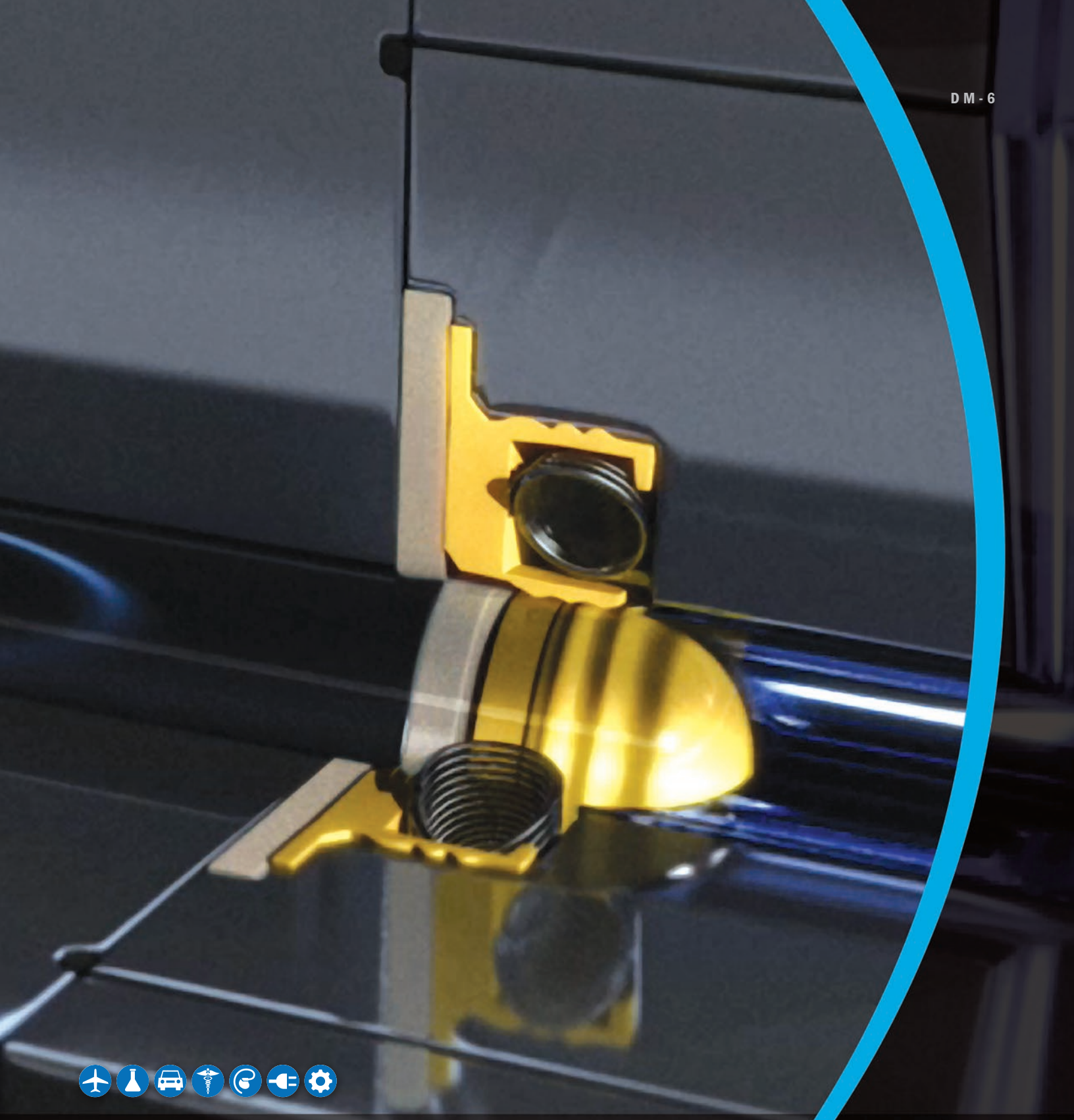

Bal Seal® spring-energized seal
Solutions for Reciprocating and Static/Face Applications

Custom components that drive tomorrow's technologies.®

BAL SEAL® ENGINEERING, INC.

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Over Half a Century of Sealing Knowledge

Bal Seal Engineering, Inc. is a global provider of custom-engineered sealing, connecting, conducting, and EMI/RFI shielding solutions.

We're more than just a problem-solver, we're your innovation partner. With over half a century of experience and a vast application knowledge base, we specialize in helping OEMs develop breakthroughs that shape industry standards, push the technology envelope, and provide a competitive edge.

Whether you're addressing an existing challenge or in the early stages of development, we can help. Our engineers have the skills and expertise to collaborate and contribute during every step of the process and get your product to market faster.

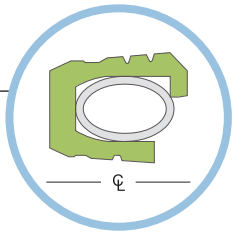
Our core technology, the Bal Spring® canted coil spring, is a versatile component that functions independently or in combination with precision polymer sealing and metal retaining elements to enhance the performance and reliability of critical equipment used everywhere, from deep sea to deep space, and everywhere in between.

Design Features and Benefits

We offer a broad range of Bal Seal® spring-energized seal types for reciprocating and static/face applications. The following pages contain examples of typical configurations, cross sections, and size ranges. Contact us with your specific application requirements, and we'll custom-engineer a solution that will increase the performance, safety, and reliability of your products.

Dynamic Wiper Lip

Series 13 for Housing Mounting/Series 14 for Piston Mounting

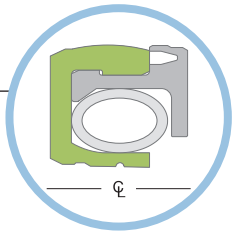


Features short dynamic sealing lip, which improves overall seal performance.

- Improved sealing ability
- Better wiping
- Reduced friction
- Reduced heat buildup for longer life

Metal Retaining Ring

Series KS13

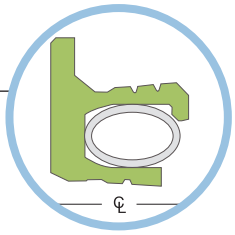


A self-retaining seal with metal-to-metal contact between housing material and metal locking ring.

- Good retention
- Suitable for high and low temperatures
- Greater thermal stability

Flanged Seal

Series R13

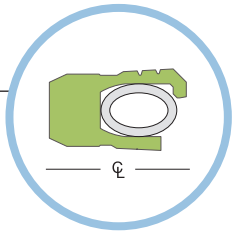


Provides secondary sealing on the flange.

- Well suited for cryogenic applications
- Long-term sealing applications
- Reduces seal shuttling

High-Pressure Seal

Series UN13, UN14, UN15

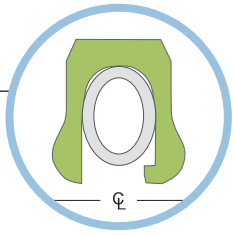


High-pressure reciprocating service.

- Excellent sealing ability
- Extended heel zone for increased seal strength
- Better resistance to extrusion
- Improved stability/performance at high temperatures and pressures

Face Seal (Static)

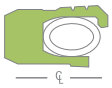
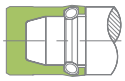
Series S2 for internal pressure/Series IS2 for external pressure



Radial-shaped sealing lips promote better sealing ability.

- Suitable for cryogenic applications
- Suitable for oscillatory and slow rotary applications

Bal Seal® Spring-Energized Reciprocating and Static/Face Seal Designs

Seal Design	Series	Features/Applications	Pressure Limit[1] psi (bar)	Cross Section Range in. (mm)	Inside Diameter Range in. (mm)
	13	Wiping, low friction, longer life.	3000 (207)	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
	P14	One-piece pistons with 1/4 step. Better seal retention into groove.	3000 (207)	0.062 to 0.187 (1.6 to 4.7)	0.312 to 1.875 (7.9 to 47.6)
	15	Symmetrical design for piston or rod sealing.	3000 (207)	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
	CC13	Very small diameters and small cross sections.	2000 (138)	0.016 to 0.062 (0.4 to 1.6)	0.016 to 0.093 (0.4 to 2.4)
	KS13	For thermal cycling and self-retaining with a metal locking ring. High and low temperatures.	3000 (207)	0.044 to 0.585 (1.1 to 14.8)	0.125 to 34 (3.2 to 863)
	R13	Flange-mounted. Reduces seal movement. Low friction, longer life.	3000 (207)	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
	UN13	For high pressure, low friction.	10000 (689)	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
	PW	Spring-energized guide ring for better piston guidance and alignment.	NA	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
	64	Low dead volume. Excellent chemical compatibility. Vacuum to low pressure. Snap-on assembly. Seal permanently locks onto piston.	60 (4)	0.031 to 0.125 (0.8 to 3.2)	OD Range 0.063 and up (1.6 and up)
	S15	For use in internal pressure conditions and slow rotary applications.	3000 (207)	0.062 to 0.250 (1.6 to 6.4)	0.188 to 120 (4.8 to 3048)
	S2	Face seal for static sealing and slow rotary applications.	3000 (207)	0.062 to 0.250 (1.6 to 6.4)	0.188 to 120 (4.8 to 3048)

