

# **PIPE INSTALLATION HANDBOOK**

## **Matched Tapered Bell & Spigot Joints**

**RED THREAD<sup>®</sup> HP  
GREEN THREAD<sup>®</sup> HP  
SILVER STREAK<sup>®</sup>**

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This fabrication manual is offered to assist you in the proper fabrication and installation procedures when assembling your NOV Fiber Glass Systems piping system.

If you do not find the answer to your questions in the manual, feel free to contact us or your local distributor.

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**Standard Abbreviations**

RT	RED THREAD HP Piping Systems
GT	GREEN THREAD HP Piping Systems
SS	SILVER STREAK Piping Systems

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Installing fiberglass pipe is easier than installing carbon steel, stainless steel, and lined steel due to its light weight. Learning the proper methods to prepare and make-up bell & spigot joints can help ensure the reliability and long-term performance of your piping system.

We offer the TQI Plus (ASME B31.3) Fabrication and Assembly certification program. Qualified Field Service Representatives train fabrication and assembly crews, conduct and supervise fabrication work, and inspect work in progress.

For complete information concerning these training seminars, contact your local distributor or NOV Fiber Glass Systems.

Installation videos are available for viewing on our web site at [www.fgspipe.com](http://www.fgspipe.com).



### **SAFETY**

This safety alert symbol indicates an important safety message. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of personal injury.

### **CAUTION**

As this pipe may carry hazardous material and/or operate at a hazardous pressure level, you must follow instructions in this manual to avoid serious personal injury or property damage. In any event, improper installation can cause injury or damage. In addition, installers should read and follow all cautions and warnings on adhesive kits, heat packs, propane torches, etc. to avoid personal injury. Also, observe general safety practices with all saws, tools, etc. to avoid personal injury. Wear protective clothing when necessary. Make sure work surfaces are clean and stable and that work areas are properly ventilated.

## **PART I PIPE PRODUCTS**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PIPE PRODUCTS**

The performance characteristics of a fiberglass pipe system depend on several important elements including the resin and curing agent, as well as the manufacturing process and type and thickness of the pipe's corrosion barrier.

NOV Fiber Glass Systems' piping systems are manufactured using epoxy, vinyl ester, or isophthalic polyester resin systems. All are heat cured for optimum chemical resistance and physical properties. Match your temperature, pressure and chemical resistance requirements to the piping system.

## **PIPE GRADES**

### **RED THREAD HP**

Epoxy pipe grade that provides long service life, lightweight and corrosion resistance. Used for light chemical services in salts, solvents and pH 2 to 13 solutions up to 210°F and pressures to 25 bar (362 psig). Available in 2"-24" pipe sizes. T.A.B. (Threaded and Bonded bell & spigot) is the primary joining method for 2"-6" diameter pipe. Matched tapered bell & spigot joining method is used for 8"-24" pipe.

### **GREEN THREAD HP**

Epoxy pipe with 15-35 mil resin-rich liner that provides excellent chemical resistance to dilute acids and caustics. Rated for temperatures up to 225°F and pressures to 25 bar (362) psig. Matched tapered bell & spigot connection is provided on all 1"-24" pipe sizes.

### **SILVER STREAK**

Custom filament wound pipe is specially designed for abrasive and corrosive services found in flue gas desulfurization. It is a proprietary blend of epoxy resin and abrasion-resistant additives. Rated for temperatures to 225°F and 225 psig. Available in 2"-24" pipe sizes.

## FITTINGS

Fittings are color coded. Green Thread fittings are green and may be used with Red Thread and Green Thread pipe. Silver Streak fittings are black. Be sure to use the correct grade of pipe and fittings for your service. Consult Fittings & Accessories Bulletins for pressure rating limits on various fittings. The lowest rated fitting determines the system pressure rating.

Most compression-molded fittings have a center line dot or cross which will assist you in making measurements.





## ADHESIVES

Our adhesives are formulated for specific use with the companion pipe grades. Use only the recommended adhesive with each pipe grade - do not mix systems! Standard adhesives are a two-component system (Parts A and B) which must be mixed prior to use. Detailed instructions for adhesives are provided with each kit. Read these instructions thoroughly and follow the recommended procedures. The cure time and pot-life of the adhesive is dependent on temperature. Refer to the adhesive instructions. Ambient temperatures above 100°F require extra care by the fabricator to assure sufficient working time of the adhesive. Refer to *Adverse Weather Recommendations* on page 14.

### ADHESIVE SELECTION

Standard adhesive kits are designed to be used with specific piping systems as shown in Table 2.

### ADHESIVE WORKING LIFE

Working life or pot life is the time it takes for the adhesive to harden in the mixing can. Refer to Table 1 below.

**TABLE 1. Adhesive Estimated Pot Life**

<b>Pipe Resin Systems</b>	<b>Adhesive</b>	<b>Pot Life @ 70°F (min.)</b> (see note)	<b>Pot Life @ 90°F (min.)</b> (see note)
Epoxy	2000	20	12
Epoxy	7000	25	15
Epoxy	8000	15	8

**NOTE:** Pot life is the time available for fabrication. Times may vary depending upon temperature, humidity, quantity mixed, etc.

**TABLE 2. Adhesive Selection**

**Refer to Bulletin No. D4000 for more information**

Use with these Piping Systems	Max. Temp.	Kit #	Number of Bonds per kit														
			1"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"	14"	16"	18"	20"	24"	
RT/GT 25 Bar GT HP/RT HP	200°F	2014			18	15	13	5	2	1							
		2069						8	4	3	2	2	1		½		
RED THREAD HP (Joints Per Can)	150°F	7014			25	18	10	6	3	2	1						
		7024			9	6	4	2	1								
		7069						8	4	3	2	2	1				
RED THREAD HP GREEN THREAD HP SILVER STREAK	225°F	8014	45	27	21	15	8	5	3	2	1			½			
		8024	20	12	9	6	4	2	1								
		8069						8	4	3	2	2	1		½		½

Ambient temperature, adhesive working life and number of crewmen should be considered when ordering adhesive. For long runs of 8" and larger pipe, one kit per joint is recommended.

## FABRICATION ACCESSORIES

### Heat Collars and Heat Blankets:

We offer high temperature heat collars and silicone heat blankets for use in curing of adhesive joints. The blankets and collars have a pre-set thermostat which controls the temperature of the unit. See page 45 for heat collar cure times for adhesive joint fabrications.

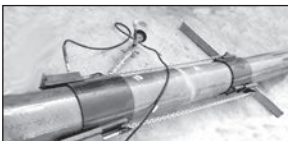


**Heat Guns:** High wattage electric heat guns are also available to heat adhesive joints. The heat guns are 1600 watt capacity.

**Heat Packs:** A heat pack unit consisting of ties and reactants in a plastic bag attached to foil paper is also available. Heat packs will cure joints within one hour.

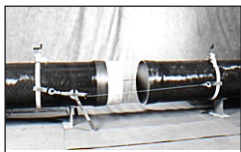
**Tapering Tools:** Matched tapered joints require various tools for making the tapered spigot in the field (RT, GT, SS). Refer to Table 6 on page 28 for selection of proper tapering tool.

**Come-Along:** Specifically designed hydraulic come-alongs are available for 8"-42" piping systems (RT, GT, SS). Especially useful for long straight runs of pipe.



### Ratchet-Type Cable Come-Along:

Kit consists of two manual cable puller come-alongs and one strap clamp kit. It is a mechanical aid used to join larger diameter piping. The come-along is most useful for 8"-16" pipe sizes to aid in the alignment and landing of the spigot end into the bell.



**Strap Clamp Kit:** We offer Strap Clamp Kits that can be used in conjunction with come-alongs for bonding 8"-16" fittings.



## JOINING SYSTEMS

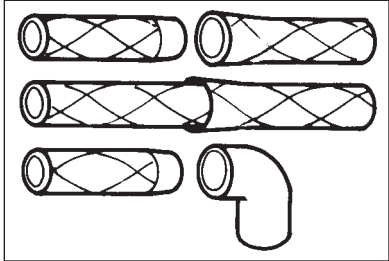
**Bell and Spigot Joint:** The adhesive bonded, tapered bell and spigot joint is a primary joining method for the following products:

1"-36" Green Thread piping and pipe to fittings

2"-24" Red Thread piping and pipe to fittings

2"-24" Silver Streak pipe to fittings

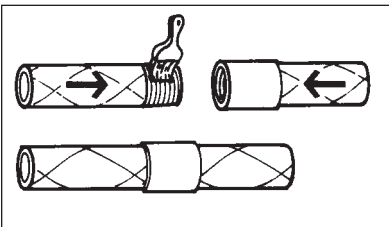
Pipe is supplied with one end tapered (the spigot) and the other end belled (integral bell or factory bonded coupling) to accept a tapered spigot. The joint is made by applying adhesive which, when cured, is compatible with the piping systems for joint strength and corrosion resistance.



**T.A.B. (Threaded and Bonded) Joint:** The T.A.B. joint is the primary joining method for the following product:

2"-6" RED THREAD piping and pipe to couplings.

The joining system combines both threads and adhesives on the bonding surfaces. The mechanical locking action of these promotes positive makeup which prevents back out during adhesive curing. Standard tapered bell fittings are used with this system.



## **PART II SITE CONSIDERATIONS**

### **STORAGE AND HANDLING**

#### **Pipe and Fittings**

Fiberglass reinforced pipe, fittings, and adhesives require special storage and handling. Care should be taken in transporting, unloading, handling, and storing products to prevent impact and other damage.

When transporting pipe, the spacers under and between the pipe joints must be of sufficient width to avoid point loading, which could produce cracking or buckling damage. A minimum of four spacers should be used for supporting 14" and larger 40' long pipe joints. More spacers should be used for smaller pipe or if pipe is stacked over eight feet high.

Due to its light weight, lifting equipment is usually not required for 1" - 14" pipe. When lifting equipment is required, use nylon slings or chokers. Do not allow chains or cables to contact the pipe during transport or handling. If a pipe or fabrication is more than 20 feet long, use at least two support points.

For storage, a board (2 x 4 minimum) should be placed under each layer of pipe approximately every five feet. The intent is to support the pipe and distribute the load evenly. The pipe should also be braced on either side of the pipe rack to prevent unnecessary pipe movement. Avoid placing pipe on sharp edges, narrow supports, or other objects that could cause damage to the pipe wall. When storing pipe directly on the ground, select a flat area free of rocks and other debris that could damage the pipe.

Our pipe is furnished factory packaged in compact, easy-to-handle bundles complete with protective end caps. Leave these caps in place until installation time to protect the pipe ends as well as to prevent dirt or other material from getting into the pipe. Fittings are packaged in cardboard boxes and should be stored in a dry area. If fittings are removed from the boxes, protect machined bells and spigots from exposure to direct sunlight.

The pipe can be damaged when joints or bundles of pipe are dropped during handling or shipping. Severe localized impact blows may result in damage to the fiberglass reinforced structure in the pipe wall. **Before installation, inspect the pipe's outer surface for any damage.**

Do not use damaged pipe unless inspected and approved by a NOV Fiber Glass Systems' representative. If impact damage occurs, the damaged areas may be recognized by a star type fracture on the pipe. Pipe that has been damaged should have a length cut away approximately one foot either side of the impacted site.

Note:

Do not allow the bell end of the pipe to support any pipe weight.

Do not allow deformation of the pipe due to supports or straps.

### **Adhesive**

Refer to adhesive instructions included in each kit for storage life recommendations.

**Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are available at  
<http://www.fgspipe.com>**

## **TOOLS, EQUIPMENT and SUPPLIES REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION**

For maximum efficiency, the following tools and equipment are recommended prior to any installation:

- Pipe Stands, Jacks, Chain Vise, Come-along & strap clamp kit
- Hand Tools
  - Level - Marking Pen - Tape Measure - Pipe Wrap
  - Hacksaw (22-28 teeth/inch)
  - Tapering tool (See pages 26-28)
  - Shop hammer, 3 lbs., and a 2x4 block of wood (for 1"-6" RT, GT, SS)
- Power Tools
  - Power tapering tools (See pages 26-28)
  - Circular power saw with a grit edge abrasive blade, aluminum oxide, carbide or diamond
  - Jigsaw with carbide abrasive blade or fine-tooth metal cutting blade
  - Heat gun, heat blanket or collar
  - T.A.B. wrenches (for 2"-6" T.A.B. joint piping systems)
- Expendables
  - Clean, Dry, Lint-Free Shop Cloths
  - Sandpaper Disc/Emery Cloth (80-120 grit for RT, GT, SS)
  - Impermeable gloves
  - Chemical splash goggles

**NOTE:** You must use the proper tool for tapering each size and type of pipe (see pages 26-28).

### **Equipment for Cool Weather (Below 70°F) pipe assembly:**

- Heat source
  - Portable torch with spreader tip, or
  - Portable electric heat lamp, or
  - Industrial hot air gun
- A means of maintaining adhesive kits at 70°-80°F:
  - A box with a 25 watt light bulb, or
  - Inside of a warm vehicle.
- Heat assisted curing
  - Electric heating collars or blankets
  - Chemical heat packs

**Additional equipment for 8"-24" pipe assembly (RT, GT, SS):**

- Hydraulic come-along or two come-alongs with manila rope or nylon slings (for reduced slippage)
- Strap clamp kit
- Sledge hammer, 12-16 lbs., and a 4 x 4 block of wood

**Additional equipment for applying saddles:**

- Power sander with 30-60 grit sanding disc (preferred for 6" and larger saddles).
- Hose clamps

### SUGGESTED LABOR TIMES FOR BELL X SPIGOT PIPING SYSTEMS

**Table 2.1**

Pipe Size	Placing in Hangers Min./ft. (1)	Setup Min. (10)	Scribe & Cutting (Min./jt.) Hand/power	Hand Tapering Min./jt.	Power Tapering Min./jt.	Joint Makeup Min. (7,8)
1"	.7	3.0	1.33/1.25	1.0	.25 (2)	1.0
1½"	.7	3.0	1.33/1.25	1.5	.25 (2)	1.0
2"	.7	3.0	1.50/1.25	2.0	.25	1.5
3"	.7	3.0	2.0/1.33	3.0	.25	2.0
4"	.8	4.0	5.0/2.5	4.0	.25	3.0
6"	1.0	5.0	7.0/3.0	5.0	2.5 (3)	4.0
8"	1.2	7.0	4.5/3.5	22.0	8.0 (4,5,9)	5.0
10"	1.4	7.0	NA/5.0	35.0	10.0(9)	6.0
12"	1.7	8.0	NA/5.0	40.0	12.0(9)	8.0
14"	2.3	9.0	NA/5.0	NA	12.0 (5,9)	10.0
16"	2.3	10.0	NA/6.0	NA	12.0(9)	12.0
18"	2.5	12.0	NA/8.0	NA	25.0 (6,9)	14.0
20"	3.0	12.0	NA/8.0	NA	28.0 (6,9)	16.0
24"	3.0	14.0	NA/10.5	NA	30.0 (6,9)	20.0

(1) Placing in hangers figures are based on one-worker operation for 1"-4"; two workers for 6"-10"; three workers for 12"-24". Total times should be figured by multiplying figures given by workers needed per operation.

