

# MASON SAFEFLEX

In 1996, 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

### 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.

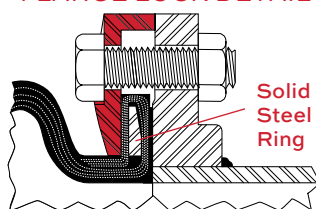
Safeflex expansion joints are molded and vulcanized in hydraulic presses. This high pressure process produces a smooth finished product with outstanding adhesion between the cover, reinforcement and tube.

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 over 20 years, the steel ring has never pulled through.

#### FLANGE LOCK DETAIL



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? 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.



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

### SAFEFLEX SFDEJ

**SFDEJ** double-phase 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.

### SAFEFLEX SFEJ

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



### SAFEFLEX SFU

#### SINGLE-SPHERE UNION CONNECTOR

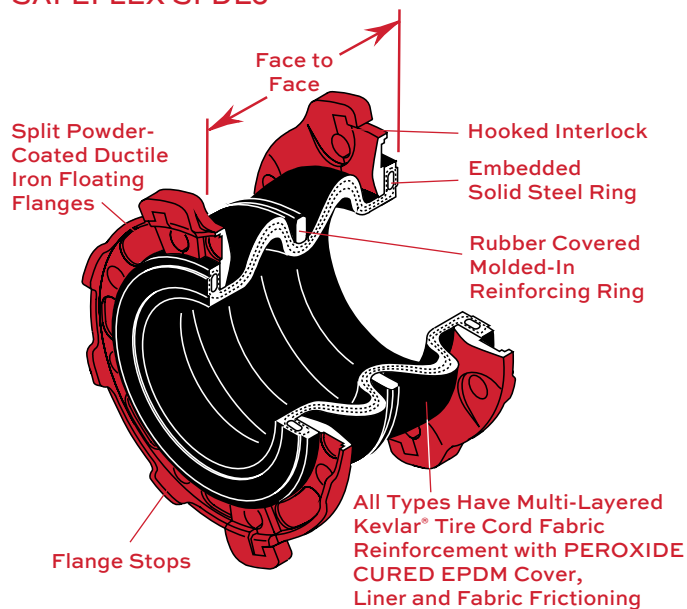
**SFU** single-spheres are more than adequate for both sound reduction and movements in smaller pipelines. 3 bolt flanges increase sealing pressure and eliminate pullout common to threaded pipe coupling ends poorly adapted to this service.



