

Mechanical Fittings  
and Repairs  
for  
High Density  
Polyethylene Pipe





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# Agenda



Working Characteristics of HDPE Pipe

Testing

General Application Information

Mechanical Products for HDPE

Case Studies



# Working Characteristics of HDPE

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Unique  
Dimensional  
Tolerance

Low  
Coefficient of  
Friction

Sensitivity to  
Pressure and  
Temperature



Thermal  
Expansion and  
Contraction

Low Modulus  
of Elasticity

Less  
Resistance to  
Stress

# Common Problems



A diagram with a blue background featuring a fine grid pattern. On the left, a blue arrow-shaped box points to the right, containing the text 'Common Problems'. To the right of this arrow, five blue rounded rectangular boxes are stacked vertically, each containing a text label.

Not Using Insert Stiffeners

Lack of Restraint

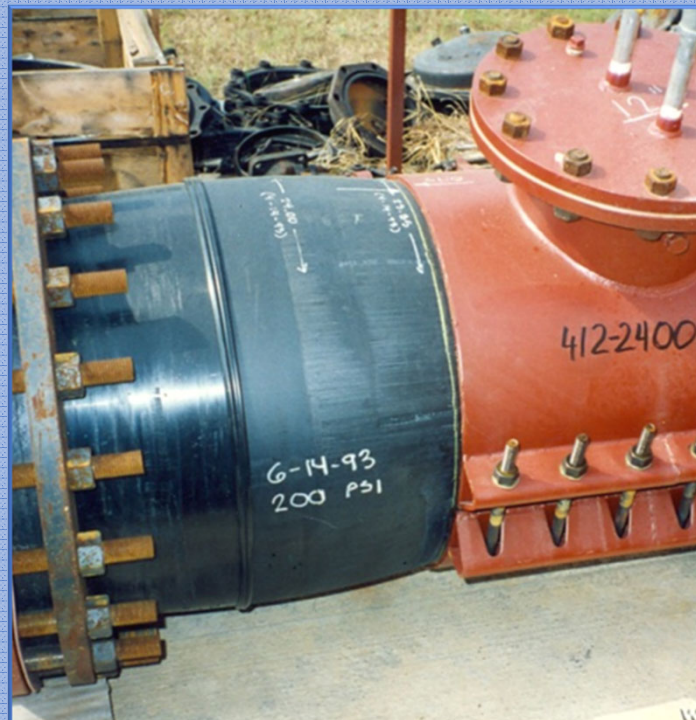
Fusion Joints

Third Party Damage

Incorrect Fitting or Application

# Testing and Evaluation





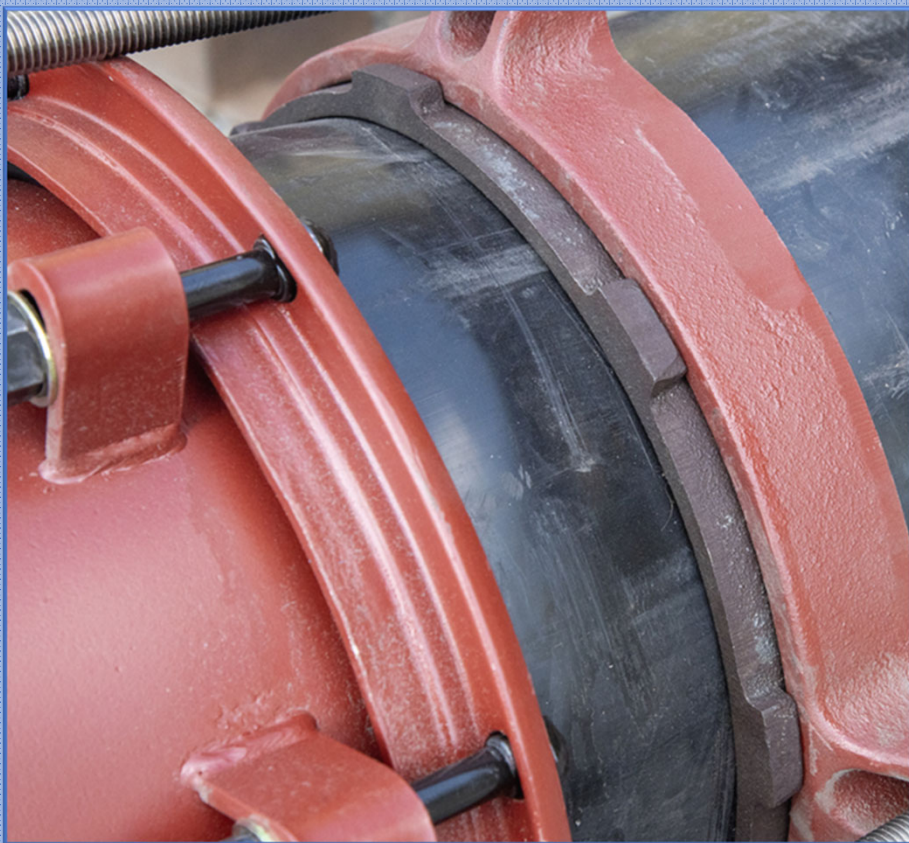


The image shows three large black pipe sections, likely for water distribution, being tested in a red hydraulic ram. The pipes are arranged horizontally in a row. The top pipe is labeled '24" SDR9 Tested @ 500psi'. The middle pipe is labeled '16" SDR9 Tested @ 500psi'. The bottom pipe is labeled '12" SDR17 Tested @ 250psi'. The pipes are supported by a metal frame. The background is a yellow building with a window and a door. The ground is gravel.