1. Pressure limits are based on UHMWPE. PTFE material pressure limits will be lower.

Bal Seal® Materials

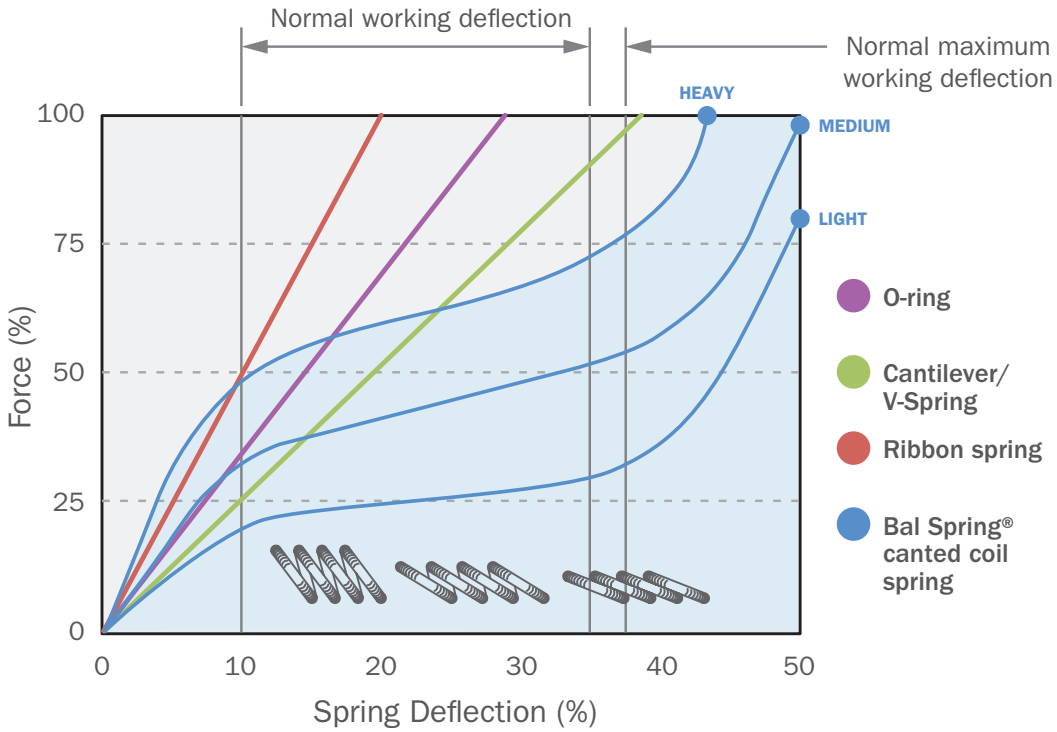
	Material/Description	Material Temperature Range °F (°C)	Wear Resistance 5=Excellent 1=Fair	Pressure/Extrusion Resistance 5=Excellent 1=Fair	Abrasion to Shaft
Polytetrafluoroethylene	T (Virgin PTFE) Light-duty service. Lowest friction. Excellent chemical compatibility. FDA compliant. Color: White	–450 to 450 (–270 to 230)	1	1	Low
	TA (PTFE—LOW PERMEABILITY/DEFORMATION) Superior mechanical properties with good surface finishes. Good sealing ability in gases and vacuum. Suitable for semiconductor applications. FDA Compliant. Color: White	–450 to 450 (–270 to 230)	2	2	Low
	G (GRAPHITE-FILLED PTFE) Light-duty service. Low friction. Very good chemical compatibility. Good wear resistance in liquids, humid conditions. Color: Black	–450 to 450 (–270 to 230)	2	2	Low
	GC (GRAPHITE-CARBON-FILLED PTFE) General light duty. Low friction. Very good chemical compatibility. Good wear resistance in liquids, humid conditions. Color: Black	–450 to 450 (–270 to 230)	3	3	Low
	GFP55 (GRAPHITE-FIBER-REINFORCED PTFE) Severe service conditions. Excellent performance in applications with high pressure, low speed, and high temperature. Color: Black	–450 to 500 (–270 to 260)	4	5	Medium
	GFP (GRAPHITE-FIBER-REINFORCED PTFE) Severe service conditions. Excellent performance in applications with high pressure, low speed, and high temperature. Color: Black	–450 to 500 (–270 to 260)	5	5	Medium
	GFPM55 HT (MoS_2-REINFORCED PTFE) Severe dry and liquid service. Excellent wear and extrusion resistance in liquids, inert gases, vacuum. Color: Black	–450 to 500 (–270 to 260)	4	5	Medium
	GLMO4 (GLASS-MOLY-FILLED PTFE) For severe conditions, excellent extrusion resistance. May be abrasive to soft mating materials. Color: Black	–450 to 500 (–270 to 260)	5	5	High
	GL20 (GLASS-FILLED PTFE) Severe dry/vacuum service. Excellent wear and extrusion resistance and low outgassing. Color: Off-white	–450 to 500 (–270 to 260)	5	5	High
	SP45 (POLYMER-FILLED PTFE) General-purpose material designed for contact with housings and pistons made of soft metals or plastics. Good for high-speed, low-pressure applications. Color: Light gray/green	–450 to 500 (–270 to 260)	5	4	Low
	SP191 (POLYMER-FILLED PTFE) Gas compressor systems and oxygen intensifier systems applications. Excellent wear resistance in various gases. Low abrasion to dynamic surfaces and operates well against soft mating surfaces like aluminum, mild steel, brass, and plastics. FDA compliant. Color: Dark yellow	–450 to 500 (–270 to 260)	5	4	Low
Polyethylene	UPC10 (POLYETHYLENE) Aqueous service. Good wear and extrusion resistance in aqueous media. For general service. FDA compliant. Color: Translucent white	–450 to 180 (–270 to 80)	4 (aqueous solutions)	5	Low
	UPC16 (POLYETHYLENE) High purity, high wear resistance in water and aqueous solutions. FDA compliant. Color: Translucent white	–450 to 180 (–270 to 80)	4 (aqueous solutions)	5	Low
	UP30 (UHMW POLYETHYLENE BLEND) Suitable for very high-pressure low-speed reciprocating applications such as HPLC and cryogenic applications. FDA compatible. Color: Gold	–450 to 180 (–270 to 80)	4 (aqueous solutions)	5	Low
PEEK	P41 HT (HIGH-PERFORMANCE POLYMERS) High-performance materials for high-temperature service. FDA compatible. Color: Beige.	–70 to 600 (–60 to 316)	5	5	Medium

Bal Seal defines "FDA Compliant" as materials that have been found by the FDA to be "safe for use in food contact" or "acceptable for use in food contact." "FDA Compatible" is defined by Bal Seal as compositions where FDA has deemed the majority (97% or more) of the ingredients "safe for use in food contact" and they contain no ingredient listed in the California Code of Regulations Hazardous Substance List.

Bal Spring® Canted Coil Spring Energizer Materials

Bal Seal Engineering is the original developer of the Bal Spring® canted coil spring as a seal energizer. Our innovative design holds the spring force nearly constant over a wide deflection range. As the seal jacket wears, the spring continues to provide the same sealing force. Spring loads are customizable, enabling you to optimize friction, sealing, and performance life.

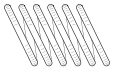
Force Deflection Chart



Spring Materials

Material	Advantages	Limitations	Typical Applications
BSE1 or BSE2 (Stainless Steel)	• Low cost and readily available • Highest tensile strength of all standard Bal Spring® materials.	• Lower corrosion resistance than BSE3 or BSE 4 and BSE5 • Mechanical properties change at elevated temperatures	• General service
BSE3 or BSE4 (Stainless Steel)	• Better corrosion resistance than BSE1 or BSE2 due to higher nickel and molybdenum content	• Mechanical properties lower than BSE1 or BSE2	• Food processing
BSE5 (Stainless Steel)	• Higher corrosion resistance than BSE3 or BSE4 due to lower carbon content	• Higher cost than BSE3 or BSE4	• Biomedical • Corrosive environments • Laboratory • Food processing
BSE9 (Beryllium Copper Alloy)	• High-strength copper alloy	• Limited temperature range	• Parts requiring good electrical conductivity • EMI shielding • Electronics
BSE17 (Nickel Alloy)	• Higher corrosion resistance and operating temperature than BSE1 or BSE2, BSE3 or BSE4, and BSE5 stainless steels	• Limited availability	• Corrosive environments
BSE18 (Nickel Alloy)	• High resistance to stress cracking • High corrosion resistance • Resistant to cracking under NACE Level VII conditions • Compatible with hydrogen sulfide	• Wire size	• Petrochemical applications with hydrogen sulfide sour gas per NACE report MR-01-75
BSE19 (Cobalt Nickel Alloy)	• Compatible with hydrogen sulfide • Nickel-based material with higher modulus of elasticity than all other stainless steel materials with higher mechanical properties than other stainless steel materials	• Galvanic corrosion can occur when coupled with dissimilar metals	• Body implant applications such as pacemakers • Petrochemical applications where corrosion resistance to hydrogen sulfide is necessary
BSE28 (Titanium Alloy)	• Commonly used heat treatable with good stiffness and thermal properties • Excellent combination of strength and corrosion resistance	• Non-medical grade alloy • High cost	• Military, aircraft, spacecraft • Medical devices • Connecting rods for sports cars • Some sports equipment

