



# UltraFLEXX™ Coupling

**The Industry's  
Most Flexible  
Steel Coupling  
Featuring the  
Exclusive  
"Strut" Design**



The **UltraFLEXX Coupling** is the newest innovation from Coupling Corporation of America. Its unique 'strut' design offers the most flexibility and the lowest spring rates of any coupling presently available. Its exceptionally light-weight design does not compromise performance or reliability.

## Ideal Applications

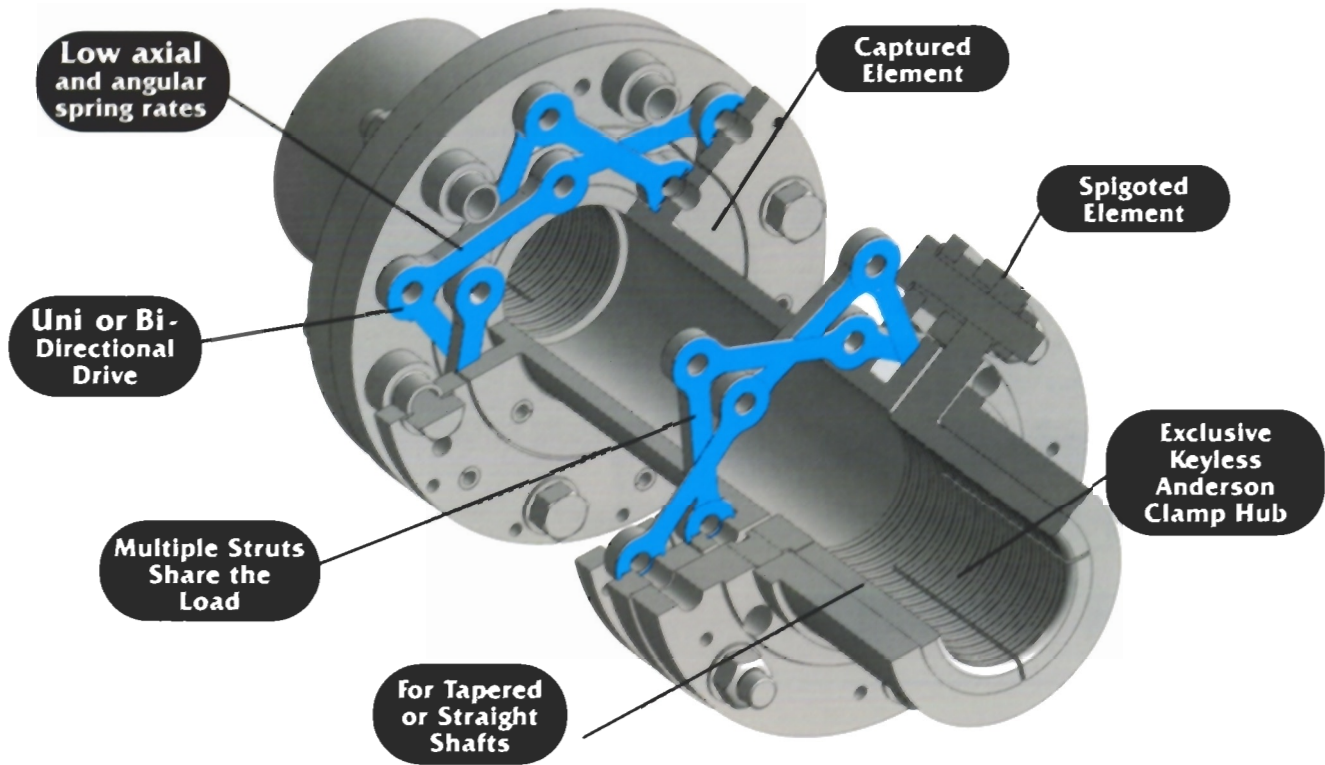
- Pumps
- Compressors
- Gas Turbines
- Motor Drives
- Auxiliary Drive Turbines
- Feed Rollers
- Marine Applications
- High Misalignment Areas
- High Thermal Growth Equipment

Since 1968 CCA has been making couplings by focusing on the driving and driven machines, and then designing couplings to complement them. Because the UltraFLEXX has the lowest spring rates in the industry, all coupled machines benefit from longer life and outstanding performance.



UltraFLEXX Spacer Coupling size 200 shown without hubs.

