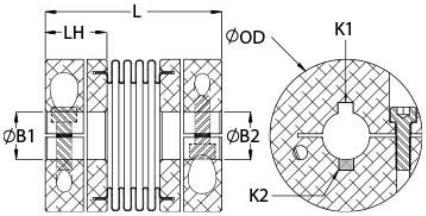
# BCK21-12MM-3/8"-A

Ruland BCK21-12MM-3/8"-A, 12mm x 3/8" Bellows Coupling with Keyways, High Stiffness, Aluminum, 1.313" (33.3mm), OD 1.700" (43.2mm) Length






## Description

Ruland BCK21-12MM-3/8"-A is a high stiffness bellows coupling with 12mm x 0.3750" bores, 1.313" (33.3mm) OD, 1.700" (43.2mm) length, and 4mm x 3/32" keyways. It has fewer convolutions than comparably sized increased misalignment styles allowing for increased torsional stiffness making it the ideal choice for precision positioning applications. BCK21-12MM-3/8"-A is comprised of two anodized aluminum hubs and a stainless steel bellows for lightweight and low inertia. It is also engineered with a balanced design for reduced vibration at high speeds up to 10,000 RPM. The thin walls of the bellows are able to flex while remaining rigid under torsional loads allowing for the accommodation of all forms of misalignment. Hardware is metric and tests beyond DIN 912 12.9 standards for maximum torque capabilities. BCK21-12MM-3/8"-A is machined from meticulously selected bar stock that is sourced exclusively from North American mills. It is carefully made in our ISO 9001:2015 advanced manufacturing facility in Marlborough, MA under strict controls using proprietary processes. BCK21-12MM-3/8"-A is RoHS3, REACH, and Conflict Minerals compliant.

## Product Specifications

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| **Bore (B1)** | 12 mm | **Small Bore (B2)** | 0.3750 in |
| **Keyway (K1)** | 4 mm | **Keyway (K2)** | 3/32 in |
| **B1 Max Shaft Penetration** | 0.804 in (20.4 mm) | **B2 Max Shaft Penetration** | 0.804 in (20.4 mm) |
| **Outer Diameter (OD)** | 1.313 in (33.3 mm) | **Bore Tolerance** | +0.001 in / -0.000 in (+0.03 mm / -0.00 mm) |
| **Length (L)** | 1.700 in (43.2 mm) | **Length Tolerance** | +/- 0.030 in (0.76 mm) |
| **Hub Width (LH)** | 0.590 in (15.00 mm) | **Recommended Shaft Tolerance** | +0.0000 / -0.0005 " (+0.000 / -0.013 mm) |
| **Forged Clamp Screw** | M3 | **Screw Material** | Alloy Steel |
| **Hex Wrench Size** | 2.5 mm | **Screw Finish** | Black Oxide |
| **Seating Torque** | 2.1 Nm | **Number of Screws** | 2 ea |
| **Dynamic Torque Reversing** | 30 lb-in (3.40 Nm) | **Angular Misalignment** | 1.5° |
| **Dynamic Torque Non-Reversing** | 60 lb-in (6.80 Nm) | **Parallel Misalignment** | 0.006 in (0.15 mm) |
| **Static Torque** | 120 lb-in (13.6 Nm) | **Axial Motion** | 0.016 in (0.40 mm) |
| **Torsional Stiffness** | 400 lb-in/Deg (45 Nm/Deg) | **Moment of Inertia** | 0.0386 lb-in$^2$ (1.129 x 10$^{-5}$ kg-m$^2$) |
| **Maximum Speed** | 10,000 RPM | **Full Bearing Support Required?** | Yes |
| **Zero-Backlash?** | Yes | **Balanced Design** | Yes |
| **Torque Wrench** | TW:BT-1R-1/4-18.3 | **Recommended Hex Key** | Metric Hex Keys |
| **Material Specification** | Hubs: 2024-T351 Aluminum Bar<br>Bellows: Type 321 Stainless Steel | **Temperature** | -40°F to 200°F (-40°C to 93°C) |
| **Finish Specification** | Sulfuric Anodized MIL-A-8625 Type II, Class 2 and ASTM B580 Type B Black Anodize | **Bellows Attachment Method** | Epoxy |
| **Manufacturer** | Ruland Manufacturing | **Country of Origin** | USA |
| **Weight (lbs)** | 0.151500 | **UPC** | 634529164822 |
| **Tariff Code** | 8483.60.8000 | **UNSPC** | 31163018 |
| **Note 1** | Stainless steel hubs are available upon request. | | |
| **Note 2** | Torque ratings are at maximum misalignment. | | |
| **Note 3** | Performance ratings are for guidance only. The user must determine suitability for a particular application. | | |
| **Note 4** | Torque ratings for the couplings are based on the physical limitations/failure point of the metal bellows. Under normal/typical conditions the hubs are capable of holding up to the rated torque of the metal bellows. In some | | |

cases, especially when the smallest standard bores are used or where shafts are undersized, slippage on the shaft is possible below the rated torque of the metal bellows. Keyways are available to provide additional torque capacity in the shaft/hub connection when required. Please consult technical support for more assistance.

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⚠**WARNING** This product can expose you to chemicals including Ethylene Thiourea and Nickel (metallic), known to the State of California to cause cancer, and Bisphenol A and Ethylene Thiourea, known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

**Installation Instructions**

1. Align the bores of the BCK21-12MM-3/8"-A bellows coupling on the shafts that are to be joined and determine if the misalignment parameters are within the limits of the coupling. (*Angular Misialignment:* 1.5°, *Parallel Misalignment*: 0.006 in (0.15 mm), *Axial Motion*: 0.016 in (0.40 mm))
2. Fully tighten the M3 screw on the first hub to the recommended seating torque of 2.1 Nm using a 2.5 mm hex torque wrench.
3. Before tightening the screw on the second hub, rotate the coupling by hand to allow it to reach its free length.
4. Tighten the screw on the second hub to the recommended seating torque. Make sure the coupling remains axially relaxed and the misalignment angle remains centered along the length of the coupling.
5. The shafts may extend into the relieved portion of the bore as long as it does not exceed the shaft penetration length of 0.804 in (20.4 mm).