### SAFEFLEX SFDJR

**SFDJR** 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 **SFDJR** has a wide range of applications.

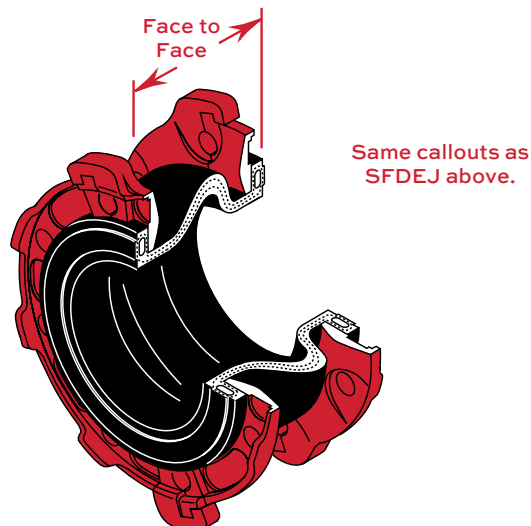


TWIN-SPHERE  
SAFEFLEX SFDEJ

## DIMENSIONS AND ALLOWABLE MOVEMENTS

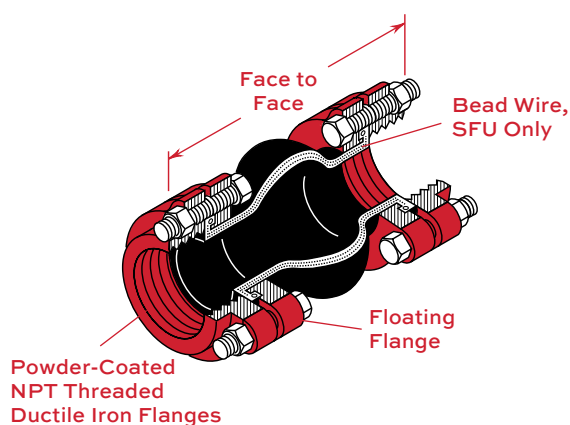
| Pipe Size<br>(in) (mm) | Face to Face<br>(in) (mm) | Allowable Movements  |                          |                         |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
|                        |                           | Angular<br>(degrees) | Compression<br>(in) (mm) | Elongation<br>(in) (mm) | Transverse<br>±(in) ±(mm) |
| 1 1/2 40               |                           | 36                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 2 50                   |                           | 34                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 2 1/2 65               |                           | 32                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 3 80                   | 7 175                     | 30                   | 1 1/4 32                 | 3/4 19                  | 3/4 19                    |
| 4 100                  |                           | 28                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 5 125                  |                           | 24                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 6 150                  |                           | 22                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 8 200                  |                           | 20                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 10 250                 | 8 200                     | 18                   | 1 1/2 38                 | 7/8 22                  | 7/8 22                    |
| 12 300                 |                           | 16                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 14 350                 | 10 250                    | 14                   | 1 5/8 41                 | 1 25                    | 1 25                      |
| 16 400                 | 11 275                    | 13                   | 1 3/4 44                 | 1 25                    | 1 25                      |
| 18 450                 | 11 275                    | 12                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 20 500                 | 12 300                    | 11                   | 1 7/8 47                 | 1 1/8 28                | 1 1/8 28                  |
| 24 600                 | 12 300                    | 10                   |                          |                         |                           |

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

SINGLE-SPHERE  
SAFEFLEX SFEJ

## DIMENSIONS AND ALLOWABLE MOVEMENTS

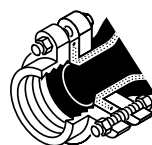
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|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
|                        |                           | Angular<br>(degrees) | Compression<br>(in) (mm) | Elongation<br>(in) (mm) | Transverse<br>±(in) ±(mm) |
| 1 1/2 40               |                           | 21                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 2 50                   |                           | 20                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 2 1/2 65               |                           | 19                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 3 80                   | 4 100                     | 18                   | 5/8 16                   | 1/2 13                  | 3/8 10                    |
| 4 100                  |                           | 17                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 5 125                  |                           | 16                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 6 150                  |                           | 15                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 8 200                  | 6 150                     | 14                   | 1 25                     | 5/8 16                  | 5/8 16                    |
| 10 250                 |                           | 13                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 12 300                 |                           | 12                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 14 350                 |                           | 10                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 16 400                 | 9 225                     | 9                    | 1 1/8 29                 | 7/8 22                  | 7/8 22                    |
| 18 450                 |                           | 8                    |                          |                         |                           |
| 20 500                 |                           | 7                    |                          |                         |                           |
| 24 600                 | 10 250                    | 6                    | 1 1/8 29                 | 1 25                    | 1 25                      |

SINGLE-SPHERE  
SAFEFLEX SFU

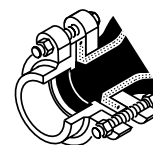
## DIMENSIONS AND ALLOWABLE MOVEMENTS

| Pipe Size<br>(in) (mm) | Face to Face<br>(in) (mm) | Allowable Movements  |                          |                         |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
|                        |                           | Angular<br>(degrees) | Compression<br>(in) (mm) | Elongation<br>(in) (mm) | Transverse<br>±(in) ±(mm) |
| 3/4 20                 | 7 175                     | 25                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 1 25                   | 7 175                     | 24                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 1 1/4 32               | 8 200                     | 23                   | 3/4 19                   | 3/8 10                  | 3/8 10                    |
| 1 1/2 40               | 8 200                     | 22                   |                          |                         |                           |
| 2 50                   | 8 200                     | 21                   |                          |                         |                           |