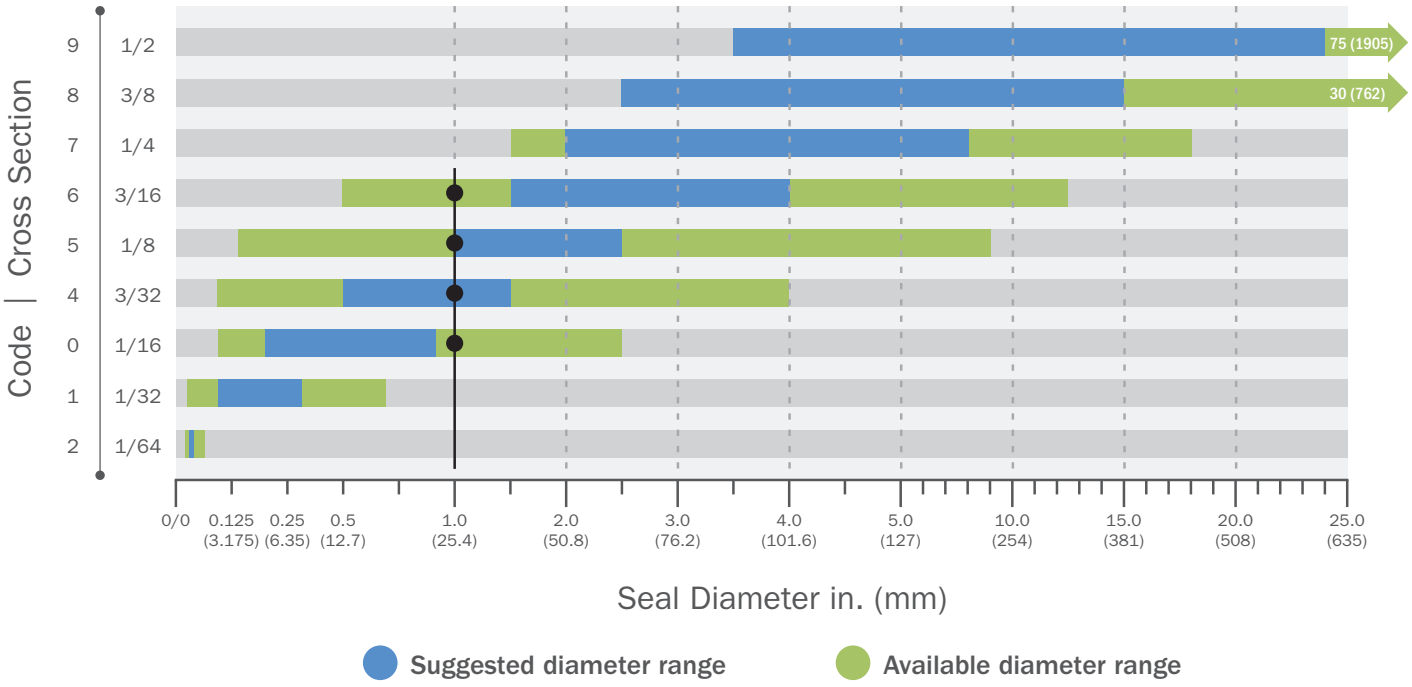
Energizers

Energizer	Type	Friction	Sealing	Wear	High Speed	Vacuum Gas	High Pressure	Cryogenic
	Light	Low	Low	Low	Excellent	Not Recommended	Good	Poor
	Medium	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Fair	Excellent	Fair
	Heavy	High	High	High	Not Recommended	Good	Excellent	Good
	Cantilever/ V-Spring	High	High	Moderate	Not Recommended	Excellent	Excellent	Good
	O-Ring	High	High	High	Not Recommended	Excellent	Fair	Fair

Suggested Standard Cross Sections and Seal Inside Diameters

Cross sections range from 0.016 to 0.500 in. (0.40 to 12.70 mm). Seal cross sections and seal inside diameters are divided into available and suggested size ranges. Suggested sizes will generally result in optimal seal performance.

Cross Section		Nominal Cross Section in. (mm)	Seal Inside Diameter			
			Available Sizes	Suggested Sizes		Available Sizes
Code	Size		Min. in. (mm)	Min. in. (mm)	Max. in. (mm)	Max. in. (mm)
2	1/64	0.016 (0.40)	0.016 (0.40)	0.031 (0.79)	0.040 (1.02)	0.062 (1.57)
1	1/32	0.031 (0.79)	0.025 (0.64)	0.041 (1.04)	0.312 (7.93)	0.68 (17.45)
0	1/16	0.062 (1.57)	0.050 (1.27)	0.187 (4.75)	0.750 (19.05)	2.50 (63.50)
4	3/32	0.094 (2.38)	0.094 (2.39)	0.500 (12.70)	1.500 (38.10)	4.00 (101.60)
5	1/8	0.125 (3.18)	0.187 (4.75)	1.000 (25.40)	2.500 (63.50)	9.00 (228.60)
6	3/16	0.187 (4.75)	0.500 (12.70)	1.500 (38.10)	4.000 (101.60)	12.50 (317.50)
7	1/4	0.250 (6.35)	1.500 (38.10)	2.000 (50.80)	8.000 (203.20)	18.00 (457.20)
8	3/8	0.375 (9.53)	As requested	2.500 (63.50)	15.000 (381.00)	30.00 (762.00)
9	1/2	0.500 (12.70)	As requested	3.500 (88.90)	24.000 (609.60)	75.00 (1905.00)



Example: A 1.0 in. seal diameter is available in cross sections 1/16, 3/32, 1/8, and 3/16 in.

Bal Seal® Large Diameter Spring-Energized Seals

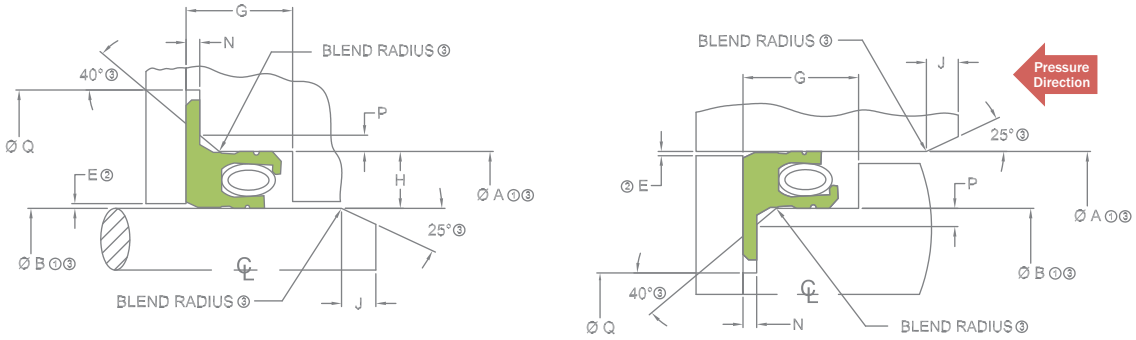
Our Bal Seal® spring-energized large diameter seals offer big performance advantages in critical equipment. Designed to handle slow-speed rotary and reciprocating applications, our one-piece seals provide OEM designers and end users with excellent resistance to wear, extrusion and chemical—all of which translates into more uptime and profitability. Our low-friction seals are energized with a Bal Spring® canted coil spring, which promotes even wear and prolongs service life. Seals are available in select profiles and a variety of materials.

Our seals are available in diameters to suit applications from the very small to the very large.

Reciprocating Seal Gland Dimensions

①See page 15 for gland diameters for stepped groves of common seal sizes. ②Radial clearance with service conditions. A recommended radial clearance is shown on Bal Seal design proposal drawings. Refer to page 13 for radial clearance. ③Refer to page 14 for recommended surface finishes. For KS13 and 64 series gland dimensions, contact us to discuss your specific application requirements.