# UltraFLEXX Up Close



## Unmatched Benefits of the UltraFLEXX

### Feature

- Multiple struts share the load
- High torque capability in small diameter package
- No lubrication
- Very low axial and angular spring rates
- Spigoted fit - element to hub
- No loose parts
- Dynamically balanced
- Captured element
- Easy hub adjustment for flange to flange spacing

### Value to User

- Scratch on a strut will not destroy coupling
- Easy replacement for other couplings, including gear couplings
- Reduces maintenance cost
- Very low forces exerted on shafts, bearings, and seals so they last longer
- Repeatable assembly and no loose parts
- Continual balance
- No coupling related vibrations
- In the unlikely event of a failure, the spacer element is piloted inside the hub rings
- Faster installation and no hot work permits required

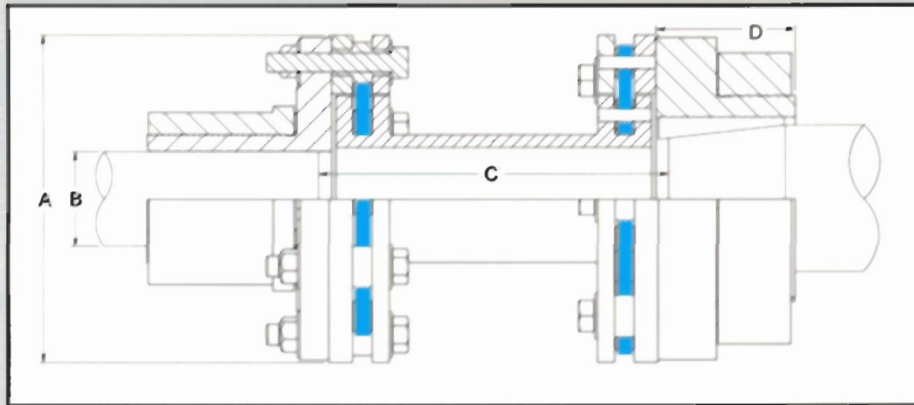


**UltraFLEXX couplings come standard with Anderson Clamp Hubs for a strong shaft connection with no keys, heat, or hydraulics. See our Anderson Clamp Hub brochure for more details. Other hub styles are available as well.**



# UltraFLEXX Spacer Coupling

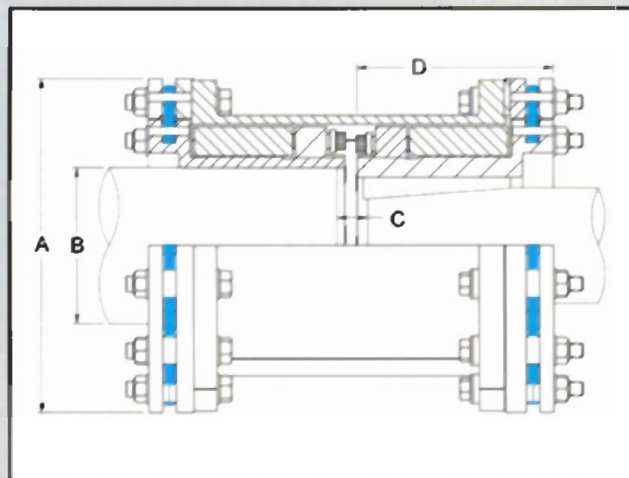
The UltraFLEXX is designed to provide extreme flexibility in most standard applications. The angular and axial spring rates are far lower than any coupling in the industry which means the amount of wear on seals and bearings is dramatically reduced.



| Size | Max Cost Torque (in-lbs) | B Max Bore (in) | Max HP/1000 RPM |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 100  | 4,260                    | 2.500           | 68              |
| 125  | 7,280                    | 2.875           | 116             |
| 162  | 17,800                   | 4.000           | 282             |
| 200  | 34,200                   | 4.750           | 543             |
| 250  | 62,400                   | 5.875           | 990             |
| 312  | 124,500                  | 7.500           | 1,975           |
| 400  | 263,500                  | 9.000           | 4,181           |
| 500  | 670,800                  | 10.875          | 10,643          |
| 630  | 832,800                  | 12.00           | 13,214          |
| 800  | 1,656,000                | 14.00           | 26,276          |
| 1000 | 3,284,400                | 16.0            | 52,113          |
| 1250 | 6,416,400                | 19.0            | 101,809         |
| 1620 | 12,931,200               | 22.0            | 205,179         |
| 2000 | 26,604,000               | 26.0            | 422,125         |
| 2500 | 51,324,000               | 30.0            | 814,356         |

