

FLEX-TEND, 18 inch Double Ball with Flanged Ends.



Image depicts direct burial application (Polyethylene wrap not depicted). Refer to "Connections" FT-2 for more details.





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#### **Features and Applications:**

- Sizes 2 inch through 48 inch
- Rated 350 PSI working water pressure (Sizes 2 inch and 30 inch and above rated at 250 PSI)
- For Ductile Iron, Steel, PVC or HDPE pipe
- Sizes 4 inch through 12 inch have had a configuration update.
- Expansion/Contraction travel preset at 50/50 setting. 50% percent reserved for expansion and the remaining 50% reserved for contraction.
- Designed to give Deflection and or Expansion/ Contraction needs to protect pipeline systems from shear. Refer to submittal drawings for "offset" capability
- Constructed of ASTM A536 Ductile Iron
- Up to 20° Deflection per ball
- Additional Expansion Sleeves can be added for increased expansion capacity
- Each unit tested to rated working pressure prior to shipment
- Due to the design of the seals, no periodic maintenance is required
- End connections can be Flanged, Mechanical Joint or a combination of the two.
- Flange outlets conform to the dimensional requirements of ANSI/AWWA C110/A21.10 (class 150) with the addition of an O-ring gasket (except for 2 inch unit) which is provided to ensure a watertight seal.
- Mechanical Joint end connections conform to the dimensional requirements of either ANSI/AWWA C111/A21.11 or ANSI/AWWA C153/A21.53 depending on size.
- FLEX-TEND assemblies are suitable for direct burial. Polyethylene wrap is provided with each unit. If installed in a vault, the design must be such that movement is not impeded. Refer to *Connections* FT-2 found at www.ebaa.com.
- All "wetted" parts are coated with a fusion bonded epoxy which is NSF61 Approved.
- For use on water or wastewater pipelines subject to hydrostatic pressure and tested in accordance with either AWWA C600 or ASTM D2774

#### **Pipeline Protection from ground Motion and Shear**

Pipelines crossing unstable terrain such as faults, swamps or landfills all suffer some degree of vulnerability to damage from ground motion. This motion can be either gradual or sudden, and places damaging shear and bending forces on pipelines. In areas close to, or within structures where differential movement can occur, pipelines should be restrained and supported to isolate and accommodate movement in a controllable manner at a designated location.

FLEX-TEND flexible expansion joints provide pipeline protection from the stresses produced by these forces with their ability to deflect up to 20 degrees per ball, in any direction, while simultaneously expanding or contracting. They are available in sizes from 2 inches to 48 inches and can be used on ductile iron, steel, or PVC pipelines for:

Connection to buildings, tanks, and other structures

Underground to aerial transitions such as bridges

Areas of anticipated ground movement and unstable soils

Areas near roadways and dams

Active faults crossings and liquefaction zones

The FLEX-TENDS are available with both flange and mechanical joint end connections for adaptable protection for pipelines, pumps, bridge crossings, tank connections and many other critical installations, either above or below ground. Sizes of 3-inches through 24-inches are rated for 350 psi working water pressure. Sizes of 2 inch, 30 inch, and larger are rated for 250 psi working water pressure.

FLEX-TENDS are manufactured entirely of ductile iron, conforming to all applicable requirements of ANSI/ AWWA C153/A21.53 and FLEX-TENDS are totally protected from internal corrosion with a lining of fusion-bonded epoxy. FLEX-TEND flexible expansion joints are available in double ball or single ball configurations. Doubleball units offer the unique ability to accommodate a considerable degree of close-coupled vertical subsidence and will deflect up to 20 degrees per ball in any direction. Single-ball configuations can be used in pairs with a spool piece between them to increase the offset between the two ball ends.

Expansion/contraction capability is cast as an integral part of the ball and socket, and can be adjusted with additional sleeves installed at the factory prior to shipping or in the field at a later date. The use of additional sleeves increases both the axial movement and the available offset. The expansion pre-sets shown in the following tables can easily be changed by the purchaser during his purchase order or later in the field.

