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**MX EXTERNALLY PRESSURIZED
EXPANSION JOINTS**

THE MX DESIGN ADVANTAGE

Microflex's MX expansion joints are designed with an uncompromising standard of quality for years of maintenance free operation in distribution pipelines conveying liquids or gases.

FEATURES

1 FLANGES

To insure pressure tight sealing, raised face slip on flanges in full compliance with ANSI B 16.5 are standard. Flange material is either ASTM A-105 (Forged) or ASTM A-36 (Plate). Lap joint flanges can be furnished as an option to permit easy alignment of bolt holes. Alloy ends are available where additional corrosion resistance may be required.

2 COVER

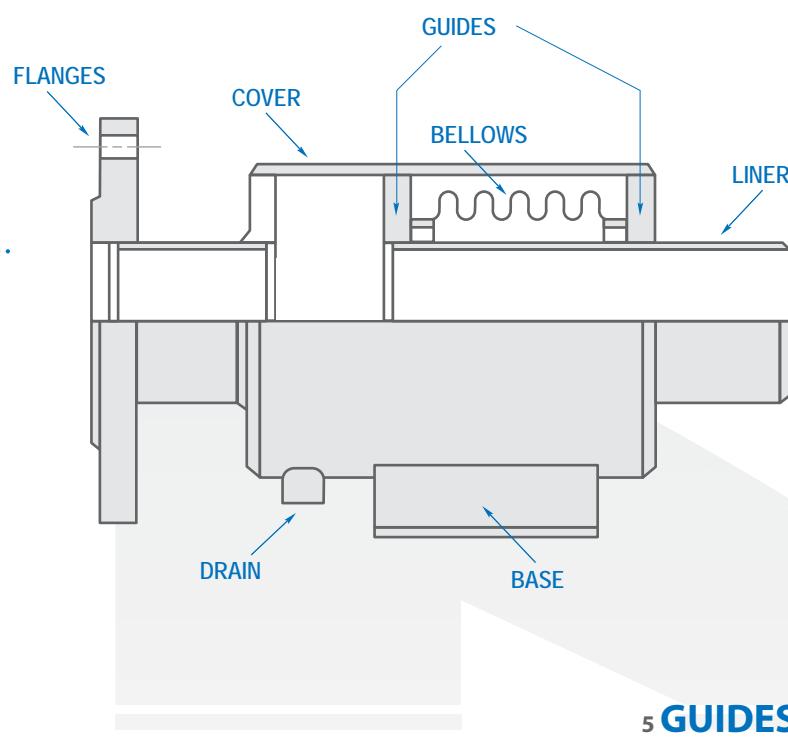
Designed for full line pressure to insure in the unlikely event of bellows failure media will not escape radially outward.

3 DRAIN

Provides a convenient location for installing a steam trap. May also be used to drain liquids when pipeline is shut down.

4 BASE

Bases are standard on double designs and optional on single designs. Base is designed as a support or intermediate anchor.



5 GUIDES

Internal and external guide rings are welded to inner end of pipe and outer cover. They are designed to provide accurate guiding of bellows as the pipeline expands or contracts. This insures bellows will not be scored or subject to movement for which it was not designed to accommodate.

6 BELLOWS

Single or multiple bellows are precision formed from cylinders of deep draw quality annealed sheet conforming to ASTM specifications - Type 304 is standard and suitable for most chloride free applications such as steam, condensate, oil or chill water. Where chlorides may be present, Inconel 600 bellows should be specified.

7 LINER

Carbon steel pipe liner is standard and designed to prevent bellows fatigue failure due to flow induced vibration. Liner is not affected by flow direction, therefore the MX may be used in pipe systems that have reverse flow conditions. Where additional corrosion resistance is required, liner and all other wetted surfaces may be furnished with alloy construction.

HOW TO ORDER > MICROFLEX MX EXPANSION JOINTS

1 SPECS

Specify size, type, pressure, style and end connections.