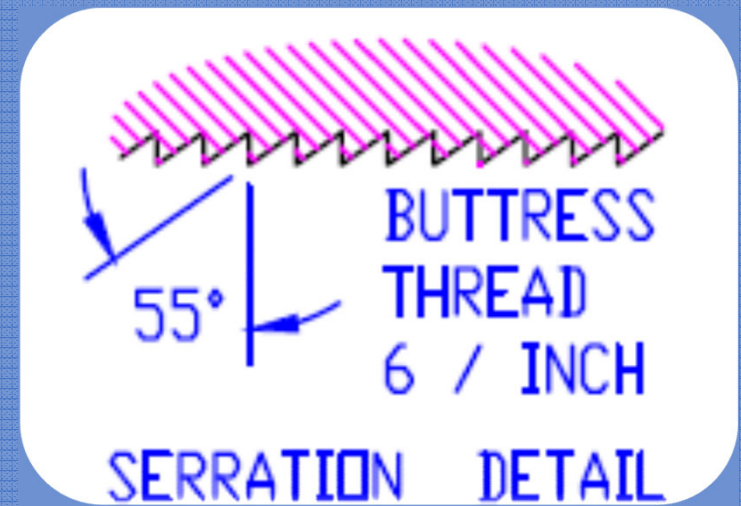
24" SDR9 Tested @ 500psi

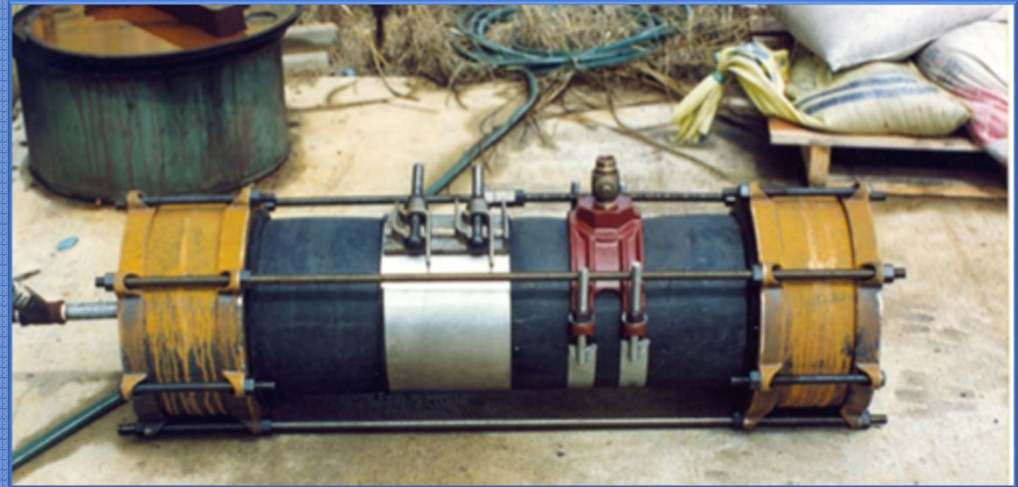
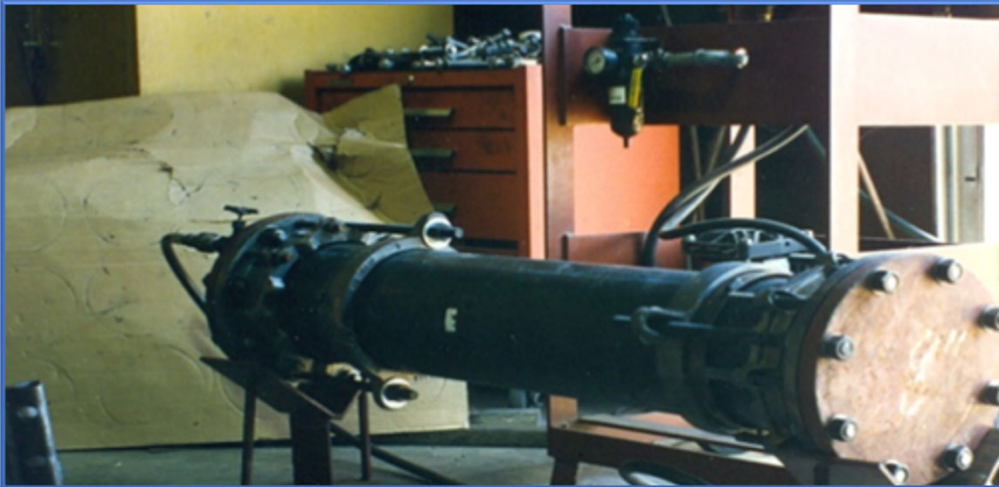
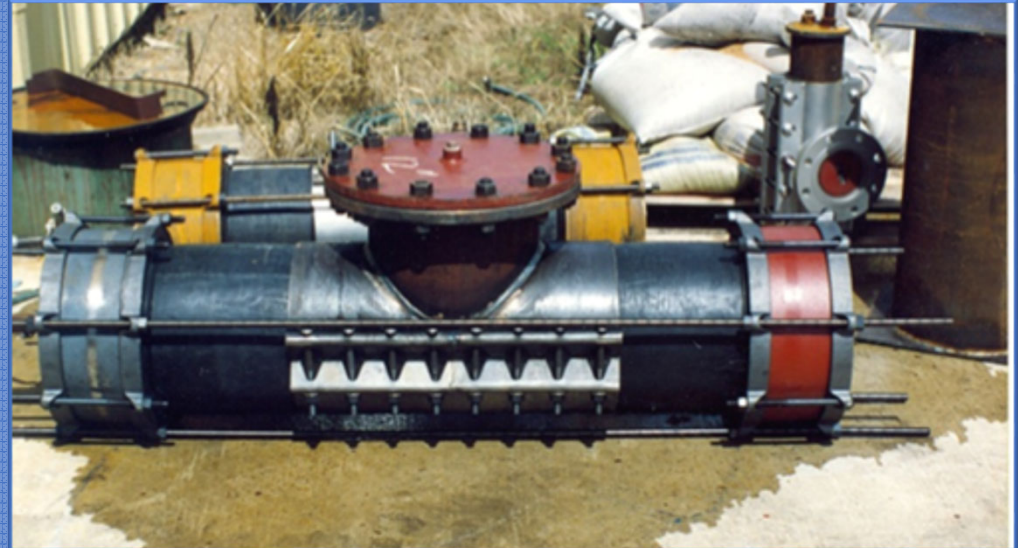
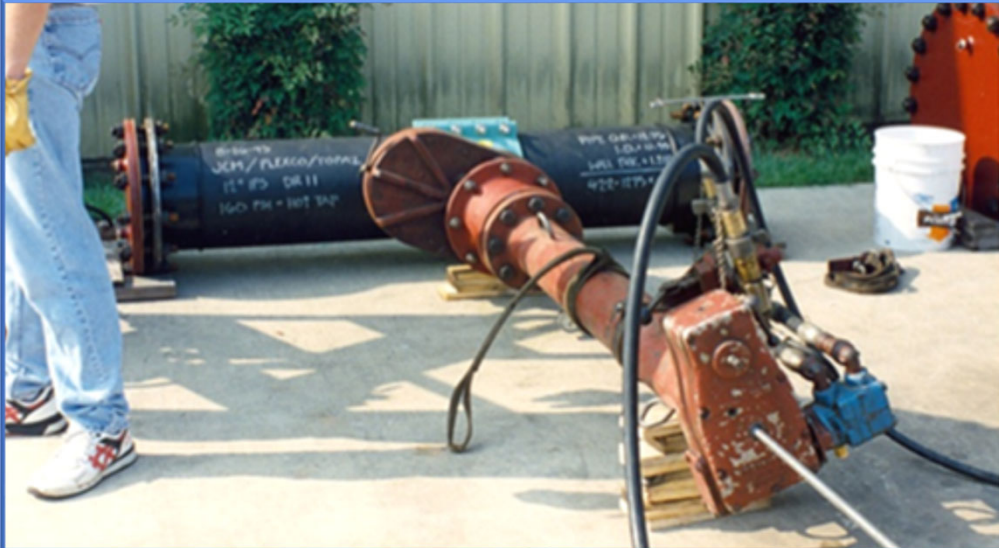
16" SDR9 Tested @ 500psi

