

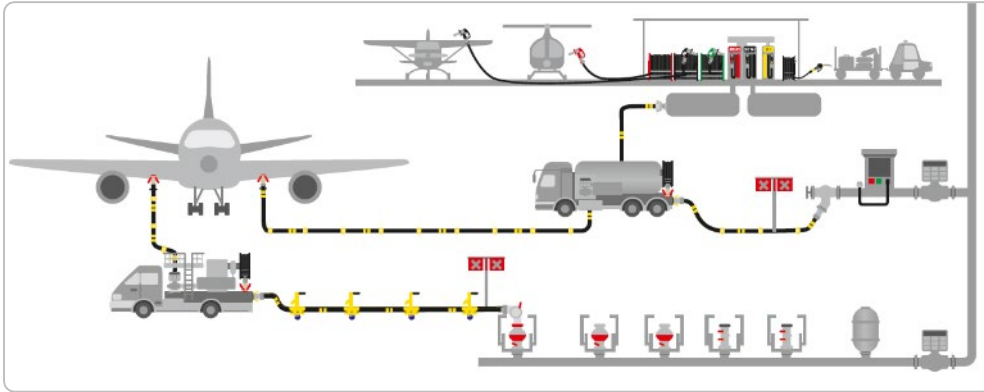
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# **AIRCRAFT REFUELING HOSES, ACCESSORIES AND OVERWING NOZZLES**

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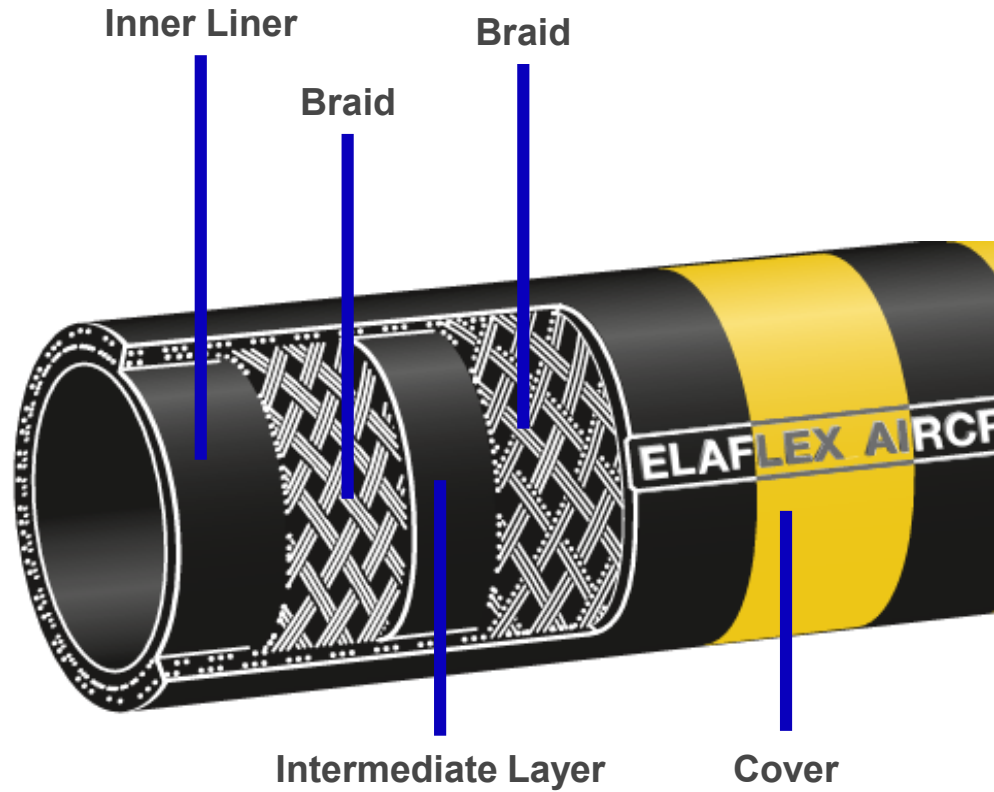
# WHO IS ELAFLEX?



