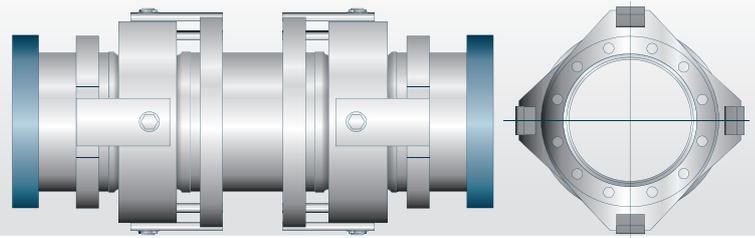


## DESIGN CONDITIONS

Max. Design Pressure	<b>16 Bar</b>
Max. Design Temperature	<b>300°C</b>
Test Pressure	<b>24 Bar</b>
Bellow Options	<b>321/316/Alloy</b>
End Fittings and Bracket Options	<b>Carbon Steel/Stainless Steel</b>
Optional Extra Components	<b>Pipe ends with flanges. Flanges can be drilled to any international standard.</b>

**NOTE:** If not specified our engineers will automatically select the first option.  
i.e. 321, carbon steel, etc.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

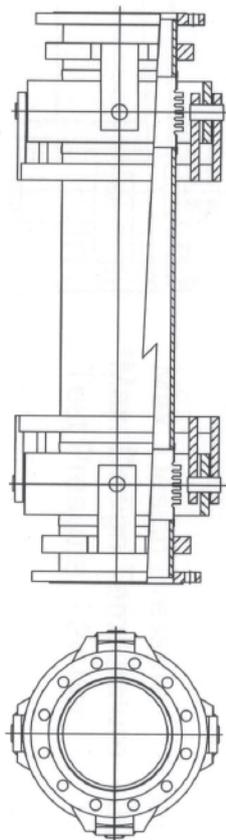
The standard DGF range of expansion joints is comprised of units having two sets of stainless steel convolutions, carbon steel flanges and a gimbal structure which contains the generated pressure thrust. Two gimbal type expansion joints are utilised within one assembly to provide a unit capable of absorbing lateral deflection in any plane. Recommendations contained in our literature on installation should be followed. (See the Installation section of this document for further information). Where it is not practical for the piping to absorb the movement of the offset leg a system consisting of a double gimbal unit and one hinge unit may be used. "Cold Spring" can be applied on installation to minimise deflection and spring loads. (See the Application section of this document for further information).

