

Gillies Pipe Bellows

Technical Guide W5.11

Single sphere moulded rubber bellows with loose Stainless-Steel flanges are ideal for pump isolation or compensating for minor pipeline misalignment.





Applications

Pump vibration isolation

Limited pipeline misalignment

Potable water

Raw water

Product Attributes

Single sphere moulded rubber bellow

316 Stainless Steel Flanges

PN16 rated

Approvals/Standards

Flanges to AS4087 Fig. B7 PN16

Quality

ISO 9001 Quality

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Single sphere rubber bellows to isolate pump vibration and noise from the surrounding pipe work. Loose flanges allow for easy fitting and minor misalignment.

Pipe bellows consist of a rubber section moulded to shape and fitted with a rotatable stainless-steel flange at each end for connection to flanged pipework.

Applications

- Compensate for heat-generated expansions
- Compensate for the settlements of terrain or structures
- Absorb machinery vibrations and reduce the noise they produce
- Soften the impact of water hammer
- Create disassembly joints
- Suitable for pressure or suction duty*
- Can be fitted between tank and pipe work
- Not suitable for buried applications as this will restrict movement of the bellows and pipework.**

Note:

- *Vacuum application bellows must be installed in a neutral position.
- ** For buried applications please contact us for alternative solutions.

Features

- Requires little space to install
- Absorbs axial, lateral and angular movement
- Safe, reliable and durable
- High capacity acoustic damping

Accessories

- Expansion limit rods Standard on bellows DN300 and larger.
- Other flange drillings
- HDG flanges

Testing

Tested to three times rated pressure

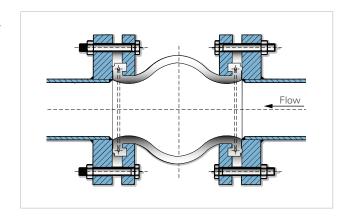


FIG. 1 Spherical moulded design

Technical Data

- Size Range: DN40 to DN300
- Pressure Range: PN16
- Vacuum: partial vacuum possible*
- Temperature Range: 20°C to +80°C
- Flange Drilling: AS 4087 Fig. B7
- Pressure Tests: 3 times maximum rated pressure
- Outer and Inner Tube Material: EPDM
- Frame: Nylon cord fabric
- Hard wire pressure balance ring
- Retaining Flange Rings: 316 Stainless Steel

Storage Requirements

- Avoid stacking on top of each other and store on a flat hard surface to avoid compressing the rubber.
- If stored outdoors stack on wooden pallets and cover from sunlight and adverse weather.

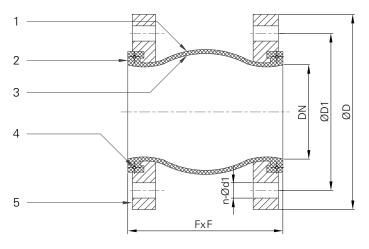




FIG. 2 Dimensional drawing

FIG. 3 DN300 Bellows with Tie Rods

TABLE 1 Product Range

Code	Dimensions				AS2129 Table E	AS4087 Fig. B7	Movements*			
	DN	FxF	ØD	ØD1	n-Ød1	n-Ød1	Axial Elong.	Axial Comp.	Lateral	Angular (°)
BRSS040DF	40	95	135	98	4-14	4-14	6	10	9	15
BRSS050DF	50	105	150	114	4-18	4-18	7	10	10	15
BRSS065DF	65	115	165	127	4-18	4-18	7	13	11	15
BRSS080DF	80	130	185	146		4-18	8	15	12	15
BRSS100DF	100	135	215	178		4-18	10	19	13	15
BRSS150DF	150	180	280	235		8-18	12	20	14	15
BRSS200DF	200	205	335	292		8-18	16	25	22	15
BRSS250DF	250	240	405	356		8-22	16	25	22	15
BRSS300DF**	300	260	455	406		12-22	16	25	22	15

Note:

Maximum deflection in one plane may result in less deflection being available in all other planes.

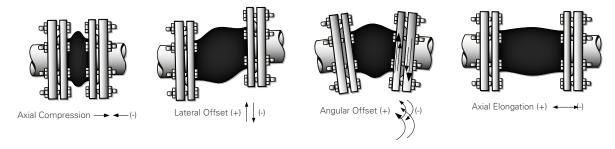


FIG. 4 Movements

^{*}Movements are not concurrent.

^{**}Supplied standard with 4 x tie rods

Joints with Beaded End Flanges

Right:

Weld neck flanges with correct ID prevent damage to rubber.



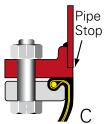
Wrong:

Insure mating flange I.D. is flush with rubber.



Right:

Flanges with correct ID help prevent damage to rubber.



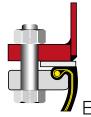
Wrong:

Uneven end of pipe can cause damage to rubber.



Right:

In case of B, D, F an additional metal gasket can be used to prevent damage to rubber.



Wrong:

Inner edge of flanges damages rubber.



Right:

Well rounded smooth edge prevents damage to rubber.

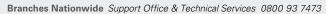


Installation Guidelines:

- Recommended to use spring washers to avoid nuts working loose from vibration.
- When installing nuts to bolts tighten as per (1) (2) (3) (4) procedure and tighten diagonally and equally.
- Do not over tighten as this may damage the sealing capability.
- Rubber Expansion joints are not designed to support pipe weight. They should be installed as close as possible to the anchor points.

Maintenance:

• It is recommended to check bolt tightness one to two weeks after installation and for systems with risk of significant temperature changes the bolt tightness should be regularly checked and adjusted as required.



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