

Trivia

did you know that ...

The actual title of Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" is La Gioconda, Italian for "the joyful one".

Mick Jagger returned a \$5 million advance on his memoirs, explaining that he "couldn't remember" significant details of his own life.

After retiring as a player, Babe Ruth spent one year as a coach for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1938.

The greatest distance the Olympic torch ever has been carried within a single country is 11,222 miles in Canada. Of the 11,222 miles; 5,088 were covered by foot; 4,419 by aircraft and ferry; 1,712 by snowmobile; and 3 by dogsled.

The Preakness was named after the colt that won the first stakes race ever held at Maryland's Pimlico Race Course.

The color khaki was first used for uniforms in the Afghan War in 1880 because the color was considered good camouflage.

At the end of World War II in 1945 there were 10,795,775 enlisted men and women in the United State's armed services. Today that number is 1,445,000.

David Letterman claims that he was once fired as a weekend TV weatherman for describing a storm as having "hailstones the size of canned hams".

As a youngster Alex Trebek, of Jeopardy, won seven spelling-bees and four science-fair championships.

The first home TV set was demonstrated in 1928 at a screen size of 3 inches by 4 inches.

There were only 2 signers of the Declaration of Independence who went on to serve as president of the United States, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

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Product Spotlight

W-Series Wingstyle

Dixon Quick Coupling announces one of our most popular products, the W-Series Wingstyle Couplings. This hydraulic product joins the DF-Series (Industrial Interchange Pneumatic), H-Series (ISO-B Hydraulic), K-Series (ISO-A Hydraulic), and HT-Series (ISO16028 Flushface).

The W-Series continues to provide reliable service in Trucking and Oilfield applications, allowing safe connection and disconnection of pressurized hydraulic lines. The most popular uses include: Dump Trailers, Walking-Floor Trailers, Drilling Tongs, and other applications where a thread-to-connect coupling will optimize connection efficiency. Available with NPTF Female or BSPP Female threads, in sizes 3/4" to 1-1/2", this series of products will meet your customer's needs for quick coupling technology.

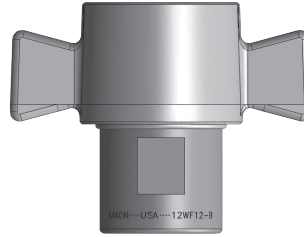
Although the design is visually simplistic, there are many features to consider when comparing the W-Series against competitive offerings:

- The Drybreak design prevents spillage upon disconnection and air inclusion during connection.
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- The brass construction ensures optimum corrosion resistance, while the high tensile steel components resist failure associated with pressurized connection/disconnection and surge flow conditions.
- The bonded valve seal components prevent leakage and the use of an Anti-Extrusion ring on the main coupler valve will prevent seal damage and eventual failure of O-rings due to hydraulic pressure spikes.



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Dates in History

1700 On April 1st, English pranksters began popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other.

1970 April 1st, President Richard Nixon signed legislation officially banning cigarette ads on television and radio. Nixon, who was an avid pipe smoker, indulging in as many as eight bowls a day, supported the legislation at the increasing insistence of public health advocates.

1986 On April 29th, in a game against the Seattle Mariners at Fenway Park, Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox became the first pitcher in Major League Baseball to strike out 20 batters in a nine-inning game. Ten years later, Clemens repeated the feat, the only player in baseball history to do so.

On the Lighter Side

John got up early on Saturday morning to play golf. He kissed his wife goodbye, and Sue reminded him they were going out to eat early that evening with another couple. John promised her he would be home in plenty of time.

Mid-afternoon came and went, and John did not return home. Sue became angry at first. But her anger turned to worry as the sun began to set. John had never been this late before.

Finally, it was completely dark when Sue heard the back door open and close. Concerned, she ran to greet John. "What happened?" she said. "You promised you would be home early!"

John replied, "It was awful. The four of us were on the very first tee when Bill Smith fell over dead with a heart attack."

"Oh no!" Sue exclaimed. "That's terrible."

"I know," John said. "From then on, it was hit the ball... drag Bill. Hit the ball... drag Bill."

The Smith's were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards.

They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose - how to handle that great-uncle George, who was executed in the electric chair.

The author assured the family he could handle the story as tactfully as possible and was given the go-ahead to write the book.

The book appeared. It said "Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution and was attached to his position by the strongest of ties. His death came as a great shock."