INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR CONTROLLING MECHANICAL MOVEMENT
Often imitated, never duplicated.

HELI-CAL® Flexure, flexible couplings are machined from single piece, homogenous high-strength materials into helical (curved beam) configurations which eliminate elastomeric elements like rubber bushings, spiders, rubber discs and pads. Helical couplings compensate for shaft misalignment and work at high speed, transmitting high torque at a constant velocity. There is zero backlash. No maintenance is needed.

Helical couplings provide dynamic stability and vibration-free, smooth bearing loads, even at misaligned positions. Helical couplings find applications in petrochemical plants, instrumentation, encoders, lead screws, ball screws, air cooling units, pumps, machine tools, CNC machines, duplicators, computer peripherals, wind power generators, anywhere there is a need for managing motion.

Six reasons why you should buy HELICAL

State-of-the-art, single piece, flexible (and torsionally stiff) couplings, utilizing the HELI-CAL Flexure.

- No maintenance, no backlash, no lubrication, constant velocity, and smooth bearing loads.

Engineering collaboration
- Technical consultation (free).

Quality product
- Fifty years experience in perfecting manufacturing machinery and procedures used to produce HELI-CAL Flexure couplings that are of consistent high quality.

Service/on time shipping
- We do what we say we’ll do e.g.- if we say, shipment in five working days we mean shipment in five working days.

Originator of HELI-CAL Flexure couplings
- Over 10,000 successful coupling designs; over 30,000 customers served.

Total product offerings
- In addition to a full line of standard couplings, the HELI-CAL Flexure can accommodate a variety of design requirements, such as special/customized end attachments like tangs, clamps, flanges or threaded ends.
Now You Can Dream . . .

The inspiration for the HELI-CAL Flexure, the cylindrical helix ingredient for our basic Helical product lines, came from the observation that one piece, “flexured” flexible couplings offered maximum versatility in terms of form, function and reliability.

Over time, the adaptability of the HELI-CAL Flexure has helped to solve thousands of mechanical misalignment and motion control problems.

The unique, mechanical characteristics of the “Flexure” have enabled Helical Products Company to develop a series of highly versatile, “flexured” products which can compensate for irregularities such as angular and skewed misalignment, parallel offset and axial motion. All of this can be accomplished while maintaining constant rotational velocity and smooth bearing loads.

Here’s the HELI-CAL Flexure . . .

...as a flexible coupling

...as a U-joint

...as a machined spring

The HELI-CAL Flexure is a flexible helix (curved beam) machined from one piece of material into a specific configuration that incorporates special design requirements, performance features and/or characteristics.

Helical’s product lines today include miniature flexible couplings, u-joints, machined springs, and power transmission flexible couplings.

The following pages present the many advantages of HELI-CAL Flexure technology. The charts, data and information are based on our “standard” series of one-piece, flexible couplings, which are usable for a multitude of applications. As you become acquainted with the Flexure, you will see how versatile it can be, with for example, specials, machined springs, u-joints, and attachments. You will see also how the HELI-CAL Flexure can have a positive and marked impact on system performance, production efficiencies and overall cost savings.

If you do not see it here, just contact us. Our application engineers can design, develop and produce a custom HELI-CAL Flexure to meet your specific requirements.
Connecting Dreams with Design Solutions: The HELI-CAL Flexure Problem Solver

Freedom of design... for maximum versatility

The Helical hallmark is flexibility in form and function. Designed from the start with your goals in mind and manufactured to exacting specifications, the HELI-CAL Flexure offers many problem-solving, performance-enhancing features.

Coil configuration

The individual performance capability of each Flexure is determined by: coil width, inside diameter, number of coils, number of starts and material. Altering any one of these factors changes the performance characteristics of the “Flexure.”

For example, the HELI-CAL Flexures illustrated display identical outside diameters and lengths. The effects of their variable characteristics—such as coil width, inside diameter, number of coils and starts are explained in the adjacent pictures.

Coil widths and inside diameters

As the coil width or inside diameter are changed such aspects as torque...angular misalignment (bending moment)... parallel offset (radial load)... torsional stiffness... and compression spring rate, are altered.

Number of coils

As the number of coils is changed, all of the characteristics except the torque capacity are affected.

Number of coil starts

1) A single start design has one continuous coil.
2) A double start has a second coil starting 180 degrees from the first.
3) A triple start has three interwound coils, each spaced 120 degrees apart.

When a multi-start helix is used (double or triple), the effect is to increase the torque capacity and torsional stiffness while reducing misalignment capabilities (angular and parallel).

Material

The proper material used in the manufacture of any HELI-CAL Flexure affects much more than just torque capacity. Factors such as elasticity, fatigue, corrosion resistance, mass, magnetic permeability, operating temperature, availability and cost also play important roles. High strength materials such as 17-4PH CRES*, 15-5 PH, C300, BETA C Titanium and 7075-T6 Aluminum, are just a few of the common choices for meeting design and performance needs.