#### **Important Updates**

As of 2012-08-27 all FLEX-TEND Flexible Expansion Joints have a factory preset of 50/50 for the expansion/contraction travel. 50% of the total joint's travel will be reserved for Expansion of the pipeline while the remaining 50% will be reserved for Contraction of the pipeline. This is a change from the previous 75% for contraction and 25% for expansion preset.

Sizes 4 inch through 12 inch FLEX-TENDS have had a change in their component configuation. The Sockets are now one piece and no longer have a second flanged gland. This new compact socket allows for a smaller overall outside diameter (OD), stronger more robust design, and lessens the total amount of fasteners on the unit.

The submittal drawings and their dimensions found within this brochure reflects these upgrades and changes. For submittal information of the previous design and presets refer to the FLEX-TEND product brochure with revisioin code letter "S", found in the lower left hand corner of the first page on the brochure.

Additional Technical Documentation regarding FLEX-TEND and other EBAA Iron products can be found at www.ebaa.com. Refer to the Tech Support page and look under Connection Bulletins.

## FLEX-TEND, EX-TEND, AND FLEX-900 O-ring Groove



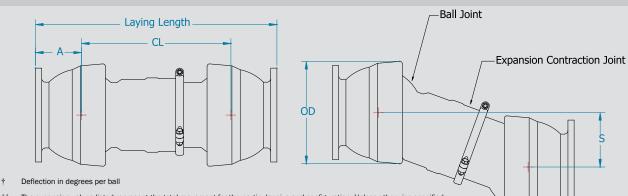
\*Dimensions is in inches and  $\pm$  1%.

Size	ID*	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	O-ring Diameter	O-ring Part Number
3	3.280	4.885	4.185	0.175	0.350	0.0625	0.25	983003
4	4.060	5.900	4.700	0.300	0.600	0.0625	0.5	983004
6	6.160	8.00	6.800	0.300	0.600	0.0625	0.5	983006
8	8.270	10.100	8.900	0.300	0.600	0.0625	0.5	983008
10	10.160	12.200	11.000	0.300	0.600	0.0625	0.5	983010
12	12.340	14.300	13.100	0.300	0.600	0.0625	0.5	983012
14	14.260	16.200	15.00	0.300	0.600	0.0625	0.5	983014
16	16.480	18.500	16.900	0.400	0.800	0.1250	0.625	983016
18	18.560	20.700	19.100	0.400	0.800	0.1250	0.625	983018
20	20.520	23.000	21.400	0.400	0.800	0.1250	0.625	983020
24	24.680	27.200	25.600	0.400	0.800	0.1250	0.625	983024
30	30.900	33.500	31.700	0.400	0.900	0.1250	0.75	983030
36	37.040	40.000	38.300	0.400	0.850	0.1250	0.75	983036
42	43.080	46.580	44.080	0.650	1.250	0.1250	N/A	983042
48	49.220	52.720	50.220	0.650	1.250	0.1250	1	983048

#### **Sample Specification**

- 1. Flexible expansion joints shall be installed in the locations indicated on the drawings and shall be manufactured of ductile iron conforming to the material requirements of ASTM A536 and ANSI/AWWA C153/A21.53. Foundry certification of material shall be readily available upon request.
- 2. Each flexible expansion joint shall be pressure tested prior to shipment against its own restraint to a minimum of 350 psi (250 psi for flexible expansion joints 2 inch and 30 inch diameter and larger.) A minimum 2:1 safety factor, determined from the published pressure rating, shall apply. Factory Mutual Approval for the 3 inch through 12 inch sizes is required.
- 3. Each flexible expansion joint shall consist of an expansion joint designed and cast as an integral part of a ball and socket type flexible joint, having a minimum per ball deflection of: 20°, 2" 12"; 15°, 14" 36"; 12°, 42"-48" and 4-inches minimum expansion. Additional expansion sleeves shall be available and easily added or removed at the factory or in the field. Both standardized mechanical joint and flange end connections shall be available.
- 4. All internal surfaces (wetted parts) shall be lined with a minimum of 15 mils of fusion bonded epoxy conforming to the applicable requirements of ANSI/AWWA C213. Sealing gaskets shall be constructed of EPDM. The coating shall meet ANSI/NSF-61.
- 5. Exterior surfaces shall be coated with a minimum of 6 mils of fusion bonded epoxy conforming to the applicable requirements of ANSI/ AWWA C116/A21.16.
- 6. Appropriately sized polyethylene sleeves, meeting ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5, shall be included for direct buried applications.
- 7. Manufacturer's certification of compliance to the above standards and requirements shall be readily available upon request. The purchaser (or owner) shall reserve the right to inspect the manufacturer's facility for compliance. All flexible expansion joints shall be FLEX-TEND as manufactured by EBAA Iron, INC. Eastland, TX., U.S.A.