(2) 2000 series Power Tools

(3) 2"-6" Hand Tapering Tool



- (4) Individual Tapering Tool
- (5) 8"-16" Taper/Scarf Tool
- (6) 18"-24" Taper Tool
- (7) Each joint makeup calculation includes cleaning, sanding, applying adhesive and proper engagement. Allow three minutes for mixing adhesive.
- (8) The units (time) listed above are based on using experienced crews on fitting intensive runs. For straight run pipe, contact your local representative.
- (9) Time doubles for HP 25 bar products.
- (10) Includes set up for hydraulic or manual come-along and setting pipe stand levels.

**These numbers are based on installations using experienced crews in typical installation conditions. They do not include extreme weather conditions, time used for gathering supplies and tools, break time, manpower issues, etc. Assume 6 hours of productive labor for every 8 hours worked. Adjustment factors should be applied to these base units to compensate for prevailing production and job conditions. Because of all the variables involved, NOV Fiber Glass Systems is not responsible for any differential between these numbers and actual results.**

### **SUGGESTED CREW SETUP AND ASSEMBLY**

Manpower requirements change depending on whether the installation is simple, consisting of long, straight runs, or complex. It also depends on pipe size, installation temperature, and other similar influences. Following are some general guidelines that are applicable to most installations. If you have any questions, please contact an NOV Fiber Glass Systems representative for information.

#### **Suggested Crew Size for 1"-6" straight long pipe runs**

A three-worker crew is the minimum recommended crew size. A four-worker crew is sometimes more efficient, even when installing 1" - 6" diameter pipe.

**Man #      Crew Description**

**#1      *Clean/prep/align***

Removes end caps, sands and cleans joint and aligns pipe for bonding.

**#2      *Adhesive mixer/bonder***

Mixes adhesive and applies to bell and spigot.

**#3      *Assembly man***

Helps make up joint and checks for lock up.

**#4      *Pre-heat/prep/supplies***

*(optional through 4"; recommended on 6")*

Pre-heats joints and helps keep pipe aligned. Also applies heat collars during cool weather. (All help in moving supplies and equipment from joint to joint.)

**Suggested Crew Size for 8"- 48" straight long pipe runs**

A six or seven crew members is recommended.

**Man #      Crew Description**

**#1      *Clean/prep/align***

Removes end caps, sands and cleans joint and helps align joint for insertion.

**#2      *Adhesive mixer/bonder***

Mixes adhesive and applies to bell and spigot. Marks insertion depth and determines when joint is locked up. Assists with come-along.

**#3      *Adhesive mixer/Bonder***

Helps #2 with adhesive and assists with come-along.

**#4      *Pre-heat/alignment man***

Pre-heats joints, helps align joints and assists with come-along.

**#5      *Alignment man***

Sets level of pipe and aligns joint for proper insertion; directs tractor driver.

**#6      *Truck driver/Supply man (optional)***

Drives supply truck and assists with all aspects of installation. Also coordinates heat collars during cool weather and ice chest during hot weather.

## **#7                    *Tractor Operator***

Operates side boom tractor, track hoe or backhoe.

(All help in moving supplies and equipment from joint to joint.)

**In more complex pipe assemblies**, the crew size will depend on the amount of tapering and prefabrication needed. In most cases, a three-worker crew is the minimum for any size piping installation. In some instances (small jobs with only a few joints) only one or two crewmen will be required.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FABRICATION IN ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The piping can be installed in adverse weather conditions when the necessary precautions are taken.

Actual work will often be more quickly completed in high temperature conditions. Low temperatures can increase the work time 20%-35% over normal shop conditions. A similar increase is common for high moisture conditions.

#### **Hot Weather Installation Tips**

Hot weather conditions, temperatures above 90°F, will greatly reduce the working time of the adhesive. The following steps are recommended when fabricating in hot weather conditions:

1. Avoid direct sunlight on the joining surfaces.
2. Store adhesive in a cool area.
3. Keep mixed adhesive in an ice chest with sealed bag of ice or ice pack.

#### **Cold Weather Installation Tips**

Adhesive cure time is directly related to the temperature. Colder temperatures result in longer cure times.

The following steps should be used when fabricating in colder temperatures:

1. Adhesive kits should be placed in a warm room for six to twelve hours before application in order to reach temperatures of 80°F -100°F. This will make mixing much easier and speed cure times. Or use a box with a 25 watt light bulb to warm adhesive kits.
2. When possible, piping should be bonded indoors into sub-assemblies. The warmer conditions of these areas will allow faster cure times.

3. Pre-warm bonding surfaces to 80°F - 100°F when temperature falls below 70°F.
4. A heat gun, collar or blanket may be used to obtain a faster cure time. Apply a layer of fiberglass insulation or a welding blanket around the heat collars or blankets when installation temperatures are below 50°F.

## Extreme Moisture

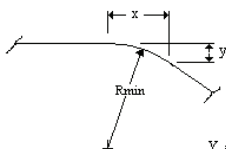
### Adhesive Joints

- If fittings or pipe have moisture on the bonding surface, wipe them dry prior to sanding.
- Sand pipe or fittings immediately before applying the adhesive to bond the joint. Sand surfaces until a fresh, dry surface is present, then remove dust with a clean dry cloth, and apply adhesive.
- Cure per the previous recommendations for normal, extreme heat or extreme cold temperatures.

## BURIED INSTALLATIONS

These are general guidelines only. For more details see Engineering and Piping Design Guide. For installations using UL listed RED THREAD IIA piping see special instructions contained in the installation manual.

### Minimum Bending Radius Layout



$$Y = R \cdot \left( 1 - \cos \left( \text{asin} \left( \frac{X}{R} \right) \right) \right)$$

Where:

X = Run, ft(m)

Y = Offset, ft(m) π)

R = minimum bend radius, ft(m)

(trigonometric function based on radians)

Based on 1000 psi soil modulus. Contact the factory for detailed information for your specific application.

**Offset Bending Allowance for  
GREEN THREAD & RED THREAD Pipe**

<b>Size in</b>	<b>X ft straight run</b>	<b>Y ft offset from straight run</b>
2	20	2
	40	10
3	40	6
	60	16
4	40	5
	80	23
6	40	3
	80	15
	120	34
	160	67
8	80	11
	120	25
	160	47
	200	78
10	80	9
	120	20
	160	36
	200	59
12	80	7
	120	17
	160	32
	200	51
14	80	6
	120	15
	160	28
	200	44
16	80	5
	120	13
	160	23
	200	36
18	80	5
	120	11
	160	19
	200	31

Size in	X ft straight run	Y ft offset from straight run
20	80	4
	120	10
	160	17
	200	27
24	80	3
	120	8
	160	16
	200	25

TABLE 3. Burial Depths*		
Product	Minimum ft	Maximum ft
1" - 4" RED THREAD	2	15
6" - 24" RED THREAD	3	15
1" - 12" GREEN THREAD	2	15
14" - 24" GREEN THREAD	3	15
1" - 12" SILVER STREAK	2	15
14" - 24" SILVER STREAK	3	15

\* Based on a 1000 psi composite constrained modulus. Contact the factory for detailed information for your specific application.

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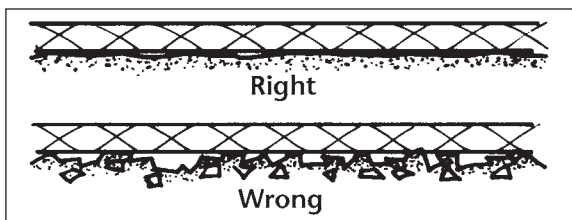
**Minimum** burial depth in unpaved areas for pipe subjected to vehicular loads depends on pipe grade, pipe size, vehicle axle weight, and the bedding material. With a standard legal axle load of 34,000 lbs., the minimum depth of cover (from the top of the pipe to the surface) for moderately compacted non-clay bearing soils is shown in Table 3.

**Maximum** burial depth is dependent on the backfill material. For moderately compacted soils that do not contain large amounts of highly expansive clays, the maximum burial depth is shown in Table 3.

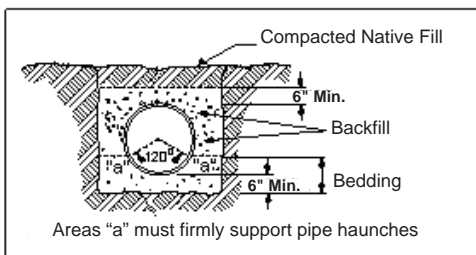
The pipe should always be buried below the frost line.

**Trench Preparation** - Final bedding of the trench must be as uniform and continuous as possible. Before backfilling, fill all gaps under the pipe with proper bedding material. Avoid sharp bends and sudden changes in slope. It is important to remove all sharp rocks, cribbage, or other foreign objects that could come in contact with the piping.

**Bedding Requirements** - Fiberglass pipe can be damaged by point contact or wear with the trench bottom and walls, improper bedding materials, or adjacent pipe. Use recommended bedding material a minimum of 6 inches thick at the bottom, sides, and top of the piping (refer to Table 4). Adjacent pipes should be spaced the greater of 6 inches or one pipe diameter.



The piping can be laid directly on the undisturbed trench bottom if the native soil meets the requirements of a recommended bedding material (refer to Table 4). Never lay fiberglass piping directly against native rock or shale. Always use dry, unfrozen bedding materials that do not contain foreign objects or debris. Never use water flood for compaction. Slurries can be used that are intended for burial of flexible piping systems. When using slurries, care must be taken to prevent floating or deformation of the piping.

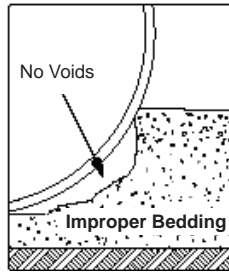
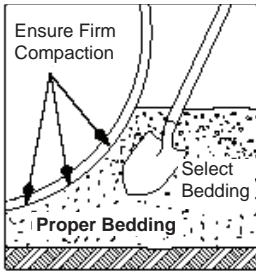


**TABLE 4. Recommended Bedding Materials**

Bedding Material	Compaction Proctor Density
Crushed rock or pea gravel $\frac{3}{4}$ " maximum size	Not Required
Coarse-grained sand or soil with little or no fines	75-85%
Coarse-grained sand or soil with more than 12% fines	85-95%
Sand or gravel with more than 30% coarse-grained particles	85-95%
Sand or gravel with less than 30% coarse-grained particles	Greater than 95%

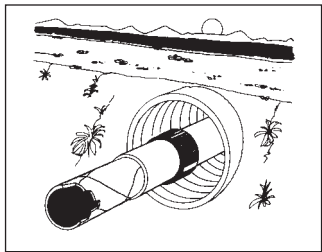
**Pipe Support** - Fiberglass pipe is flexible and requires the support of the bedding material to keep the pipe round in burial applications. It is very important that a recommended bedding material is properly compacted around the entire circumference of the pipe. (Refer to Table 4) Tamp the bedding material under the bottom half of the piping to prevent voids or areas of low compaction. Vibratory or similar tamping equipment can drive small stones or debris into the pipe wall if they are present in the bedding material. Avoid striking the pipe with tamping equipment as the pipe may be fractured.





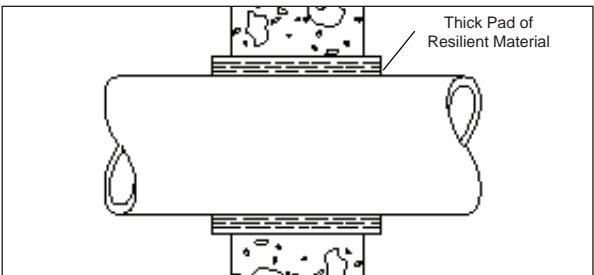
**High Water Tables or Vacuum** - Consult factory for recommendations.

**Road Crossings** - When laying fiberglass pipe under road crossings, it may be necessary to pass the pipe through conduit to protect the pipe. Pad the pipe to prevent rubbing or point loads against the conduit.



**Wall Penetrations**

Where the pipe goes through or passes under a concrete structure, precautions must be taken to prevent bending or point loading of the pipe due to settling. A minimum 2" thick pad of resilient material should be wrapped around the pipe to provide flexibility and prevent contact with the concrete. If bolts are used in the resilient material, care should be taken that the bolts, nuts, or washers cannot come into point load contact with the pipe. Bedding depth under the pipe should be increased to a minimum of 12" or one pipe diameter, whichever is greater, for one pipe joint length away from the concrete.



