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Wellhead Sealing Guide

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About James Walker

The Oil & Gas industry

James Walker has long been committed to the provision of sealing solutions for the exploration and production of oil and gas.

Our capabilities in high performance materials science are relied upon worldwide by customers who need top quality materials that are validated and proven to operate:

- · At extremes of pressure
- In chemically aggressive and physically abrasive environments
- Under rapid gas decompression (RGD) conditions
- In naturally occurring chemical / sour gas environments
- With large clearances and / or poor surface conditions
- To the highest performance specifications laid down by international industry
- · With temperature cycling regimes
- · At extremes of temperature
- Where failure could have significant health & safety, environmental or financial risk

The correct selection and specification of sealing materials and products is a prerequisite to the safe and effective operation of plant and the prevention of expensive downtime.

Please see the relevant James Walker guide for comprehensive product descriptions.

To get your copy, see the contact details on the rear cover, or visit our website www.jameswalker.biz.

Technology & innovation

- Working in partnership with the Oil & Gas industry for over 40 years
- In-house development of world-beating rapid gas decompression (RGD) resistant elastomers
- Confidential research projects both for and in partnership with clients
- Development of current best in class emissions control technology for valve stem sealing

Testing and verification

- We hold test equipment for all relevant ANSI, API, ASA, ASTM, BS, DIN, DTD, ISO and NATO standards
- Environmental chambers capable of replicating conditions from -70°C to +130°C
- Rapid gas decompression rigs

 amongst the most advanced in the world
- Steam skid for testing seal design and materials under steam regimes
- Rotary and reciprocating test rigs with a variety of shaft sizes and speeds up to in excess of 6,000 rpm
- Chemical type-approval testing allowing customers the opportunity for third party-witnessed testing of elastomers and polymers in their anticipated chemical environment

Manufacturing excellence

- Special expertise in the machining of thin-walled annular components
- Highly skilled at working with nickel alloys that are difficult to machine
- Total control from concept through manufacture to supply and commissioning
- Full certification and traceability of all materials
- In-house processing and compound manufacture of elastomers and thermoplastics
- James Walker Moorflex is API Spec Q1 licensed for ring joint manufacture
- ISO 9001:2008 approved for design, manufacture and technical support

Customer service

- Key operational hubs in Aberdeen, Houston, Singapore and Rio de Janeiro
- Worldwide family of James Walker companies
- Over 50 production, engineering, distribution and customer support sites spread across Europe, Australasia, Asia Pacific, Africa and the Americas
- Local network of James Walker companies and official distributors working in close partnership with customers in well over 100 countries

General information

Health warning: If PTFE or fluoroelastomer (eg,FKM, FFKM, FEPM) products are heated to elevated temperatures, fumes will be produced which may give unpleasant effects, if inhaled. Whilst some fumes are emitted below 250°C from fluoroelastomers or below 300°C from PTFE, the effect at these temperatures is negligible. Care should be taken to avoid contaminating tobacco with particles of PTFE or fluoroelastomer, or with PTFE dispersion, which may remain on hands or clothing. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are available on request.

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To ensure you are working with the very latest product specifications, please consult the relevant section of the James Walker website: www.jameswalker.biz.

'O' rings Versatile sealing devices for wide range of static and dynamic Tie-down & Precision-moulded, high-integrity endless rings Materials include NBR, HNBR or lock-down screw packings FKM elastomers Available in thousands of imperial and metric sizes SAE AS568, BS1806/4518 See JW elastomeric seals & Seals for bolts used to fasten and retain tubing & casing components guide See JW 'O' Rings Guide Customised design to meet specific requirements Available in compressed expanded graphite, PTFE or moulded elastomers See JW elastomeric seals & components guide **Specialist** machined components Metal seals and H4 gaskets 'S' seals Thinwall machiningCasing and tubing hangers Extrusion-resistant double-acting Precision machining capability seal for arduous static sealing High nickel alloys duties available for internal or external groove applications Full materials traceability See JW Moorflex metal seals Materials: tough HNBR or FKM and components guide elastomers Stainless steel anti-extrusion toroidal springs Wide range of sizes to fit standard SAE housings Validated to API 6A See JW elastomeric seals & components guide **MEC** seals Hybrid metal/elastomer extrusionresistant seals for high-pressure casing and tubing applications Compression packings Makes intimate metal-to-metal seal with housing Extensive range of packing products for pump, valve, lid and gland sealing duties Energised by bonded highperformance elastomer Stainless steel or inconel for Class-leading TA-Luft certified corrosion resistance Supagraf® Premier and Supagraf® Control Range of sections and sizes Shell standard SPE85-203 / 204 PremiPak combination packing See JW Compression Packings Guide 0 FS casing, tubing and Casing and tubing hanger seals on wellheads Tough Elast-O-Lion® hydrogenated nitrile **Casing & tubing** Stainless steel anti-extrusion toroidal springs hanger packing Standard API diameters from 4 to 30 inch Tested to API 6A For axial sealing against See JW elastomeric seals & tubing or casing pipe components guide Various designs available depending on application and service conditions Rectangular section of elastomer, with or without anti-extrusion elements See JW elastomeric seals & components guide Valve sealing and RotaBolt® assured components tension control Spring energised PTFE lip seals 'O' rings Metal and semi-metallic gaskets Valve bonnets Bolts and stud tension control indicators For applications requiring precise tensioning of bolts Finger-feel registering device loosens if tension drops below Valve seat carriers Devlon® V-API thermoplastic seats and seat insert material specified level PTFE, graphite, PEEK and Range of materials to ensure compatibility and corrosion nylon seats See JW valve sealing and resistance emissions control guide Wide range of sizes See JW bolted joint integrity guide Moorside® API ring joints Metaflex® spiral Metal seals for wide range of high-pressure oilfield applications wound gaskets Materials: soft iron, low carbon For pipe and vessel flanges in steel, alloys and stainless steels arduous temperature, flow or API and ASME standards vibration conditions Range of standard sections and V-section stainless steel or alloy strip, combined with graphite or PTFE filler ASME, BS, DIN standards See James Walker Moorflex metal seals and components guide TA-Luft emission control certified • Diameters: 10mm to 3.5m See James Walker Moorflex gasket technology guide

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