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The FlexHead Advantage

FlexHead QUALITY

- **Best corrosion resistance**
Made from 100% 304 stainless steel
- **Excellent friction loss values**
One-inch true-bore ID reducing the need to upsize mains and branch lines
- **Pressure surge protection**
Fully braided connection improves pressure capability and prevents hose damage
- **Highest maximum working pressure**
Rated up to 300 psig
- **No o-rings or gaskets**
Welded connections reduce potential leak points at the inlet and outlet fitting
- **Tightest thread tolerances**
Outlet fitting threads are machined from solid bar stock reducing potential leaks at the sprinkler head fit-up
- **Extra stability**
Bracket has a full 6 inch base to stabilize the sprinkler head during installation, pressurization or activation

FlexHead FEATURES

- Is **seismically qualified** for use, eliminating the need for an oversized ring around the sprinkler head in seismic areas
- Has the same product design that is **dual listed** by both UL and FM
- Can be **produced domestically** to meet all your project requirements
- Has **serial identification** with complete audit tracking of finished goods
- Has a **comprehensive limited warranty** backed by an A++ insurance company



U.S. and international patents pending: #6,123,154, #6,119,784, #6,752,218, #7,032,680, #6,488,097.

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Whether your application is commercial, industrial, clean room, or institutional, FlexHead flexible sprinkler systems can save you time and money by offering reliable, highly efficient, seismically qualified, and environmentally responsible products.

Installation Instructions

Tools Required

Standard pipe wrench
Safety glasses
Adjustable wrench
Screwdriver

Materials Required

Sprinkler pipe thread sealant
Teflon® tape

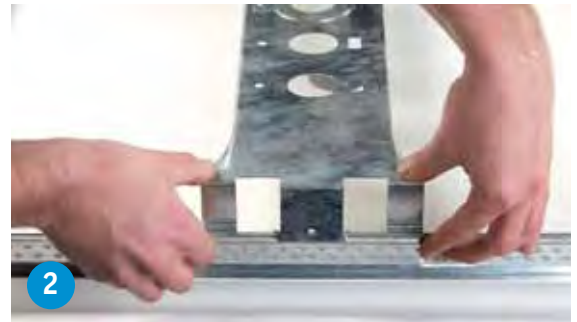
1. Mounting Bracket Assembly M#: MP-24-BKT-2

Remove one (1) 3/8" bolt and one (1) 1/4" bolt from hardware bag in box. Remove (1) universal hub and one (1) mounting bracket from box. Thread the 3/8" bolt through side of universal hub. Select one (1) of the four (4) sprinkler port locations on mounting bracket.

- A. Insert tab of universal hub into slot on mounting bracket as shown. (Photo 1a)
- B. Flip bracket over and insert and tighten 1/4" attachment bolt thru pre-punched hole in bracket until tight as shown. (Photo 1b)



- B. Thread the 3/8" bolt through side of universal hub.



2. Attach Mounting Bracket to T-bar Suspended Ceiling Grid

Note: These products are designed for use with Intermediate or Heavy Duty ceiling grids manufactured to ASTM C 635 (*Standard Specification for the Manufacture, Performance, and Testing of Metal Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panel Ceilings*) and ASTM C 636 (*Standard Practice for Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels*) Designation.

- A. From above the ceiling, position FlexHead Mounting Bracket ends on to T-bar grid so that the center hole in support bracket aligns directly above the sprinkler hole prepared in ceiling tile. Be sure the center section of the bracket end is on the outside of grid and base section is on the inside. Position the ends of the support bracket on the T-bar grid and push each of the two (2) ends of the bracket down to snap in place as shown. (Photo 2)

3. Anchor Bracket to T-bar Grid

- A. Anchor bracket to t-bar grid with self tapping screw through bottom hole in bracket end into grid. Be sure to install self tapping screw in lower hole of bracket end with attachment clip as shown. Repeat process on opposite end of bracket. Both ends of bracket should be anchored as shown. (Photo 3)



4. Connect FlexHead to Sprinkler Branch-line

Apply teflon tape and pipe sealant to one inch (1") threaded end of FlexHead Sprinkler Drop per NFPA guidelines. Attach one inch (1") threaded end of FlexHead Sprinkler Drop to branch-line per NFPA, State and local code guidelines.

The flexible hose with fitting is only intended to be installed with bends.

Do not use welded or braided hose section of FlexHead Sprinkler Drop for a wrenching surface. **Attach FlexHead Sprinkler Drop using rigid pipe end of units as wrenching surface as shown. (Photo 4)**



5. Secure FlexHead Sprinkler Drop to Mounting Bracket and Install Sprinkler Head

- A. Bend the Flexhead to hold its desired position. **Do not overbend the flexible hose. FlexHead has a 3" (75mm) minimum bend radius per UL guidelines.** Insert reducing coupling end of FlexHead Sprinkler Drop through center hole in previously installed support bracket and hole in ceiling tile. Make sure the hose is bent sufficiently so that the reducing coupling sits perfectly vertical in center hole of support bracket. Do not torque or twist FlexHead during installation process. (Photo 5a)
- B. Attach sprinkler head, properly prepared with teflon tape and sealant to FlexHead Sprinkler Drop according to NFPA and sprinkler head manufacturer's guidelines. (Photo 5b)



- C. Adjust FlexHead Sprinkler height to accommodate type of sprinkler head. When sprinkler head is in desired location, tighten the fastening bolt on center hub of support bracket by turning clockwise hand tight plus 1 turn (100 inch lbs) with wrench as shown. After tightening the bolt, tighten the nut hand tight plus 1 turn (100 inch lbs) with wrench. (Photo 5c)

6. Installation of the FlexHead Ceiling Sprinkler System Is Complete

- Test installation of sprinkler system for any leaks per NFPA Guidelines.
- Install sprinkler escutcheon from below ceiling per manufacturers guidelines.

WARNING!

These installation instructions are for qualified and/or licensed technicians in the Fire Protection field **ONLY**. Consult NFPA, FM, UL, state and local code guidelines prior to installation.

