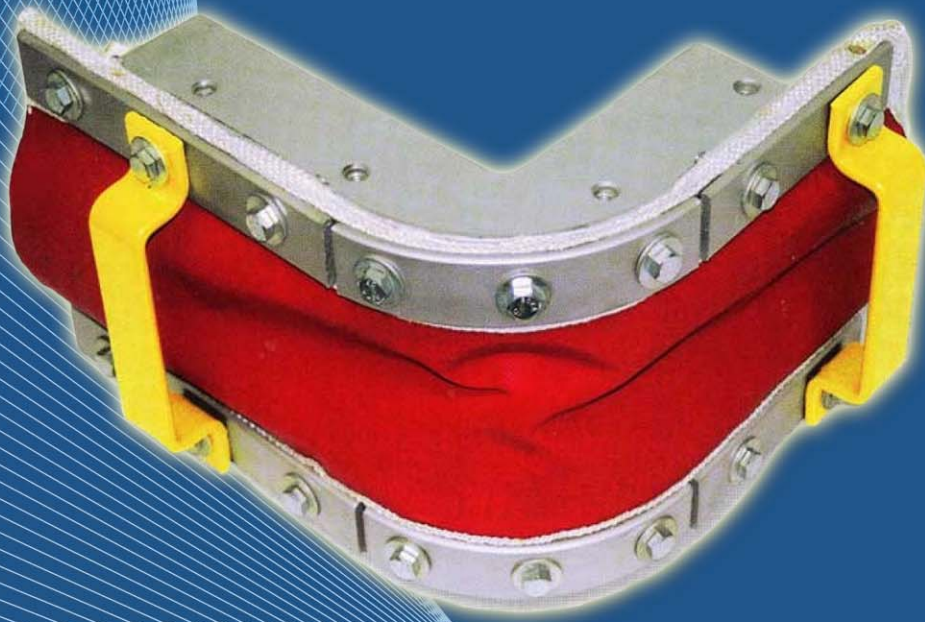


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**FABRIC** Therma Flex Expansion Joints

2011 Revision





## INTRODUCTION TO "THERMA\*FLEX" EXPANSION JOINTS

THERMA\*FLEX Expansion Joints are Non-Metallic Flue Duct Expansion Joints or flexible connectors which when properly designed, provide stress relief for piping and ducting systems by absorbing thermal growth & shock, isolating mechanical vibration and allowing for misalignments.

Flue duct expansion joints are custom engineered products designed to handle low pressure (**±3 psig**) applications with temperatures from -100°F to +2000°F. The expansion joints are manufactured using innovative non-metallic materials and designs.

Unaflex is one of the country's leading Expansion Joint Manufacturers. Since 1972 Unaflex has been dedicated to state of the art technologies combined with industry proven processes. In the 1990's Unaflex has become the industry leader in "Combined Technologies" for the Expansion Joint and Flexible Hose Industries.

Unaflex is a full service Engineering and Manufacturing Company dedicated to providing flexible solutions. Our capabilities include; Metal, Fabric and PTFE Expansion Joint Manufacturing, Laboratory Testing and Analysis and Field Service.

## INDUSTRIES AND APPLICATIONS

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### Power Generation:



Fossil Fired Plants  
Combined Cycle Plants  
Industrial Gas Turbines  
CFB's  
(Fluidized Bed Boilers)  
Nuclear Plants

### Pulp & Paper Plants:



Chemical Applications  
Paper Processing  
Power and Recovery Boilers  
Fans / Blowers

### Petrochemical:



Byproduct Incineration:  
Elevated Temperatures  
(**>2000° F**)  
Severe Chemical Attack  
Refineries

### Environmental Applications:



SCR & NOx Systems  
Waste Water Treatment Plants  
Waste & Recycling Incinerators  
Stack & Chimney Seals  
CEMs

### Heavy Industrial:



Foundries  
Steel Mills  
Cement Plants  
Aluminum Plants  
Kilns & Smelters

### Others:



HVAC  
Marine  
Food Processing  
HRSG / Cogeneration  
Chemical Processing

## DESIGN ADVANTAGES OF NON-METALLIC DUCTING EXPANSION JOINTS

1. Large movement capability / Multi-plane movements
2. Corrosion / Chemical Resistance
3. Range of Design Temperature Capability  
(-110°F to +2000°F)
4. Negligible Spring Rates / Loads
5. Vibration Dampening & Sound Attenuation
6. Lower Overall Costs  
(Design, Installation, Replacement & Repair)
7. Easily Repairable / Installable
8. High Cycle Life
9. Unique Application Solutions

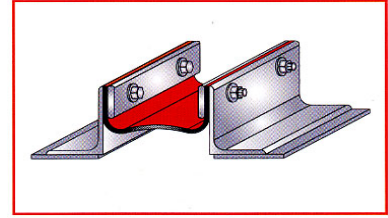
## APPLICATIONS

Industrial applications can be separated into general categories based on the media composition (Air or Gas) and temperature. The following section is designed to aid in the selection of the appropriate expansion joint for the specific application range. All plants are different, therefore the service locations and temperatures may vary. This section is only a guide and should be confirmed with a Unaflex Engineer.