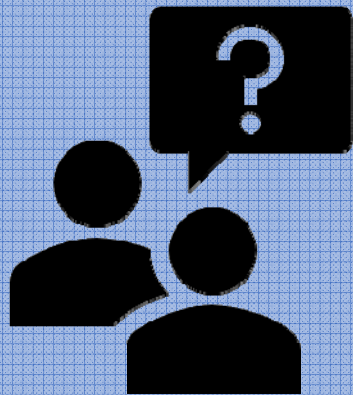
12" SDR17 Tested @ 250psi











**What are the most likely causes of mechanical application failures on HDPE pipe?**

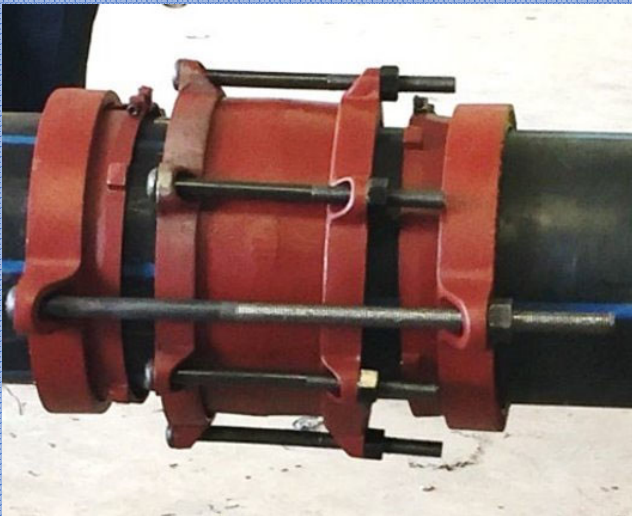
1. Third Party Damage
2. Incorrect fittings used
3. Lack of Pipe Stiffeners and proper Restraint
4. Fusion Joints

# General Application & Design Considerations

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## Recommended Design Parameters for mechanical fittings on HDPE pipe

