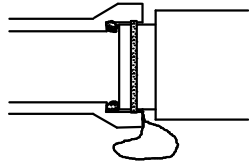


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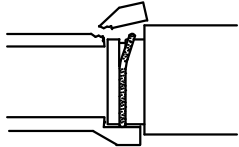
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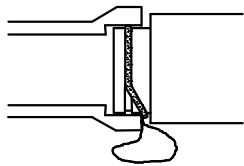
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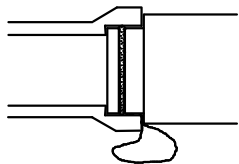
DIRT OR FROZEN MATERIAL ON BELL OR SPIGOT SURFACES CAN PREVENT THE GASKET FROM MAKING A TIGHT SEAL.



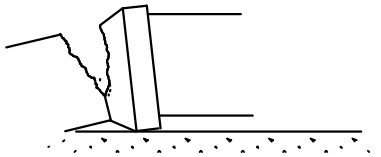
FAILURE TO LUBRICATE BELL CAN CAUSE THE GASKET TO ROLL, SOMETIMES SPLITTING THE BELL.



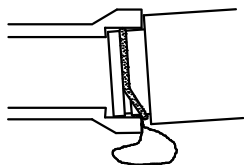
WHEN THE GASKET HAS NOT BEEN THOROUGHLY LUBRICATED, A ROLLING ACTION TAKES PLACE IN THE SPIGOT GROOVE. THIS MAKES THE JOINT SEEM TO SPRING APART EVERY TIME IT IS PUSHED HOME.



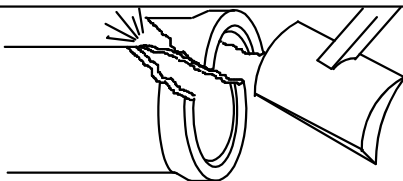
FAILURE TO EQUALIZE THE STRETCH OF THE GASKET CAN BE A CAUSE FOR LEAKS IN THE JOINT OR FOR THE GASKET TO BREAK.



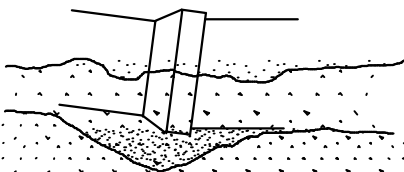
FAILURE TO DIG A BELL HOLE CAN CAUSE BEAM BREAKS OR CRACKS IN THE BARREL OF THE PIPE.



IF BELL AND SPIGOT ARE NOT LEVEL OR CAREFULLY ALIGNED, THE GASKET WILL FISH MOUTH, CAUSING A LEAK OR SPLITTING THE BELL.



USE OF A MACHINE TO PUSH THE PIPE HOME OR TO PUSH PIPE DOWN TO GRADE CAN PUT EXCESSIVE PRESSURE ON PIPE CAUSING IT TO BREAK OR CRACK.



IMPROPER BEDDING CAN CAUSE THE PIPE TO BE FORCED OUT OF ALIGNMENT WHEN BACK FILLED.

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