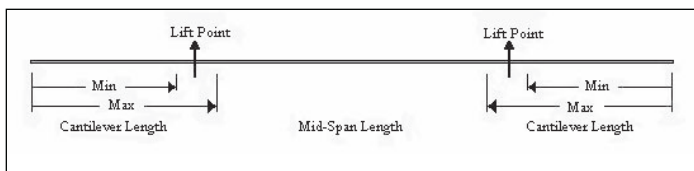
**Timing** - Test and cover the pipe as soon as possible to reduce the chance of damage to the pipe, floating of the pipe due to flooding, or shifting of the line due to cave-ins.

**Two Point Lifting of Red Thread** - The table below provides information concerning safe lift points for RT during installation. The following table has been compiled for two lift points and the maximum length of pipe that may be safely lifted and the critical location of the lift points.

### Lift Points

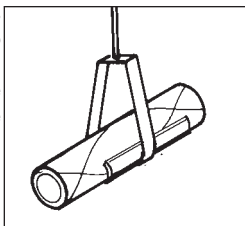
Nominal Size in	Pipe Lengths ft		Cantilever Length ft		Mid-Span Lengths ft	
	Number	Length	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
8	3	120	24	26	68	72
10	3	120	20	28	64	80
12	3	120	22	31	58	76
14	3	120	22	31	58	76
16	3	120	20	35	50	80
18	3	120	19	36	48	82
20	4*	160	31	37	86	98
24	4*	160	29	40	80	102

\* The same cantilever length applies for 3 pipe lengths.



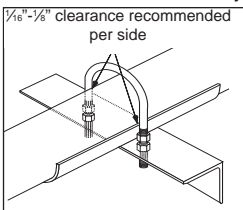
## ANCHORS, GUIDES AND SUPPORTS

**Pipe Hangers** - Pipe hangers such as those shown are often used to support pipe in buildings and pipe racks. However, the use of too many hangers in succession can result in an unstable line when control valves operate, and during pump start-up and shutdown. To avoid this condition, the designer should incorporate auxiliary guides periodically in the line to add lateral and axial stability.



**Pipe Guides** - Guides are rigidly fixed to the supporting structure and allow the pipe to move in the axial direction only. Proper guide placement and spacing are important to ensure proper movement of expansion joints or loops and to prevent buckling of the line.

The guiding mechanism should be loose so it will allow free axial movement of the pipe. “U” bolts, double-nutted so they cannot be pulled down tight, are often utilized for guides.



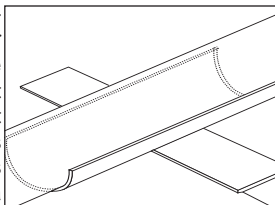
Primary and secondary guides, i.e., those immediately adjacent to expansion joints, are spaced more closely than intermediate guides. Refer to *Engineering & Piping Design Manual*, for details.

Piping entering expansion joints or expansion loops require additional guides. Refer to *Engineering & Piping Design Manual* for details.

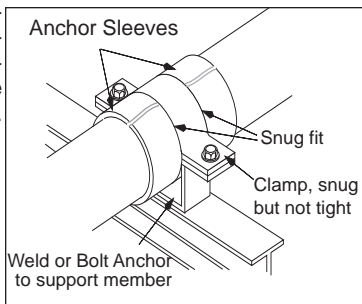
**Pipe Supports** - Piping supports for the pipe should be spaced at intervals as shown in the product bulletins.



**NOTE:** Properly spaced supports do not alleviate the need for guides as recommended in the preceding section. Supports that make only point contact or that provide narrow supporting areas should be avoided. Some means of increasing the supporting area should be used; sleeves made from half of a coupling or pipe are suitable. Support pumps, valves and other heavy equipment independent of the pipe. Refer to pump and valve connection instructions on page 74.



**Pipe Anchors** - Pipe anchors divide a pipeline into individual expanding sections. In most applications, major pieces of connected equipment, such as pumps and tanks, function as anchors. Additional anchors are usually located at valves, near changes in direction of the piping, at blind ends of pipe, and at major branch connections. Provisions for expansion should be designed into each of the individual pipe sections.



Refer to *Engineering & Piping Design Guide*, for a thorough discussion on supports, anchors and guides.

## PART III GENERAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### IMPORTANT • READ THIS FIRST

Before beginning the actual assembly procedures, read and make sure all installers thoroughly understand the following instructions.

**All bonding surfaces must be clean, dry and factory fresh in appearance before applying adhesive.** When end caps have been lost, surfaces will weather and result in loss of bond strength. When surfaces are weathered, re-taper (RT, GT, SS) spigots to achieve a factory fresh appearance. (Note: T.A.B. couplings that have weathered must be replaced.)

**Matching tapered bell and spigot joints require a very thin adhesive bond line for maximum strength and durability.** The adhesive used with tapered joints is very strong when used in bond lines a few thousandths of an inch thick. The same adhesive may be brittle in thick sections resulting in poor bond strength. To achieve a thin bond line, the matched tapered angles of the joint are designed to mechanically “lock-up” when wedged together.

**Using mechanical force assures “lock up” and a thin bond line.** Hammering a wooden block placed against the bell end of pipe, or using mechanical devices such as come-alongs should be used to “lock up” the joint.

Note: For T.A.B. joints, special T.A.B. wrenches are required to achieve the mechanical lock up in the joint.

**Adverse weather conditions require special precautions when bonding pipe.** (See page 14, *Recommendations for Fabrication in Adverse Weather Conditions*) The adhesive is very viscous (thick) when cool or when applied to cool pipe. The thick adhesive can actually be stiff enough to prevent joint “lock up.” When the adhesive is hot or when it is applied to hot pipe, the available working time may be significantly reduced.

**Matched tapered bell and spigot joints that are not “locked up” can fail prematurely.**

## CUTTING FIBERGLASS PIPE

NOV Fiber Glass Systems' pipe should be cut using one of the methods referred to under Tools and Equipment on page 10.

1. Measure pipe, remembering to allow for spigot and fitting dimensions.
2. Scribe a cutting guide around the pipe to ensure a perpendicular cut for proper fit.
3. Hold the pipe firmly but not to the point of crushing. If chain vises or other mechanical holding devices are used, care should be taken to prevent crushing or point loading of the pipe. To prevent damage to the pipe, 180 degree sections of pipe can be used for protective covers.
4. Saw the pipe as smoothly as possible. The pipe ends should be square within  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch.



Note: For integral joint (IJ) bell ends, the bell end must be cut off before tapering. Measure the O.D. of the pipe near the bell end until you see the O.D. start to get larger. Cut the pipe at this point. Depending on pipe size the distance from the end of the bell can vary anywhere from 12" to 36".

## PART IV FABRICATION OF RED THREAD, GREEN THREAD AND SILVER STREAK PIPE AND FITTINGS

### TAPERING PIPE

Various tools are available from NOV Fiber Glass Systems for making the tapered spigot in the field.

To reproduce a standard taper, the tapering tool must be marked or adjusted. The process varies depending on the tool being used and the product being tapered. Please refer to individual tool instructions for tapering.

Refer to Table 6 on page 28 for specific bulletin number and proper taper angle for each size and type of pipe. **Do not** taper over the bell end of integral joint pipe. See page 25 for cutting instructions.

**1"-6" Tool** - A hand-held tool that can be adapted for power when a large number of tapers is necessary. Different piping systems require different mandrels.



**Model 2100/  
2102 Tool** - Power tool for tapering and scarfing RED THREAD and RED THREAD IIA piping.

**Model 2300/2306 Tool** - Power tool especially designed for tapering 1" - 6" GREEN THREAD piping.



### **8", 10", or 12" Tapering Tool**

- These tools are designed for manual or power (i.e., Ridgid<sup>®</sup> 300 or 700 power drive or equal) operation; there is a tool for each size pipe.

**2"-12" Remote Power Tool** - Tapers 2"-12" pipe. Must change angle for 8" and larger pipe. Recommended for all 6" tapers.



**Additional material will be needed:**

1. Sturdy work bench (preferably with a metal top) or stand to hold the tool.
2. Two 20" long pieces of 1" diameter steel pipe. Mount these on top of the bench parallel to each other, on a 2 foot center, extending off the bench 12".
3. Two adjustable pipe stands with hard rubber rollers at 90 degree angle to pipe, i.e. the stand must allow the pipe to rotate.
4. This tool requires approximately 3,000 watts of 115 vac power for operation (30 amp breaker). We recommend 5,000 watts (50 amp breaker). As the length of extension cords increases, the power lost in the cord increases. Table 5 shows maximum allowable lengths for various size cords.

**TABLE 5. Extension Cord Length**

Wire Size AWG	Suggested Length ft	Maximum Length ft
12	20	22
10	30	36
8	50	57

**8"-16" Taper/Scarf Tool** - This is an electrically powered tapering tool. The tool comes with different size mandrels to taper 8"-16" pipe.



**18"-24" Tapering Tool** - This is an electrically powered tapering tool. The tool comes with different size mandrels to taper 18"-24" pipe.

**Note:** Some tools may be used with other pipe systems with special-order tooling. In these cases, supplemental tool instructions are also available. Be sure to specify which pipe system you will be tapering when ordering tools.



**TABLE 6. Tapering, Scarfing and Cutting Tool Reference Chart**

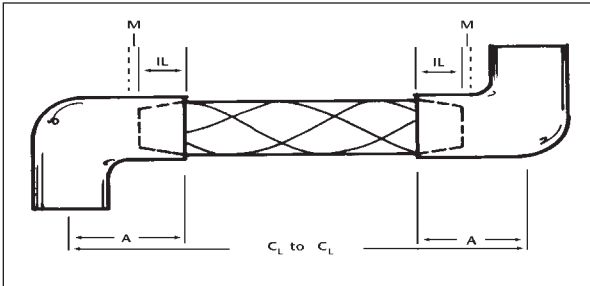
<b>Tool</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Tool Taper Angle</b>	<b>Bulletin #</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1" - 6" Hand Tapering	RT GT	1" = 3°; 1½ = 2½° 2" - 6" = 1¾°	F6600	Specify product to receive correct mandrels. Order scarfing adapter kit for secondary containment power adapter separate. Uses Ridgid 700 or equivalent power drive with a Ridgid 774 adapter.
2100 Power	RT	1¾°	F6625	Tapers 2" & 3"; Scarfs 3" & 4"
2102 Power	RT	1¾°	F6624	Tapers 2" -4"; Scarfs 3"
2300 Power	GT	1¾°	F6627	Tapers 2" -4"
2106/2306 Power	RT/GT	1¾°	F6627	Tapers 2"-6" GT,RT - RT Mandrels must be purchased separate
2700 Power	SS	1¾°	F6632	Tapers 2"-4" Silver Streak
8" Tapering or Scarfing Tool	RT, GT GT MOS	0 or 1° 0°	F6608 Taper F6609 Scarf	Tapers and scarfs. Order scarfing adapter kit for S.C. Uses Ridgid 700 or equivalent power drive with a Ridgid 774 adapter.
10" & 12" Taper or Scarfing Tool	RT/GT	0 or 1° 0°	F6612 Taper F6613 Scarf	Tapers and scarfs. Order scarfing adapter kit for Secondary Containment. Uses Ridgid 700 or equivalent power drive with a Ridgid 774 adapter.
8"-16" Single Point Taper Tool	8"-16" RT, GT	1° 1¼°	F6622	Tapers or scarfs 8"-16" RT, GT, SS. Scarfs 8"-12" GT, or 8"-16" secondary containment.
2"-12" Remote Power Tool	RT, GT, SS	2"-6" - 1¾° 8"-12" - 1°	F6601	Tapers 2"-12" pipe. Must change angle for 8" and larger pipe. Recommended for all 6" Tapers.
18"-26" Taper Tool	RT, GT, SS	1° 1¼° or 2½°	F6621	Taper 18"-26"
30"-42"	RT, GT, SS	0 - 1¾°	F6633	Tapers 30"-42"

## **Close Tolerance Calculations** **Red Thread, Green Thread and Silver Streak**

**Close Tolerance Piping** - The tapered bell and spigot system employed by NOV Fiber Glass Systems can be readily used to achieve dimensional accuracy where required by a particular pipe layout. As with any matched taper, minor variations in tolerance in the bell or spigot will affect the insertion depth. In applications where the final make-up length of an assembly is not critical, these variations are of no consequence. However, when the installation is such that close tolerances must be maintained, you must compensate for these variations. It is possible to accurately reproduce tapers (spigots) in the field with the field tapering tools. This provides a means of achieving dimensional accuracy.

**Calculation to Achieve a Desired Length** - Most close tolerance installations are made to prints calling out  $C_L$  to  $C_L$  (center line to center line) dimensions.

When fabricating to these dimensions, follow these procedures per the figure below.



1. Obtain the center line to face dimension (A) of fittings to be used from Tables 8 or 9 on pages 33-36.
2. Create an insertion gauge by cutting a short section of pipe; 12" long for small diameters and 18" long for larger diameters. Taper the pipe using the instructions supplied with each tool. Check dry insertion. The insertion length should be within  $\pm \frac{1}{8}$ " of a factory spigot insertion.
3. Obtain insertion length (IL) by inserting the gauge (made with the tool being used) into a fitting and measuring. (Note: Measure each end of each fitting, because the insertion may vary for each bell.) You can prepare and use

a short nipple as a standard insertion gauge. (Note: You must prepare a new gauge if you change tapering tools or make any changes to the tool you are using.) Always add a make-up dimension (refer to Table 7) to this measurement, since the adhesive will act as a lubricant and allow greater penetration than when the surfaces are dry.

