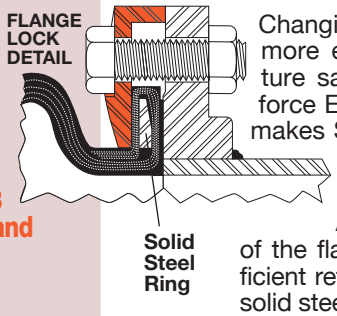
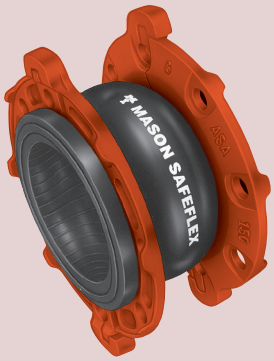
MASON SAFEFLEX

SAFEFLEX SFDEJ
SFDEJ double sphere connectors are always our first recommendation. The longer body has better volumetric response to sound pressure waves and provides superior sound attenuation. In seismic zones the extra movement capabilities are very important as well.

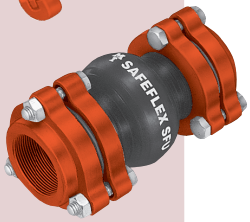
16" - 24" SFDEJ Sizes added in 2013 in response to demand





SAFEFLEX SFEJ
SFEJ single spheres are used where there is minor expansion, no seismic considerations or space and cost controls.

SAFEFLEX SFDCR
SFDCR twin sphere reducers eliminate the need for cast iron or steel transition pieces usually found on both ends of pumping systems. Since steel reducers are eliminated, there are space, cost and labor savings. The SFDCR has a wide range of applications.



SAFEFLEX SFU
SINGLE-SPHERE UNION CONNECTOR
SFU single spheres are more than adequate for both sound reduction and movements in smaller pipelines. 3 bolt flanges increase sealing pressure and eliminate pullout common to threaded pipe coupling ends poorly adapted to this service.

It is 20 years since we made our major contribution to the safety of the marketplace by introducing

PEROXIDE CURED EPDM AND DuPONT KEVLAR® TIRE CORD REINFORCEMENT TO EXPANSION JOINT CONSTRUCTION

Safeflex expansion joints are molded and vulcanized in hydraulic presses. This high pressure process produces a smooth finished product with outstanding adhesion between the cover, reinforcement and tube.

Most of our competitors still use Natural Rubber impregnated Nylon tire cord between sulfur cured, EPDM covers and tubes. This construction becomes brittle with age at higher temperatures, so we changed from Nylon to Kevlar®, as Kevlar® has a higher modulus that minimizes swell and elongation, and outstanding temperature tolerance up to 250°F (121°C).

Changing the EPDM curing system from sulfur to the slower, more expensive peroxide method raised the high temperature safety factor, as well as other physical properties. We force EPDM between, over and under the Kevlar® cords. This makes Safeflex superior as cover, reinforcement and tube are all homogeneous. Natural Rubber has been completely eliminated to improve aging and temperature tolerance.

Another serious problem had been the body pulling out of the flange because flexible bead wire does not provide sufficient retention. Our answer was to wrap the tire cord around a solid steel ring in place of the cable. In 20 years, the steel ring has never pulled through.

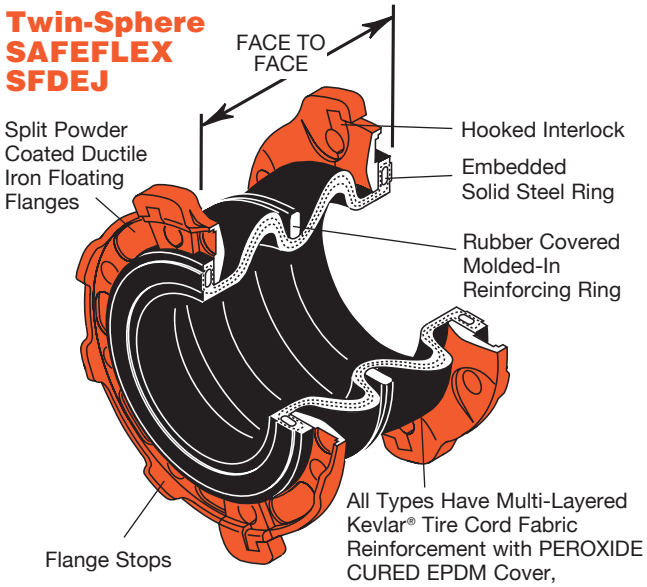
Sealing pressure is amplified by the ductile iron flanges that rotate inward around solid exterior stops. The split flanges are hooked together to prevent spreading.

