Split seals represent a solution for converting packed stuffing boxes to mechanical seals. Seal installation requires careful attention when the split seal faces are assembled. Perfect mating of the two halves must be assured, especially when the seal faces are made of fine grain materials. The two halves can easily slide with respect to each other ending into a potential step at the sealing interface, and therefore a potential leakage path, or face chipping.

Coarse grain Silicon Carbide split joints

Fine grain Silicon Carbide split joints

Carbon split joints
Typical Type 37FS Seal Arrangement

General Instructions
1. Be sure to read all instructions carefully before installing seal to prevent the potential mismatch of the two sealing halves. Consult the general arrangement drawing and applicable notes included with the actual seal.
2. The John Crane Type 37FS seal is a precision product. To assure satisfactory operation, handle seal with care. Take particular caution to see that the lapped sealing faces are not scratched or marred.
3. Absolutely no grease or lubricant is to be used on the shaft during installation.

**Installation Kit:**
- Allen wrenches
- Silicone grease
- RTV sealant
- Adhesive
- Alcohol prep pad
- Screwdriver
- Centering gauge

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*Not illustrated 15. Installation Kit**

NOTE: For non-standard seals (adaptors, special gland, bushings, etc.) see attached appendixes.
Preparing the Equipment

1. Check seal chamber dimensions and finishes.

2. Maximum axial end play
   - Seal sizes 1.375" to 2.937" -0.020" T.I.R. max
   - Seal sizes 3.000" to 10.000" -0.060" T.I.R. max

3. Determine squareness of seal chamber face to shaft
   - Carbon vs. Silicon = 0.050" T.I.R. max
   - Silicon vs. Silicon = 0.100" T.I.R. max

4. Measure shaft runout
   - (0.020" T.I.R. max)

5. Check stuffing box face waviness
   - (0.030" T.I.R. max)

6. Maximum radial shaft movement
   - (0.124" T.I.R. max)
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Installing the Stationary Portion of the Seal

If your layout does not match arrangement on page 3, consult appropriate appendix in the back of instruction manual for step 1.

1. Place gland plate halves around shaft, ensuring beveled ID faces away from the stuffing box. Bolt halves securely together.

2. Apply a thin coat of adhesive to one split end of the compression ring. Place split end around shaft with the larger diameter end facing the stuffing box. Hold ends together until adhesive bonds the ends. Split must match up identically to ensure a proper seal.

3. Fit compression ring into the ID at the back end of the gland plate. Align bonded split in the compression ring at the 11 o'clock position (approximately 1/2") from the top end (12 o'clock position) of the gland plate.

Note: To determine 12 o'clock position on a:
- 2 Bolt Gland - 12 o'clock position = 90 degrees from each stud/bolt.
- 4 Bolt Gland - 12 o'clock position = 45 degrees from each stud/bolt. (equally spaced studs/bolts)
4. Slide gland plate assembly containing compression ring over mounting studs. Tighten nuts a few threads to eliminate gland plate from sliding.

5A. Place one half of mating ring into the ID of the compression ring ensuring lapped and beveled edge faces away from the stuffing box. Splits should be at 90 degrees from the 12 o’clock position (i.e. 3 o’clock and 9 o’clock positions). See Figure A.

5B. Place other half of mating ring in the compression ring making sure split ends of halves DO NOT come in contact with each other while sliding into compression ring. This can be achieved by pushing up the rubber at the 12 o’clock position using curved end of the mating ring, allowing splits to clear matching half.  

**CAUTION:** To minimize the potential for seal failure, care must be taken not to chip the split ends of the mating rings.
6. Take clamp ring halves and lightly lubricate ID with silicone grease, starting from ID of split joints continuing around ID approximately 1/2" on either side.

7. Make sure the sealing surfaces of the mating ring halves are flush with one another both axially and radially. Visually and by using your fingernail, determine if there is a step at the joints. Carefully adjust the two halves as needed. See Figure B.

