

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

The Terror of the Monster was an early title for the best-selling novel which inspired the movie JAWS.

*Writer L. Frank Baum picked Oz for the name Wizard of Oz by spotting a file cabinet marked O-Z while making up the story to his children and their friends.*

A one-minute TV spot cost advertisers \$85,000 for a Super Bowl broadcast in 1967, today it's about \$1 million for 30 seconds.

*First U.S. city to host the Olympics was St. Louis, Missouri in 1904.*

One year is exactly 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds.

*The diameter of TV's famous Wheel of Fortune is eight and a half feet.*

In Warner Bros. Cartoons Bugs Bunny drank Hare Remover to become invisible.

*For many years, the globe on the NBC Nightly News spun in the wrong direction. On January 2, 1984, NBC finally set the world back in the proper direction.*

In the brand of steel-wool soap pads the initials S.O.S. stands for Save Our Saucepans.

*In 1923 the American steel industry introduced the 5-day, 40-hour work week and Henry Ford adopted it in 1926.*

The cost in 1927 for a three minute commercial telephone call from New York to London was \$75.

*A Post Office application for a community was being filled out, someone wrote "ink" where the form requested "Name of Town (write in ink)", as a result Ink, Arkansas was formally named.*

According to the Lawn Institute there are 564,537,600 blades of grass in an acre of lawn.

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# Product Spotlight

## Safety Break-away Couplings

Dixon recently expanded the Safety Break-away Couplings, to include new sizes and configurations. These couplings are designed to minimize spillage and damage associated with drive away and pull away incidents.

The Industrial Breaking Bolt couplings are designed so that the coupling automatically senses an excessive pull, closes the valves and disconnects. These couplings are offered in stainless steel or aluminum and come standard with a Viton® seal.



Dixon's Marine Breaking Bolt couplings are designed to be installed within a string of hoses where the coupling has a length of hose attached to both sides.



The typical applications for these couplings are ship-to-offshore platform and ship-to-ship product transfer operations. These couplings are made from 316T1 stainless steel and have Viton® O-rings. The industrial and marine couplings are available in Female NPT, Male NPT, and Flange connections.

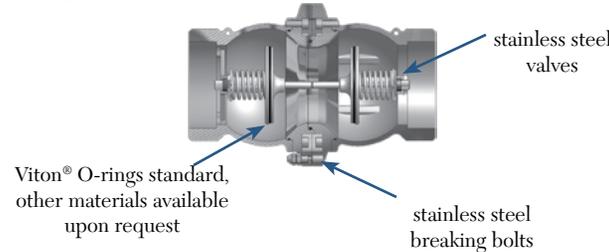
The Cable Release series automatically detects an excessive pull, closes the valve and disconnects. The release is executed by pulling out the locking pins with the help of a cable. The coupling is made from 316T1 stainless steel and has Viton® O-rings.



All Break-away couplings are available in a non closure version, please call the factory at 800.355.1991 for further information.

# Product Safety

- Provides passive security against situations where a hose or loading arm could be subjected to inadvertent excessive pull
- Operates independently of shut off safety systems and does not require an external power source
- Acts as a safe parting point within the transfer system, protecting equipment and personnel
- The coupling automatically senses an excessive pull, closes the valves and disconnects.
- Once couplings separate it allows poppets to close. The two poppets close rapidly, minimizing exposure to personnel and the environment.



## Dates in History

**1959** On January 3, President Eisenhower signed a special proclamation admitting the territory of Alaska into the Union as the 49th and largest state, one-fifth the size of the rest of the United States.

**1967** On January 15, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League (NFL) defeated the American Football League's (AFL) Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, in the first-ever AFL-NFL World Championship, later known as Super Bowl I, at Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles.

**1996** January 6, Blizzard of 1996 began, snow began falling in Washington, D.C., and up the Eastern seaboard, beginning a blizzard that killed 154 people and caused over \$1 billion in damages before it ended.

# On the Lighter Side

Recently a teacher, a garbage collector, and a lawyer wound up together at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter informed them that in order to get into Heaven, they would each have to answer one question. St. Peter addressed the teacher and asked, "What was the name of the ship that crashed into the iceberg? They made a movie about it." The teacher answered quickly, "That would be the Titanic." St. Peter let him through the gate. St. Peter turned to the garbage man and, figuring Heaven didn't REALLY need all the odors that this guy would bring with him, decided to make the question a little harder: "How many people died on the ship?" Fortunately for him, the trash man had just seen the movie and answered, "about 1,500." "That's right! You may enter." St. Peter then turned to the lawyer. "Name them."

*A man goes to his doctor and says, "I don't think my wife's hearing is as good as it used to be. What should I do?" The doctor replies, "Try this test to find out for sure. When your wife is in the kitchen doing dishes, stand 15 feet behind her and ask her a question, if she doesn't respond keep moving closer and asking the question until she hears you." The man goes home and sees his wife preparing dinner. He stands 15 feet behind her and says, "What's for dinner, honey?" He gets no response, so he moves to 10 feet behind her and asks again. Still no response, so he moves to five feet—still no answer. Finally he stands directly behind her and says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" She replies, "For the fourth time, I SAID CHICKEN!"*

A professor was giving a big test one day to his students. He handed out all of the tests and went back to his desk to wait. Once the test was over the students all handed the tests back in. The professor noticed that one of the students had attached a \$100 bill to his test with a note saying "A dollar per point." The next class the professor handed the graded tests back out. This student got back his test, his test grade, and \$64 change.