Safeflex was the culmination of 25 years of application experience and a driving desire to eliminate all possible failures. These improvements were costly, but the engineering and contracting communities and the consumers they serve have always been receptive to our improved longer lasting and safer products. Why risk failure when there is a better product and the cost difference is meaningless against safe extended life. Water burst and leakage failures are catastrophic in downtime and property damage as sometimes they come close to being waterfalls.

IN BRIEF, SAFEFLEX IS SAFE BECAUSE...

- **All Safeflex Expansion Joints are factory tested to 150% of rated pressure before shipment.**
- Kevlar® high temperature tolerance is outstanding.
- Peroxide cured EPDM covers and tubes with Kevlar reinforcement are superior to sulfur cured EPDM, Natural Rubber, and Neoprene Nylon reinforced bodies at all temperatures.
- Kevlar® reinforcement wrapped around solid steel rings cannot pull through the flanges.
- Sealing pressure is higher using external stops as rotation points.

Twin-Sphere SAFEFLEX SFDEJ

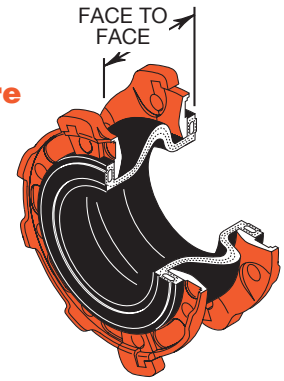


SAFEFLEX SFDEJ Dimensions and Allowable Movements

Pipe Size (in)	Face to Face (in)	Pipe Size *(mm)*	Face to Face *(mm)*	Allowable Movements: Angular (degrees)	Compression (in)	Compression *(mm)*	Elongation (in)	Elongation *(mm)*	Transverse + (in)	Transverse +*(mm)*
1 1/2 2 2 1/2 3 4 5 6	7	*40* *50* *65* *75* *100* *125* *150*	*175*	36 34 32 30 28 24 22	1 1/4	*32*	3/4	*19*	3/4	*19*
8 10 12	8	*200* *250* *300*	*200*	20 18 16	1 1/2	*38*	7/8	*22*	7/8	*22*
14	10	*350*	*250*	14	1 5/8	*41*	1	*25*	1	*25*
16 18	11 11	*400* *450*	*275* *275*	13 12	1 3/4	*44*	1	*25*	1	*25*
20 24	12 12	*500* *600*	*300* *300*	11 10	1 7/8	*47*	1 1/8	*28*	1 1/8	*28*

16" – 24" SFDEJ twin sphere sizes added in 2013 in response to demand.

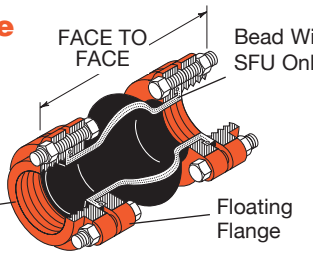
Single-Sphere SAFEFLEX SFEJ



SAFEFLEX SFEJ Dimensions and Allowable Movements

Pipe Size (in)	Face to Face (in)	Pipe Size *(mm)*	Face to Face *(mm)*	Allowable Movements: Angular (degrees)	Compression (in)	Compression *(mm)*	Elongation (in)	Elongation *(mm)*	Transverse + (in)	Transverse +*(mm)*
1 1/2 2 2 1/2 3 4 5	4	*40* *50* *65* *75* *100* *125*	*100*	21 20 19 18 17 16	5/8	*16*	1/2	*12*	3/8	*9.5*
6 8 10 12	6	*150* *200* *250* *300*	*150*	15 14 13 12	1	*25*	5/8	*16*	5/8	*16*
14 16 18 20	9	*350* *400* *450* *500*	*225*	10 9 8 7	1 1/8	*29*	7/8	*22*	7/8	*22*
24	10	*600*	*250*	6	1 1/8	*29*	1	*25*	1	*25*

