

INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SERIES



MCR/VR series

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1 Security

The purpose of this chapter is to provide you with all the necessary information to ensure maximum safety during storage, handling and operation of **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary unions.

Therefore, these operating instructions are an essential complement to the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union in your possession.

Duff-Norton Europe can not be held responsible for any damage, if all the recommendations defined in this operating instructions have not been followed.

Duff-Norton Europe informs the operator of the rotating fitting of its obligation to ensure that its staff received this notice.



Dangerous situation that could result in death or serious bodily injury.



This can damage the rotary connector or surrounding equipment.



Useful information

Duff-Norton Europe's MCR/VR series rotary unions in carbon steel with chemical nickel treatment are referenced with the suffix "K". For the rest of this manual, these rotary connectors will be called "K-Models".

Duff-Norton Europe's MCR/VR series rotary unions in 316L stainless steel are referenced with the suffix "I". For the rest of this manual, these rotary connectors will be referred to as "I models".

1.1 Operating Conditions for **MCR/VR Series** Rotary Unions

The tables below describe the most commonly used **Duff-Norton Europe MCR/VR Series** rotary union applications. For any specific use other than the one described in the table below, please consult us in order to obtain our written agreement of use.

Rotary unions :

Model	Operating temperature	Speed	Fluids					
			Water	Air	Hydraulic oil	Steam	(Natural) Gas	Other fluids
MC206R/VR	from 5°F to + 248°F	from 0 to 3000RPM	X	X	X		X	Consult us
MC306R/VR	from 5°F to + 248°F	from 0 to 3000RPM	X	X	X		X	Consult us
MC406R/VR	from 5°F to + 248°F	from 0 to 3000RPM	X	X	X		X	Consult us
MC208R/VR	from 5°F to + 248°F	from 0 to 3000RPM	X	X	X		X	Consult us
MC308R/VR	from 5°F to + 248°F	from 0 to 3000RPM	X	X	X		X	Consult us
MC408R/VR	from 5°F to + 248°F	from 0 to 3000RPM	X	X	X		X	Consult us
MC210R/VR	from 5°F to + 248°F	from 0 to 3000RPM	X	X	X		X	Consult us
MC310R/VR	from 5°F to + 248°F	from 0 to 3000RPM	X	X	X		X	Consult us
MC410R/VR	from 5°F to + 248°F	from 0 to 3000RPM	X	X	X		X	Consult us



To convey oxygen, the rotary coupling must be made of 316L stainless steel and degreased, which means all components must be cleaned and free of grease before using the rotary union.

1.2 Applications prohibited with the use of the **MCR/VR series** rotary unions **Duff-Norton Europe**.

This section informs you about misapplications known to date for the use of the **MCR/VR series** rotary of **Duff-Norton Europe**.

➤ **FOODSTUFFS**

Duff-Norton Europe MCR/VR series rotary unions can be used on food equipment. Nevertheless, thank you to consult us for validation of sealing and process.

➤ **HIGH PRESSURE EQUIPEMENT**

Duff-Norton Europe MCR/VR Series rotary unions can't be used on high pressure installations. The maximum permissible pressure for **MCR/VR series** is 12 bar. The table below shows the maximum permissible pressures for each model.

Model	Max. Permissible pressure (bar)
MC206R/VR	12
MC306R/VR	12
MC406R/VR	12
MC208R/VR	12
MC308R/VR	12
MC408R/VR	12
MC210R/VR	12
MC310R/VR	12
MC410R/VR	12

➤ **EQUIPMENT WITH FIXED CONNECTIONS**

Duff-Norton Europe MCR/VR series rotary unions can not be used on installations with fixed (rigid) connections. A rotary union must be mounted without axial and / or radial load. Therefore, it is essential to connect one of the connections by means of a flexible hose (refer to the Installation section).

➤ **EQUIPMENT CONVEYING FLUIDS AT HIGH TEMPERATURE**

Duff-Norton Europe Series MCR/VR rotary unions cannot be used on high temperature fluids. The operating range is from 5 ° F to + 248 ° F.

➤ **ATEX EQUIPMENT**

Duff-Norton Europe rotary unions do not have ATEX certification. As a result, **Duff-Norton Europe** cannot be held liable for the use of a **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union in explosive atmospheres.