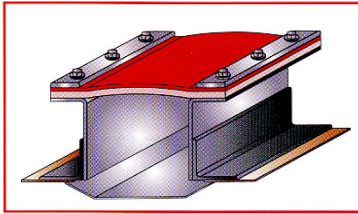
### AMBIENT AIR SERVICES (-40°F to 150°F)

Ambient temperature clean air without particulate or chemicals to damage the flexible element. Expansion Joint is used frequently for vibration and sound attenuation from fan equipment.

**Locations:** FD Fan Intake / Outlet Primary Air Fan to Air Heater  
Service Air Intakes Primary Air to Recovery Boiler



A Unaflex integrally flanged elastomeric joint is suggested, using either the THERMA\*FLEX or MIGHTY SPAN styles. Neoprene or EPDM single layer belts are frequently used.



### HOT AIR SERVICES (500°F to 800°F)

Clean Air after coming in contact with hot flue gases at the Air Pre-Heater where temperatures are elevated with minimal particulate and or gas carryover. Expansion joint will see thermal movements and vibration. Elevated temperatures require a composite flexible element and a flow liner.

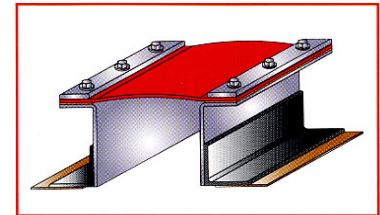
**Locations:** Air Heater Air Outlet Secondary Air Fan  
Over Fire Air Fans Mill Air

A THERMA\*FLEX flat composite belt with a bolt or weld in frame design and a flow liner is suggested. The weld-in outboard angle frame design with field welded flow liner (**TWCP600VIFL**) is shown

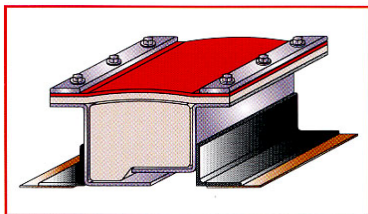
### LOW TO MODERATE TEMPERATURE FLUE GAS SERVICES (150°F to 600°F)

Flue gas which has passed through an air preheater and dust collector to reduce the temperature and particulate level. Flue gas may cycle near the dew point where condensation can occur and chemicals are present. Expansion joint may see thermal movements vibration and chemical attack.

**Locations:** Precip. Outlet Scrubber Inlet / Outlet Reheater Inlet / Outlet  
I.D. Fan Inlet / Outlet HRSG Outlet



A Unaflex single layer belt with chemical barrier is suggested in either integrally flanged or flat belt type. Such as the THERMA\*FLEX weld in outboard angle frame design and PTFE coated single layer belt with gas film layer (**TWFPR500TA**) shown.