Single-Sphere SAFEFLEX SFU



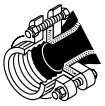
SAFEFLEX SFU Dimensions and Allowable Movements

Pipe Size (in)	Face to Face (in)	Pipe Size *(mm)*	Face to Face *(mm)*	Allowable Movements: Angular (degrees)	Compression (in)	Compression *(mm)*	Elongation (in)	Elongation *(mm)*	Transverse + (in)	Transverse +*(mm)*
3/4 1 1 1/4 1 1/2 2	7 7 8 8 8	*20* *25* *32* *40* *50*	*175* *175* *200* *200* *200*	25 24 23 22 21	3/4	*19*	3/8	*10*	3/8	*10*

OTHER SFU FITTING OPTIONS

SAFEFLEX SFU-SS
Stainless Steel Threaded Ends

SAFEFLEX SFU-CT
Sweat Ends for Copper Tubing



SAFEFLEX SFU-BT
Brass Threaded Ends

SAFEFLEX SFDEJ, SFEJ, SFDCR and SFU KEVLAR® REINFORCEMENT

Standard and High Pressure Construction-Pressure Reduction at Higher Temperatures

Construction Types & Sizes (in) *(mm)*	Nominal Rating In PSI at: 170°F	190°F	210°F	230°F	250°F	Nominal Rating In Bar at: 77°C	88°C	99°C	110°C	121°C	Max. Vacuum in Hg	Max. Vacuum Minus Bar
SFDEJ Standard 1 1/2" - 16" *40 - 400mm*	250	245	235	225	215	*17*	*16.5*	*16*	*15*	*14*	14"	*0.5*
SFDEJ Standard 18" - 24" *450 - 600mm*	180	175	170	165	155	*12*	*11.5*	*11*	*10.5*	*10*	14"	*0.5*
SFDEJ High Pressure 1 1/2" - 16" *40 - 400mm*	335	325	315	300	285	*23*	*22*	*21*	*20*	*19*	22"	*0.7*
SFDEJ High Pressure 18" - 24" *450 - 600mm*	225	220	210	200	190	*15*	*14.5*	*14*	*13.5*	*13*	22"	*0.7*
SFEJ Standard 1 1/2" - 16" *40 - 400mm*	250	245	235	225	215	*17*	*16.5*	*16*	*15*	*14*	18"	*0.6*
SFEJ Standard 18" - 24" *450 - 600mm*	180	175	170	165	155	*12*	*11.5*	*11*	*10.5*	*10*	18"	*0.6*
SFEJ High Pressure 1 1/2" - 16" *40 - 400mm*	335	325	315	300	285	*23*	*22*	*21*	*20*	*19*	29"	*1.0*
SFEJ High Pressure 18" - 24" *450 - 600mm*	225	220	210	200	190	*15*	*14.5*	*14*	*13.5*	*13*	29"	*1.0*
SFU Standard All Sizes	250	245	235	225	215	*17*	*16.5*	*16*	*15*	*14*	18"	*0.6*
SFDCR Standard All Sizes	250	245	235	225	215	*17*	*16.5*	*16*	*15*	*14*	14"	*0.5*

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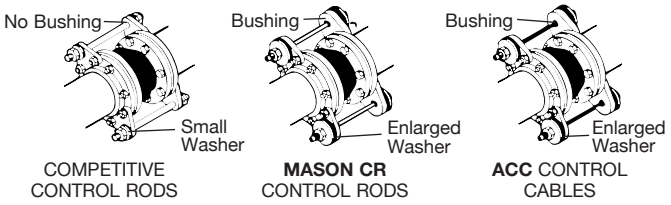
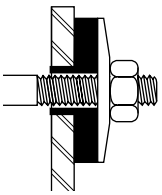


COMPETITIVE CONTROL RODS | **MASON CR** CONTROL RODS | **ACC** CONTROL CABLES

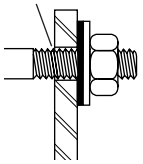
Connectors installed in piping to allow for expansion or contraction must be anchored on both ends of the piping run. They need no control rods or cables. Should controls be used, they must be adjusted so the gap between the nut and the washer allows for full outward travel of the expansion joint. Piping movements must be within the tabulated allowables.

