Couplings / Installation



Fig. 7401 Rigidlok® Coupling

WARNING Read and understand Ensure system is drained



Ensure system is drained and depressurized before installation or service.

Use appropriate personal protective equipment.







Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious personal injury and/or property damage.

Check pipe ends for proper grooved dimensions and to ensure that the pipe is free of indentations, projections, or other imperfections that would prevent proper sealing of the gasket.

1 Check & Lubricate Gasket

Check gasket to be sure it is compatible for the intended service. Apply a thin coating of Gruvlok lubricant to the exterior surface and sealing lips of the gasket. Some applications require lubrication of the entire gasket surface. Be careful that foreign particles do not adhere to lubricated surfaces.

Notice: Gruvlok Xtreme Lubricant must be applied when used in dry pipe systems or freezer applications. separation. Pipe joint separation may result in significant property damage and serious injury.



Slip the gasket over the pipe end making sure the gasket lip does not overhang the pipe end.

On couplings 10" and larger it may be easier to turn the gasket inside out then lubricate and slide the gasket over the pipe end as shown.



3 Alignment

After aligning the two pipe ends, pull the gasket into position centering it between the grooves on each pipe. Gasket should not extend into the groove on either pipe.

On couplings 10" and larger, flip or roll the gasket into centered position.



4 Housings

Remove one nut and bolt and loosen the other nut. Place one housing over the gasket, making sure the housing keys fit into the pipe grooves. Swing the other housing over the gasket and into the grooves on both pipes, making sure the tongue and recess of each housing is properly mated. Reinsert the bolt and run-up both nuts finger tight.











5 Tighten Nuts

Securely tighten nuts alternately and equally, keeping the gaps at the bolt pads evenly spaced.

Notice: Uneven tightening may cause the gasket to pinch. Gasket should not be visible between segments after bolts are tightened.

ANSI Specified Bolt Torque

Bolt Size	Wrench Size	Specified Bolt Torque*
ln.	ln.	FtLbs
3/8	11/16	30-45
1/2	7/8	80-100
5/8	1 1/16	100-130
3/4	11/4	130-180
1	1 5/8	200-250

^{*} Non-lubricated bolt torques.

6 Assembly is Complete

Visually inspect the pipe joint to assure the coupling keys are fully engaged in the pipe grooves. The bolt pads are to have equal gaps on each side of the coupling.

Notice: Visually inspect both sides of the coupling to ensure gaps between bolt pads are evenly spaced and are parallel. Any deviations must be corrected before placing coupling into service.

Notice: Sizes 16" and larger are cast in multiple segments. To install the larger sizes align the tongue and pocket of the couplings







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