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Expansion Joint

What is an expansion joint?

When designing, producing and maintaining industrial pipe systems, different situations have to be taken into account. Such situations can be mechanical movements, vibrations, misalignments in pipes or movement caused by thermal expansion. All of these movements in the pipe are transmitted to the mounting and equipment connected to them, provoking deformations, failure and ruptures in the systems, which can lead to pricy production stops.

There are different ways to attack this situation, being the correct use of Expansion Joints in the pipes one of the most effective ones.



Expansion Joints are flexible devices designed to absorb movements generated by the pipe system because of variations in temperature and pressures. By absorbing those movements, the joints reduce the mechanical vibration caused by other equipment and diminishes the noise of the pipes.

The essential part of an Expansion Joint, which allows the movement and flexibility, is the bellow. The bellow requires to be very resistant to support the pressure of the fluids handled, but also flexible enough to absorb the present movements such as axial, lateral, angular, rotations and vibrations.



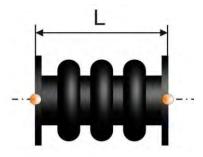
Types of Movement

Basic movements that can exist in an Expansion Joint are: **Axial** movement that can be of *compression* or *extension*, **lateral** movement and **angular** movement.

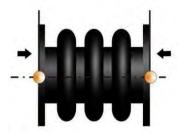
One can also find **rotational** and **vibratory** movement.

Neutral Bellow

Under any pressure or temperature.



Axial movement to compression



Axial movement to extension



Lateral Movement



Angular Movement



Elastomeric Expansion Joints

An expansion joint of this type is a flexible connector, produced with natural or synthetic elastomer, reinforced with polyester canvas and steel rings.

Its design and material depend on the service needed, as well as the operation condition and the containing liquid. Additionally to the characteristics of design and properties of the material, a variety of accessories can be added to adapt to the presented specific situation.

For more information or questions please contact our technical support team. If you should not know any data or characteristic required we will gladly help you.



Elastomeric Expansion Joints

Advantages

There have been technological developments in the compounds of rubber and synthetic canvas, which gives the expansion joints with these materials benefits that cannot be found with other materials.

Its compact size provides a considerable saving in Loop systems or pipe configuration, optimizing de size of the plant, installation work and loss of pressure.

The flexibility of these joints provide major absorption capacity and because of the material does not cause fatigues or cracking and prevents any electrolytic action, thanks to the rubber-metal interface of the joints with corresponding flanges.

They resist corrosion and erosion and due to the elasticity of the used material resist sudden increase in pressure or a water hammer.



Manufacturing



Depending on the use given to the expansion joint, as well as the operation conditions and the containing liquid, the material is different.

The elastomers used are generally: natural, Neoprene, Viton, Nitrile, Hypalon, medical rubber. These materials can be combined as one can be on the inside and the other of the outside of the joint.

As a special manner we can design and manufacture elastomeric joints with metallic liner or Teflon interior.



One arch with integrated flanges

The construction is out of canvas and rubber, reinforced with metal or wire rings. It is designed with one simple arch or with major radio, which increases its capacity of movement and self-cleaning.

Flanges with complete face are integrated in the body of the joint. The rubber flange is thick enough to seal efficiently the partner flange without the use of gaskets.



Multiple arches with integrated flanges

This joint is similar to the one arch joint, but it has an increased capacity in absorption, depending on the number or arcs. To maintain horizontal stability it is recommended to not use more than 4 arches.



Joint with one arch and flanges of different sizes

Similar to the joint with one arch, but its flanges are of different size allowing the connection to tubes of different size according the pipe system.



Concentric reduction

The reduction joints are used to join pipes with different diameters without the loss of the axial shaft center. They can be manufactured with our without arch.



Eccentricity reduction

This reduction joints are used to join pipes with different diameters and the loss of the axial shaft center. They can be manufactured with or without arch.



Joint with revolving flange

Expansion joint built with revolving flanges at the extremes. The special construction counts with steel rings to reinforce the contact with the flange.



