

# Dura-Flex® Couplings

## Installation Instructions

P-7891-TBW



**⚠ WARNING** Lock out / tag out the power source before proceeding to avoid unexpected starts. Failure to observe these precautions could result in bodily injury.

**⚠ WARNING** Coupling element may be thrown from the assembly with substantial force if subjected to a severe shock load.

**⚠ CAUTION** Check operating speed against Maximum RPM value in Table 1.

**⚠ WARNING: Cancer -**  
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## Installation / Alignment

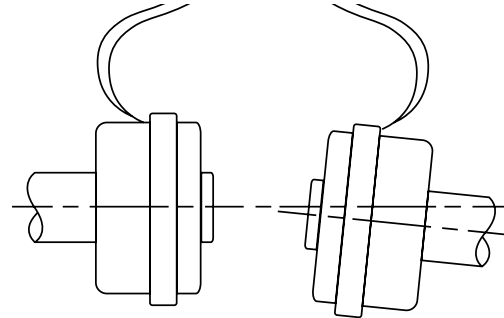
### Installation / Alignment Tools

- Hex key set
- Socket set
- Torque wrench
- Straight-edge
- Caliper
- Feeler gauge set

1. Inspect all coupling components and remove any protective coatings, lubricants, paint or rust from bores, mating surfaces and fasteners. Remove any existing burrs, etc. from the shafts.
2. Slide one hub onto each shaft using keys where required. (When using QD or Taper-Lock hubs, follow the instructions furnished with the Sure-Grip or Taper-Lock bushings.)
3. When high speed rings are to be used for spacer couplings, loosely install one ring on each half element.

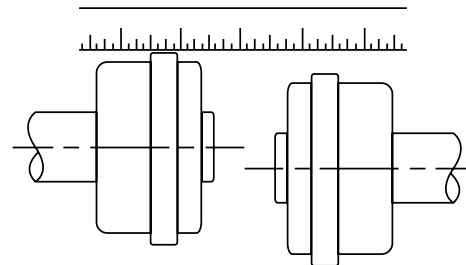
4. Hold one half element on the hubs to determine the appropriate hub spacing. If using spacer elements with high speed rings, hold both half elements on hubs to make sure that the hubs do not interfere with the rings. The hub may be installed with the hub extension facing in or out. Make sure that the shaft extends into the hubs at least .8 times the shaft diameter.
5. Lightly fasten hubs to shafts to prevent them from moving during alignment.

### Angular Alignment



6. Angular Alignment: Without rotating the coupling, run a caliper around the hub and set the caliper to the widest point. Find the narrowest point with the caliper and feeler gauges. Reposition equipment until this value is as small as possible; reference Table 2 for maximum value/degree.

### Parallel Alignment



7. Parallel Alignment: Using the misalignment value from the previous step, look up the maximum allowable parallel misalignment using Table 2 and Figure 1. Without rotating the shafts, run a straight-edge around the hub and find the maximum offset with feeler gauges. If necessary, realign the shafts. Recheck parallel alignment.

8. Tighten motor and driven equipment fasteners to manufacturer specifications; recheck parallel and angular alignment.
9. When parallel and angular alignment values are within service ratings, verify that all set screws, cap screws and other fasteners are tightened to values in Table 1. Recheck parallel and angular alignment after tightening.

10. Install coupling guard per applicable safety regulations.
11. Periodically check alignment, as settling will often change equipment position.