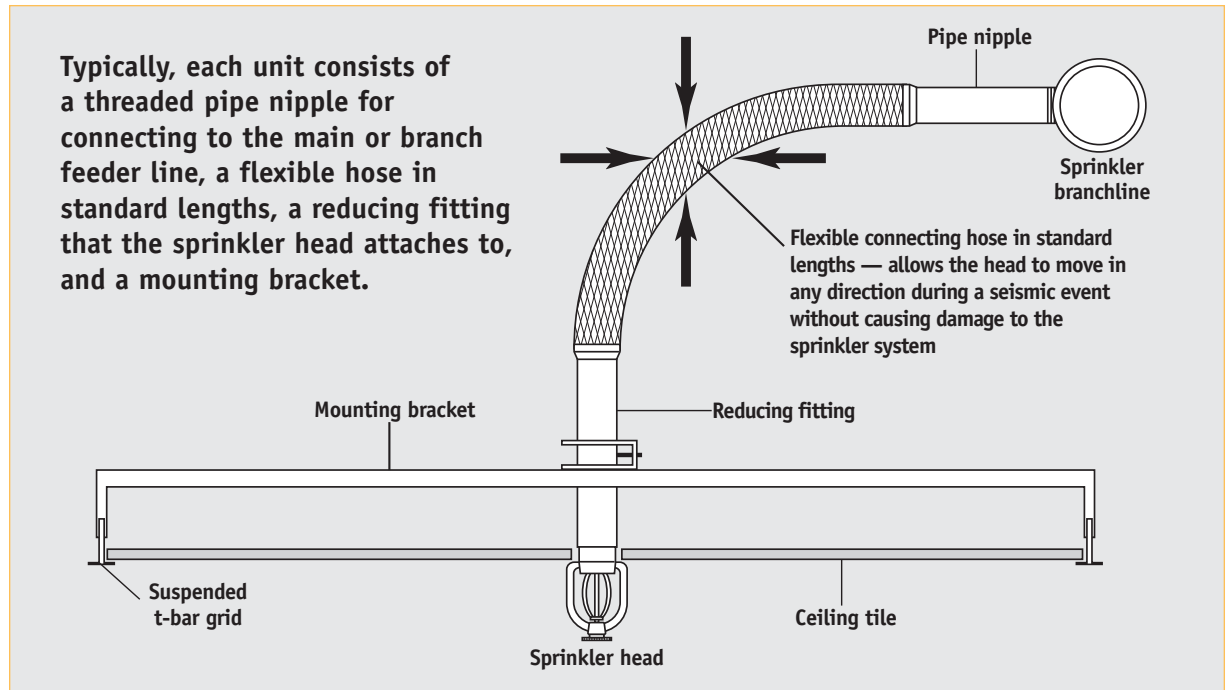
Failure to follow these specific instructions may cause personal injury. Installation technicians must read the entire manual prior to attempting installation of product. During maintenance or inspection of FlexHead product, facility fire protection system **MUST BE INACTIVE. DO NOT ATTEMPT RELOCATION OR MAINTENANCE WHEN FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM IS "LIVE."**

NFPA 13 Code Language and Seismic Qualification

NFPA 13 Standard for Installation of Sprinkler Systems 2007 Edition

- 9.2.1.3.3*** Flexible Sprinkler Hose Fittings.
- A. 9.2.1.3.3** Examples of areas of use include clean rooms, suspended ceilings, and exhaust ducts.
- 9.2.1.3.3.1** Listed flexible sprinkler hose fittings and its anchoring components, intended for use in installations connecting the sprinkler piping to sprinklers, shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the listing including any installation instructions.
- 9.2.1.3.3.2** When installed and supported by suspended ceilings, the ceiling shall meet ASTM C-635 and shall be installed in accordance with ASTM C-636.
- 9.2.1.3.3.3*** When flexible sprinkler hose fittings exceed 6 ft in length and are supported by a suspended ceiling a hanger(s) attached to the structure shall be required to ensure that the maximum unsupported length does not exceed 6 ft.
- A. 9.2.1.3.3.3** The committee evaluation of flexible sprinkler hose fittings supported by suspended ceilings was based upon a comparison of the weight of a 6 ft, 1 in diameter sch 40 water-filled flexible hose fitting weighing approximately 9 lbs. The information provided to the committee showed that the maximum load shed to the suspended ceiling by the flexible hose fitting was approximately 6 lbs and that a suspended ceiling meeting ASTM C-635, *Standard Specification for the Manufacture, Performance, and Testing of Metal Suspension of Acoustical Tile and Lay-In Panel Ceilings*, and installed in accordance with ASTM C-636, *Standard Practice for Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-In Panels*, can substantially support the load. In addition, the supporting material showed that the flexible hose connection can be attached to the suspended ceilings because it allows the necessary deflections under seismic conditions.

FlexHead[®] Satisfies New Seismic Code Requirements



FlexHead Industries recently satisfactorily completed full-scale seismic qualification testing at the Structural Engineering Earthquake Simulation Laboratory located at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Tests were conducted using the International Code Council (ICC) acceptance criteria “ICC-ES AC-156 Seismic Qualification Testing of Nonstructural Components”. This is the first time a sprinkler component has been seismically certified using test criteria accepted by the ICC.

- More than 90% of the states in the U.S. are adopting the International Building Code (IBC) that address, among other things, the installation of fire sprinkler systems in seismic zones.
- The latest version of the IBC defers to ASCE 7 for the sprinkler/ceiling design in Seismic Design Categories 9SDC) C and D, E & F.
- In Seismic Design Category C, suspended ceilings are to be designed and installed in accordance with Ceilings & Interior Systems Construction Association (CISCA) recommendations for Zones 0-2; and sprinkler heads and other penetrations shall have a minimum of 1/4-inch clearance on all sides.
- In Seismic Design Categories D, E & F, suspended ceilings are to be designed and installed in accordance with CISCA recommendations for seismic Zones 3 and 4 with some additional requirements. Except where rigid braces are used to limit lateral deflections, sprinkler heads and other penetrations shall have a 2-inch oversized ring, sleeve, or adapter through the ceiling to allow for free movement of at least 1 inch of ceiling movement in all horizontal directions.
- Flexible sprinkler connection provide characteristics that exceed the most stringent seismic code requirements. The flexibility of the hose allows the head to move with the ceiling in any direction during a seismic event without causing damage to the sprinkler system.
- FlexHead Industries recently satisfactorily completed full-scale seismic qualification testing at the Structural engineering Earthquake Simulation Laboratory located at the State University of New York at Buffalo using the International Code Council (ICC) testing standard “ICC AC-156 Seismic Qualification Testing of Nonstructural Components”.