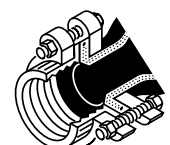
## OTHER SFU FITTING OPTIONS

SAFEFLEX  
SFU-SS

Stainless Steel  
Threaded Ends

SAFEFLEX  
SFU-CT

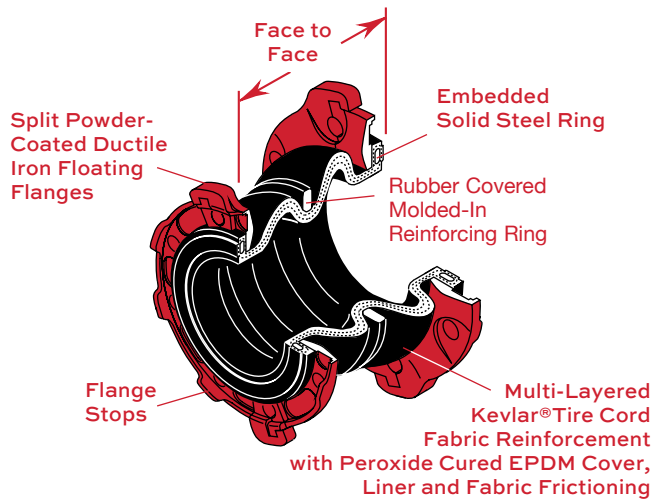
Sweat Ends for  
Copper Tubing

SAFEFLEX  
SFU-BT

Brass Threaded Ends

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**SAFEFLEX  
SFCR****DIMENSIONS AND ALLOWABLE MOVEMENTS**

| Pipe Size<br>(in) (mm) | Face to Face<br>(in) (mm) | Allowable Movements  |                          |                         |                           |  |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
|                        |                           | Angular<br>(degrees) | Compression<br>(in) (mm) | Elongation<br>(in) (mm) | Transverse<br>±(in) ±(mm) |  |  |
| 3 x 2 80 x 50          | 6 150                     | 25                   | 1 25                     | 5/8 16                  | 5/8 16                    |  |  |
| 3 x 2 1/2 80 x 65      | 6 150                     |                      |                          |                         |                           |  |  |
| 4 x 3 100 x 80         | 7 175                     | 20                   | 1 1/4 32                 | 3/4 19                  | 3/4 19                    |  |  |
| 5 x 4 125 x 100        | 8 200                     |                      |                          |                         |                           |  |  |
| 6 x 4 150 x 100        | 9 225                     | 15                   | 1 5/8 41                 | 3/4 19                  | 7/8 22                    |  |  |
| 6 x 5 150 x 125        | 9 225                     |                      |                          |                         |                           |  |  |
| 8 x 6 200 x 150        | 11 275                    |                      |                          |                         |                           |  |  |
| 10 x 8 250 x 200       | 12 300                    |                      |                          |                         |                           |  |  |

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

- 150 lb ASA Drilling • DIN or PIN-10
- 300 lb ASA Drilling • DIN or PIN-16
- British Series E Drilling • DIN or PIN-25
- British Series F Drilling

**SAFEFLEX SFDEJ, SFEJ, SFCR AND SFU KEVLAR® REINFORCEMENT**

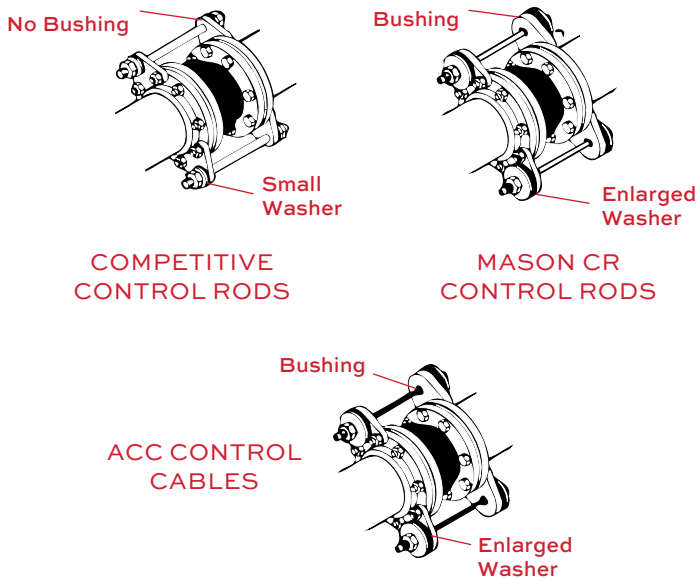
STANDARD AND HIGH PRESSURE CONSTRUCTION-PRESSURE REDUCTION AT HIGHER TEMPERATURES