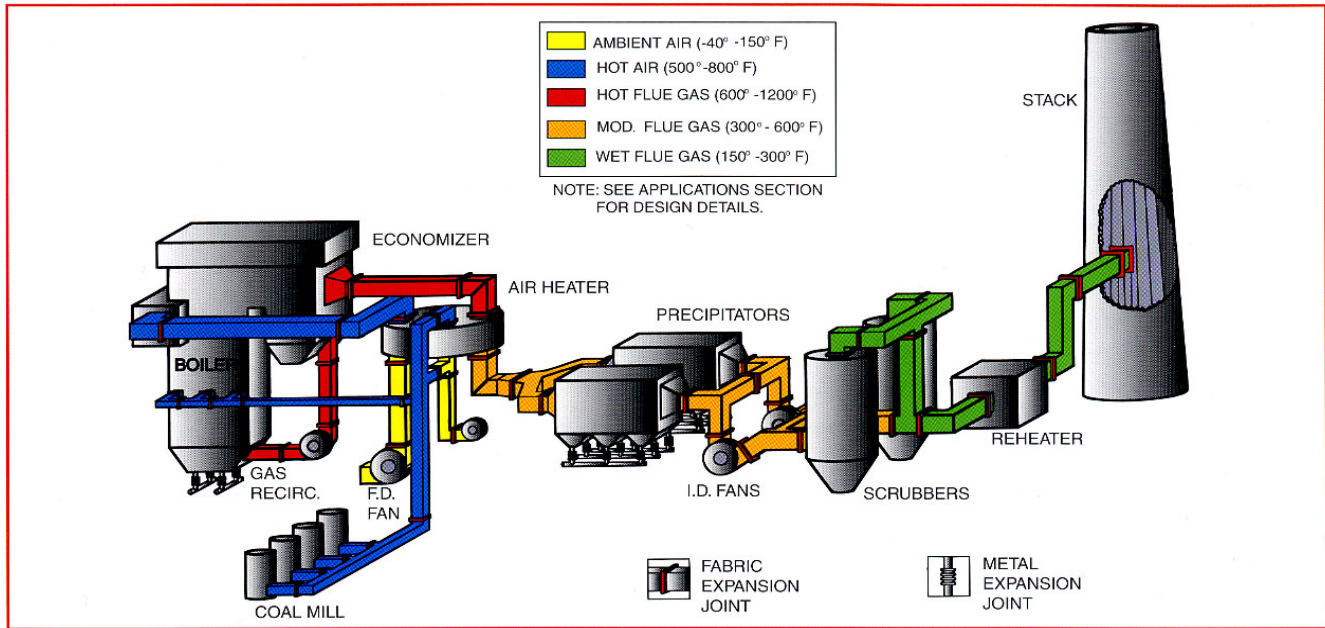


### HOT FLUE GAS SERVICES (600°F to 1200°F)

Flue gas directly after combustion stage at elevated temperatures with possible particulate present. Expansion joint is used for possible large thermal movements at elevated temperatures.

**Locations:** Economizer Outlet Recovery Boiler Outlet  
Cyclone Inlet / Outlet Air Heater Gas Inlet / Outlet  
Precip. Inlet Gas recirculation System

THERMA\*FLEX high temperature composite flat belt style with setback frames, cavity pillow and flow liners are suggested. The standard "Z" frame design with telescoping flow liners (**ZZWCP1000FPRP shown**) or "J" frame with shop liner are two designs used in these applications.



## SPECIAL APPLICATIONS

Unaflex's expertise extends to applications where service conditions require special designs / considerations such as:

- Gas Turbine Exhaust & HRSG EJs - Large Axial Movements, Thermal Shock and Radial Growth
- Cyclone Inlet / Outlet & Loopseals at CFBs - High Flow Velocity or Turbulence and Elevated Temperatures
- Stack & Penetration Seals (HRSG) - Lateral Movement and field Installation / Splicing
- Cement Plant Applications - High Particulate Loading and Cementous Media
- Pulp & Paper Plants - Severe Chemical Attack and Vibration
- Petro Chemical Plants - Elevated Temperatures and Chemical Attack
- Fabric wrap of Existing Metal Expansion Joint - Quick inexpensive replacement / Possible on-line repair

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## STANDARD BELT MATERIALS (Material code refers to Continuous Operating Temperature Limit in degrees F.)

Various single layer and composite belt materials are available and are selected based on the specific application temperatures and flow media characteristics. The following is a list of Unaflex's standard belt designs.

Single Layer: EL200NP (NEOPRENE) EL400VI (Fluoroelastomer - Viton®)  
 (EL or FPR) EL300EP (EPDM) FPR500TA & TB (Fluoropolymers - PTFE)

\*\* Other elastomers are available in style 600 including FDA Materials

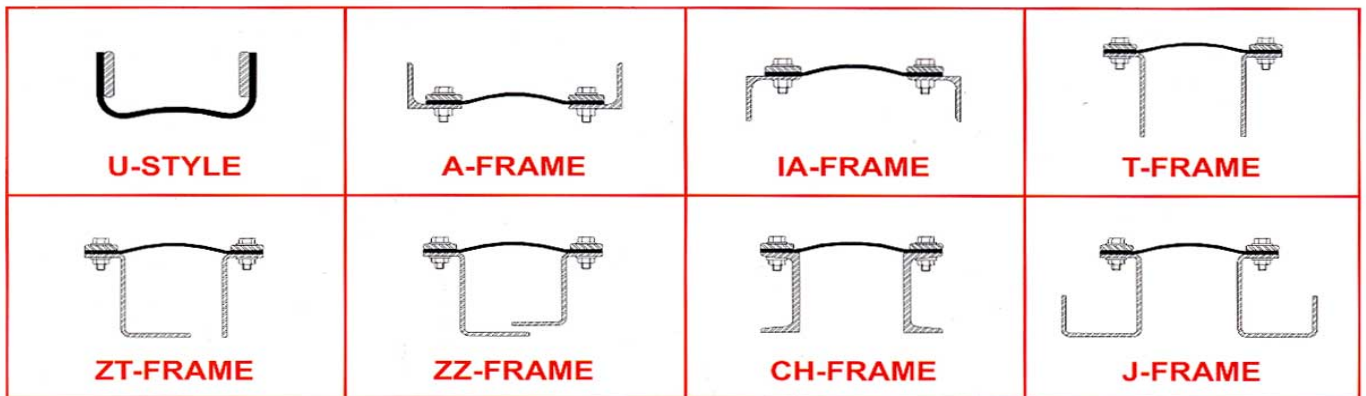
Composite: CP500VI CP800VI CP1000VI CP1200SI  
 (CP) CP500SI CP800SI CP1000SI CP1200FPR  
 CP700TA CP1000TA CP1000FPR CP1200GT