2 MATERIALS

304 SS Bellows or carbon steel bellows are come standard with your parts. Alternate materials are also available.

EXAMPLE

BASIC DESCRIPTION					ALT. MATERIALS	
SIZE	TYPE	PRESSURE	STYLE	ENDS	BELLOW	ENDS
12"	MXS	150	M	22	B6	-

MATERIAL	BELLOWS	ENDS
304SS	STD	E1
304LSS	B2	E2
316SS	B3	E3
316LSS	B4	E4
321SS	B5	E5
INC. 600	B6	E6
INC. 625	B7	E7

THE MX PERFORMANCE ADVANTAGE

Microflex's MX expansion joints out-perform all other methods of thermal expansion compensation and in most cases with lower installed cost.

THE MX ADVANTAGE OVER EQUALIZING EXPANSION JOINTS

Some manufacturers of bellows expansion joints depend upon the use of bolted on external reinforcing, or equalizing rings, when design pressures exceed 50 PSIG. These rings are required since the bellows by itself is not capable of withstanding 300 PSIG or even 150 PSIG, as commonly encountered in distribution piping systems. Because these equalizing rings can be made from common gray cast iron they are prone to fracture failure if subjected to a sudden thermal shock such as spraying cold water on a hot equalizing ring.

An equalizing ring failure could result in bellows rupture. In addition, since equalizing expansion joints do not have internal liners as part of their internal design, flow induced

vibration can cause this rough textured cast equalizing rings to rub through or locally thin the bellows wall.

Microflex's MX expansion joints have bellows that are designed to withstand operating pressure without the need of any external reinforcing or equalizing rings. Each MX design has been computer verified to comply with the rigid design criteria of the 5th edition of the EJMA standards. Internal liner and external cover of pipe wall thickness are an inherent part of the MX design. The MX is literally "sledge hammer" tough. The initial cost of an MX can be significantly lower than an equalizing expansion joint with optional liner and cover.

THE MX ADVANTAGE OVER SLIP JOINTS

Slip joints depend upon the resiliency of packing rings to effect a pressure tight seal. Exposed to the ravages of time, temperature and slip movement even the so called "high performance" packings lose resilience and volume with inevitable leakage. Because of possible leakage, all slip joint manufacturers recommend periodic inspection of the installation to insure leaks are stopped before irreparable wire drawing of the packing or metal components occurs.

slip joints (vaults for underground pipelines) and the continual maintenance costs of inspection, adding packing and shut downs to change packing.

Microflex's MX expansion joints are packless, hermetically sealed with all welded construction, therefore can be installed in remote locations without need for access vaults, inspection or maintenance, ever. In addition, the initial cost of an MX is 20%-50% less than a slip joint.

THE MX ADVANTAGE OVER PIPE LOOP

loss, increased pressure drop, and increased operating costs.

Microflex's MX expansion joints are a straight through design with full bore internal pipe liner and cover, that when insulated will have no greater heat loss or pressure drop than the section of pipe it replaces. Although initial cost is comparable to a pipe loop, operating costs are less, and where space is at a premium the MX is the clear choice for economic savings.



Microflex upon its return to the factory. Microflex will not allow any charge for labor, shipping expense or damage of any kind, direct or indirect attributed to defective material, and by accepting material buyer will assume all liability for any damages which may result from its use or misuse.

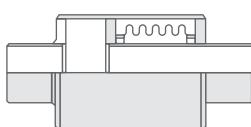
WARRANTY

Microflex's MX expansion joints are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 5 years from date of shipment. In addition they are warranted to provide 5 years of leak free and 5 years of maintenance free operation when installed, anchored, and guided in accordance with Microflex's instructions, in a piping system conveying liquids or gases that are non corrosive to the bellows, end connection and housing materials of construction.

