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Fuseal Fusion Locking Collar

We are pleased to announce the release of the new 1½”-6” Fuseal fusion locking collar.

After many years of proven reliability, we have improved the Fuseal rotatable collar by adding a locking feature that will prevent the collar from falling off the fitting hub during shipment and installation. To achieve this, we have molded “locking tabs” into the fusion collars and re-tooled our fitting molds to provide an exterior groove on all hubs (see picture below). When assembled at our production facility in Little Rock, AR, the collar-locking tab inserts into the groove, holding the collar tightly to the fitting while still allowing for the 360° rotation that installers have praised for many years. As part of the collar improvement, we are also introducing a new coil-winding process which greatly improves the integrity of the wound coil. Other features of the new locking collar include adding a batch button for production traceability and the slots in the collar outer wall for visual confirmation that the collar is properly locked in place.



Product Identification and Pricing

The introduction of the new fusion locking collar is not a change-out with the existing fusion collars:

- The new locking collar will **not** fit on current Fuseal fitting hubs (non-grooved)
- The current Fuseal collar (non-locking) **will** fit onto the new grooved fitting hubs
- We will transition to the new locking collar as existing inventories are depleted. No current inventory (either fittings or collars) will be scrapped or made obsolete by the introduction of the new locking collar and grooved fitting into the market.
- To more easily identify this product change, the new locking collars will be molded of black PPFR (Polypropylene Flame Retardant) material.

All Fuseal fittings will continue using the same part numbers as identified in our current Engineered Piping Systems Price List and they will begin to arrive with the new locking collar installed. We have assigned new part numbers for the new locking collars as individual components required for replacement and/or stock. Please see the table below for the new part numbers of the new locking collars:

| Part Number | Size | Description |
|-------------|------|---|
| 526042 | 1½" | Fusion Locking Collar w/Plastic Clamp |
| 526043 | 2" | Fusion Locking Collar w/Plastic Clamp |
| 526044 | 3" | Fusion Locking Collar w/Plastic Clamp |
| 526045 | 4" | Fusion Locking Collar w/Plastic Clamp |
| 526046 | 6" | Fusion Locking Collar without Plastic Clamp |

List price for all Fuseal fittings, including the new Fuseal fusion locking collar will remain unchanged until December 31, 2013. The new locking collars will continue to be boxed in cartons of 10.