**TABLE 7. Approximate Make-up Dimensions (M)\***

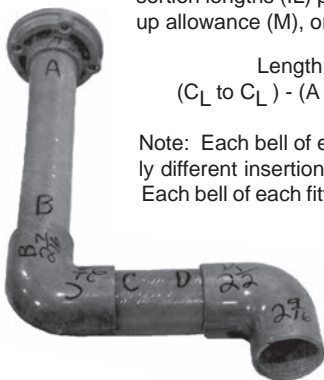
Pipe Diameter, in	Approximate Make-up Dimensions*, in
1 and 1½	1/16
2	1/8
3 and 4	3/16
6	1/4
8	3/8
10 and 12	5/8
14	3/4
16	1
18	Use field developed dimensions
20	
24	

\*CAUTION: Make-up dimensions depend on the tightness of the dry fit. If the field developed dimensions vary, use field developed dimensions.

- To achieve a specified  $C_L$  to  $C_L$  dimension, the length of pipe to cut is equal to the  $C_L$  to  $C_L$  distance minus the sum of the center line to face dimension of the fittings ("A" dimension) plus the sum of the measured insertion lengths (IL) plus the sum of the make-up allowance (M), or

$$\text{Length of Pipe to Cut} = (C_L \text{ to } C_L) - (A + A) + (IL + IL) + (M + M)$$

Note: Each bell of each fitting may have a slightly different insertion depth with a standard taper. Each bell of each fitting should be checked with a standard taper and marked. Consult bulletin for fittings dimensions.



## JOINT PREP for RED THREAD, GREEN THREAD, and SILVER STREAK

All bonding surfaces must be clean and dry before bonding.

- For T.A.B. joints, clean with an acceptable solvent and clean rag. Wire brushes may also be used for cleaning T.A.B. surfaces; however, they must be clean and free of oily contaminates.
- For smooth tapers, sandpaper or solvent (or both) may be used. Sand just light enough to remove any contaminates.
- Use caution as oversanding can change the taper angle or end dimension, and create flat spots on the spigot.
- When surfaces have weathered, sand or retaper spigots and sand bells to achieve a factory fresh appearance. Cut at least 1" from spigots before retapering. T.A.B. couplings must be replaced.
- Bonding surfaces must be dry, so be sure all solvent has evaporated before applying adhesive.

**Note: Use of a solvent as a cleaning method is optional.**

Some alternate cleaning solvents are acetone, methylene chloride, and methyl ethyl ketone. After cleaning, be sure any residual solvent has evaporated before applying adhesive. **DO NOT USE SOLVENTS THAT LEAVE AN OILY FILM ON THE BONDING SURFACES.**



**WARNING:** Some degreasers and solvents are extremely flammable. Do not smoke or use near an open flame. Wear eye protection. Be sure to read warning labels on containers.

Never use gasoline, turpentine, or diesel fuel to clean joints.

Solvent containers may be under pressure. Use caution when removing inner seals, especially in warm weather. Use with adequate ventilation.

## ADHESIVE MIXING

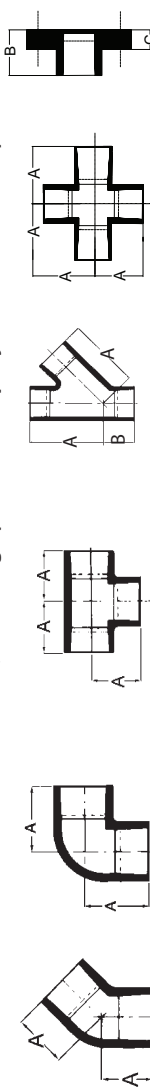
When the weather is cool or the adhesive has been stored in a cool environment (below 70°F), pre warm the adhesive kits. (Do not heat above 100°F!)

1. For epoxy empty all of the contents of the hardener bottle into the can of base adhesive.
2. Mix all of the base epoxy adhesive with all of the hardener. NEVER ATTEMPT TO SPLIT A KIT. Cut through the adhesive with the edge of the mixing stick to assist in mixing the two components.
3. Mix until the adhesive has a uniform color and a consistent flow off the mixing stick. Wipe down the sides, bottom, and under the rim of the can with the mixing stick to assure complete mixture.

Complete information and safety precautions are packaged with each adhesive kit. Review all safety precautions thoroughly before mixing the adhesive.

**ADHESIVE DISPOSAL:** Once the adhesive and hardener have been mixed and reacted, nothing can be extracted, and it is classified as non-hazardous material. Dispose of in a normal manner as other solid waste. Excess adhesive and hardener can be mixed, allowed to react, and disposed of as above. If extra jars of adhesive or hardener have accumulated without the other component to mix and react, contact your regional manager. Hardener jars, when empty are not subject to EPA regulation and can be disposed of in a normal manner. These guidelines are based on federal regulations. State and local regulations and ordinances should be reviewed.

TABLE 8. Take-off Dimensions for RT, GT Fittings (Contact Company for SS Dimensions)



Size	45° Elbow		90° Elbow		Tee		Lateral		Cross		M/FW*		M/FW*		*Flanges M - Molded FW - Filament Wound
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	B	C	C		
1	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>8</sub>		
1½	2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>8</sub>		
2	2 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	6 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> / 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>8</sub>		
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4	3 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	9	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> / 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>		
6	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	3 / 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>		
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12	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	14	14	24 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	14	11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	14	14	5	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>		
14	12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19	19	32 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	19	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	16	16	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>		
16	13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	35 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	17 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	17 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	17 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>		

Dimensions are used to calculate pipe length requirements to meet pipeline center line to center line dimensions.

Table 8.1 Dry insertion depths for standard RED THREAD and GREEN THREAD pipe and fittings.

Size	90 & 45 Degree Elbows & Tees		Crosses		Laterals		Molded Flanges		FW Flanges	
	X-RT	X-GT	X-RT	X-GT	X-RT	X-GT	X-RT	X-GT	X-RT	X-GT
1	-	1	-	1	-	1	NA	1	-	1
1 1/2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1 1/8
2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 1/2	1 5/8
3	1 5/8	1 7/8	1 5/8	1 7/8	1 5/8	1 7/8	1 1/2	1 7/8	1 7/8	2
4	1 1/2	1 7/8	1 1/2	1 7/8	1 1/2	1 7/8	1 3/4	1 7/8	1 7/8	2 5/8
6	2 1/8	2 3/8	2 1/8	2 3/8	2 1/8	2 3/8	2 1/4	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
8	3 3/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	2 7/8	3 1/4	2 7/8	2 5/8	2 1/4	3 3/8	3 3/8
10	3 7/8	3 5/8	3 1/4	3	3 1/8	2 7/8	3 3/4	3 3/8	3	3
12	4	3 3/4	3 5/8	3 1/4	3 1/4	3	3 3/4	3 3/8	3	3
14	6 1/8	6	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	-	-	2 1/4	2 3/8
16	6 1/8	6 1/8	3 7/8	3 7/8	3 7/8	3 7/8	-	-	1 7/8	2

The X values are the nominal dry spigot insertions used to set up tapering tools. The tolerances for dry insertion are  $\pm 1/8$ " for 1"-6" and  $\pm 1/4$ " for 8"-16" pipe sizes. The final insertion referred to as the wet locked up position will be larger than the X dimension. Do not use these dry insertion depths for close tolerance piping calculations.

Table 8.2

Take off and nominal dry insertion dimensions for Silver Streak piping systems. Refer to Silver Streak bulletin or [www.fgspipe.com](http://www.fgspipe.com) for more information.

<b>Table 8.2 - Dry Insertion Depths for Silver Streak Fittings</b>		
<b>Size in</b>	<b>Coupled/Mitered in</b>	<b>Filament Wound in</b>
2	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 $\frac{5}{8}$
3	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 $\frac{7}{8}$
4	2	3 $\frac{1}{8}$
6	2 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
8	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
10	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$
12	4 $\frac{7}{8}$	6 $\frac{3}{8}$
14	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
16	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{5}{8}$

<b>Table 8.3 - Dry Insertion depth "X" for Stub Ends</b>			
<b>Size in</b>	<b>GT in</b>	<b>RT<sup>(1)</sup> in</b>	<b>RT TAB<sup>(2)</sup> in</b>
2	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{7}{8}$
3	2 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{7}{8}$
4	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	1 $\frac{7}{8}$
6	3 $\frac{3}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	3


(1) Smooth Taper as built in field

(2) Factory TAB spigot



Table 9. Take-off Dimensions for RT/GT HP 25 Bar Products

X dimensions are nominal dry insertion lengths. Pipe must be driven together and fully locked up to assure full joint strength. Actual insertions should be +¼" for 8" and larger joints. Insertion depths are for tool set up only. Do not use insertion depths (x) for close tolerance piping. Refer to joint assembly instructions for complete information on joint lock up.



Size in	45 Degree Elbows (Long Radius) (in)		90 Degree Elbow (Long Radius) (in)		Tee (in)			Van Stone Flanges (in)
	A	X-RT	X-GT	A	X-RT	X-GT	A	
8	12½	6	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	19½	6	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	13½	A
10	14½	6½	6½	23¼	6½	6½	15¾	6¼
12	16½	7	7	27	7	7	17¾	7
14	17¾	5¾	5¾	30	5¾	5¾	19½	7¾
16	20	5¾	5¾	34	5¾	5¾	21½	8
18	24 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>			40			26 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	9
20	29 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>			47¼			31¼	10½
24	35 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>			57			35	12½
								15½

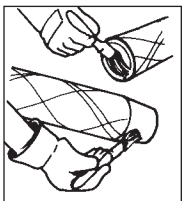
Dimensions are used to calculate pipe length requirements to meet pipeline center line to center line dimensions.

**1" - 6" Bell & Spigot Joint - THE SPIGOT MUST BE ALIGNED AND LOCKED IN THE BELL.** A cocked or misaligned joint will result in false "lock up" and premature joint failure either during testing or at a later date.

When ambient temperature is below 70°F, pre warm the bonding surfaces. Use a hot air gun, propane torch or other clean burning heat source that has a spreader type tip, and apply heat uniformly to bell and spigot until warm to the touch. Check temperature by touching bonding surfaces with the back of your hand. Do not touch with the front of your hand as this may contaminate the joint. If hot to the touch, let cool before applying adhesive. When using a torch to preheat, warm the bell first. It is thicker and will hold heat longer. If an electric heating collar is used to pre warm, place the joint together dry, then heat the O.D. of the bell to avoid contaminating the spigot. Do not use chemical heat packs to pre warm. **Warning:** Do not use propane torch around flammable gases.

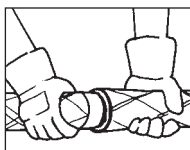


Brush adhesive on both the bell and spigot bonding surfaces, applying a thin uniform coating to each. To minimize contamination, apply adhesive to the bell first. Adhesive should always be worked into the machined surface by applying pressure during application. This will "wet out" the machined surface and maintain the required thin bond line. Be sure that adhesive is deep down into the bell past the insertion depth and that all machined taper surfaces on the spigot and the cut end of the pipe are uniformly covered. Excess adhesive will make the joint more difficult to lock.

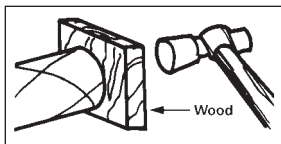


Align and lock the joint. For 2" or smaller pipe, insert the spigot into the bell until surfaces touch, then push and turn at the same time until a lock is achieved. Only a quarter to a half turn is usually needed. On 3"-6" diameter pipe or on fittings, pushing and turning to lock the joint is impractical and driving force must be used. A hammer may be used to assist in joint lock-up. Place a 2x4 board flat across the bell. The first few raps should be light to prevent any tendency of the joint to back out.

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If the adhesive or the pipe surfaces are cool, push and hold for a few seconds to allow time for the adhesive to start flowing out of the tapered joint.

Check lock up by moving a free end of the pipe in an up and down or side to side motion. The movement must be sufficient to move the joint being checked. No movement should be visible in the joint. If any movement exists, the joint is not properly locked up. Avoid excess movement as this could damage the spigot.

**8" - 36" Bell & Spigot Joint** - Long runs (ditch piping) must be supported at the joint section at all times until fully cured. Lifting near the center of the pipe with a backhoe or side boom tractor without proper support under the joint can cause damage to joints that are not cured. Lifting near the center of the pipe for alignment is acceptable as long as the joint does not support the weight of the piping section. Blocks or skids should be used to support the entire joint section until the joint is fully cured. Install pipe in straight alignment; never install pipe in a bind.

**8" - 36" Hydraulic Come-alongs** - are recommended for joining large diameter matched tapered joints. While a cable come-along may be used in areas where a hydraulic come-along is not practical, the hydraulic model provides the following advantages:

- The operator can be positioned at a safe distance from where the loads are being applied.
- The hydraulic model is equipped with a pressure gauge allowing the operator to monitor the pressure and ensure the maximum recommended load on the joint and hardware is not exceeded.
- The clamping collars used with hydraulic come-alongs evenly distribute the loads applied to the pipe minimizing the potential for physical damage to the pipe body. The clamping collars resistance to slipping is better than the strap clamp kits used with cable come-alongs.

When cable come-alongs are used with strap clamps, the following recommendations should be followed:

- Strap wrenches should only be tightened by hand. Do not use cheater bars or wrenches to tighten them for the clamps may be overstressed.
- The clamps should be covered to prevent flying debris should a clamp failure occur.
- If the strap slips on the pipe surface, Emery cloth placed between the strap and pipe will increase the frictional resistance to slipping. Abrasive powders such as Ajax® or Comet® powdered cleaners will likewise increase the resistance to slippage.
- Only use on pipe joint sizes 16" and smaller.