NOMINAL SIZE (mm)	PIPE DIAMETER (mm)	PART NUMBER	LATERAL MOVEMENT (+ or - 50 mm)		LATERAL MOVEMENT (+ or - 75 mm)		LATERAL MOVEMENT (+ or - 100 mm)		LATERAL MOVEMENT (+ or - 150 mm)	
			Overall length	Spring rate	Overall length	Spring rate	Overall length	Spring rate	Overall length	Spring rate
50	60.3	DGF/0050/16/001	870	2.5	1170	1.1	1470	0.6	2070	0.3
65	76.1	DGF/0065/16/001	870	4.8	1170	2.1	1470	1.1	2070	0.5
80	88.9	DGF/0080/16/001	870	7.6	1170	3.3	1470	1.8	2070	0.8
100	114.3	DGF/0100/16/001	870	15.5	1170	6.6	1470	3.7	2070	1.6
125	139.7	DGF/0125/16/001	890	34	1190	13.3	1490	7.1	2090	3
150	168.3	DGF/0150/16/001	890	58	1190	23	1490	12	2090	5
200	219.1	DGF/0200/16/001	890	109	1190	39	1490	20	2090	8
250	273	DGF/0250/16/001	930	206	1230	74	1530	38	2130	15
300	324	DGF/0300/16/001	980	274	1230	122	1530	62	2130	25
350	357	DGF/0350/16/001	1200	410	1500	187	1750	116	2300	54
400	406	DGF/0400/16/001	1350	368	1600	203	1850	129	2450	58
450	457	DGF/0450/16/001	1550	594	1800	349	2150	199	2800	94
500	508	DGF/0500/16/001	1600	755	1950	379	2300	227	3000	108
550	559	DGF/0550/16/001	1850	677	2300	299	2750	168	3400	90
600	610	DGF/0600/16/001	1875	744	2325	338	2775	192	3675	87
700	711	DGF/0700/16/001	2100	1210	2600	572	3000	366	4000	163
750	762	DGF/0750/16/001	2150	1486	2600	741	3100	421	4100	189
800	813	DGF/0800/16/001	2300	1451	2800	716	3300	425	4300	200
900	914	DGF/0900/16/001	2600	1472	3100	790	3700	453	4800	217
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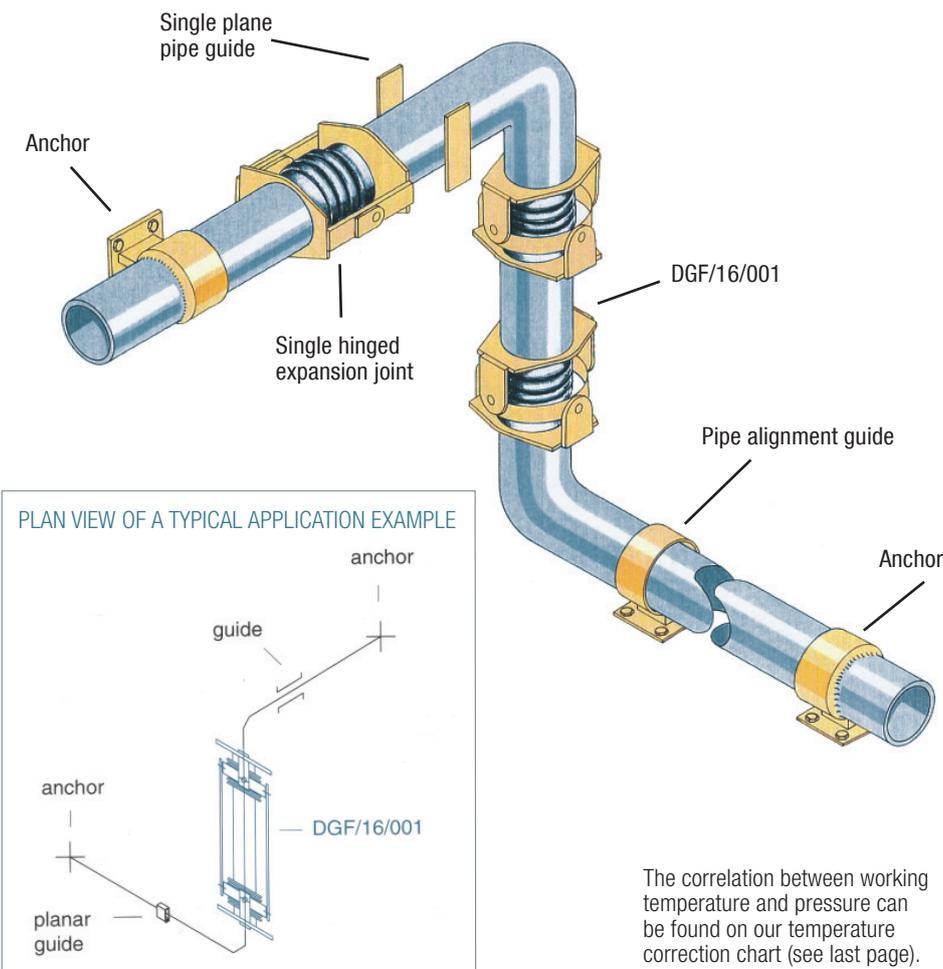
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PLAN VIEW FOR FLANGED  
DOUBLE GIMBAL EXPANSION JOINTS



A TYPICAL APPLICATION EXAMPLE OF A DOUBLE GIMBAL SYSTEM



The correlation between working temperature and pressure can be found on our temperature correction chart (see last page).