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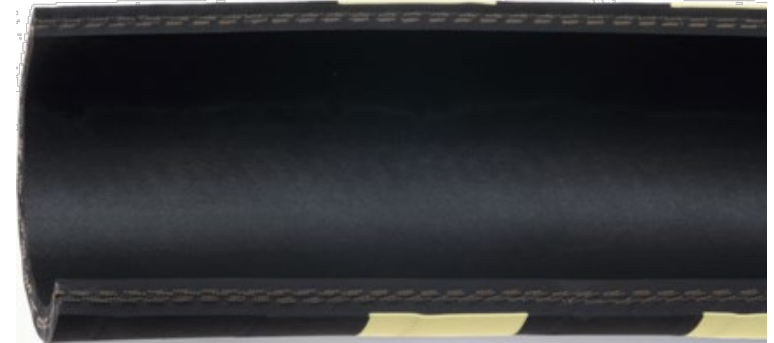
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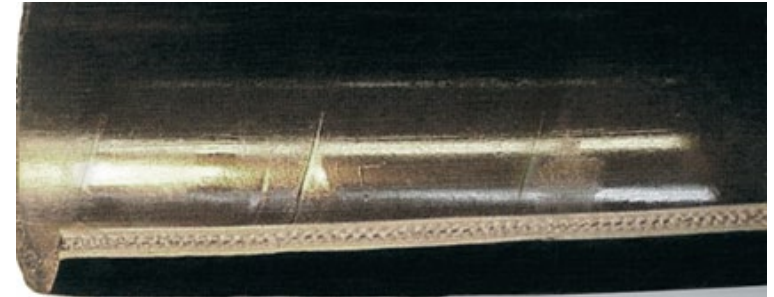
# HOSE CONSTRUCTION.

## The inner liner

- ▶ The lining is made of NBR rubber
- ▶ Protects the reinforcements against the fuel
- ▶ Black anti-static – resistant to all fuels
- ▶ Degrades by exposure to UV & ozone



Seamlessly extruded



Visible seams in the inner lining

# HOSE CONSTRUCTION.

## The pressure bearing reinforcement

- ▶ Should be made of quality textile yarns
- ▶ Pressure bearing part, prevents hose from bursting
- ▶ For the best balance between hose flexibility, weight and lifetime



Braided



Spirally wrapped

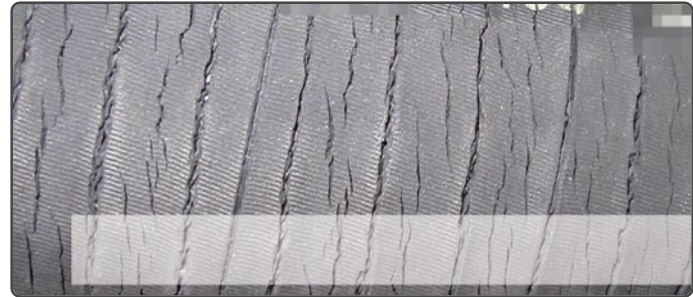
# HOSE CONSTRUCTION.

## Cover

- ▶ Is made of black electrically conductive rubber, preferred CR not NBR/PVC
  - ▶ Protects against outside influences like ozone, water and abrasion
  - ▶ Bear the marking
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- ▶ All layers of the hose are bound together by **vulcanisation process**



Cover bearing the marking



Ozone cracks

# HOSE TYPES.

## C-Type

EN ISO 1825 - type C



hose without metallic conductors but conductive rubber compounds, available with 2 braids

EN ISO 1825 - type C



...or 3 braids used as Deck Hose, Reel Hose or Hydrant Intake Hose

## F-Type

EN ISO 1825 - type F



hose with plastic helix and conductive rubber compounds, ideal for high speed de-fueling

