

Trivia

did you know that ...

Maine is closer to Bermuda than Florida!

An olive tree can live up to 1,500 years!

Michael Keaton's original name is Michael Douglas.

Burning Mountain in Wingen, New South Wales, Australia has a naturally-burning coal seam that has been on fire for more than 5,000 years!

Four is the only number that has the same amount of letters as its actual value

Those stars and colors you see when you rub your eyes are called phosphenes.

'racecar' is spelled the same forwards and backwards.

SONY was originally called 'Totsuken'.

There are no penguins in the North Pole.

The Spanish word esposa means "wife." The plural, esposas, means "wives," but also "handcuffs."

Oak trees do not have acorns until they are fifty years old or older.

One billion seconds is about 32 years.

There are five years in a quinquennium.

If someone was to fly once around the surface of the moon, it would be equal to a round trip from New York to London.

There is an organization called SCROOGE in Charlottesville, Virginia that stands for Society to Curtail Ridiculous, Outrageous, and Ostentatious Gift Exchanges.

The largest diamond found in the United States was a 40.23 carat white diamond. It was found in 1924 and nicknamed the "Uncle Sam."

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Product Spotlight

Safety Break-away Couplings

Dixon recently expanded the Safety Break-away Couplings, to include new sizes and configurations. These couplings are designed to minimize spillage and damage associated with drive away and pull away incidents.

The Industrial Breaking Bolt couplings are designed so that the coupling automatically senses an excessive pull, closes the valves and disconnects. These couplings are offered in stainless steel or aluminum and come standard with a Viton® seal.



Dixon's Marine Breaking Bolt couplings are designed to be installed within a string of hoses where the coupling has a length of hose attached to both sides.

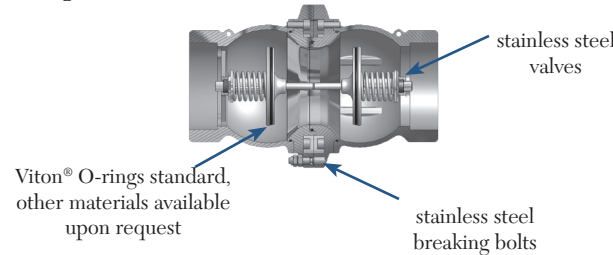


The typical applications for these couplings are ship-to-offshore platform and ship-to-ship product transfer operations. These couplings are made from 316T1 stainless steel and have Viton® O-rings. The industrial and marine couplings are available in Female NPT, Male NPT, and Flange connections.

All Break-away couplings are available in a non closure version, please call the Dixon at 800.355.1991 for further information.

Product Safety

- Provides passive security against situations where a hose or loading arm could be subjected to inadvertent excessive pull
- Operates independently of shut off safety systems and does not require an external power source
- Acts as a safe parting point within the transfer system, protecting equipment and personnel
- The coupling automatically senses an excessive pull, closes the valves and disconnects.
- Once couplings separate it allows poppets to close. The two poppets close rapidly, minimizing exposure to personnel and the environment.



Dates in History

1838 On January 6, Samuel Morse's telegraph system was demonstrated for the first time at the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, New Jersey. The telegraph, a device which used electric impulses to transmit encoded messages over a wire, would eventually revolutionize long-distance communication, reaching the height of its popularity in the 1920s and 1930s.

2007 January 31, Cars.com names its top 10 most memorable TV cars; a 1982 Pontiac Trans Am named KITT from the show "Knight Rider" tops the list.

On the Lighter Side

There's two muffins in the oven.
One says "Man! Its burning up in here!"
The other one says "Hey look! A talking Muffin!!!"

*Two Lions are eating a clown..
and then one lion says to the other..
.."This tastes funny"..*

Two snowmen are standing in a field. One says to the other : "Funny, I smell carrots".

*Two peanuts walk into a bar.
One was a salted.*

What do you get from a pampered cow?
Spoiled milk.

*Q: Why did the motorcycle take a break?
A: Because it was "TWO TIRED"!*

*Q: What do you do when you throw a clock up in the air
A: Times up!*

*Q: Whats big, red, and looks like a bucket?
A: A big, red bucket.*

Two gas company servicemen, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee, were out checking meters in a suburban neighborhood. They parked their truck at the end of the alley and worked their way to the other end. At the last house, a woman looking out her kitchen window watched the two men as they checked her gas meter. Finishing the meter check, the senior supervisor challenged his younger coworker to a foot race down the alley back to the truck to prove that an older guy could outrun a younger one.

As they came running up to the truck, they realized the lady from that last house was huffing and puffing right behind them. They stopped and asked her what was wrong. Gasping for breath, she replied, "When I see two men from the gas company running as hard as you two were, I figured I'd better run too!"