## FLEX-TEND Double Ball Submittal Reference Drawing - Flange by Flange



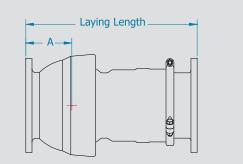
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Ball Joint

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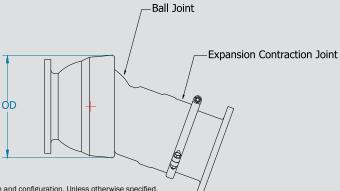
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Nominal	OD	Deflection†	А	Expansion††	Laying	CL	S	Weight	Assembly
Pipe Size		(Degrees)					(Offset)	(lbs.)	Number
2	6.10	20	3.90	4 (+2.75, -1.25)	23.80	16.00	6.20	44	402F20
				4	35.50 (±2.0)	21.50 (±2.0)	7.50	191	403F20
3	9.20	20	7.00	8	50.80 (±4.0)	36.80 (±4.0)	12.70	235	403F21
				12	66.00 (±6.0)	52.00 (±6.0)	17.90	280	403F22
				4	34.04 (±2.0)	22.81 (±2.0)	8.49	161	404F20
4	10.85	20	5.62	8	49.29 (±4.0)	38.06 (±4.0)	14.39	210	404F21
				12	64.54 (±6.0)	55.31 (±6.0)	20.29	262	404F22
				4	36.05 (±2.0)	23.70 (±2.0)	8.79	223	406F20
6	12.28	20	6.17	8	50.33 (±4.0)	37.98 (±4.0)	14.36	285	406F21
				12	64.61 (±6.0)	52.26 (±6.0)	19.93	346	406F22
				4	40.41 (±2.0)	26.59 (±2.0)	9.78	340	408F20
8	14.82	20	6.91	8	57.51 (±4.0)	43.69 (±4.0)	16.31	432	408F21
				12	74.61 (±6.0)	60.79 (±6.0)	22.84	525	408F22
				4	44.80 (±2.0)	28.38 (±2.0)	10.39	510	410F20
10	18.03	20	8.21	8	60.60 (±4.0)	44.18 (±4.0)	16.48	648	410F21
				12	76.40 (±6.0)	59.98 (±6.0)	22.57	785	410F22
				4	48.86 (±2.0)	30.24 (±2.0)	11.03	694	412F20
12	20.72	20	9.31	8	64.81 (±4.0)	46.19 (±4.0)	17.17	841	412F21
				12	80.76 (±6.0)	62.14 (±6.0)	23.31	989	412F22
				8	64.50 (±4.0)	44.00 (±4.0)	11.79	1,329	414F20
14	25.00	15	13.60	16	90.90 (±8.0)	70.50 (±8.0)	18.89	1,616	414F21
				24	117.40 (±12.0)	96.90 (±12.0)	25.96	1,904	414F22
				8	73.50 (±4.0)	46.30 (±4.0)	12.41	1,205	416F20
16	25.00	15	13.60	16	101.50 (±8.0)	74.20 (±8.0)	19.88	1,537	416F21
				24	129.50 (±12.0)	102.10 (±12.0)	27.36	1,869	416F22
				8	72.80 (±4.0)	47.00 (±4.0)	12.59	1,905	418F20
18	30.50	15	13.90	16	99.90 (±8.0)	74.10 (±8.0)	19.86	2,298	418F21
				24	127.00 (±12.0)	101.10 (±12.0)	27.09	2,690	418F22
				8	69.00 (±4.0)	45.90 (±4.0)	12.30	1,934	420F20
20	30.50	15	11.40	16	96.00 (±8.0)	73.20 (±8.0)	19.61	2,358	420F21
				24	123.50 (±12.0)	100.40 (±12.0)	26.90	2,782	420F22
				8	83.0 (±4.0)	52.2 (±4.0)	13.99	3,239	424F20
24	37.30	15	15.50	16	110.5 (±8.0)	79.5 (±8.0)	21.30	3,958	424F21
	2.1.00			24	137.5 (±12.0)	106.8 (±12.0)	28.62	4,678	424F22
				10	98.7 (±5.0)	65.3 (±5.0)	17.50	5,047	430F20
30	44.10	15	16.70	20	133.0 (±10.0)	99.0 (±10.0)	26.53	6,047	430F21
				30	167.0 (±15.0)	132.0 (±15.0)	35.37	7,046	430F22
					97.0 (±5.0)	63.0 (±5.0)	16.88	7,118	436F20
36	50.60	15	17.00	20	97.0 (±5.0) 131.00(±10.0)	97.0 (±10.0)	25.99	8,537	436F20 436F21
50	50.00	10	11.00						436F21
42	66.25	12	21.56		165.0 (±15.0) 158.8 (±12.0)	131.0 (±15.0) 113.8 (±12.0)	35.10 23.01	9,955	436F22 442F20
	66.25		22.50				23.01	14,172	442F20
48	67.10	12		24	158.8 (±12.0)	113.8 (±12.0)	29.13	17,148	