## Close-Coupled UltraFLEXX

The Close-Coupled UltraFLEXX is ideal for applications in which the shafts are too close for normal spacer couplings. In most cases, an axially split sleeve is used to connect the flexible elements. This allows hub-to-shaft adjustment without moving the machinery. For high speed close-coupled situations, the spacer is split through the center at the shaft gap.



| Size | Max Cost Torque (in-lbs) | B Max Bore (in) | Max HP/1000 RPM |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 100  | 4,260                    | 1.220           | 52              |
| 125  | 7,280                    | 2.250           | 103             |
| 162  | 17,800                   | 2.625           | 224             |
| 200  | 34,200                   | 3.500           | 416             |
| 250  | 62,400                   | 4.464           | 825             |
| 312  | 124,500                  | 5.660           | 1,600           |
| 400  | 263,500                  | 6.591           | 3,370           |
| 500  | 520,000                  | 8.00            | 6,580           |
| 630  | 832,800                  | 9.00            | 13,214          |
| 800  | 1,656,000                | 10.00           | 26,276          |
| 1000 | 3,284,400                | 11.00           | 52,113          |

**Materials**



# Engineering and Dimensional Data

| Max RPM | Total Coupling Weight (lbs) | Total $Wn^2$ (lb-in <sup>2</sup> ) | Coupling Axial Travel +/- (in) | Axial Spring Rate (lb/.001 in) | Angular Misalign. per end +/- (deg) | Angular Spring Rate per end (in-lb/deg) | Torsional Stiffness (in-lb/rad) x 10 <sup>6</sup> | Spacer Tube Torsional Stiffness (in-lb/rad/in) x 10 <sup>6</sup> | Spacer Tube weight (lbs/in) | Spacer Tube $Wn^2$ (lb-in <sup>2</sup> /in) | A Coupling Outer Dia. (in) | C Std. Dist. Between Shaft Ends (in) | C Min. Dist. Between Shaft Ends (in) | D Std. Hub Length (in) |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 22,000  | 11.4                        | 24.2                               | 0.090                          | 0.193                          | 0.5                                 | 14.7                                    | 0.41  | 3.76   | 0.18                        | 0.10  | 4.333                      | 5.00                                 | 3.50                                 | 2.50                   |
| 18,000  | 18.8                        | 57.2                               | 0.100                          | 0.147                          | 0.5                                 | 17.0                                    | 0.72  | 8.13   | 0.23                        | 0.21  | 5.192                      | 7.00                                 | 3.75                                 | 2.75                   |
| 15,000  | 42.7                        | 235.8                              | 0.125                          | 0.136                          | 0.5                                 | 26.1                                    | 1.89  | 25.1   | 0.47                        | 0.64  | 6.831                      | 7.00                                 | 4.75                                 | 3.75                   |
| 13,000  | 69.3                        | 486.7                              | 0.160                          | 0.113                          | 0.5                                 | 31.6                                    | 3.63  | 58.3   | 0.76                        | 1.50  | 7.908                      | 8.00                                 | 5.50                                 | 4.50                   |
| 11,000  | 130                         | 1,292                              | 0.210                          | 0.125                          | 0.5                                 | 43.8                                    | 6.05  | 112  | 1.7                         | 2.88  | 9.434                      | 10.00                                | 6.50                                 | 5.38                   |
| 10,000  | 192                         | 2,575                              | 0.270                          | 0.629                          | 0.5                                 | 371                                     | 18.5  | 350  | 1.6                         | 9.0   | 10.767                     | 10.00                                | 6.50                                 | 5.50                   |
| 9,000   | 396                         | 9,754                              | 0.350                          | 0.458                          | 0.5                                 | 439                                     | 37.6  | 940  | 2.7                         | 24.1  | 14.397                     | 12.00                                | 9.75                                 | 8.63                   |
| 8,000   | 829                         | 30,578                             | 0.450                          | 0.387                          | 0.5                                 | 671                                     | 90.9  | 3,240  | 5.1                         | 83  | 18.123                     | 14.00                                | 13.00                                | 11.88                  |
| 7,500   | 1,580                       | 48,000                             | 0.500                          | 0.30                           | 0.5                                 | 740                                     | 170   | 7,000  | 8.0                         | 180   | 21.90                      | 16.00                                | 15.00                                | 14.00                  |
| 6,000   | 2,900                       | 190,000                            | 0.562                          | 0.20                           | 0.5                                 | 880                                     | 340   | 16,000   | 14                          | 410   | 27.50                      | 18.00                                | 18.00                                | 16.00                  |
| 4,700   | 5,600                       | 550,000                            | 0.625                          | 0.80                           | 0.5                                 | 1,240                                   | 670   | 40,000   | 22                          | 880   | 35.80                      | N/A                                  | 24.00                                | 18.00                  |
| 3,800   | 9,800                       | 960,000                            | 0.688                          | 0.70                           | 0.5                                 | 1,520                                   | 1300  | 90,000   | 36                          | 1,900                                       | 44.00                      | N/A                                  | 24.00                                | 20.00                  |
| 2,900   | 16,000                      | 3.8E+06                            | 0.750                          | 0.60                           | 0.5                                 | 1,800                                   | 2500  | 210,000  | 58                          | 4,200                                       | 56.00                      | N/A                                  | 36.00                                | 22.00                  |
| 2,400   | 28,000                      | 1.1E+07                            | 0.812                          | 1.00                           | 0.5                                 | 2,400                                   | 5000  | 500,000  | 84                          | 8,600                                       | 72.00                      | N/A                                  | 36.00                                | 24.00                  |
| 1,900   | 52,000                      | 1.9E+07                            | 0.875                          | 0.90                           | 0.5                                 | 3,200                                   | 10000   | 1.20E+06   | 140                         | 17,000                                      | 88.00                      | N/A                                  | 36.00                                | 26.00                  |