Cross Section		H Nominal Gland Height in. (mm)	G Gland Length in. (mm)		Chamfer Length in. (mm)	
Code	Size		Standard Seals	U Series Seals	J1	J2
2	1/64	0.016 (0.40)	0.029/0.034 (0.74/0.86)	0.055/0.058 (1.40/1.47)	0.005±0.001 (0.13±0.03)	0.015±0.003 (0.38±0.08)
1	1/32	0.031 (0.79)	0.053/0.058 (1.34/1.47)	0.071/0.076 (1.80/1.93)	0.007±0.001 (0.18±0.03)	0.031±0.004 (0.79±0.10)
0	1/16	0.062 (1.57)	0.098/0.103 (2.49/2.62)	0.120/0.125 (3.05/3.18)	0.010±0.002 (0.25±0.05)	0.062±0.005 (1.57±0.13)
4	3/32	0.094 (2.38)	0.144/0.154 (3.66/3.91)	0.183/0.193 (4.65/4.90)	0.015±0.003 (0.38±0.08)	0.093±0.006 (2.36±0.15)
5	1/8	0.125 (3.18)	0.183/0.193 (4.65/4.90)	0.263/0.273 (6.68/6.93)	0.020±0.003 (0.58±0.08)	0.125±0.008 (3.17±0.20)
6	3/16	0.187 (4.75)	0.263/0.273 (6.68/6.93)	0.351/0.366 (8.92/9.30)	0.025±0.003 (0.64±0.08)	0.187±0.010 (4.75±0.25)
7	1/4	0.250 (6.35)	0.351/0.366 (8.92/9.30)	0.523/0.543 (13.28/13.79)	0.035±0.003 (0.89±0.08)	0.250±0.012 (6.35±0.30)
8	3/8	0.375 (9.35)	0.523/0.543 (13.28/13.79)	0.686/0.711 (17.42/18.06)	0.045±0.004 (1.14±0.10)	0.375±0.015 (9.53±0.38)
9	1/2	0.500 (12.70)	0.686/0.711 (17.42/18.06)	0.911/0.931 (23.13/23.65)	0.060±0.006 (1.52±0.15)	0.500±0.020 (12.7±0.51)



①Radial clearance varies with service conditions. ②A recommended radial clearance is shown on Bal Seal deign proposal drawings. ③Refer to page 13 for recommended radial clearance.

Cross Section		H Nominal Gland Height in. (mm)	G Gland Length in. (mm)		N Flange Depth in. (mm)	P Chamfer Height in. (mm)	Chamfer Length in. (mm)		J Chamfer Length in. (mm)
Code	Size		R/IR Series Seals	UR/UIR Series Seals			R/UR Series Seals +xxx/–0	IR/UIR Series Seals +0/–xxx	
1	1/32	0.031 (0.79)	0.075/0.095 (1.91/2.41)	0.092/0.112 (2.34/2.84)	0.012/0.013 (0.30/0.33)	0.012/0.017 (0.30/0.43)	A +0.096 (2.44)	B –0.096 (–2.44)	0.031±0.004 (0.79±0.10)
0	1/16	0.062 (1.57)	0.117/0.137 (2.97/3.48)	0.138/0.158 (3.51/4.01)	0.012/0.013 (0.30/0.33)	0.017/0.023 (0.43/0.58)	A +0.135 (3.43)	B –0.135 (–3.43)	0.062±0.005 (1.57±0.13)
4	3/32	0.094 (2.39)	0.171/0.191 (4.34/4.85)	0.203/0.223 (5.16/5.66)	0.019/0.020 (0.48/0.51)	0.028/0.035 (0.71/0.89)	A +0.143 (3.63)	B –0.143 (–3.63)	0.093±0.006 (2.36±0.15)
5	1/8	0.125 (3.18)	0.220/0.240 (5.59/6.10)	0.259/0.279 (6.58/7.09)	0.026/0.027 (0.66/0.69)	0.040/0.049 (1.02/1.24)	A +0.155 (3.94)	B –0.155 (–3.94)	0.125±0.008 (3.17±0.20)
6	3/16	0.187 (4.75)	0.280/0.300 (7.11/7.62)	0.351/0.371 (8.92/9.42)	0.031/0.032 (0.79/0.81)	0.057/0.067 (1.45/1.70)	A +0.246 (6.25)	B –0.246 (–6.25)	0.187±0.010 (4.75±0.25)
7	1/4	0.250 (6.35)	0.375/0.395 (9.53/10.03)	0.489/0.509 (12.42/12.93)	0.044/0.045 (1.12/1.14)	0.069/0.080 (1.75/2.03)	A +0.306 (7.77)	B –0.306 (–7.77)	0.250±0.012 (6.35±0.30)
8	3/8	0.375 (9.53)	0.565/0.585 (14.35/14.86)	0.741/0.761 (18.82/19.33)	0.088/0.090 (2.24/2.29)	0.080/0.092 (2.03/2.34)	A +0.384 (9.75)	B –0.384 (–9.75)	0.375±0.015 (9.53±0.38)
9	1/2	0.500 (12.70)	0.743/0.763 (18.87/19.38)	0.980/1.000 (24.89/25.40)	0.088/0.090 (2.24/2.29)	0.092/0.103 (2.34/2.62)	A +0.480 (12.19)	B –0.480 (–12.19)	0.500±0.020 (12.70±0.51)

Design Parameters

There are many factors that affect the seal performance and service life, all of which should be considered when determining the most suitable gland design parameters for the application. Refer to Bal Seal Technical Report TR-78, *Factors that Affect Seal Performance*.

Recommended Shaft and Housing Tolerances

Diameter Range in. (mm)	Recommended Tolerance			
	Shaft Dimension in. (mm)		Housing Dimension in. (mm)	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
0.0200 to 0.9999 (0.5 to 24.99)	–0.0005 (–0.01)	+0.0000 (0.00)	–0.0000 (0.00)	+0.0005 (0.01)
1.0000 to 1.9999 (25 to 49.99)	–0.0010 (–0.03)	+0.0000 (0.00)	–0.0000 (0.00)	+0.0010 (0.03)
2.0000 to 3.4999 (50 to 89.99)	–0.0015 (–0.04)	+0.0000 (0.00)	–0.0000 (0.00)	+0.0015 (0.04)
3.5000 to 5.9999 (90 to 149.99)	–0.0020 (–0.05)	+0.0000 (0.00)	–0.0000 (0.00)	+0.0020 (0.05)
6.0000 to 14.9999 (150 to 379.99)	–0.0030 (–0.08)	+0.0000 (0.00)	–0.0000 (0.00)	+0.0030 (0.08)
15.0000 to 33.9999 (380 to 859.99)	–0.0040 (–0.10)	+0.0000 (0.00)	–0.0000 (0.00)	+0.0040 (0.10)
34.0000 to 0000 (860 to 3050)	–0.0050 (–0.13)	+0.0000 (0.00)	–0.0000 (0.00)	+0.0050 (0.13)

Radial Clearance

Extrusion is the flowing of the seal ring material into the radial clearance (E) of the seal gland, which is due to the media pressure acting on the seal's internal cavity. Excessive extrusion can result in seal lip blowout and failure. The extrusion of the seal material increases as the pressure and/or radial clearance (E) increases. Extrusion can also be influenced by other factors, such as temperature and seal material. A backup ring should be used if the "E" clearance cannot be controlled as required. Refer to Bal Seal application bulletin PN-228 for additional extrusion information.

E Typical Radial Clearance @70 °F (21 °C)						
Cross Section		H Nominal Gland Height in. (mm)	Pressure psi (bar)			
Code	Size		150 (10)	1,500 (103)	3,000 (207)	10,000 (689)
2	1/64	0.016 (0.40)	0.001 (0.025)	0.001 (0.025)	0.0005 (0.013)	0.0005 (0.013)
1	1/32	0.031 (0.79)	0.002 (0.051)	0.002 (0.051)	0.001 (0.025)	0.0005 (0.013)
0	1/16	0.062 (1.57)	0.004 (0.102)	0.003 (0.076)	0.002 (0.051)	0.001 (0.025)
4	3/32	0.094 (2.39)	0.005 (0.127)	0.003 (0.076)	0.002 (0.051)	0.001 (0.025)
5	1/8	0.125 (3.18)	0.006 (0.152)	0.004 (0.102)	0.003 (0.076)	0.0015 (0.038)
6	3/16	0.187 (4.75)	0.007 (0.178)	0.004 (0.102)	0.003 (0.076)	0.0015 (0.038)
7	1/4	0.250 (6.35)	0.008 (0.203)	0.005 (0.127)	0.004 (0.102)	0.002 (0.051)
8	3/8	0.375 (9.35)	0.010 (0.254)	0.006 (0.152)	0.005 (0.127)	0.002 (0.051)
9	1/2	0.500 (12.70)	0.012 (0.305)	0.007 (0.178)	0.006 (0.152)	0.003 (0.076)

Dynamic Surface Hardness

A dynamic surface with a higher hardness will reduce adhesion of the seal ring material onto that surface, thereby reducing friction and consequently reducing premature seal wear.

Surface Finish

The surface finish of the dynamic material has a substantial effect on the seal performance. In general, the better the surface finish, the better the seal performance. A good surface finish results in better sealing ability, lower abrasive wear, and longer seal life. Small imperfections such as scratches, cutter tool marks, porosity, and eccentricities can create leakage paths, depending on the media type and pressure, and should be minimized whenever possible. Refer to Bal Seal technical report TR-4, *Influence of Surface Finish on Bal Seal Performance*.

