



Installation Instructions

Model 213 Reducing Coupling

Read instructions before starting installation*

Review of “Tricks of the Trade” on the reverse will assist with installation.

For purposes other than water, contact JCM Industries for application and product assistance.

1. Clean/remove all dirt, rust, mud or loose scale. Inspect the pipe ends where gaskets contact the pipe for any gouges, grooves, irregularities or imperfections that will interfere with the gasket seal. Measure cleaned pipe diameter, confirm proper size of coupling. Inspection of the pipe's integrity for product application is the responsibility of the end user.
2. Measure back on each pipe end two inches and place a reference mark. These marks will be a visual reference point for insuring the proper insertion of the pipe into the coupling.
3. **Lubricate both the pipe and the entire gasket with water or soapy-water mixture.** Install follower ring(s), then gasket onto the pipe end(s). **NOTE:** Flat side of the gasket face meets the follower ring, tapered side inserts into the middle ring. *Alcohol may be added to water in freezing weather. DO NOT use pipe lubricant or grease based products to lubricate.*
4. Install middle rings on pipe ends. Do not remove the gaskets from the reducing spool; application of soapy water on the face of the gasket will make component installation easier. Place the reducing spool in position between the prepared pipe ends, **Lift the reducing spool to make certain the gaskets are evenly centered in the ends and adjust the coupling ends to best accommodate the space between pipe ends. As adjustments are made, confirm that no less than 1-1/2” of pipe end is inserted into the coupling middle ring.** Install coupling bolts.
5. **Torque coupling bolts on opposite sides, using a star rotation pattern,** draw the followers evenly until all bolts are tightened to a **minimum of 75 Ft/Lb. of torque.** For fittings provided with stainless steel bolts, see reverse for guidelines. **NOTES:** Pipe ends must be inserted past the end of the gasket a minimum of one and one-half (1-1/2”) inches. For deflected/offset pipe ends, pipe ends must be inserted a minimum of one and one-half (1-1/2”) inches past the end of the gasket after the deflection/offset has occurred. Do not exceed a recommended 4° of pipe deflection with the coupling without inspecting the centering and sealing of the gasket in the middle ring and follower ring. Excessive deflection will cause the gasket to improperly seal.

For Restrained Couplings:

Using a 12 point 7/16” socket wrench, evenly tighten all set screws until they are in contact with the pipe. Then alternately tighten them in a star pattern to approximately 50 Ft/Lb. of torque. When set, tighten all set screws in a star pattern to 80-90 Ft/Lb. torque has been reached. evenly tighten all restraining set screws until they are in contact with the pipe.

IMPORTANT:

Standard couplings do not provide for axial pipe movement. In applications in which lateral pipe pull out may occur, pipe restraint must be provided. See fitting manufacturer recommendations for applications on High Density Polyethylene Pipe (HDPE). Restraining set screws are not recommended for Asbestos Cement, PVC, HDPE or other thin wall pipe or brittle pipe. Pipe inspection is the responsibility of the end user.

Ductile iron couplings and flanged coupling adapters create a flexible joint that allows minimal deflection and movement of the pipe at the joint. Use of restraining torque head set screws eliminates this flexibility and changes the fitting to a rigid joint that no longer accommodates deflection or movement after fitting installation.

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*Ensure fitting is suitable for application (confirm size, materials, pressure ratings, line content, meets local governing & association standards, etc.). Pipeline operation forces, including pressure fluctuations, thermal expansion/contraction, movement/shifting, etc. will influence the success of the application. Proper anchorage, restraint, harnessing, thrust blocks or other devices must be provided to prevent pipe movement (lateral, angular, axial) or pipe pullout from the bolt-on fitting. Inspection of the pipe integrity is the responsibility of the end user. JCM recommends the use of calibrated torque wrench. Failure to follow installation instructions will result in voided product warranty.

For application review or questions contact JCM Industries at 1-800-527-8482, 903-832-2581



Stainless Steel Fastener Management and Tips and Tricks Of The Trade For a Successful Installation

JCM Quality Fitting Equipped With 18-8 Stainless Steel Bolts and Nuts

When not properly handled it is the nature of stainless steel fasteners to gall and freeze (seize up). This is due to the inherent properties of the stainless material. Galling and freezing is often triggered by the presence of metal chips, burrs and grains of sand on the threads of the bolts and nuts. Extra care has been taken by JCM prior to assembly and packing of this fitting to assure a trouble-free installation.

1. The nuts and bolts are made from material of different hardness so that they have different strengths.
2. Standard 5/8" and 3/4" nuts are coated with a special blue or green (antiseize) coating. Additional lubricant may be needed. Uncoated stainless steel hardware is provided without lubrication to prevent a build up of dirt, sand or grit during shipment. **A Molybdenum-Base lubricant is recommended.**
3. Each nut is assembled by hand to be sure that it went on the bolt freely.
4. The bolts and nuts are handled carefully to avoid damage to the threads.
5. The bolts and nuts are made to exacting specifications to assure that the correct material is used and that the thread form is correct.

Stainless hardware is especially susceptible to galling. JCM supplies specially coated nuts to eliminate the galling caused by over torquing, but **the bolt threads must be kept clean, free from nicks and not pitched or thrown into the tool bucket during the installation process.** Use of the **JCM 901 Master Wrench or JCM 905 Torque Wrench with Deep Socket is highly recommended.** Use of pneumatic wrench for installation could cause hardware to seize and is not recommended.

Years of field experience, special applications and product testing have revealed many subtleties regarding application and installation of bolted fittings. For maximum performance under adverse conditions take advantage of the JCM "Tricks of the Trade."

1. Difficult to reach or cramped areas on the backside or underside of the pipe can be visually checked by using a mirror.
2. Couplings perform at optimal effectiveness when centered over joint area.
3. To ease installation gaskets and pipe should be lubricated with water or soapy-water mixture. DO NOT use pipe lubricant or grease based products to lubricate. Lubricant does not dissipate with water and will not let the gasket adhere to the pipe.
4. While inspecting pipe ends, assess the condition of the pipe wall. Weakened or deteriorated pipe conditions should be analyzed and allowed for during the installation and bolt tightening process.
5. Lubricating coupling bolts will ease installation and assure proper torquing of bolts. During the bolt tightening procedure, tighten bolts in a star pattern, evenly compressing the gasket into the middle ring. Inspect for gasket misalignment or "cocked" position in the middle ring.