Friction Loss Data and Specifications

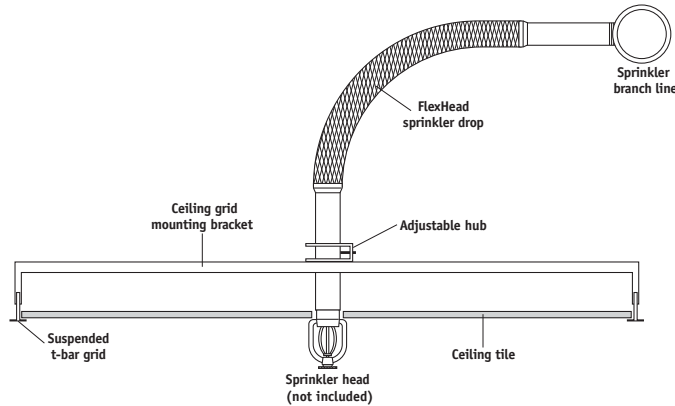
S O L O N O I O T I C I R F	FlexHead Model #	Internal I.D. in	Outlet (orifice) Size in (cm)	Hose Assembly Length ft (m)	Maximum Number of 90-Degree Bends (3 in. Bending Radius)	Maximum Equivalent Length of Schedule 40, Nominal 1 in. Diameter Pipe, ft FM	Maximum Ambient Temperature Rating F (C)	Maximum Rated Pressure H-Series psi (kPa)/psi (kPa)	Maximum K-factor
		2024, 2024H	1	1/2(1.27)	2(0.6)	3	3.5, 11	11 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)
	2036, 2036H	1	1/2(1.27)	3(0.9)	3	4.8, 19	16 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2048, 2048H	1	1/2(1.27)	4(1.2)	4	6.8, 21	24 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2060, 2060H	1	1/2(1.27)	5(1.5)	4	8.5, 24	29 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2072, 2072H	1	1/2(1.27)	6(1.8)	4	8.9, 27.5	35 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2024 75, 2024H 75	1	3/4(1.90)	2(0.6)	3	7.8, 15.3	12 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2036 75, 2036H 75	1	3/4(1.90)	3(0.9)	3	8.1, 22.3	18 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2048 75, 2048H 75	1	3/4(1.90)	4(1.2)	4	17.9, 32.1	23 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2060 75, 2060H 75	1	3/4(1.90)	5(1.5)	4	19.9, 35.4	29 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2072 75, 2072H 75	1	3/4(1.90)	6(1.8)	4	24.3, 42.9	32 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2024E, 2024HE	1	1/2(1.27)	2(0.6)	3	5.5, 13	19 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2036E, 2036HE	1	1/2(1.27)	3(0.9)	3	6.8, 21	23 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2048E, 2048HE	1	1/2(1.27)	4(1.2)	4	8.8, 23	27 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2060E, 2060HE	1	1/2(1.27)	5(1.5)	4	10.5, 26	32 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2072E, 2072HE	1	1/2(1.27)	6(1.8)	4	10.9, 29.5	35 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2024E 75, 2024HE 75	1	3/4(1.90)	2(0.6)	3	9.8, 17.3	18 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2036E 75, 2036HE 75	1	3/4(1.90)	3(0.9)	3	10.1, 24.3	23 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2048E 75, 2048HE 75	1	3/4(1.90)	4(1.2)	4	19.9, 34.1	23 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2060E 75, 2060HE 75	1	3/4(1.90)	5(1.5)	4	21.9, 37.4	29 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2072E 75, 2072HE 75	1	3/4(1.90)	6(1.8)	4	26.3, 44.9	32 300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	14.0
	2036F	1.25	1/2(5.6)	3(0.9)	3	2.4	300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2048F	1.25	1/2(5.6)	4(1.2)	4	4.7	300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2072F	1.25	1/2(5.6)	6(1.8)	4	7.7	300°(148°)	175(1205)/300(2068)	5.62
	2036F75	1.25	3/4(14)	3(0.9)	3	2.5	300°(148°)	175(1205)	14.0
	2048F75	1.25	3/4(14)	4(1.2)	4	4.5	300°(148°)	175(1205)	14.0
	2072F75	1.25	3/4(14)	6(1.8)	4	7.2	300°(148°)	175(1205)	14.0
	2036F100	1.25	1(14)	3(0.9)	3	3.0	300°(148°)	175(1205)	22.4
	2048F100	1.25	1(14)	4(1.2)	4	4.6	300°(148°)	175(1205)	22.4
	2072F100	1.25	1(14)	6(1.8)	4	6.7	300°(148°)	175(1205)	22.4

Model Numbers: The "H" designates high pressure unit rated to 300 psig and the "E" designates elbow style unit. The "F" designates high flow rate using 1 1/4" internal hose diameter.

FlexHead products are intended for use in hydraulically designed wet, pre-action, deluge or dry pipe sprinkler connections per NFPA 13, 13R, and 13D guidelines. The hydraulic loss of the FlexHead connector needs to be included in the hydraulic design calculations the same as a valve or fitting. *Each FlexHead sprinkler drop has a 3" minimum bend radius per UL guidelines, and a 7" minimum bend radius per FM guidelines.*

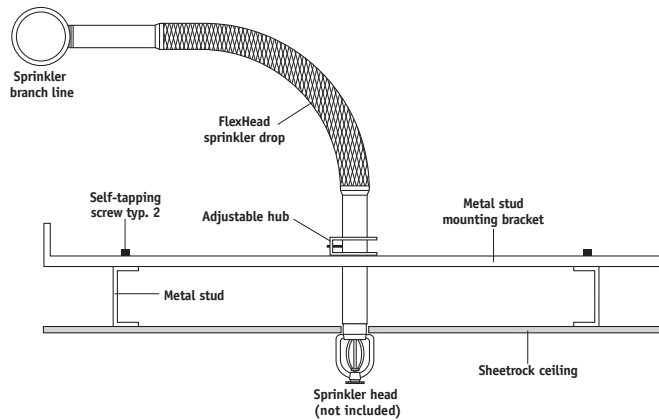
* Equivalent lengths are shown with maximum number of 90 degree bends at the minimum bend-radius. Different values were obtained by FM and UL due to the differences in minimum bend radius, testing protocol and calculation methods. Please see individual testing standards for more information relative to friction loss (Equivalent Length of Pipe).

FlexHead Suspended Ceiling Detail

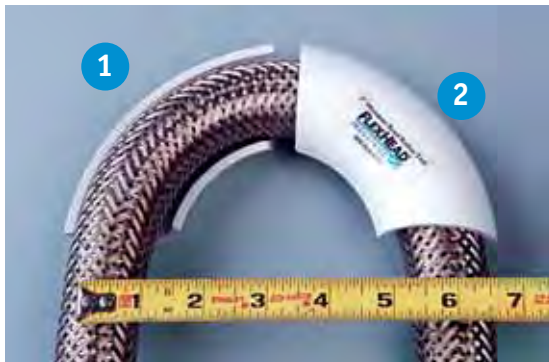


Each FM approved and UL listed unit is ready to install, pressure- and leak-tested, and comes complete with a flexible stainless steel hose and mounting bracket with adjustable hub.

