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EBAA Iron Enhances FLEX-TEND® Flexible Expansion Joints

Design changes to the FLEX-TEND Socket of the sizes 4 in. through 12 in. and new Expansion/Contraction Travel Presets for all sizes.

Eastland, Texas - August 23, 2012 – EBAA Iron, Inc. has enhanced their FLEX-TEND Flexible Expansion joint designs with two separate improvements.

In the nominal pipe sizes 4 inch through 12 inch EBAA Iron has incorporated a new socket design to replace their previous design for the socket connection of the ball joint. This new design is more compact and allows for a smaller outside diameter of the overall unit. By incorporating this new robust socket EBAA Iron has been able to decrease the total number of fasteners needed for the assembly of the FLEX-TEND Flexible Expansion Joints and FLEX-900<sup>®</sup> Flexible Ball Joints.

EBAA Iron also has modified their Expansion/Contraction travel presets of all sizes of the FLEX-TEND from 75% / 25% to a more installer friendlier 50% / 50% factory preset. 50% of the total expansion capability of the FLEX-TEND will be reserved for Expansion travel and the remaining 50% reserved for Contraction travel. This change will allow design engineers to make their installation specifications easier understood and help the installer better understand and calculate the travel requirements at the time installation.

All of these enhancements are reflected in EBAA Iron's latest FLEX-TEND Product Brochure found at <a href="www.ebaa.com">www.ebaa.com</a>. Please refer to brochure revision "T" found in the lower left hand corner of the first page.

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