## E-Type

EN ISO 1825 - type E



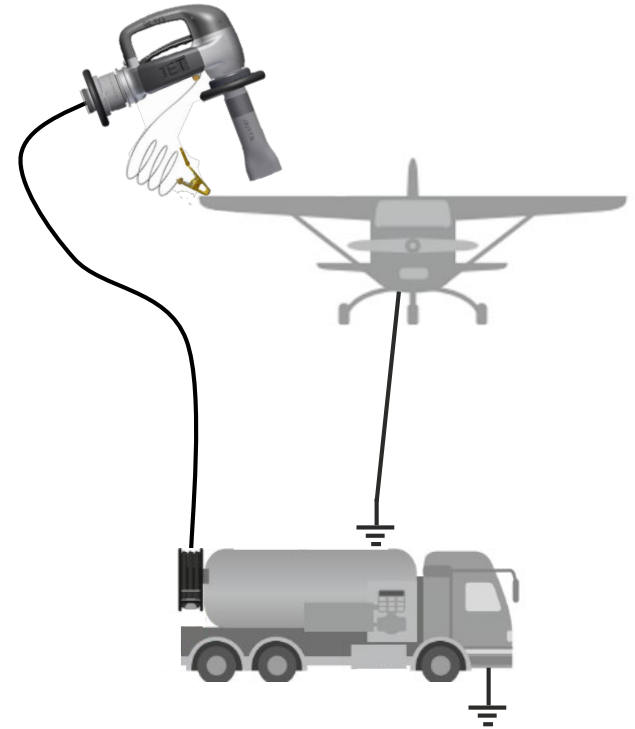
hose with steel helix used as Jac Riser Hose (platform), Bridger Hose (trailer to refueler) and tank farms – (NOT FOR INTO PLANE APPLICATION)



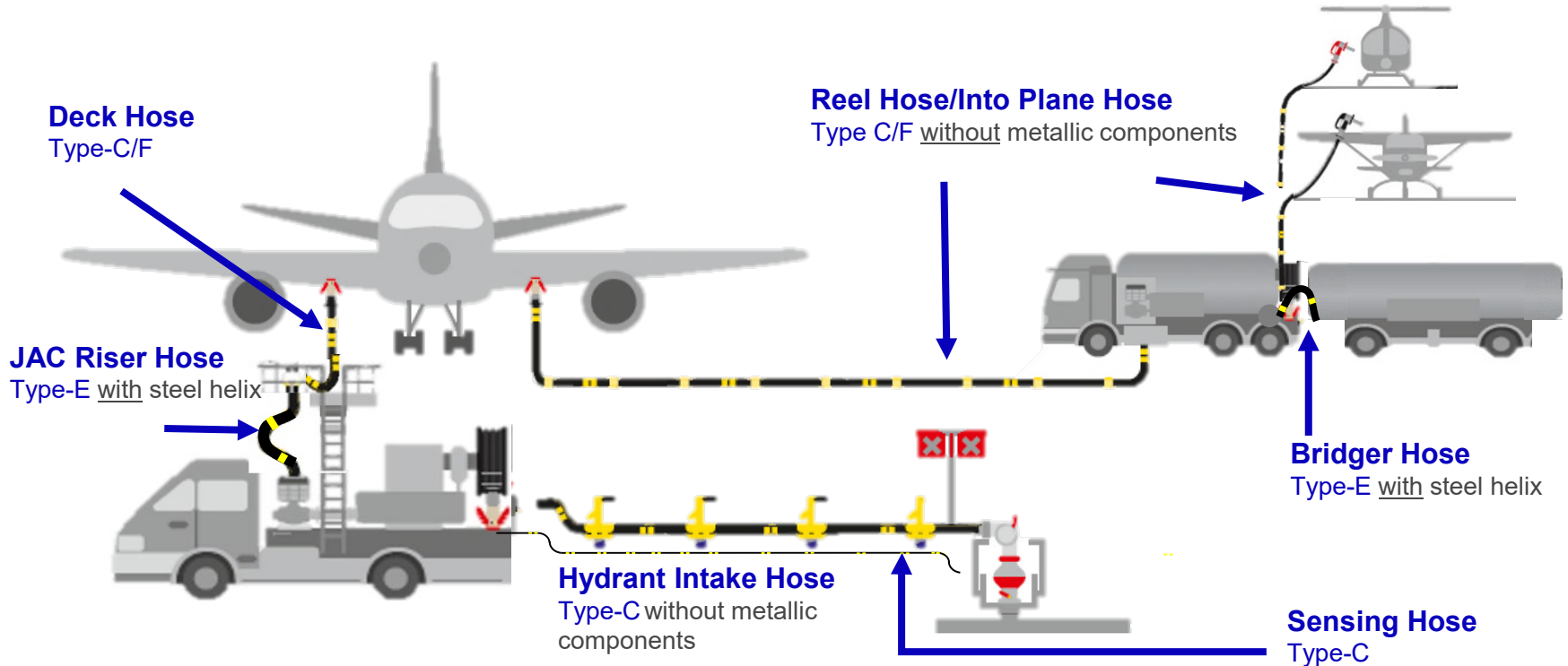
# HOSE TYPES - ELECTRICAL CONTINUITY.