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Gimbal expansion joints are designed to offer advantages in multi-plane systems with the ability to absorb angular rotation in any plane is most frequently applied by utilising two such units to absorb lateral deflection. An application of this type is shown in Figure A1. Since the pressure loading is absorbed by the gimbal structure, intermediate anchors only are required. Planar guides are provided to restrict the movement of each piping leg. As in the case of hinged expansion joints, the location of pipe supports is simplified by the load carrying ability of the gimbal structure. Since, in a two gimbal system, the growth of the vertical pipe leg will be absorbed by bending of the long legs, spring supports (SS) may be required on either or both of these. Guides must be designed to allow for the thermal expansion of the leg containing the expansion joints and for the shortening of this leg due to deflection.

Where it is impossible or undesirable for the piping to absorb the growth of the offset leg, a system consisting of two gimbal and one hinged expansion joint may be used as shown in Figure B1. The gimbal expansion joints function in unison to absorb the combined movements of the upper and lower legs, while the hinged expansion joint and the upper gimbal expansion joint act in combination to absorb deflection of the offset leg. Since the expansion of the offset leg takes place in one plane only, the use of the simpler hinged expansion joint is justified.

The advantages of using gimbal expansion joint systems are similar to those for hinged expansion joints. Greater flexibility of usage is possible since gimbal expansion joints are not restricted to single plane systems.

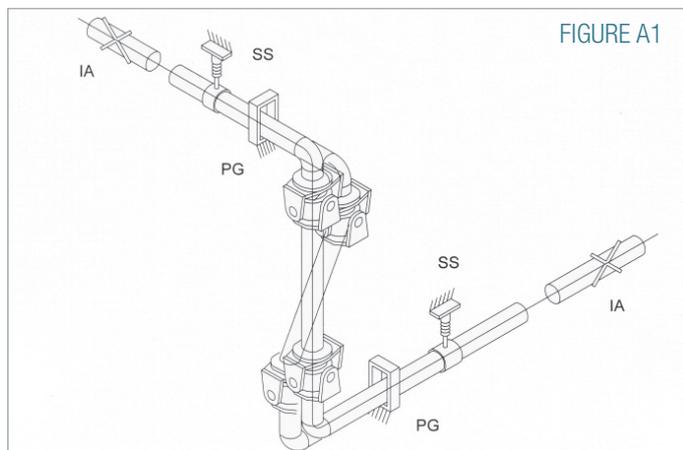


FIGURE A1

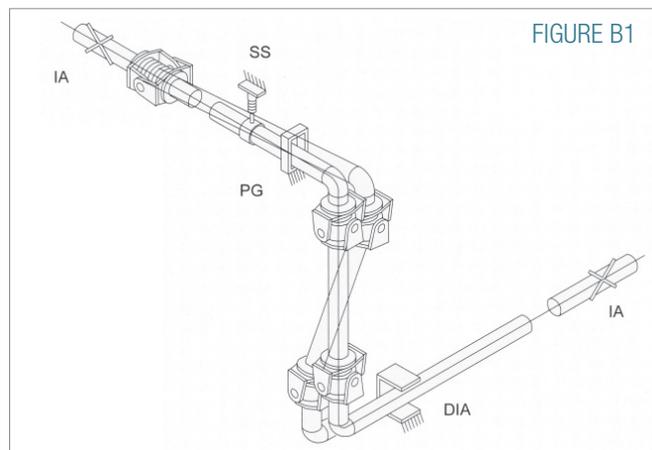


FIGURE B1

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## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The position of anchors and guides relative to expansion joints will vary with each installation and type of joint. The following is a list of basic rules for expansion joints, in accordance with E.J.M.A. (Expansion Joint Manufacturers Association), and the new British Standard Code of Practice for metallic bellows expansion joints, which provide a useful guide and will ensure a satisfactory installation.