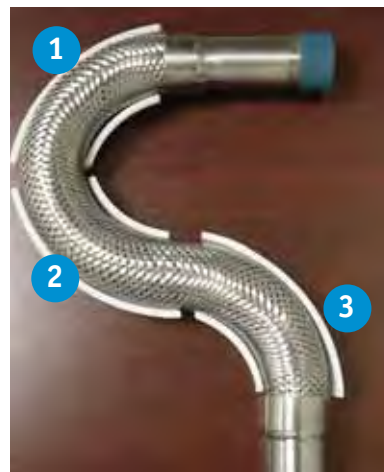
FlexHead Sheetrock Ceiling Detail



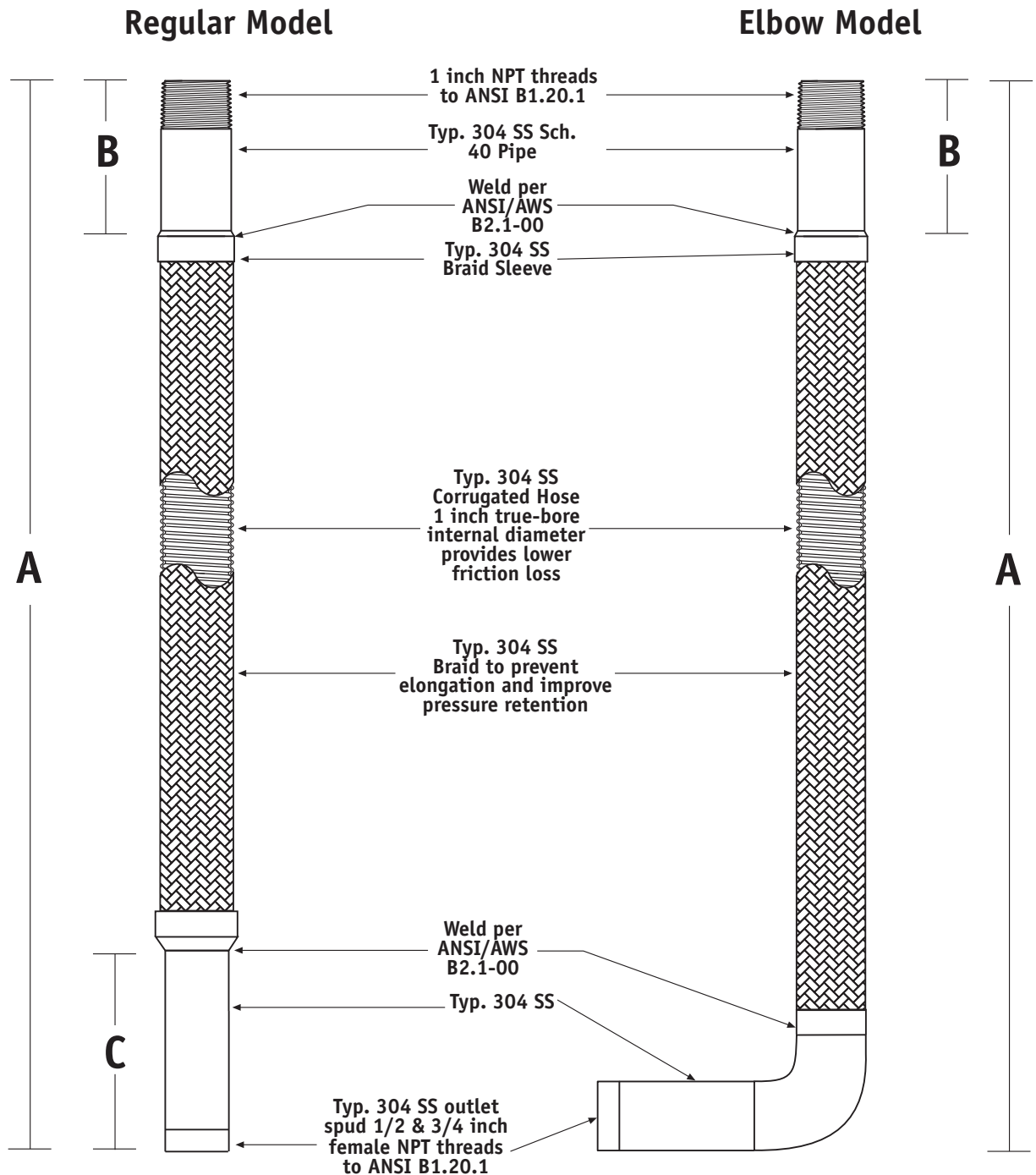
FlexHead 3" Bend Radius per UL Guidelines (2 Bends Shown)



FlexHead Shown with 3 Bends



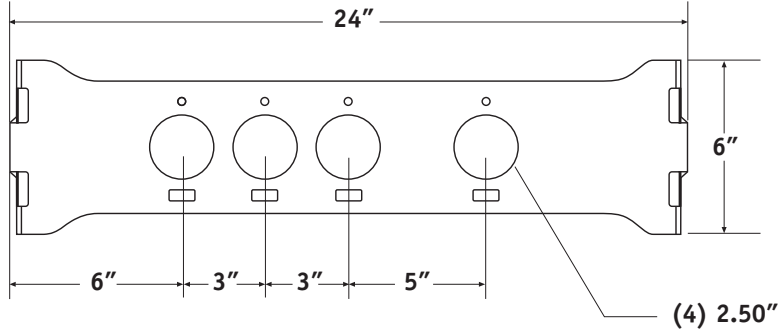
Hose Specification Sheet



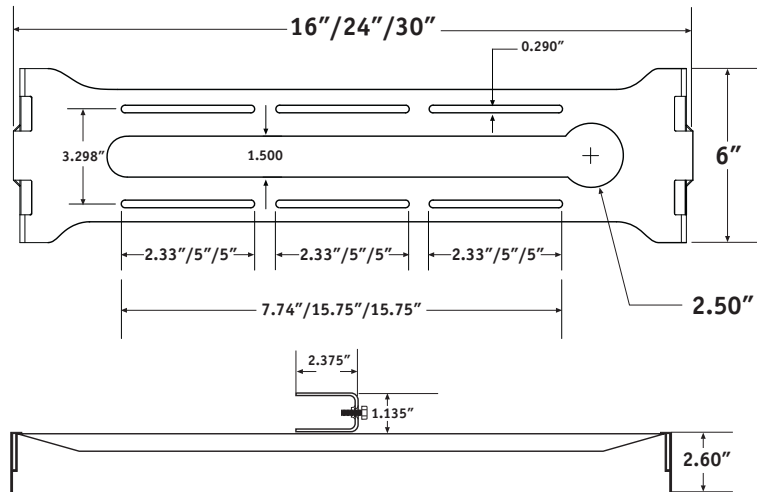
Model #	A (in.)	B (in.)	C (in.)	D (in.)	E (in.)
2024/2024E	24	3	4.5	1.5, 3, 4	3.5, 5, 6
2036/2036E	36	3	4.5	1.5, 3, 4	3.5, 5, 6
2048/2048E	48	3	4.5	1.5, 3, 4	3.5, 5, 6
2060/2060E	60	3	4.5	1.5, 3, 4	3.5, 5, 6
2072/2072E	72	3	4.5	1.5, 3, 4	3.5, 5, 6

