

Trivia

did you know that ...

In ancient China, mirrors were believed to protect their owners from evil, making hidden spirits visible and revealing the secrets of the future.

Japan has 10% of the world's active volcanoes.

The earliest cotton in the world was spun and woven in India.

On average, only an inch of rain falls in Egypt per year.

Thailand is home to the world's largest gold Buddha, the largest crocodile farm, the largest restaurant, the longest single span suspension bridge and the world's tallest hotel.

Mexico introduced chocolate, corn and chilies to the world.

When McDonald's opened in 1986 in Rome, food purists outside the restaurant gave away free spaghetti to remind people of their culinary heritage.

North America's lowest recorded temperature was -81.4°F (-63 °C) at Snag, Yukon Territory, on February 3, 1947.

Approximately 16.5 million tourists visit Greece each year, more than the country's entire population.

Africa contains the world's largest desert, the Sahara, which makes up an area greater in size than the entire continental U.S.

When a child loses a tooth in Spain, a small mouse called 'Ratoncito Perez' leaves a surprise under your pillow.

When Columbus first saw Haiti (and the entire Hispaniola island), he thought he had found India or Asia.

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Product Spotlight

Frac Fittings

- Application:** Supplying water and sand slurry to a hydraulic fracturing site.
- Standards:** Hammer nut forged to ASTM 105N standards.
- Sizes:** 3" and 4" figure 100 and 206 male/female/male NPT
- Material:** machined malleable iron stems to ASTM A47; all stems zinc plated; male NPT fittings are schedule 80 pipe to ASTM A53
- Features:**
- one-piece design
 - interchangeable with current fittings
 - 400 PSI working pressure at 70°F^{1,2}
 - no leak path as experienced with two-piece threaded systems
 - forged nuts
 - stem and ferrule system compatible with Dixon's new King Crimp system



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^{1,2} See product safety on next page

Product Safety

¹ 400 PSI working pressure with a minimum 4:1 safety factor (hose burst:hose working pressure) is only achieved with Dixon carbon steel ferrule part numbers CF400-6CSHD through CF400-16CSHD on page 18 of Dixon's Price List DPL413.

² When assembling hose with abrasion resistant covers, such as UHMW polyethylene, you will need to use Dixon's heavy duty (HD) carbon steel ferrule part numbers CF400-6CSHD through CF400-16CSHD on page 18 of Dixon's Price List DPL413. Other size HD ferrules are available upon request.

Dates in History

1921 On December 9th, a young engineer at General Motors named Thomas Midgeley Jr. discovered that when he added a compound called tetraethyl lead (TEL) to gasoline, he eliminated the unpleasant noises (known as "knock" or "pinging") that internal-combustion engines make when they run.

1975 On December 2nd, Ohio State University running back Archie Griffin became the first player in history to win the Heisman Trophy two years in a row.

1993 On December 8th, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. Clinton said he hoped the agreement would encourage other nations to work toward a broader world-trade pact. NAFTA, a trade pact between the United States, Canada, and Mexico, eliminated virtually all tariffs and trade restrictions between the three nations.

On the Lighter Side

An airline captain was breaking in a new flight attendant. The route they were flying had a layover in another city. Upon their arrival, the captain showed the flight attendant the best place for airline personnel to eat, shop and stay overnight.

The next morning, as the pilot was preparing the crew for the day's route, he noticed the new flight attendant was missing. He knew which room she was in at the hotel and called her up wondering what happened. She answered the phone, crying, and said she couldn't get out of her room. "You can't get out of your room?" the captain asked, "Why not?"

The flight attendant replied: "There are only three doors in here, "she sobbed, "one is the bathroom, one is the closet, and one has a sign on it that says 'Do Not Disturb'!

A mathematician, an accountant and an economist apply for the same job. The interviewer calls in the mathematician and asks "What does two plus two equal?"

The mathematician replies "Four."

The interviewer calls in the accountant and asks the same question "What does two plus two equal?" The accountant says "On average, four – give or take ten percent, but on average four."

Then the interviewer calls in the economist and poses the same question "What does two plus two equal?"

The economist gets up, locks the door, closes the shade, sits down next to the interviewer and says "What do you want it to equal?"

What is Father Christmas called when he takes a rest while delivering presents?

Santa Pause!