| Construction Type   | Construction Sizes<br>(in) (mm) | Nominal Rating in PSI at: |       |       |       |       | Nominal Rating in Bar at: |      |      |       |       | Max Vacuum |           |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|
|                     |                                 | 170°F                     | 190°F | 210°F | 230°F | 250°F | 77°C                      | 88°C | 99°C | 110°C | 121°C | in Hg      | Minus Bar |
| SFDEJ Standard      | 11/2" - 16" 40 - 400            | 250                       | 245   | 235   | 225   | 215   | 17                        | 16.5 | 16   | 15.0  | 14    | 14"        | 0.5       |
| SFDEJ Standard      | 18" - 24" 450 - 600             | 180                       | 175   | 170   | 165   | 155   | 12                        | 11.5 | 11   | 10.5  | 10    | 14"        | 0.5       |
| SFDEJ High Pressure | 11/2" - 16" 40 - 400            | 335                       | 325   | 315   | 300   | 285   | 23                        | 22.0 | 21   | 20.0  | 19    | 22"        | 0.7       |
| SFDEJ High Pressure | 18" - 24" 450 - 600             | 225                       | 220   | 210   | 200   | 190   | 15                        | 14.5 | 14   | 13.5  | 13    | 22"        | 0.7       |
| SFEJ Standard       | 11/2" - 16" 40 - 400            | 250                       | 245   | 235   | 225   | 215   | 17                        | 16.5 | 16   | 15.0  | 14    | 18"        | 0.6       |
| SFEJ Standard       | 18" - 24" 450 - 600             | 180                       | 175   | 170   | 165   | 155   | 12                        | 11.5 | 11   | 10.5  | 10    | 18"        | 0.6       |
| SFEJ High Pressure  | 11/2" - 16" 40 - 400            | 335                       | 325   | 315   | 300   | 285   | 23                        | 22.0 | 21   | 20.0  | 19    | 29"        | 1.0       |
| SFEJ High Pressure  | 18" - 24" 450 - 600             | 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   | 15.0  | 14    | 18"        | 0.6       |
| SFDCR Standard      | All Sizes                       | 250                       | 245   | 235   | 225   | 215   | 17                        | 16.5 | 16   | 15.0  | 14    | 14"        | 0.5       |

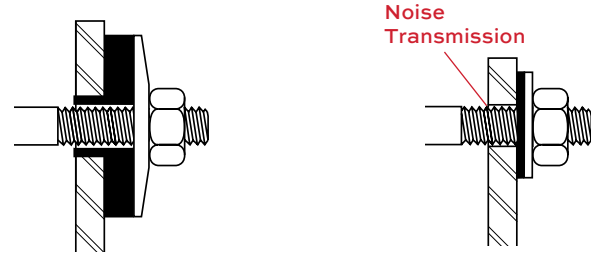
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## CONTROL RODS &amp; CABLES



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.



MASON Control Rods with properly sized thick washers & rubber bushings

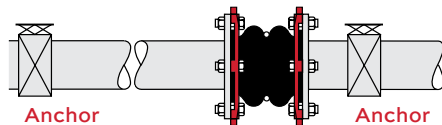
Cheap competitive Control Rods with small, thin washers & no rubber bushings

Connectors installed in unanchored piping or connected to isolated equipment only require control rods or cables for pressures as tabulated only if noted below.

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 1000 psi (70kg/cm<sup>2</sup>). 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 Information for Safeflex SFDEJ, SFEJ &amp; SFDCR

*Install only within machine rooms.*



## SFDEJ, SFEJ &amp; SFDCR CONNECTORS

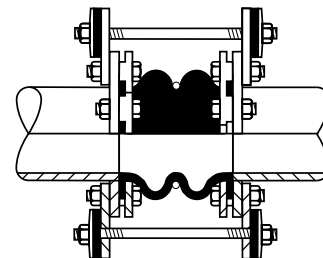
Connectors that are used in expansion applications must be installed with anchors on either side of the connector.

SFDEJ, SFEJ AND SFDCR 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.

**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:

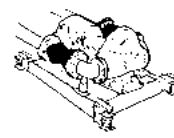
1. Expansion Joints cannot be pre-extended and could cause problems to pipe or equipment.
2. As an added precaution.

