

## HOLDING THE COUPLING PROPERLY

- To avoid slippage of the gasket, sleeve, and gasket protector (when used), always hold coupling as shown in Figure 1.
- Couplings are shipped in ready-to-use condition and should not be disassembled.

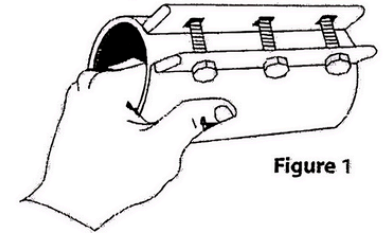


Figure 1

## PREPARING FOR INSTALLATION

- Check code number for OD of pipe or tube you intend to join. Coupling has been factory-sized and inspected before shipping.
- Clean outside of tube to make it free of dirt and grease which can cause coupling slippage.
- Make sure tube is free of jagged ends and external burrs which could cut gaskets.
- Make sure outside surface of tube is dry.
- Make sure sleeve and gasket partings are in opposed positions (Figure 2).
- Be sure gasket teeth (and gasket protector teeth) mesh and do not overlap.

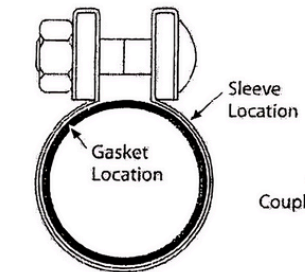


Figure 2  
Coupling Ready to Install

## ASSEMBLING TUBE AND COUPLING

- Slide coupling over one tube until end of that tube is exposed.
- Butt tube ends (Figure 3).
- Slide coupling back until it is centered over point where tubes are butted. Use care to avoid wrinkling, or overlapping gasket or gasket protector.
- When the potential for static build-up exists, a grounding strip must be used.

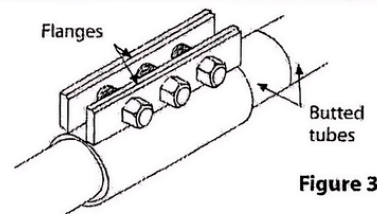


Figure 3

## TIGHTENING THE COUPLING

- To assure proper seating of inner sleeve and gasket, partially tighten bolts in a uniform manner.
- Tighten bolts evenly to torques shown in chart below.
- The assembly is completed when the coupling is evenly tightened to the recommended torque. The flanges should touch only at their top edges (Figure 4).

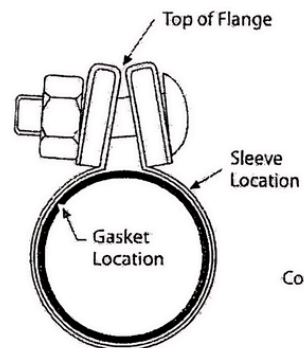


Figure 4  
Coupling Fully Tightened

| Bolt Size | Ft. Lbs. Torque | In. Lbs. Torque |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 5/16      | 18              | 216             |

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