8. When mating ring halves are flush axially and radially, hold the compression ring at the 12 o’clock and 6 o’clock positions to ensure mating ring splits remain locked into place. Place one half of the clamp ring around the compression ring, with the splits at the 12 o’clock and 6 o’clock positions. Place the other half around and bring the two halves together loosely, tightening cap screws a few threads. The splits of the mating ring and clamp ring should be 90 degrees apart. If access to clamp ring cap screws is limited, the whole stationary assembly can be removed and/or disassembled from the mounting studs and rotated to provide needed access. Caution is required to ensure that the mating ring does not “bump” the shaft.

9. Repeat step 7 to verify that mating ring splits are flush axially and radially.
10. Proceed tightening the clamp ring halves together evenly, by tightening the screws until clamp ring halves come together firmly. Check frequently that the two mating ring halves remain flush. Adjust as needed.

11. Spread a thin film of RTV sealant on the stuffing box face where it will come in contact with the compression ring. If the surface where compression ring contacts the stuffing box is unknown, apply the RTV sealant to the compression ring.

12. Take the seal assembly and push it along mounting studs to the stuffing box face. Tighten nuts evenly on the studs ensuring an even gap between the shaft and mating ring ID. Gap should be checked visually and measured to verify seal is “centered” to the shaft. A centering tool is provided to achieve this. The tool should be placed between the shaft and the mating ring ID to determine that the gap is even. Check at several points around the shaft. After assembly is completely aligned, fully tighten gland plate to stuffing box.

13. Loosely bolt compression tools to the gland plate. The small diameter of the compression tool must face the gland plate. Make sure compression tool grabs outside diameter (OD) of clamp ring. Tighten compression tool screws evenly until all four tools contact the gland plate.

Compression Tool Color Coding
- 1.375" - 2.937" 37FS = RED
- 3.000" - 7.187" 37FS = BLACK
- 7.188" - 10.187" 37FS = YELLOW
- 3.437" - 10.187" 37FSB = WHITE
14. Apply a thin coat of adhesive to split end of sealing ring. Place sealing ring around shaft with small ID facing away from the stuffing box. Hold split ends together until the adhesive bonds the ends. Position the sealing ring split at the 11 o’clock position. See Figure C.

15A. Place one half of mating ring into the ID of the sealing ring ensuring that the lapped and beveled edge faces the stuffing box. Splits should be 90 degrees from the 12 o’clock position (i.e. 3 o’clock and 9 o’clock position). See Figure D.
15B. Place other half of mating ring in the sealing ring making sure split ends of halves DO NOT come in contact with each other. This can be achieved by pushing up the rubber at the 12 o'clock position with the curved end of mating ring to allow splits to clear matching half.

CAUTION: To minimize the potential for seal failure, care must be taken not to chip the split ends of the mating rings.

16. Take drive ring halves and lightly lubricate ID with silicone grease, starting from ID of split joints continuing around ID approximately 1/2" on either side.

17. Make sure sealing surfaces of the mating ring halves are flush with one another axially and radially. Visually and by using your fingernail, determine if there is a step at the joints. Carefully adjust the two halves if needed. See Figure E.

18. When mating ring halves are flush both axially and radially, hold the sealing ring at the 12 o'clock and 6 o'clock positions to ensure mating ring splits are locked into place. Place one half of the drive ring around sealing ring, with the drive ring splits at the 12 o'clock and 6 o'clock positions. Place the other half of the drive ring around and bring the two halves together loosely, tightening cap screws a few threads. Resume tightening evenly until there is approximately a 1/4" gap between the halves, or as tight as possible still allowing the drive ring assembly to slide forward. Check frequently that the two mating ring halves remain flush both axially and radially.

Note: The splits of the mating ring and the drive ring should be 90 degrees apart.
19. Repeat step 17 to verify that mating ring splits are flush axially and radially.

20. Wipe sealing faces clean with alcohol prep pad.

21. Slide drive ring, sealing ring and mating ring assembly toward the stuffing box until mating rings contact. When pushing the assembly forward, push only from the splits to ensure assembly remains even.

   **Note:** Shine a light behind the mating rings at their point of contact verifying their contact. If light is visible between the faces, slide assembly forward.

