



## JCM 439 All Stainless Steel Tapping Sleeve with Mechanical Joint Outlet\* INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Failure to follow installation instructions will result in  
voided product warranty.**

1. Thoroughly clean pipe surface. Check the size and range of the tapping sleeve to verify correct size product. Check pipe surface where gasket will seat to make certain pipe is free of flaws, gouges and extreme irregularities.
2. Lubricate pipe and face of gasket with soap-water or gasket lubricating solution. **Do not** use grease or pipe lubricant. Oil based lubricants can prevent the gasket from adhering to pipe surface for water tight seal.
3. Position outlet half of body on pipe, making sure outlet is aligned with branch line to be connected. Never position so that rotation is required. Rotation can result in gasket dislocation.
4. Position back half of body over tapered gasket edges extending from outlet half of body, making certain the tapered edges of the gasket lay smooth and install bolts. (For installation of stainless steel hardware, see reverse side.) **NOTE:** For fittings with hardware furnished with double washer sets, to assure ease of installation and obtain optimum bolt torque levels, install the double set of washers under each nut.

Tighten outside bolts first, working toward the center. Tighten bolts evenly. Alternate from one side of sleeve to the other. The gap between sleeve halves should be equal on both sides. JCM recommends the use of a torque wrench to ensure proper torque levels. Improper torque levels can result in leaking assembly or damage to the pipe wall. Tighten bolts to the following torque levels:

### **Rigid pipe (DI, CI, A/C, Steel), C-900/905 PVC**

**4" - 8" Nominal Pipe Sizes, 10" Size 4" - 8" outlets  
10 x 10 Sizes and Larger Nominal Pipe Sizes**

**85 ft. lbs. minimum - 125 ft. lbs. maximum  
100 ft. lbs. minimum - 125 ft. lbs. maximum**

### **Thin wall, flexible, class PVC (SDR 21, 26) pipe**

**50 ft. lbs. minimum - 55 ft. lbs. maximum**

5. Check inside of sleeve neck to make certain gasket is properly seated and not protruding where tapping cutter may damage it.
6. Install MJ connection (valve, fitting, etc). Place the MJ gasket on the alignment stem above the flange. Push gasket on until it is seated on the gasket backer. Place MJ valve/fitting over alignment stem. Insert flange bolts at the 11 and 1 o'clock positions, then place nuts on bolts. Install the remaining flange bolts. Tighten flange bolts evenly to a minimum of 90 ft. lbs. of torque making sure the gap between the two flanges is equally spaced around the outlet. Ensure proper alignment of the fitting to the outlet (i.e. cutter travel). Place the 1/2" load bearing set pins in tapped holes and tighten set pins to minimum of 50 ft. lbs of torque. JCM recommends adherence to the AWWA M-44 Manual for proper valve installation, support and trenching. Improper support can result in undo stress. Confirm alignment.
7. Test assembly seals with water (per ANSI/AWWA C-223) using test port provided on sleeve or test connection on tapping machines. When testing the assembly against the pipe to pressures greater than the internal pressure of the host pipe, application should be treated with caution to prevent imploding or damaging the pipe due to thin wall, flexible or brittle conditions. Inspection and verification of the pipe integrity is the responsibility of the end user. For inquires, contact JCM Industries, Inc.
8. When assured that all seals are tight and test is completed, re-check bolt torques after 15 minutes and proceed with the tapping operation. JCM Industries endorses the ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5 and ASTM A674 for polyethylene encasement for corrosion protection.

**Note: Size on size tapping cutter must not be larger than recommended by pipe manufacturer. Tapping operation must not force the pipe away from the gasket seal.**

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## JCM TIPS AND TRICKS OF THE TRADE FOR A SUCCESSFUL INSTALLATION

To ensure a successful, trouble free installation of this JCM Tapping Sleeve, the following Tips/Tricks are offered:

**Lubricate the pipe with soap-water or water.** Oil based pipe lubricants produce a film between the gasket and pipe surface that is not water soluble and can interfere with the gasket/pipe water tight seal.

**Do not rotate the sleeve on the pipe.** Rotation of the sleeve on the pipe can result in the gasket being ripped from the groove and damaging the gasket beyond repair. Some manufacturers recommend rotation - JCM does not.

**Tighten the bolts in the sequence provided in the instructions.** Fittings are engineered to “load” the gasket in a certain fashion. Instructions provide the “sequence” of tightening bolts. Ensure the gap between sleeve halves is equal on both sides

**Confirm bolt torques with a torque wrench.** Proper compression of the gasket is critical to the success of the tapping sleeve installation. A torque wrench should be used to ensure recommended levels are achieved. Most field problems are directly related to lack of proper torque levels.

**Proper valve installation, support and trenching per AWWA M-44.** Improper assembly support and careless backfilling can sabotage an otherwise perfect installation.

**Test assembly with water per ANSI/AWWA C-223.** After successfully testing, reconfirm bolt torque levels as instructed.

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### INSTALLATION OF STAINLESS STEEL FASTENERS

Stainless steel bolts and nuts may gall or freeze if not properly handled due to the inherent properties of the stainless material. Problems with galling and freezing are often triggered by the presence of metal chips, burrs and grains of debris in the threads. JCM has provided special treatment to stainless hardware prior to assembly and packing of this fitting to assure a trouble-free installation including.

1. The nuts and bolts are made from material of different hardness so that they have different strengths.
2. The nuts are coated with a special (antiseize) coating.
3. Each nut/bolt unit is assembled by hand to ensure the nut moved freely.
4. The bolts and nuts are made to exacting specifications to assure that the correct material is used and that the thread form is correct.

During field installation, threads **MUST BE KEPT CLEAN AND FREE FROM NICKS**. Once foreign matter, such as a grain of sand, wedges in the threads, or the thread form is altered by over-torquing, the nuts cannot be removed. Specially coated nuts supplied by JCM help to eliminate the galling caused by over-torquing, but **the bolts must be kept clean and not tossed or thrown into the tool bucket during installation. Should additional lubrication be required, a Molybdenum-Base lubricant is recommended.**

**NOTE:** Installation of this fitting with a pneumatic wrench may cause seizure of the nut. **A JCM 901 Master Wrench or JCM 905 Torque Wrench with Deep Socket is recommended.** INTSSB - 0208