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Subject: T-nuts, their care and feeding

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What is it about t-nuts that I don't understand? I'm doing a build and using t-nuts for the first time because I want a removable back and front for not only interior adjustments but also possible replacement panels with a port cut in. I have these things from Parts Express called Hurricane nuts. The goal was to have these things in pairs on the frame and on the removable back. I got my correct hole size drilled through both pieces and when I got the t-nuts inserted and tried to screw them down they backed up and loosened a joint. The joint is a small problem to fix and I'm working on the back to catch any of these mistakes before doing the front. In playing with the bolt and the t-nut, there seemed to be a stop at the end of the nut in the machining. I want the t-nut on the surface of the removable panel to use a magnet catch for a grille on the front side and a mated nut on the frame to draw down around a seal on the frame that I'll fabricate. This means that I was figuring on one bolt going through the first and the second drawing down tight to the frame. Where has the logic or selection of parts gone wrong here?

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