



FC2W Ultra-Flex Coupling Installation Instructions

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## CAUTION

• Ultra-Flex couplings do not restrain axial movement of pipe.

• Ultra-Flex couplings are designed to float on pipe ends and are not designed to support the pipe. Block and shim as necessary.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**1.** Measure the outside diameter of each pipe end to be joined to ensure they are within the coupling range.

**2.** Thoroughly clean each pipe end to a smooth, bare sealing surface sufficiently longer than the coupling length for full gasket contact. Keep the pipe and coupling components free from debris.

3. Stab each pipe end into the Ultra-Flex coupling. For ease of installation, it may be necessary to loosen the nuts when assembling on larger O.D. pipes. Disassembly of the coupling is not required. NOTE: <u>Do not</u> **lubricate the pipe OD or the gasket. If the coupling is disassembled, lubricate only the contoured lip on each end of the coupling sleeve prior to reassembly.** 

Block and shim pipe ends and coupling as needed to ensure that the coupling remains at an equal distance from the pipe circumference.



**4.** Center the coupling between the two pipe ends. The optimum pipe end gap for the Ultra-Flex coupling is less than 1".

**5.** Evenly tighten bolts in an alternating sequence being certain that end rings remain parallel to one another. Tighten bolts to the recommended torque shown in the table below. Use of a torque wrench is highly recommended and required to ensure proper torque.

Recommended Bolt Torque	
Nominal Coupling Size	Torque
3" - 10"	50 ft-lb
12" and 16"	75 ft-lb

**6.** Restrain if necessary. Pressure test and recheck bolt torque before backfilling. If a leak develops during testing, recheck bolt torque. Be advised that extreme torque can over stress coupling components.



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