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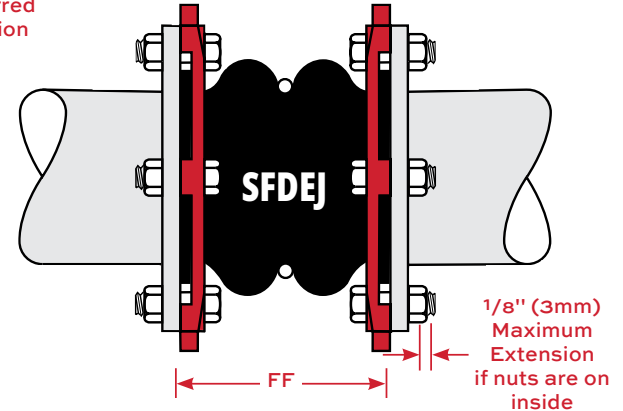
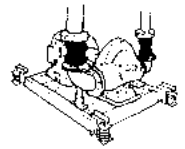
**SAFEFLEX SFDEJ****PRESSURE EXTENSION TABLE**

| Pipe Size<br>(in) (mm) | 250 lb Construction |         |         |         | 17 Bar Construction    |         |          |         |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
|                        | 0 psi               | 100 psi | 200 psi | 250 psi | 0 Bar                  | 6.8 Bar | 13.6 Bar | 17 Bar  |
|                        | Face to Face (in)   |         |         |         | Face to Face (mm)      |         |          |         |
| 11/2 40                | 7                   | 7       | 7       | 7       | 175                    | 175     | 175      | 175     |
| 2 50                   | 7                   | 7       | 7       | 7       | 175                    | 175     | 175      | 175     |
| 2 1/2 65               | 7                   | 7       | 7       | 7       | 175                    | 175     | 175      | 175     |
| 3 80                   | 7                   | 7 1/8   | 7 3/16  | 7 1/4   | 175                    | 178     | 180      | 181     |
| 4 100                  | 7                   | 7 1/8   | 7 3/16  | 7 1/4   | 175                    | 178     | 180      | 181     |
| 5 125                  | 7                   | 7 1/8   | 7 1/4   | 7 3/8   | 175                    | 178     | 181      | 185     |
| 6 150                  | 7                   | 7 3/16  | 7 3/8   | 7 1/2   | 175                    | 180     | 185      | 188     |
| 8 200                  | 8                   | 8 3/16  | 8 3/8   | 8 1/2   | 200                    | 205     | 210      | 213     |
| 10 250                 | 8                   | 8 1/4   | 8 1/2   | 8 5/8   | 200                    | 206     | 213      | 216     |
| 12 300                 | 8                   | 8 1/4   | 8 1/2   | 8 5/8   | 200                    | 206     | 213      | 216     |
| 14 350                 | 10                  | 10 1/4  | 10 1/2  | 10 5/8  | 250                    | 256     | 263      | 256     |
| 16 400                 | 11                  | 11 5/16 | 11 9/16 | 11 3/4  | 275                    | 283     | 290      | 294     |
| Pipe Size<br>(in) (mm) | 180 lb Construction |         |         |         | 12.25 Bar Construction |         |          |         |
|                        | 0 psi               | 100 psi | 150 psi | 180 psi | 0 Bar                  | 6.8 Bar | 10.2 Bar | 2.2 Bar |
|                        | Face to Face (in)   |         |         |         | Face to Face (mm)      |         |          |         |
| 18 450                 | 11                  | 11 5/16 | 11 9/16 | 11 3/4  | 275                    | 283     | 290      | 294     |
| 20 500                 | 12                  | 12 3/8  | 12 5/8  | 12 7/8  | 300                    | 309     | 316      | 322     |
| 24 600                 | 12                  | 12 3/8  | 12 5/8  | 12 7/8  | 300                    | 309     | 316      | 322     |



Preferred Position

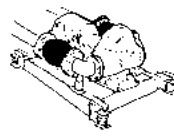
Install Flange Bolts with Heads on Joint Side