Suggested Surface Finishes

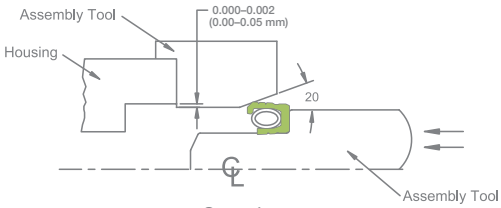
Medium	Dynamic Surface				Static Surface	
	Reciprocating		Rotary			
	RMS	Ra µin. (Ra µm)	RMS	Ra µin. (Ra µm)	RMS	Ra µin. (Ra µm)
Cryogens	2 to 4	1.8 to 3.6 (0.045 to 0.09)	2 to 4	1.8 to 3.6 (0.045 to 0.09)	4 to 8	3.6 to 7.2 (0.09 to 0.18)
Gases (air, N, O, etc.)	6 to 12	5.4 to 10.8 (0.135 to 0.27)	4 to 8	3.6 to 7.2 (0.09 to 0.18)	12 to 32	10.8 to 28.8 (0.27 to 0.72)
Liquids (hydraulic fluid, water, etc.)	8 to 16	7.2 to 14.4 (0.18 to 0.36)	8 to 12	7.2 to 10.8 (0.18 to 0.27)	16 to 32	14.4 to 28.8 (0.36 to 0.72)

Assembly and Installation Configurations

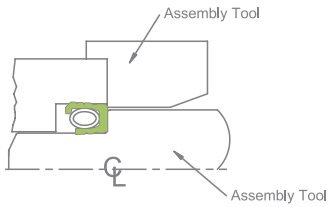
Assembly of Bal Seal® spring-energized seals into stepped (1/4 H, 1/2 H) and solid piston grooves present the potential for permanently deforming the seal, thereby reducing the sealing ability and seal life. Therefore, we recommend the use of a split gland whenever possible. Refer to options 1–4 on pages 14–15. Option 1 is preferred and option 5 is the least desirable, causing the most deformation during assembly.

To reduce the risk of seal damage during installation into a gland, we suggest using assembly tools such as those shown in the illustrations. The assembly tools provide a suitable lead-in taper and guide the seal into the gland. The collet assembly tool gradually stretches the seal over the piston and into the gland. For details on assembly procedures and limitations, request Bal Seal technical report TR-6.2. We can also supply dimensional information for fabricating assembly tools for specific applications.

Option 1
Assembly into Split Gland in Housing

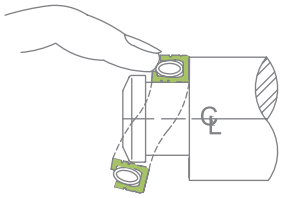


Step 1

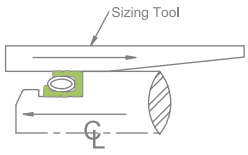


Step 2

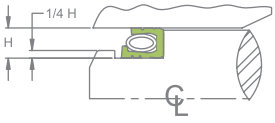
Option 2
Stepped Glands, Manual Assembly



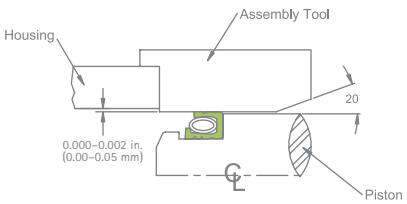
Step 1
Insert large diameter seal in piston groove with fingers.



Step 2
Place sizing tool over the seal and leave minimum of 1 hour, preferably 24 hours.



1/4 H Step Piston

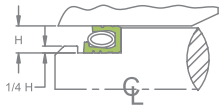


Step 3
Remove sizing tool and assemble piston into the bore using assembly tool.

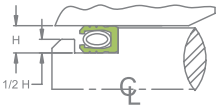
Recommended Seal ID Range for Manual Assembly Based on Cross Section and 1/4 H Step Piston

Cross Section Code	1/4 H Step Gland	
	Minimum in. (mm)	Maximum in. (mm)
0	0.312 (7.92)	1.875 (47.63)
4	0.438 (11.13)	2.875 (73.03)
5	0.750 (19.05)	3.750 (95.25)
6	1.125 (28.58)	5.625 (142.88)

Options 2, 3, and 4
Stepped and Solid Glands, Tool Assembly

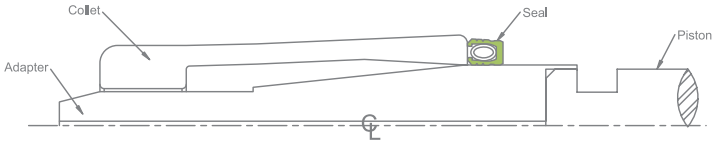


1/4 H Step Piston
(Option 2)

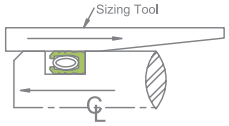


1/2 H Step Piston
(Option 3)

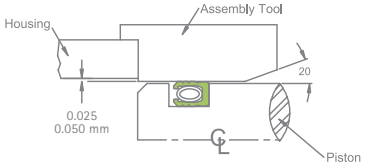
Solid Piston
(Option 4)



Step 1
Using a seal assembly adapter, push the seal into the piston gland with an assembly collet.



Step 2
Place sizing tool over the seal and leave minimum of 1 hour, preferably 24 hours.



Step 3
Remove sizing tool and assemble piston into the bore using assembly tool.

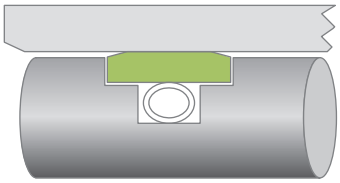
Recommended Seal ID range for Assembly with Tools Based on Cross Section and Step Piston Configurations

Cross Section Code	1/4 H Step Gland		1/2 H Step Gland		Solid Gland	
	Minimum in. (mm)	Maximum in. (mm)	Minimum in. (mm)	Maximum in. (mm)	Minimum in. (mm)	Maximum in. (mm)
0	0.219 (5.56)	1.875 (47.63)	0.312 (7.92)	1.875 (47.63)	0.500 (12.70)	1.875 (47.63)
4	0.312 (7.92)	2.875 (73.03)	0.375 (9.53)	2.875 (73.03)	0.625 (15.88)	2.875 (73.03)
5	0.625 (15.88)	3.750 (95.25)	1.000 (25.40)	3.750 (95.25)	1.250 (31.75)	3.750 (95.25)
6	1.000 (25.40)	5.625 (142.88)	1.250 (31.75)	5.625 (142.88)	1.500 (38.10)	5.625 (142.88)

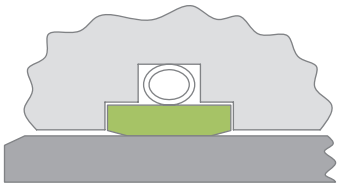
Guide Rings

Spring-energized guide rings, which are made from PTFE-based materials, are used with Bal Seal® fluid seals to help prevent metal-to-metal contact and provide piston guidance and support. Our guide rings differ from conventional wear rings in one major respect: our unique Bal Spring® canted coil spring supports the weight of the piston or rod evenly around the circumference and compensates for wear.

Selection between light, medium, and heavy spring forces tailor the guide ring for a suitable mix of friction and piston support. Provide our technical sales staff with your application details, and we'll propose the optimal guide ring material and spring force combination.



Guide Ring
Piston Mounted PW Series

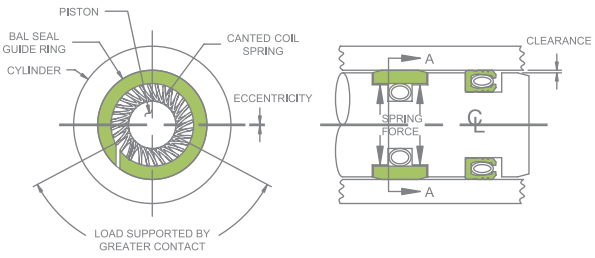


Guide Ring
Housing Mounted HW Series

Piston Support

Guide Rings vs. Conventional Wear Rings

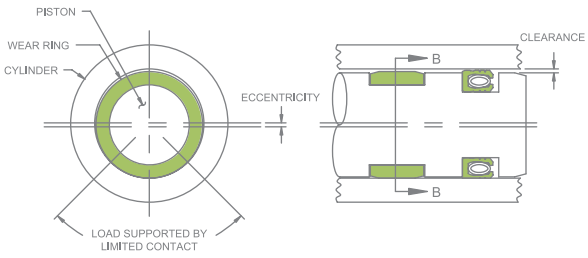
Features of Spring-Energized Guide Rings



VIEW A-A

- Supports piston weight
- Reduces bearing load
- Reduces cylinder scoring
- Minimizes side loading
- Compensates for wear

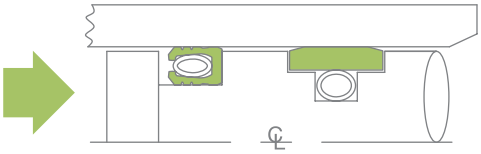
Limitations of Conventional Wear Rings



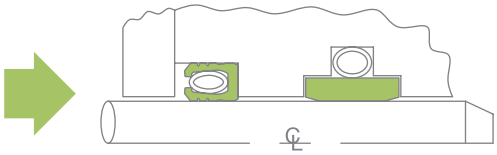
VIEW B-B

- Overcome by weight of piston
- Increases stress
- Allows metal-to-metal contact
- Succumbs to side loading
- Accelerates wear

Improved Seal Performance



Piston Mounted PW Series Guide Ring
with a Low-Friction Bal Seal®



Housing Mounted HW Series Guide Ring
with a Low-Friction Bal Seal®

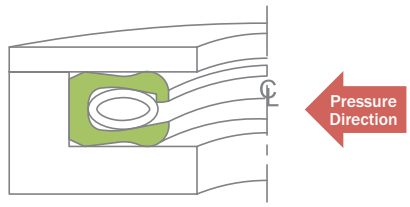
Static/Face Seals

Our static/face seals assemble into a gland, flange, or counterbore for internal or external pressure, static, or dynamic sealing. Because the Bal Spring® canted coil spring energizer provides nearly constant load over a wide range of deflection, variations in gland depth tolerance have a minimal effect on seal load. PTFE-based seal materials make the seal compatible with a variety of liquid and gas applications.