* CRES - Corrosion resistant steel
When the number of coils is changed the torque capability remains unaffected. All of the other characteristics change.

Multiple, (typically two) helical beams provide high torsional stiffness. Shown: single, double and triple start.

**Attachments**

In addition to being able to alter the characteristics of the HELI-CAL Flexure, you may have your attachment method integrated into the final product.

Typical attachment options might include:

- integral clamps
- set screws
- set screw at one end and an integral clamp at the other
- pins
- slotted hubs
- flanges
- gears
- removable caps
- threaded bores with a wrench flat
- or . . . whatever your design requires

**Bore variety**

Helical Flexures may be engineered to include a variety of bore configurations. These variations include round, threaded, single or double-D, spline, keyway, tapered or ... it’s your choice!

The HELI-CAL Flexure or flexible coil section of the coupling can be custom designed and manufactured to your specifications. Whether your considerations include high torque, angular or parallel misalignment, critical torsional stiffness, precise compression spring rates, or special end connections, chances are excellent that the HELI-CAL Flexure will meet or exceed your particular design requirements.

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**The HELI-CAL Flexure, Basic Product Summary**

(page 9), summarizes our basic series of HELI-CAL Flexure couplings. By referring to various charts and coupling descriptions, you will see how to select a product that meets your design parameters.

(See pages 10-21 for product specifics)

For more information or engineering assistance, please contact us.
Design Benefits of the Flexure

More than a coupling

The HELI-CAL Flexure concept brings enormous design flexibility to your applications. Depending on your needs, the Flexure can serve as a flexible shaft coupling, universal joint, spring clutch, machined spring or your own unique specialized component.

Adaptability

The Flexure’s ability to accommodate various performance characteristics and Helical’s ability to integrate attachments directly enhances your freedom to design.

One-piece integrity

Not only does the Flexure integrate multiple functions and parts into a single compact unit—no moving parts, no maintenance and no backlash—it can incorporate complex attachments.

State-of-the-art

High quality performance is achieved with magnetic or non-magnetic corrosion-resistant stainless steel, as well as aluminum alloys. Flexures are also successfully manufactured using various materials such as Delrin™ and titanium.

Operating Characteristics

Misalignment compensation

The flexing capacity of the HELI-CAL Flexure can compensate for a variety of misalignments, including parallel, angular and skewed (three-dimensional) misalignment. The Flexure solutions for these misalignment situations are shown in the adjacent photographs.

Angular misalignment is the easiest form of misalignment for most couplings to accept, and thus one of the most practical applications of a flexible coupling. Allowing only enough space between coils to partially close the gap during bending, the HELI-CAL Flexure can accept an angular misalignment of 20 degrees or more (and even up to 90 degrees in special u-joint applications).

Optimized torque capacity

The basic requirement of a flexible coupling is to transmit torque loads without permanent distortion or damage and without imposing undue bending or radial loads upon the driver or driven components. Once the working torque rating of a HELI-CAL Flexure coupling is established—based on misalignment and design criteria, material specifications and service factors supplied during the design process—its operational life is virtually unlimited.

Configurable torsional stiffness

Every flexible shaft coupling has some torsional flexibility. Torsional flexibility reflects the amount of twist in a system; torsional stiffness the degree of resistance against twist. The HELI-CAL Flexure can be configured (with thicker coils, for example), to provide the exact amount of torsional flexibility required in an application.
Parallel misalignment is the most difficult form of mis-alignment for couplings to compensate for. It can also be the most damaging to shafts, bearings and motors. The HELI-CAL Flexure, through lateral displacement, transforms an application’s parallel misalignment problems into angular displacement within the coupling. The center coils of the HELI-CAL Flexure can become an intermediate shaft that can allow 10, 20 or 30 thousandths of an inch of parallel offset or more.

When shafts are not in the same plane (skewed), the HELI-CAL Flexure’s abilities to compensate are the same as with either parallel or angular misalignment - but in the third dimension. A Flexure designed with more coils in a series can compensate for as much three-dimensional misalignment as your application requires.

Smooth bearing loads
Bearing loads are primarily generated by a coupling’s natural resistance to bending, and can be very destructive forces to an apparatus and its rotational components. The HELI-CAL Flexure maintains a very constant radial and bending load at all points of rotation, providing exceptionally uniform bearing loads.

Angular misalignment, which can induce large fluctuations in rotational velocity in many coupling designs, is corrected by the HELI-CAL Flexure’s constant spring rate at all points of rotation.

Torsional variations, which can induce differences in hub-to-hub velocity when subjected to dynamic loading, are minimal in steady-state applications of the HELI-CAL Flexure.