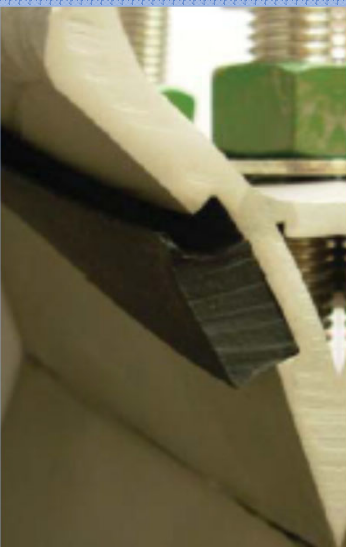


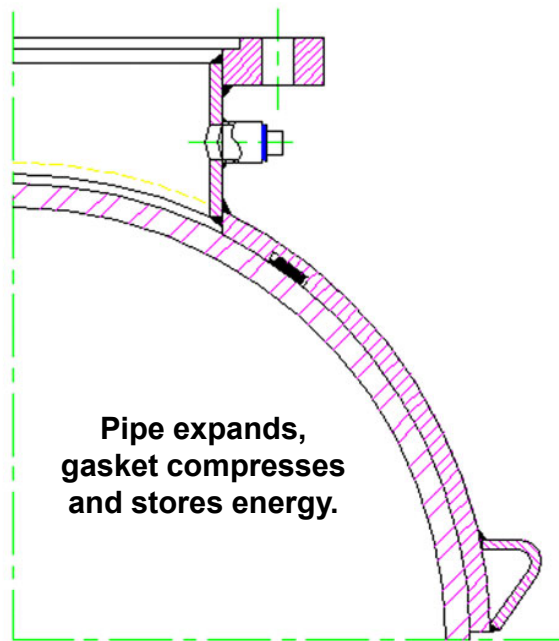
Pipe Dimension Ratio (DR)	PE4710 PE100	PE3608 PE3408
DR 7.3	317	265
DR 9	250	200
DR 11	200	160
DR 13.5	160	130
DR 17	125	100
DR 21	100	80
DR 26	80	65
DR 32.5	63	50



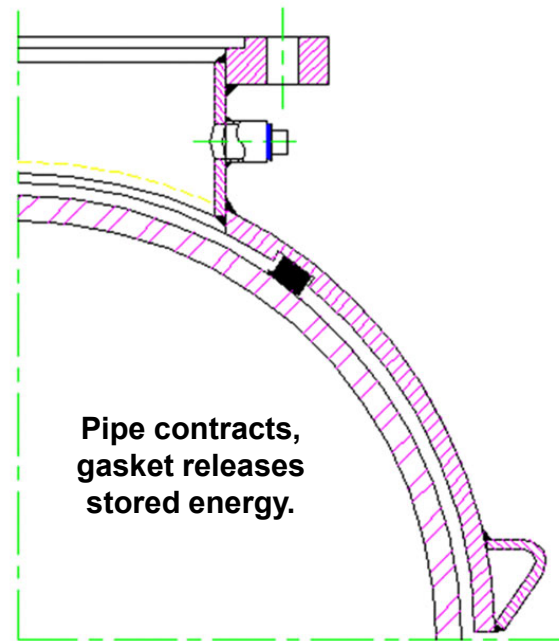
Note: JCM recommends fusion joints as a primary method of connection. When correctly implemented, fused joints are self-restraining and leak proof. In some instance's conditions are not conducive to properly fuse the joint per manufacturers' recommendations. Mechanical fittings to join or repair HDPE are a secondary and limiting choice.

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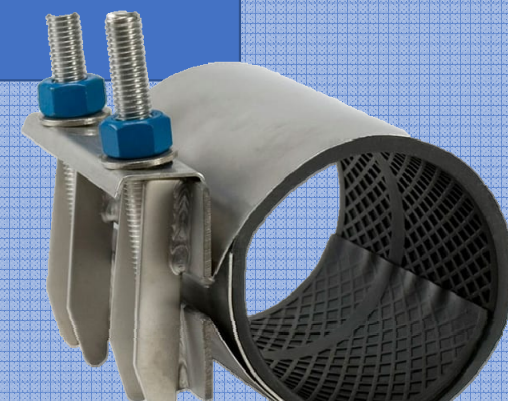
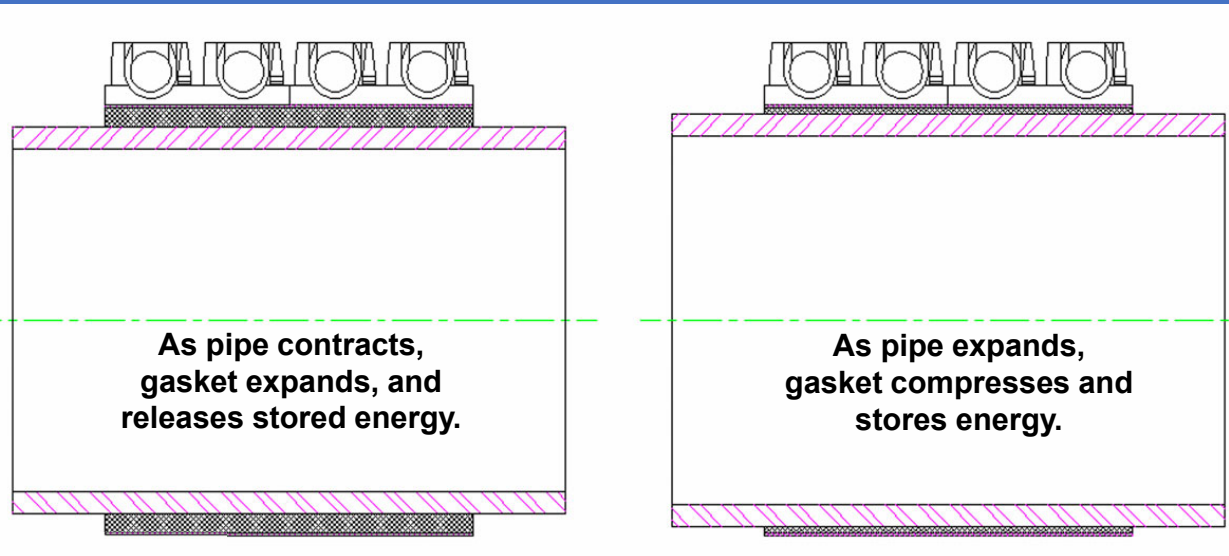