Connectors installed in unanchored piping or connected to isolated equipment only require control rods or cables for pressures as tabulated only if noted under lower right hand table.



MASON Control Rods with properly sized thick washers & rubber bushings

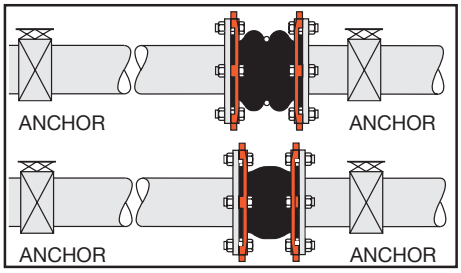
Noise Transmission



Cheap competitive Control Rods with small, thin washers & no rubber bushings

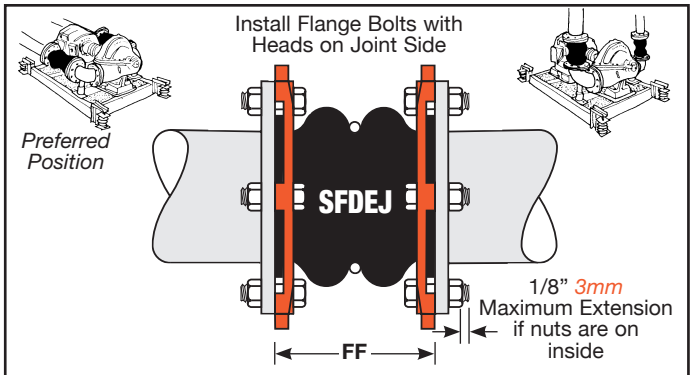
Type CR and ACC control rods and cables are very different than the average rod and rubber washer arrangement. Our sets are all made with oversized washers on the ends to limit the maximum loading on the rubber materials to 1000psi (70kg/cm^2). Competitive systems use 1/4" (6mm) rubber washers that are the same size as the small standard washers. Thrust forces are so high that standard washers extrude and fail. In addition to the increased area and thickness of the rubber, all our control rod washers are molded with rubber bushings so the rod or cable cannot contact the steel restraining plates and short circuit the system acoustically.

Installation Instructions for Safeflex SFDEJ & SFEJ *Install only within machine rooms.*



SFDEJ AND SFEJ CONNECTORS THAT ARE USED IN EXPANSION APPLICATIONS MUST BE INSTALLED WITH ANCHORS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CONNECTOR.

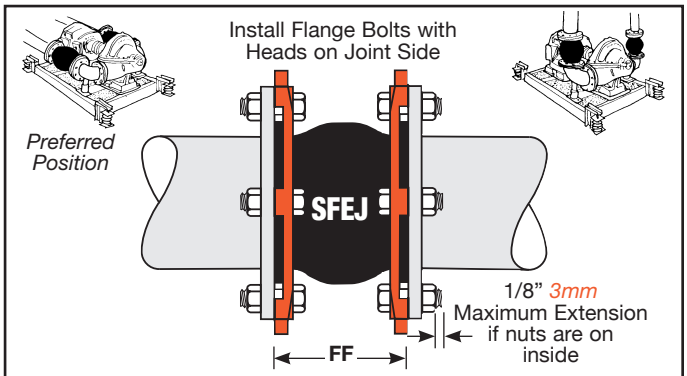
SFDEJ AND SFEJ CONNECTORS USED AS NOISE AND VIBRATION DAMPENERS ONLY AND INSTALLED IN UNANCHORED PIPING WILL GROW IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESSURE AS SHOWN BELOW. Adjust the spring mountings so the equipment is at the proper level. Leave a space between pipe flanges equal to the lengths shown below and draw the connectors out evenly with the flange bolts. Spring supported equipment may lift in response to the tightening so the connector may not be fully extended. When the connector is at operating pressure the system will return to the original position.



