



ATEX — In order for this coupling to meet the ATEX requirements, it is mandatory to precisely follow these installation instructions along with the included supplement form 0005-08-49-01. This supplement outlines the ATEX requirements. If the operator does not

adhere to these instructions, conformity is immediately invalidated.

WARNING: *Because of the possible danger to person(s) or property from accidents which may result from improper use or installations of products, it is extremely important to follow the selection, installation, maintenance and operational procedures. All rotating power transmission products are potentially dangerous and can cause serious injury. They must be properly guarded in compliance with OSHA, ANSI, and any other local or governmental standards for the speeds and applications in which they are used. It is the responsibility of the user to provide proper guarding. For ATEX requirements the guard must have a minimum of ½ inch (12.7 mm) radial clearance to the coupling major diameter "A" (See Figure 1) and be of the open mesh design.*

1. **Purpose** — These instructions are intended to help you to install, align, and maintain your THOMAS coupling.
2. **Scope** — Covered here will be general information, hub mounting, alignment, assembly, locknut tightening, disc pack replacement, and part numbers.
3. **General Information** — The coupling as received may or may not have the hub attached to the adapter and disc pack as an assembly. If the hub is attached it is not necessary to disassemble for hub mounting on the shaft. The locknuts are not fully tightened. Examine the assembly to assure there is no visible damage.
Remove the cap screws that attach the axially split center member to the adapter plates and remove the split center member.

4. Hub Mounting

- A. **General** — One of the pieces of equipment (driver or driven) must be moved sufficiently out of the way to allow for hub installation. The hub, adapter, disc pack, and hardware can be mounted on the shaft as one unit.

Final locknut tightening is done later. See Section 6. Clean the hub bores and shafts. Remove any nicks or burrs. If the bore is tapered, check for good contact pattern. If the bore is straight, measure the bore and shaft diameters to assure proper fit. The key(s) should have a snug side-to-side fit with a small clearance over the top, and the corners must be chamfered.

- B. **Straight Bore** — **NOTE:** With a straight bore only and using the modified arrangement, the shaft can protrude through the hub or hubs to achieve the desired "C" dimension (distance between shaft ends) provided the shaft keyway is long enough to fully engage the hub bore. This will not affect the performance of the coupling.

Install the key(s) in the shaft. If the hub is an interference fit, heat the hub in an oil bath or oven until the bore is sufficiently larger than the shaft. 350°F is usually sufficient. An open flame is not recommended. However, if flame heating is necessary use a very large rose bud tip to give even heat distribution.

A thermal heat stick will help determine the hub temperature. **DO NOT SPOT HEAT THE HUB OR DISTORTION MAY OCCUR.** With the hub expanded slide it quickly up the shaft to the desired axial position. A pre-set axial stop device can be helpful.

- C. **Straight Bore Slip Fit** — Straight Bore Slip Fit. Install the key(s) in the shaft. Install the set screw(s) in the hub making sure they do not protrude into the keyway or the bore. Now slide the hub up the shaft to the desired axial position. The set screw(s) which hold the hub in place are tightened using a torque wrench, to the values shown in Table 1A.

NOTE: Never use two set screws with one on top of the other.

- D. **Taper Bore** — Put the hub on the shaft without the key(s) in place. Lightly tap the hub on the shaft with a soft hammer. This will assure a metal-to-metal fit between shaft and hub. This is the starting point for the axial draw. Record the position between shaft end and hub face with a depth micrometer. Mount a dial indicator to read axial hub movement.