SPACE REQUIRED BETWEEN FLANGES at VARIOUS PRESSURES

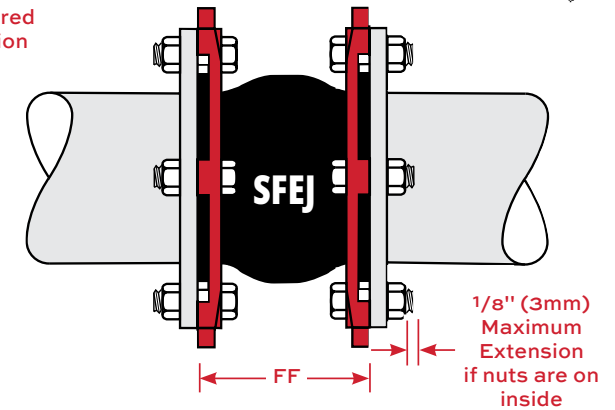
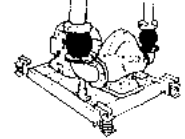
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| Pipe Size<br>(in) (mm) | 250 lb Construction |         |         |         | 17 Bar Construction    |         |          |         |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
|                        | 0 psi               | 100 psi | 200 psi | 250 psi | 0 Bar                  | 6.8 Bar | 13.6 Bar | 17 Bar  |
|                        | Face to Face (in)   |         |         |         | Face to Face (mm)      |         |          |         |
| 11/2 40                | 4                   | 4       | 4       | 4       | 100                    | 100     | 100      | 100     |
| 2 50                   | 4                   | 4       | 4       | 4       | 100                    | 100     | 100      | 100     |
| 2 1/2 65               | 4                   | 4       | 4       | 4       | 100                    | 100     | 100      | 100     |
| 3 80                   | 4                   | 4       | 4       | 4       | 100                    | 100     | 100      | 100     |
| 4 100                  | 4                   | 4 1/4   | 4 3/8   | 4 3/8   | 100                    | 106     | 110      | 110     |
| 5 125                  | 4                   | 4 1/4   | 4 3/8   | 4 3/8   | 100                    | 106     | 110      | 110     |
| 6 150                  | 6                   | 6 1/4   | 6 3/8   | 6 3/8   | 150                    | 156     | 160      | 160     |
| 8 200                  | 6                   | 6 1/4   | 6 3/8   | 6 3/8   | 150                    | 156     | 160      | 160     |
| 10 250                 | 6                   | 6 1/4   | 6 3/8   | 6 3/8   | 150                    | 156     | 160      | 160     |
| 12 300                 | 6                   | 6 3/8   | 6 1/2   | 6 1/2   | 150                    | 160     | 163      | 163     |
| 14 350                 | 9                   | 9 1/4   | 9 3/8   | 9 1/2   | 225                    | 231     | 235      | 238     |
| 16 400                 | 9                   | 9 1/2   | 9 3/4   | 9 7/8   | 225                    | 238     | 244      | 247     |
| Pipe Size<br>(in) (mm) | 180 lb Construction |         |         |         | 12.25 Bar Construction |         |          |         |
|                        | 0 psi               | 100 psi | 150 psi | 180 psi | 0 Bar                  | 6.8 Bar | 10.2 Bar | 2.2 Bar |
|                        | Face to Face (in)   |         |         |         | Face to Face (mm)      |         |          |         |
| 18 450                 | 9                   | 9 5/8   | 9 3/4   | 9 7/8   | 225                    | 241     | 244      | 247     |
| 20 500                 | 9                   | 9 5/8   | 9 3/4   | 9 7/8   | 225                    | 241     | 244      | 247     |
| 24 600                 | 10                  | 10 5/8  | 10 7/8  | 11      | 250                    | 266     | 269      | 275     |