**Pipe expands,  
gasket compresses  
and stores energy.**



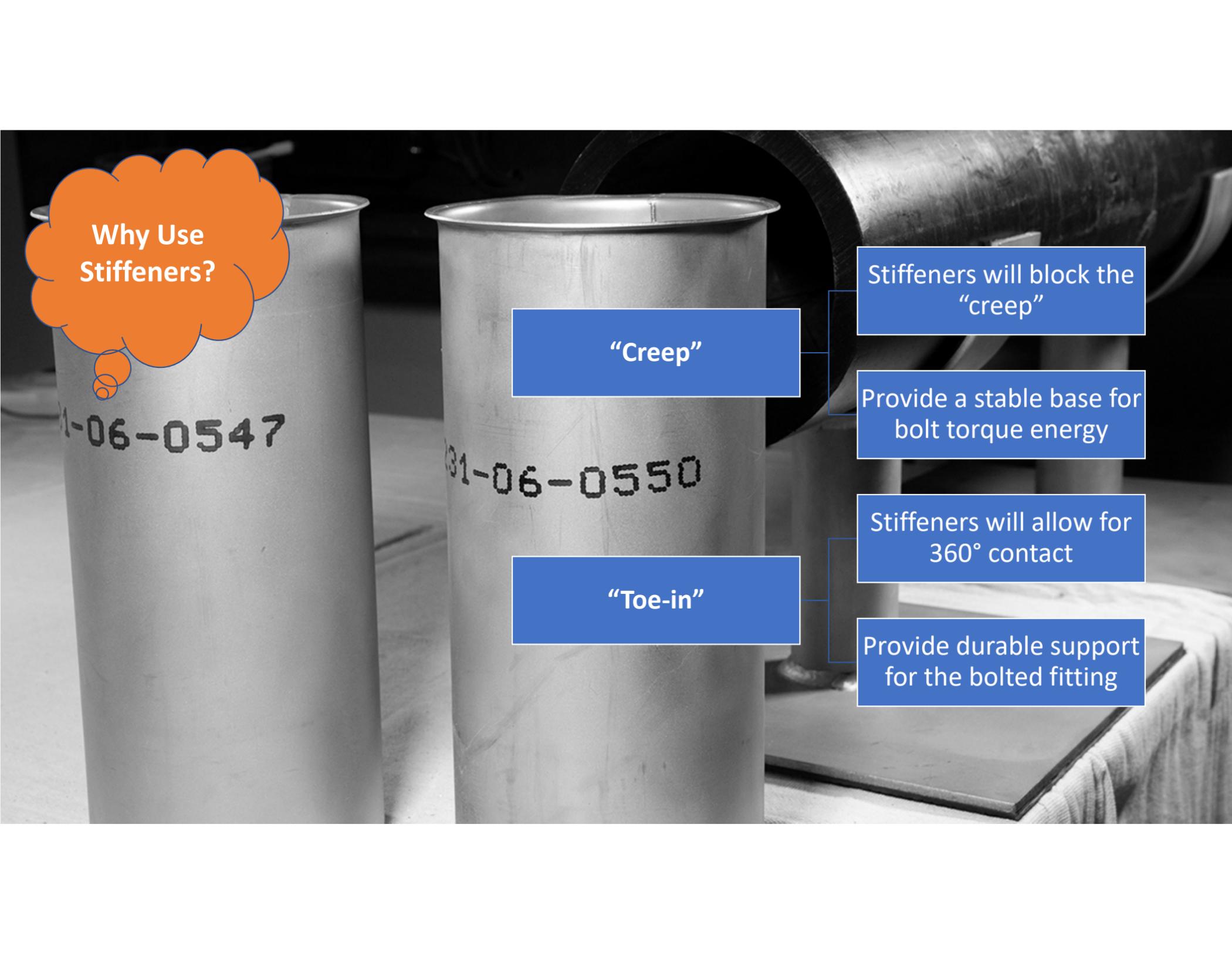
**Pipe contracts,  
gasket releases  
stored energy.**



# Frequently Asked Questions

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**Why Use  
Stiffeners?**

**“Creep”**

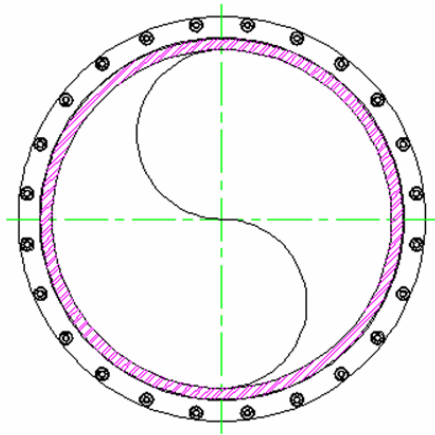
Stiffeners will block the  
“creep”