A hose conductive related accident in Copenhagen in the 70's, led to the major cooperation with MOC's to develop modern refueling hose with the following parameters:

- ▶ No metallic components etc. allowed for into plane refueling
- ▶ For  $\Omega$ -hoses resistance between  $10^3$  and  $10^6$  Ohm
- ▶ For M-hoses resistance below  $10^2$  Ohm (not allowed for into plane)



# HOSE TYPES - TYPICAL HOSE ASSEMBLIES AT THE AIRPORT.



- ✓ Type-F and Type-C Hose can be used in every application, even de-fueling (suction) applications
- ✗ TW-E is not allowed as Deck-/ Into Plane- / Reel Hose / Hydrant Hose as No metal components hoses may touch airplane or hydrant

# SPECIFIC HOSE TYPES.

## Type CT hose (‘LT’ = low temperature)

All aviation hoses can be made from a soft and cold flexible rubber which allows moving and bending down to temperatures of  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-58^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).



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## ‘NEON’ Reflecting Hose Marking

Hoses can be provided with a neon reflex marking to improve visibility. Prevents accidents and damages caused by service vehicles.



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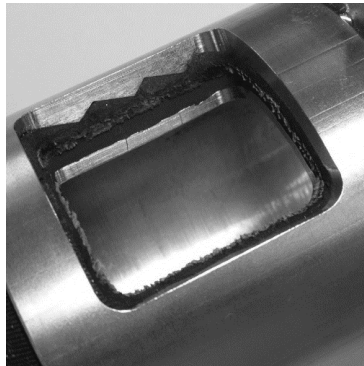
## Wear Indication

With colored wear indicator recommended by JIG

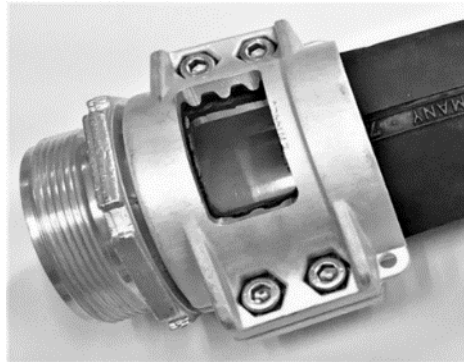


# COUPLINGS.

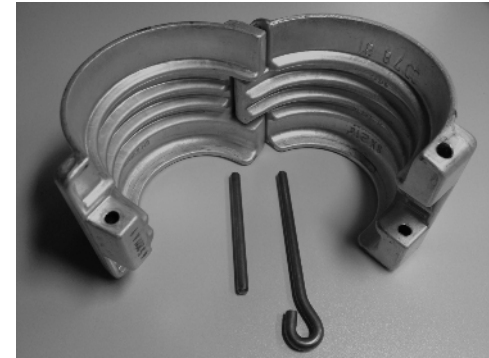
- ▶ No slippage
- ▶ Suitable to the hose, recommended by manufacturer
- ▶ The hose joint should never be the weakest part of a hose assembly, always the hose itself
- ▶ Correct material and wetted parts should be free of non ferrous material
- ▶ Bear the complete marking
- ▶ EN 14420 standard clamps available for bolted and pinned type couplings



