



THERMOPLASTIC FLANGES

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Recommendations For Installers And Users

Plastic piping systems should be **ENGINEERED**, **INSTALLED**, and **OPERATED** in accordance with **ESTABLISHED DESIGN AND ENGINEERING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES** for plastic piping systems. Suitability for the intended service application should be determined by the installer and /or user prior to installation of a plastic piping system. **PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY**, all piping system components should be inspected for damage or irregularities. Mating components should be checked to assure that tolerances and engagements are compatible. Do not use any components that appear irregular or do not fit properly. Contact the appropriate manufacturer of the component product in question to determine usability.

Solvent Weld Connections — Use quality solvent cements and primers formulated for the intended service application, pipe size and type of joint. While the pipe and fitting materials may be compatible with the intended medium, the solvent cement may not be. Consult the manufacturer for suitability of use. Read and follow the cement and primer manufacturers' applications and cure time instructions thoroughly. Be sure to use the correct size applicator.

Threaded Connections — Use a quality grade thread sealant. WARNING: SOME PIPE JOINT COMPOUNDS OR PTFE PASTES MAY CONTAIN SUBSTANCES THAT COULD CAUSE STRESS CRACKING TO PLASTIC. Spears® Manufacturing Company recommends the use of Spears® Blue 75™ thread sealant which has been tested for compatibility with Spears® products. Please follow the sealant manufacturer's application/installation instructions. Choice of an appropriate thread sealant other than those listed above is at the discretion of the installer. 1 to 2 turns beyond FINGER TIGHT is generally all that is required to make a sound plastic thread connection. Unnecessary OVERTIGHTENING will cause DAMAGE TO BOTH PIPE AND FITTING.

"Lead Free" low lead certification – unless otherwise specified, all Spears® Thermoplastic Flanges specified here-in are certified by NSF International to ANSI/NSF® Standard 61, Annex G and is in compliance with California's Health & Safety Code Section 116825 (commonly known as AB1953) and Vermont Act 193. Weighted average lead content <=0.25%.

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Bolt Kit Selection Guide

Bolt Hardware Kits Available For Connection of 2-Spears® Flanges Includes Bolts, Nuts & Flat Washers for Specified Flange Size Order Gaskets & Bolt Kits Separately

- Pre-coated, Anti-seize Lubricated Bolts
- Available in Zinc Coated Steel, Type 316 Stainless Steel or Type 304 Stainless Steel



Flange	Bolts*	Diameter	Length	Kit Part Number		
Size	Per Kit	(inTPI)	(in.)	Zinc	316 SS	304 SS
1/2 & 3/4	4	1/2 - 13	2	HK-005	HK1-005	HK2-005
1 & 1-1/4	4	1/2 - 13	2-1/4	HK-010	HK1-010	HK2-010
1-1/2	4	1/2 - 13	2-1/2	HK-015	HK1-015	HK2-015
2	4	5/8 - 11	3	HK-020	HK1-020	HK2-020
2-1/2	4	5/8 - 11	3-1/4	HK-025	HK1-025	HK2-025
3	4	5/8 - 11	3-1/2	HK-030	HK1-030	HK2-030
4	8	5/8 - 11	3-1/2	HK-040	HK1-040	HK2-040
5 & 6	8	3/4 - 10	4	HK-060	HK1-060	HK2-060
8	8	3/4 - 10	4-1/2	HK-080	HK1-080	HK2-080
10 & 12	12	7/8 - 9	5	HK-120	HK1-120	HK2-120

^{*} Each Bolt Includes Nut & Two (2) Flat Washers

Bolt Torque

Recommended Bolt Torque is shown in **Table 1**. Threads should be clean and well lubricated. Actual field conditions may require variations in these recommendations. **CAUTION: UNNECESSARY OVER TORQUING WILL DAMAGE THE FLANGE.**

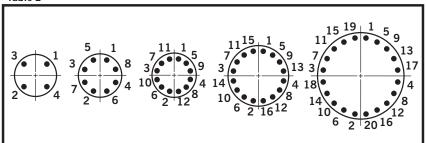
Table 1

Flange Size (in.)	Recommended Torque (ft. lbs.)		
1/2 - 1-1/2	12		
2 - 4	25		
5	30		
6 - 8	40		
10	64		
12	95		
14 - 24	110		

Torque Sequence

Bolt Torque sequence is shown Below in Table 2.

Table 2





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Gaskets

Full faced, 1/8" thick elastomer gaskets with a Shore "A" Durometer of approximately 70 is recommended.

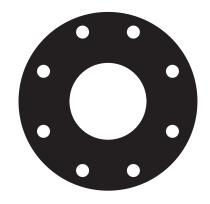
Gasket Selection Guide

Following Gasket Numbers Available from Spears®

Order Gaskets & Bolt Kits Separately

- 1/8" Full-Face design with ANSI Class 150 Bolt Patterns
- Pressure rated to 150 psi @ 73°F
- · Available in Buna-N, EPDM, or FKM

Flange	Bolts		Gasket Part Numbe	r
Size	Per Kit	Buna-N	EPDM	FKM
1/2	4	GK1-005	GK2-005	GK3-005
3/4	4	GK1-007	GK2-007	GK3-007
1	4	GK1-010	GK2-010	GK3-010
1-1/4	4	GK1-012	GK2-012	GK3-012
1-1/2	4	GK1-015	GK2-015	GK3-015
2	4	GK1-020	GK2-020	GK3-020
2-1/2	4	GK1-025	GK2-025	GK3-025
3	4	GK1-030	GK2-030	GK3-030
4	8	GK1-040	GK2-040	GK3-040
5	8	GK1-050	GK2-050	GK3-050
6	8	GK1-060	GK2-060	GK3-060
8	8	GK1-080	GK2-080	GK3-080
10	12	GK1-100	GK2-100	GK3-100
12	12	GK1-120	GK2-120	GK3-120



Flange Make-up

Once a flange is joined to pipe, the method for joining two flanges is as follows:

- 1. Piping runs joined to the flanges must be installed in a straight line position to the flange to avoid stress at the flange due to misalignment. Piping must also be secured and supported to prevent lateral movement which can create stress and damage the flange.
- 2. With gasket in place, align the bolt holes of the mating flanges by rotating the ring into position.
- 3. Insert all bolts, washers (two standard flat washers per bolt), and nuts.
- 4. Make sure the faces of the mating surfaces are flush against gasket prior to bolting down the flanges.
- 5. Tighten the nuts by hand until they are snug. Establish uniform pressure over the flange face by tightening the bolts in 5 ft.-lbs. increments according to the sequence shown in **Table 2** following a 180° opposing sequence.
- 6. Care must be taken to avoid "bending" the flange when joining a Spears® flange to a "raised face" flange, or a wafer-style valve. Do not use bolts to bring together improperly mated flanges.

Configuration Terminology

Multi-Bolt Pattern Ring — Bolt hole drilling accepts ANSI and Metric Flanges

Socket — Slip socket connection for solvent cement welding

Spigot — Pipe O.D. connection for solvent welding

Fipt — Female Iron Pipe Thread

SR Fipt — Spears® patented Special Reinforced (SR) plastic thread

IPS — Iron Pipe Size

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PIP — Plastic Irrigation Pipe