Nail Penny Sizes: What 8d, 10d & 16d Actually Mean (+ Chart)

The d stands for penny - a 16d nail is 3-1/2 in long and 0.162 in thick, the default framing nail. Higher penny, longer and thicker nail. These six sizes cover nearly all home construction.

Size	Length	Diameter	Used for
4d	1-1/2 in	0.098 in	Trim, light boxes, finish work
6d	2 in	0.113 in	Finish carpentry, paneling, light framing
8d	2-1/2 in	0.131 in	Sheathing, subfloor, stud nailing
10d	3 in	0.148 in	Framing, sinkers, deck framing
16d	3-1/2 in	0.162 in	Wall framing, joists, general construction
20d	4 in	0.192 in	Posts, beams, heavy framing

Note: Need the full 2d-60d table with box, sink
below.

Reference values only — verify against the governing standard or manufacturer before use.