Internal Pressure

The spring cavity on the seal ID allows the internal pressure to aid in providing a positive seal as pressure increases. A heavy spring force is typical for static applications. Lighter spring forces can customize the load for dynamic service and applications that require lower friction.

Seal Designs:
S15, S2, US15, US2

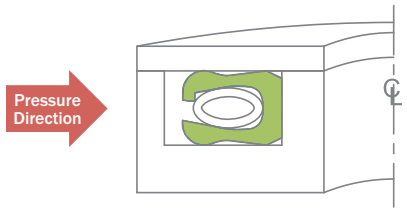


Internal Pressure

External Pressure

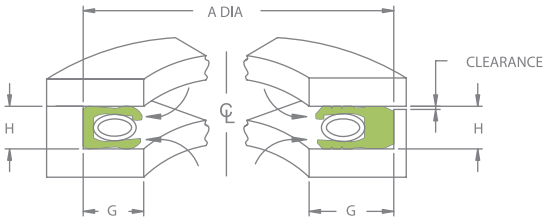
The spring cavity on the seal ID aids in providing a positive seal under external pressure. A heavy spring force is typically specified for static and vacuum service. Lighter spring forces can customize the load for dynamic service and applications that require lower friction.

Seal Designs:
IS15, IS2, UIS15, UIS2



External Pressure

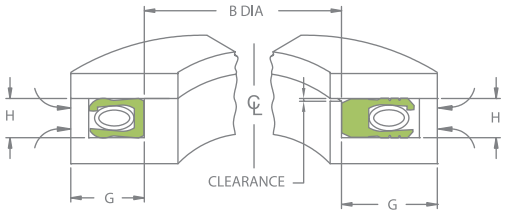
Internal Pressure



S2/S15
STATIC GLAND
(S2 SHOWN)

US2/US15
DYNAMIC GLAND
(US15 SHOWN)

External Pressure



IS2/IS15
STATIC GLAND
(IS2 SHOWN)

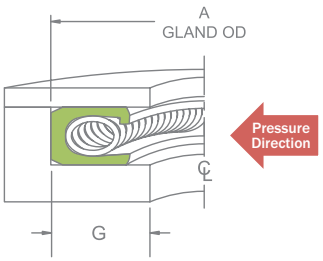
UIS2/UIS15
DYNAMIC GLAND
(UIS15 SHOWN)

Face Seal Gland Dimensions

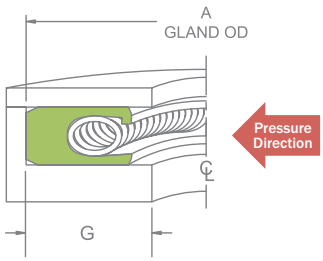
Cross Section Code	H Gland Height in. (mm)	H Gland Length in. (mm)	
		S/IS Series Seals Minimum	US/UIS Series Seals Minimum
0	0.061/0.063 (1.55/1.60)	0.115 (2.92)	0.155 (3.94)
4	0.093/0.095 (2.36/2.41)	0.155 (3.94)	0.195 (4.95)
5	0.125/0.127 (3.18/3.23)	0.195 (4.95)	0.275 (6.99)
6	0.187/0.189 (4.75/4.80)	0.275 (6.99)	0.365 (9.27)
7	0.250/0.252 (6.35/6.40)	0.365 (9.27)	0.535 (13.59)
8	0.375/0.377 (9.53/9.58)	0.535 (13.59)	0.715 (18.16)
9	0.500/0.502 (12.70/12.75)	0.715 (18.16)	0.935 (23.75)

The larger gland height (H) for dynamic applications reduces breakout and dynamic friction. Smaller gland height for static applications improves sealing reliability.

Static/Face Seals



S Series Seals

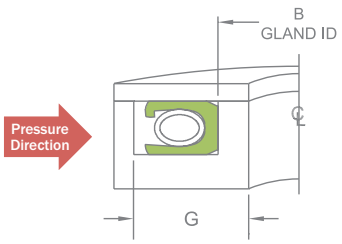


US Series Seals
(Extended Heel)

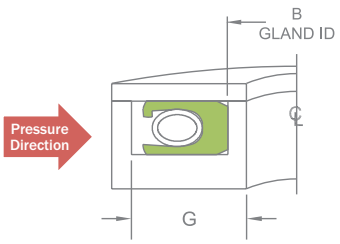
Internal Pressure

Cross Section		S Series		US Series	
Code	Size	A Gland OD in. (mm)	Tolerance in. (mm)	A Gland OD in. (mm)	Tolerance in. (mm)
0	1/16	0.312 to 0.625 (7.92 to 15.88)	+0.001 (+0.005) −0.000 (−0.000)	0.437 to 0.625 (11.10 to 15.88)	+0.001 (+0.003) −0.000 (−0.000)
4	3/32	0.875 to 1.500 (22.23 to 38.10)	+0.001 (+0.030) −0.000 (−0.000)	1.750 to 2.250 (44.45 to 57.15)	+0.002 (+0.050) −0.000 (−0.000)
5	1/8	1.125 to 1.625 (28.58 to 41.28)	+0.001 (+0.030) −0.000 (−0.000)	1.750 to 2.500 (44.45 to 63.50)	+0.002 (+0.050) −0.000 (−0.000)
6	3/16	3.000 to 3.750 (76.20 to 95.25)	+0.003 (+0.080) −0.000 (−0.000)	4.000 to 4.500 (101.60 to 114.30)	+0.004 (+0.100) −0.000 (−0.000)
7	1/4	4.000 to 5.000 (101.60 to 127.00)	+0.004 (+0.100) −0.000 (−0.000)	5.250 to 6.000 (133.35 to 152.40)	+0.005 (+0.130) −0.000 (−0.000)
8	3/8	6.500 to 72.000 (165.10 to 1828.80)	+0.010 (+0.300) −0.000 (−0.000)	6.500 to 72.000 (165.10 to 1828.80)	+0.010 (+0.300) −0.000 (−0.000)
9	1/2	12.500 to 72.000 (317.50 to 1828.80)	+0.015 (+0.380) −0.000 (−0.000)	12.500 to 72.000 (317.50 to 1828.80)	+0.015 (+0.380) −0.000 (−0.000)

Only common sizes are shown. For special cross sections and diameters, please contact us to discuss your application requirements.



