

BXHHS and BXRH Series High-temperature metal bellows seals



BXHHS and BXRH seals provide sealing capability at extreme temperatures in challenging refinery and petrochemical services. When pumping services push beyond the temperature limits of elastomers, BXHHS and BXRH seals offer reliable sealing in single and dual seal configurations.

Go beyond elastomer limits

BXHHS and BXRH seals are loaded with features to handle high and low temperatures beyond where traditional O-ring seals can go. Flexible graphite secondary seals offer universal chemical compatibility at all temperatures between -73°C and 427°C (-100°F and 800°F). The unique fully nesting ripple bellows geometry with wide span convolutions assures low motion stress and lower spring rates, even with thick 0.2 mm (0.008 in) diaphragms. The advanced design of the bellows flange allows for a wide cross-section that stabilizes the thermal rotation of the seal face to maintain full face lubrication at high temperature. The mating seal face is securely seated on a graphite gasket to encourage heat transfer away from the seal face running surface while also enhancing face flatness at high temperatures.

BXHHS seals offer a rotating bellows that acts to clear convolutions and prevent accumulation of debris. The BXRH seals offer a stationary bellows that provides high-speed capability and tolerates out-of-square misalignment of the pump shaft to seal chamber face that can occur as the pump grows thermally.



Unique fully nesting ripple bellows geometry

Applications

- Distillation tower bottoms
- Heat transfer fluids
- Fluid cat cracker slurry
- Hot hydrocarbons
- Cryogenics
- Asphalt
- Bitumen
- Gas oil

Additional options

Available multi-port flush distributes flush fluid evenly around the seal faces for uniform cooling.

A circulating device integrated into the dual seal cartridge circulates barrier fluid to keep the seal faces cool. A circulating device is also available on single seals with Plan 23.

Available fixed, floating and segmented throttle bushings provide increasing levels of secondary leakage containment. GSDH dry running backup seals provide maximum secondary containment without the use of a barrier or buffer fluid.

Available configurations

Arrangement 1 single seal (Common Piping Plans 11, 13, 23, 32, 62) BXHHS BXRH

Arrangement 2 unpressurized dual wet seal (Common Piping Plans 52, 55) BXHHS/BXHHS BXRH/BXRH

Arrangement 2 unpressurized dual seal with dry running backup (Common Piping Plans 72, 75, 76) BXRH/GSDH BXRH/GSDH

Arrangement 3 pressurized dual wet seal (Common Piping Plans 53A, 53B, 53C, 54) **BXHHSB/BXHHS BXRH/BXRH**

Handle shaft thermal expansion and corrosive fluids

The extra-long Alloy 718 bellows core is 60% longer than traditional bellows seals, which allows for more axial travel and a more consistent spring load over a wide range of temperatures. Alloy 718 offers enhanced corrosion resistance over typical bellows alloys to handle fluids that become aggressive at high temperatures.

Avoid hang-up

Absence of springs and dynamic elastomers reduces clogging vulnerabilities.

Withstand hightemperature hydrocarbon coking

Available anti-coke device on atmospheric side of seal directs a cleansing steam quench to atmospheric side of bellows and seal faces.

Materials of construction

Metal Components	
Metal Bellows	
Seal Faces	
Gaskets	

316 Stainless Steel Alloy 718 Carbon, Silicon Carbide Flexible Graphite

Operating parameters

Pressure	up to 20.7 bar (300 psi)
Temperature	-73°C to 427°C (-100°F to 800°F)
Speed	up to 23 m/s (75 fps) BXHHS up to 46 m/s (150 fps) BXRH
Shaft Sizes	21.8 to 128.9 mm (0.857 to 5.073 in)

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Minimize the influence of thermal expansion on seal faces

A hinged seal face flange and a full-length shrink fit assures thermal expansion has minimal impact on seal face flatness.





Arrangement 1 BXRH seal with anti-coke device is an industry standard single seal.



Arrangement 2 BXHHS/GSDH seal provides best leakage containment without a liquid buffer/barrier fluid.



Arrangement 3 BXHHSB/BXHHS seal provides zero emissions sealing.

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