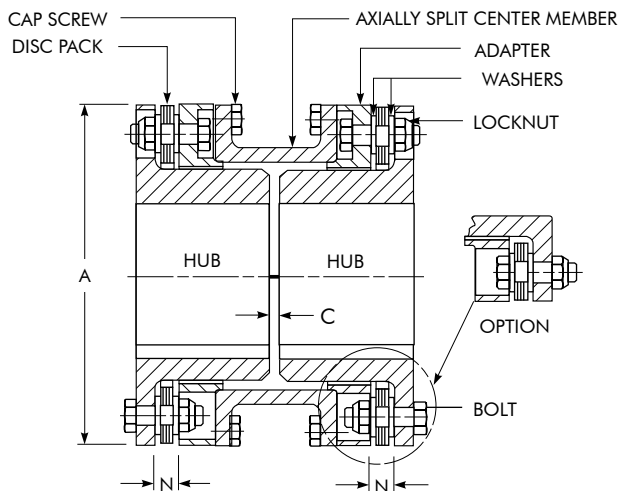
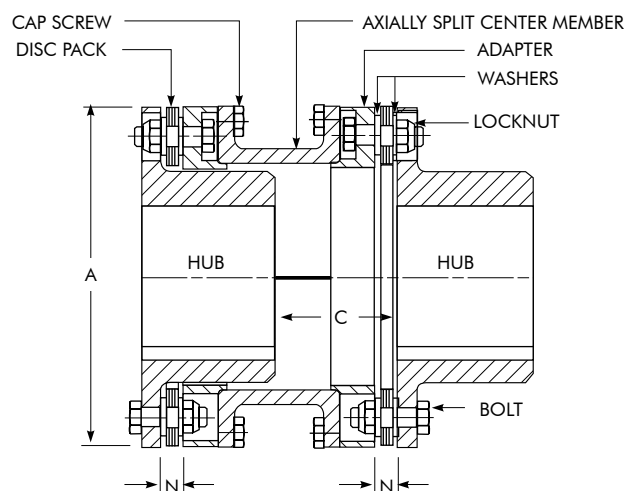


FIGURE 1

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Set the indicator to “0.” Remove the hub and install the key(s). Heat the hub in an oil bath or oven until the bore is sufficiently larger than the shaft. 350°F is usually sufficient. An open flame is not recommended. However, if flame heating is necessary, use a very large rose bud tip to give even heat distribution. A thermal heat stick will help determine the hub temperature. **DO NOT SPOT HEAT THE HUB OR DISTORTION MAY OCCUR.**

With the hub expanded, slide it quickly up the shaft to the “0” set point. Continue to advance the hub up the taper to the desired axial position. Use the indicator as a guide only. A pre-set axial stop device can be helpful. Check the final results with a depth micrometer. Install the hub shaft end retention device to hold the hub in place.

5. **Shaft Alignment** — Move equipment into place. If the hubs were mounted without the disc pack/adaptor assemblies installed, install the assemblies per Section 6-A through D before moving the equipment into place for alignment.

A. **Soft Foot** — The equipment must sit flat on its base. Any soft foot must now be corrected.

B. **Axial Spacing** — The axial spacing of the shafts should be positioned so that the disc packs (flexing elements) are flat when the equipment is running under normal operating conditions. This means there is a minimal amount of waviness in the disc pack when viewed from the side. This will result in a flexing element that is centered and parallel to its mating flange faces. Move the connected equipment to accomplish the above. Refer to the assembly drawing and the connected equipment installation procedures for specific axial spacing requirements.

NOTE: The disc pack is designed to an optimal thickness and is not to be used for axial length adjustments by removing or adding individual discs.

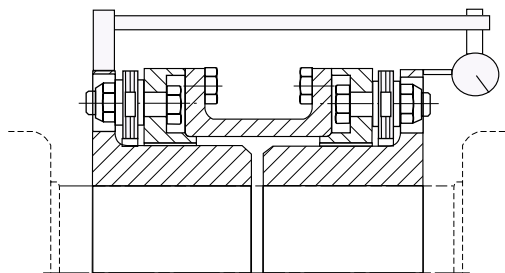


FIGURE 2

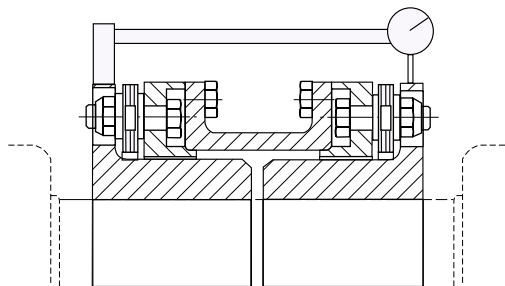


FIGURE 3

As a guide, maximum and minimum values for dimension “N” are given. These dimensions are suggested for initial installation. Additional capacity is available to compensate for thermal and structural movement. Maximum axial capacity values for these couplings are also given. See Table 1 and Figure 1.