\*Two inch unit can be ordered with additional sleeves to increase expansion/contraction capacity.

## FLEX-TEND Single Ball Submittal Reference Drawing - Flange by Flange



All dimensions are ± 1%.



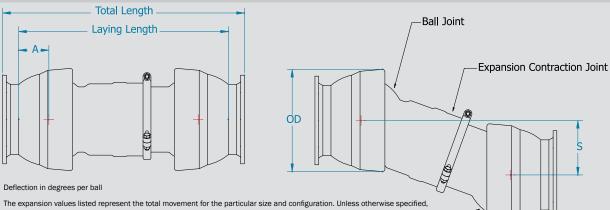
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Nominal Bipo Sizo	OD	Deflection <sup>+</sup>	А	Expansion††	Laying	Weight	Assembly
Pipe Size		(Degrees)				(lbs.)	Number
-				4	23.30 (±2.0)	118	403F10
3	9.20	20	7.00	8	41.80 (±4.0)	163	403F11
				12	60.30 (±6.0)	208	403F12
				4	25.43 (±2.0)	112	404F10
4	10.85	20	5.62	8	40.68 (±4.0)	157	404F11
				12	55.93 (±6.0)	202	404F12
				4	27.39 (±2.0)	152	406F10
6	12.28	20	6.17	8	41.67 (±4.0)	213	406F11
				12	55.95 (±6.0)	274	406F12
				4	29.98 (±2.0)	243	408F10
8	14.82	20	6.91	8	47.08 (±4.0)	335	408F11
				12	64.18 (±6.0)	428	408F12
				4	32.79 (±2.0)	359	410F10
10	18.03	20	8.21	8	48.59 (±4.0)	496	410F11
				12	64.39 (±6.0)	634	410F12
				4	34.68 (±2.0)	468	412F10
12	20.72	20	9.31	8	50.63 (±4.0)	616	412F11
				12	66.58 (±6.0)	763	412F12
				8	48.20 (±4.0)	880	414F10
14	25.00	15	13.60	16	74.40 (±8.0)	1,168	414F11
				24	101.00 (±12.0)	1,454	414F12
				8	53.50 (±4.0)	911	416F10
16	25.00	15	13.60	16	81.50 (±8.0)	1,243	416F11
				24	109.50 (±12.0)	1,575	416F12
				8	53.30 (±4.0)	1,231	418F10
18	30.50	15	13.90	16	80.30 (±8.0)	1,624	418F11
				24	107.40 (±12.0)	2,016	418F12
i i i				8	50.00 (±4.0)	1,277	420F10
20	30.50	15	11.40	16	77.00 (±8.0)	1,700	420F11
				24	104.50 (±12.0)	2,111	420F12
				8	57.00 (±4.0)	2,083	424F10
24	37.30	15	15.50	16	84.50 (±8.0)	2,786	424F11
				24	112.00 (±12.0)	3,506	424F12
				10	67.10 (±5.0)	3,654	430F10
30	44.10	15	16.70	20	101.50 (±10.0)	4,595	430F11
				30	135.80 (±15.0)	5,755	430F12
				10	71.90 (±5.0)	4,718	436F10
36	50.60	15	17.00	20	106.50 (±10.0)	6,136	436F11
				30	141.00 (±15.0)	7,554	436F12
48	67.10	12	22.50	24		12,016	448F10
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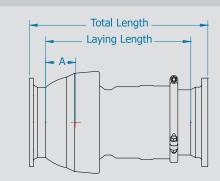
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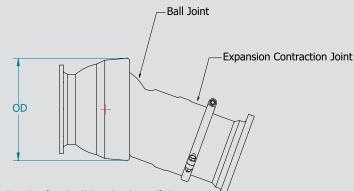
Nominal Pipe Size	OD	Deflection† (Degrees)	A	Expansion††	Total	Laying	CL	S (Offset)	Weight (Ibs.)	Assembly Number
				4	35.80 (±2.0)	30.80 (±2.0)	21.30 (±2.0)	7.75	176	403M20