\*\* Other composite buildups and covers are available per request up to 2000° F



Unaflex utilizes the highest grades of materials including: Elastomers, Fluoroelastomers, Fluoropolymers, Fluoroelastoplastics and Metals. (Carbon & Stainless Steel, Monel®, Inconel®, and Hastelloy®.) in manufacturing our products. We are a Genuine DuPont Dow Elastomers Viton® Licensed Manufacturer and supply FSA-DSJ-401-02 (ASTM-D6909-03) specified Fluoroelastomer materials. For more information or a copy of this specification contact Unaflex or the Fluid Sealing Association.

### Standard Non-Metallic Expansion Joint Profile

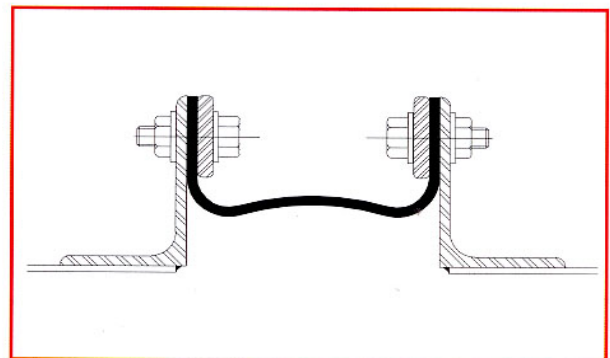


## Design Configurations

### INTEGRALLY FLANGED / "U" TYPE

The single layer belt can be provided either a fully hand molded Unaflex "Mighty Span" Style 600 Elastomeric expansion joint or a continuous molded corner THERMA-FLEX Style Elastomeric or Fluoropolymer joint. Style 600 joints are available with or without various arch profiles molded into the body. The service temperature is limited by the material rating.

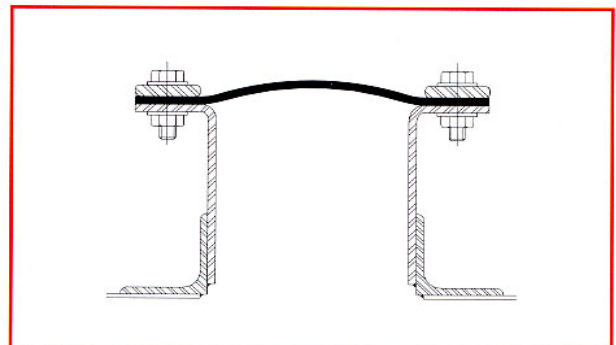
U-type joints are used frequently in fan application due to their minimal hardware requirements and Vibration / sound attenuation.



### FLAT BELT TYPE

Available in single layer or composite belts mounted parallel to the duct on attachment frames. The frames may be either bolted to mating flanges or welded directly to the ductwork. See above for standard frame profiles.

Flat belt types are commonly used in high temperature applications and where a setback is recommended or required or required. This configuration can be designed to readily accept various accessories such as telescoping or floating flow liners, cavity pillows and fly ash seals





## COMPANY PROFILE

Unaflex is located in Upstate South Carolina in a 117,000 square foot manufacturing facility. Our Personnel are actively involved in setting industry standards through organizations like the FSA (**Fluid Sealing Association**), and have over 100 combined years of experience in the expansion joint industry.

Unaflex welders are certified to *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Section VIII, Division I*. Our Quality Control Program is rigorous and **ISO 9001:2000 CERTIFIED**. We also comply with Government requirements for MIL-I-45208A and the U.S. Coast Guard. Unaflex maintains a complete Full Service Laboratory for testing and analysis of non-metallic materials.

Unaflex has been a contributing member of the FSA since 1974. The FSA is the International Trade Association made up of manufacturers of fluid sealing products. Their goal is to be a source of information, education and standards for the end user in reference to the sealing industry. For a copy of the association's Non-Metallic Expansion Joint Technical Handbook please contact Unaflex or the FSA directly.

Other products and capabilities of Unaflex include:

- **RUBBER EXPANSION JOINTS**
- **METAL BELLOWS EXPANSION JOINTS**
- **PTFE AND PTFE LINED EXPANSION JOINTS**
- **FLEXIBLE METAL AND RUBBER HOSE**
- **FIELD SERVICES INCLUDING:**
  - **SUPERVISION AND INSTALLATION**

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