C. **Laser Alignment is an Option** — If not available proceed with dial indicator method.

D. **Angular Alignment** — Rigidly mount a dial indicator on one hub or shaft, reading the face of the other hub flange, as shown in Figure 2. Rotate both shafts together making sure the shaft axial spacing remains constant. Adjust the equipment by shimming and/or moving so that the indicator reading is within .001 inch per inch of coupling hub flange diameter. See Chart (A).

Chart A — Suggested Maximum Misalignment Values

| COUPLING SIZE | Total Indicator Reading (T.I.R.) | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| | Angular | Parallel |
| 125 | .004 | .003 |
| 162 | .004 | .003 |
| 200 | .005 | .003 |
| 225 | .006 | .004 |
| 262 | .007 | .004 |
| 312 | .008 | .005 |
| 350 | .009 | .005 |
| 375 | .010 | .006 |
| 425 | .011 | .006 |
| 450 | .011 | .007 |
| 500 | .013 | .008 |
| 550 | .014 | .008 |
| 600 | .016 | .009 |
| 700 | .018 | .011 |
| 750 | .020 | .012 |
| 800 | .022 | .013 |
| 850 | .023 | .014 |
| 925 | .025 | .016 |

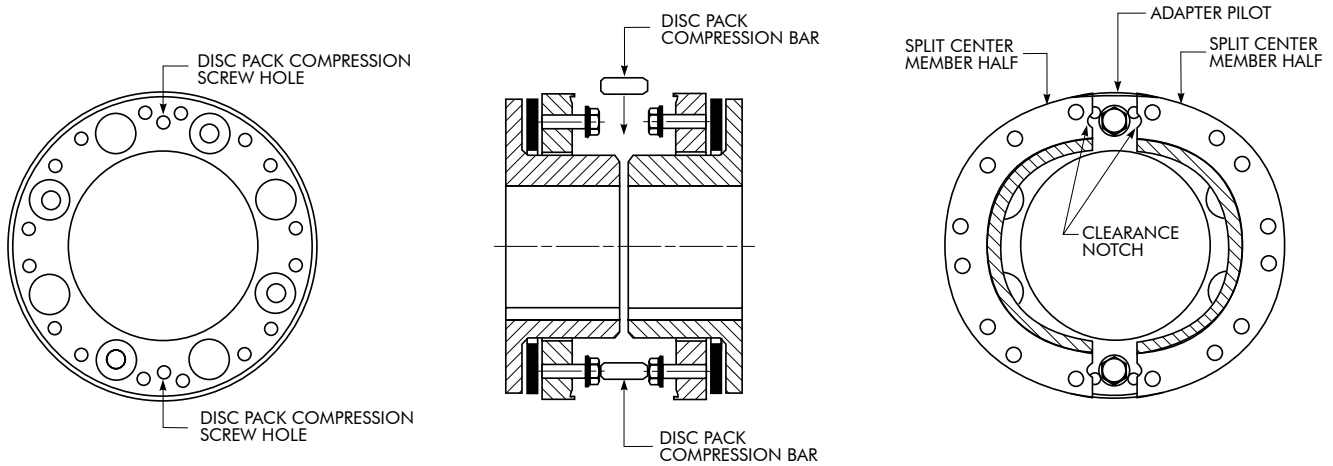
E. **Parallel Offset** — Rigidly mount a dial indicator on one hub or shaft, reading the other hub flange outside diameter, as shown in Figure 3. Compensate for indicator set-up sag. Rotate both shafts together. Adjust the equipment by shimming and/or moving so that the indicator reading is within .001 inch per inch of the axial length between flex elements. See Chart (A).

NOTE: If the driver or driven equipment alignment tolerances are more stringent than our recommendations, the driver or driven equipment tolerances should be used. Also be sure to compensate for thermal movement in the equipment. The coupling is capable of approximately four times above shaft misalignment tolerances. However, close alignment at installation will provide longer service with smoother operation.