Joints with a stuffed arch

The arch can be stuffed with soft rubber, providing a smooth pipe. It is only recommended when necessary, since the absorption capacity decreases by 50%.



Joint with inner tube suitable to service

The inner tube can be manufactured with the most suitable material according to de containing fluid.



Inner sleeve

This accessory is a sleeve with a van stone end or complete flange face, that made of hard rubber, metal or Teflon, that extends through the interior of the extension joint. It reduces wear on the joint sand smooth the flow reducing the turbulence. It is not recommended for thick fluids.



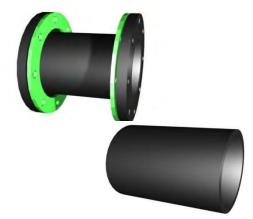
Joints with sleeve extrems

Sleeve ends have the same inner diameter as the pipes outer diameter, where the joint is placed and fixed with clamps. The use is only recommended with medium pressure or vacuum, since air tightness cannot be guaranteed with the clamp.



"U" type joints with or without flanges

"U" type joints are recommended for a total vacuum or a pressure of max. 25 PSIG and are normally used between turbines and condenser.



Joints with sphere type corrugation

This joint has an arch with big radius which gives it greater the movement absorption capacity over the traditional design. The design is also self-cleaning which eliminates the need for a stuffing in the arch.



Rectangular joint

This joint fits rectangular flanges and their behaviour is similar to the circular ones.



Special Orders

Joints with gap

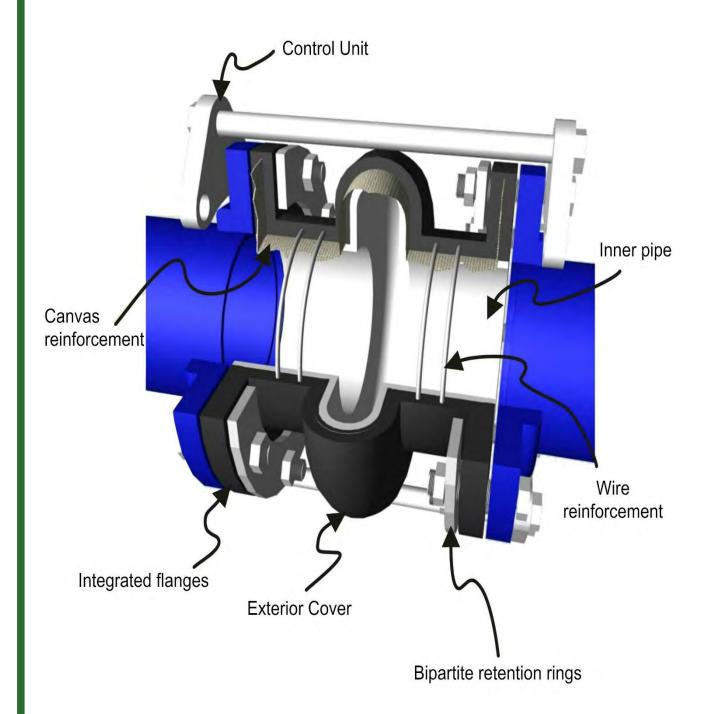
This specialty joint is generally used when there is a level difference in the pipes, so as to join them without a problem.





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Accessories for Elastomeric Expansion Joints



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Inner pipe

Internal surface that is in direct contact with the liquid. It is made of the appropriate elastomer for the operation conditions and the containing liquid of the joint.

Body

It is build out of rubber layers and reinforced by nylon canvas to support the pressure.

Integrated flanges

The flanges are made of the body of the joint and the same material. Built under norms ANSI 150# and 300#.

Control Unit

Limits the movements of the expansion joint to the permitted value.

Exterior cover

Can be made of the same elastomer as the inner pipe or a different one, depending on the environmental conditions the pipe will be subdued.

Wire reinforcement

It reinforces the body of the joint to support the pressure and avoid deformations.

