

Trivia

Lightning strikes the Earth about 17 million times a day, which is about 200 times every second.

Each day is 0.00000002 seconds longer than the one before because the Earth is gradually slowing down.

The Sahara desert stretches farther than the distance from California to New York.

A rainbow can only be seen in the morning or late afternoon with your back to the sun. It can not be seen if the sun is at an altitude greater than 42°, since no part of it would be above the horizon.

The biggest snowflake recorded was 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick. It fell on January 28, 1887, at Fort Keogh in Montana, USA.

The world's largest lake in surface area is Lake Superior.

When the moon is directly overhead, you weigh slightly less.

A crocodile can't stick out its tongue.

Penguins have an organ above their eyes that converts seawater to fresh water.

Frogs never drink.

Many pig organs can be temporarily or (sometimes permanently) transplanted into humans.

Mosquitoes are attracted to people who recently ate bananas.

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Product Spotlight

Cam & Groove



The Dixon Cam & Groove product line incorporates Boss-Lock and EZ Boss-Lock. These fittings are designed to safely transfer liquid and dry bulk material and to provide the easy connection and disconnection of hose to hose or hose to pipe. All Dixon Cam & Groove products interchange with products made to Mil-Spec. dimensions and are available in a variety of materials aluminum, stainless steel, Hastelloy C, brass, malleable iron and polypropylene. Please contact Dixon for more information on applications, material, gaskets, pressure and installation recommendations.

Safety Alert

Always consult the Dixon Catalog for the appropriate product based on the requirements of the application. Whenever dealing with hazardous or dangerous materials, elevated temperatures, high pressure, or other unusual or questionable operating conditions, consult your Dixon Representative or call the Dixon Factory toll free at 800-355-1991.

Safety Spotlight

Safety Recommendation

An on-going inspection program of the cam and groove handles, rings and pins must be instituted to identify problems. Damaged, missing or broken parts of fittings must be replaced. These parts are durable but not indestructible. Every effort must be made to be certain that no one attempts to use the fittings with damaged or missing cam arms.

The on-going inspection program should also include the gaskets of these couplings to be sure they are not worn or missing. The gasket system should also be compatible with the material that flows through the assembly. A 'Corrosion Resistance' reference guide is provided in the Dixon catalog.

Dates in History

1863 On February 10th, the first US fire extinguisher patent was granted to Alanson Crane of Virginia.

1919 On February 25th, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, (1¢ per gallon).

1937 On February 16th, the DuPont Corporation patented nylon, which was discovered by employee Dr. Wallace H. Carothers in 1935. DuPont began commercial production of nylon bristled toothbrushes in 1938.

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On the Lighter Side

- A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch, he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No not at all," the woman replied. They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm totally sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really meant to just have a few." "Oh that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth, all I can do is suck the chocolate off them!"

- I lost twenty pounds. Unfortunately, I was in England at the time.

- I am not the boss of my house.

I don't know how I lost it.

I don't know when I lost it.

I don't think I ever had it.

But I've seen the boss's job, and I don't want it.

(Bill Cosby)

- Those who want to learn listen; those who know it all interrupt.

- I've started an exercise program.

I do 20 sit-ups each morning.

That may not sound like a lot, but you can only hit that snooze button so many times.