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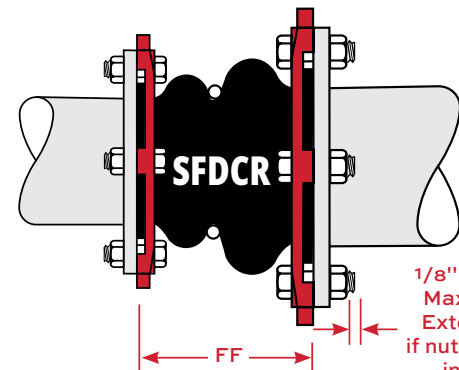
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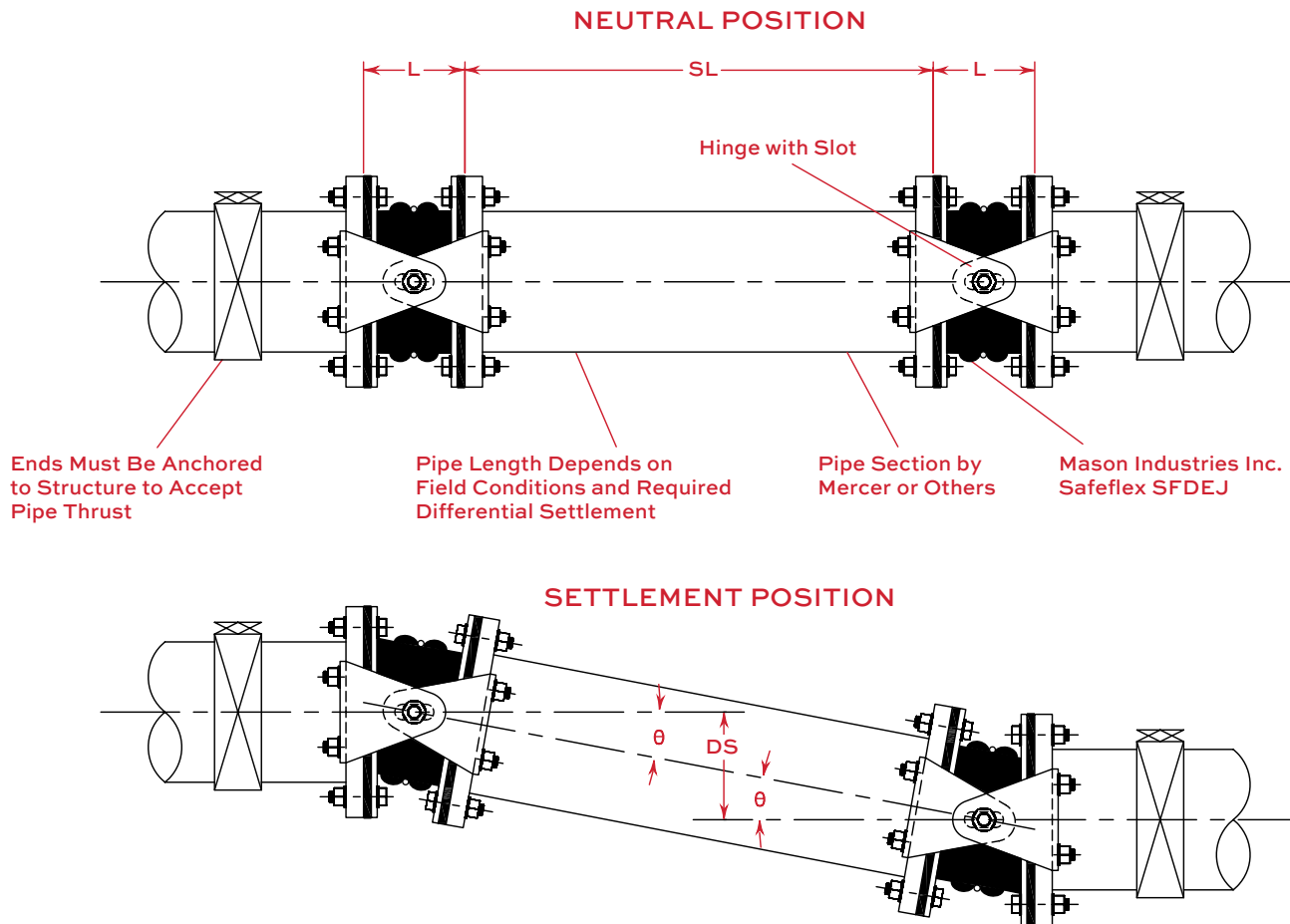
**SAFEFLEX SFDJR****PRESSURE EXTENSION TABLE**

