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Introduction

The 4-bolt flange connections conforming to SAE J518 and ISO 6162-1 and -2 are proven, leak-free connections, especially suited for larger sizes, higher pressures and assembly in tight quarters. Threaded port connections such as SAE straight thread O-ring and ISO 6149 are reasonably easy to assemble and provide 6000 psi and higher pressure capability up to size 12 (M27). Beyond this size the pressure rating starts to decrease and assembly torques increase rapidly. The 4-bolt flange port connections provide ability to connect larger sizes and achieve higher-pressure capability at reasonable assembly torques. Because of the lower assembly torques compared to an equivalent size threaded port, these connections are well suited for tight quarters where wrench clearances are limited. Parker 4-bolt flange products described in this part of the catalog provide various means of connecting tubes, hoses, pipes and threaded fittings to 4-bolt flange ports. The discussion below provides an overview of some of the available flange products.

Design and Construction

Parker 4-bolt flange products are designed to provide different methods of connecting a tube, hose, pipe or another fitting to the SAE standard 4-bolt flange port.

Flange Fittings — All Parker flange fittings, except for those with square mounting hole patterns (nomenclature code QS), are designed to conform to O-ring groove, bolt holes and bolt pattern dimensions of either Code 61 or Code 62 of SAE J518 and ISO 6162-1 (Code 61) or -2 (Code 62).

The flange adapters (Code Q1 and Q2), and flange block fittings (Codes Q1B, Q2B and QSB) have O-ring grooves conforming to dimensions in SAE J518. The flange block fittings (Codes Q1B and Q2B) have through holes for the mounting bolts, again conforming to SAE J518. There is no industry standard for the bolt pattern of the square pattern block flanges with codes QSP and QSB.

The flange pad fittings (Codes Q1P, Q2P, and QSP) have a flat face (no O-ring groove) and the mounting holes are tapped. Where these fittings are used, the seal is in the mating part (flange adapter, flange hose fitting, flange block fitting, etc.) as shown in Fig. M1.

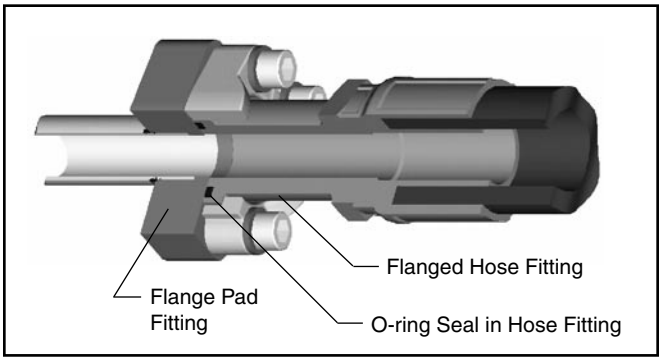

Fig. M1 – Flange Pad Fitting

Dimensions other than the O-ring groove, bolt holes, bolt pattern, and the flange foot print (for codes Q1B and Q2B only) are not governed by any industry standard. However, Parker product design follows common industry practice and sound engineering.

Flange Clamps — Clamps are used for providing the holding power to the 4-bolt flange connection. They are offered in split and captive (one-piece) versions. The captive version is also offered with either drilled or tapped bolt holes. The captive flange clamp with tapped holes is used while connecting a tube to another tube or a hose.

Parker flange clamps are forged for higher strength and durability. They meet all requirements of SAE J518. The split clamps make it easy to assemble the connection in close quarters. They also make removal of the flange head component, such as a hose assembly, easy by loosening all four bolts and removing one clamp half, as shown in Fig. M2.

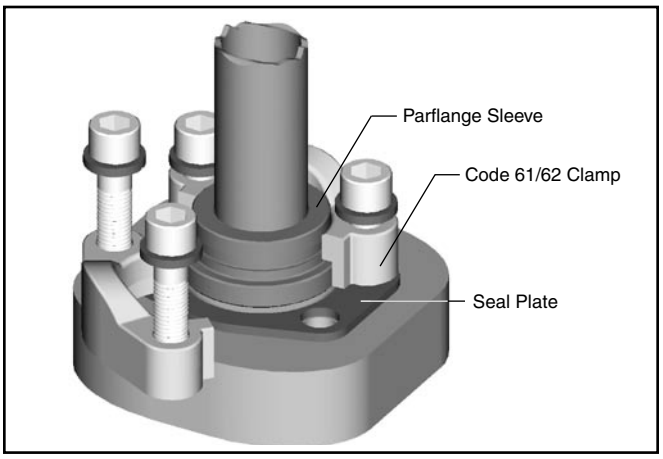

Fig. M2 – Assembly / Removal SAE J518 Connection

Junction Block Tees — These are solid block union fittings to connect two tube/hose assemblies using 4-bolt flange connection, at a junction, to SAE 4-bolt flange port, or three tube/hose assemblies to each other.

Connector Plate — Connector plate is used as a middle plate to connect two flange heads with O-ring grooves, such as two hose assemblies with flange connection ends. The flat surface of the plate provides sealing surface on each side for the O-ring housed in the hose ends.

Spacer Plate — Spacer plate provides access to the system fluid via the gage port on the side. The plate is between the flange connection to provide this access.

Plugs — Plugs provide a means to block off the 4-bolt flange port with and without clamps, and to plug the end of a pipe (via welding).

Tank Weld Adapter — Tank weld adapters provide a means of flange connection to a fabricated reservoir or tank.

Hydraulic Flanges	Steel		Stainless Steel	
	ASTM	Type	ASTM	Type
4-Bolt Flanges	A108	C1020	A240	316L
Flange Clamps	A108	C1045	A351 / A743	Nitronic 50
HHCS Bolts	SAE Grade 8		—	—
SHCS Bolts	—	—	A240	316

Table M1 – Standard Material Specifications for Hydraulic Flanges and Components

Note: Split flange clamps are zinc clear (or Cr6 free) chromate. All other steel flanges are oil dipped.