1.3 Safety instructions

RISK OF BURNS



Depending on the application, more or less hot fluids can be conveyed. The steel design of **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary unions does not prevent heat transfer. **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary unions can therefore be more or less burning (depending on the temperature of the fluid being conveyed), leading to serious injuries. It is therefore important for the operator to ensure that proper protective gloves are used by his staff when handling the rotary union after operation.



In the case of high rotational speeds and low throughput on the medium, the rotary seal can generate high operating temperatures, which can cause severe burns in the event of contact with the skin.



Duff-Norton Europe recommends to the operator, in the case of medium- and high-temperature fluids transfer, to shield the rotary union as much as possible from contact with the surrounding personnel. In the same way; **Duff-Norton Europe** recommends placing a sign or poster on the risk of burning.

FLUID USED



Depending on the fluid being transferred, the materials used in the rotary seal of the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union may not be compatible with the fluid being conveyed. **Duff-Norton Europe's** standard sealing rotary seal is composed of PTFE and FPM. **Duff-Norton Europe** therefore recommends that the operator verify the compatibility of the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary seal and the fluid carried. If required, **Duff-Norton Europe** can validate and / or determine the compatible materials of the rotary seal as a function of the fluid being conveyed. **Duff-Norton Europe** can not be held liable for the incompatibility of the rotary seal and the fluid carried if no written request for compatibility has been requested.

1.3 Safety instructions [continued]

FLEXIBLE HOSES



As with the rotary seal, the operator must ensure compatibility between the materials used for the flexible pipes and the fluid. An incompatibility between the hoses and the transferred fluid can cause porosity and / or bursting of the hoses. **Duff-Norton Europe** recommends that the operator verify at least the following parameters for hoses :

- Compatibility with the fluid,
- Compatibility with the fluid pressure,
- Current regulations.

Duff-Norton Europe shall not be held liable for damage and / or injury caused in the event that one or more hoses rupture or become porous.

INCORRECT INSTALLATION OF THE ROTARY UNION DUFF-NORTON EUROPE



If the installation of the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union has not been done properly, leakage may occur. Depending on the fluid being conveyed, these leaks can cause injury or damage to surrounding equipment. **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary coupling can also cause seizure of the Duff-Norton Europe rotary coupling, which can cause severe damage to the equipment, as well as the risk of severe injury (pulling out a hose).

2 Instructions for the preservation of the Environment



The primary function of a **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union is to transfer fluid from a fixed part to a rotating part. Therefore, depending on the fluid being transferred, precautions must be taken to protect the environment in order to avoid pollution. Nevertheless, a rotary union has wear parts, such as the rotary seal, which if not replaced regularly can cause leakage and consequently potential pollution. This section provides information on the recommendations to be put in place in.

2.1 Transfer of liquids

In the case of liquid transfer, **Duff-Norton Europe** recommends that the operator provide a leakage receptacle positioned below the rotary union to collect all potential leaks. **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary unions are equipped with drain holes. Duff-Norton Europe then recommends that the operator connect these drainage holes and collect any leaks.

Duff-Norton Europe also recommends that there be no fluid, pressure or residual pressure in the circuits where the rotary union is to be installed. This recommendation is also valid before any operation of uninstalling the rotary union of the machine.

If the rotary union of the machine is uninstalled, the rotary union may still contain fluid after disassembly. Operation will therefore ensure that the rotary union is completely drained and the residual fluid is properly collected before any transport and / or manipulation of the rotary union.

2.2 Gas Transfer

In the case of gas transfer, **Duff-Norton Europe** recommends that the operator provide a leakage receptacle positioned around the rotary union to collect all potential leaks. **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union are equipped with drain holes. **Duff-Norton Europe** rope then recommends that the operator connect these drainage holes and collect any leaks.

Duff-Norton Europe also recommends that there be no gas, no discharge pressure or residual pressure in the circuits where the rotary union is to be installed. This recommendation is also valid before any operation of uninstalling the rotary union of the machine.

3 Storage of Rotary Unions Duff-Norton Europe

All **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary unions are supplied in individual, identified cardboard packages. **Duff-Norton Europe** recommends that its rotary unions be stored in their original packaging in a dry place at a temperature between 68 and 86 ° F.