Concentricity, when there is a lack of it—particularly in the case of couplings with back lash or where production variation is difficult to prevent—the HELI-CAL Flexure’s one-piece integrity minimizes sinusoidal variations.

Continued -
Adaptable Operating Speeds

The ability to adapt to high—and low—speed applications is another inherent benefit of the HELI-CAL Flexure’s design. The Flexure transmits motion throughout its length and cross section in a continuous helix from end to end. Torsional loading tends to make the HELI-CAL Flexure draw toward its centerline, reducing the chance of whipping action normally associated with rotating components. Consequently, vibrations are kept to a minimum at all rotating points.

Axial Compensation

Axial movement is inherent in any rotating componentry, such as the rotor assembly in a motor. Through compression/extension, the HELI-CAL Flexure absorbs and compensates for axial movement or end play. The curved-beam structure of the HELI-CAL Flexure operates naturally in this axial compensation mode, and special designs can accommodate for even large displacement applications.

HELICAL

This sampling of “standard” HELI-CAL Flexure couplings and specialized u-joints illustrates the variety of materials, coil configurations, bore diameters and attachment methods available to you.

No matter what its size or shape, the HELI-CAL Flexure design assures performance, reliability, quality and versatility, arguably unmatched in the coupling industry.

HELICAL Flexure, Basic Product Summary

Refer to the summary chart on the next page to get an idea as to which coupling series most closely fits your application needs. You’ll then be able to find the appropriate coupling by following the series column down to the page number. If you do not see the coupling you need in these pages, let us know. Our engineers can create special Flexure designs to meet your particular performance demands.

The charts on the following pages highlight features and technical data for each of the standard HELI-CAL coupling series.

Information covered by each chart includes:
- Dimensional data
- Special notes
- Performance data
- Ordering information
HELI-CAL Flexure, Basic Product Summary

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**Description**
- **General purpose, light to medium duty.** An economical, maintenance free coupling with metric dimensions, used in a variety of applications.
- **Stainless steel version of the "WA(C)" series, with higher torque capacity and torsional stiffness.** Increased fatigue resistance with metric dimensions and fasteners.
- **Low inertia, high performance, aluminum coupling, using Helical double start technology.** Torsionally stiffer and higher torque capacity than the "A" series. Lighter with lower inertia than the "H" series.
- **A general purpose aluminum coupling, used where more parallel misalignment is required.** Has a large range of shaft sizes, with optional keyways.
- **Stainless steel version of "MCA(C)" series, with higher torque capacity and torsional stiffness.** Increased fatigue resistance.
- **General purpose, light to medium duty.** An economical, maintenance free coupling, used in a variety of applications.
- **Stainless steel version of "A" series, with higher torque capacity and torsional stiffness.** Increased fatigue resistance.

**Typical applications**
- Used for encoder/resolver applications, low torque pump, lead screw and various other applications.
- For situations requiring a heavy duty coupling, for pump, lead screws, and positioning systems. Also for process equipment in industrial situations. Anywhere a rugged, tough, long-lasting coupling is needed.
- Good for encoder/resolver applications, moderate torque pump, lead screw, and various other applications.
- Used for encoder/resolver applications, low torque pump, lead screw and various other applications.
- For situations requiring a heavy duty coupling such as pumps, lead screws, and positioning systems; also for process equipment in industrial situations. Anywhere a rugged, tough, long-lasting coupling is needed.

**Misalignment compensation**
- 5° angular, .25mm parallel offset, .25mm axial motion
- 5° angular, .25mm parallel offset, .25mm axial motion
- 3° angular, .010 inch parallel offset, .008 inch axial motion
- 5° angular, .030 inch parallel offset, .010 inch axial motion
- 5° angular, .030 inch parallel offset, .010 inch axial motion
- 5° angular, .010 inch parallel offset, .010 inch axial motion
- 5° angular, .010 inch parallel offset, .010 inch axial motion

**Torque range**
- 0.59-20 Nm  | 1.2-39 Nm  | 12-234 lbin  | 20-286 lbin  | 40-556 lbin  | 1.2-51 lbin  | 2.4-100 lbin

**Standard bore diameters** (inch and/or metric bores available)
- 0.118-0.787 inch 3mm-20mm
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- 0.188-0.750 inch 4.78-19.05mm
- 0.250-375 inch 6.35-22.33mm
- 0.250-1.000 inch 6.35-25.40mm
- 0.059-0.750 inch 1.5-19.05mm
- 0.059-0.750 inch 1.5-19.05mm

**Attachment**
- Clamp or set screw
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- Clamp or set screw

**Operating temperatures**
- Up to 100° C
- Up to 300° C
- Up to 200° F
- Up to 200° F
- Up to 600° F
- Up to 600° F

**Speed (in wind-up direction)**
- 10,000 rpm
- 10,000 rpm
- 10,000 rpm
- 3,600 rpm
- 3,600 rpm
- 10,000 rpm
- 10,000 rpm

