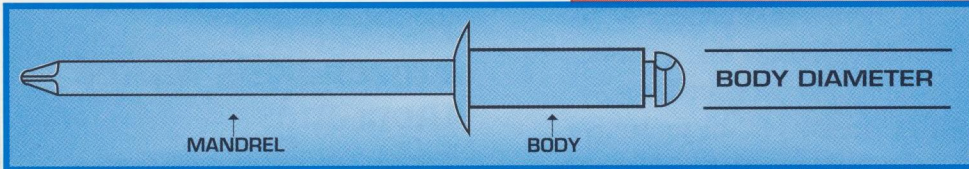


3. Specify an appropriate head style.

If you've ever ordered blind (Pop®) rivets, you know how irritating it can be. There are correct lengths to specify, head styles and materials — in so many combinations.

Follow these four steps and it should be easy:

1. Call out the body diameter you want.



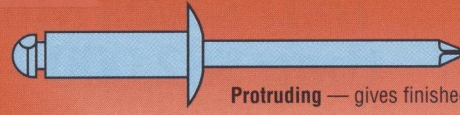
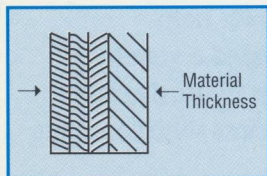
2. Measure the material thickness you're fastening and tell us.

(Don't make the mistake of simply asking for an overall length that's longer than what you're gripping.

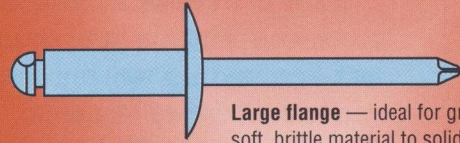
Here's why:

Rivets are made from two parts, the body which compresses when you install them, and the mandrel which goes through the body and resembles a nail. Mandrels are made to break at predetermined spots, according to the thickness of material you're trying to fasten. So if you use too long a body length, the mandrel breaks outside the body leaving a sharp point. If the body length is too short, the mandrel breaks deep inside the

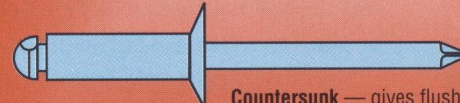
body causing a weakened joint.)



Protruding — gives finished appearance.



Large flange — ideal for gripping soft, brittle material to solid backing.



Countersunk — gives flush appearance. Available in limited sizes.

4. Ask for body and mandrel materials that fit your application.

Common materials are steel, stainless, aluminum or a combination (mandrel can be one material and body, another).