6. **Final Assembly**

- A. If this coupling has been factory balanced, the hub flange will be match marked to the adapter. Recheck to assure the marks line up.
- B. If the coupling hubs were mounted without the disc

FIGURE 4


TABLE 1 — Tightening Torques ★ & Dimensions

| COUPLING SIZE | A (in.) | C (in.) | C One Hub Out (in.) | C Both Hubs Out (in.) | N (in.) | | Axial Capacity (in) | Locknut | | | Cap Screw | | |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----|
| | | | | | Min | Max | | Thread Size ‡ | Torque | | Thread Size | Torque | |
| | | | | | | | | | ft-lb | Nm | | ft-lb | Nm |
| 125 | 3.81 | .12 | 1.75 | 3.38 | .27 | .28 | ± .036 | 1/4-28 | 156 (lb-in) | 18 | 1/4-28 | 10 | 14 |
| 162 | 4.47 | .12 | 1.77 | 3.42 | .29 | .30 | ± .036 | 1/4-28 | 156 (lb-in) | 18 | 1/4-28 | 10 | 14 |
| 200 | 5.56 | .12 | 1.96 | 3.80 | .37 | .38 | ± .036 | 5/16-24 | 25 | 34 | 1/4-28 | 10 | 14 |
| 225 | 5.88 | .12 | 2.03 | 3.94 | .37 | .38 | ± .036 | 5/16-24 | 25 | 34 | 1/4-28 | 10 | 14 |
| 262 | 6.88 | .19 | 2.42 | 4.65 | .48 | .49 | ± .043 | 3/8-24 | 30 * | 41 * | 5/16-24 | 20 | 27 |
| 312 | 7.84 | .19 | 2.62 | 5.05 | .51 | .52 | ± .051 | 7/16-20 | 40 * | 54 * | 5/16-24 | 20 | 27 |
| 350 | 8.78 | .25 | 3.06 | 5.87 | .54 | .55 | ± .056 | 1/2-20 | 95 | 129 | 3/8-24 | 37 | 50 |
| 375 | 9.72 | .25 | 3.26 | 6.27 | .60 | .61 | ± .062 | 9/16-18 | 130 | 176 | 3/8-24 | 37 | 50 |
| 425 | 10.50 | .25 | 3.61 | 6.97 | .63 | .64 | ± .067 | 5/8-18 | 175 | 237 | 7/16-20 | 58 | 79 |
| 450 | 11.31 | .31 | 4.15 | 7.99 | .73 | .75 | ± .072 | 11/16-16 | 150 * | 203 * | 7/16-20 | 58 | 79 |
| 500 | 12.88 | .31 | 4.32 | 8.33 | .79 | .81 | ± .082 | 3/4-16 | 190 * | 258 * | 1/2-20 | 90 | 122 |
| 550 | 14.44 | .38 | 4.87 | 9.36 | .92 | .94 | ± .092 | 7/8-14 | 255 * | 346 * | 5/8-18 | 180 | 244 |
| 600 | 16.00 | .38 | 5.40 | 10.42 | .99 | 1.01 | ± .102 | 1-14 | 335 * | 454 * | 5/8-18 | 180 | 244 |
| 700 | 18.25 | .38 | 6.22 | 12.06 | 1.20 | 1.23 | ± .115 | 1 1/8-12 | 425 * | 576 * | 3/4-16 | 315 | 427 |
| 750 | 19.81 | .50 | 7.00 | 13.50 | 1.26 | 1.29 | ± .125 | 1 1/4-12 | 560 * | 759 * | 3/4-16 | 315 | 427 |
| 800 | 21.50 | .50 | 7.37 | 14.24 | 1.33 | 1.36 | ± .136 | 1 3/8-12 | 740 * | 1003 * | 3/4-16 | 315 | 427 |
| 850 | 23.00 | .56 | 7.97 | 15.38 | 1.42 | 1.45 | ± .144 | 1 1/2-12 | 950 * | 1288 * | 7/8-14 | 415 | 563 |
| 925 | 25.00 | .62 | 8.91 | 17.20 | 1.51 | 1.55 | ± .156 | 1 5/8-12 | 1350 * | 2441 * | 1-12 | 600 | 814 |

★ These torque values are approximate for steel bolts with lubricated threads. The locknuts are prevailing torque type and some resistance will be felt. If galling is suspected, immediately stop and contact the Factory. Modification will be necessary for stainless steel. For stainless steel the tightening torque must be reduced to 60% of the values shown. Stainless steel bolt and locknut threads must also be liberally coated with molybdenum disulfide grease.