3	9.20	20	4.25	8	51.00 (±4.0)	46.00 (±4.0)	36.50 (±4.0)	13.28	221	403M21
				12	66.30 (±6.0)	61.30 (±6.0)	51.75 (±6.0)	18.84	265	403M22
				4	34.99 (±2.0)	29.99 (±2.0)	22.81 (±2.0)	8.49	152	404M20
4	10.85	20	3.59	8	50.24 (±4.0)	45.24 (±4.0)	38.06 (±4.0)	14.39	203	404M21
				12	65.49 (±6.0)	60.49 (±6.0)	53.31 (±6.0)	20.29	248	404M22
				4	37.11 (±2.0)	32.11 (±2.0)	23.70 (±2.0)	8.79	213	406M20
6	12.28	20	4.20	8	51.39 (±4.0)	46.39 (±4.0)	37.98 (±4.0)	14.36	274	406M21
				12	65.67 (±6.0)	60.67 (±6.0)	52.26 (±6.0)	19.93	335	406M22
				4	41.41 (±2.0)	36.41 (±2.0)	26.59 (±2.0)	9.78	311	408M20
8	14.82	20	4.91	8	58.51 (±4.0)	53.51 (±4.0)	43.69 (±4.0)	16.31	404	408M21
				12	75.61 (±6.0)	70.61 (±6.0)	60.79 (±6.0)	22.84	497	408M22
				4	45.74 (±2.0)	40.74 (±2.0)	28.38 (±2.0)	10.39	475	410M20
10	18.03	20	6.18	8	61.54 (±4.0)	56.54 (±4.0)	44.18 (±4.0)	16.48	612	410M21
				12	77.34 (±6.0)	72.34 (±6.0)	59.98 (±6.0)	22.57	750	410M22
				4	48.91 (±2.0)	43.91 (±2.0)	30.24 (±2.0)	11.03	587	412M20
12	20.69	20	6.84	8	64.86 (±4.0)	59.86 (±4.0)	46.19 (±4.0)	17.17	735	412M21
				12	80.81 (±6.0)	75.81 (±6.0)	62.14 (±6.0)	23.31	882	412M22
				8	65.10 (±4.0)	58.10 (±4.0)	44.00 (±4.0)	11.79	1,222	414M20
14	25.00	15	7.00	16	91.50 (±8.0)	84.50 (±8.0)	70.50 (±8.0)	18.89	1,510	414M21
				24	117.90 (±12)	110.90 (±12)	96.90 (±12)	25.96	1,798	414M22
				8	74.00 (±4.0)	67.00 (±4.0)	46.30 (±4.0)	12.41	1,133	416M20
16	25.00	15	10.30	16	101.50 (±8.0)	94.50 (±8.0)	74.20 (±8.0)	19.88	1,465	416M21
				24	129.50 (±12)	122.50 (±12)	102.10 (±12)	27.36	1,797	416M22
				8	71.90 (±4.0)	65.30 (±4.0)	47.10 (±4.0)	12.62	1,760	418M20
18	30.50	15	12.60	16	99.20 (±8.0)	92.10 (±8.0)	74.10 (±8.0)	19.86	2,153	418M21
				24	126.20 (±12)	119.20 (±12)	101.10 (±12)	27.09	2,546	418M22
				8	73.50 (±4.0)	66.50 (±4.0)	45.90 (±4.0)	12.30	1,874	420M20
20	30.50	15	10.40	16	101.00 (±8.0)	94.00 (±8.0)	73.20 (±8.0)	19.61	2,298	420M21
				24	128.00 (±12)	121.00 (±12)	100.40 (±12)	26.90	2,721	420M22
				8	87.00 (±4.0)	80.00 (±4.0)	52.20 (±4.0)	13.99	3,183	424M20
24	37.30	15	13.80	16	114.00 (±8.0)	107.00 (±8.0)	79.50 (±8.0)	21.30	3,902	424M21
				24	141.50 (±12)	134.00 (±12)	106.80 (±12)	28.62	4,555	424M22
All dimension	s are ± 19	%.	NOTE	: All dimensions list	ted in brochure are	in inches and sub	oject to change wit	hout notice.		