**For more information, see page**
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Note: For PF Series see page 28.
*Refer to pages 18-19 for other available bore diameters.
**Features**

- Metric dimensions and fasteners
- Metric and/or inch bores available
- Available in 7075-T6 aluminum alloy or 17-4 PH corrosion-resistant steel
- General purpose

If you are working in the metric world, the W Series is for you. It combines the best features of the A Series and the H Series, with the convenience of metric dimensions and fasteners for your metric based designs. The W Series can be used in a wide range of applications from driving components with light torque requirements, such as encoders and tachometers (aluminum), to lead screws and pumps requiring greater torque (stainless steel).

**Attachment Methods**

**Integral Clamp / WAC & W7C**

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**Set Screw / WA & W7** (two each end @ 120°)

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**Internal Configuration**

**Relief** *

Major and minor diameter shafts may enter flexure area during operation

* Dark areas indicate relief within the coupling interior

**How To Order**

Coupling part numbers consist of four sections. To determine the correct numbers/letters for each section of a specific coupling part number, please refer to the charts on the following pages.

**Example**

1. **Basic Model Number**
   
   (W = metric, A = aluminum, C = integral clamp)

   **WAC** 25 - 10mm - 8mm

2. **Outside Diameter Designator**

3. **Minor Bore Designator** *

4. **Major Bore Designator** *

   **Refer to "Standard Bore Diameters" section of chart**

**Basic Model Number:**

Choose material and attachment method.

- **WAC** = Aluminum, Integral Clamp
- **WA** = Aluminum, Set Screw
- **W7C** = Stainless Steel, Integral Clamp
- **W7** = Stainless Steel, Set Screw

**Outside Diameter Designator:** This two-digit number represents the coupling outside diameter. Based on the Performance Data in the middle of the chart, select the Outside Diameter Designator by moving left to the appropriate diameter.

**Major Bore Designator:** The larger of the two bores, its diameter is expressed in either millimeters (6mm) or in 32nds of an inch (-8 equals 1/4 inch). Please review your selection to determine if both bores can be made in the size coupling you have selected in 2. It is important that the larger bore be stated first.

**Minor Bore Designator:** The smaller of the two bores is expressed the same as the Major Bore Designator. Either bore can be mm or inch. Please specify mm when metric.
### HELICAL W SERIES, Aluminum, Technical Data

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**Notes**

1. Shaft misalignments: Angular 5 degrees Parallel Offset .25 mm (.50 mm T.I.R.) Axial Motion ± .25 mm

2. Dynamic torque ratings are momentary values. For non-reversing applications, divide by 2. Divide by 4 for reversing applications. Should the torque ratings be marginal for your application, contact us for analysis.


4. Manufacturing dimensional tolerances unless otherwise specified are: x ± .5 mm y ± .25 mm

5. Refer to page 18 for other available bore diameters.

6. Inertia is based on smallest standard bore diameter.

7. Keyways available on the 40 mm and 50 mm OD only.
HELICAL DS SERIES, Aluminum

Features

• High torsional stiffness
• Low radial loads
• Parallel misalignment capability
• Low inertia

The DS Series was designed for today’s high performance motion control systems. This Series incorporates two helical beams (double start) in each of two separate HELI-CAL Flexures (double flexure), combining greater end-to-end rotational accuracy with radial flexibility in one design.

Available only with integral clamp attachments, the DS Series provides the high torsional stiffness and low inertia necessary for positioning devices, servo motors and lead screws.

The DS Series also provides you with substantial .010-inch parallel offset capability, reducing the need for high-precision alignment during assembly operations. It’s your ticket to greater system accuracy and reliability. Available only in 7075-T6 aluminum.

Attachment Methods

Integral Clamp / DSAC

Relief *

Major and minor diameter shafts may enter flexure area during operation

Unequal diameter shafts

Equal diameter shafts

* Dark areas indicate relief within the coupling interior

Internal Configuration

How To Order

Coupling part numbers consist of four sections. To determine the correct numbers/letters for each section of a specific coupling part number, please refer to the charts on the following pages.

Example

Basic Model Number:
DSAC = Double start flexure, Aluminum and Integral Clamp

Outside Diameter Designator: This three-digit number represents the coupling outside diameter. Based on the Performance Data in the middle of the chart, select the Outside Diameter Designator by moving left to the appropriate diameter.

Major Bore Designator: The larger of the two bores, its diameter is expressed in either 32nds of an inch (-8 equals 1/4 inch) or in millimeters (6mm). Please review your selection to determine if both bores can be made in the size coupling you have selected in ③. It is important that the larger bore be stated first.

Minor Bore Designator: The smaller of the two bores is expressed the same as the Major Bore Designator. Either bore can be inch or mm.