| Pipe Size<br>(in) (mm) | 250 lb Construction |         |         |         | 17 Bar Construction |         |          |        |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|---------|----------|--------|
|                        | 0 psi               | 100 psi | 200 psi | 250 psi | 0 Bar               | 6.8 Bar | 13.6 Bar | 17 Bar |
|                        | Face to Face (in)   |         |         |         | Face to Face (mm)   |         |          |        |
| 3 x 2 80 x 50          | 6                   | 6 1/8   | 6 3/16  | 6 1/4   | 150                 | 153     | 155      | 156    |
| 3 x 2 1/2 80 x 65      | 6                   | 6 1/8   | 6 3/16  | 6 1/4   | 150                 | 153     | 155      | 156    |
| 4 x 3 100 x 80         | 7                   | 7 1/8   | 7 1/4   | 7 3/8   | 175                 | 178     | 181      | 185    |
| 5 x 4 125 x 100        | 8                   | 8 3/16  | 8 3/8   | 8 1/2   | 200                 | 205     | 210      | 212    |
| 6 x 4 150 x 100        | 9                   | 9 3/16  | 9 3/8   | 9 1/2   | 225                 | 230     | 235      | 237    |
| 6 x 5 150 x 125        | 9                   | 9 3/4   | 9 7/16  | 9 9/16  | 225                 | 231     | 236      | 239    |
| 8 x 6 200 x 150        | 11                  | 11 3/8  | 11 1/2  | 11 5/8  | 275                 | 285     | 287      | 291    |
| 10 x 8 250 x 200       | 12                  | 12 1/2  | 12 3/4  | 13      | 300                 | 312     | 319      | 325    |



SPACE REQUIRED BETWEEN FLANGES at VARIOUS PRESSURES

# SAFEFLEX SFDEJ-HE HINGED EXPANSION JOINTS



## CALCULATIONS

The minimum spool length (SL) based on a specified differential settlement (DS) would be:

$$SL = \left( \frac{DS}{\tan \theta} \right) - L$$

Example:

For a required DS of 12" on a 10" pipe line: DS = 12", L = 8", TAN θ = .23

$$SL = \left( \frac{12''}{.23} \right) - 8'' = 52.2'' - 8'' = 44.2''$$

The allowable differential settlement based on a given spool length would be:

$$DS = (SL + L) \tan \theta$$

Example:

For a spool length of 24" on a 4" pipe line: SL = 24", L = 7", TAN θ = .55

$$DS = (24'' + 7'') \cdot .55 = (31'') \cdot .55 = 17.1''$$

Check with factory to verify calculations, generally maximum differential settlement not to exceed 12".

## SAFEFLEX SFDEJ-HE

| Pipe Size (in) | Allowable Angular θ Displacement | Tan θ | Length L (in) |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1 1/2          | 30°                              | 0.58  | 7             |
| 2              | 30°                              | 0.58  | 7             |
| 2 1/2          | 30°                              | 0.58  | 7             |
| 3              | 30°                              | 0.58  | 7             |
| 4              | 29°                              | 0.55  | 7             |
| 5              | 24°                              | 0.45  | 7             |
| 6              | 20°                              | 0.36  | 7             |
| 8              | 15°                              | 0.27  | 8             |
| 10             | 13°                              | 0.23  | 8             |
| 12             | 11°                              | 0.19  | 8             |
| 14             | 10°                              | 0.18  | 10            |

The hinged configuration may be used with Mercer Series 450 and 500 expansion joints as well. Contact Mercer for more information.

## SPECIFICATION

Offset shall be accomplished by the angular motion of a double sphere expansion joint bolted to each end of an intermediate steel pipe. Bracket each expansion joint with hinged steel connections. Hinges shall have a pin in a slot on both sides.

The piping on each end of the assembly must be securely anchored to accept a thrust of 1.5 times the operating pressure multiplied by the projected area of the pipe.

Specifications for the expansion joints shall be as Mason Industries Safeflex **SFDEJ**. The complete hinged assembly shall be Safeflex **SFDEJ-HE** as manufactured by Mason Industries Inc.

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## Installation Procedures for Safeflex SFDEJ, SFEJ, SFDCR and SFU

Although Safeflex is as safe as 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" (1.5mm) raised face is okay. 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" (13mm) thick for 1 1/2" to 8" (40 to 200mm) pipe ; 3/4" (19mm) thick for 10" to 18" (250 to 450mm) pipe; and 1" (25mm) thick for 20" to 24" (500 to 600mm) 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" (3mm) 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" (3mm) 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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