Apart from the "I" models for oxygen applications, all **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary unions are lubricated as standard. Over time, it is possible that the rotary seals will stick to the rotor. This phenomenon is quite normal. Simply rotor "gumming" before rotating the rotary union by rotating it. Depending on the diameter of the rotors, this release may require more or less torque. The table below gives information on the starting torques of the various dimensions of **Duff-Norton Europe MCR/VR series**.

Model	MC206R/VR	MC306R/VR	MC406R/VR	MC208R/VR	MC308R/VR	MC408R/VR	MC210R/VR	MC310R/VR	MC410R/VR
Torque (daN/m)	0,02	0,02	0,03	0,02	0,03	0,04	0,02	0,03	0,25

4 Installation of rotary unions Duff-Norton Europe

In order to correctly install the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union, please follow the instructions below in chronological order :

➤ Step 1

Visually inspect all connections of the rotary union, as well as those of the equipment where the rotary union is installed.

➤ Step 2

Clean all sealing surfaces with a dry cloth.

➤ Step 3

Connect the flexible hose to the rotating union of **Duff-Norton Europe**.

➤ Step 4

Connect the hose to the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union.

➤ Step 5

Check that there is no stiffness, torsion or pinching on the hose after connection.

➤ Step 6

Pressurize the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union.

➤ Step 7

Check for leaks.

5 Operation of the rotary union

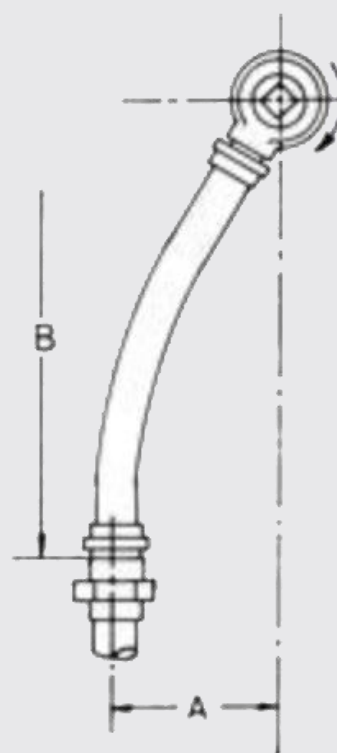
Duff-Norton Europe

Duff-Norton Europe MCR/VR Series rotary connectors can be operated without fluid flow. Nevertheless, in this case, the rotary seal will wear prematurely.

In the normal operation of the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union, no leakage should be detected.

Duff-Norton Europe MCR/VR series rotary unions are threaded. As a result, it is quite normal to observe an off-centering of the rotary union when it is rotated. Therefore, the hose must be sufficiently flexible to absorb this eccentricity and not to generate any axial or radial load on the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union.

Rotary Union Thread Size (inch)	Hose Size and Length (in.x mm)	Dimensions (mm)	
		A	B
3/8"	3/8" x 250	38	250
1/2"	1/2" x 250	38	250
3/4"	3/4" x 300	54	300
1"	1" x 381	70	381
1"1/4	1"1/4 x 458	83	458
1"1/2	1"1/2 x 458	93	458
2"	2" x 534	127	534
2"1/2	2"1/2 x 560	180	560
3"	3" x 610	210	610
4"	4" x 712	280	712
5"	5" x 762	280	762
6"	6" x 839	420	839
8"	8" x 915	547	915



