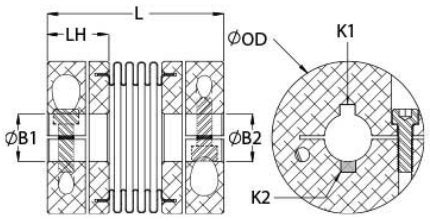
# BCK36-18-16-A

Ruland BCK36-18-16-A, 1 1/8" x 1" Bellows Coupling with Keyways, High Stiffness, Aluminum, 2.250", OD 3.235" Length






## Description

Ruland BCK36-18-16-A is a high stiffness bellows coupling with 1.1250" x 1.0000" bores, 2.250" OD, 3.235" length, and 1/4" x 1/4" 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. BCK36-18-16-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. BCK36-18-16-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. BCK36-18-16-A is RoHS3, REACH, and Conflict Minerals compliant.

## Product Specifications

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| **Bore (B1)** | 1.1250 in | **Small Bore (B2)** | 1.0000 in |
| **Keyway (K1)** | 1/4 in | **Keyway (K2)** | 1/4 in |
| **B1 Max Shaft Penetration** | 1.496 in | **B2 Max Shaft Penetration** | 1.496 in |
| **Outer Diameter (OD)** | 2.250 in | **Bore Tolerance** | +0.004 in / +0.001 in |
| **Length (L)** | 3.235 in | **Length Tolerance** | +/- 0.030 in |
| **Hub Width (LH)** | 1.050 in | **Recommended Shaft Tolerance** | +0.0000 in / -0.0005 in |
| **Forged Clamp Screw** | M6 | **Screw Material** | Alloy Steel |
| **Hex Wrench Size** | 5.0 mm | **Screw Finish** | Black Oxide |
| **Seating Torque** | 16 Nm | **Number of Screws** | 2 ea |
| **Dynamic Torque Reversing** | 132 lb-in | **Angular Misalignment** | 2.0° |
| **Dynamic Torque Non-Reversing** | 265 lb-in | **Parallel Misalignment** | 0.012 in |
| **Static Torque** | 530 lb-in | **Axial Motion** | 0.030 in |
| **Torsional Stiffness** | 1200 lb-in/Deg | **Moment of Inertia** | 0.5607 lb-in$^2$ (1.641 x $10^{-4}$ kg-m$^2$) |
| **Maximum Speed** | 10,000 RPM | **Full Bearing Support Required?** | Yes |
| **Zero-Backlash?** | Yes | **Balanced Design** | Yes |
| **Torque Wrench** | TW:BT-4C-3/8-140 | **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)** | 0.704200 | **UPC** | 634529308431 |
| **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.

**Installation Instructions**

1. Align the bores of the BCK36-18-16-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:* 2.0 °, *Parallel Misalignment*: 0.012 in, *Axial Motion*: 0.030 in)
2. Fully tighten the M6 screw on the first hub to the recommended seating torque of 16 Nm using a 5.0 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 1.496 in.