IS Series Seals



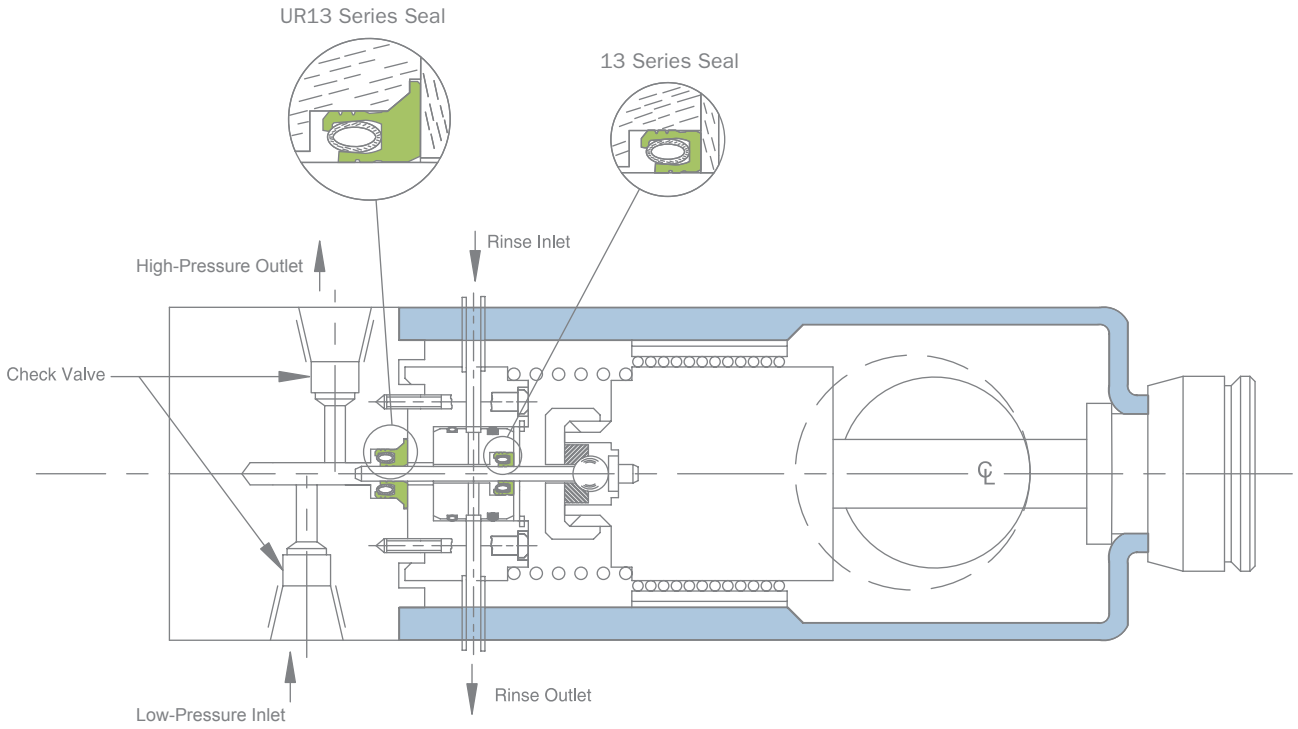
UIS Series Seals
(Extended Heel)

External Pressure

Cross Section		IS Series		UIS Series	
Code	Size	B Gland ID in. (mm)	Tolerance in. (mm)	B Gland ID in. (mm)	Tolerance in. (mm)
0	1/16	0.187 to 0.750 (4.75 to 19.05)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.001 (−0.030)	0.187 to 0.750 (4.75 to 19.05)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.001 (−0.030)
4	3/32	0.875 to 1.500 (15.88 to 38.10)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.001 (−0.030)	1.750 to 2.250 (44.45 to 57.15)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.002 (−0.050)
5	1/8	1.125 to 1.625 (28.58 to 41.28)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.001 (−0.030)	1.750 to 2.500 (44.45 to 63.50)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.002 (−0.050)
6	3/16	3.000 to 3.750 (76.20 to 95.25)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.003 (−0.080)	4.000 to 4.500 (101.60 to 114.30)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.004 (−0.010)
7	1/4	4.000 to 5.000 (101.60 to 127.00)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.004 (−0.100)	5.250 to 6.000 (133.35 to 152.40)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.005 (−0.130)
8	3/8	6.500 to 72.000 (165.10 to 1828.80)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.010 (−0.300)	6.500 to 72.000 (165.10 to 1828.80)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.010 (−0.300)
9	1/2	12.500 to 72.000 (317.50 to 1828.80)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.015 (−0.380)	12.500 to 72.000 (317.50 to 1828.80)	+0.000 (+0.000) −0.015 (−0.380)

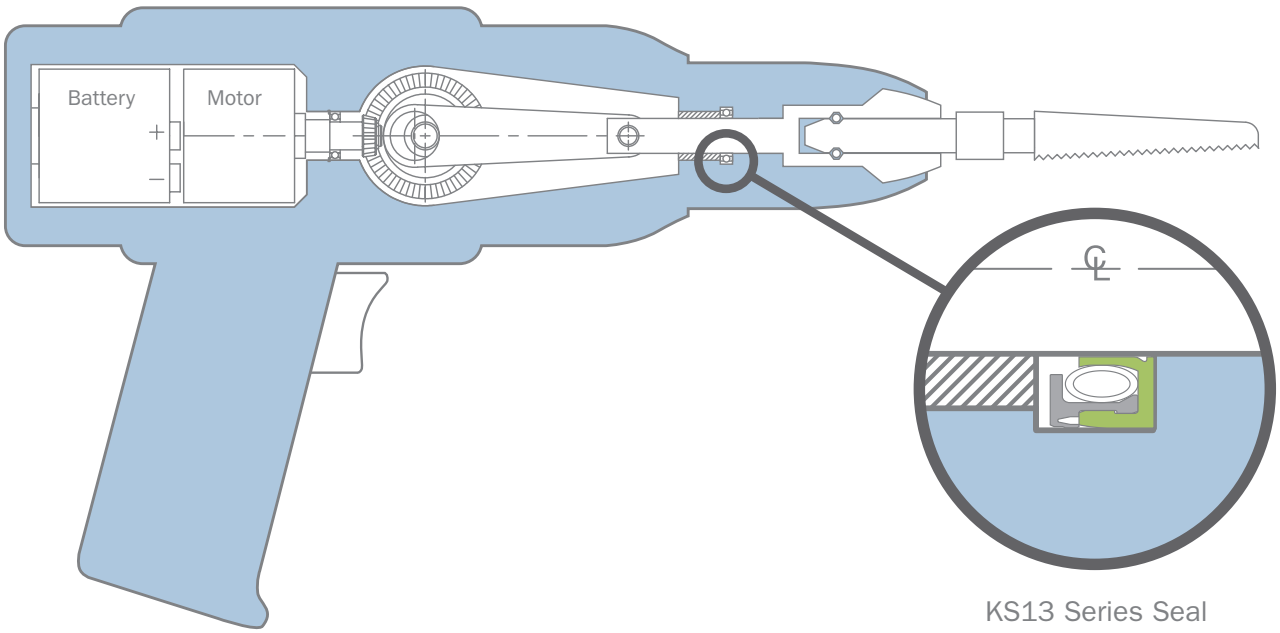
Typical Bal Seal® Spring-Energized Seal Applications

HPLC Plunger Pump



Operating Parameters	
Pressure	Atmospheric to 14,000 psi (965 bar)
Media	ACN, methanol, deionized H_2O
Speed	4 ft/min (0.02 m/s)
Temperature	32–100 °F (0°–38 °C)

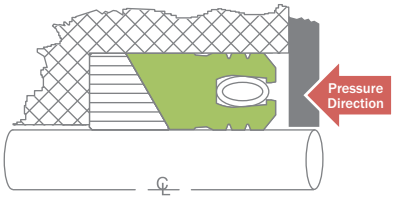
Surgical Bone Saw



KS13 Series Seal

Operating Parameters	
Pressure	Atmospheric to 15 psi (1 bar)
Media	Bone, tissue, bearing grease, and sterilization fluids
Speed	50–300 ft/min (0.25–1.5 m/s)
Temperature	70 °F (21 °C) operating 250 °F (121 °C) autoclave cleaning

Customized Solution Examples



High-Pressure Seal
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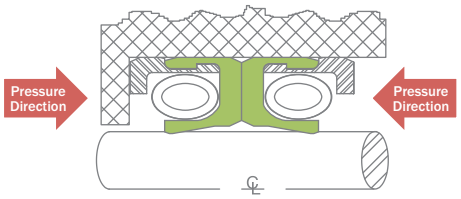

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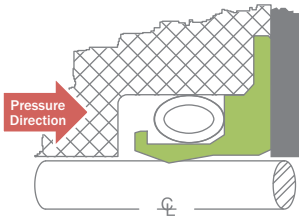
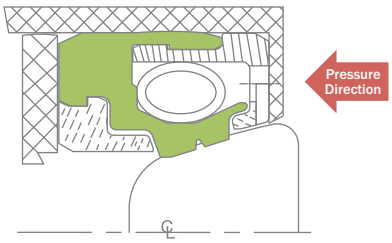
at Low Pressure



Cryogenic Seal,
Very Low Pressure

Double Spring Seal



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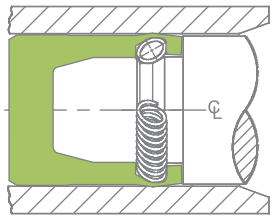
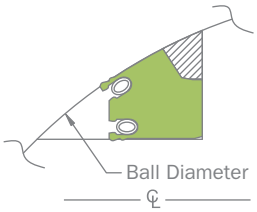


Cover Seal



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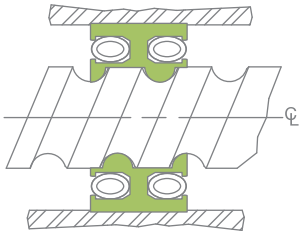

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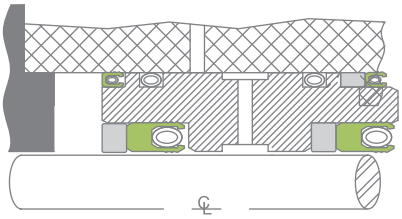
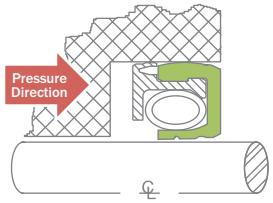
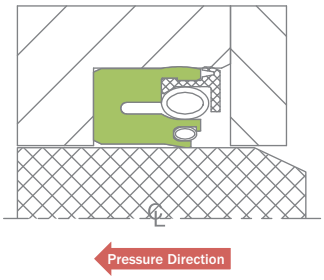