‡ Bolts should be held from rotating while the locknuts are torqued to the values shown.

* These locknuts are cad plated. Do not use any lubricants other than clean oil noted in Section 6-B or 7-E. Consult Factory if unsure.

TABLE 1A — Set Screw Tightening Torque

| Setscrew Thread Size | Torque in-lb | Torque ft-lb | Torque Nm |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1/4-20 | 66 | 6 | 7 |
| 1/4-28 | 76 | 6 | 9 |
| 5/16-18 | 132 | 11 | 15 |
| 5/16-24 | 144 | 12 | 16 |
| 3/8-16 | 240 | 20 | 27 |
| 3/8-24 | 276 | 23 | 31 |
| 1/2-13 | 600 | 50 | 68 |
| 1/2-20 | 660 | 55 | 75 |

pack/ adapter assemblies installed, install as follows.

NOTE: All bolt threads should be lubricated. A clean motor oil is recommended. Also see Footnote * below Table 1.

Install the bolts through the hub bolt holes.

NOTE: If there is not enough room axially behind the hub, the bolts can be installed from the opposite direction. See Figure 1 option.

Add a washer to each bolt. **The beveled side of the washer must always be against the disc pack.** See Figure 1.

Add the remaining beveled washers making sure all parts pilot on the body ground area of the bolt. Install a locknut on each bolt and slightly tighten each locknut.

- C. Now fully tighten all disc pack locknuts evenly and in an incremental and alternating fashion using the torque values shown in Table 1.
- D. Slide the equipment back into alignment, setting the axial spacing “C” per Table 1. “C” is a reference dimension only. Due to the stack up in axial dimensional tolerances the final axial positioning should be set by the procedure outlined in Section 5-B.

- E. To install the two split center member halves, the disc packs need to be compressed so that the center member halves clear the adapter pilots. The cap screws that attach the split center member to the adapters can be used for compressing the disc packs. The adapters have two tapped holes that are used for compressing the disc pack. See Figure 4. Install a cap screw in each of these holes until the end of the cap screw just begins to protrude through the adapter. **Do not tighten the cap screws against the disc packs.**

NOTE: Sizes 850 and 925 have a separate washer under the head. It is not necessary to use the washer when these cap screws are used for compressing the disc packs.

Place a piece of bar or other solid material between the two facing cap screws heads. Table 2 has recommendations for the size of bar to use. Begin loosening the cap screws equally so that the cap screw heads abut against the compression bar. As the cap screws are turned in a loosening direction, the heads will work against each other and the compression bar, and the disc packs will compress.

Compress the disc packs just enough so that the center members halves fit between the adapter pilots. Position the center member halves so that the clearance notches fit around the disc pack compression screws (see Figure 4) and the numbers stamped on each half of the flange O.D. are the same and line up with each other.

If the coupling has been balanced, make sure the match marks line up.

Fit the center member halves into the pilot of one of the adapters and line up the bolt holes with the tapped holes in the adapter.