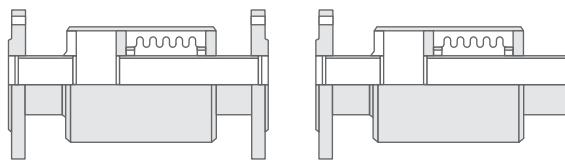
Buyers exclusive remedy shall be limited to repair or replacement for any product which is determined to be defective by

MX PRESSURE STRENGTHENED

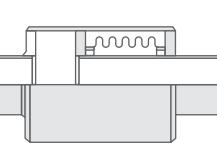
MX DESIGN TYPE



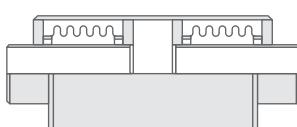
WELD / WELD (WW)



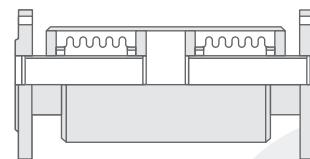
FLANGE / FLANGE (FF)



FLANGE / WELD (FW)



WELD / WELD (WW)



FLANGE / FLANGE (FF)

TYPE MXS

The MX single design options include weld, flange or combination end types and comply with MIL E - 17813 E type IV style 1 & 2 (class 1 single).

TYPE MXD

The MX double design options include weld, flange or combination end types and comply with MIL E - 17813 E type IV style 1 & 2 (class 2 double).

Note: axial movement listed in chart is combined total of both bevels.

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

SIZE	BELLOWS AREA	TYPE	PSI	STYLE	MOVEMENT AXIAL		SPRING RATE	WW		FF		FW		SHELL	CENTER TO BASE
					SQ/IN	650°F		COMPRESS	EXTEND	LBS/INCH	OAL	WGT	OAL	WGT	
1"	6	MXS	150	S	4	0.75	85	21.00	19	22.50	23	21.25	21	4 1/2"	4"
			M	6	1.12	57	28.75	26	30.50	30	29.25	28			
			L	8	1.50	43	35.00	31	36.50	35	35.25	33			
		MXD	300	S	4	0.75	170	21.00	20	23.00	26	21.25	23	4 1/2"	4"
			M	6	1.12	114	28.75	27	31.00	34	29.25	31			
			L	8	1.50	86	35.00	32	37.00	39	35.25	36			
		MXS	150	S	8	1.50	85	35.25	34	37.65	38			4 1/2"	4"
			M	12	2.25	57	51.00	49	53.75	53					
			L	16	3.00	43	63.25	58	65.75	62					
1 1/4"	6	MXS	300	S	8	1.50	170	35.25	36	38.50	42			4 1/2"	4"
			M	12	2.25	114	51.00	51	54.50	57					
			L	16	3.00	86	63.25	61	66.50	67					
		MXD	150	S	8	1.50	85	35.25	35	38.00	42			4 1/2"	4"
			M	12	2.25	57	51.00	50	54.00	56					
			L	16	3.00	43	63.25	60	66.00	66					
		MXS	300	S	8	1.50	170	35.25	37	39.25	49			4 1/2"	4"
			M	12	2.25	114	51.00	52	55.25	64					
			L	16	3.00	86	63.25	63	67.25	75					
1 1/2"	6	MXS	150	S	4	0.75	85	21.00	20	22.75	26	21.25	23	4 1/2"	4"
			M	6	1.12	57	28.75	29	30.75	34	29.25	32			
			L	8	1.50	43	35.00	33	36.75	39	35.25	36			
		MXD	300	S	4	0.75	170	21.00	22	23.25	33	21.25	27	4 1/2"	4"
			M	12	2.25	57	51.00	50	54.00	56					
			L	16	3.00	43	63.25	60	66.00	66					
		MXS	150	S	8	1.50	85	35.25	35	38.00	42			4 1/2"	4"
			M	12	2.25	57	51.00	52	54.00	58					
			L	16	3.00	43	63.25	62	66.00	68					
2"	12	MXS	300	S	8	1.50	170	35.25	37	39.25	49			4 1/2"	4"
			M	12	2.25	114	51.00	52	55.25	64					
			L	16	3.00	86	63.25	65	67.25	77					
		MXD	150	S	4	0.75	194	23.25	33	25.50	44	23.50	39	5 9/16"	4 1/2"
			M	6	1.12	130	32.00	46	34.50	56	32.50	51			
			L	8	1.50	97	39.25	55	41.50	65	39.50	60			
		MXS	300	S	4	0.75	388	23.25	35	25.75	49	23.75	42	5 9/16"	4 1/2"
			M	6	1.12	260	32.00	48	34.75	63	32.50	56			
			L	8	1.50	194	39.25	58	41.75	72	39.75	65			
		MXD	150	S	8	1.50	194	39.50	60	43.25	70			5 9/16"	4 1/2"
			M	12	2.25	130	57.25	85	61.25	95					
			L	16	3.00	97	71.50	102	75.25	112					
		MXS	300	S	8	1.50	388	39.50	62	43.50	76			5 9/16"	4 1/2"
			M	12	2.25	260	57.25	89	61.50	103					
			L	16	3.00	194	71.50	109	75.50	123					

