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Button Size Chart — Ligne to mm and Inches

One ligne (L) equals **0.635 mm**, or one fortieth of an inch. Ligne measures the outside diameter of the button only — not the shank, not the height.

LIGNE TO MILLIMETRES

Ligne	Millimetres	Inches	Typical use
14L	8.9 mm	0.350 in	Babywear, doll clothes, shirt collar and cuff
16L	10.2 mm	0.400 in	Childrenswear, blouse front, shirt cuff
18L	11.4 mm	0.450 in	Shirt front placket, blouse, polo placket
20L	12.7 mm	0.500 in	Standard shirt front, polo, light jacket
22L	14.0 mm	0.550 in	Trouser waistband, casual shirt, overshirt
24L	15.2 mm	0.600 in	Men's shirt front, chinos, polo
27L	17.2 mm	0.675 in	Blazer front, jacket, light coat
28L	17.8 mm	0.700 in	Blazer front, tailored jacket
30L	19.1 mm	0.750 in	Coat, denim jacket, workwear
32L	20.3 mm	0.800 in	Coat, heavy shirt, denim tack button
34L	21.6 mm	0.850 in	Heavy coat, duffle, denim waistband
36L	22.9 mm	0.900 in	Heavy overcoat, outerwear
40L	25.4 mm	1.000 in	Overcoat, decorative front, leather
44L	27.9 mm	1.100 in	Coat, statement front, bag hardware
48L	30.5 mm	1.200 in	Decorative, upholstery-weight fabric
54L	34.3 mm	1.350 in	Decorative, costume, heavy outerwear
60L	38.1 mm	1.500 in	Decorative, oversized styling

WHICH SIZE FOR WHICH GARMENT

Garment	Common ligne	Millimetres
Babywear and infant	14L-16L	8.9-10.2 mm
Childrenswear, 2-8 years	16L-18L	10.2-11.4 mm
Men's dress shirt	18L-20L	11.4-12.7 mm
Polo and casual shirt	20L-24L	12.7-15.2 mm
Trouser waistband	22L-24L	14.0-15.2 mm
Blazer and tailored jacket	27L-28L	17.2-17.8 mm
Coat and workwear	30L-32L	19.1-20.3 mm
Denim tack button	27L-32L	17.2-20.3 mm
Heavy overcoat and duffle	34L-36L	21.6-22.9 mm

Writing it into a spec: give the size with a tolerance — 24L (15.2 mm ± 0.3 mm) — not a flat “24L”, and state the tolerance on the trim card. Buttonhole position is set from the button diameter plus fabric thickness, so it is cut on the counter sample, not on a drawing.

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