Provide a stable base for  
bolt torque energy

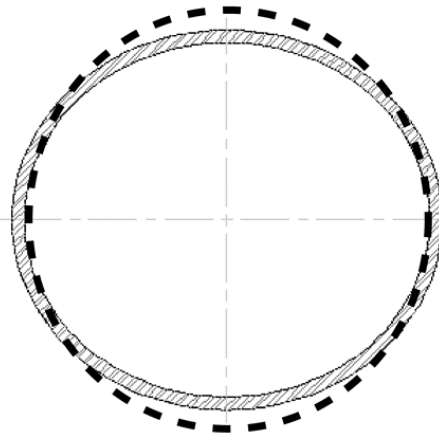
**“Toe-in”**

Stiffeners will allow for  
360° contact

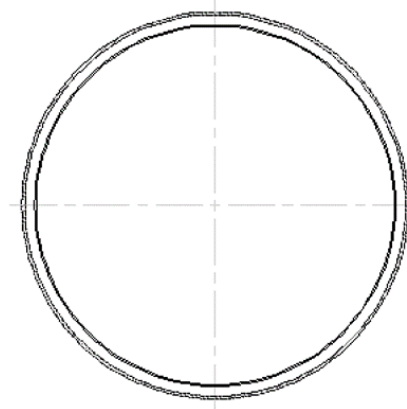
Provide durable support  
for the bolted fitting



**Mechanical Bolted  
Fittings are manufactured  
to certain "fit" tolerances  
(i.e. round +/- xx)**



**Field cut HDPE can  
experience an "egging or  
necking down" and be  
out of round beyond  
mechanical fitting  
tolerances**



**Installation of stiffeners  
brings pipe "into round"  
and pipe provides good  
fit for mechanical fitting**

**Do Spring  
Washers  
Work?**



# Polyethylene Encasement



Ask for  
Mechanical  
Products for  
HDPE  
that are  
designed with  
these features

Mechanical  
Lip  
Gasket

Broad  
Footprint  
Fitting

Pipe to  
Gasket  
Contact

Gasket  
Durometer

Wide Cross  
Section  
Gasket

Sized and  
Formed to  
Fit

The  
Groove!

# Mechanical Products for HDPE

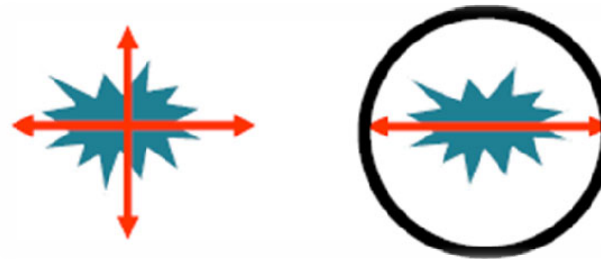
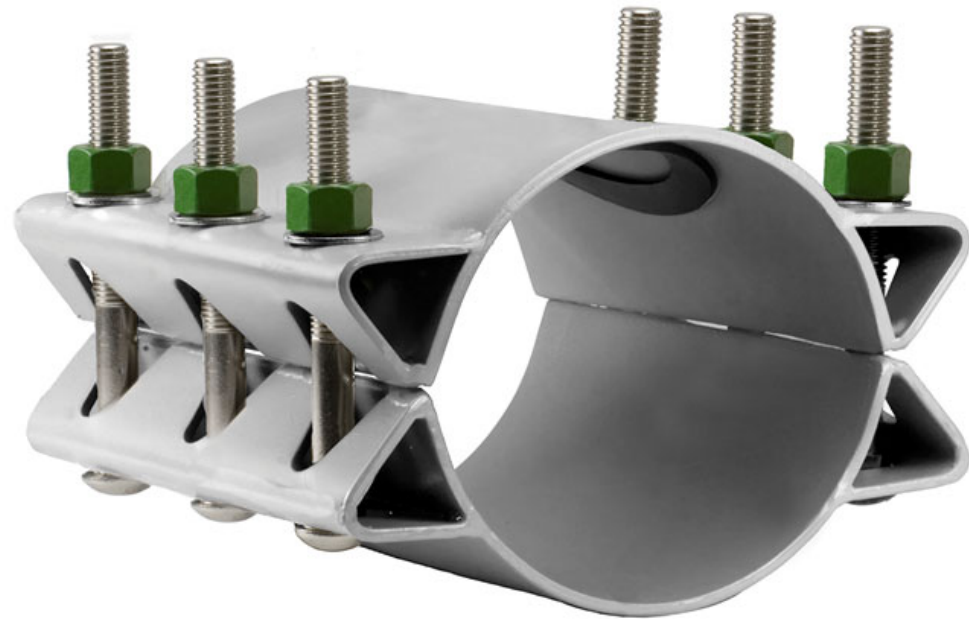
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## Universal Clamp Couplings