22. Fully tighten bolts (evenly) on drive ring. An engineered gap will remain at the drive ring splits after bolts are fully tightened. See Figure F.

   **Note:** Gap should only exist after bolts are fully tightened. DO NOT loosen bolts to achieve this gap.

**Figure F**
23. Fully tighten set screws on the drive ring to the shaft.

24. Remove the compression tools.

25. Connect proper piping to flush connections of the seal or existing connections in the stuffing box, to ensure seal receives required flush.

Complete assembled seal.
Before Starting Unit

1. Check to make certain that the circulation lines are open and free of any obstruction which might interfere with circulation of cooling liquid for the seal.

2. Refer to seal installation drawing or pump manufacturer's instructions for proper piping connections.

3. Ensure before start-up that all personnel and assembly equipment have been removed to a safe distance and that there is no contact with rotating parts on the pump, seal coupling or motor.

**WARNING:** SEAL INSTALLATION SHOULD BE HANDLED ONLY BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. IF QUESTIONS ARISE, CONTACT THE LOCAL JOHN CRANE REPRESENTATIVE. IMPROPER USE AND/OR INSTALLATION OF THIS PRODUCT COULD RESULT IN INJURY TO THE PERSON AND/OR HARMFUL EMISSIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND MAY EFFECT ANY WARRANTY ON THE PRODUCT. PLEASE CONTACT THE COMPANY FOR INFORMATION AS TO EXCLUSIVE PRODUCT WARRANTY AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY.

Vertical Installations Only

Prior to start-up on vertical installations, proper seal venting is critical, as air and vapors may be entrapped within the seal cavity. To ensure proper seal flushing, process fluid must be pressurized prior to shaft rotation.

**Venting Seal Cavity:**

1. Place one compression tool on the gland plate. Make sure the compression tool grabs OD of clamp ring.

2. Screw down compression tool until a small gap results between the mating ring surfaces. This will allow trapped air and/or vapors to be vented.

3. When process liquid escapes through the gap, seal cavity is properly vented.

4. Remove compression tool before starting unit.
APPENDIX #1

Special Adaptor Plate with O-Ring

Consult layout supplied with the seal for any variations.

1. Apply a thin coat of RTV sealant to the split ends of adaptor plate. Place adaptor halves around shaft, with the O-ring groove facing the stuffing box. Bolt halves tightly together.

2. Apply a thin coat of adhesive to split end of O-ring. Place O-ring around shaft between the stuffing box and adaptor. Hold ends together until bonded.

3. Slide O-ring into groove in back end of adaptor plate.

4. Spread RTV sealant on the O-ring and groove.

5. Tightly bolt adaptor (evenly) to the stuffing box face leaving an even gap between the adaptor ID and the shaft.

APPENDIX #2

Special Gland Plate with Clamp Plate

Consult layout supplied with the seal for any variations.

1. Apply a thin coat of RTV sealant to split surfaces of gland plate. Place gland plate halves around shaft, with the O-ring groove facing the stuffing box. Bolt halves tightly together.

2. Apply a thin coat of adhesive to split end of O-ring. Place O-ring around shaft between the stuffing box and gland plate. Hold ends together until bonded.


4. Spread RTV sealant on the O-ring and groove.

5. Tightly bolt adaptor (evenly) to the stuffing box face.

6. Apply a thin coat of adhesive to the split end of the compression ring. Place split end around shaft. Gland should be between the stuffing box and the compression ring. Hold ends until bonded. Splits must match up identically to ensure a proper seal.

7. Slide compression ring into groove on the ID of the gland plate. Align bonded split of compression ring to the 11 o’clock position (i.e. 1/2”) from the top end (12 o’clock position) of the gland plate.

   **Note:** To determine 12 o’clock position on a:
   - 2 Bolt Gland - 12 o’clock position = 90 degrees from each stud/bolt
   - 4 Bolt Gland - 12 o’clock position = 45 degrees from each stud/bolt
   (equally spaced studs/bolts)

8. Tightly bolt the clamp plate to the gland plate assembly.

APPENDIX #3

Special Adaptor & Teflon™ Bushing

Consult layout supplied with the seal for any variations.