**Table 1 - Maximum RPM and Fastener Torque Values**

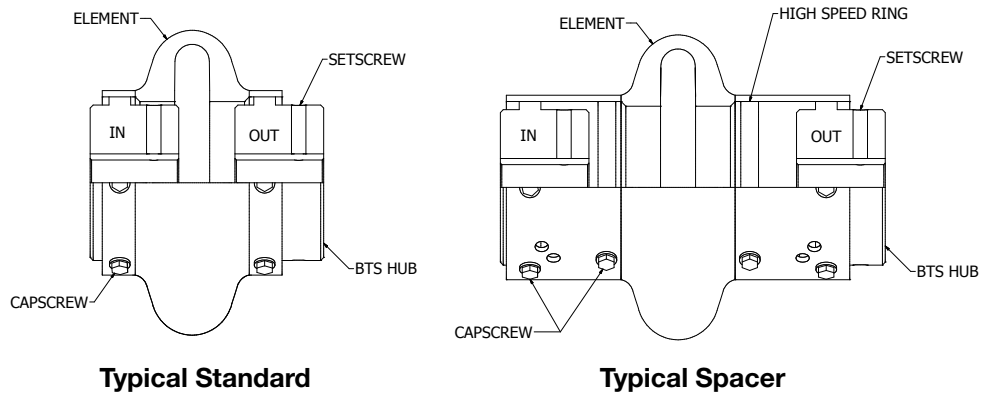
Coupling Size	Maximum RPM		Element & Ring Cap Screws				BTS Hubs Set Screws			
			Imperial Elements		Metric Elements**		Imperial Hubs		Metric Hubs**	
	Standard	Spacer* (HS Rings)	Screw Size	ft-lb	Screw Size	Nm	Screw Size	ft-lb	Scw Size	Nm
WE2/WES2	<b>7500</b>	<b>7500</b>	1/4-20	17	M6-1	23	1/4-20	7	M6-1	6
WE3/WES3							5/16-18	14	M8-1.25	19
WE4/WES4										
WE5/WES5										
WE10/WES10							<b>6600</b>	<b>4800(6600)</b>	3/8-16	30
WE20/WES20	5/8-11	100	M10-1.5	32						
WE30/WES30										
WE40/WES40										
WE50/WES50										
WE60/WES60	<b>3800</b>	<b>2800(3800)</b>	1/2-13	75	M12-1.75	100	3/4-10	167	M12-1.75	54
WE70/WES70										
WE80/WES80										

\*Maximum spacer element RPM = Maximum standard element RPM if using high speed rings. HS rings come standard with sizes 2-10 and are available as an option for sizes 20-80.

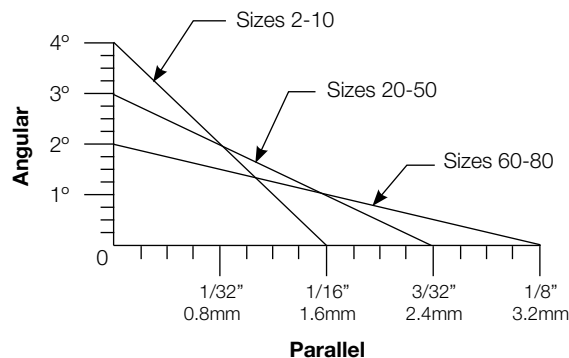
\*\*Metric elements and hubs use metric hardware and are denoted by "M" in the part number, e.g. WE2M, WES2M, WE2HM28MM.

**Table 2 - Angular Inch Gap**

Hub Size		Degrees			
		1°	2°	3°	4°
WE2	in	0.03	0.07	0.10	0.13
	mm	0.8	1.7	2.5	3.3
WE3	in	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.16
	mm	1.0	2.1	3.1	4.1
WE4	in	0.05	0.09	0.14	0.18
	mm	1.1	2.3	3.5	4.6
WE5	in	0.06	0.11	0.16	0.22
	mm	1.4	2.8	4.2	5.5
WE10	in	0.06	0.13	0.19	0.22
	mm	1.6	3.2	4.9	5.5
WE20	in	0.08	0.16	0.23	
	mm	2.0	4.0	5.9	
WE30	in	0.10	0.19	0.28	
	mm	2.4	4.8	7.2	
WE40	in	0.12	0.23	0.35	
	mm	2.9	5.9	8.8	
WE50	in	0.14	0.28	0.43	
	mm	3.6	7.2	10.8	
WE60	in	0.15	0.31		
	mm	3.9	7.7		
WE70	in	0.16	0.32		
	mm	4.1	8.2		
WE80	in	0.20	0.39		
	mm	5.0	10.0		



**Figure 1 - Parallel Gap**



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