Hydraulic come-alongs are required on all matched tapered joint sizes 18" and larger. When pipe joints are pulled together with come-alongs, they must be vibrated during joint make up. The vibrating reduces the joints resistance to movement and helps prevent premature or "false make up". False make up commonly occurs when the joint cocks due to misalignment. Vibrating the joint by rapping with a 5# dead blow hammer will reduce the tendency for a joint to cock during make up. After a joint is made up, do not aggressively move the pipe and joint until the adhesive is completely cured. Relieve pressure on hydraulic cylinders before attempting to remove pipe collars. Refer to detailed instructions on hydraulic come-along use.

**TABLE 10. Hydraulic Come-Along Pressures**

Pipe Grade	Pipe Size in	Hydraulic Pressure psig
RT, GT, SS	8-10	1500-1750
	12-16	1750-2000
GT 300	8-10	1500-2000
	12-16	2000-2500
	18-24	3000
HP 25 Bar Products	8-12	2000
	14-16	2500
	18-24	3000
	30-36	4500
	42	5000

**Ratchet-Type Cable Come-alongs** may be used as alternatives to the hydraulic come-alongs for sizes 8" through 16" diameters.

Two cable come-alongs are required to make up a joint. The come-alongs should be positioned on opposite sides of the pipe joint to achieve a straight pull. The come-alongs are attached to the pipe via heavy-duty strap clamp kits or slings.



Manila ropes  $\frac{5}{8}$ " diameter or larger are suitable when tied in a series of half hitches around the pipe body. These straps, slings or ropes should be placed far enough away from the joint to allow the positioning and use of the come-alongs. They are generally placed 18" to 24" away from the joint, one on each side of the joint but actual placement requirements will be governed by the size of the come-alongs.

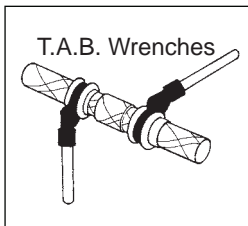
The two come-alongs should be tightened at the same time to maintain a straight joint while pulling the joint together. Vibrating of the pipe by rapping the fitting bell or coupling surface with a 5# dead blow hammer will reduce the frictional resistance in the joint being pulled together. The load on the cables should be held firm until the joints are aligned and completely locked up. After a joint is made up, do not aggressively move the pipe and joint until the adhesive is completely cured. Relieve tension on cables before attempting to remove strap clamps.

Unlike hydraulic come-alongs with pressure gauges to indicate the load on the joint, cable come-alongs have no equivalent load measuring mechanism and must be used with caution. Operation of cable come-alongs should be in accordance with the device manufacturer's instructions. It is unsafe to use cheater bars to increase leverage on come-alongs. Such action may result in overstressing the mechanical components in the system leading to dangerous failures of any of these components.

**Strap clamp kits** are available for pipe to fitting connections. When used in conjunction with the hydraulic come-along, a heavy duty band (strap) clamp and two ring belt straps are used to pull the joint together. Refer to instructions for details on Strap Clamp Kits.

### **T.A.B. (Threaded and Bonded)**

**Joint** - Joint installation procedure follows the normal bell and spigot operations of cleaning, adhesive mixing, etc. as described on page 37. Two T.A.B. wrenches are required when joining T.A.B. pipe. Wrenches are available for each size pipe. The wrenches lock around the pipe and force the pipe into a very slight oval shape. Therefore, the wrenches must be 6" to 12" away from the joint to assure good joint make up.



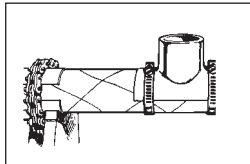
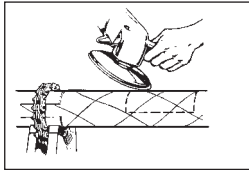
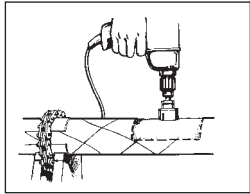
1. Cover all machined areas on the spigot and at least one-half inch beyond the last thread in the bell with the proper adhesive.
2. Screw the pipe together until firm using T.A.B. joint wrenches. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**

Connections into fittings are made using the normal bell and spigot methods. A threaded spigot can be bonded into a smooth bell (fitting), or a smooth spigot can be bonded into a threaded bell.

**Saddles and Reductions** - The recommended adhesives for epoxy and vinyl ester piping systems are ZC-275 or 3033. When these adhesives are used on vinyl ester systems verify the chemical resistance compatibility with the adhesive using "Chemical Resistance Guide" or call the factory representative. To develop full strength of an adhesive bonded joint, it is important to properly prepare the bonding surfaces as recommended in the following paragraphs. Curing the adhesive with an electrical heating collar reduces cure time, improves the chemical resistance as well as the ultimate strength of the bond.

Position the saddle on the pipe and mark around the saddle base. Use a file, a sander, or rough sandpaper (16 to 40 grit) to remove all surface gloss from the pipe O.D. where the saddle is to be bonded. (For large diameter pipe, a disc sander is usually more practical.) Use circular or random pattern motion during sanding to eliminate grooves on the pipe surface. After sanding, position the saddle on the pipe and mark the hole to be cut in the pipe. Cut a hole the same size as the saddle outlet using a pilot drill and circular hole or sabre saw.

Do not force the cutter or it will fray the edges of the hole excessively. Clean all bonding surfaces as required. Note: Be sure cleaner (if used) has evaporated before applying adhesive to the bonding surfaces. Apply a thick coat of adhesive to the O.D. of the pipe, I.D. of the saddle, and the edges of the pipe wall exposed by the hole. Place the saddle over the hole and clamp with two hose clamps or a banding tool. (Note: Banding tool must be a type that does not leave slack in the bands when the tool is removed. Use metal banding.) Using a large screw driver, hand tighten the hose clamps alternately until secure and adhesive squeezes out all the way around the saddle. This will ensure that the pipe O.D. conforms to the saddle I.D. You can remove the clamps or leave them in place after the adhesive is cured. **Allow adhesive to cure before bonding in the side run.** Use two banding tools to pull the sides of the saddle down alternately. If two tools are not available, tighten the first band **snug**, the second band **tight**, and add a third band, pulled **tight**, on the first side. Three-quarter inch banding is recommended. If the saddles are used on non-standard pipe (pipe not listed in literature), contact your representative for special instructions.



**Reducer Bushings** - Install reducer bushings using a block of wood and a hammer and the same procedures as for bell and spigot pipe. The wood block should be sized to allow the reducer bushing to be counter-sunk in the bell. Some reducer bushings will be counter-sunk before they are actually locked up. For maximum chemical resistance with 8" and larger Green Thread reducer bushings, coat all machined surfaces with adhesive just before assembly.

**TABLE 11. Adhesive Ambient Cure Time**

Adhesive Type	Temperature, °F	Cure Time, hr
2000	110	1
	90	3
	80	4
	70	9
	60	16
	50	24
8000	110	1
	90	2
	80	4
	70	6
	60	12
	55	18

NOTE: Cure time is the time before the line can be tested. Times may vary depending upon temperature, humidity, etc.

## JOINT CURE

**Ambient Cure** - Cure time is the time required for the adhesive in the assembled joint to harden. Cure time depends on the type of adhesive and the ambient temperature, as shown in Table 11.

You can shorten cure time by applying heat. Although all of the adhesives will cure at ambient temperatures above 70°F, it is recommended they be heat-cured at temperatures of at least 275°F to maximize physical properties and corrosion resistance. See page 43 for instructions for using heat collars for heat-curing joints.

**High Temperature Heat Collar** - Refer to bulletin for complete operating instructions.

**NOTE:** Do not bend or fold heating collar as this may break the heating elements and cause the collar to work improperly or not at all.



### *Pipe and Fittings:*

1. Use the same size heating collar as the pipe size you are installing, with the exception of flanges. Do not use a heating collar that is designed for a larger size pipe.
2. With the uninsulated flap on the bottom (next to the fitting), carefully wrap the heating collar around the joint. Feed the strap through the square ring. CAUTION: The uninsulated flap is extremely hot when the collar is on. DO NOT TOUCH with bare hands.
3. Tighten the straps until the heating collar is snug against the joint.

### *Flanges:*

1. For 1", 1½" and 2" flanges, an industrial heat gun may be used to cure the joint. Be sure that the end of the gun is at least six inches from the opening of the flange.
2. For 3" through 16" flange joints, use a heating collar that is one pipe size smaller. Remove the straps from the heating collar.
3. Carefully turn the collar inside out with the heated area facing the I.D. of the pipe. Place the heating collar in the I.D. of the flange. A split ring of pipe may be used to hold the collar in place while the joint is curing.

### *Saddles:*

1. Place the heating collar over the saddle outlet. During cool weather, a wind shield is recommended to keep heat on the joint. Saddles must be heat cured for two hours.

Allow the joint to return to ambient temperature before applying stress to the joint.

**NOTE:** High Temperature electric heating collars are designed to fit around fittings, and will overlap on pipe joints and couplings. Exceeding the recommended cure time on pipe joints where the heating collar overlaps may shorten the life of the heating collar and/or damage the pipe.

The use of insulation may be necessary below 40°F to prevent heat loss.

TABLE 12. Adhesive Cure Times for Electric Heating Collars

Pipe System & Adhesive Grade	Pipe Size in	Cure Time (Minutes)			
		Pipe <sup>(1)</sup>	Fitting	Flange <sup>(2)</sup>	20/25 Bar
Red Thread Green Thread Silver Streak 2000 or 8000 Series Adhesive	1 - 6	12	20	15	N/A
	8	20	20	20	30
	10	27	27	27	35
	12	30	30	30	40
	14	34	34	34	45
	16	38	38	38	60
	18-24 <sup>(3,4)</sup>	90	90	90	120
	30-36 <sup>(3,5)</sup>	120	120	90	N/A

**NOTE:** These cure times are for environments warmer than 70°F. If cooler, see "Cold Weather Installation Tips" on page 14 or consult NOV Fiber Glass Systems. Adhesives will cure in 24 hours at ambient temperatures of 70-100°F.

- (1) Includes sleeve couplings.
- (2) 1", 1 1/2" & 2" flanges require the use of an industrail heat gun. Air temperatures inside the flange should be no greater than 400°F and no less than 250°F.
- (3) 18"-36" collars are uninsulated.
- (4) Below 50°F, the heating collars should be wrapped in insulation to reduce heat loss.
- (5) 36" heat collars require special 20 amp connectors.

**Heat Packs** - Heat packs that cure joints in approximately one hour are also available. Refer to bulletin for complete instructions that are included with each kit. Observe all safety precautions listed on the instruction sheets that accompany the heat packs.

**Caution:** The adhesive bead will cure faster than the adhesive in the joint. It is important that the joint not be pressurized until it has been subjected to the proper time-temperature cycle. A temperature versus time to pressure curve is indicated in the instructions packaged with each adhesive kit.

## **REPAIRS for RED THREAD, GREEN THREAD & SILVER STREAK PIPING SYSTEMS**

Fiberglass piping systems are repaired by cutting out a fitting or a damaged section of pipe and replacing it with new material.

**Caution:** Always determine exactly what fluid has been in the piping system as it may be flammable. Contact may be harmful to humans. Take necessary precautions.

Always use the same pipe grade, fittings, and adhesive on new parts as is in the existing system. Do not mix pipe grades.

### **Inspecting for Potential Causes of Joint Failure**

**Joint Back Out** – If the bead is no longer next to the edge of the bell, the joint backed out before the adhesive cured.

**Cocked Joint** – If a joint is cocked or misaligned, there will usually be a large gap between the bell and spigot on one side.

**Improperly Cured Joint** – If the adhesive bead is soft or flexible, the adhesive is not sufficiently cured.

**Weathered Joint** – If the machined area appears yellow, the joint may have been exposed to UV degradation.

All damaged or improperly assembled joints must be repaired or replaced as indicated below.

### **REPAIRING WEATHER DAMAGE**

If machined surfaces of pipe or fittings are exposed to direct sunlight prior to installation, a loss of joint bonding strength may occur. If ultraviolet exposure is greater than two hours, the following steps must be taken:

1. For exposed spigot ends, use 60 to 80 grit sand paper or Emery cloth and lightly sand to remove UV degradation. Avoid oversanding as this may alter the taper angle of the spigot and may result in voids in the bond line. If UV degradation is too severe, cut 1" from the end of the pipe and retaper.

- For exposed bell ends (pipe or fittings), sand thoroughly until the entire surface appears fresh. Hand sanding with 40 grit sandpaper is recommended. Use a light sanding operation to prevent changing the taper angle.

**NOTE:** COUPLINGS OR INTEGRAL BELLS WITH T.A.B. THREADS THAT HAVE BEEN OVEREXPOSED MUST BE REPLACED.

### REPAIRING MINOR DAMAGE

For damaged areas less than one inch in diameter in light chemical or water service.

**Flanged Systems** - If possible, simply replace the entire flanged length. Otherwise, cut out the damaged section, then bond new flanges to the remaining pipe ends according to recommended procedures. Next, fabricate a new flange-by-flange spool to the length required. Bolt in the new pipe section.

Flanged fittings should be removed from the system when damaged and replaced with a new fitting.

**Tapered Systems** - Make a patch to cover damaged area.

- Cut a length of good pipe to adequately cover the damaged area and extend 3"-4" on either side of the damaged area.
- Slit this "patch" lengthwise twice and remove a section so

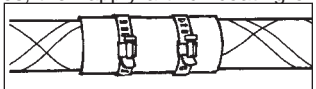


that about three-fourths of the circumference remains for 1"-4" pipe and one-half the circumference for 6" and larger pipe.