TABLE 2 — Recommended Bar Size for Installing & Removing Center Member

| COUPLING SIZE | Compression Bar Size |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 125 | Ø.31 x .69 Lg. |
| 162 | Ø.31 x .69 Lg. |
| 200 | Ø.31 x .75 Lg. |
| 225 | Ø.31 x .88 Lg. |
| 262 | Ø.44 x 1.00 Lg. |
| 312 | Ø.44 x 1.06 Lg. |
| 350 | Ø.50 x 1.38 Lg. |
| 375 | Ø.50 x 1.31 Lg. |
| 425 | Ø.56 x 1.50 Lg. |
| 450 | Ø.56 x 2.06 Lg. |
| 500 | Ø.69 x 1.75 Lg. |
| 550 | Ø.88 x 1.75 Lg. |
| 600 | Ø.88 x 2.25 Lg. |
| 700 | Ø1.06 x 2.50 Lg. |
| 750 | Ø1.06 x 3.38 Lg. |
| 800 | Ø1.06 x 3.50 Lg. |
| 850 * | Ø1.25 x 4.25 Lg. |
| 925 * | Ø1.44 x 5.00 Lg. |

* Bar length recommendations is without the washer under the cap screw head.

NOTE: With the coupling in good alignment, the cap screws will fit through the holes easily.

- F. Install the cap screws into the holes of this center member flange and adapter. Make sure the center member halves are seated into the adapter pilot and turn the cap screws until they seat on the flange face. Do not tighten the cap screws at this time as the center member flanges may not be fully seated in the adapter. See Figure 5.

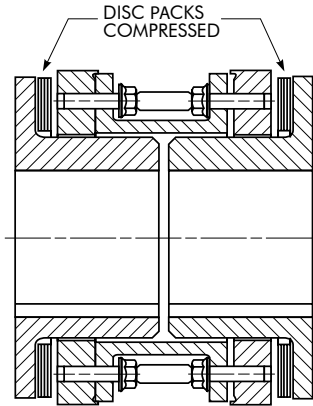
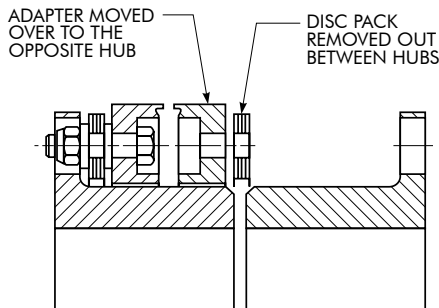
Begin turning the compression cap screws in a tightening direction which will relax the disc packs back to their neutral location. As the disc packs expand, guide the other side of the center member halves into their adapter pilot. Install cap screws into the holes of this center member flange and adapter. Make sure the center member halves are seated into the adapter pilot and turn the cap screws until they seat on the flange face. Do not tighten the cap screws at this time as the center member flanges may not be fully seated in the adapter.

Remove the disc pack compression cap screws and install them into the flange bolt holes. Using a torque wrench tighten all cap screws to the values shown in Table 1.

It is recommended that all locknuts and cap screws be checked and re-tightened after several hours of initial operation.

- G. For further help with the installation or alignment, consult the Factory.
- 7. **Disc Pack Replacement** — If it becomes necessary to replace the disc pack, it can be done without moving the equipment.
 - A. Remove the cap screws and compress the disc packs as explained in section 6E. Remove the two center member halves from the assembly. See Figures 4 and 5.

- B. Remove the locknuts, bolts, and washer from one end.
- C. Slide the adapter axially out of the way letting it rest on the other end hub. See Figure 6.
- D. The disc pack is now free to be removed through the axial gap between the two hubs ("C" dimension spacing), see Figure 6. If there is not enough room between the hubs for the total disc pack, the disc pack may be taken out and replaced one single disc laminate at a time provided the orientation is maintained on reassembly.

FIGURE 5

FIGURE 6


- E. Slide the new disc pack through the hub gap. Install the bolts through the hub bolt holes.

NOTE: All bolt threads should be lubricated. A clean motor oil is recommended. Also see Footnote * below Table 1.

NOTE: If bolts need to be replaced and there is not enough room axially behind the hub, new bolts can be installed from the opposite direction. See Figure 1 option.

Add a washer to each bolt. The beveled side of the washer should always be against the disc pack. Now position the disc pack onto the bolts. See Figure 1. Add the remaining beveled washers making sure all the parts pilot on the body ground part of the bolt. Now add the locknuts. Do not tighten at this time.