- 1 Divide the pipe length into sections ensuring that the expansion of each section is within the allowable movement of a bellows joint. Locate intermediate anchors at the end of each section and main anchors at each end of the pipe run.
- 2 Locate expansion joints adjacent to each other and position the guides so that the first is not more than 4 pipe diameters from the expansion joint and the second not more than 14 pipe diameters from the first guide.
- 3 Position other guides and supports according to the piping weight, diameter and internal pressure to ensure freedom from sag or pressure deflection, refer to Data Sheet 1 (004/79/1)
- 4 Check that each guide is approximately 1.5 pipe diameters in length for pipes up to 8" diameter and approximately 12" long for larger sizes. Some approved designs are illustrated.
- 5 Never use more than one expansion joint between two anchors, unless they form part of an expansion joint assembly, such as an articulated joint and have been supplied with full knowledge of the pipe layout.
- 6 Thermosel® expansion joints may be cold drawn from their neutral position by up to half the total rated expansion. Data Sheet 1 (004/79/1) provides for installation at different ambient temperatures.
- 7 Pipe anchors should be located at changes in pipe direction, or whenever necessary to divide straight lengths to suit maximum expansion joint movement. Joints should be at least 4 pipe diameters from dampers, gate valves, butterfly valves or other accessories.
- 8 Expansion joints should never be used to correct pipe alignment or fitting errors beyond the design parameters of the joint. Torsional strain for example is not permitted and flange holes must therefore be carefully aligned.
- 9 When internal sleeves are fitted, directional flow arrows indicate the correct way to install the unit with respect to the actual direction of flow.
- 10 Shipping restraints (painted red) when supplied, maintain the overall length of the assembly for shipment. These devices may also be used to pre-compress, pre-extend or laterally offset the bellows, to facilitate correct installation, and must be removed prior to test or commissioning.
- 11 The convolutions of stainless steel expansion joints must be protected from weld splatter. Foreign material entering the space between the convolutions, either internally or externally, will prevent correct operation of the joint and may result in premature failure.
- 12 Standard expansion joints are pressure tested prior to despatch to 1.5 times the operating pressure, and pipework should not be tested in excess of this. Testing should not be carried out until the anchors are secure and the pipework correctly guided.
- 13 Where a gaseous system is to be hydraulically tested, determine whether the piping and bellows joints require additional temporary support to carry the weight of water to be used during the test.
- 14 Main anchors must be designed to withstand the highest combined effects of pressure thrust, spring rate force and the friction force generated by guides. See Data Sheet 4 (007/79/1).
- 15 Insulation materials containing sulphides, chlorides or other contaminants must not be used on stainless steel expansion joints and must not be allowed to fall between the convolutions. Aluminium, lead or zinc bearing paints, must not be used on stainless steels.

## SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

### Inspection prior to Start-up or Pressure Test

Expansion joints are usually considered to be non-repairable items and generally do not fall into the category for which maintenance procedures are required. However, immediately after the installation is complete a careful visual inspection should be made of the entire piping system to ensure that there is no evidence of damage, with particular emphasis on the following:

- 1 Are anchors, guides, and supports installed in accordance with the system drawings?
- 2 Is the proper expansion joint in the proper location?
- 3 Are the flow direction and pre-positioning of the expansion joint correct?
- 4 Have all of the expansion joint shipping devices been removed?
- 5 If the system has been designed for gas, and is to be tested with water, has provision been made for proper support of the additional dead weight load on the piping and expansion joint? Some water may remain in the bellows convolutions after the test. If this is detrimental to the bellows or system operation, means should be provided to remove this water.
- 6 Are all guides, pipe supports and the expansion joints free to permit pipe movement?
- 7 Has any expansion joint been damaged during handling and installation?
- 8 Is any expansion joint misaligned? This can be determined by measuring the joint overall length, inspection of the convolution geometry, and checking clearance at critical points on the expansion joint and at other points in the system.
- 9 Are the bellows and other movable portions of the expansion joint free of foreign objects?

