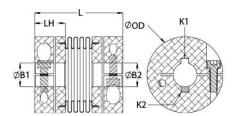




## MBCK41-18-12-A

Ruland MBCK41-18-12-A, 18mm x 12mm Bellows Coupling, Aluminum, Clamp Style With Keyway, 41.3mm OD, 51.7mm Length





## **Description**

Ruland MBCK41-18-12-A is a clamp bellows coupling with 18mm x 12mm bores, 41.3mm OD, 51.7mm length and 6mm x 4mm keyways. It is zero-backlash and has a balanced design for reduced vibration at high speeds. MBCK41-18-12-A is comprised of two anodized aluminum hubs and a stainless steel bellows. The bellows are able to flex while remaining rigid under torsional loads allowing for all types of misalignment to be accommodated. This bellows coupling is lightweight and has low inertia making it suitable for applications with speeds up to 10,000 RPM. Hardware is metric and tests beyond DIN 912 12.9 standards for maximum torque capabilities. Ruland MBCK41-18-12-A has four convolutions allowing for high torsional rigidity and making it an excellent fit for precise positioning stepper servo applications as well as encoders. It is machined from solid bar stock that is sourced exclusively from North American mills and RoHS3 and REACH compliant. MBCK41-18-12-A is carefully manufactured in our Marlborough, MA factory under strict controls using proprietary processes.

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Bore (B1)	18 mm	Small Bore (B2)	12 mm				
Keyway (K1)	6 mm	Keyway (K2)	4 mm				
B1 Max Shaft Penetration	24.0 mm	B2 Max Shaft Penetration	24.0 mm				
Outer Diameter (OD)	41.3 mm	Bore Tolerance	+0.03 mm / -0.00 mm				
Length (L)	51.7 mm	Length Tolerance	+/- 0.76 mm				
Hub Width (LH)	18.05 mm	Recommended Shaft Tolerance	+0.000 mm / -0.013 mm				
Forged Clamp Screw	M4	Screw Material	Alloy Steel				
Hex Wrench Size	3.0 mm	Screw Finish	Black Oxide				
Seating Torque	4.6 Nm	Number of Screws	2 ea				
Dynamic Torque Reversing	7.00 Nm	Angular Misalignment	2.0°				
Dynamic Torque Non-Reversing	14.00 Nm	Parallel Misalignment	0.25 mm				
Static Torque	28.0 Nm	Axial Motion	0.50 mm				
Torsional Stiffness	63 Nm/Deg	Moment of Inertia	3.058 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> kg-m <sup>2</sup>				
Maximum Speed	10,000 RPM	Full Bearing Support Required?	Yes				
Zero-Backlash?	Yes	Balanced Design	Yes				
Torque Wrench	TW:BT-1R-1/4-41.0	Recommended Hex Key	Metric Hex Keys				
Material Specification	Hubs: 2024-T351 Aluminum Bar 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	Ероху				
Manufacturer	Ruland Manufacturing	Country of Origin	USA				
Weight (lbs)	0.276600	UPC	634529166482				
Tariff Code	8483.60.8000	UNSPC	31163018				
Note 1	Stainless steel hubs are available u	pon 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. Please consult technical support for more assistance.						
Prop 65	▲WARNING This product can exp	oose you to chemicals including Ethy	rlene Thiourea and Nickel (metallic), Ethylene Thiourea, known to the State				

## Installation Instructions

- 1. Align the bores of the MBCK41-18-12-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:* 0.25 mm, *Axial Motion:* 0.50 mm)
- 2. Fully tighten the M4 screw on the first hub to the recommended seating torque of 4.6 Nm using a 3.0 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 24.0 mm.