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

SIZE	BELLOWS AREA	TYPE	PSI	STYLE	MOVEMENT AXIAL		SPRING RATE	WW		FF		FW		SHELL	CENTER TO BASE
					SQ/IN	650°F		COMPRESS	EXTEND	LBS/INCH	OAL	WGT	OAL	WGT	
2 1/2"	12	MXS	150	S	4	0.75	194	23.25	35	25.50	51	23.50	44	5 9/16"	4 1/2"
				M	6	1.12	130	32.00	50	34.50	65	32.50	58		
				L	8	1.50	97	39.25	60	41.50	75	39.50	68		
			300	S	4	0.75	388	23.25	36	25.75	56	23.75	48		
			M	6	1.12	260	32.00	52	34.75	73	32.50	63	5 9/16"	4 1/2"	
			L	8	1.50	194	39.25	63	41.75	84	39.75	74			
		MXD	150	S	8	1.50	194	39.50	65	43.25	79			5 9/16"	4 1/2"
			300	M	12	2.25	130	57.25	92	61.25	106				
3"	16	MXS	150	S	4	0.75	252	22.25	46	24.50	63	22.75	55	6 5/8"	5"
				M	6	1.12	190	28.50	57	31.00	74	29.00	66		
				L	8	1.50	126	37.25	74	39.5	91	37.75	83		
			300	S	4	0.75	504	22.25	47	24.75	75	22.75	62		
			M	6	1.12	380	28.50	59	31.25	87	29.00	74	6 5/8"	5"	
			L	8	1.50	252	22.25	78	39.75	106	37.75	93			
		MXD	150	S	8	1.50	252	37.50	82	41.25	98			6 5/8"	5"
			300	M	12	2.25	190	50.25	104	54.25	120				
3 1/2"	30	MXS	150	S	4	0.75	425	22.75	69	25.00	93	23.25	82	8 5/8"	6 1/4"
				M	6	1.12	283	29.50	86	31.75	109	30.00	98		
				L	8	1.50	212	38.50	152	40.75	175	39.00	164		
			300	S	4	0.75	850	22.75	72	25.75	108	23.50	91	8 5/8"	6 1/4"
			M	6	1.12	566	29.50	90	32.50	127	30.25	110			
			L	8	1.50	424	38.50	163	41.50	199	39.25	182			
		MXD	150	S	8	1.50	425	38.75	120	42.50	142			8 5/8"	6 1/4"
			300	M	12	2.25	283	52.00	155	56.00	177				
4"	30	MXS	150	S	4	0.75	425	22.75	72	25.75	121	23.50	99	8 5/8"	6 1/4"
				M	6	1.12	283	29.50	89	32.50	144	39.50	131		
				L	8	1.50	212	38.50	116	41.25	144			8 5/8"	6 1/4"
			300	S	4	0.75	850	22.75	72	25.75	121	23.50	99		
			M	6	1.12	566	29.50	94	32.50	141	30.00	119	8 5/8"	6 1/4"	
			L	8	1.50	424	38.50	124	41.25	170	39.00	148			
		MXD	150	S	8	1.50	425	38.75	127	42.50	153			8 5/8"	6 1/4"
			300	M	12	2.25	283	52.00	162	56.00	188				
5"	42	MXS	150	S	4	0.75	425	22.75	72	25.75	121	23.50	99	8 5/8"	6 1/4"
				M	6	1.12	283	29.50	89	32.50	144	39.50	131		
				L	8	1.50	212	38.50	116	41.25	144			8 5/8"	6 1/4"
			300	S	4	0.75	850	22.75	72	25.75	121	23.50	99		
			M	6	1.12	566	29.50	94	32.50	141	30.00	119	8 5/8"	6 1/4"	
			L	8	1.50	424	38.50	124	41.25	170	39.00	148			
		MXD	150	S	8	1.50	425	38.75	133	43.25	177			8 5/8"	6 1/4"
			300	M	12	2.25	283	52.00	171	56.75	215				