- F. Slide the adapter back into position. Install the bolts through the adapter bolt holes. Add a washer to each bolt. The beveled side of the washer should always be against the disc pack. Now position this assembly so that the bolts go through the disc pack, making sure the match marks, when used, line up. See Figure 1. Add the remaining beveled washers making sure all the parts pilot on the body ground area of the bolt. Install a locknut on each bolt and slightly tighten each locknut.
- G. Using a torque wrench, fully tighten the locknuts to the torque value as shown on Table 1.

NOTE: If there is not enough room axially to tighten the locknuts that hold the disc pack to the adapter, it may be necessary to unbolt the disc pack from the hubs and slide the adapter/disc pack assembly axially. Now tighten these locknuts first, then complete the coupling assembly.

- H. Rework the other end if required as per Section 7 B through G.
- I. Install the two split center member halves as outlined in Section 6 E through G.
- J. Recheck the alignment of the coupling correcting as required.

8. Replacement Parts — See Table 3.



TABLE 3 — Part Numbers & Quantity Required

| COUPLING SIZE | Disc Pack | | Center Member Assembly (Stainless Disc Packs) | Disc Pack joint Hardware | | | | | | Center Member Cap Screws | |
|---------------|-----------|-----|---|--------------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| | | | | Bolts | | Locknuts | | Washers | | | |
| | Part No. | Qty | | Part No. | Qty | Part No. | Qty | Part No. | Qty | Part No. | Qty |
| 125 | 310618 | 2 | 587562 | 916087 | 8 | 916504 | 8 | 212706 | 16 | 586161 | 12 |
| 162 | 310663 | 2 | 587563 | 916087 | 12 | 916504 | 12 | 212706 | 24 | 586161 | 16 |
| 200 | 710665 | 2 | 587564 | 116088 | 12 | 316505 | 12 | 712610 | 24 | 586161 | 24 |
| 225 | 610984 | 2 | 587565 | 116088 | 16 | 316505 | 16 | 712610 | 32 | 586161 | 32 |
| 262 | 210985 | 2 | 587566 | 316089 | 16 | 565214 * | 16 | 014762 | 32 | 586162 | 32 |
| 312 | 210957 | 2 | 587567 | 516090 | 16 | 565215 * | 16 | 017142 | 32 | 586162 | 32 |
| 350 | 010952 | 2 | 587568 | 716091 | 16 | 516508 | 16 | 019099 | 32 | 586163 | 32 |
| 375 | 610943 | 2 | 587569 | 916092 | 16 | 916509 | 16 | 019101 | 32 | 586163 | 32 |
| 425 | 010986 | 2 | 587570 | 116093 | 16 | 316510 | 16 | 019102 | 32 | 586164 | 32 |
| 450 | 410987 | 2 | 587571 | 316094 | 16 | 716511 * | 16 | 516100 | 32 | 586164 | 32 |
| 500 | 620735 | 2 | 587572 | 516095 | 16 | 116512 * | 16 | 711460 | 32 | 586165 | 32 |
| 550 | 310962 | 2 | 587573 | 716096 | 16 | 039125 * | 16 | 311750 | 32 | 586167 | 32 |
| 600 | 910959 | 2 | 587574 | 916097 | 16 | 020253 * | 16 | 612127 | 32 | 586167 | 32 |
| 700 | 420803 | 2 | 587575 | 116098 | 16 | 020254 * | 16 | 511413 | 32 | 586168 | 32 |
| 750 | 921021 | 2 | 587576 | 316099 | 16 | 020255 * | 16 | 111803 | 32 | 586168 | 32 |
| 800 | 220851 | 2 | 587577 | 616200 | 16 | 020256 * | 16 | 911800 | 32 | 586168 | 32 |
| 850 | 020793 | 2 | 587578 | 816201 | 16 | 035069 * | 16 | 611402 | 32 | 587216 ● | 32 |
| 925 | 020958 | 2 | 587579 | 016202 | 16 | 568940 * | 16 | 812176 | 32 | 019500 ● | 32 |

* These locknuts are cadmium plated.
 ● These sizes require a separate washer with each cap screw.
 Size 850 washer is part number 587215. Size 925 washer is part number 587223.