### Inspection during and immediately after pressure test

#### **WARNING: Extreme care must be exercised while inspecting any pressurised system or component**

A visual inspection of the system should include the following:

- 1 Evidence of leakage or loss of pressure.
- 2 Distortion or yielding of anchors, expansion hardware, the bellows and other piping components.
- 3 Any unanticipated movement of the piping due to pressure.
- 4 Evidence of instability in the bellows.
- 5 The guides, expansion joints, and other movable parts of the system should be inspected for evidence of binding.
- 6 Any evidence of abnormality or damage should be reviewed and evaluated by competent design authority.

### Periodic Inservice Inspection

#### **WARNING: Extreme care must be exercised while inspecting any pressurised system or component.**

- 1 Immediately after placing the system in operation, a visual inspection should be conducted to insure that the thermal expansion is being absorbed by the expansion joints in the manner for which they were designed.
- 2 The bellows should be inspected for evidence of unanticipated vibration.
- 3 A program of periodic inspection should be planned and conducted throughout the operating life of the system. The frequency of these inspections should be determined by the service and environmental conditions involved. Such inspections can pinpoint the more obvious potential problems such as external corrosion, loosening of threaded fasteners, and deterioration of anchors, guides and other hardware. It must be understood that this inspection programme, without any other backup information cannot give evidence of damage due to fatigue, stress corrosion or general internal corrosion. These can be the cause of sudden failures and generally occur without any visual or audible warning.
- 4 When any inspection reveals evidence of malfunction, damage or deterioration, this should be reviewed by competent design authority for resolution. Additionally, any changes in the system operating conditions such as pressure, temperature, movement, flow, velocity, etc that may adversely affect the expansion joint should be reported to, and evaluated by, a competent design authority.

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## DESIGN STANDARDS

All standard units are designed to Thermosel® standard formulae which have been verified by tests witnessed by independent testing authorities.

The designs also conform to the requirements of the internationally recognised standard E.J.M.A. (Expansion Joint Manufacturers Association) and the British Standard Code of Practice for selection joints for use in pressure systems.

Pearwalk Engineering Ltd is represented on the British Standard Committee responsible for the preparation of the latter.

## QUALITY

It is our policy to maintain our product reliability and company service to industry at the highest level compatible with realistic costs.

The quality control and manufacturing procedures as specified on our website [www.pearwalkengineering.com](http://www.pearwalkengineering.com) meet the requirements of all major company, national and international quality standards.

## SURVEY SOCIETIES

Thermosel® units are acceptable to all National and International Survey Societies. Pearwalk Engineering has received either type approval or is approved by individual societies as a manufacturer of bellows expansion joints in accordance with the societies' Conditions of Survey and Witness of Tests during the course of manufacture.

Copies of type approval certificates are available upon request. An additional charge will be made for certification covering survey society approval on individual units which are not type approved.

## ORDERING

The purchase order for standard units must identify the type of unit required by reference to the ordering code as follows:

**Typical Part number:** SAF/0100/16/001/NP16/150

Unit description / Nominal bore / Pressure rating / Type Number / End fittings / Lateral Movement (Double units only).

The unit price for standard units will be quoted on the current price list. Flange details must be stated on the purchase order in addition to the ordering code.

## TEMPERATURE CORRECTION CHART

Pressure/Temperature compensation	
20°C	100%
100°C	80%
200°C	68%
300°C	64%
400°C	60%
500°C	58%
600°C	55%

## ALTERNATIVE COMPONENTS OR MATERIALS

Where the operating or environmental conditions exceed the limits specified for the standard unit range or where special end fittings are required, alternative units can be designed and supplied.