Swaged / Crimped type



EN 14420 bolted type

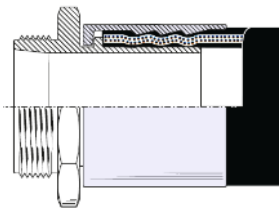


EN 14420 pinned type

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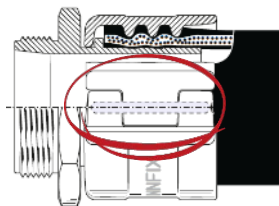
## Internally expanded / crimped fittings

- ▶ Tamper-resistant
- ▶ Non adjustable
- ▶ Non re-attachable



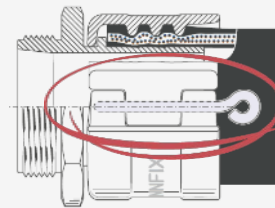
## Clamp-system acc. EN 14420 pinned type, pin without head

- ▶ Tamper-resistant
- ▶ Non adjustable
- ▶ Non re-attachable



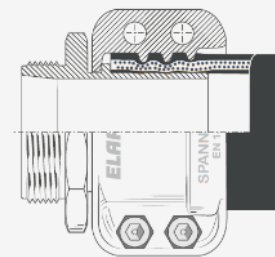
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- ▶ Tamper-resistant
- ▶ Non adjustable
- ▶ Re-attachable



## Clamp-system acc. EN 14420 bolted type

- ▶ Tamper-resistant
- ▶ Adjustable
- ▶ Re-attachable
- ▶ No special tools, only hexagon screws



**Attention:** Attaching / Re-attaching of couplings shall only be done by the hose manufacturer or their trained and certified personal

# HOSE ASSEMBLY.

## Assembly instruction - White marking

- ▶ White marking above clamps to be applied after assembly but before pressure test



## Electrical continuity test

- ▶ Assure el. conductivity is given
- ▶ high voltage isolation OHM-Meter with 500V test voltage
- ▶ Allowed electrical resistance range is  $10^3\Omega$  -  $10^6\Omega$



## Pressure test

- ▶ Working pressure 300 PSI / 20 bar
- ▶ Test pressure 600 PSI / 40 bar



## Permanent marking & Test certificate

- ▶ Perm. Marking on clamps
- ▶ Test certificate with all relevant data of the hose assembly



# HOSE ACCESSORIES.

## General benefits of hose accessories

- ▶ Reduction of dragging forces
- ▶ Increase of hose life time
- ▶ Better visibility



## General concern of hose accessories

- ▶ Reduces the effectiveness of the daily visual inspection
- ▶ May cause mechanical damage



## Hose accessories shall fulfill the requirements of EI1522

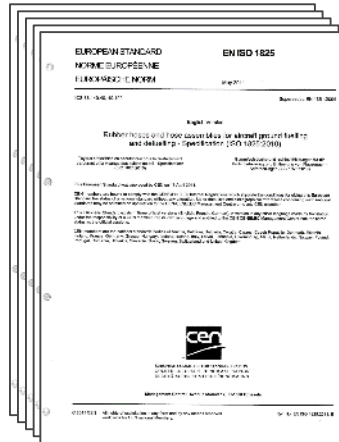
- ▶ No use of screws to attach...
- ▶ No generation of incendive spark discharges
- ▶ Flame resistance
- ▶ Mechanical impact resistance
- ▶ Heat and cold resistance in rel. to hose standards
- ▶ ...



# HOSE STANDARDS & GUIDELINES.

## ► ISO 1825 : 2017 / EI 1529 : 2014

- Working, test and burst pressure (20 bar / 40 bar / 80 bar)
- Categories of different hose Types (B, C, E, F)
- Sizes, measurements, weights, bending radius
- Marking of hoses and couplings
- Electrical resistance of the different Types (Ohm / M type)
- Certificates
- Fuel contamination
- Kink resistance
- Temperature range
- Abrasion resistance
- Resistance to aging
- Handling
- ...