DSAC 125 - 16 - 12

① Basic Model Number:
② Outside Diameter Designator
③ Major Bore Designator **
④ Minor Bore Designator **

** Refer to “Standard Bore Diameters” section of chart
## HELICAL DS SERIES, Aluminum, Technical Data

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**Notes**

1. Shaft misalignments:
   - Angular: 3 degrees
   - Parallel Offset: .010 in. (.020 in. T.I.R.)
   - Axial Motion: ± .008 in.

2. Dynamic torque ratings are momentary values. For non-reversing applications, divide by 2. Divide by 4 for reversing applications. Should the torque ratings be marginal for your application, contact us for analysis.


4. Metric fasteners available on request.

5. Manufacturing dimensional tolerances unless otherwise specified are:
   - Fraction: ± 1/64
   - xx: ± .01 in.

6. Refer to page 18 for other available bore diameters.

7. Inertia is based on smallest standard bore diameter.

8. This bore size requires an operating clearance diameter greater than coupling outside diameter.

* Refer to note 8
MC SERIES, Aluminum and Stainless Steel

Features

- Industrial motor shaft couplings
- Large parallel misalignment capacity
- High torque capacity
- Large shaft diameters
- Keyways available

This versatile series of couplings provides you with a full range of torque capacities and bore sizes, all with 1/32-inch parallel misalignment capability. These couplings attach to shafts with your choice of integral clamps or set screws. Combine this with optional keyways and the MC Series is tailor-made for your application.

From medium-duty (aluminum) to heavy-duty (stainless steel), this series provides solutions for a wide range of applications. From pumps and lead screws to conveyors, chances are an MC Series coupling will fit your needs. Available in 7075-T6 aluminum alloy or 17-4 PH corrosion resistant steel (CRES).

Attachment Methods

Integral Clamp / MCAC & MC7C

Set Screw / MCA & MC7 (two each end @ 120°)

Internal Configuration

Relief *

Major and minor diameter shafts may enter flexure area during operation

How To Order

Coupling part numbers consist of four sections. To determine the correct numbers/letters for each section of a specific coupling part number, please refer to the charts on the following pages.

Example

1. Basic Model Number
   (MC = motor coupling, A = aluminum, C = integral clamp)

   MCAC

2. Outside Diameter Designator

   150 - 16 - 12

3. Minor Bore Designator **

4. Major Bore Designator **

** Refer to “Standard Bore Diameters” section of chart
### HELICAL MC SERIES, Stainless Steel, Technical Data

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### Notes

1. Shaft misalignments:
   - Angular 5 degrees
   - Parallel Offset .030 in. (.060 in. T.I.R.)
   - Axial Motion ± .010 in.
2. Dynamic torque ratings are momentary values. For non-reversing applications, divide by 2. Divide by 4 for reversing applications. Should the torque ratings be marginal for your application, contact us for analysis.
3. Material: 7075-T6 aluminum alloy
   - Finish: clear anodize
4. Metric fasteners available on request.
5. Manufacturing dimensional tolerances unless otherwise specified are:
   - Fraction ± 1/64
   - x.xx ± .01 in.
6. Refer to page 19 for other available bore diameters.
7. Inertia is based on smallest standard bore diameter.
8. With integral clamp attachments only, this bore size requires an operating clearance diameter greater than coupling outside diameter.
9. Inch and metric keyways available.
How To Order

Coupling part numbers consist of four sections. To determine the correct numbers/letters for each section of a specific coupling part number, please refer to the charts on the following pages.

Example

1 Basic Model Number
(A = aluminum, C = integral clamp, R = internal relief)
(H = Stainless Steel, C = integral clamp, R = internal relief)

2 Outside Diameter Designator

ACR 112 - 16 - 12
(HCR)

1 Minor Bore Designator **

2 Major Bore Designator **

** Refer to “Standard Bore Diameters” section of chart

Features, A Series

- Light to medium duty
- Non-magnetic
- Economical
- No maintenance

The A Series coupling meets performance demands over a wide range of applications, including drive systems for encoders, instrumentation, lead screws, small pumps, feed rollers and anywhere a light to medium duty, torsionally flexible coupling is required.

Features, H Series

- High torque capacity
- High fatigue resistance
- Corrosion resistant steel (CRES)

The H Series coupling is ideal when high strength, excellent fatigue resistance and high torsional stiffness is called for in your application. The H Series’ premium performance capability is designed for applications requiring a heavy-duty coupling, such as drive systems, small pumps and gear boxes.

Shared Features of the A & H Series

- No maintenance
- Shaft sizes from 3/32 to 3/4

An array of options, in a variety of diameter sizes, allows you to tailor the A or H Series to your specific applications. A and H Series options include set screw or integral clamp attachments and inch or metric bores.

