

# Material: Bolt



## bolt

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1. (Building) a bar that can be slid into a socket to lock a door, gate, etc
2. (Building) a bar or rod that forms part of a locking mechanism and is moved by a key or a knob
3. (Building) a metal rod or pin that has a head at one end and a screw thread at the other to take a nut
4. (Firearms, Gunnery, Ordnance & Artillery) a sliding bar in a breech-loading firearm that ejects the empty cartridge, replaces it with a new one, and closes the breech
5. a flash of lightning
6. a sudden start or movement, esp in order to escape: *they made a bolt for the door.*
7. *US* a sudden desertion, esp from a political party
8. a roll of something, such as cloth, wallpaper, etc
9. (Archery) an arrow, esp for a crossbow
10. (Printing, Lithography & Bookbinding) *printing* a folded edge on a sheet of paper that is removed when cutting to size
11. (Mechanical Engineering) *mechanical engineering* short for **expansion bolt**
12. **a bolt from the blue** a sudden, unexpected, and usually unwelcome event
13. **shoot one's bolt** to exhaust one's effort: *the runner had shot his bolt.*

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14. (*tr*) to secure or lock with or as with a bolt or bolts: *bolt your doors.*
15. (*tr*) to eat hurriedly: *don't bolt your food.*
16. (*intr*; usually foll by *from* or *out*) to move or jump suddenly: *he bolted from the chair.*
17. (*intr*) (esp of a horse) to start hurriedly and run away without warning
18. (*tr*) to roll or make (cloth, wallpaper, etc) into bolts
19. *US* to desert (a political party, etc)
20. (Botany) (*intr*) (of cultivated plants) to produce flowers and seeds prematurely
21. (*tr*) to cause (a wild animal) to leave its lair; start: *terriers were used for bolting rats.*

*adv*