SPACE REQUIRED BETWEEN FLANGES at VARIOUS PRESSURES

SAFEFLEX SFDEJ Pressure Extension Table

Pipe Size (in)	250 lb. Construction 0 psi	100 psi	200 psi	250 psi	Pipe Size (mm)	17 Bar Construction 0 Bar	6.8 Bar	13.6 Bar	17 Bar
	Face to Face Length (in)					Face to Face Length (mm)			
1 1/2	7	7	7	7	40	175	175	175	175
2	7	7	7	7	50	175	175	175	175
2 1/2	7	7	7	7	60	175	175	175	175
3	7	7 1/8	7 3/16	7 1/4	75	175	178	180	181
4	7	7 1/8	7 3/16	7 1/4	100	175	178	180	181
5	7	7 1/8	7 1/4	7 3/8	125	175	178	181	185
6	7	7 3/16	7 3/8	7 1/2	150	175	180	185	188
8	8	8 3/16	8 3/8	8 1/2	200	200	205	210	213
10	8	8 1/4	8 1/2	8 5/8	250	200	206	213	216
12	8	8 1/4	8 1/2	8 5/8	300	200	206	213	216
14	10	10 1/4	10 1/2	10 5/8	350	250	256	263	256
16	11	11 5/16	11 9/16	11 3/4	400	275	283	290	294
Pipe Size (in)	180 lb. Construction 0 psi	100 psi	150 psi	180 psi	Pipe Size (mm)	12.25 Bar Construction 0 Bar	6.8 Bar	10.2 Bar	12.2 Bar
	Face to Face Length (in)					Face to Face Length (mm)			
18	11	11 5/16	11 9/16	11 3/4	450	275	283	290	294
20	12	12 3/8	12 5/8	12 7/8	500	300	309	316	322
24	12	12 3/8	12 5/8	12 7/8	600	300	309	316	322



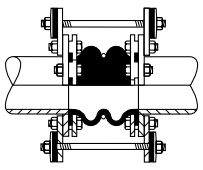
SPACE REQUIRED BETWEEN FLANGES at VARIOUS PRESSURES

SAFEFLEX SFEJ Pressure Extension Table

Pipe Size (in)	250 lb. Construction 0 psi	100 psi	200 psi	250 psi	Pipe Size (mm)	17 Bar Construction 0 Bar	6.8 Bar	13.6 Bar	17 Bar
	Face to Face Length (in)					Face to Face Length (mm)			
1 1/2	4	4	4	4	40	100	100	100	100
2	4	4	4	4	50	100	100	100	100
2 1/2	4	4	4	4	60	100	100	100	100
3	4	4	4	4	75	100	100	100	100
4	4	4 1/4	4 3/8	4 3/8	100	100	106	110	110
5	4	4 1/4	4 3/8	4 3/8	125	100	106	110	110
6	6	6 1/4	6 3/8	6 3/8	150	150	156	160	160
8	6	6 1/4	6 3/8	6 3/8	200	150	156	160	160
10	6	6 1/4	6 3/8	6 3/8	250	150	156	160	160
12	6	6 3/8	6 1/2	6 1/2	300	150	160	163	163
14	9	9 1/4	9 3/8	9 1/2	350	225	231	235	238
16	9	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 7/8	400	225	238	244	247
Pipe Size (in)	180 lb. Construction 0 psi	100 psi	150 psi	180 psi	Pipe Size (mm)	12.25 Bar Construction 0 Bar	6.8 Bar	10.2 Bar	12.2 Bar
	Face to Face Length (in)					Face to Face Length (mm)			
18	9	9 5/8	9 3/4	9 7/8	450	225	241	244	247
20	9	9 5/8	9 3/4	9 7/8	500	225	241	244	247
24	10	10 5/8	10 7/8	11	600	250	266	269	275

CAUTION: This extension procedure is an ABSOLUTE must on all connections to spring mounted systems such as pumps (when control rods are not used) or the pressure may compress the springs solid under the pumps or shift the foundation.