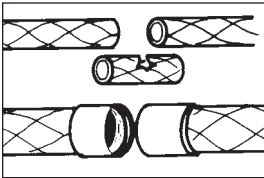
- Thoroughly sand the inner surface of the patch and sand a corresponding area on the pipe around the damaged section.

- Clean the bonding surfaces, then apply a thick coating of adhesive to both surfaces, snap the patch in place, and apply pressure with hose clamps. The clamps may be left on or removed after curing.



## REPAIRING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

When the damaged area in the pipe wall is larger than one inch in diameter, or for repair of pipe in severe chemical service that requires a lined product, follow these instructions:

1. When damage is local (less than one inch long, but more than two inches around the circumference of the pipe), check to see if there is enough slack in the pipe to cut out the damaged section, re-taper the cut ends, and bond a sleeve coupling between the tapered ends.
2. When damage is extensive (too large for replacement by a single sleeve coupling), cut out the damaged section, taper the cut ends, and install two sleeve couplings and a pipe nipple. **This procedure requires sufficient slack in the line to make the final joint by lifting the pipe (or moving the pipe to one side) to engage the bell and spigot joint.**
3. If the line cannot be moved sufficiently to install a sleeve coupling or a sleeve coupling spool piece, taper both ends of the pipe and install flanges.
4. If it is impossible to taper the pipe in the ditch, you can install a new section of pipe by over wrapping the plain cut ends.
  - a. Clean an area large enough for installers to work on both sides and under the pipe. Cut out the damaged section of pipe and measure the gap. Cut a section of good pipe that is not more than one-half inch shorter than the length to be replaced ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " maximum gap on each end).
  - b. Sand the ends of the pipe to remove all resin gloss. Align the replacement pipe section with the pipeline and block up all sections to maintain alignment. All sections must be rigid so they will not move during the over wrapping procedure. Tack welds should be used by placing 1" x 2" patches of glass cloth and adhesive (four patches spaced at 90° intervals around the pipe). See *Over wrapping* on p. 49.

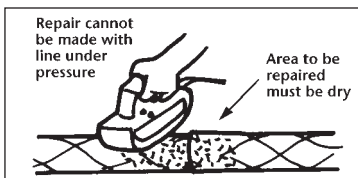
## REPAIRING LEAKING JOINTS

**Overwrapping** – If a joint leaks because of improper installation, you can repair it by over wrapping with glass cloth and resin. The temperature in the work area should be 75°F- 90°F. Be sure to protect the over wrap from the sun.

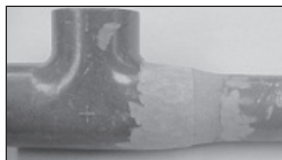
Pipe Size in	Layers of Glass	Glass Width in	Number of kits Required per Joint
1	4	8	0.25
1½	4	8	0.25
2	6	8	0.75
3	6	8	0.75
4	6	8	1.00
6	6	8	1.50
8	8	8	2.50
10	10	8	3.50
12	12	8	5.00
14	14	8	6.50
16	16	8	8.0

**NOTE:** An 8088L (Large) repair kit is available for 8" and larger over wraps. A 2088 over wrap kit is available for applications with temperatures at or below 200°F.

1. Use 7-10 oz. glass cloth. Components for the epoxy over wrap are available in the 8088 repair kit (see Table 13).

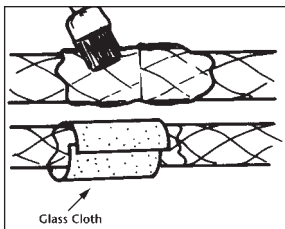


2. Use a grinder or sander with coarse grit to remove gloss five inches on either side of the joint.
3. Bevel the shoulder to blend in with the pipe wall and add putty to make a smooth transition from fitting to pipe. The length of this putty should be held to a minimum, because the putty has limited pressure capabilities.



**CAUTION:** There must not be any pressure on the line or any fluid leaking from the joint when performing this procedure.

4. Re-sand and clean surfaces including bevel.
5. Thoroughly mix the adhesive and hardener with the stir stick until there is a uniform color and a consistent flow off the stir stick.
6. Using a paint brush, apply the mixed adhesive to all sanded areas.



7. Each piece of glass cloth must be slightly longer than the previous piece, because the O.D. of the pipe becomes larger as you add glass cloth. Cut the first piece to allow for two inches of overlap. When this length is no longer sufficient to overlap at least one-half inch on the ends, determine a new length with two inches of overlap.
8. Center a piece of glass cloth over the joint. Pull on the cloth while positioning it and wet it out by painting with adhesive. Brush to remove any trapped air bubbles in the wrap. Start at one end of the cloth and work around the circumference, wetting the cloth with resin. Work the cloth away from the starting end and from the center of the cloth to the sides. The cloth must be thoroughly wetted with adhesive, but do not spend a lot of time in one area as the cloth will wet out (lose its shiny, white appearance) with time. By the time the cloth has been worked down smoothly with no air beneath it, most of it will be wetted out.
9. To prevent thick sections or humps in the over wrap, center the next piece of glass cloth on the joint starting from a new point on the circumference. Repeat Step 8 until all layers are applied.
10. Should the over wrap start to give off heat, discontinue wrapping and let the joint cure and cool with a fan. Sand the cured layers to remove the gloss before restarting the over wrap procedure.
11. Pay particular attention to the bottom of the over wrap as this is the area that may sag and is most difficult to see.
12. In temperatures above 90°F, protect the over wrap from direct sunlight.

## **PART VI INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS**

### **TESTING**

**THESE PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO AVOID SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF WARRANTY, AND BUYER, INSTALLER, OR ANY EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE THEREOF, ASSUMES THE RISK OF ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY TO PERSON OR PROPERTY.**

#### **HYDROSTATIC TESTING**

Hydrostatic testing should be performed to evaluate the structural integrity of a new or modified piping system. Hydro test pressures must meet any local jurisdiction or code requirements and not exceed the hydro test pressure limits for the particular product.

Before hydro testing supports, anchors and guides must be in place prior to testing an above ground system. A buried piping system must be properly bedded and have sufficient backfill cover between joints to hold the pipe in place. The joints should be left uncovered for visual inspection during test.

When filling the system for hydro testing, open vents to prevent entrapment of air in the system. Then close the vents and slowly pressurize to the test pressure.

Hydro test pressurizations should be repeated up to ten times to provide a high degree of confidence in the piping system. The final pressurization cycle should be allowed to stabilize for 15-30 minutes, then the system inspected for leaks. Do not repair a leak while the system is pressurized. Repeat the hydro test after any repair work is performed.

Upon completion of hydro test, slowly relieve the pressure on the system then open vents and any drains to allow for complete drainage of the system. Note: opening of vents prior to draining is necessary to prevent a vacuum from forming in the system.

#### **Test Pressures**

The maximum hydro test pressure is dependent on the product to be tested. Red Thread and Green Thread piping systems may be tested up to 1.25 times the system static pressure rating.



The static pressure ratings for all components including pipe and fittings must be considered to determine hydro test pressure. Static pressure ratings are published in C11200, C11300 and C11350 data sheets.

Silver Streak piping systems may be tested up to 1.5 times the system static pressure rating. Static pressure ratings are published in data sheets.

Piping systems operating at 150°F or higher should be tested to the maximum allowable test pressures as determined in the previous paragraphs.

### **Hydro Test Frequency**

Hydro tests should be performed on sections of the installation as they are completed to ensure installation procedures are satisfactory. The first hydro test should be performed early during a system assembly to ensure installation techniques are providing the performance required. Long pipe line installations should be hydro tested before 2,500 feet have been installed. Fitting intensive systems as found in industrial systems should be hydro tested before 50 joints have been installed.

**Air Testing:** Hydrostatic test should be used instead of air or compressed gas if possible. When air or compressed gas is used for testing, tremendous amounts of energy can be stored in the system. If a failure occurs, the energy may be released catastrophically, which can result in property damage and personal injury. In cases where system contamination or fluid weight prevents the use of hydrostatic test, an air test may be used with extreme caution. To reduce the risk of air testing, use the table below to determine maximum pressure. When pressurizing the system with air or compressed gas, the area surrounding the piping must be cleared of personnel to prevent injury. Hold air pressure for one hour, then reduce the pressure to one half the original. Personnel can then enter the area to perform soap test of all joints. Again, extreme caution must be exercised during air testing to prevent property damage or personnel injury. **If air or compressed gas testing is used, NOV Fiber Glass Systems will not be responsible for any resulting injury to personnel or damage to property, including the piping system.** Air or compressed gas testing is done entirely at the discretion and risk of management at the job site.

Pipe Size	1"-6"	8"-12"	14"-36"
psig	25	15	10

## **READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY**

### **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

As in any system where pressure is employed, adequate safety precautions should be exercised.

Locate pressure gauges in close proximity to the pressurizing equipment, not directly on the piping system. A pressure gauge, with the test pressure near mid-scale, is recommended.

Personnel should not straddle the pipe, stand behind elbows or near the end of a pipe line under going hydro testing.

In buried applications, it is suggested that long pipe runs be partially backfilled at various points to secure them in place.

In exposed pipe systems, all supports, anchors and guides must be installed prior to testing.

### **SYSTEM STARTUP**

On any pressurized piping system, initial start-ups should be gradual to prevent pressure surges which may damage or weaken the piping.

One method is to slowly fill the system while bleeding the air before starting any pumps or opening valves connected to pressurized piping. An alternate method is to start the centrifugal pump against a closed, adjacent valve; then slowly open the valve to gradually build up system pressure. The air should be bled off while the line is filling as in the first method.

For positive displacement pumps, consult NOV Fiber Glass Systems' Engineering for recommendations.

### **WATER HAMMER - AVOIDING PROBLEMS**

Water Hammer is pressure surge in a piping system that causes a violent movement of the system. Usually this pressure surge is caused by a sudden valve closing, electrical outage, pump failure, or some other out-of-the ordinary situation. The pressure surge is usually brief, but damage can be severe. In FRP piping, water hammer usually results in failed fittings due to pipe system movement. Careful location of supports,

anchors and guides during design will help control movement of the piping during water hammers. Reducing the pressure surges by installing slow operating valves, a pump bypass or surge protectors in the system is recommended.

Air in a system can also cause water hammer. Be sure to bleed air out of the piping prior to full pressure operation. Any pipe system which moves suddenly, creates a lot of noise, or is unstable may be influenced by water hammer.

## FIBERGLASS FLANGES

Before bonding the flange onto the pipe, make sure the bolt holes line up with the mating bolt holes on the other system. Do not bolt the flange before bonding, unless insertion depth of the spigot is previously checked to be certain that the spigot does not bottom out or extend through the flange. The use of flat washers on all nuts and bolts is required. The maximum allowable torque is indicated on each flange and is also shown in Tables 18, 20 and 21.

Connecting to Flat-Face Flanges:

Fiberglass flanges may be joined to flat-face flanges at the recommended torque levels when using proper gaskets.

Connecting to Raised-Face Steel Flanges:

When connecting to a raised-face steel flange, one of the following must be utilized:

- a. Use filament wound fiberglass flanges,
- b. Use molded fiberglass flanges and machine the steel flange face until it is flat or use a metal spacer ring to fill the void between the raised-face steel flange and the fiberglass flat-face flange (normally more difficult than machining the steel flange face). If metal spacer rings are not available, it is acceptable to use spacer rings made from materials that are at least as hard as the fiberglass flange.
- c. Use metal back-up rings behind molded fiberglass flanges (See Figs. 8.4 and 8.5).

Connecting to Lug or Wafer Valves:

Most lined valves need a flat surface to seal against and a sealing surface that is close to their own I.D. to properly seat the lining. Unlined valves with sealing components in the face are in the same category as lined valves. Sometimes the sealing ridges on the valve face can fall in the wrong place for the

grooves in fiberglass flange faces, or they can be too close to the I.D. to seal. When connecting to valves with other than flat-faced flanges, follow these recommendations:

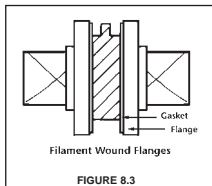


FIGURE 8.3

- 1) For unlined lug and wafer valves without integral seals, use filament wound flanges with no back-up rings or molded flanges with metal back-up rings. (See Fig. 8.3, 8.4, and 8.5)
- 2) For lug and wafer valves that are lined or have integral seals, use a 1/4" steel spacer plate with an I.D. equal to Schedule 40 steel or as required by the valve manufacturer. (See Fig. 8.6)

### SUMMARY

- **Molded flanges** are designed to be used against flat-face flanges. When joining to raised-face flanges and lug or wafer valves, steel back-up rings should be used, or spacers fabricated from any material capable of preventing the flange face from bending.

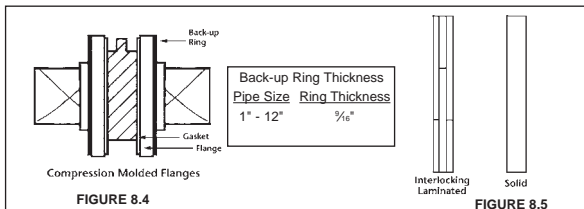


FIGURE 8.4

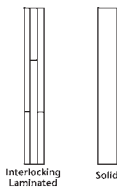


FIGURE 8.5

- **Filament wound flanges** may be mated to raised-face flanges and lug or wafer valves with no back-up rings or spacers if the bolt torque limits shown in Tables 18, 20 and 21 are not exceeded.

