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TOPIC -----

What is the size of the machine screw used to fasten the cover of the Macintosh II, IICx, IICi, LC, IISI, Quadra 700, and Quadra 900? This screw is no longer packaged with the machines and I would like to keep users from stealing components.

DISCUSSION -----

The screw is a metric screw, so its specification looks very different from SAE specs. The spec reads the diameter first, the length, and then the pitch, all in millimeters. Generally speaking, a Phillips Pan Head is most common, but if you want to lock the machines up you may want to try a tamper-proof screw (one way) or perhaps an Allen, Torx™, or Robertson head. You do not need an integral lock washer as the internal screws use (commonly called a SEMS screw).

The screw is called a M3.5 x 12 x .8. You may want one about 10 millimeters long for some of the systems (such as the IISI), but 12mm is a good all-purpose length.

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