Attachment Methods

- Integral Clamp / ACR & HCR
- Set Screw / AR & HR (two each end @ 120°)

Internal Configuration

Relief *
Major and minor diameter shafts may enter flexure area during operation

A SERIES

H SERIES

Unequal diameter shafts

Equal diameter shafts

* Dark areas indicate relief within the coupling interior

Unequal diametershafts

Equal diametershafts
### HELICAL A SERIES Aluminum, Technical Data

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*Refer to note 8

### Notes
1. Shaft misalignments:
   - Angular: 5 degrees
   - Parallel Offset: .017 (.020 in. T.I.R.)
   - Axial Motion: ± .010 in.
2. Dynamic torque ratings are momentary values. For non-reversing applications, divide by 2. Divide by 4 for reversing applications. Should the torque ratings be marginal for your application, contact us for analysis.
4. Metric fasteners available on request.
5. Manufacturing dimensional tolerances unless otherwise specified are:
   - Fraction: ± 1/64
   - xx: ± .01 in.
6. Refer to page 19 for other available bore diameters.
7. Inertia is based on smallest standard bore diameter.
8. With integral clamp attachments only, this bore size requires an operating clearance diameter greater than using coupling outside diameter.
### HELICAL W SERIES / pages 10 – 11

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**Notes**

1. Bore sizes are placed into the part number with leading dashes after the basic model number. Standard bore dimensions are noted in 32nds of an inch, such as 8/32 or 3/32 in. The respective dash numbers would be –8 and –3. Any bore dimensions that are not an integer number of 32nds should be converted to their millimeter equivalent with “mm” after the numerical designation, e.g., 315 in = 8 mm.

2. When specifying part numbers, metric bore diameters are specified without trailing zeros after the decimal point, e.g., .315 in.

3. Manufacturing dimensional tolerances unless otherwise specified are:

   - Bore tolerances are specified on the Engineering Proposal Form at the end of the catalog.
   - Manufacturing dimensional tolerances:
     - ± 1/64 in
     - ± .010 in
     - ± .005 in
     - ± .25 mm
     - ± .15 mm
     - ± .5 mm
     - ± 2º

4. A complete line of specialty OEM and end-user products is available; please refer to the Engineering Proposal Form and/or contact our Engineering Department.

5. A chart showing our standard line of instrumentation couplings with precision bore tolerancing is available upon request.

6. All parts are available with metric or inch fasteners to be compatible with the fastener system used in your designs.

7. Bore diameters less than minimum listed may be possible for one bore only. Contact our Engineering Department.

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The PF Series incorporates the convenience of interchangeable bushings, providing for quick and easy changes in bore sizes, while using the same HELI-CAL flexible coupling center section. By designing the tapered bushings to hold more torque than the maximum torque capacity of the coupling, the need for keyways has been eliminated.

### HELICAL PF Series PowerFlex, Technical Data

#### STANDARD BORE DIAMETER
+0.002 / -0.000 in (+0.05 / -0.00 mm)

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Angular: 4 degrees Axial: +/-0.020 in (0.50 mm) Max. RPM: 6,000

Conversion from Horsepower to Torque: (HP x 63,000) / RPM = Trq (lbin) or (HP x 7,119) / RPM = Trq (Nm)

Note 1: Shaft sizes less than or equal to the Max w/RELIEF can penetrate to the center of the coupling. See drawing.

Note 2: Shaft sizes greater than the Max w/RELIEF up to the Max w/STEP BORE can only penetrate to the B dimension. See drawing.

Note 3: Dynamic torque ratings are momentary values. For non-reversing applications, divide by 2.

Divide by 4 for reversing applications. Should the torque ratings be marginal for your application, contact us for analysis.

M6.0 Hex Head Cap Screw 5 places (M5.0 Hex Head Cap Screw 4 places on PFA/PFS 200)

*Seating of screws:* For correct installation, progressively tighten screws to specified torque in sequence shown above.
The X-series couplings offer a cost effective balance between couplings that are too stiff radially and those not stiff enough torsionally for servo-type applications. It features high torsional stiffness, low radial loads, one-piece integrity, good flexibility, and zero backlash. Created for high performance motion control systems, the X-Series incorporates two flexible element sets—combining greater end-to-end rotational accuracy with radial flexibility—in one design.

**Features**
- Ideal for motion control applications (servo motors).
- Up to 10 times greater torsional stiffness than beam types.
- Low cost alternative to bellows types.
- No moving parts.
- No maintenance.
- No backlash.
- No lubrication.
- Excellent quality.

**HELICAL X-Series, Aluminium, Technical Data**

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Angular: 3 degrees    Axial: +/- .25mm    Max. RPM: 10,000
Keyways available upon request with XCA40 and XCA50

**How To Order**

**Example**

Basic Model Number
(X = cross-slotted coupling, C = integral clamp, A = aluminum)

Outside Diameter Designator

**XCA25** - 10mm - 8

Minor Bore Designator

Major Bore Designator

Metric bores are specified as millimeter size (-10mm).
Inch bores are expressed as number of 32nds (-8 = 8/32 = 1/4" = .250").

