Installation Instructions for Type SNX™ Joints

Follow your company’s safety procedures whenever working on Kadant Johnson products. Read all of the instructions before proceeding with installation or repair.

Please refer to the Kadant Johnson assembly drawing for part identification. Assembly drawings are available on request from Kadant Johnson.

Lubricate all fasteners with anti-seize compound. Tighten all fasteners in a star pattern. Torque specifications are listed on the product assembly drawing and are available from Kadant Johnson.

STEP 1.
Check to make sure that all debris has been removed from the piping and roll before installing joint. This will eliminate carbon seal ring scoring and damage to internal joint parts which could cause unnecessary downtime and maintenance.

STEP 2.
Remove the hex head cap screws (2A) and the head (2) from joint. If optional or universal packing gland is used, remove locknut, packing gland, and packing. See Figure 1. Make sure horizontal pipe is clean and smooth where it seals to o-rings or packing. If o-rings are present, lubricate the pipe so it slides smoothly through o-rings. Lubrication is not necessary with packing.

IMPORTANT: The horizontal pipe must be straight, true, and secured within the roll so it rotates without run out.

STEP 3.
Slide the quick release nipple flange (5) onto the nipple (4) with its taper facing outward. Place the two split taper wedges (55) into the recess of the nipple and slide the quick release nipple flange over the wedges.

STEP 4.
Place a new metal gasket (8Q) into the counterbore of the journal flange.

STEP 5.
Position the joint with quick release flange/nipple assembly (4, 5, and 55) pointed towards the journal flange or roll end. Slide the joint over the horizontal pipe until the pipe passes through the o-rings or packing gland area. Insert the nipple into the journal flange counterbore. Slide the quick release nipple flange (5) over the journal flange studs and secure flange with hex head cap screws. Tighten hex head cap screws evenly.

Note: The quick release nipple flange (5) will not seat tightly against the face of the journal flange. When tight there will be approximately a 1/8” to 3/16” (3 to 5 mm) space between the flanges. Make sure this gap is equal around the circumference of the flanges.

If the rotary joint has a threaded nipple connection for attachment to your roll, thread it into the journal and tighten.

STEP 6.
When a packing gland is used, reinstall the packing, packing gland, and locknut. Tighten packing gland to 30 ft-lb (41 Nm), then tighten locknut. The end of the horizontal pipe should extend 3/8” (10 mm) past the end of the nipple or optional packing gland if used. See Figure 1.

STEP 7.
Reinstall head (2) with new gasket (8). Secure the head using hex head cap screws (2A).

STEP 8.
Connect piping to joint using Kadant Johnson flexible metal hose. Two hoses should be installed in the inlet and two in the outlet piping. See Flexible Hose Piping Recommendations, IS-Flexible Hose. The hose(s) should be long enough to minimize any piping loads on the rotary joint. The joint must be free to move outward to compensate for seal ring wear. See recommended flexible metal hose length chart in Table 1.

NOTE: Connect the hose directly to the rotary joint. Minimize the use of fittings and pipe between the rotary joint and flexible hose.
hose. This increased weight can affect the performance of the rotary joint. Provide suitable support for the pipe and fittings beyond the hose.

**STEP 9.**
Install anti-rotation rod through the anti-rotation rod hole. See Table 2 for recommended rod size. No more than two joints should be joined with one anti-rotation rod. Secure the rod to the rod hole of one joint and let it float in the second joint. This will absorb the torque generated by the joint, and prevent premature hose failure by reducing stresses.

Never apply oil or grease to this series of Kadant Johnson joints. The saturated steam or liquid passing through is the only lubrication required for the carbon-graphite parts.

Minimize running Kadant Johnson joints dry. Excessive seal wear may occur.

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**PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING SEAL RING WEAR**
Measure the distance for dimension (X) as shown above when the joint is new. Reference Table 3 for your particular joint size. Remember that as the seal ring begins to wear, the joint moves (due to pressure) away from the cylinder journal end. Add dimension “X” to the number you found in Table 3. As the seal wears dimension “X” will increase. Refer to Table 3. When “X” has increased the thickness of seal wear indicated, you should replace the seal ring.

**ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING SEAL RING WEAR**
Reference the groove machined into the end of the nipple. The width (Z) of this groove is equivalent to the amount of seal wear available. As the seal ring wears, the rotary joint will automatically move away from the cylinder journal end. When the groove is as far from the outboard (dry) carbon guide as it is wide (Y = Z), the seal ring should be replaced.

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**TABLE 1**
RECOMMENDED MINIMUM HOSE LENGTHS

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<th>Hose Diameter</th>
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**TABLE 2**
RECOMMENDED SIZES FOR ANTI-ROTATION RODS

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**TABLE 3**
MAXIMUM SEAL RING WEAR

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Dimensions and specifications are for reference only and subject to change. Certified drawings are available on request. Please refer to Kadant Johnson Drawing Number A37640 for torque specifications.

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**Packing Gland and O-Ring Configurations**

- Standard o-ring
- Packing gland
- Packing
- Locknut
- Optional packing gland

**Universal Packing Gland and O-Ring Configurations**

- Universal o-ring
- Universal packing gland
- Packing
- Locknut

**New installation**  **Nipple groove is fully exposed and seal should be replaced**

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