Weight, inertia and torsional stiffness are given for typical bore and std BSE. Sizes larger than 500 are application specific; numbers listed are estimates. Values given are subject to change.

**ALWAYS USE A COUPLING GUARD**

| Max RPM | Total Coupling Weight (lbs) | Total $Wn^2$ (lb-in <sup>2</sup> ) | Coupling Axial Travel +/- (in) | Axial Spring Rate (lb/.001 in) | Angular Misalign. per end +/- (deg) | Angular Spring Rate per end (in-lb/deg) | A Coupling Outer Dia. (in) | C Std. Dist. Between Shaft Ends (in) | C Max. Dist. Between Shaft Ends (in) | D Std. Hub Length (in) |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 8,000   | 15                          | 52                                 | 0.100                          | 0.147                          | 0.5                                 | 17                                      | 5.192                      | 0.125                                | 2.500                                | 3.50                   |
| 7,000   | 22                          | 190                                | 0.125                          | 0.136                          | 0.5                                 | 26.1                                    | 6.831                      | 0.125                                | 3.500                                | 4.00                   |
| 5,800   | 36                          | 426                                | 0.160                          | 0.113                          | 0.5                                 | 31.6                                    | 7.908                      | 0.188                                | 3.750                                | 5.00                   |
| 5,500   | 62                          | 1,080                              | 0.210                          | 0.125                          | 0.5                                 | 43.8                                    | 9.434                      | 0.25                                 | 5.125                                | 5.75                   |
| 4,200   | 110                         | 2,476                              | 0.270                          | 0.629                          | 0.5                                 | 371                                     | 10.767                     | 0.25                                 | 7.125                                | 6.50                   |
| 3,400   | 180                         | 9,345                              | 0.350                          | 0.458                          | 0.5                                 | 439                                     | 14.397                     | 0.312                                | 7.500                                | 7.25                   |
| 3,000   | 320                         | 24,300                             | 0.450                          | 0.387                          | 0.5                                 | 671                                     | 18.123                     | 0.375                                | 8.625                                | 10.00                  |
| 2,600   | 780                         | 42,000                             | 0.500                          | 0.30                           | 0.5                                 | 740                                     | 21.90                      | N/A                                  | 9                                    | 13.00                  |
| 2,200   | 1400                        | 160,000                            | 0.562                          | 0.20                           | 0.5                                 | 880                                     | 27.50                      | N/A                                  | 10                                   | 16.0                   |
| 1,800   | 2600                        | 520,000                            | 0.625                          | 0.80                           | 0.5                                 | 1240                                    | 35.80                      | N/A                                  | 12                                   | 18.0                   |
| 1,500   | 5200                        | 940,000                            | 0.688                          | 0.70                           | 0.5                                 | 1520                                    | 44.00                      | N/A                                  | 12                                   | 20.00                  |

Weight and inertia are given for typical bore and std BSE. Sizes larger than 400 are application specific; numbers listed are estimates. Values given are subject to change.