MX PRESSURE SPRINGS

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

SIZE	BELLOWS AREA	TYPE	PSI	STYLE	MOVEMENT AXIAL	SPRING RATE	WW		FF		FW		SHELL	CENTER TO BASE	
	SQ/IN		650°F		COMPRESS EXTEND	LBS/INCH	OAL	WGT	OAL	WGT	OAL	WGT	O.D. INCH	INCH	
6"	52	MXS	150	S M L	4 6 8	0.75 1.12 1.50	570 380 285	21.50 27.50 33.75	102 124 149	24.00 30.25 36.25	144 167 191	22.00 28.00 34.25	125 148 172	10 3/4"	7 1/2"
			300	S M L	4 6 8	0.75 1.12 1.50	1140 760 570	21.50 27.50 33.75	106 130 155	25.25 31.25 37.50	190 214 239	22.75 28.75 35.00	151 175 200	10 3/4"	7 1/2"
		MXD	150	S M L	8 12 16	1.50 2.25 3.00	570 380 285	36.25 48.25 60.75	184 230 278	40.25 52.50 64.75	222 268 316			10 3/4"	7 1/2"
			300	S M L	8 12 16	1.50 2.25 3.00	1140 760 570	36.25 48.25 60.75	192 240 290	41.50 53.75 66.00	270 318 368			10 3/4"	7 1/2"
8"	83	MXS	150	S M L	4 6 8	0.75 1.12 1.50	1212 808 606	22.50 29.00 35.75	161 198 236	25.25 32.00 38.50	228 265 302	23.25 29.75 36.50	198 235 272	12 3/4"	8 1/2"
			300	S M L	4 6 8	0.75 1.12 1.50	2424 1616 1212	38.25 51.25 64.75	168 209 250	26.75 33.50 40.00	295 336 377	24.00 30.50 37.25	237 278 319	12 3/4"	8 1/2"
		MXD	150	S M L	8 12 16	1.50 2.25 3.00	1212 808 606	38.25 51.25 64.75	260 354 430	42.50 55.75 69.00	320 414 490			12 3/4"	8 1/2"
			300	S M L	8 12 16	1.50 2.25 3.00	2424 1616 1212	38.25 51.25 64.75	294 376 458	44.00 57.25 70.50	416 492 574			12 3/4"	8 1/2"
10"	135	MXS	150	S M L	4 6 8	1.00 1.50 2.00	1065 710 533	23.75 30.75 40.00	209 261 337	26.75 34.00 43.25	306 358 434	24.50 31.50 41.00	263 315 391	16"	10 1/4"
			300	S M L	4 6 8	1.00 1.50 2.00	3266 2177 1633	23.75 30.75 40.00	216 272 354	28.50 35.75 44.75	396 452 534	25.25 32.50 41.75	315 371 453	16"	10 1/4"
		MXD	150	S M L	8 12 16	2.00 3.00 4.00	1065 710 533	40.50 54.75 64.75	364 468 430	45.25 59.50 69.00	450 554 490			16"	10 1/4"
			300	S M L	8 12 16	2.00 3.00 4.00	3266 2177 1633	40.50 54.75 64.75	378 489 654	46.75 61.25 79.50	540 651 816			16"	10 1/4"
12"	182	MXS	150	S M L	4 6 8	1.00 1.50 2.00	1217 811 609	24.50 32.00 41.75	257 324 419	28.00 35.75 45.25	400 467 562	25.50 33.00 42.75	321 388 483	18"	11 1/4"
			300	S M L	4 6 8	1.00 1.50 2.00	3491 2327 1745	25.00 32.50 42.25	285 355 457	30.50 38.25 47.75	540 610 712	27.00 34.50 44.25	400 470 572	18"	11 1/4"
		MXD	150	S M L	8 12 16	2.00 3.00 4.00	1217 811 609	42.25 57.25 76.75	455 589 779	47.25 62.50 81.75	583 717 907			18"	11 1/4"
			300	S M L	8 12 16	2.00 3.00 4.00	3491 2327 1745	42.75 57.75 77.25	511 651 855	49.75 65.00 84.25	741 881 1085			18"	11 1/4"
14"	212	MXS	150	S M L	4 6 8	1.00 1.50 2.00	1328 885 1053	24.50 32.00 41.75	293 367 473	28.25 36.00 45.50	491 565 671	25.75 33.25 43.00	383 457 563	20"	12 1/4"
			300	S M L	4 6 8	1.00 1.50 2.00	2656 1770 1328	25.00 32.50 42.25	373 468 607	30.75 38.50 48.00	732 828 966	27.25 34.75 44.50	567 663 772	20"	12 1/4"
		MXD	150	S M L	8 12 16	2.00 3.00 4.00	1328 885 1053	42.25 57.25 76.75	529 677 889	47.50 62.75 82.00	709 857 1069			20"	12 1/4"
			300	S M L	8 12 16	2.00 3.00 4.00	2656 1770 1328	42.75 57.75 77.25	673 863 1141	50.00 65.25 84.50	1003 1193 1471			20"	12 1/4"