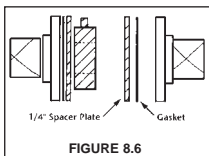


FIGURE 8.6

- When using lug and wafer valves with integral seals, it may be necessary to use a 1/4" thick steel flange between the valve and the fiberglass flange to achieve a proper seal. A 1/8" thick full-face gasket should be used between the steel flange face and the fiberglass flange.
- When using **smooth-face flanges** (non-standard) for pressures above 25 psig, it is necessary to glue a 0.20" to a 0.35" diameter, 80 durometer O-ring to the full-face gasket. A composite retainer O-ring gasket may also be used to seal smooth-face flanges.

## STANDARD BOLTING CONDITIONS

NOV Fiber Glass Systems' flanges are designed to meet ANSI B16.5 Class 150 bolt hole standards. **For RT, GT & SS**, full-face gasket materials, 1/8" thick, with a Shore A hardness of 60 to 70 durometer, are recommended.

Flat gaskets made from Teflon® and PVC usually have high durometer ratings and are not acceptable.

Stub End Flanges				
Size in	Number <sup>(1)</sup> of Bolts	Machine <sup>(2)</sup> Bolt Size	Stub <sup>(2)</sup> Bolt Size	Max Torque ft-lb
2	4	5/8-11x3	5/8-11x4	66
3	4	5/8-11x4½	5/8-11x5½	66
4	8	5/8-11x4½	5/8-11x5½	66
6	8	¾-10x5	¾-10x6	150

(1) ANSI B16.5 Class 150 lb. bolt hole standard.

(2) Bolt lengths are nominal. When joining our flanges to flanges of other material or manufacturer products, bolt lengths must be calculated.

**TABLE 18. Bolt, Washer & Torque Requirements for RT, GT, SS Flanges & Flanged Fittings<sup>(1)</sup>**

Flange Size in	Number of Bolts <sup>(3)</sup>	Machine Bolt <sup>(2)</sup> Size	Stud Bolt <sup>(2)</sup> Size	Maximum Allowable Torque in ft-lb
1	4	½ - 13x3	½ - 13x4	25
1 ½	4	½ - 13x3	½ - 13x4	25
2	4	⅝ - 11x3	⅝ - 11x4	30 <sup>(4)</sup>
3	4	⅝ - 11x4½	⅝ - 11x5½	30 <sup>(4)</sup>
4	8	⅝ - 11x4½	⅝ - 11x5½	30 <sup>(4)</sup>
6	8	¾ - 10x5	¾ - 10x6	30 <sup>(4)</sup>
8	8	¾ - 10x5½	¾ - 10x6½	100
10	12	⅞ - 9x6	⅞ - 9x7½	100
12	12	⅞ - 9x6 ½	⅞ - 9x7½	100
14	12	1 - 8x7	1 - 8x8	100
16	16	1 - 8x7	1 - 8x8	150
18	16	1⅛ - 7x7½	1⅛ - 7x8¾	200
20	20	1⅛ - 7x7½	1⅛ - 7x8¾	200
24	20	1¼ - 7x7¾	1¼ - 7x9½	250

(1) Most flanged fittings are available with molded flanges. Filament wound flanges are available on request.

(2) Bolt lengths are nominal. When joining our flanges to flanges of other material or manufacturers products, bolt length must be calculated.

(3) 1"-24" flanges are ANSI B16.5 Class 150 lb. bolt hole standard.

(4) HD filament wound flanges are available in 2"-6" sizes with a maximum allowed torque of 100 ft. lbs.

### **Recommended Bolt Torquing Sequence for NOV Fiber Glass Systems' Flanges**

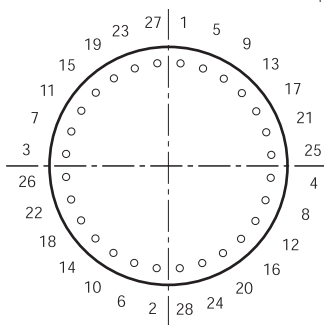
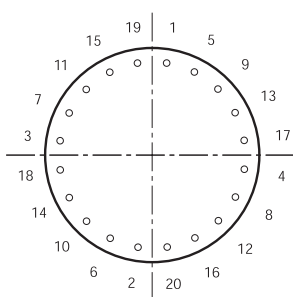
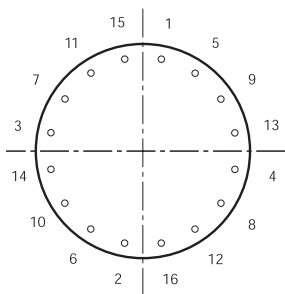
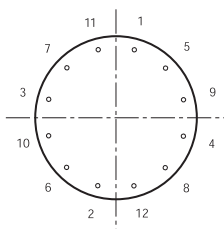
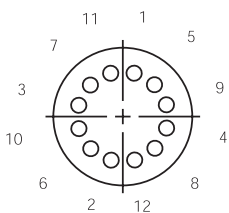
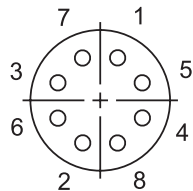
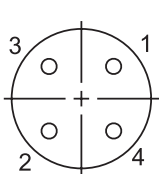
Before bonding the flange onto the pipe, make sure the bolt holes line up with the mating bolt holes on the other system. Do not bolt the flange before bonding unless insertion depth of the spigot is previously checked to be certain that the spigot does not bottom out or extend through the flange.

Certain flanged fittings have recessed bolt holes to provide clearance for bolt installation during assembly. The number and depth of the recesses are shown in Table 19 for standard fittings. To determine the bolt length and size requirements see Table 18. The required bolt length must account for the recess depth and mating flange thickness. Stud bolts are recommended for ease of assembly and the use of washers under nuts is required.

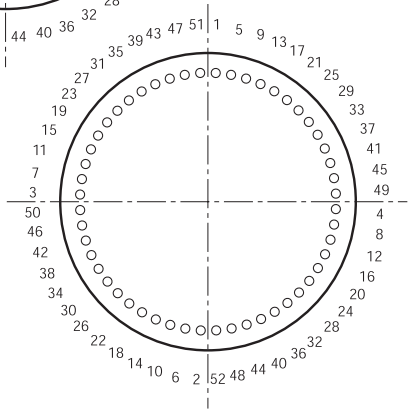
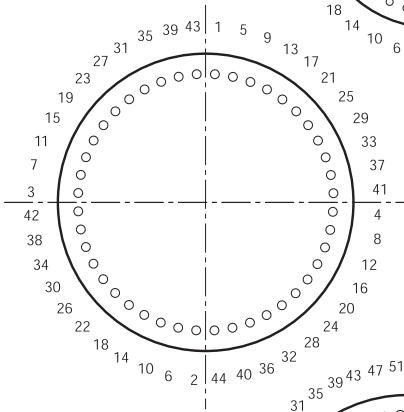
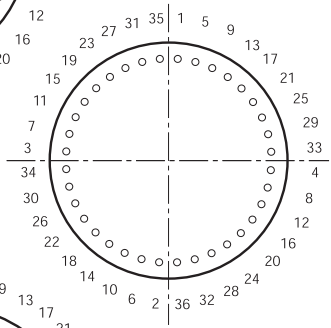
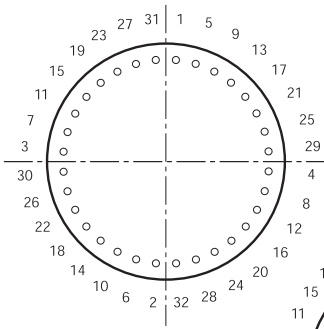
**TABLE 19. Recessed Bolt Hole Data for Flanged Fittings**

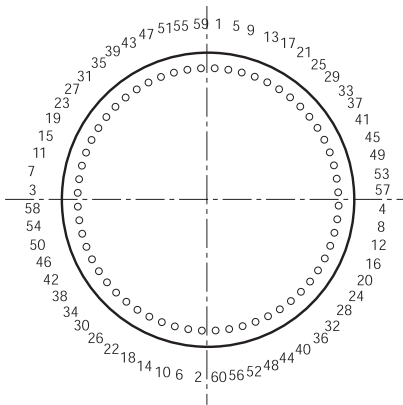
Flange Size in	Recess Depth in	Washer O.D. in	Number of Recessed Holes		
			45° Elbows	90° Elbows	Tees
3	¼	1⅝	4	-	-
8	½	1½	4	4	8
10	⅝	1¾	4	4	8
12	¾	1¾	4	4	8
14	½	2	4	-	-
16	½	2	4	-	-

## Recommended Bolt Torquing Sequence for Flanges









### **CONNECTING TO OTHER SYSTEMS**

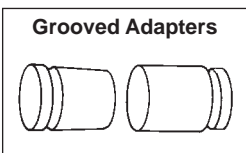
It is often necessary to connect a fiberglass piping to another piping system or make a connection that will not be possible using flanges. Two types of adapters are available: bell or spigot by grooved ends and bell or spigot by threaded ends.

## ADAPTERS

**Note:** When using adapters with spigot ends, it may be necessary to cut off a portion of the factory pipe bell if the groove or threads are not fully exposed.

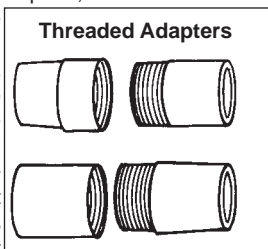
### A. Grooved Adapters

RT, GT, SS Product: Do not use couplings designed for plastic or cement-lined steel as they can leak due to a difference in groove dimensions. Grooved adapters are machined to ES dimensions. Use standard high pressure (Victaulic Style 77) coupling or equivalent.



### B. Threaded Adapters

When using threaded adapters, thread them into the other system before bonding onto our pipe. Otherwise, unless a union is used, it may be impossible to turn the adapter into the mating thread. Use soft set, non-metallic thread lubricant or two wraps of plumber's tape. Caution: Do not overtighten. Tighten the adapters as if they were brass or other soft material.



## NOTES:

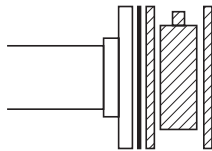
1. The use of NOV Fiber Glass Systems' adhesive to bond a steel or metal pipe into a fiberglass flange is not recommended.
2. If mating a fiberglass system to steel, the preferred method is with flanges. Terminate the old system with their flange and bolt our flange on the new system.
3. Be sure to check the anchors, guides, and supports of an existing system to avoid transfer of any stresses or thermal expansion loads into the fiberglass system.
4. Do not try to thread pipe or fittings.

## SPECIAL BOLTING CONDITIONS

It is often necessary to mate fiberglass flanges with other components which do not have a full flat-face surface such as raised face flanges, butterfly or check valves having partial liner facings, and Van Stone flange hubs.

The addition of a hard spacer ring or steel back-up ring placed

between the raised face and the outer edge of the flange to form a full flat face on the mating flange is recommended. The purpose of the spacer is to fill the gap outside the raised face to prevent bolt loads from bending and breaking the fiberglass flange.



**Pump & Equipment Connection** - Fiberglass pipe connections to pumps or other equipment that involve vibration, shock loads or other mechanical movements should include flexible connectors. These flexible connectors allow for the absorption of vibration and eliminate the placing of undue strain on the pipe and fittings. A bellows-type expansion joint is recommended.

**PAINTING PIPE** - All piping O.D. surfaces should be clean and dry before painting. Use a fast-drying solvent such as acetone or trichloroethylene to clean the O.D. of RT, GT, or SS. For longer lasting results the O.D. should be thoroughly sanded or sand blasted. If sand blasting, be careful not to cut or groove the pipe O.D. with an aggressive spray. Our pipe can be painted with any good quality epoxy ester or two-part epoxy paint. Contact your local paint supplier for a detailed recommendation.

**PART VII  
HELPFUL INFORMATION  
CONVERSIONS**

	Metric Units	U.S. Equivalents
Lengths	1 millimeter . . . . .	0.03937 inch
	1 centimeter . . . . .	0.3937 inch
	1 meter . . . . .	39.37 inches or 1.094 yards
	1 kilometer . . . . .	1093.61 yards or 0.6214 mile
Areas	1 square millimeter . . . . .	0.00155 square inch
	1 square centimeter . . . . .	0.155 square inch
	1 square meter . . . . .	10.764 square feet or 1.196 sq. yards
	1 square kilometer	0.3861 square mile
Volumes	1 cubic millimeter . . . . .	0.000061 cubic inch
	1 cubic centimeter . . . . .	0.061 cubic inch
	1 liter . . . . .	61.025 cubic inches
	1 cubic meter . . . . .	35.314 cubic feet or 1.3079 cubic yards
Capacities	1 milliliter (0.001 liter)	0.0338 U.S. fluid ounce
	1 liter . . . . .	2.1134 U.S. liquid pints
	1 liter . . . . .	1.0567 U.S. liquid quarts
	1 liter . . . . .	0.2642 U.S. gallon
Weights	1 gram . . . . .	0.03527 avoird. ounce or 15.4324 grains
	1 kilogram(1000 grams) . . . . .	2.2046 avoird. pounds

	U.S. System Units	Metric Equivalents
Lengths	1 inch	25.4 millimeters or 2.54 centimeters
	1 foot . . . . .	0.3048 meter
	1 yard . . . . .	0.9144 meter
	1 mile . . . . .	1.6093 kilometers
Areas	1 square inch . . . . .	645.16 square millimeters or 6.452 square centimeters
	1 square foot . . . . .	0.0929 square meter
	1 square yard . . . . .	0.8361 square meter
	1 square mile . . . . .	2.59 square kilometers
Volumes	1 cubic inch . . . . .	16,387.2 cubic millimeters or 16.3872 cubic centimeters
	1 cubic foot . . . . .	0.02832 cubic meter
	1 cubic yard . . . . .	0.7646 cubic meter
Capacities	1 U.S. fluid ounce . . . . .	29.573 milliliters
	1 U.S. liquid pint . . . . .	0.47317 liter
	1 U.S. liquid quart . . . . .	0.94633 liter
	1 U.S. gallon . . . . .	3.78533 liters
Weights	1 grain . . . . .	0.0648 gram
	1 avoird. ounce . . . . .	28.35 grams
	1 avoird. pound . . . . .	0.4536 kilogram
	1 Troy ounce . . . . .	31.1035 grams