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Nominal Pipe Size	OD	Deflection† (Degrees)	A	Expansion††	Total	Laying	Weight (Ibs.)	Assembly Number
				4	28.50 (±2.0)	23.50 (±2.0)	115	403M10
3	9.20	20	4.25	8	43.50 (±4.0)	38.50 (±4.0)	160	403M11
				12	58.50 (±6.0)	53.50 (±6.0)	205	403M12
				4	28.15 (±2.0)	23.15 (±2.0)	115	404M10
4	10.85	20	3.59	8	43.40 (±4.0)	38.40 (±4.0)	159	404M11
				12	58.65 (±6.0)	53.65 (±6.0)	204	404M12
				4	29.21 (±2.0)	24.46 (±2.0)	150	406M10
6	12.28	20	4.20	8	43.49 (±4.0)	38.74 (±4.0)	211	406M11
				12	57.77 (±6.0)	53.02 (±6.0)	272	406M12
				4	31.98 (±2.0)	26.98 (±2.0)	226	408M10
8	14.82	20	4.91	8	49.08 (±4.0)	44.08 (±4.0)	319	408M11
				12	66.18 (±6.0)	61.18 (±6.0)	412	408M12
				4	34.60 (±2.0)	29.60 (±2.0)	332	410M10
10	18.03	20	6.18	8	50.40 (±4.0)	45.40 (±4.0)	469	410M11
				12	66.20 (±6.0)	61.20 (±6.0)	607	410M12
				4	36.08 (±2.0)	31.21 (±2.0)	416	412M10
12	20.69	20	6.84	8	52.03 (±4.0)	47.16 (±4.0)	564	412M11
				12	67.98 (±6.0)	63.11 (±6.0)	711	412M12
				8	50.10 (±4.0)	43.10 (±4.0)	822	414M10
14	25.00	15	7.00	16	76.60 (±8.0)	69.60 (±8.0)	1,110	414M11
				24	103.00 (±12.0)	96.00 (±12.0)	1,398	414M12
				8	56.00 (±4.0)	49.00 (±4.0)	840	416M10
16	25.00	15	10.30	16	84.00 (±8.0)	77.00 (±8.0)	1,172	416M11
				24	112.00 (±12.0)	105.00 (±12.0)	1,504	416M12
				8	54.40 (±4.0)	47.30 (±4.0)	1,154	418M10
18	30.50	15	12.60	16	81.50 (±8.0)	74.50 (±8.0)	1,547	418M11
				24	108.60 (±12.0)	101.60 (±12.0)	1,939	418M12
				8	54.50 (±4.0)	47.50 (±4.0)	1,226	420M10
20	30.50	15	10.40	16	81.50 (±8.0)	74.50 (±8.0)	1,650	420M11
				24	109.00 (±12.0)	102.00 (±12.0)	2,074	420M12
				8	62.00 (±4.0)	55.00 (±4.0)	2,321	424M10
24	37.30	15	13.80	16	89.50 (±8.0)	82.50 (±8.0)	3,018	424M11
				24	115.00 (±12.0)	108.00 (±12.0)	3,737	424M12
	AI	l dimensions are ± 1	%.	NOTE: All din	nensions listed in bro	ochure are in inches ar	nd subject to cha	nge without notice.

