

Trivia

did you know that ...

Your heart beats 101,000 times a day. During your lifetime it will beat about 3 billion times and pump about 800 million pints (378 million liters) of blood. A normal heart beats 70 to 80 times a minute.

When you do an eye test, the distance between you and the eye chart is 20 feet. The distance was chosen because the rays of light, as you experience it from your two eyes, are about parallel to an object at that distance.

Planets, meaning wanderers, are named after Roman deities: Mercury, messenger of the gods; Venus, the god of love and beauty; Mars, the god of war; Jupiter, king of the gods; and Saturn, father of Jupiter and god of agriculture; Uranus, the god of the Sky and Heavens; Neptune, god of the sea; Pluto, the god of the underworld. Earth is the only planet not named after a mythological character.

If you stack one million US \$1 bills, it would be 110 m (361 ft) high and weight exactly 1 ton.

A soccer ball is made up of 32 leather panels, held together by 642 stitches.

The longest tennis match took place at Wimbledon in 2010 when John Isner of the United States beat Nicolas Mahut of France 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3), 70-68 in a match that lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes, played over 3 days, June 22, 23 and 24.

A twillionaire is a twitterer with a million or more followers.

Flickr hosts some 5 billion photographs, Facebook hosts more than 15 billion.

The names of the three wise monkeys are Mizaru (see no evil), Mikazaru (Kikazaru – hear no evil), and Mazaru (Iwazaru – speak no evil).

There are no letters assigned to the numbers 1 and 0 on a phone keypad. These numbers remain unassigned because they are so-called “flag” numbers, kept for special purposes such as emergency or operator services.

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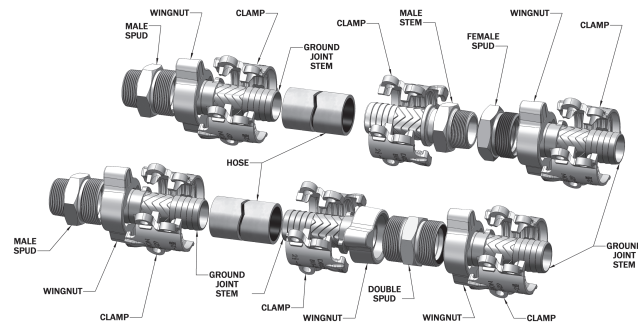
Product Spotlight

Boss Couplings

Dixon's Boss Couplings supply a convenient threaded fitting to connect two lengths of hose, or a single length, to a male or female threaded (NPT) outlet.

The spud part of the coupling serves as one half of the connection and is usually fixed to the equipment. The stem part that is clamped to the hose is the other half. The two halves are connected or disconnected by rotating the wing nut onto or off the spud. When connected they achieve a mechanical, as well as, a pressure seal.

Boss couplings are all-purpose hose couplings, universally recommended for steam hose connections. They are also widely used for air, water, fluid petroleum, chemicals and liquid petroleum gas. Boss couplings can be applied to many types of rubber, synthetic, metallic or semi-metallic hose.



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Safety Spotlight

Safety Recommendation

Steam demands respect! A sudden burst of steam can be extremely dangerous! Steam hose couplings should not be a quick acting style but rather a threaded union type, such as our Boss series of couplings. When a threaded union is loosened under pressure, vapor will trace up the thread and serve as a warning to the operator that the line is "live". The operator then has time to safely re-tighten the threaded components, thus resealing the coupling.

Worn-out hose couplings can be dangerous. They should be checked regularly and replaced when necessary. Each coupling user should review applications and add safety devices where indicated.

Pressurized steam is an extremely dangerous commodity. Only hose, fittings, clamps and accessory items that have been approved for steam service should ever be used! Never use an unapproved item for steam service. Always follow the manufacturer's product recommendations for pressurized steam handling.

Dates in History

1819 On February 22nd, Spanish minister Do Luis de Onis and U.S. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams signed the Florida Purchase Treaty, in which Spain agreed to cede the remainder of its old province of Florida to the United States.

1884 On February 1st, the first portion, or fascicle, of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED), considered the most comprehensive and accurate dictionary of the English language, was published. Today, the dictionary's second edition is available online to subscribers and is updated quarterly with over 1,000 new entries and revisions. At a whopping 20 volumes weighing over 137 pounds, it would reportedly take one person 120 years to type all 59 million words in the OED.

On the Lighter Side

The boss was very exasperated with his new secretary. She ignored the telephone when it rang. "You must answer the telephone," he told her irritably. "All right," she replied, "but it seems so silly. Nine times out of ten, it's for you!"

*Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?
Soldier: Sure, buddy. (starts looking for change...)
Officer: That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?
Soldier: No, SIR!*

A man was interviewing for a job. The interviewer said, "In this job we need someone who is responsible." "I'm the one you want," the man replied. "At my last job every time anything went wrong, they said I was responsible."

On his first day working at the gas station, John watched a senior co-worker measure the level of gasoline in the underground tanks by lowering a giant measuring stick down into them.

*"What would happen if I threw a lit match into the hole?" John said as a joke.
"It would go out," the co-worker replied in a very factual manner.*

*"Really?" John asked, surprised to hear that. "Is there a lack of oxygen down there or some safety device that would extinguish it before the fumes ignited?"
"No, the force from the explosion would blow out the match."*

Two cab drivers met. "Hey," asked one, "what's the idea of painting one side of your cab red and the other side blue?" "Well," the other responded, "when I get into an accident, you should see all the witnesses contradict each other!"