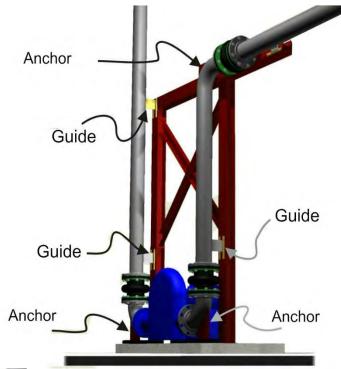
Bipartite retention rings

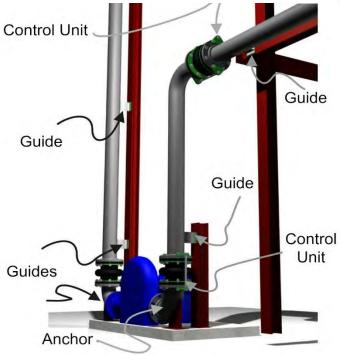
Their function is to reinforce the sealing between the integrated flanges of the joint and the flanges where it will be installed.



Anchoring and guiding of the pipe system

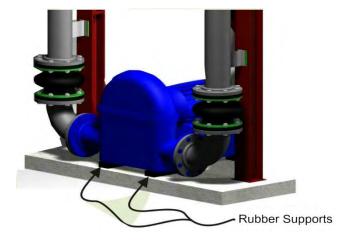
Typical pipe arrangement with correct use of expansion joints, guides and anchoring.



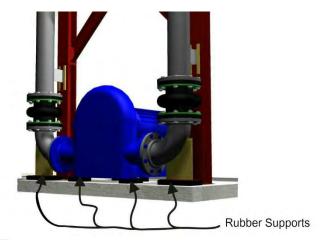


Typical arrangement using expansion joints and control units, where is not possible anchoring.

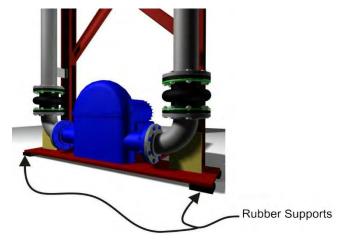
Other types of installations



System with only one pump installed on a rubber support that can bear the systems weight and the push of pressure. The pump Shell, nozzles and elbows need to support the same strength.

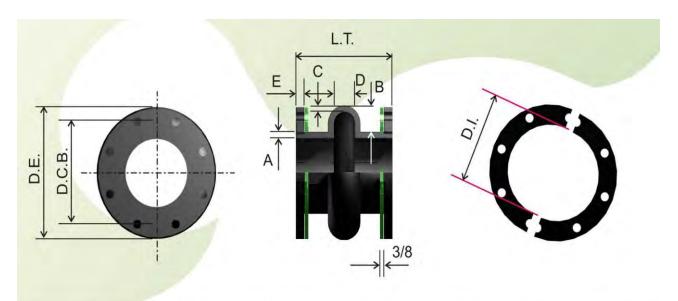


System with the pump and elbow on a rubber support. The pump shell doesn't need to support the force on the nozzles and elbow because of the system weight, as well as the push of pressure on joints since the elbows have their own support.



Alternative system with a second level supported on rubber, in this case the pump doesn't need to support the force on the nozzles and elbow because of the system weight, as well as the push of pressure on joints neither, since the elbows have their own support.

Dimensional table



DIAM.	BRIDA	DIAM.	BAR	RENOS	A. RET. DIAM. INT.	А	В	С	D	Е	LON. TOT			MOV. /ARCO		PRES. TRABAJO	PESO (lbs)	
NOM.	DIAM. EXT.	C.B.	NÚMERO	DIÁMETRO							1 ARCO	2 ARCO	3 ARCO	AXIAL COMP	AXIAL EXT.	Р	J.E.	ANILLO
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2 1/2	7	5 1/2	4	3/4	4 1/8	3/4	1 1/4	1/2	1/2	9/16	6	10	12	7/16	1/4	165	4.5	5.5
3	71/2	6	4	3/4	4 5/8	3/4	1 1/4	1/2	1/2	9/16	6	10	12	7/16	1/4	165	5.25	6
4	9	7 1/2	8	3/4	5 7/8	7/8	1 1/4	1/2	1/2	9/16	6	10	12	7/16	1/4	165	8	7.38
5	10	8 1/2	8	7/8	6 7/8	7/8	1 1/4	1/2	1/2	9/16	6	10	12	7/16	1/4	140	8.25	8.75
6	11	9 1/2	8	7/8	7 7/8	7/8	1 1/4	1/2	1/2	5/8	6	10	12	7/16	1/4	140	9.75	10
8	13 1/2	11 3/4	8	7/8	9 7/8	7/8	1 1/2	5/8	3/4	3/4	6	10	14	11/16	3/8	140	15	14
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Movement capacity/ strength/ constant spring