## ► EI1540 / JIG 1, 2, 4 / ATA Spec. 103

- Max. shelf storage life: **2 years**
- Max. service life, overall: **10 years**

both from date of hose manufacturing

(and not the date of hose fitting assembly)

- ICAO 9977 (Manual on civil aviation jet fuel supply)
- SAE AS 6401 (Storage, handling and distribution of JET fuel at airports)
- ATA 103: Standards for JET fuel control
- EI 1522: Min. req. for aviation fueling hose accessories
- EI 1530: Quality Assurance manufacturer and storage ...



# SAF SUITABILITY OF AVIATION HOSES.

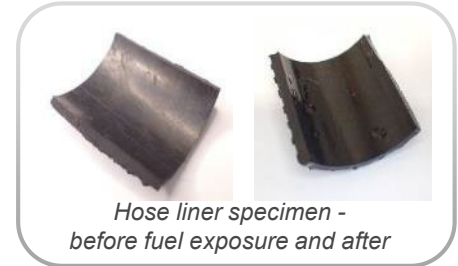
- ▶ Aromatics in fuel have the main effect on hose suitability (swelling)
- ▶ Jet A-1 according to ASTM-D1655 allows a max. aromatic content of 26.5%
- ▶ Aviation hoses have proven the suitability of aviation fuel for many years
- ▶ Aromatics content of Synthesized Paraffinic Kerosene acc. ASTM-D7566 may vary between 0.5 to 20%
  
- ▶ **Practical material test and hose test according to aviation hose standards processed with**
  - SAF HEFA-SPK: aromatic content 1%
  - Jet A-1: aromatic content 13,2%
  - Blends of both SAF HEFA-SPK / Jet A-1 in different ratio
  - Alternating use of SAF HEFA-SPK and Jet A-1 fuel

# SAF SUITABILITY OF ELAFLEX AVIATION HOSES.

## Test cluster 1: Change in weight (swelling) in fuel SAF & Jet A-1 in different composition

- ▶ Swelling test weight determination 72 hours / 168 hours
- ▶ Drying and weight determination
- ▶ Test specimens lining of hose
- ▶ **Tests mixtures**

- 100% Jet A-1
- 25% Jet A-1 – 75% SAF HEFA-SPK blend
- 50% Jet A-1 – 50% SAF HEFA-SPK blend
- 75% Jet A-1 – 25% SAF HEFA-SPK blend
- 100% SAF HEFA-SPK
- 100% Jet A-1 / 100% SAF HEFA-SPK alternating



### Test result: hose liner is suitable

- ▶ No cracks could be detected
- ▶ No changes in shape or color detected
- ▶ All tests showed a higher weight swelling of the samples in Jet A-1 than in SAF HEFA-SPK
- ▶ The swelling increases with the proportion of Jet A-1 in the mixture of SAF HEFA SPK and Jet A-1

# SAF SUITABILITY OF ELAFLEX AVIATION HOSES.

## Test cluster 2:

- ▶ Fuel contamination test according to EI1529 / ISO 1825 Annex D
- ▶ Measurement of adhesion between hose components acc. to EI1529 / ISO 1825 Annex C
- ▶ Resistance of hose to kinking (cycle tests under swollen conditions) according to EI1529 / ISO 1825 Appendix H
- ▶ Pressure test according to EI1529 / ISO 1825 Annex J and test for security of attached couplings according to ISO 1825 Annex L

## ▶ Tests mixtures

- 100% Jet A-1
- 50% Jet A-1 – 50% SAF HEFA-SPK blend
- 100% SAF HEFA-SPK
- 100% Jet A-1 / 100% SAF HEFA-SPK alternating

## **Test result: All standard required test were passed successfully**

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# OVERWING FUELING NOZZLES.

- ▶ Applications: Overwing Fueling / Defueling
- ▶ Fuel qualities: JET A-1, AVGAS and unleaded (UL 91) fuels
- ▶ Miss fueling prevention: Color coding / Nozzle spout design / Labeling
- ▶ Operating style: Manual operated / automatic shut off → all active operated
- ▶ Material: Non-ferrous metals
- ▶ Pressure max ranges: 50 psi (3,5 bar) / 72psi (5 bar) / 87 psi (6 bar)
- ▶ Flowrates: 20 - 105gpm (80 – 400L/min)
- ▶ Accessories: Sight glasses / Strainer / Swivel



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