

## **Expansion Joints Department**

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Subject: Garlock Expansion Joints Installed on Raised Face Flanges

As per Garlock's literature for expansion joints, it is recommended that rubber expansion joints be mated to a flat face flange. This is because these flanges give the most surface area to seal against. It is allowable however to mate Garlock's rubber expansion joints with no modifications against a raised face flange, if the raised face is 1/16" or less. The rubber flange face will conform to the raised face and seal with no problems. If the raised face is larger than 1/16", Garlock recommends that a ring gasket be installed outside of the raised face to create a flat sealing surface for the expansion joint.

Again, there is no gasket needed if these expansion joints will seal against a flat face flange or a raised face flange that is 1/16" or less. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,

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