

## Joining Procedure - Mechanical Joint

- 1) Joint Preparation
  - a. Care must be taken to ensure that after cutting the pipe end is not oval.
  - b. All spigot ends must be chamfered prior to assembly.
  - c. Clean both the spigot end of the pipe and the inside of the socket prior to assembly.

Size NB mm	No. of Bolts Per Socket
80	3
100	3
125	4
150	4
200	5
250	6
300	7
400	9

**Number of bolts per joint by nominal bore**

- 2) Joining
  - Push the gland over the spigot and position approximately 300mm from the end of the spigot.
  - Fit the gasket over the spigot approximately 150mm from the end of the spigot.
  - Support the pipe just clear of the bottom of the trench.
  - Insert the spigot into the socket of the fitting.
  - Press the gasket into its seating in the socket.
  - Ensure the gasket is centralized.
  - Tap the gasket taking care not damage any coatings.
  - Lubricate the visible face of the gasket.
  - Slip the gland ring up against the gasket face.
  - Rotate to locate the bolts into the lugs.
  - Lubricate threads of the bolts and hand tighten nuts.
  - progressively tighten nuts in the recommended sequence, to the recommended torque.
  - The recommended bolt torque is 150Nm (110lb ft)



This figure shows a pipe being joined to a Rotating Flange & MJ Socket piece.