## Repair Sleeves



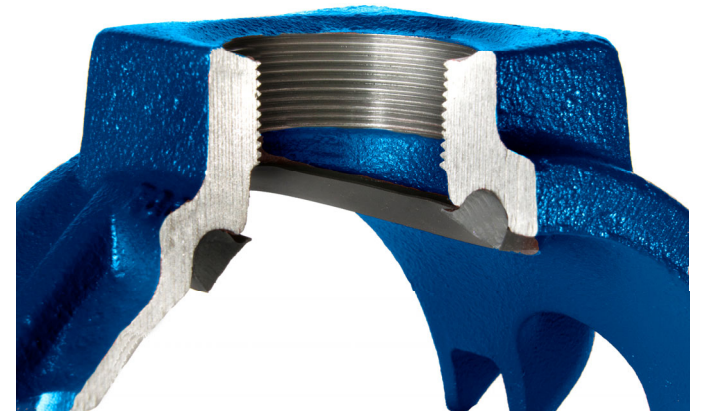
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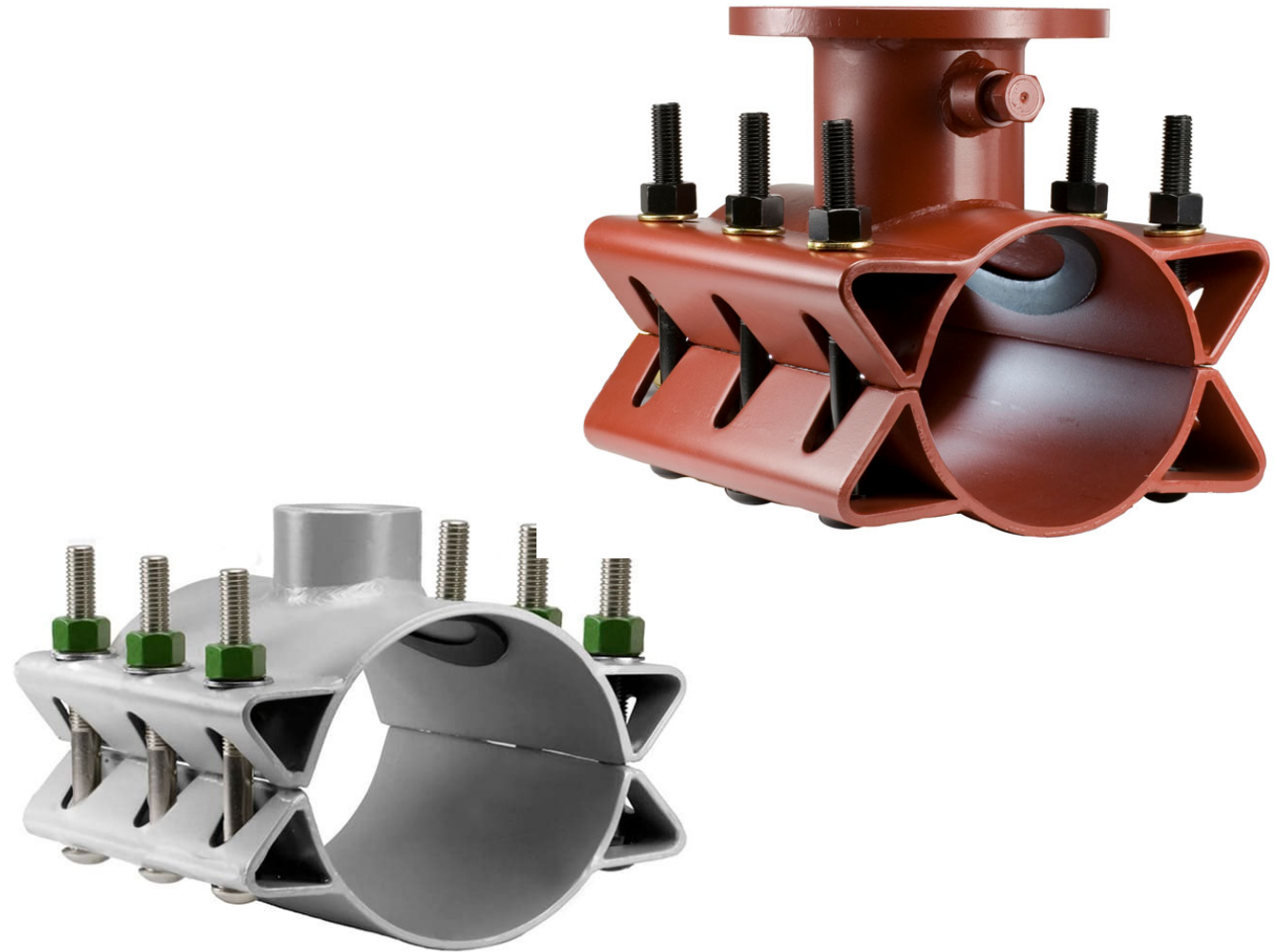
## Couplings and FCAs



