



Installation Instructions JCM 6439 All Stainless Steel Tapping Sleeve Mechanical Joint Outlet

Read instructions before starting installation*

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

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.

JCM full circumferential gasket tapping sleeves are not recommended for HDPE Pipe.

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 inquiries, 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.

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

JCM Quality Fittings 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. Gallling 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. Nuts are coated with a special anti-seize coating. Additional lubricant may be needed. **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 a **Torque Wrench with Deep Socket is highly recommended.** Use of pneumatic wrench for installation could cause hardware to seize and is not recommended.

Tricks of the Trade

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."

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.

For water applications, proper valve installation, support and trenching per AWWA M-44. Improper assembly support and careless backfilling can sabotage an otherwise perfect installation.