## DECIMAL EQUIVALENTS OF FRACTIONS

Inches	Decimal of an Inch	Inches	Decimal of an Inch
$\frac{1}{64}$	.015625	$\frac{29}{64}$	.453125
$\frac{1}{32}$	.03125	$\frac{15}{32}$	.46875
$\frac{3}{64}$	.046875	$\frac{31}{64}$	.484375
$\frac{1}{20}$	.05	$\frac{1}{2}$	.5
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$\frac{1}{11}$	.0909	$\frac{37}{64}$	.578125
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$\frac{1}{8}$	.125	$\frac{21}{32}$	.65625
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$\frac{5}{32}$	.15625	$\frac{45}{64}$	.703125
$\frac{1}{6}$	.1667	$\frac{23}{32}$	.71875
$\frac{11}{64}$	.171875	$\frac{47}{64}$	.734375
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$\frac{1}{5}$	.2	$\frac{49}{64}$	.765625
$\frac{13}{64}$	.203125	$\frac{25}{32}$	.78125
$\frac{7}{32}$	.21875	$\frac{51}{64}$	.796875
$\frac{15}{64}$	.234375	$\frac{13}{16}$	.8125
$\frac{1}{4}$	.25	$\frac{53}{64}$	.828125
$\frac{17}{64}$	.265625	$\frac{27}{32}$	.84375
$\frac{9}{32}$	.28125	$\frac{55}{64}$	.859375
$\frac{19}{64}$	.296875	$\frac{7}{8}$	.875
$\frac{5}{16}$	.3125	$\frac{57}{64}$	.890625
$\frac{21}{64}$	.328125	$\frac{29}{32}$	.90625
$\frac{1}{3}$	.333	$\frac{59}{64}$	.921875
$\frac{11}{32}$	.34375	$\frac{15}{16}$	.9375
$\frac{23}{64}$	.359375	$\frac{61}{64}$	.953125
$\frac{3}{8}$	.375	$\frac{31}{32}$	.96875
$\frac{25}{64}$	.390625	$\frac{63}{64}$	.984375
$\frac{13}{32}$	.40625	1	1.0
$\frac{7}{16}$	.4375		

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

**ADAPTER** – A fitting used to join two pieces of pipe, or two fittings, which have different joining systems.

**ADHESIVE** – A material formulated to bond together pipe and fittings resulting in high strength and corrosion resistant fabrications.

**ANCHORS** – Device to positively restrain the movement of the pipe against all lateral and axial forces.

**BELL AND SPIGOT** – A joining system in which two truncated conical surfaces come together and bond adhesively. The bell is the female end. The spigot is the male end.

**BUSHING** – A fitting used to join two different sizes of pipe by reducing the size of the female end of the joint. Joints may come threaded or tapered.

**CATALYST** – See hardener.

**COLLAR** – See coupling.

**COMPRESSIVE FORCE** – The force that occurs when a pipe is subjected to crushing loads. Axial compressive forces occur when a piping system is anchored to restrain thermal growth.

**COMPRESSION MOLDING** – A process for making fittings in which a molding compound is formed and cured into the finished part configuration through pressure and heat in a die.

**CONCENTRIC REDUCER** – A pipe fitting used to join two different sizes of pipe while maintaining the same center line.

**CONTACT MOLDING** – A process for making fittings in which cut pieces of fiberglass reinforcement are laid on a mold, saturated with resin, and cured to the finished part shape.

**COUPLING (collar)** – A short heavy wall cylindrical fitting used to join two pieces of the same size pipe in a straight line. The coupling always has female connection ends which can be bell, threaded or a mechanical joining method.

**CURE** – The hardening of a thermoset resin system by the action of heat or chemical action.

**CURE STAGES** – Stages describe the degree to which a thermoset resin has crosslinked. Three stages, in order of increasing cross linking, include B stage, gelled, fully cured.

**CURE TIME** – The time required for a thermoset material to react and develop full strength. The time is dependent upon the temperature of the material.

**CURING AGENT** – See hardener.

**CUT AND MITERED FITTINGS** – Fittings manufactured by cutting, assembling and bonding pipe sections into a desired configuration. The assembled product is then over wrapped with resin-impregnated roving or glass cloth, to provide added strength.

**EPOXY RESIN** – A thermosetting resin, usually made from Bisphenol A and epichlorhydrin, cured by a variety of agents such as anhydrides and amines. These resins contain cyclic ether groups. See thermoset.

**FRP** – Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic.

**FILAMENT WOUND** – A manufacturing method for pipe and fittings in which resin impregnated continuous strand roving wraps around a mandrel to achieve high reinforcement concentration and precise filament placement.

**FILLERS** (extender, pigments, inerts; i.e., sand, etc.) – Materials added to a resin which do not affect the cure of the resin but may influence the physical properties of the resin system.

**FITTING TYPES** – The classification of fittings by the method of manufacture; i.e., molded, cut and mitered, filament wound, contact molded.

**GEL TIME** – The time it takes for a resin system to harden to a rubber-like state.

**GUIDE** – Device that allows free axial movement of the pipe, but restrains lateral movement.

**HAND LAY-UP** – The forming of resin and fiberglass into finished pipe products or fittings by manual procedures. These procedures include over wrap techniques, contact molding, hand molding and others.

**HARDENER** (accelerator, catalyst, curing agent, promoter) – Chemicals added to the resin, single or in combination, which speed up the hardening process, or cause hardening to occur.

**HEAT BLANKET or HEAT COLLAR** – An electrical device used to heat a fabrication to reduce cure time.

**HYDROSTATIC TEST** – A pressure test of a completed fabrication to confirm good quality. Typically, the system is filled with water and held at the selected pressure while checking for leaks.



**IMPACT RESISTANCE** – The ability of a part to absorb a striking blow without damage.

**JOINING** (connecting systems) – Any of a variety of methods for connecting two separate components of a piping system together. Included are bell and spigot, threaded and coupled, mechanical devices, etc.

**JOINT** – A term used to describe an individual length of pipe or the actual joining mechanism; i.e., adhesive bonded bell and spigot, threaded and coupled, etc.)

**LINER** – A generic term used to describe the interior surface in pipe. Generally, liners are resin-rich regions from 0.005 to 0.100 in. thick. Liners may be reinforced with fibrous material such as veil or mat. Liners can provide extra corrosion protection for severe chemical service. They also form a leak barrier (elastomer bladder). The manufacturer may add a liner before, during, or after construction of the pipe wall depending on the manufacturing process.

**LOCK-UP** – A bell and spigot joint engaged sufficiently to eliminate pivot action in the joint.

**MATRIX** – The material used to bind reinforcement and fillers together. This material may be thermoplastic or thermosetting and dictates to a large extent the temperature and chemical service conditions allowable for a pipe or fitting.

**MECHANICAL FORCE** – Physical exertion of power used to achieve lock-up in tapered bell and spigot joints.

**MOLDED FITTINGS** – Pipe fittings formed by compressing resin, chopped fiber and other ingredients in a mold under heat and pressure.

**MOLDING** – Any of several manufacturing methods where pressure or compression molding shapes resin and reinforcing materials into final products.

**POLYESTER RESIN** – Any of a large family of resins which are normally cured by cross linking with styrene. The physical and chemical properties of polyester resins vary greatly. Some have excellent chemical and physical properties while others do not. Vinyl esters are a specific type of polyester resin. Other polyester resins with properties suitable for use in the manufacture of fiberglass pipe include: isophthalic Bisphenol A fumarate and HET acid polyesters. Each type of resin has particular strengths and weaknesses for a given piping application.

**POT LIFE** – The time available to use thermoset adhesives after the reactive materials have been mixed.

**PRESSURE RATING** – The maximum anticipated long term operating pressure a manufacturer recommends for a given product. Also referred to as working pressure, pressure class or design pressure.

**REINFORCEMENT** – Typically, fibers of glass, carbon or synthetic material used to provide strength and stiffness to a composite material. The type of fiber used as reinforcement plays a major role in determining the properties of a composite, as does the fiber diameter and the type of sizing used. Terms relating to the physical form of the reinforcement include:

Chopped Fiber - Continuous fibers cut into short (0.125 to 2.0 in.) lengths.

Filament - A single fiber of glass; e.g., a mono filament.

Mats - Coarse fabric sheets made from chopped strands randomly placed and held together by resin binders.

Milled Fibers - Glass fibers, ground or milled, into short (0.032 to 0.125-in.) lengths.

Roving - A collection of one or more filaments wound into a cylindrical package. The typical form of glass fiber used in the manufacture of filament wound pipe.

Veil - Surfacing mat of porous fabric made from glass or synthetic filaments. Used to provide a resin rich layer or liner.

Yarn - Glass fiber filaments twisted together to form textile-type fibers.

Yield - The number of yards of material made from one pound of the product.

Resin (polymer) - As applied to fiberglass pipe, resin is the polymer or plastic material used to bind the glass fibers together.

**RESIN** – The polymer (liquid plastic) material which hardens with cure to provide a solid form, holding the fiberglass reinforcement in place. Resins provide the corrosion resistance in FRP parts.

**SADDLE** – A fitting which is bonded to the exterior of a pipe to make a branch connection.

**SHELF LIFE** – The storage time for a material until it becomes unusable.

**SOCKET JOINT** – A joining system in which two straight cylindrical surfaces come together and bond adhesively.

**SPACERS** – Wooden strips used to support pipe during storage and handling.

**STRESS** – The force per unit of cross sectional area. Measured in pounds per square inch (psi). This should not be confused with hydraulic pressures, measured as psig or psia, which can induce stress.

**SUPPORT SPACING** (span) – The recommended maximum distance between pipe supports to prevent excessive pipe deformation (bending).

**SURGE PRESSURE** – A transient pressure increase due to rapid changes in the momentum of flowing fluids. Water hammer is one type of surge pressure. Rapid opening or closing of valves often result in a surge pressure or water hammer.

**THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY** – The rate at which a material (pipe) transmits heat from an area of high temperature to an area of lower temperature. Fiberglass pipe has low thermal conductivity.

**THERMAL EXPANSION** – The increase in dimensions of a material (pipe) resulting from an increase in temperature. A decrease in temperature results in thermal contraction.

**THERMOSET** – A polymeric resin cured by heat or chemical additives. Once cured, a thermoset resin becomes essentially infusible, (cannot be re-melted) and insoluble. Thermosetting resins used in pipe generally incorporate reinforcements. Typical thermosets include:

- Vinyl esters
- Novolac or epoxy Novolac
- Epoxies
- Unsaturated polyesters

**THRUST FORCES** – Commonly used to describe the forces resultant from changes in direction of a moving column of fluid. Also used to describe the axial or longitudinal end loads at fittings, valves, etc., resultant from hydraulic pressure.

**TORQUE** – Used to quantify a twisting moment (torsion) in pipe. Torque is measured as a force times the distance from the force to the axis of rotation. Torque is expressed in foot-pounds (ft-lb) or inch-pounds (in-lb).

**TWO HOLING** – A method of aligning flanges onto pipe or fittings so that the bolt circle will mate with the adjoining flange.

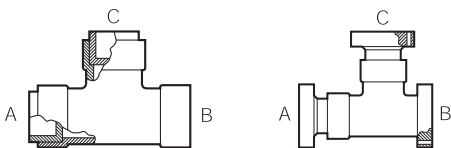
**VINYL ESTER** – A premium resin system with excellent corrosion resistance. Vinyl ester exhibits high versatility, temperature resistance and excellent corrosion resistance to acids.

**WATER HAMMER** – Pressure surges in a piping system caused by sudden change in fluid velocity, such as operation of a valve, pump, or other component.

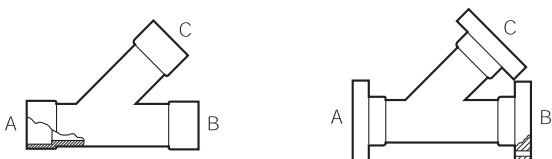
**WORKING LIFE** – Same as POT LIFE.

## HOW TO READ FLANGED OR REDUCING FITTINGS

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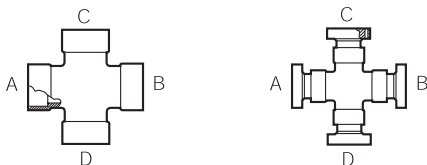


Run x Run x Branch



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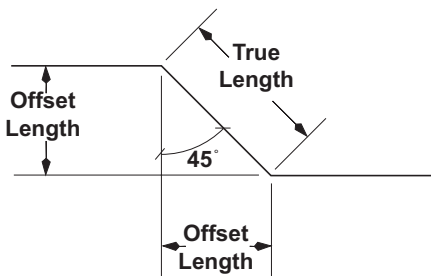


### CROSS

Run x Run x Branch X Branch

The above sequence should be used when describing fitting outlets. Drawings or sketches showing outlet types, locations, sizes and dimensional requirements are required for more complicated fitting configurations.

## HOW TO FIGURE A 45° OFFSET



True Length = offset x 1.414

Offset = true length x .707

### EXAMPLES:

IF: offset = 12"

$12" \times 1.414 = 16.968 = 1'-5"$

true length = 1'-5"

(to nearest  $\frac{1}{16}"$ )

IF: true length = 24"

$24 \times .707 = 16.968 = 1'-5"$

offset length = 1'-5"

(to nearest  $\frac{1}{16}"$ )

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