**Anderson Clamp Hubs** - 4000 series or equivalent alloy steel heat treated to 130,000 PSI UTS minimum.

**Hub rings, sleeves** - carbon steel or 4000 series alloy.

**Flex elements** - 17-7PH, 301 full hard.

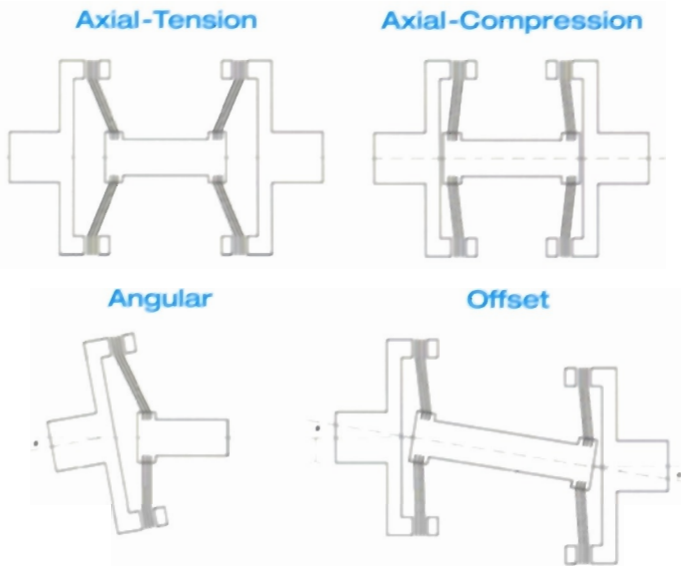
**Bolts** - AISI 4140, 4340, 6150, 8740 alloy steel heat treated to grade 8 minimum.

**Locknuts** - grade C minimum.

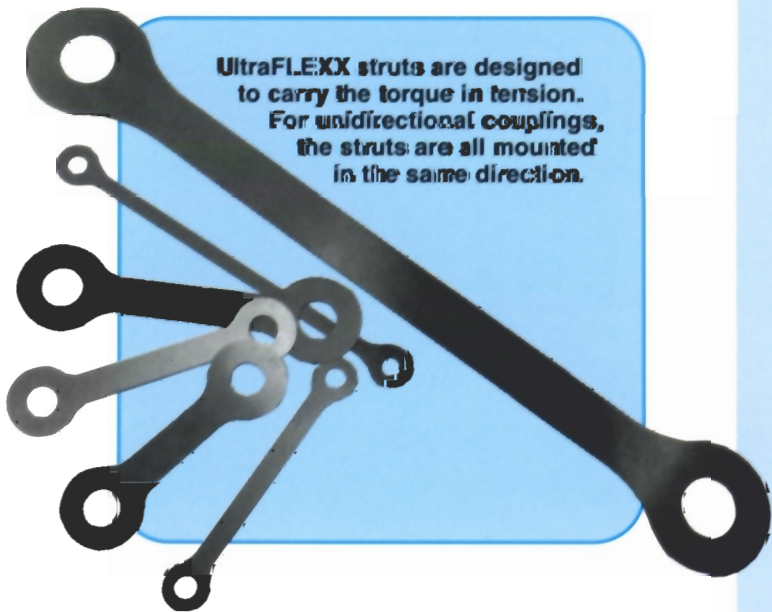
**Special materials available such as INCO 718, Beryllium copper, Titanium, Monel.**



The UltraFLEX is specifically engineered to handle misalignments:



**UltraFLEX** couplings are a unique assembly of tension struts that transmit torque from the driver to the driven member. Typically, the driver hub connects to an outer ring which is connected through the flexible struts to a center member. The struts are extremely strong and flexible which makes them very efficient in accepting torque and bending with no strain or damage to any part of the system.



UltraFLEX struts are designed to carry the torque in tension. For unidirectional couplings, the struts are all mounted in the same direction.