1. Place the Teflon bushing around the shaft with the large ID toward the stuffing box face.
2. Apply adhesive to the split end of O-ring and bond it around the shaft.
3. Apply a thin coat of RTV sealant to the split ends of the adaptor plate. Place adaptor around the shaft with the O-ring groove toward the stuffing box face. The recess in the adaptor ID slides around the bushing OD. Tightly bolt adaptor halves together.
4. Slide O-ring into adaptor groove.
5. Apply RTV sealant on the O-ring and groove.
6. Tightly bolt the adaptor to the stuffing box face, leaving an even gap between bushing ID and shaft.
7. Proceed with step #1 of the standard installation manual. Adaptor now acts as the stuffing box face.
Spare Parts Kit Installation

1. SEAL DISASSEMBLY:
   Seal disassembly is reverse in process, when compared with seal installation. While disassembling the seal, care must be taken not to drop the split seal faces. Some materials, such as Silicon Carbide, are easily chipped and must be handled with care. After a long time in operation, all elastomers have the tendency to “stick” to metal components. Use the screwdriver provided in the installation kit to pry the metal component halves apart.

2. CLEAN AND INSPECT ALL PARTS:
   Thoroughly clean and inspect all parts after disassembly. The shaft and stuffing box face should be cleaned and inspected as well.

3. REASSEMBLY:
   Proceed with step #1 of the standard installation guide using the cleaned and inspected parts and new mating rings and elastomeric components.

Type 37 Ordering Information

Customer’s Name: _________________________________________________
Location: _________________________________________________________
JC Salesman: _____________________________ Phone # __________________

1. EQUIPMENT:
   Type
   Manufacturer: _____________________________________________________
   Model: __________________________________________________________
   Installation: __________ Horizontal __________ Vertical ________________
   If Vertical: __________ Top Entering ________ Bottom Entering _________

2. APPLICATION:
   Process Fluid: _____________________________________________________
   Specific Gravity: _________________________________________________
   Viscosity: ______________________________________________________
   Vapor Pressure: _________________________________________________
   Injection Fluid: __________________________________________________
   Specific Gravity: _________________________________________________
   Viscosity: ______________________________________________________
   Available Pressure: ______________________________________________
   Max. Allowable Pressure: _________________________________________
   Max. Allowable Flow Rate: _________________________________________

3. OPERATION:
   Speed: __________________________________________________________
   Temperature: _____________________________________________________
   Stuffing Box Pressure: ___________________________________________
   Suction Pressure: ________________________________________________
   Discharge Pressure: ______________________________________________

4. DIMENSIONS:
   Sleeve OD (A) (if applicable): __________________
   Sleeve Extension (B) (if applicable): ______________
   Shaft/Sleeve Surface Finish: ______________________
   Shaft OD (C): ________________________________
   Stuffing Box Bore (D): _________________________
   Stuffing Box OD (E): __________________________
   Bolt Circle Diameter (F): _______________________
   Number & Size of Bolts (G,H): __________________
   Type of Bolts: (Circle Appropriate)
   Swing Bolts, Studs (Removable: Yes__ No__), or Tapped Holes
   Bolt Extension (I): _______________________________________________
   Nearest Obstruction (J): _________________________________________

Materials of Construction

| Primary Ring*  | Carbon          |
| Mating Ring   | Silicon Carbide |
| Hardware      | 316 Stainless Steel |
| Elastomers    | Ethylene Propylene, Buna-N, Fluoroelastomer, Aflas® |

* When hard faces are used, primary ring becomes a mating ring.

Operating Limits

**Type 37FS**
- Pressure: 80 psig / 5.5 bar g
- Temperature: 180°F / 82°C
- Speed: To 1800 rpm

**Type 37FSB**
- Pressure: 200 psig / 14 bar g
- Temperature: 180°F / 82°C
- Speed: To 1800 rpm
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