Bracket Specification Sheet

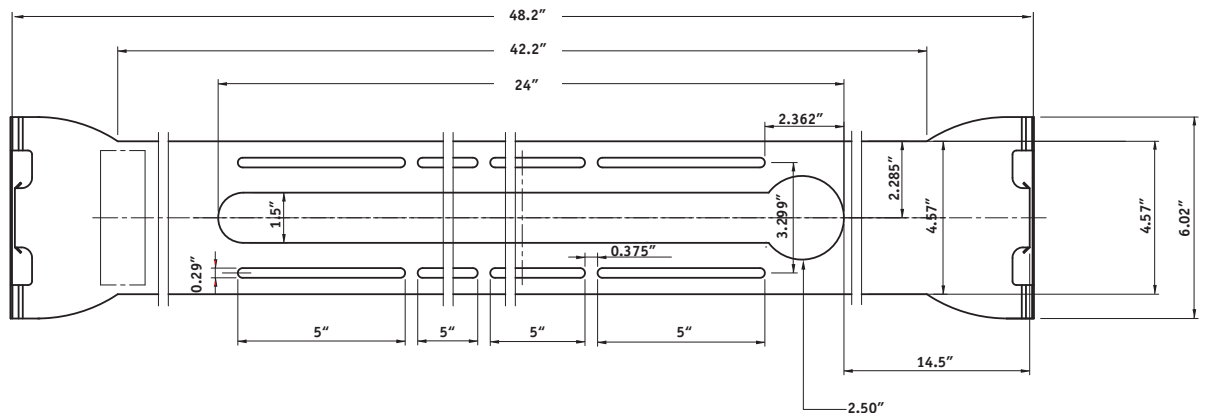
Multipoint Design (For use with T-bar and Metal Stud applications)
Model #: MP24BKT2



Adjustable Design (For use with T-bar, Metal Stud, and Chicago Grid applications): standard sizes are 16", 24" and 30" long
Model #: AD16BKT2/AD24BKT2/AD30BKT2



Adjustable Design (for use with T-bar, Metal Stud, and Chicago Grid applications):
standard size 48" long
Model #: AD48BKT2



FlexHead Commercial Products



24", 36", 48", 60", 72" hose lengths,
Rated working pressure 175psi, optional
300psi.
Straight model,
Standard 1" I.D., optional 1¼" I.D.
Model #: see page 5.



24", 36", 48", 60", 72" hose lengths.
Rated working pressure 175psi, optional
300psi.
Elbow model.
Standard 1" I.D., optional 1¼" I.D.
Model #: see page 5.



24" Multiport Bracket for T-bar Grid or
Metal Stud applications.
Model #: MP24BKT2 (standard bracket).



16"/24"/30" Adjustable Bracket for
T-bar Grid, Chicago Grid or Metal Stud
applications.
Model #: AD16BKT2/AD24BKT2/AD30BKT2.



Hat Channel Bracket System for Metal
Stud or Hat Channel applications.
Model #: AD24BKT2 with BKT-HTA.



Armstrong® TechZone Ceiling Bracket
for use with Armstrong TechZone Ceiling
systems. Available in both 4" and 6" long.
Model #: SPO4BKT2/SPO6BKT2.



Bracket for Confined Space applications
having a concrete deck above the ceiling.
Model #: UH-2.



48" Adjustable Bracket for T-bar Grid or
Metal Stud applications.
Model #: AD48BKT2.

Examples where Flexible Sprinkler Hose Fittings are used:



Suspended Ceilings



Exhaust Ducts



Institutional



Cleanroom Ceilings

Flexible Sprinkler Hose Fittings were developed to satisfy specific needs of the industry, save the industry millions in losses, provide superior seismic protection and promote the installation of sprinklers. They have been evaluated for use by both

Underwriters Laboratory and FM approvals and are tested to approval standards that were independently developed by the testing laboratories. The first listing for a Flexible Sprinkler Hose Fitting was in 1990.

Testing and Approvals

FM Global Testing — Approval Standard FM1637*

FlexHead® series 2000 stainless steel sprinkler connections

Hydrostatic Strength Test

A sample FlexHead was subjected to a hydrostatic pressure of four (4) times the rated working pressure of 175 psi (1205 kpa) to 700 psi (4825 kpa) for a period of five minutes. The assembly showed no signs of rupture, cracking, permanent distortion, or deterioration of performance characteristics. *The FlexHead successfully passed this test.*

Vibration Test

A sample FlexHead was secured to a vibration table. The FlexHead hose was bent in a 90° angle and pressurized to 90 psi (620 kpa) and the mounting bracket and hose were then subjected to a total of 25 hours of severe vibration conditions. After the successful completion of the vibration tests the sample was subjected to the hydrostatic pressure test at 700 psi and showed no signs of deterioration. *The FlexHead successfully passed this test.*

Friction Loss (Equivalent length of pipe)

To determine the effect of the FlexHead to the discharge coefficient of the sprinkler, the average friction loss through the FlexHead shall be equated to the theoretical length of nominal 1" diameter schedule 40 sprinkler pipe which would produce the same amount of friction loss. *Please see friction loss table.*

Vacuum Test

A sample FlexHead was subjected to a vacuum of 25 inHG for a period of five minutes. After the successful completion of the Vacuum Test the sample was subjected to the hydrostatic pressure test at 700 psi and showed no signs of deterioration. *The FlexHead successfully passed this test.*

Pressure Cycling Test

A sample FlexHead was filled with water and bent at a 90° angle and subjected to 20,000 cycles of pressure varying from 0 psi (0 kpa) to 175 psi (1205 kpa) at a rate of approximately 6 cycles per minute. After the successful completion of the pressure cycling tests the sample was subjected to the hydrostatic pressure test at 700 psi and showed no signs of deterioration. *The FlexHead successfully passed this test.*

Fatigue Test

A sample FlexHead was subjected to 50,000 cycles of repeated flexing at a rate of 5 to 30 cycles per minute per section 8.3 of ISO standard 10380. After the successful completion of the fatigue test the sample was subjected to the hydrostatic pressure test at 700 psi and showed no signs of deterioration. *The FlexHead successfully passed this test.*

Head Deployment

A sample FlexHead installed in a suspended ceiling was fitted with a sprinkler head and pressurized to 26–175 psi. The sprinkler head was then activated by a heat source at various pressures, and the sprinkler head deployed. The assembly showed no signs of distortion or deterioration of performance on the assembly or sprinkler head. *The FlexHead successfully passed this test.*

* Condensed Summary — Please see approval standard for full testing and approval criteria.



