INSTALLATION GUIDE

UNRESTRAINED MECHANICAL COUPLING



Designed for use in the connections and repair of water and wastewater pipelines. The Clover VPC Coupling can be used on a wide range of pipe materials including PVC-O, PVC-M, PVC-U, Ductile Iron, AC, GRP and Steel.

Clover VPC Couplings do not provide axial pipe restraint and are not suitable for use on polyethylene pipe. Couplings comply to the requirements of AS/NZS4998.

MATERIALS

- Sleeve: 316 Stainless Steel
- Seals: EPDM AS1646
- End Rings: Ductile Iron Polymeric Coated
- Bolts and Washers: 316 Stainless Steel or Galvanised Steel
- Nuts: 316 Stainless Steel with Anti Seize
 Coating or Galvanised Steel

RECOMMENDED TIGHTENING TORQUE TABLE

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- Torque Wrench
- Pipe surface cleaning equipment
- Pipe/Gasket lubricant approved for use with potable water
- Fastener Lubricant







Installation



- Examine the pipe ends to ensure they are round, smooth, free of dents and score marks. Ensure they are within the specified tolerance for that material type. Any weld beads/marks must be ground smooth while correctly maintaining the correct surface profile. Ensure that pipe ends for engagement into coupling are free from rust, scale or any other foreign matter that may affect the performance of the coupling (Fig. 1).
- 2. Align the pipes to be joined, ensuring they are concentric. Mark both pipe ends at a distance of half the clamp length minus half the setting gap of the coupling to be used (refer table on page 1 and Fig. 2). Lubricate the surfaces of the sealing gaskets with approved lubricant. When joining two pipes with varying outside diameters, position the coupling end with the nuts on the pipe with the smaller outside diameter.

- **3.** Adjust the gap setting (Fig. 2) between the pipe ends for appropriate coupling.
- 4. Using the markings as a guide on the pipe ends, slide the coupling to a central position over the pipe ends. For ease of installation, rotate coupling so all bolts and nuts are accessible.
- When tightening coupling, bolts should be tightened in a diametric star pattern (Fig. 3). Give each nut 1 2 turns at a time to evenly engage the end rings and gasket assembly. Using a torque wrench, all bolts must be properly tightened to the correct torque provided in the table on page 1. Retension all fasteners after 30 minutes to compensate for loss of tension through gasket relaxation. It is recommended that an anti-galling lubricant be applied to stainless steel or galvanised fasteners, as required.

FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3 VPC COUPLING INSTALLATION