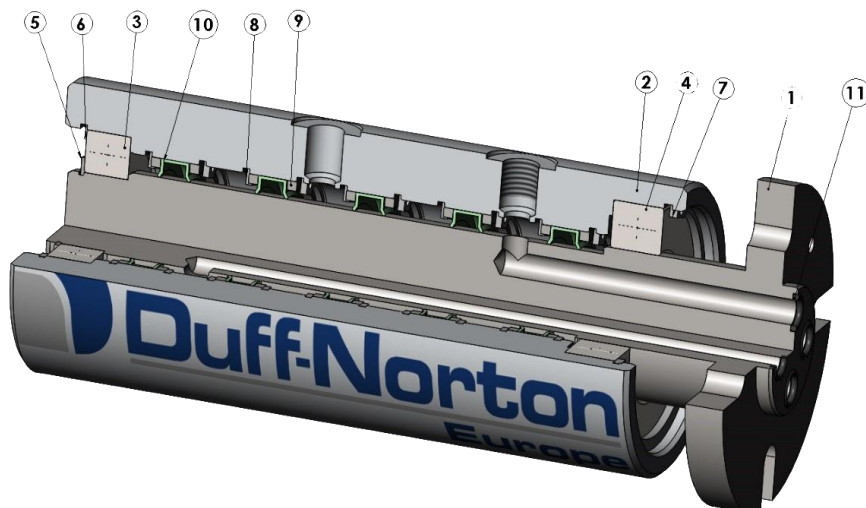
The correct way to install the hose on a rotary union

CAUTION

A straight hose, when fully charged, becomes rigid as solid pipe. This rigidity, plus the added weight of the fluid media and expansion due to temperature, can drastically shorten the service life of the Rotary Union.

6 Maintenance of the rotary union Duff-Norton Europe

6.1 Instructions for disassembling the rotary union Duff-Norton Europe



- Remove the circlips mark 5 and 6
- Using a press or with a mallet and a plastic jet, push the mark 1 rotor firmly holding the stator mark 2.
- With an extractor, pull on the ball bearing mark 3 from the inside, in order to extract it from its housing.
- Remove circlip marker 7.
- With an extractor, pull on the ball bearing mark 4 from the inside, to extract it from its housing.
- Remove the reference circlip 8
- Remove the marker spacer 9
- Remove the rotary seal mark 10 with a hook.
- Repeat the last three operations for each rotary seal.

6.2 Rotary union Maintenance Instructions Duff-Norton Europe

- The reference rotor 1 will be considered to be replaced if:
 - o The rotor wear is greater than 0.2mm compared to its nominal diameter.
- For K Models the grease used is the Belleville® Red.
- For Models I the fat used is the Belleville Nutrol® (white) food.
- During the greasing operation, it is possible that the grease contained in the rotary coupling escapes between the reference rotor 1 and the reference stator 2.
- Duff Norton Europe recommends 10µm filtration for longer life of the rotary joint.
- The installation of the rotary unions must be done without additional stress on the rotary joint: this implies the use of flexible hoses.
- The rotary coupling must never be used as a rotation bearing.

6.3 Instructions for reassembling the rotary union Duff-Norton Europe

- For reassembly, clean all parts and visually inspect them.
- Put a circlip 8.
- Place a marker spacer 9.
- Place a trim 10 mark (pay attention to the direction of assembly of the lips).
- Place a second spacer mark 9.
- Put a second circlip 8.
- Repeat this process as many times as there are trimmings.
- Put the ball bearing mark 4.
- Put the circlip mark 7.
- Put the ball bearing mark 3.
- Put the circlip mark 6.
- Grease abundantly the outside of the rotor mark 1 and the inside of the stator mark 2.
- Insert the rotor mark 1 in the stator marker 2 from the front of the latter.
- Put the circlip 8.

7 Possible malfunctions of the rotary union Duff-Norton Europe

ROTARY UNION NOT SEALED AFTER INSTALLATION

- **POOR INSTALLATION**
Switch off equipment. Make sure the various connections are tight. Make sure that all hoses are free of tension (pinching, twisting). Make sure all sealing surfaces are clean.
- **ROTATING SEAL DAMAGED**
Pack the Duff Norton rotary union and return it to **Duff-Norton Europe**.
- **ROTARY UNION DEFECTIVE**
Pack the Duff Norton rotary union and return it to **Duff-Norton Europe**.

THE ROTARY UNION HAS PREMATURE WEAR

- **THE FLUID CONVEYED IS POLLUTED**
Replace the fluid in the circuit, taking care to clean all components in the circuit, and then replace the rotary union.
- **THE APPLICATION IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE ROTARY UNION** **Duff-Norton Europe**
Contact Duff-Norton Europe to ensure the compatibility of the **Duff-Norton Europe** rotary union and the application.

THE ROTARY UNION VIBRATES

- **THE ROTARY UNION IS INCORRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE EQUIPMENT**
Tighten the connections of the rotary union.



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