Typical variations include choice of material for the membranes and end fittings, multi-ply membrane construction and alternative end fittings such as screwed pipe ends, vee flanges or swivel flanges.

Please discuss your special requirements with our sales engineers.

## RESERVATIONS

We reserve the right:

- in the interest of design improvement to alter the design specification without prior notice.
- to invoice at prices ruling at date of dispatch

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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Below is our list of standard parts:

### UNIT DESCRIPTION

APS - Axial Pipe End Screwed  
SAP - Single Axial Pipe End  
SAPV - Single Axial Pipe End (Victaulic)  
SAF - Single Axial Flanged  
DAP - Double Axial Pipe End  
DAF - Double Axial Flanged  
DUP - Double Universal Pipe End  
DUF - Double Universal Pipe End  
SAV - Single Axial Van-Stone  
DAV - Double Axial Van-Stone  
STF - Single Tied Flanged  
STP - Single Tied Pipe End  
STPV - Single Tied Pipe End (Victaulic)  
DTF - Double Tied Flanged  
DTP - Double Tied Pipe End  
DHF - Double Hinge Flanged  
DHP - Double Hinge Pipe End  
SHF - Single Hinge Flanged  
SHP - Single Hinge Pipe End  
SGF - Single Gimbal Flanged  
SGP - Single Gimbal Pipe End  
DGF - Double Gimbal Flanged  
DGP - Double Gimbal Pipe End  
SMP - Single Multi-Ply Pumpflex  
SMT - Single Multi-ply Pumpflex Tied  
TRB - Thermosel Rubber Bellow  
MFS - Metallic Flexible Hose with Swivel Ends  
HEX - Heat Exchanger Joint

### TYPE NUMBERS:

001 - Carbon steel fittings no internal sleeve  
002 - Carbon steel fittings single internal sleeve  
003 - Carbon steel fittings telescopic internal sleeves  
004 - Carbon steel fittings single internal sleeve, telescopic external sleeves  
005 - Carbon steel fittings single internal sleeve, telescopic external sleeves  
006 - Carbon steel fittings telescopic internal sleeves, telescopic external sleeves  
007 - Carbon steel fittings no internal sleeve, shroud  
008 - Carbon steel fittings single internal sleeve, shroud  
009 - Carbon steel fittings telescopic sleeves, shroud  
010 - Stainless steel fittings no internal sleeve  
011 - Stainless steel fittings single internal sleeve  
012 - Stainless steel fittings telescopic internal sleeves  
013 - Stainless steel fittings no internal sleeve, telescopic external sleeves  
014 - Stainless steel fittings single internal sleeve, telescopic external sleeves  
015 - Stainless steel fittings telescopic internal sleeves, telescopic external sleeves  
016 - Stainless steel fittings no internal sleeve, shroud  
017 - Stainless steel fittings single internal sleeve, shroud  
018 - Stainless steel fittings telescopic internal sleeves, shroud  
020 - Twin Sphere Union (Neoprene)  
021 - Single Sphere Flanged (Neoprene)  
022 - Single Sphere Flanged Tied (Neoprene)  
030 - Galvanised Fittings (fixed male & swivel female)  
120 - Twin Sphere Union (E.P.D.M.)  
121 - Twin Sphere Flanged (E.P.D.M.)  
122 - Twin Sphere Flanged Tied (E.P.D.M.)

### END FITTINGS:

PN6 - Drilled  
PN16 - Drilled  
PN25 - Drilled  
PN40 - Drilled  
BS10A - BS10 Table A  
BS10D - BS10 Table D  
BS10E - BS10 Table E  
BS10F - BS10 Table F  
BS10H - BS10 Table H  
ASA150  
ASA300  
JIS 5k - Drilled  
JIS 10K - Drilled  
JIS 16K - Drilled  
JIS 20K - Drilled

**NOMINAL BORE:**  
0015 - 4000 mm

**PRESSURE RATINGS:**  
2.5 bar  
10 bar  
16 bar  
25 bar

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