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Microflex's MX expansion joints are designed to absorb axial movement only, and must therefore be installed in straight sections of pipelines, with properly designed anchors, guides, and supports. Figure 1-3 below illustrates proper installations. Methods for determining anchor loads are published in EJMA standards or available from Microflex on request.

MX SINGLE



Figure 1-1 shows the proper use of a **single** MX expansion joint to absorb axial pipe line expansion. Main anchors (MA) are located at changes in pipe direction. Only one expansion joint should be installed between anchors and preferably within four pipe diameters of an anchor. Pipe guides (G) are located in accordance with table below.

MX DOUBLE

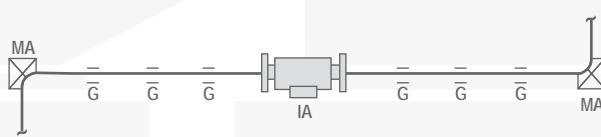


Figure 1-2 shows the proper use of a **double** MX expansion joint to absorb axial pipe line expansion. Main anchors (MA) are located at changes in pipe direction. The double MX expansion joint with intermediate anchor (IA) is located equal distance from main anchors. Pipe guides (G) are located in accordance with table below.

MX SINGLE (x3)

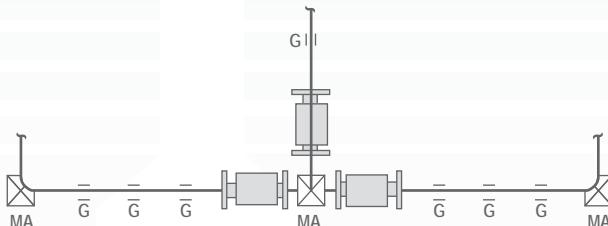


Figure 1-3 shows the proper use of a **three single** MX expansion joints to absorb axial pipe line expansion with a branch connection. Main anchors (MA) are located at changes in pipe direction. Only one expansion joint should be installed between anchors and preferably within four pipe diameters of an anchor. Pipe guides (G) are located in accordance with table below.

MX PIPE GUIDE REQUIREMENTS

To insure long maintenance free operation, pipe alignment guides must be installed as tabulated below.

MAX DISTANCE	PSI	MX SIZE																							
		1"	1½"	1¼"	2"	2½"	3"	3½"	4"	5"	6"	8"	10"	12"	14"	16"	18"	20"	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	36"
FEET TO FIRST GUIDE	150 & 300	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	7	10	12	15	16	18	21	23	25	28	30	32	35	37	42
FEET TO ALL OTHER GUIDES	150	12	17	14	18	20	22	26	30	35	40	50	62	68	70	78	88	93	97	102	104	112	120	127	135
	300	8	11	9	12	13	16	18	21	24	28	56	44	49	50	56	62	65	70	75	78	82	85	90	96



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