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Expansion Joints & Pipeline Equipment

Installation, Operation and Maintenance Instructions for Stainless Steel Universal Hose Assemblies.

Storage.

Stainless steel universal hose assemblies should be stored in a clean dry area and be protected from damage caused by other items of plant and equipment.

Inspection.

Stainless steel universal hose assemblies should be inspected for any damage to the hose convolutions, braiding or end connections.

Selection.

Stourflex offer a complete range of stainless steel universal hose assemblies. Check that the correct universal hose assembly has been selected for the operating conditions that exist. Temperature, pressure and movement should all be confirmed as the wrong selection may result in failure of the system. Check that the correct end connections and installation lengths have been selected to suit the equipment being installed. Ensure that if any water treatment flushing agent or chemicals etc. are to be used in the heating or cooling system that they are compatible with the universal hose assembly being installed. Advice from the manufacturers of any chemicals should be sought if any doubts exist on the suitability of the universal hose assemblies.

Installation.

Care should be taken when fitting stainless steel universal hose assemblies to avoid any of the following errors in installation :

Over-tightening of the end connections resulting in torsion on the universal hose assembly.
Fitting without the fibre washer (flat seat union end).

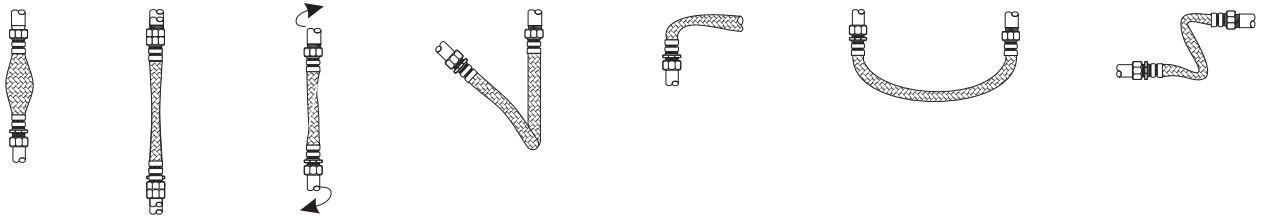
Compression stretching or tensioning of the universal hose assembly.

Flattening, Kinking or exceeding the permissible bend radius of the hose assembly.

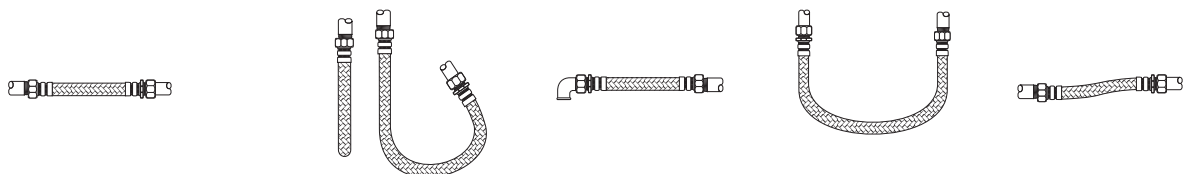
These examples illustrate some of the common errors but do not obviate the need for installations to be carried out in accordance with best pipework practices.

For further information on installation lengths and minimum bend radii see data sheets for **Type JP250 & JP251** universal hose assemblies.

Examples of incorrect installation.



Correct installation.



Pressure Test.

If a hydraulic pressure test is to be carried out on a system containing stainless steel universal hose assemblies, ensure that the test pressure (usually 1.5 x working) does not exceed the test pressure of the universal hose assembly being installed.

Maintenance.

When properly installed and used at their correct operating temperature and pressure stainless steel universal hose assemblies will give many years of trouble free service. However universal hose assemblies should be inspected periodically for signs of deterioration. Universal hose assemblies should not be painted as this may reduce service life. Universal hose assemblies are an important part of any heating or chilled water system and consideration should be given to keeping a quantity of spares that would prevent a long term shutdown of the system.

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