## Service Saddles



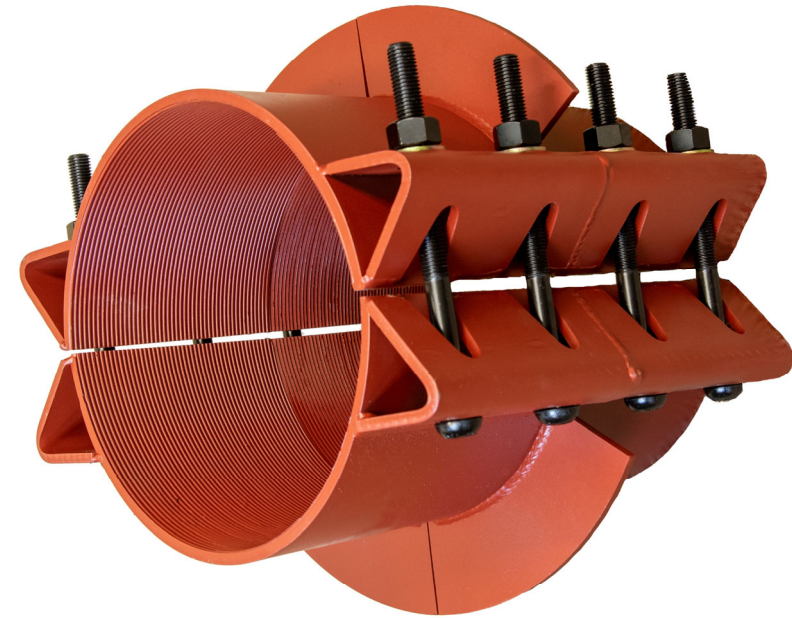
## Tapping Sleeves

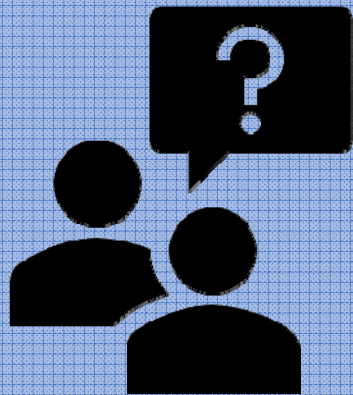


Line Stops



Wall Anchor  
Restraint





**What are the key design features for mechanical fittings manufactured for HDPE pipe?**

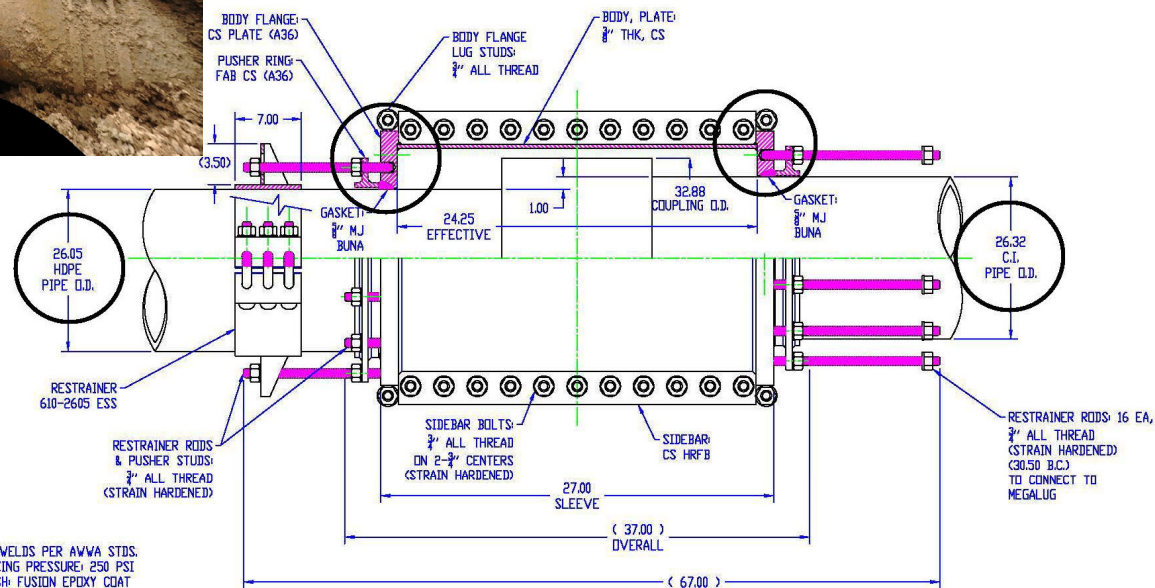
1. Wide cross section gasket set in a groove
2. Gasket durometer soft enough to flex with pipe expansion and contraction
3. Sized and formed to the exact OD of the HDPE pipe
4. All the Above

# Case Studies







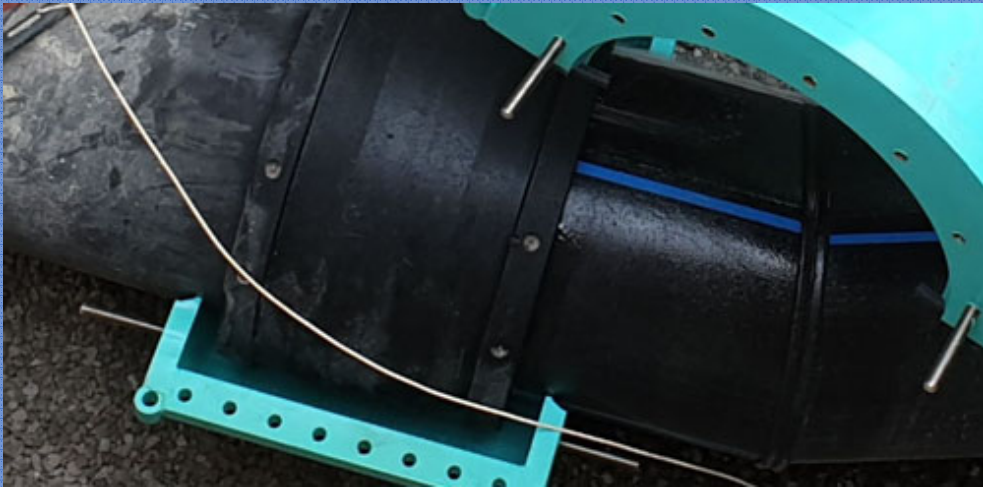


- NOTES:
1. ALL WELDS PER AWWA STDS.
  2. WORKING PRESSURE: 250 PSI
  3. FINISH: FUSION EPOXY COAT
  4. FASTENERS: 304 SS (STRAIN HARDENED)
  - 4.1. PUSHER STUDS: 3/4-10 UNC X 6"
  - 4.2. RESTRAINER STUDS: 3/4-10 UNC X 16"
  5. 3" TEST PORTS WILL BE PROVIDED ON EACH BODY HALF

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To Sum it Up!



# Recommendations



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