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FLEXIBLE SPRINKLER HOSE WITH FITTINGS FOR COMMERCIAL SUSPENDED CEILINGS

Flexible sprinkler hose with threaded end fittings are for use in commercial suspended ceilings. The flexible hoses are to be installed according to the manufacturer's directives. Unless indicated, the hoses have a rated working pressure of 175 (1205 kPa).

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Model	NPT in.	Hose Assembly length ft (m)
2024/2024 75	1/2 / 3/4	2 (0.6)
2036/2036 75	1/2 / 3/4	3 (0.9)
2048/2048 75	1/2 / 3/4	4 (1.2)
2060/2060 75	1/2 / 3/4	5 (1.5)
2072/2072 75	1/2 / 3/4	6 (1.8)

This is a standard flexible hose with a pressure rating of 175 psi (1205 kPa). Approval on these models of flexible metal sprinkler hose is limited for use in commercial suspended ceilings, with a ceiling bracket system manufactured by FlexHead Industries Inc. The brackets are identified below.

Model	NPT in.	Hose Assembly length ft (m)
2024E	1/2	2 (0.6)
2036E	1/2	3 (0.9)
2048E	1/2	4 (1.2)
2060E	1/2	5 (1.5)
2072E	1/2	6 (1.8)

This is a standard flexible hose with a pressure rating of 175 psi (1205 kPa). Approval on these models of flexible metal sprinkler hose incorporates a stainless steel elbow welded on the outlet end of hose and are limited for use in commercial suspended ceilings, with a ceiling bracket system manufactured by FlexHead Industries Inc. The brackets are identified below.

Model	NPT in.	Hose Assembly length ft (m)
2024H	1/2	2 (0.6)
2036H	1/2	3 (0.9)
2048H	1/2	4 (1.2)
2060H	1/2	5 (1.5)
2072H	1/2	6 (1.8)

The "H" designation indicates a pressure rating of 300 psi (2070 kPa). Approval on these models of flexible metal sprinkler hose is limited for use in commercial suspended ceilings, with a ceiling bracket system manufactured by FlexHead Industries Inc. The brackets are identified below.

Model	NPT in.	Hose Assembly length ft (m)
2024I	1/2	2 (0.5)
2036I	1/2	3 (0.9)
2048I	1/2	4 (1.2)
2060I	1/2	5 (1.5)
2072I	1/2	6 (1.8)

The "I" designation indicates and "Institutional" flexible hose with a pressure rating of 175 psi (1205 kPa). Approval of these models of flexible metal sprinkler hose is limited for use with pendant and horizontal sidewall applications with a UH-1 ceiling/wall bracket manufactured by FlexHead Industries.

The different FlexHead Industries, Inc. Brackets are identified as follows:

Part Number

MP-24-BKT-2

SP-06-TZ-BKT

AD-16-BKT-2

AD-24-BKT-2

AD-30-BKT-2

AD-48-BKT-2

TZ = Tech Zone

AD = Adjustable

BKT = Bracket

06 = Length in inches of bracket

16 = Length in inches of bracket

24 = Length in inches of bracket

30 = Length in inches of bracket

48 = Length in inches of bracket

Testing and Listings

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FlexHead® series 2000 stainless steel sprinkler connections

Hydrostatic Pressure Test

The sample length is to be measured and then the hydrostatic pressure increased to 1.5 times the rated working pressure and held for 1 minute. The sample length is then to be measured again and the length shall not change by more than 0.1 inch/foot of hose length.

Mechanical Strength Test

A flexible sprinkler hose with fittings installed in its intended position using the anchoring components referenced in the installation instructions shall withstand a torque of 60 pound-feet (81 Nm) applied to the outlet without movement of the fitting outlet, deformation, or fracture.

High Temperature Exposure Test

Two samples are to be prepared and subjected to a hydrostatic pressure of twice the rated working pressure. The samples are then to be allowed to dry and then exposed to an ambient temperature in accordance with Table 10.1 for 90 days. Following this exposure, the samples are to be individually subjected to a hydrostatic pressure of twice the rated working pressure for 1 minute.

Vibration Test

Samples are to be vibrated for a period of 30 hours at frequencies ranging from 18 to 37 Hz. During and after being subjected to the required vibration, the samples are to be examined for signs of leakage, rupture, or movement of the outlet fitting affecting the performance of the flexible hose assembly.

Equivalent Length Determination

A sample of each length shall be tested in straight lengths and with the maximum number of minimum radii bends referenced in the installation instructions. The calculated pressure loss from the piezometers, corrected for the inlet and outlet velocities, are to be subtracted from the test sample results to obtain a pressure drop for the fitting. Using the Hazen-Williams coefficient of friction of 120, the equivalent length, in feet (m) of pipe, is to be calculated.

Salt Spray Corrosion Test

Ferrous flexible sprinkler hose with fittings and ferrous anchoring components not protected with a coating shall withstand an exposure to a salt spray atmosphere for 10 days without exhibiting any incipient corrosion.

Stress-Corrosion Cracking of Stainless Steel Parts Test

Austenitic stainless steel parts shall show no evidence of cracking, delamination, or degradation after being subjected to boiling magnesium chloride solution. The exposure is to last for 150 hours. The test samples are to be examined using a microscope having a magnification of 25X for any cracking, delamination, or other degradation as a result of the test exposure.

Low Temperature Test for Dry Pipe Systems

Each sample is to be gradually pressurized with air to a pressure of 40 psig (276 kPa) and then sealed. The pressurized assembly is then to be placed horizontally in air maintained at a temperature of minus 40°F (minus 40°C) for a period of 24 hours. Following the 24 hour low temperature exposure, the assembly is to be placed in room ambient temperature of 73 ±5°F (23 ±3°C) for an additional 24 hour period. There shall be no decrease in the pressure in the assembly from the pressure measured before the low temperature exposure.

Pressure Cycling Test

The samples are to be connected to a pressure cycling apparatus, filled with water and vented of all air. The internal pressure is to be cycled 3,000 times from 0 psig (0 kPa) to twice the rated working pressure to 0 psig (0 kPa) at an approximate rate of 10 cycles per minute. During the pressure cycling, observations are to be made for evidence of leakage or physical damage.