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Comparison of the chemical composition and physical properties of different elastomers

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6-	EXCELENTE	4-	BUENO	2-	JUSTO	0-	POBRE	Χ-	FABRICANTE			

	NOMBRI	E COMUN /	nombre de	grupo qui	ímico			
CARACTERISTICAS	NEOPRENO	HULE NATURAL	CLOROBUTILO	BUNA-N/NITRILO	HYPALON	VITON	EPDM	TEFLON*/PTFE
QUIMICAS	chloroprene	Polyisoprene, sintetico	Cloroisobutene- isoprene	Nitrile- butadieno	Clorosulfonyl- polietileno	fluorocarbonelastomer	Etileno propylene- diene-terpolymer	Fluoro-etilenopolimero
			DE	SIGNACION	MATERIA			
ANSI/ASTM D1418-77	CR	IR	CIIR	NBR	Csm	FKM	Epr	AFMU
ASTM D-2000 D1418-77	A.C. SEA	Aa	Aa BA	SEA BK Ch	CE	НК	BA Ca DA	
OZONO	5	0	6	2	7	7	7	7
TIEMPO	6	2	5	2	6	7	6	7
LUZ DEL SOL	5	0	5	0	7	7	7	7
OXIDACION	5	4	6	4	6	7	6	7
CALOR	4	2	5	4	4	7	6	7
FRIO	4	5	4	3	4	2	5	Х
LLAMA	4	0	0	0	4	6	0	Х
RASGON	4	5	4	3	3	2	4	X
ABRASION	5	6	4	4	4	5	5	4
IMPERMIABILIDAD	4	2	6	4	4	5	4	X
DINAMICO	2	2	2	5	2	5	5	Х
REBOTE - CALIENTE	5	6	5	4	4	4	6	Х
REBOTE - FRIO	4	6	0	4	2	2	6	X
SISTEMA DE LA COMPRESION	2	4	3	5	2	6	4	X
FUERZA EXTENSIBLE	4	6	4	5	2	5	5	Х
FUERZA DIELECTRICA	5	6	5	0	5	5	7	X
AISLAMIENTO ELECTRICO	3	5	5	1	3	3	6	Х
ABSORCION DEL AGUA	4	5	5	4	4	5	6	7
RADIACION	5	6	4	5	5	5	7	3
EL HINCHARSE EN ACEITE	4	0	0	5	4	6	0	7
ACIDO, DILUIDO	6	3	6	4	6	5	6	7
ACIDO, CONCENTRADO	4	3	4	4	4	6	4	7
HIDROCARBUROS ALIFATICOS	3	0	0	6	3	6	0	7
HIDROCARBUROS AROMATICOS	2	0	0	4	2	6	0	7
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GASOLINA Y ACEITE	4	0	0	5	4	6	0	7
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ALCALI, CONCENTRADO	0	X	4	0	4	0	6	7
ACEITE VEGETAL Y ANIMAL	4	X	5	5	4	6	5	7
PRODUCTO QUIMICO	3	3	6	3	6	6	6	7
AGUA	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	7

^{*} EL TEFLON ES MARCA REGISTRADA DE DUPONT Y AQUÍ ES UTILIZADO UNICAMENTE COMO NOMBRE GENERICO PARA EL PTFE.

