

# **General Information**

The installation and operation instructions are an essential factor of the KBK metal bellows couplings. It indicates tips for proper assembly, operation and maintenance. Please read these instructions carefully and follow the directions. Non-observance may result in failure of the KBK metal bellows coupling.

(Ex) The couplings are available in ATEX version. Please note the supplementary operating- and assembly instructions for areas with potentially explosive atmospheres.

### