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Innovation Through Engineering Collaboration

Bal Seal Engineering, Inc. is a global provider of customengineered sealing, connecting, conducting, and EMI/RFI shielding solutions.



We're more than just a problem-solver, we're your innovation partner. With over half a century of experience and a vast application knowledge base, we specialize in helping OEMs develop breakthroughs that shape industry standards, push the technology envelope, and provide a competitive edge.

Whether you're addressing an existing challenge or in the early stages of development, we can help. Our engineers have the skills and expertise to collaborate and contribute during every step of the process, and get your product to market faster.

Our core technology, the Bal Spring® canted coil spring, is a versatile component that functions independently or in combination with precision polymer sealing and metal retaining elements to enhance the performance and reliability of critical equipment used everywhere, from deep sea to deep space, and everywhere in between.

Bal Seal® Design Features and Benefits

We offer a broad range of Bal Seal® spring-energized seal types for reciprocating and static/face applications. The following pages contain examples of typical configurations, cross sections, and size ranges. Contact us with your specific application requirements, and we'll custom-engineer a solution that will increase the performance, safety, and reliability of your products.

Dynamic Wiper Lip

Series 13 for Housing Mounting/Series 14 for Piston Mounting

Features a short dynamic sealing lip, which improves overall seal performance.

- Improved sealing ability
- · Better wiping
- · Reduced friction
- · Reduced heat buildup for longer life



Metal Retaining Ring

Series KS13

A self-retaining seal with metal-to-metal contact between housing material and metal locking ring.

- Good retention
- · Suitable for high and low temperatures
- · Greater thermal stability



Flanged Seal Series R13

Series RIS

Provides secondary sealing on the flange.

- · Well suited for cryogenic applications
- Long-term sealing applications
- · Reduces seal shuttling



High-Pressure Seal Series UN13, UN14, UN15

High-pressure reciprocating service.

- · Excellent sealing ability
- · Extended heel zone for increased seal strength
- Better resistance to extrusion
- Improved stability/performance at high temperatures and pressures



Face Seal (Static)

Series S2 for Internal Pressure/Series IS2 for External Pressure

Radial-shaped sealing lips promote better sealing ability.

- · Suitable for cryogenic applications
- Suitable for oscillatory and slow rotary applications









Bal Seal® Spring-Energized Reciprocating and Static/Face Seal Designs

The table below contains a small sampling of the hundreds of profiles we've designed. Seal jacket geometries and energizer properties can be precisely engineered to meet unique application requirements.

Seal Design	Series	Features/Applications	Pressure Limit¹ psi (bar)	Cross Section Range in. (mm)	Inside Diameter Range in. (mm)
	13	Wiping, low friction, longer life.	3000 (207)	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
	P14	One-piece pistons with 1/4 step. Better seal retention into groove.	3000 (207)	0.062 to 0.187 (1.6 to 4.7)	0.312 to 1.875 (7.9 to 47.6)
	15	Symmetrical design for piston or rod sealing.	3000 (207)	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
<u> </u>	CC13	Very small diameters and small cross sections.	2000 (138)	0.016 to 0.062 (0.4 to 1.6)	0.016 to 0.093 (0.4 to 2.4)
	KS13	For thermal cycling and self-retaining with a metal locking ring. High and low temperatures.	3000 (207)	0.044 to 0.585 (1.1 to 14.8)	0.125 to 34 (3.2 to 863)
	R13	Flange-mounted. Reduces seal movement. Low friction, longer life.	3000 (207)	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
£	UN13	For high pressure, low friction.	10000 (689)	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
	PW	Spring-energized guide ring for better piston guidance and alignment.	NA	0.031 to 0.500 (0.8 to 12.7)	0.062 to 120 (1.6 to 3048)
	64	Low dead volume. Excellent chemical compatibility. Vacuum to low pressure. Snap-on assembly. Seal permanently locks onto piston.	60 (4)	0.031 to 0.125 (0.8 to 3.2)	OD Range 0.063 and up (1.6 and up)
	S15	For use in internal pressure conditions and slow rotary applications.	3000 (207)	0.062 to 0.250 (1.6 to 6.4)	0.188 to 120 (4.8 to 3048)
	S2	Face seal for static sealing and slow rotary applications.	3000 (207)	0.062 to 0.250 (1.6 to 6.4)	0.188 to 120 (4.8 to 3048)

^{1.} Pressure limits are based on UHMWPE. PTFE material pressure limits will be lower.



Bal Seal® Spring-Energized Seal Materials

	Material/Description	Material Temperature Range °F (°C)	Wear Resistance 5=Excellent 1=Fair	Pressure/Extrusion Resistance 5=Excellent 1=Fair	Abrasion to Shaft
	T (Virgin PTFE) Light-duty service. Lowest friction. Excellent chemical compatibility. FDA compliant. Color: White	-450 to 450 (-270 to 230)	1	1	Low
	TA (PTFE—LOW PERMEABILITY/DEFORMATION) Superior mechanical properties with good surface finishes. Good sealing ability in gases and vacuum. Suitable for semiconductor applications. FDA Compliant. Color: White	-450 to 450 (-270 to 230)	2	2	Low
	G (GRAPHITE-FILLED PTFE) Light-duty service. Low friction. Very good chemical compatibility. Good wear resistance in liquids, humid conditions. Color: Black	-450 to 475 (-270 to 230)	2	2	Low
	GC (GRAPHITE-CARBON-FILLED PTFE) General light duty. Low friction. Very good chemical compatibility. Good wear resistance in liquids, humid conditions. Color: Black	-450 to 500 (-270 to 230)	3	3	Low
ylene	GFP55 (GRAPHITE-FIBER-REINFORCED PTFE) Severe service conditions. Excellent performance in applications with high pressure, low speed, and high temperature. Color: Black	-450 to 500 (-270 to 260)	4	5	Medium
uoroeth	GFP (GRAPHITE-FIBER-REINFORCED PTFE) Severe service conditions. Excellent performance in applications with high pressure, low speed, and high temperature. Color: Black	-450 to 500 (-270 to 260)	5	5	Medium
Polytetrafluoroethylene	GFPM55 HT (MoS ₂ -REINFORCED PTFE) Severe dry and liquid service. Excellent wear and extrusion resistance in liquids, inert gases, vacuum. Color: Black	-450 to 500 (-270 to 260)	4	5	Medium
Pol	GLMO4 (GLASS-MOLY-FILLED PTFE) For severe conditions, excellent extrusion resistance. May be abrasive to soft mating materials. Color: Black	-450 to 500 (-270 to 260)	5	5	High
	GL20 (GLASS-FILLED PTFE) Severe dry/vacuum service. Excellent wear and extrusion resistance and low outgassing. Color: Off-white	-450 to 500 (-270 to 260)	5	5	High
	SP45 (POLYMER-FILLED PTFE) General-purpose material designed for contact with housings and pistons made of soft metals or plastics. Good for high-speed, low-pressure applications. Color: Light gray/green	-450 to 500 (-270 to 260)	5	4	Low
	SP191 (POLYMER-FILLED PTFE) Gas compressor systems and oxygen intensifier systems applications. Excellent wear resistance in various gases. Low abrasion to dynamic surfaces and operates well against soft mating surfaces like aluminum, mild steel, brass, and plastics. FDA compliant. Color: Tan	-400 to 550 (-240 to 287)	5	4	Low
ene	UPC10 (POLYETHYLENE) Aqueous service. Good wear and extrusion resistance in aqueous media. For general service. FDA compliant. Color: Translucent white	-450 to 180 (-270 to 80)	4 (aqueous solutions)	5	Low
Polyethylene	UPC16 (POLYETHYLENE) High purity, high wear resistance in water and aqueous solutions. FDA compliant. Color: Translucent white	-450 to 180 (-270 to 80)	4 (aqueous solutions)	5	Low
ď	UP30 (UHMW POLYETHYLENE BLEND) Suitable for very high-pressure low-speed reciprocating applications such as HPLC and cryogenic applications. FDA compatible. Color: Gold	-450 to 180 (-270 to 80)	4 (aqueous solutions)	5	Low
PEEK	P41 HT (HIGH-PERFORMANCE POLYMERS) High-performance materials for high-temperature service. FDA compatible. Color: Beige.	-70 to 600 (-60 to 316)	5	5	Medium

Bal Seal Engineering defines "FDA Compliant" as materials that have been found by the FDA to be "safe for use in food contact" or "acceptable for use in food contact." "FDA Compatible" is defined by Bal Seal Engineering as compositions where FDA has deemed the majority (97% or more) of the ingredients "safe for use in food contact" and they contain no ingredient listed in the California Code of Regulations Hazardous Substance List.

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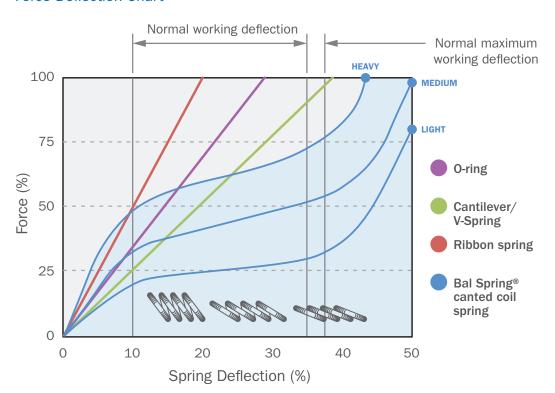


Bal Spring® Canted Coil Spring Energizers



Bal Seal Engineering is the original developer of the Bal Spring® canted coil spring as a seal energizer. Our innovative design holds the spring force nearly constant over a wide deflection range. As the seal jacket wears, the spring continues to provide the same sealing force. Spring loads are customizable, enabling you to optimize friction, sealing, and performance life.

Force Deflection Chart





Bal Spring® Canted Coil Spring Energizer Materials

Material	Advantages	Limitations	Typical Applications
BSE1 or BSE2 (Stainless Steel)	 Low cost and readily available Highest tensile strength of all standard Bal Spring® materials 	Lower corrosion resistance than BSE3 or BSE 4 and BSE5 Mechanical properties change at elevated temperatures	General service
BSE3 or BSE4 (Stainless Steel)	Better corrosion resistance than BSE1 or BSE2 due to higher nickel and molybdenum content	Mechanical properties lower than BSE1 or BSE2	Biomedical Food processing
BSE5 (Stainless Steel)	Higher corrosion resistance than BSE3 or BSE4 due to lower carbon content	Higher cost than BSE3 or BSE4	BiomedicalCorrosive environmentsLaboratoryFood processing
BSE9 (Beryllium Copper Alloy)	High-strength copper alloy	Limited temperature range	 Parts requiring good electrical conductivity EMI shielding Electronics
BSE17 (Nickel Alloy)	Higher corrosion resistance and operating temperature than BSE1 or BSE2, BSE3 or BSE4, and BSE5 stainless steels	Limited availability	Corrosive environments
BSE18 (Nickel Alloy)	High resistance to stress cracking High corrosion resistance Resistant to cracking under NACE Level VII conditions Compatible with hydrogen sulfide	Wire size	Petrochemical applications with hydrogen sulfide sour gas per NACE report MR-01-75
BSE19 (Cobalt Nickel Alloy)	Compatible with hydrogen sulfide Nickel-based material with higher modulus of elasticity than all other stainless steel materials with higher mechanical properties than other stainless steel materials	Galvanic corrosion can occur when coupled with dissimilar metals	 Body implant applications such as pacemakers Petrochemical applications where corrosion resistance to hydrogen sulfide is necessary
BSE28 (Titanium Alloy)	Commonly used, heat treatable with good stiffness and thermal properties Excellent combination of strength and corrosion resistance	Non-medical grade alloy High cost	 Military, aircraft, spacecraft Medical devices Connecting rods for sports cars Some sports equipment

Energizer Types

Energizer	Туре	Friction	Sealing	Wear	High Speed	Vacuum Gas	High Pressure	Cryogenic
	Light	Low	Low	Low	Excellent	Not Recommended	Good	Poor
	Medium	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Fair	Excellent	Fair
	Heavy	High	High	High	Not Recommended	Good	Excellent	Good
	Cantilever/ V-Spring	High	High	Moderate	Not Recommended	Excellent	Excellent	Good
	0-Ring	High	High	High	Not Recommended	Excellent	Fair	Fair

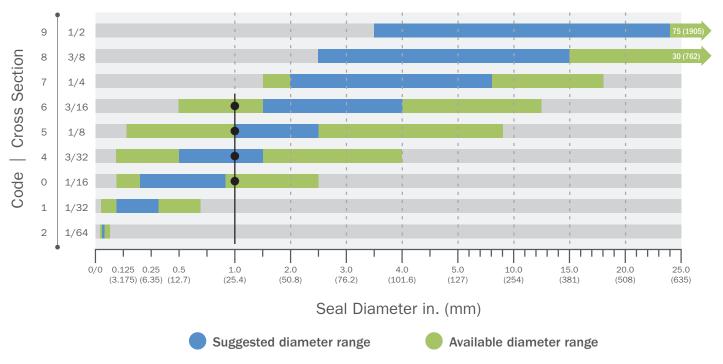


Bal Seal® Reciprocating Seals

Cross sections range from 0.016 to 0.500 in. (0.40 to 12.70 mm). Seal cross sections and seal inside diameters are divided into available and suggested size ranges. Suggested sizes will generally result in optimal seal performance.

Suggested Standard Bal Seal® Cross Sections and Seal Inside Diameters

Cross S	Packing.			Seal Insid	e Diameter	
Cross	section	Nominal Cross Section in. (mm)	Available Sizes	Suggest	ted Sizes	Available Sizes
Code	Size		Min. in. (mm)	Min. in. (mm)	Max. in. (mm)	Max. in. (mm)
2	1/64	0.016 (0.40)	0.016 (0.40)	0.031 (0.79)	0.040 (1.02)	0.062 (1.57)
1	1/32	0.031 (0.79)	0.025 (0.64)	0.041 (1.04)	0.312 (7.93)	0.68 (17.45)
0	1/16	0.062 (1.57)	0.050 (1.27)	0.187 (4.75)	0.750 (19.05)	2.50 (63.50)
4	3/32	0.094 (2.38)	0.094 (2.39)	0.500 (12.70)	1.500 (38.10)	4.00 (101.60)
5	1/8	0.125 (3.18)	0.187 (4.75)	1.000 (25.40)	2.500 (63.50)	9.00 (228.60)
6	3/16	0.187 (4.75)	0.500 (12.70)	1.500 (38.10)	4.000 (101.60)	12.50 (317.50)
7	1/4	0.250 (6.35)	1.500 (38.10)	2.000 (50.80)	8.000 (203.20)	18.00 (457.20)
8	3/8	0.375 (9.53)	As requested	2.500 (63.50)	15.000 (381.00)	30.00 (762.00)
9	1/2	0.500 (12.70)	As requested	3.500 (88.90)	24.000 (609.60)	75.00 (1905.00)



Example: A 1.0 in. seal diameter is available in cross sections 1/16, 3/32, 1/8, and 3/16 in.

Bal Seal® Large Diameter Spring-Energized Seals

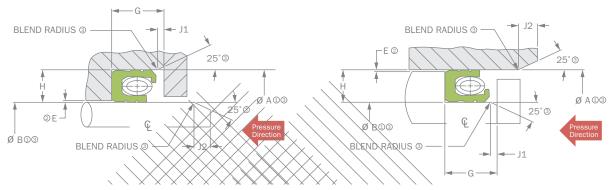
Our Bal Seal® spring-energized large diameter seals offer big performance advantages in critical equipment. Designed to handle slow-speed rotary and reciprocating applications, our one-piece seals provide OEM designers and end users with excellent resistance to wear, extrusion and chemicals—all of which translates into more uptime and profitability. Our low-friction seals are energized with a Bal Spring® canted coil spring, which promotes even wear and prolongs service life. Seals are available in select profiles and a variety of materials.



Our seals are available in diameters to suit applications from the very small to the very large.

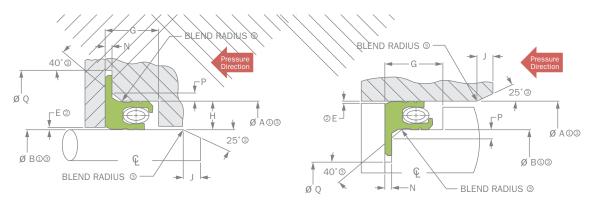


Reciprocating Seal Gland Dimensions



①See page 15 for gland diameters for stepped groves of common seal sizes. ②Radial clearance determined by service conditions (a recommended radial clearance is shown on Bal Seal Engineering design proposal drawings; refer to page 13 for radial clearance dimension). ③Refer to page 14 for recommended surface finishes. For KS13 and 64 series gland dimensions, contact us to discuss your specific application requirements.

Cross S	Section	H Nominal Gland Height		G Gland Length in. (mm)		Length mm)
Code	Size	in. (mm)	Standard Seals	U Series Seals	J1	J2
2	1/64	0.016 (0.40)	0.029/0.034 (0.74/0.86)	0.055/0.058 (1.40/1.47)	0.005±0.001 (0.13±0.03)	0.015±0.003 (0.38±0.08)
1	1/32	0.031 (0.79)	0.053/0.058 (1.34/1.47)	0.071/0.076 (1.80/1.93)	0.007±0.001 (0.18±0.03)	0.031±0.004 (0.79±0.10)
0	1/16	0.062 (1.57)	0.098/0.103 (2.49/2.62)	0.120/0.125 (3.05/3.18)	0.010±0.002 (0.25±0.05)	0.062±0.005 (1.57±0.13)
4	3/32	0.094 (2.38)	0.144/0.154 (3.66/3.91)	0.183/0.193 (4.65/4.90)	0.015±0.003 (0.38±0.08)	0.093±0.006 (2.36±0.15)
5	1/8	0.125 (3.18)	0.183/0.193 (4.65/4.90)	0.263/0.273 (6.68/6.93)	0.020±0.003 (0.58±0.08)	0.125±0.008 (3.17±0.20)
6	3/16	0.187 (4.75)	0.263/0.273 (6.68/6.93)	0.351/0.366 (8.92/9.30)	0.025±0.003 (0.64±0.08)	0.187±0.010 (4.75±0.25)
7	1/4	0.250 (6.35)	0.351/0.366 (8.92/9.30)	0.523/0.543 (13.28/13.79)	0.035±0.003 (0.89±0.08)	0.250±0.012 (6.35±0.30)
8	3/8	0.375 (9.35)	0.523/0.543 (13.28/13.79)	0.686/0.711 (17.42/18.06)	0.045±0.004 (1.14±0.10)	0.375±0.015 (9.53±0.38)
9	1/2	0.500 (12.70)	0.686/0.711 (17.42/18.06)	0.911/0.931 (23.13/23.65)	0.060±0.006 (1.52±0.15)	0.500±0.020 (12.7±0.51)



®Radial clearance varies with service conditions. ®A recommended radial clearance is shown on Bal Seal design proposal drawings. ®Refer to page 13 for recommended radial clearance.

Cross S	Section	H Nominal		l Length mm)	N Flange P Chamfer Depth Height			r Length mm)	J Chamfer
Code	Size	Gland Height in. (mm)	R/IR Series Seals	UR/UIR Series Seals	Depth Height in. (mm)	R/UR Series Seals +xxx/-0	IR/UIR Series Seals +0/-xxx	Length in. (mm)	
1	1/32	0.031 (0.79)	0.075/0.095 (1.91/2.41)	0.092/0.112 (2.34/2.84)	0.012/0.013 (0.30/0.33)	0.012/0.017 (0.30/0.43)	A +0.096 (2.44)	B -0.096 (-2.44)	0.031±0.004 (0.79±0.10)
0	1/16	0.062 (1.57)	0.117/0.137 (2.97/3.48)	0.138/0.158 (3.51/4.01)	0.012/0.013 (0.30/0.33)	0.017/0.023 (0.43/0.58)	A +0.135 (3.43)	B -0.135 (-3.43)	0.062±0.005 (1.57±0.13)
4	3/32	0.094 (2.39)	0.171/0.191 (4.34/4.85)	0.203/0.223 (5.16/5.66)	0.019/0.020 (0.48/0.51)	0.028/0.035 (0.71/0.89)	A +0.143 (3.63)	B -0.143 (-3.63)	0.093±0.006 (2.36±0.15)
5	1/8	0.125 (3.18)	0.220/0.240 (5.59/6.10)	0.259/0.279 (6.58/7.09)	0.026/0.027 (0.66/0.69)	0.040/0.049 (1.02/1.24)	A +0.155 (3.94)	B -0.155 (-3.94)	0.125±0.008 (3.17±0.20)
6	3/16	0.187 (4.75)	0.280/0.300 (7.11/7.62)	0.351/0.371 (8.92/9.42)	0.031/0.032 (0.79/0.81)	0.057/0.067 (1.45/1.70)	A +0.246 (6.25)	B -0.246 (-6.25)	0.187±0.010 (4.75±0.25)
7	1/4	0.250 (6.35)	0.375/0.395 (9.53/10.03)	0.489/0.509 (12.42/12.93)	0.044/0.045 (1.12/1.14)	0.069/0.080 (1.75/2.03)	A +0.306 (7.77)	B -0.306 (-7.77)	0.250±0.012 (6.35±0.30)
8	3/8	0.375 (9.53)	0.565/0.585 (14.35/14.86)	0.741/0.761 (18.82/19.33)	0.088/0.090 (2.24/2.29)	0.080/0.092 (2.03/2.34)	A +0.384 (9.75)	B -0.384 (-9.75)	0.375±0.015 (9.53±0.38)
9	1/2	0.500 (12.70)	0.743/0.763 (18.87/19.38)	0.980/1.000 (24.89/25.40)	0.088/0.090 (2.24/2.29)	0.092/0.103 (2.34/2.62)	A +0.480 (12.19)	B -0.480 (-12.19)	0.500±0.020 (12.70±0.51)



Design Parameters

Many factors can affect the seal performance and service life, all of which should be considered when determining the most suitable gland design parameters for an application. For more information, refer to Bal Seal Technical Report TR-78, *Factors that Influence Bal Seal*® *Performance*. We also manufacture non-standard seals that accommodate larger tolerances.

Recommended Shaft and Housing Tolerances

		Recommende	ed Tolerance	
Shaft Diameter Range in. (mm)		Shaft Dimension in. (mm)		imension nm)
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
0.020 to 0.999	-0.0005	+0.0000 (0.00)	-0.0000	+0.0005
(0.50 to 24.99)	(-0.01)		(0.00)	(0.01)
1.000 to 1.999	-0.0010	+0.0000	-0.0000	+0.0010
(25.00 to 49.99)	(-0.03)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.03)
2.000 to 3.499	-0.0015	+0.0000	-0.0000	+0.0015
(50.00 to 89.99)	(-0.04)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.04)
3.500 to 5.999	-0.0020	+0.0000	-0.0000	+0.0020
(90.00 to 149.99)	(-0.05)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.05)
6.000 to 14.999	-0.0030	+0.0000	-0.0000	+0.0030
(150.00 to 379.99)	(-0.08)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.08)
15.000 to 33.900	-0.0040	+0.0000	-0.0000	+0.0040
(380.00 to 859.99)	(-0.10)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.10)
34.000 to 120.000	-0.0050	+0.0000	-0.0000	+0.0050
(860.00 to 3048.00)	(-0.13)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.13)

Radial Clearance

Extrusion is the flowing of the seal ring material into the radial clearance (E) of the seal gland, which is due to the media pressure acting on the seal's internal cavity. Excessive extrusion can result in seal lip blowout and failure. The extrusion of the seal material increases as the pressure and/or radial clearance (E) increases. Extrusion can also be influenced by other factors, such as temperature and seal material. A backup ring should be used if the "E" clearance cannot be controlled as required. Refer to Bal Seal application bulletin PN-228 for additional extrusion information.

	E Typical Radial Clearance @70 °F (21 °C)					
Cross !	Section	H Nominal				
Code	Size	Gland Height in. (mm)	150 (10)	1,500 (103)	3,000 (207)	10,000 (689)
2	1/64	0.016 (0.40)	0.001 (0.025)	0.001 (0.025)	0.0005 (0.013)	0.0005 (0.013)
1	1/32	0.031 (0.79)	0.002 (0.051)	0.002 (0.051)	0.001 (0.025)	0.0005 (0.013)
0	1/16	0.062 (1.57)	0.004 (0.102)	0.003 (0.076)	0.002 (0.051)	0.001 (0.025)
4	3/32	0.094 (2.39)	0.005 (0.127)	0.003 (0.076)	0.002 (0.051)	0.001 (0.025)
5	1/8	0.125 (3.18)	0.006 (0.152)	0.004 (0.102)	0.003 (0.076)	0.0015 (0.038)
6	3/16	0.187 (4.75)	0.007 (0.178)	0.004 (0.102)	0.003 (0.076)	0.0015 (0.038)
7	1/4	0.250 (6.35)	0.008 (0.203)	0.005 (0.127)	0.004 (0.102)	0.002 (0.051)
8	3/8	0.375 (9.35)	0.010 (0.254)	0.006 (0.152)	0.005 (0.127)	0.002 (0.051)
9	1/2	0.500 (12.70)	0.012 (0.305)	0.007 (0.178)	0.006 (0.152)	0.003 (0.076)



Dynamic Surface Hardness

A dynamic surface with a higher hardness will reduce adhesion of the seal ring material onto that surface, thereby reducing friction and consequently reducing premature seal wear. Some materials require elevated hardness to ensure longevity of the dynamic surfaces.

Surface Finish

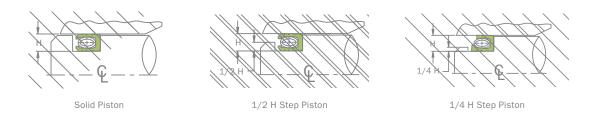
The surface finish of the dynamic material has a substantial effect on the seal performance. In general, the better the surface finish, the better the seal performance. A good surface finish results in better sealing ability, lower abrasive wear, and longer seal life. Small imperfections such as scratches, cutter tool marks, porosity, and eccentricities can create leakage paths, depending on the media type and pressure, and should be minimized whenever possible. Refer to Bal Seal technical report TR-4, *The Influence of Surface Finish on Bal Seal® Performance*.

Suggested Surface Finishes

Medium		c Surface ocating)	Static	Surface
	RMS	Ra μin. (Ra μm)	RMS	Ra μin. (Ra μm)
Cryogens	2 to 4	1.8 to 3.6 (0.045 to 0.09)	4 to 8	3.6 to 7.2 (0.09 to 0.18)
Gases (air, N, O, etc.)	6 to 12	5.4 to 10.8 (0.135 to 0.27)	12 to 32	10.8 to 28.8 (0.27 to 0.72)
Liquids (hydraulic fluid, water, etc.)	8 to 16	7.2 to 14.4 (0.18 to 0.36)	16 to 32	14.4 to 28.8 (0.36 to 0.72)

Assembly and Installation Configurations

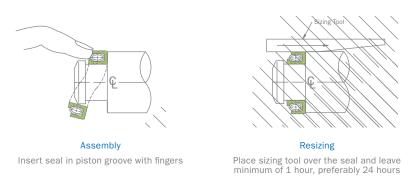
Assembly of Bal Seal® spring-energized seals into stepped piston grooves present the potential for permanently deforming the seal, thereby reducing the sealing ability and seal life. Therefore, we recommend the use of a split gland whenever possible. Sometimes small diameter seals cannot be stretched enough to install into a stepped gland (See Minimum and Maximum IDs for Stepped Pistons on page 16). Stepped pistons are generally classified as solid, 1/2 or 1/4 step. Any fraction between 0 and 1 is possible. Seal installation is greatly eased by a smaller step.



The same concept applies to housing grooves. Installing a plastic seal into an ID stepped groove can be very challenging. Typically only manual installation is possible, depending on the seal diameter.

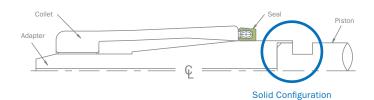
We suggest using assembly tools such as those shown in the illustrations to reduce the risk of seal damage during installation into a gland. The assembly tools provide a suitable lead-in taper and guide the seal into the gland. The collet assembly tool gradually stretches the seal over the piston and into the gland. Resizing the seal after stretching it on to a stepped gland is essential. For details on assembly procedures and limitations, request Bal Seal technical report TR-6.2. We can also supply dimensional information for fabricating assembly tools for specific applications.

Manual Assembly of a Seal onto a Stepped Piston

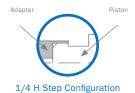




Assembly of a Seal onto a Stepped Piston Using a Tool



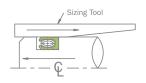




Seal Assembly

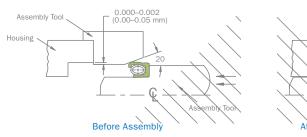
Using a seal assembly adapter, push the seal into the piston gland with an assembly collet

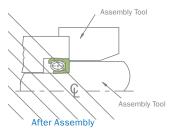
Resizing a Seal in a Gland



Place sizing tool over the seal and leave minimum of 1 hour, preferably 24 hours

Assembly of a Seal into Split Gland Housing Using a Tool





Minimum and Maximum IDs for Stepped Pistons

Recommended Seal ID Range for Assembly with Tools Based on Cross Section and Step Piston Configurations

Cross	oss 1/4 H Step Gland		1/2 H St	1/2 H Step Gland		Solid Gland		
Section Code	Minimum in. (mm)	Maximum in. (mm)	Minimum in. (mm)	Maximum in. (mm)	Minimum in. (mm)	Maximum in. (mm)		
0	0.219 (5.56)	1.875 (47.63)	0.312 (7.92)	1.875 (47.63)	0.500 (12.70)	1.875 (47.63)		
4	0.312 (7.92)	2.875 (73.03)	0.375 (9.53)	2.875 (73.03)	0.625 (15.88)	2.875 (73.03)		
5	0.625 (15.88)	3.750 (95.25)	1.000 (25.40)	3.750 (95.25)	1.250 (31.75)	3.750 (95.25)		
6	1.000 (25.40)	5.625 (142.88)	1.250 (31.75)	5.625 (142.88)	1.500 (38.10)	5.625 (142.88)		

Recommended Seal ID Range for Manual Assembly Based on Cross Section Only for a 1/4 H Step Piston

Cross	1/4 H S	tep Gland
Section Code	Minimum in. (mm)	Maximum in. (mm)
0	0.312 (7.92)	1.875 (47.63)
4	0.438 (11.13)	2.875 (73.03)
5	0.750 (19.05)	3.750 (95.25)
6	1.125 (28.58)	5.625 (142.88)

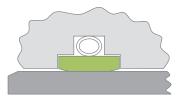
Guide Rings

Spring-energized guide rings, which are made from PTFE-based materials, are used with Bal Seal® fluid seals to help prevent metal-to-metal contact and provide piston guidance and support. Our guide rings differ from conventional wear rings in one major respect: our unique Bal Spring® canted coil spring supports the weight of the piston or rod evenly around the circumference, and it compensates for wear.

Selection between light, medium, and heavy spring forces tailor the guide ring for a suitable mix of friction and piston support. Provide our technical sales staff with your application details, and we'll propose the optimal guide ring material and spring force combination.



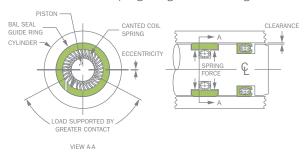
Piston Mounted PW Series



Guide Ring Housing Mounted HW Series

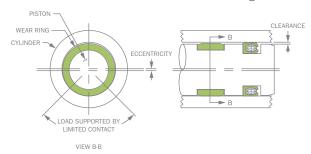
Piston Support Guide Rings vs. Conventional Wear Rings

Features of Spring-Energized Guide Rings



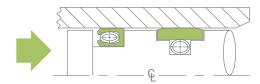
- · Supports piston weight
- Reduces bearing load
- · Reduces cylinder scoring
- · Minimizes side loading
- · Compensates for wear

Limitations of Conventional Wear Rings



- · Overcome by weight of piston
- · Increases stress
- · Allows metal-to-metal contact
- · Succumbs to side loading
- · Accelerates wear

Improved Seal Performance



Piston Mounted PW Series Guide Ring with a Low-Friction Bal Seal®



Housing Mounted HW Series Guide Ring with a Low-Friction Bal Seal®



Bal Seal® Static/Face Seals

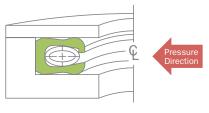
Our static/face seals assemble into a gland, flange, or counterbore for internal or external pressure, static, or dynamic sealing. Because the Bal Spring® canted coil spring energizer provides nearly constant load over a wide range of deflection, variations in gland depth tolerance have a minimal effect on seal load. PTFE-based seal materials make the seal compatible with a variety of liquid and gas applications.

Internal Pressure

The spring cavity on the seal ID allows the internal pressure to aid in providing a positive seal as pressure increases. A heavy spring force is typical for static applications. Lighter spring forces can customize the load for dynamic service and applications that require lower friction.

Seal Designs:

S15, S2, US15, US2



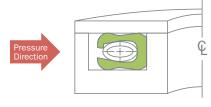
Internal Pressure

External Pressure

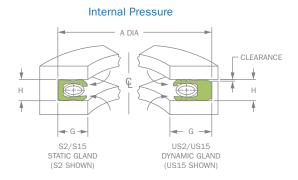
The spring cavity on the seal ID aids in providing a positive seal under external pressure. A heavy spring force is typically specified for static and vacuum service. Lighter spring forces can customize the load for dynamic service and applications that require lower friction.

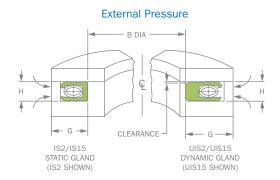
Seal Designs:

IS15, IS2, UIS15, UIS2



External Pressure





Static/Face Seal Gland Dimensions

Cross	Section	H Gland Height	G Gland Length in. (mm)				
Code	Size	in. (mm)	S/IS Series Seals Minimum	US/UIS Series Seals Minimum			
0	1/16	0.061/0.063 (1.55/1.60)	0.115 (2.92)	0.155 (3.94)			
4	3/32	0.093/0.095 (2.36/2.41)	0.155 (3.94)	0.195 (4.95)			
5	1/8	0.125/0.127 (3.18/3.23)	0.195 (4.95)	0.275 (6.99)			
6	3/16	0.187/0.189 (4.75/4.80)	0.275 (6.99)	0.365 (9.27)			
7	1/4	0.250/0.252 (6.35/6.40)	0.365 (9.27)	0.535 (13.59)			
8	3/8	0.375/0.377 (9.53/9.58)	0.535 (13.59)	0.715 (18.16)			
9	1/2	0.500/0.502 (12.70/12.75)	0.715 (18.16)	0.935 (23.75)			

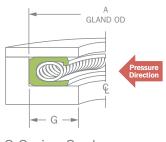
We also manufacture non-standard seals that accommodate larger tolerances.

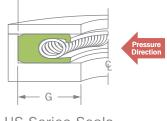
The larger gland height (H) for dynamic applications reduces breakout and dynamic friction. Smaller gland height for static applications improves sealing reliability.





Bal Seal® Static/Face Seals





S Series Seals

US Series Seals (Extended Heel)

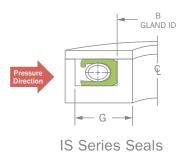
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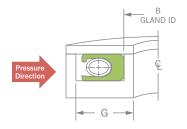
Cross Section		S Se	ries	US Series			
Code	Size	A Gland OD in. (mm)	Tolerance in. (mm)	A Gland OD in. (mm)	Tolerance in. (mm)		
0	1/16	0.312 to 0.625 (7.92 to 15.88)	+0.001 (+0.005) -0.000 (-0.000)	0.437 to 0.625 (11.10 to 15.88)	+0.001 (+0.003) -0.000 (-0.000)		
4	3/32	0.875 to 1.500 (22.23 to 38.10)	+0.001 (+0.030) -0.000 (-0.000)	1.750 to 2.250 (44.45 to 57.15)	+0.002 (+0.050) -0.000 (-0.000)		
5	1/8	1.125 to 1.625 (28.58 to 41.28)	+0.001 (+0.030) -0.000 (-0.000)	1.750 to 2.500 (44.45 to 63.50)	+0.002 (+0.050) -0.000 (-0.000)		
6	3/16	3.000 to 3.750 (76.20 to 95.25)	+0.003 (+0.080) -0.000 (-0.000)	4.000 to 4.500 (101.60 to 114.30)	+0.004 (+0.100) -0.000 (-0.000)		
7	1/4	4.000 to 5.000 (101.60 to 127.00)	+0.004 (+0.100) -0.000 (-0.000)	5.250 to 6.000 (133.35 to 152.40)	+0.005 (+0.130) -0.000 (-0.000)		
8	3/8	6.500 to 72.000 (165.10 to 1828.80)	+0.010 (+0.300) -0.000 (-0.000)	6.500 to 72.000 (165.10 to 1828.80)	+0.010 (+0.300) -0.000 (-0.000)		
9	1/2	12.500 to 72.000 (317.50 to 1828.80)	+0.015 (+0.380) -0.000 (-0.000)	12.500 to 72.000 (317.50 to 1828.80)	+0.015 (+0.380) -0.000 (-0.000)		

We also manufacture non-standard seals that accommodate larger tolerances.

Only common sizes are shown. For special cross sections and diameters, please contact us to discuss your application requirements.







UIS Series Seals (Extended Heel)

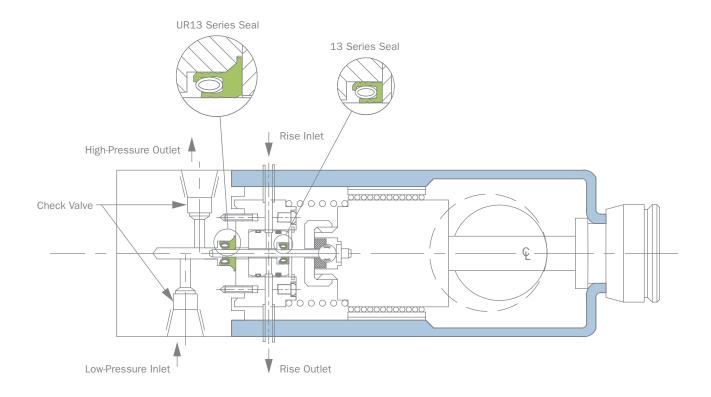
External Pressure

Cross Section		IS Se	ries	UIS Series			
Code	Size	B Gland ID Tolerance in. (mm) in. (mm)		B Gland ID in. (mm)	Tolerance in. (mm)		
0	1/16	0.187 to 0.750 (4.75 to 19.05)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.001 (-0.030)	0.187 to 0.750 (4.75 to 19.05)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.001 (-0.030)		
4	3/32	0.875 to 1.500 (15.88 to 38.10)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.001 (-0.030)	1.750 to 2.250 (44.45 to 57.15)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.002 (-0.050)		
5	1/8	1.125 to 1.625 (28.58 to 41.28)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.001 (-0.030)	1.750 to 2.500 (44.45 to 63.50)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.002 (-0.050)		
6	3/16	3.000 to 3.750 (76.20 to 95.25)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.003 (-0.080)	4.000 to 4.500 (101.60 to 114.30)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.004 (-0.010)		
7	1/4	4.000 to 5.000 (101.60 to 127.00)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.004 (-0.100)	5.250 to 6.000 (133.35 to 152.40)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.005 (-0.130)		
8	3/8	6.500 to 72.000 (165.10 to 1828.80)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.010 (-0.300)	6.500 to 72.000 (165.10 to 1828.80)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.010 (-0.300)		
9	1/2	12.500 to 72.000 (317.50 to 1828.80)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.015 (-0.380)	12.500 to 72.000 (317.50 to 1828.80)	+0.000 (+0.000) -0.015 (-0.380)		



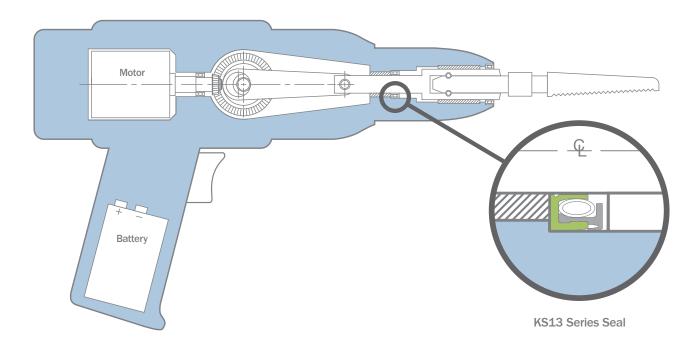
Typical Bal Seal® Spring-Energized Seal Applications

HPLC Plunger Pump



Operating Parameters					
Pressure	Atmospheric to 14,000 psi (965 bar)				
Media	ACN, methanol, deionized H ₂ O				
Speed	4 ft/min (0.02 m/s)				
Temperature	32–100 °F (0°–38 °C)				

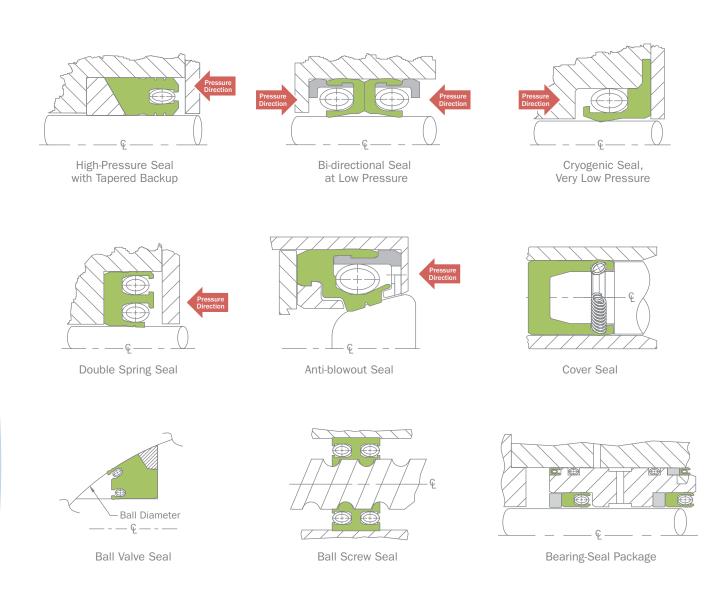
Surgical Bone Saw

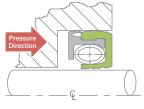


Operating Parameters						
Pressure	Atmospheric to 15 psi (1 bar)					
Media	Bone, tissue, bearing grease, and sterilization fluids					
Speed	50-300 ft/min (0.25-1.5 m/s)					
Temperature	70 °F (21 °C) operating 250 °F (121 °C) autoclave cleaning					



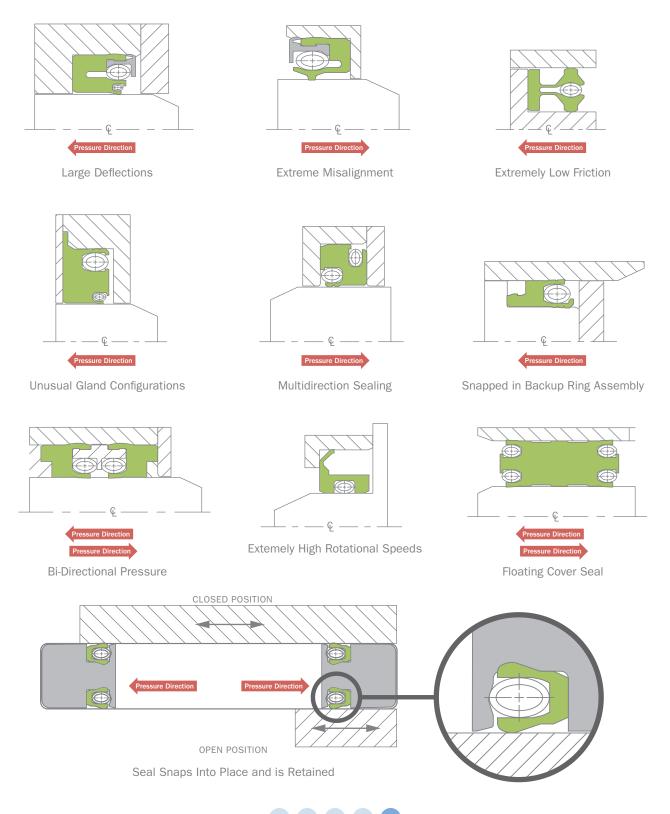
Customized Solution Examples





Reverse Pressure Direction 15 psi max. ΔP







Design Request Form—Reciprocating/Radial Seals

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Name				Date						
Company					Title					
Address					Department					
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Product data					Service					
Equipment type					☐ Reciprocating ☐ Intermittent ☐ Other					
Application is used for					Travel length		cm			
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Product data					Service					
Equipment type					☐ Oscillating	☐ Static	☐ Dynamic	Other		
Application is used for					Degrees rotated		Travel length	☐ in. ☐ cm		
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Friction					Maximum	□°C □°F □] °K			
Service life					Does seal reach op ☐ Yes ☐ No	Does seal reach operating temperature before pressure is applied?				
Sealing performance						old temperatures prior	to pressurizing?			
Compatibility					Yes No	na temperatures prior	to procounting.			
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Important Information

CLEANING

Bal Seal Engineering products may require cleaning and/ or sterilization before use, depending on the application.

TESTING

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