* Clearance diameter for cap screw = 17.5mm
** Clearance diameter for cap screw with bores over 6.35mm = 21.8mm
† Inertia is based on smallest standard bore
A New Angle on Universal Joints

HELI-CAL Flexured U-joints Provide Precision Operating Characteristics

A universal joint is a mechanical connection between rotating shafts which are generally not in parallel, but intersecting. “U-joints” transmit torque and motion.

U-joints are used in a variety of applications, wherever handling significant angular misalignment is the main focus. Typical applications include: articulating mechanisms, food processing equipment, replacement for expensive gearboxes, and drives where motor position must be moved angularly off centerline of the driven unit.

The oldest and most common type of u-joint is called the Cardan or Hooke type joint. It consists of hub yokes, connected by a cross shaped intermediate member. These popular u-joints are frequently used in automotive applications. Because the design incorporates several different piece parts, the moving parts of this type of u-joint usually require lubrication; and as the joint wears, the amount of backlash or free play within the joint itself grows. Even a lubricated Cardan u-joint will require periodic maintenance, and may leak lubricant.

Performance wise, Cardan u-joints can transmit relatively high torque with minimal radial loads. But, by design these u-joints have difficulty compensating for parallel offset and axial misalignment. Cardan types also introduce rotational inconsistencies into drive systems, a phenomenon known as “non-constant velocity rotation.”

The HELI-CAL Flexure is an advanced and unique u-joint solution that generally exceeds the capabilities of common u-joint designs. A Helical u-joint is really a flexure capable of over 5° of angular misalignment. It may accommodate up to 90° of angular misalignment in certain circumstances. This type of u-joint will also compensate for axial and parallel misalignment.

A frequent application of the Helical flexured u-joint is the direct replacement for a 90° bevel gearbox. Gearboxes are expensive, and usually need lubrication for their meshing gear surfaces and bearings. Replacement with a maintenance free Helical flexured u-joint can save money, both on initial purchase price and on maintenance costs. Flexured u-joints can be beneficial most anywhere—for example: aerospace, appliances, electronics, control mechanisms and drives, medical and optical devices, sewing machines, instrumentation, and textile machinery.

The performance capability of each HELI-CAL Flexure is determined by characteristics such as: flexure outside diameter, inside diameter, coil thickness, material, number of coils, and number of starts. By altering these characteristics, torque capacity, angular and parallel misalignment capabilities, torsional and lateral bending rates of flexured u-joints can be made to suit specific specifications and/or requirements.

By using a flexured u-joint, the customer benefits from:

- Choice of materials
- Infinite choice of end attachments
- Optimized misalignment and torque capacities
- A variety of torsional and lateral bending rates
- Ability to run in either manual or motor-driven applications
- Constant velocity

An added bonus—flexured u-joints do not have:

- Backlash
- Moving parts
- Maintenance and lubrication requirements
- Limited selection of capabilities and sizes
- Limited angular misalignment capability

Once the designer/customer provides Helical with the performance requirements for his/her device, machine, or equipment, a specific flexure design that will meet or exceed application requirements is developed. An attachment may also be specified to securely interface with adjacent components. The result is a Helical flexured u-joint that works as an integral part of the customer’s application.

Helical flexured u-joints are tailor-made for customer applications, using customers’ specific requirements as a starting point. The finished product is a Helical flexured u-joint that “fits like a glove” in the device, machine, or equipment.

Helical Products Company, with its unique HELI-CAL Flexure, covers most u-joint requirements. Whether the application requires just a small angle of slightly more than 5°, or one calling for a 90° bend, Helical has a “flexure” answer. This “answer” employs the infinitely variable HELI-CAL Flexure, with its amazing range of variable characteristics. No longer is it necessary to use a “one size fits all” approach to u-joints.
How To Make The Right Connections

For many years Helical Products Company has been recognized as the pioneer in the design and manufacture of helical beam type couplings, universal joints (UJs) and machined springs. The unique capabilities of the HELI-CAL Flexure have solved countless design projects for engineers in many diverse industries.

But curiously, engineers or designers often fail to recognize how important the integration of the flexure /attachment is in improving component performance. Typically, the portion of a coupling that fastens, clamps, meshes or otherwise contacts adjacent components is referred to as an “attachment.” It is these various attachments and their potential impact on system design, we will discuss here.

First, let's consider some of the special characteristics inherent to a HELI-CAL Flexure. Flexured couplings and UJs are backlash free and provide constant velocity rotation regardless of misalignment. Any means of attachment used in conjunction with this type of product should maintain these properties, and complement them. The most common form of coupling attachment, set screws, can introduce backlash into a system unintentionally. Having said this, it should be noted that Helical does sell many flexures with set screw attachments.