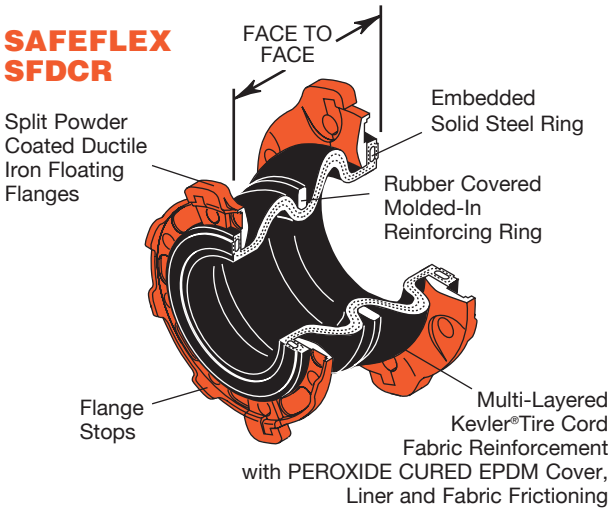
All high pressure connectors should have control rods or cables set at maximum expansion joint allowable elongation.



Only Use Control Rods or Cables if:

1. Expansion Joints cannot be preextended and could cause problems to pipe or equipment.
2. As an added precaution.

SAFEFLEX SFDCR



All flanged expansion joints illustrated in this bulletin are available with:

- **150 lb ASA Drilling**
- **300 lb ASA Drilling**
- **BRITISH Series E Drilling**
- **BRITISH Series F Drilling**
- **DIN or PIN-10**
- **DIN or PIN-16**
- **DIN or PIN-25**

SAFEFLEX SFDCR Dimensions and Allowable Movements

Pipe Size (in)	Face to Face (in)	Pipe Size *(mm)*	Face to Face *(mm)*	Allowable Movements: Angular (degrees)	Compression (in)	Compression *(mm)*	Elongation (in)	Elongation *(mm)*	Transverse (in)	Transverse *(mm)*
3x2	6	*75x50*	*150*	25	1	*25*	5/8	*16*	5/8	*16*
3x2 1/2	6	*75x60*	*150*							
4x3	7	*100x75*	*175*	20	1 1/4	*32*	3/4	*19*	3/4	*19*
5x4	8	*125x100*	*200*							
6x4	9	*150x100*	*225*	15	1 5/8	*41*	3/4	*19*	7/8	*22*
6x5	9	*150x125*	*225*							
8x6	11	*200x150*	*275*							
10x8	12	*250x200*	*300*							

SAFEFLEX SFDCR
Pressure Extension Table 250 lb *17 Bar* Construction

Pipe Size (in)	0 psi	100 psi	200 psi	250 psi	Pipe Size *(mm)*	0 Bar	6.8 Bar	13.6 Bar	17 Bar
	Face to Face Length					Face to Face Length			
3x2	6	6 1/8	6 3/16	6 1/4	*75x50*	*150*	*153*	*155*	*156*
3x2 1/2	6	6 1/8	6 3/16	6 1/4	*75x60*	*150*	*153*	*155*	*156*
4x3	7	7 1/8	7 1/4	7 3/8	*100x75*	*175*	*178*	*181*	*185*
5x4	8	8 3/16	8 3/8	8 1/2	*125x100*	*200*	*205*	*210*	*212*
6x4	9	9 3/16	9 3/8	9 1/2	*150x100*	*225*	*230*	*235*	*237*
6x5	9	9 3/4	9 7/16	9 9/16	*150x125*	*225*	*231*	*236*	*239*
8x6	11	11 3/8	11 1/2	11 5/8	*200x150*	*275*	*285*	*287*	*291*
10x8	12	12 1/2	12 3/4	13	*250x200*	*300*	*312*	*319*	*325*

Installation Procedures for Safeflex SFDEJ, SFEJ, SFDCR and SFU

Although Safeflex is as safe possible, It is our general recommendation that flexible connectors are always installed on the equipment side of the shut-off valve, and they are not used in pipe lines that pass through finished ceilings where water damage to the structure or the equipment below can be extensive.