Vacuum Test

Flexible sprinkler hose with fittings shall withstand a vacuum of minus 8.84 psi (minus 61 kPa) without collapse, leakage, or other deterioration of the flexible sprinkler hose and fitting performance characteristics.

High Pressure Flow Test

Flexible sprinkler hose with fittings and its anchoring components shall maintain the attached sprinkler in the intended operating position while the sprinkler discharges water at 90 percent of the rated pressure of the flexible sprinkler hose.

Fatigue Test (Limited Flexibility)

Flexible hose with fittings shall withstand without leakage or damage repeated flexing in a direction parallel to the axis of the end fittings. The number of flexing cycles shall be 100 cycles.

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Flexible Sprinkler Hose with Fittings

See General Information for Flexible Sprinkler Hose with Fittings

FLEXHEAD INDUSTRIES

EX5269

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Model	Rated Pressure psig	Max Ambient Temp, °F	Nom Inlet by Outlet Size, in.	Assembly Length ft (mm)	Max No. of 90° Bends	Min Bend Radius, in.	Equivalent Length of 1 in. Schedule 40 Steel Pipe (C=120), ft	Flexibility Type
2024	175	300	1 by 1/2	2	3	3	11	Limited
2036	175	300	1 by 1/2	3	3	3	16	Limited
2048	175	300	1 by 1/2	4	4	3	24	Limited
2060	175	300	1 by 1/2	5	4	3	29	Limited
2072	175	300	1 by 1/2	6	4	3	35	Limited
2024	175	300	1 by 3/4	2	3	3	12	Limited
2036	175	300	1 by 3/4	3	3	3	18	Limited
2048	175	300	1 by 3/4	4	4	3	23	Limited
2060	175	300	1 by 3/4	5	4	3	29	Limited
2072	175	300	1 by 3/4	6	4	3	32	Limited
2024H	300	300	1 by 1/2	2	3	3	11	Limited
2036H	300	300	1 by 1/2	3	3	3	16	Limited
2048H	300	300	1 by 1/2	4	4	3	24	Limited
2060H	300	300	1 by 1/2	5	4	3	29	Limited
2072H	300	300	1 by 1/2	6	4	3	35	Limited
2024H	300	300	1 by 3/4	2	3	3	12	Limited
2036H	300	300	1 by 3/4	3	3	3	18	Limited
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2060H	300	300	1 by 3/4	5	4	3	29	Limited
2072H	300	300	1 by 3/4	6	4	3	32	Limited
2024E	175	300	1 by 1/2	2	3	3	19	Limited
2036E	175	300	1 by 1/2	3	3	3	23	Limited
2048E	175	300	1 by 1/2	4	4	3	27	Limited
2060E	175	300	1 by 1/2	5	4	3	32	Limited
2072E	175	300	1 by 1/2	6	4	3	35	Limited
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2024HE	300	300	1 by 1/2	2	3	3	19	Limited
2036HE	300	300	1 by 1/2	3	3	3	23	Limited
2048HE	300	300	1 by 1/2	4	4	3	27	Limited
2060HE	300	300	1 by 1/2	5	4	3	32	Limited
2072HE	300	300	1 by 1/2	6	4	3	35	Limited
2024HE	300	300	1 by 3/4	2	3	3	18	Limited
2036HE	300	300	1 by 3/4	3	3	3	23	Limited
2048HE	300	300	1 by 3/4	4	4	3	23	Limited
2060HE	300	300	1 by 3/4	5	4	3	29	Limited
2072HE	300	300	1 by 3/4	6	4	3	32	Limited

These flexible sprinkler hose with fittings are intended to be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