## INSTALLATION and REMOVAL

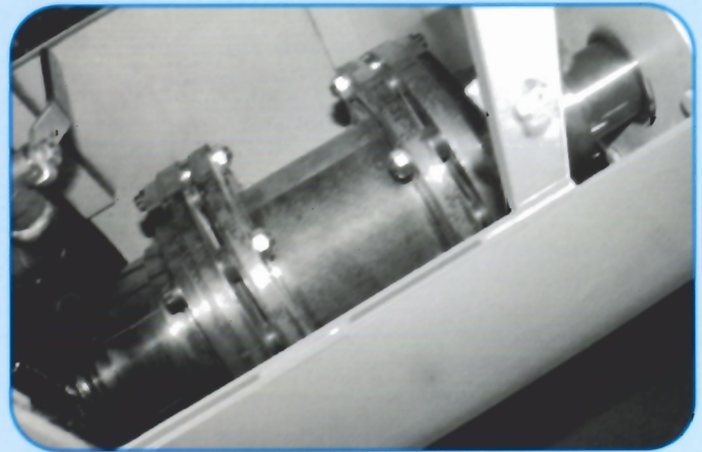
Factory assembled elements simplify installation of UltraFLEX couplings. Light interference spigoted fits ensure repeatable positions.

Anderson Clamp hubs are self-centering and provide easy repeatable installation and easy removal. Shimmiing is not necessary for correct flange-to-flange face measurements because the Anderson Clamp hub can be axially positioned very easily.

Push off holes and field balance correction holes are standard on high performance UltraFLEX couplings.

Installation procedures and dimensional drawings are supplied with all couplings. Pre-stretch and/or special alignment procedures are provided as needed.

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Size 200 UltraFLEX running a 300 HP water service pump at 3,600 RPM

## BALANCING

Balancing is incorporated into the design and manufacture of UltraFLEX couplings. Parts are tightly assembled. Spigoted fits are light interference for repeatable assembly. There are no loose parts to ensure that UltraFLEX couplings maintain balance. Bolts are delivered in sets and are weight balanced on high speed or API applications.

For API or special applications, any of the balance procedures are available and are jointly agreed upon by the customer and CCA. CCA minimizes tooling for most effective balance. In addition, CCA can use its proprietary 4 bearing machinery modeling setup on a hard bearing balance machine for ideal machine simulations.

Major components are match-marked after assembly and balanced when appropriate. Field balance correction holes are standard on most high speed and high performance UltraFLEX couplings.



# UltraFLEXX Offers Complete Application Flexibility

Torque release couplings, clutch couplings, low torsional spring rate couplings, special flange adapters, flywheel adapters, solo plates, reversed hub, single hinge point couplings, vertical shaft couplings, cooling tower couplings, and solid shaft couplings are all available.

The low axial and angular spring rates of the FLEXXOR and UltraFLEXX together with the adaptability of the Anderson Clamp hub are unparalleled in design flexibility.

**High Speed UltraFLEXX** - For applications where weight and diameter need to be minimized, the High Speed UltraFLEXX is the ideal coupling.

**Disengaging coupling** - A device that normally carries torque but can easily be switched to allow both sides to spin freely.

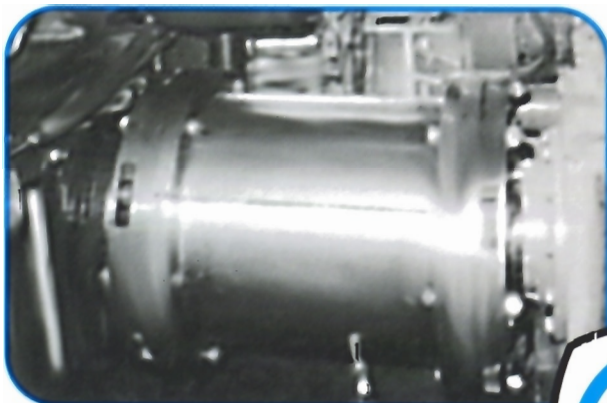
**Torque limiting coupling** - The UltraFLEXX can be designed to stop transmitting torque at a preset limit by using shear pins or a spring-loaded "breaker" system.

**Torsionally soft coupling** - Coupling Corporation can design couplings with quill shafts to virtually eliminate all torsional vibrations.

**Limited End Float coupling** - The UltraFLEXX can be designed so that the axial movement is limited to a small distance.

**Flywheel UltraFLEXX** - One flexible element can be mounted directly to a flywheel, while the other end has a standard hub.

**Cooling Tower coupling** - The UltraFLEXX can be made with a long, tubular spacer. The spacer tube is lightweight and very stiff and can be made of stainless steel or a composite material to suit the application. It is capable of large misalignment with low forces on motor and gear shafts for outstanding reliability and performance.



Close-coupled UltraFLEXX-size 800 operating at 6 RPM at 75 HP. Note: This coupling is operating properly even with 4 degrees misalignment.



UltraFLEXX size 250 running a 100 HP pump at 3,600 RPM



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