Install only where leakage or failure will not result in injury or property damage.

1. a. Expansion joint rubber flanges must be in contact with a flat surface. Normal 1/16" raised face is o.k. Unacceptable depressions or protrusions are typical of victaulic or similar flanges.
   b. Flange stops must bear on full diameter mating flanges.
   c. Rubber flanges will not retain loose elements in valve bodies that rely on contact with a steel flange. For example, some check valves are manufactured with brass inserts positioned by screws. When mating steel flanges with these valves, there is no problem. However, with a rubber connector, it cuts the rubber face and can cause failure, leakage or brass insert escape.
2. **Any of the above conditions must be corrected by installing a full diameter steel flange drilled to standard dimensions so the flange bolts pass through it. The I.D. matches the I.D. of the piping. Minimum Plate Thickness is as follows: 1/2" thick for 1-1/2" to 8" pipe, 3/4" thick for 10" to 18" pipe, and 1" thick for 20" to 24" pipe. Gasket between this filler flange and the mating steel flange.**
3. Before installing the connector be certain that all surfaces are clean and there are no sharp edges of any kind on the steel flanges. No gasket is required. Apply a thin film of graphite dispersed in glycerin or water to the face of the rubber flanges before installing. No other type of lubricant or seal should be used on the flange face. The graphite prevents the rubber from adhering to the metal flange so that the rubber joint can be removed without damage, should it ever be necessary.
4. If the connector is to be installed in a system where the operating pressures do not dictate the use of control rods, but the connector is to be pre-extended to allow for growth under pressure, the gap between the piping flanges should be large enough to allow for the growth as indicated on the operating pressure chart.
5. Expansion joints installed for expansion and compression applications should be installed at normal length. Check allowable movements against design requirements between anchors.
6. Check temperature and pressure ratings and never exceed them.
7. Check for chemical compatibility with the ordered material.
8. Do not weld near the expansion joints or weld the steel flanges to the piping after the expansion joints are installed. This will either burn or seriously damage the expansion joints.
9. Although the expansion joints will readily adjust themselves to misaligned flanges within the specified movements, they should not be installed where there is more than 1/8" of initial misalignment or lack of parallelism in the expansion joints.
10. Slide the connector into position and insert all the flange bolts. The rubber face must be centered exactly on the opening. Be sure that the bolts are inserted with the heads facing the rubber and the nuts on the outside so they are on the outside of the mating flange. If it is impossible to insert the bolts in this direction, the tightened end of the bolt must not protrude more than 1/8" beyond the inside nut. Larger protrusions may result in the bolt cutting into the rubber cover.
11. After all bolts are inserted, make them finger tight and then proceed to adjust them evenly in a circle. Tighten the bolts to 75% of the maximum recommended torque for the bolt size until all bolts have the same tightness. Tightness may be increased if there is joint leakage.
12. All rubber materials tend to relax over a period of time. It is good practice to check the tightness of the bolts for the 75% torque about two weeks after installation, and in extreme cases, particularly when a line is heated up and allowed to cool repeatedly it is advisable to continue to check bolt tightness on a monthly basis until such time as the last check shows no further tightening is required.
13. Allowing the bolts to loosen may cause leaks.
14. Insulation on cold lines should be installed for easy removal to facilitate retightening.
15. In order to prevent heat buildup, expansion joints in hot lines should not be insulated.
16. While our expansion joints are guaranteed for a period of one year and designed for many years of service, it is suggested that expansion joints are replaced every five years. Cover cracking is of no significance and only cosmetic.

SFU Installation Instructions (See general precautions above)

1. Attach flanges to piping so length between inside flange faces is equal to face to face length of rubber section of the SFU.
2. Insert center section of the SFU and the 3 bolts on each end. Tighten evenly to 75% of torque value.
3. Retighten as in 12 above.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE NUMBERED INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID NEEDLESS PROBLEMS.

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