[The key to assuring this attachment method does not compromise effectiveness of the entire system is knowing the configuration of the adjacent components, D-shafts for example, and the anticipated duty cycle the component will encounter.]

Clamp style attachments are frequently used as a zero backlash, positive means of transmitting rotational motion between components. When compared to set screws on a performance basis, clamps squeeze around the shaft circumference rather than creating a dimple in the shaft. Clamp attachments better lend themselves to applications where the components are assembled and disassembled occasionally. Clamps require more linear space for the coupling, are inherently less dynamically balanced and slightly more expensive to manufacture. At times neither of these attachment methods may be optimal for your application. This raises the question, “What other alternatives do I have?”

The variety of attachments available is limited only by the imagination of the design engineer, and the laws of physics. The configuration of coupling attachments can be as simple as the plain bore or as complex as a pinion gear. The purpose in seeking a customized attachment is to minimize the cost, optimize performance, simplify design, reduce system size, or reduce weight.

By using the HELI-CAL Flexure along with an attachment, the engineers are allowed to dream in their system design. Most designers view a special or modified standard with a cost being too great. In actuality, customized attachments more than pay for themselves. The proper attachment will minimize assembly-production time and reduce the total number of parts to purchase, to maintain in inventory, and to assemble. All of this produces an overall production savings.

Pictured are some examples of customized attachments and the benefits they have provided.

A threaded shaft attachment offers several advantages. Fine axial length adjustments and blind assembly are just two potential uses.

Detachable caps permit flexure installation where components cannot be spread apart to slide the flexure onto component shafts.

Integrating a lever arm into a clamp attachment flexure allowed linear motion to be converted to rotary motion.

A custom blind attachment designed to transmit torque in a single direction.

The right attachment will reduce assembly/production costs.
failure occur, but a failed element (coil) will be physically trapped by the remaining one(s).

Another multi-start benefit applies to compression and tension springs. When compressed (or extended), single start springs provide a reaction force plus a moment. This moment is created because the line of action is through the longitudinal centerline of the spring, and the spring force is action at the coil mean centerline. The distance between these centerlines provides the moment arm of the subject moment. On multiple start flexures, all internal moments are resolved within the spring. The big benefit is that these multiple start springs then compress (or extend) in a very straight manner. There is no tendency for the spring to squirm when deflected, and no restraint is necessary to resolve the free moment.

Sometimes there is a desire to have multiple elastic rates in a given spring. For instance, a compression torsion and lateral bending rate may be specified. With most types of springs accomplishing one of these rates can be a challenge, but three is impossible. Not so with a multiple start Helical machined spring. A machined spring designer can choose coil size, number of coils and multiple start coil features to achieve specified, different, elastic rates.

Q: I understand that machined springs can be designed so that the coils don’t touch. Does this mean that no sound would be generated by the spring?

A: Exactly. In those applications where resonance is desired for high efficiencies, the best choice is a machined spring of a multiple start configuration. In fact, machined springs may be the only choice under these circumstances. The linear rate and non-contact feature of the machined spring provide outstanding performance. The multiple start aspect prevents lateral bending and lateral translations from compromising in-line motions.
# Proposal Form for Couplings and U-Joints

(Please refer to the literature request form for machined spring proposal forms.)

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## FLEXURE AND COMPONENT LAYOUT

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Type of Equipment ________________________________

Comments ________________________________

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HELI-CAL  Plus, Engineering Proposal Form

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Helical Products Company has a unique product in the HELI-CAL Flexure concept. Equally unique and important is the high level of service we at Helical provide to our customers. Together this is our competitive advantage.

When speaking of service we talk of all areas needed to supply the HELI-CAL Flexure to the customer. Putting it in perspective, we like to relate our philosophy to the spokes of a wheel. Each of the spokes represents a unit of our organization - drafting, engineering, finance, administration, shipping, sales, production, manufacturing and marketing. Each in its turn bears the weight of responsibility - and opportunity - to provide and maintain this high level of service to the CUSTOMER - the hub of our wheel.

Passing this commitment on to the next “spoke” requires good, clear communication and cooperation between departments, with the full realization that our focus is always on the customer and their needs. Each department, and, of course, each individual is important at Helical. Helical has never considered itself to be an “I” company, but a “WE” company. With this philosophy we are able to supply an excellent product as well as provide outstanding service at a fair price.

Our commitment has been to build an organization through hard work, fairness, cooperation and mutual trust for each other’s roles; to act with courtesy, dependability, reliability, and honesty toward the customer.

Helical does what it says - with pride in its product, its service, and its people.

The Team
“Man’s mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.”
- Oliver Wendell Holmes