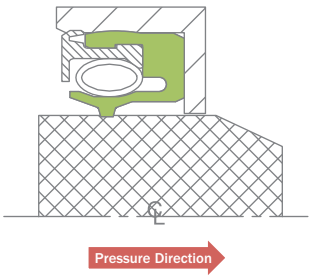
Bearing-Seal Package



Reverse Pressure Direction
15 psi max. ΔP



Large Deflections



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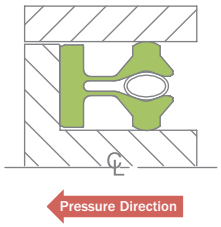
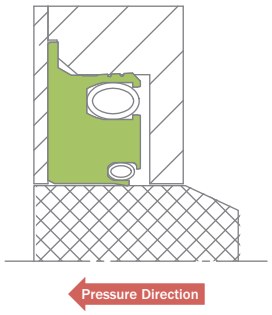
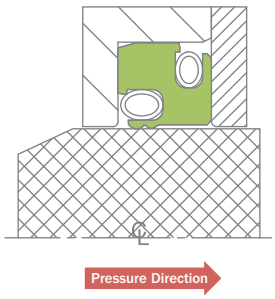


Extremely Low Friction



Unusual Gland Configurations



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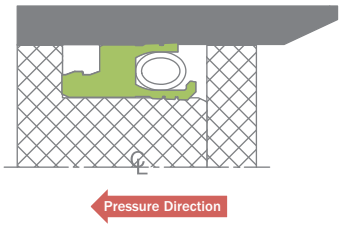
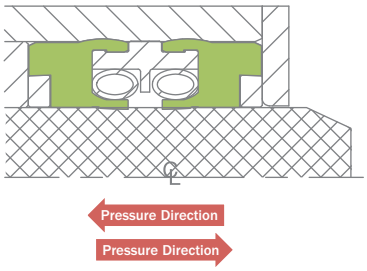


Snapped in Backup Ring Assembly



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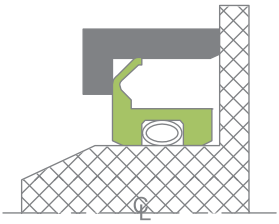
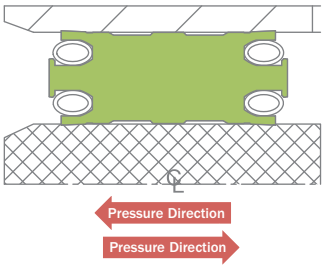
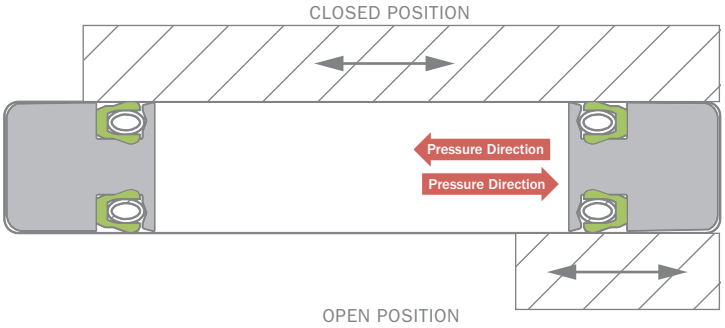


Extemely High Rotational Speeds



Floating Cover Seal



Seal Snaps Into Place and Is Retained

Design Request Form—Reciprocating/Radial Seals

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Name	Date
Company	Title
Address	Department
City, State & Zip	Telephone
E-mail	Fax

Product data	
Equipment type	
Application is used for ☐ Prototype ☐ Production ☐ Retrofit ☐ Other	
Annual usage	Target price (per unit)

Service
☐ Reciprocating ☐ Intermittent ☐ Other
Travel length ☐ in. ☐ cm

Speed
☐ fpm ☐ cpm ☐ rpm ☐ m/s

Critical factors	Value	Assign order of priority, 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest)
Friction		
Service life		
Sealing performance		
Compatibility		
Cost		

Temperature			
Minimum	☐ °C	☐ °F	☐ °K
Operating	☐ °C	☐ °F	☐ °K
Maximum	☐ °C	☐ °F	☐ °K
Does seal reach operating temperature before pressure is applied? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Does seal reach cold temperatures prior to pressurizing? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
What is maximum temperature that maximum pressure will see?			

Media type (Please select all that apply)		
☐ Gas ☐ Liquid ☐ Viscous	☐ Abrasives ☐ Solid particles (size=) ☐ Corrosive	☐ Contaminant ☐ Other
Specific gravity	Relative humidity	
Volatiles	Viscosity ☐ cP ☐ cSt	

Pressure				
Minimum	☐ psi	☐ MPa	☐ kg/cm²	☐ bar
Operating	☐ psi	☐ MPa	☐ kg/cm²	☐ bar
Maximum	☐ psi	☐ MPa	☐ kg/cm²	☐ bar

Friction force	
☐ lbs. ☐ N	
Breakout	Running

Differential pressure across seal			
☐ psi ☐ MPa ☐ kg/cm² ☐ bar			
	Minimum	Operating	Maximum
Forward shaft travel			
Reverse shaft travel			

Dimensional information	☐ Inches ☐ mm	Tolerance (+/–)	Can be modified
Shaft diameter (A)			☐
Bore diameter (B)			☐
Gland length (C)			☐
Gland height (D)			☐
Radial shaft/bore clearance (E)			☐

Eccentricity
Shaft-to-Bore Misalignment

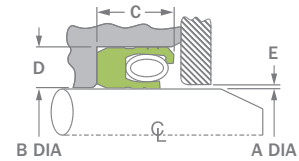
Vacuum
☐ in Hg ☐ Pa ☐ Torr

Bore information
Material
Plating/coating
Hardness (Rc)
Surface finish ☐ RMS ☐ Ra

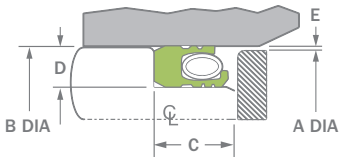
Shaft information
Material
Plating/coating
Hardness (Rc)
Surface finish ☐ RMS ☐ Ra

Gland configurations

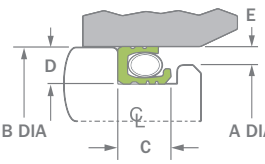
☐ 2-piece housing



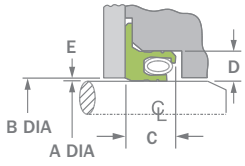
☐ 2-piece piston



☐ 1-piece piston (stepped gland)



☐ Flanged bore



Can you supply shaft/bore/gland drawings? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Product data

Equipment type	
Application is used for ☐ Prototype ☐ Production ☐ Retrofit ☐ Other	
Annual usage	Target price (per unit)

Service

☐ Oscillating ☐ Static ☐ Dynamic ☐ Other	
Degrees rotated	Travel length ☐ in. ☐ cm

Speed

☐ fpm ☐ cpm ☐ rpm ☐ m/s

Critical factors

	Value	Assign order of priority, 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest)
Friction		
Service life		
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Cost		

Temperature

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Differential pressure across seal

☐ psi ☐ MPa ☐ kg/cm² ☐ bar

Friction force

☐ lbs. ☐ N

Breakout	Running

Vacuum

☐ in Hg ☐ Pa ☐ Torr

Dimensional information

	☐ Inches ☐ mm	Tolerance (+/–)	Can be modified
Inside diameter (B)			☐
Outside diameter (A)			☐
Gland length (G)			☐
Gland height (H)			☐
Clearance			☐

Gland/Bore information

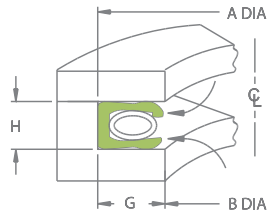
Material
Plating/coating
Hardness (Rc)
Surface finish ☐ RMS ☐ Ra

Cover plate information

Material
Plating/coating
Hardness (Rc)
Surface finish ☐ RMS ☐ Ra

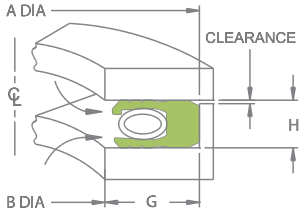
Gland configurations

☐ Internal pressure



Static Gland

☐ Internal pressure



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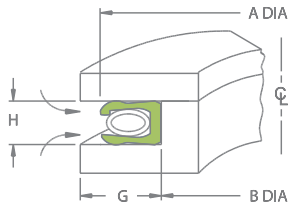

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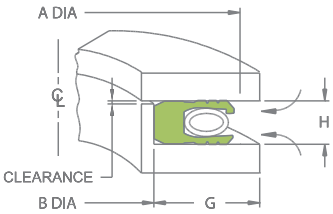

Dynamic Gland

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