# Notes on Thrust Forces and Restraints

Because the FLEX-TEND and EX-TEND both incorporate an expansion joint, it behaves similar to other expansion joint under pressure. Due to their design, expansion joints generate end thrust when subject to internal pressure, as seen in Figure 1.1. This end thrust must be accounted for in pipeline design. The end thrust generated by either the FLEX-TEND or EX-TEND is calculated by multiplying the internal pressure (PSI) by the area listed in Table 1.1.

When used in a long and relatively straight pipeline, the pipe-to-soil friction is generally sufficient to balance the force. The use of thrust blocks or other means of anchoring is required when fittings are placed in close proximity to the expansion joint underground. This protects the pipeline from the tendency of the unit to expand when pressurized. In an above ground installation such as a bridge application, some means must be provided to prevent the expansion of the joint due to internal pressure. This can be accomplished by anchoring the piping to the structure while allowing room for movement when motion occurs. *Please also consider EBAA's thrust or Force Balanced FLEX-TEND models that do not generate axial thrust under water pressure.* 

In order for the FLEX-TEND and EX-TEND to protect pipeline connections, any load must be transferred to the unit by the restrained joints. Depending on the piping arrangement and the anticipated movement of the pipelines, adjacent piping must be restrained to adequately transfer the loads to the unit. Joint restraint is provided with each mechanical joint end connection. The Table 1.2 lists some of the restraint products offered by EBAA Iron, Inc. as well as the pipe material on which each is used.

Weld-on flanges are generally used for applications on steel piping. For other piping materials please contact EBAA. For technical information call EBAA Engineering at 800.633.9190.

	Table 1.1	Thrust Ca	alculations
	Size		Thrust @ 150
	(Inch)	(Inch <sup>2</sup> )	PSI (lb)
	2	4.43	664.5
	3	12.3	1,845
	4	18.1	2,715
n	6	37.4	5,610
EX-	8	64.3	9,645
	10	96.8	14,520
	12	136.9	20,535
	14	237.8	35,670
	16	237.8	35,670
ğ	18	366.4	54,960
е	20	366.4	54,960
m	24	522.8	78,420
ne ne	30	804.3	120,645
пе	36	1,152.1	172,815
/	42	1,555.3	233,295
	48	2,027.0	304,050

Table 1.2	Mechanical Joint Restraints				
Size	Pipe	Restraint			
Range	Material	Product			
3 inch - 48 inch	Ductile Iron	Series 1100			
3 inch - 24 inch	PVC	Series 2000PV			

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