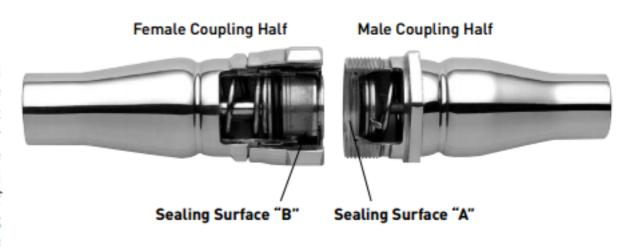


How It Operates

Disconnected

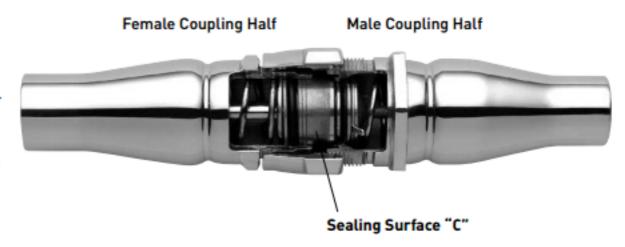
When disconnected, spring-loaded valve assemblies in the male and female coupling halves are sealed to prevent refrigerant loss and the inclusion of air or foreign materials. A spring in the male coupling half presses the bonded poppet against sealing surface "A" of the coupling body. Likewise, a spring in the female coupling half presses the sleeve against sealing surface "B" of the stem valve head. An O-ring on the female sleeve prevents leakage between the sleeve and coupling body.



Partially Connected

As the two coupling halves are threaded together, sealing surface "C" of the male coupling body contacts the bonded seal of the female coupling's sleeve assembly.

At the same time, the stem valve head in the female coupling assembly contacts the male coupling's bonded poppet, forcing air out of the coupling. During this stage, both coupling halves are sealed, preventing leakage of refrigerant.



Fully Connected

Continued tightening of the union nut (female coupling) draws the couplings together, and opens the fluid passage by forcing the male coupling's poppet assembly and the female coupling's sleeve assembly open. When fully coupled a metal ring located in the front of the male coupling, forms a leak-free metal to metal seal between the two coupling halves.