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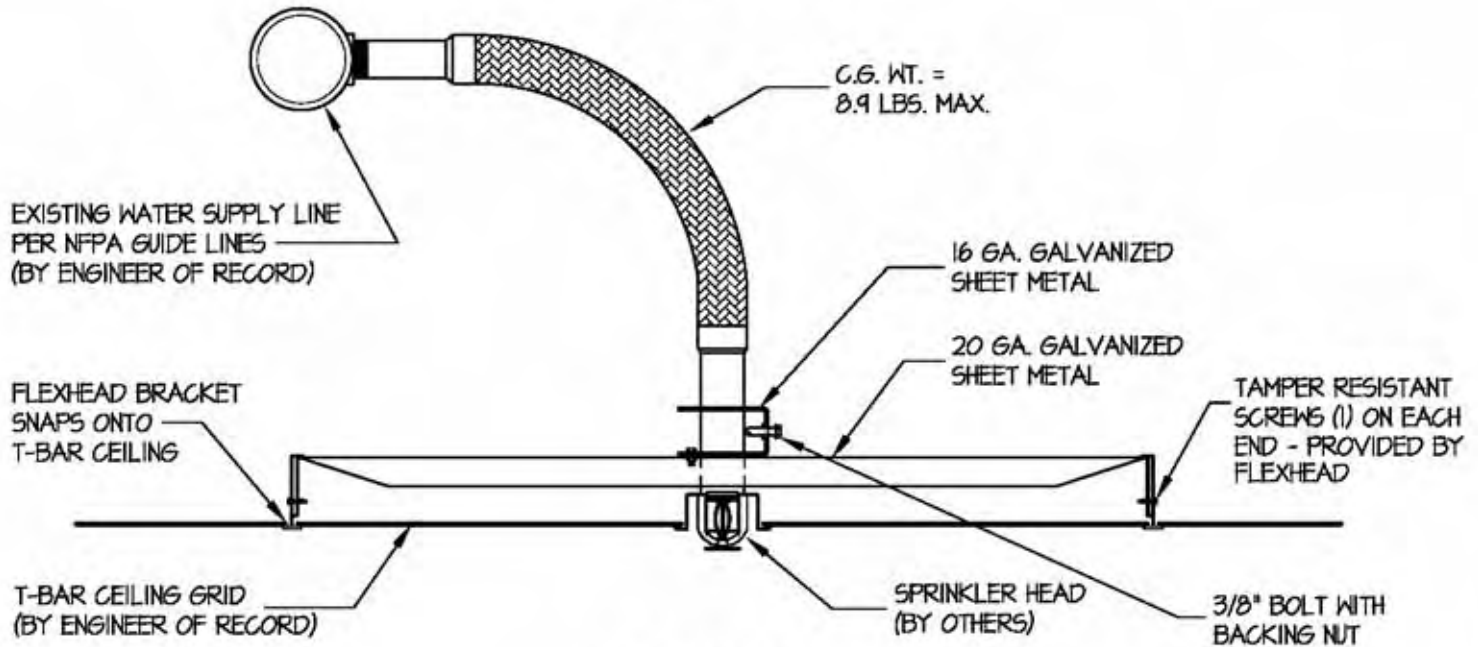
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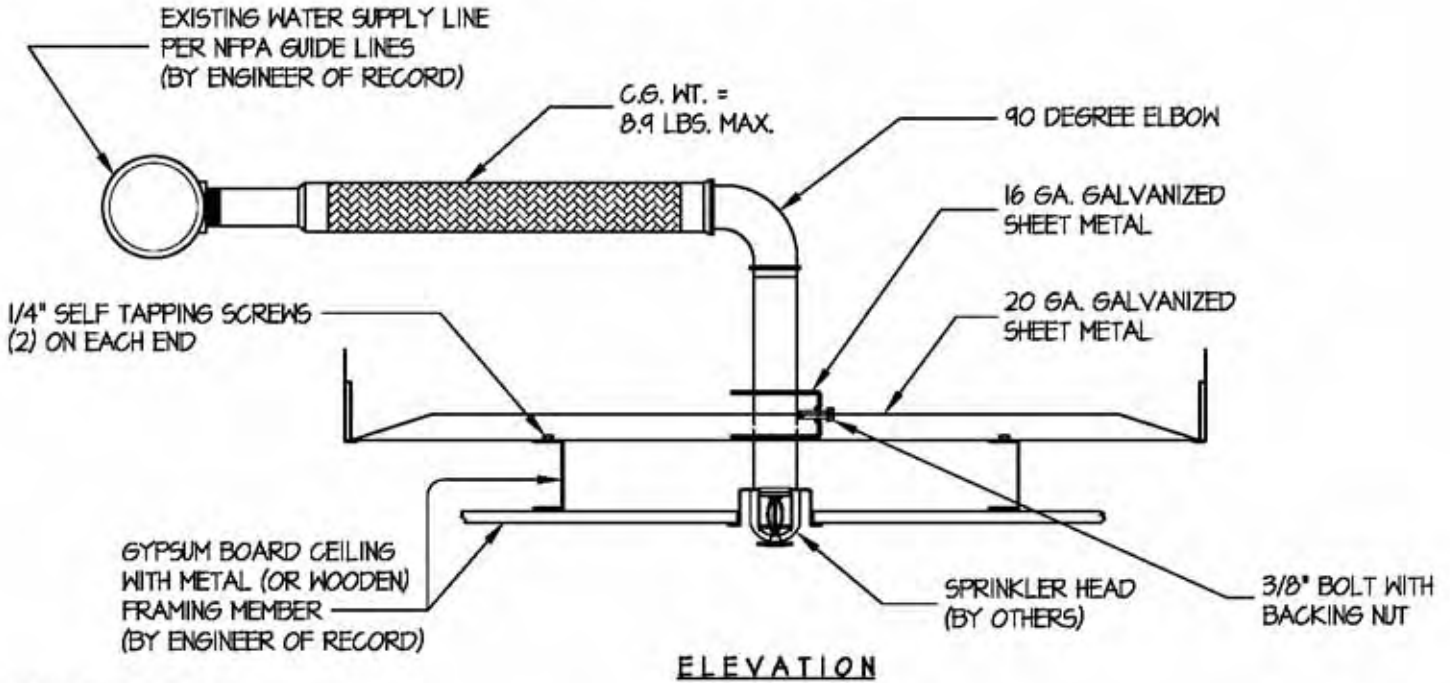
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June 21, 2001

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Our Reference: File EX5269
Subject: FlexHead Flexible Sprinkler Hose Fittings Installed Onto Dry Wall Ceiling Grid

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

This letter is in regard to the subject.

Base upon review of the FlexHead UL Listed flexible sprinkler hose fitting system, installation onto a dry wall ceiling grid is acceptable when the ceiling-mounted bracket is screwed to a rigid surface. Self-tapping screws are used to affix the FlexHead mounting bracket to the surface, using the four ports provided which are pre-drilled onto the mounting bracket.

Very truly yours,

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November 15, 2006

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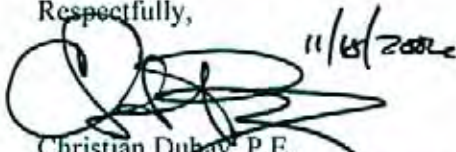
This letter is in response to your email dated November 13, 2006 which discussed listed flexible sprinkler hoses, specifically FlexHead. Your question relates to the acceptability of listed technology which was not specifically addressed in previous editions of NFPA 13, including the 1999 and 2002 editions.

NFPA 13, 1999 Section 1-2 and NFPA 13, 2002 Section 1.6 provide specific text that addresses new technology. It is the intent of the current and previous editions of NFPA 13 to allow the use of listed technologies where they are not specifically addressed in NFPA 13. The base requirement is that they be installed in compliance with all of the listing requirements and manufacturers' instructions. These statements have been provided by the technical committees to address the very situation that you have described. In essence, where a new technology is developed, tested and listed as acceptable for automatic fire sprinkler use it can be utilized in accordance with NFPA 13 with no additional requirements other than those in the listing and manufacturers' instructions.

In summary it is the intent of NFPA 13 to permit the use of technologies, equipment and materials not specifically addressed in NFPA 13 where they are specifically listed for fire sprinkler use and where they have been installed in accordance with the listing requirements and the manufacturers' instructions.

Please be aware that this response does not constitute a Formal Interpretation as explained in the Important Notice below.

Respectfully,


Christian Dubay, P.E.
Principal Fire Protection Engineer
NFPA 13 Staff Liaison

File: NFPA 13

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July 17, 2007

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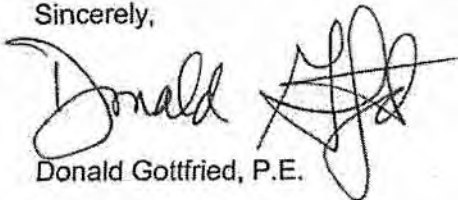
Enclosed is a final official signed copy of MEA acceptance of your product, MEA 261-99-E Vol. 3, which you may use as proof of your product acceptance in New York City.

This document, together with proper labeling and installation in accordance with New York City Building Code, will enable the inspector to know that the product installed is legal.

All shipments and deliveries of accepted materials to the job site are required to be labeled or tagged in accordance with the format below:

Accepted For Use
City of New York
Department of Buildings
MEA 261-99-E Vol. 3
Company Name

Sincerely,



Donald Gottfried, P.E.

C: Deborah F. Taylor, AIA, LEED AP
Executive Director, Special Projects and MEA

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- Electronics
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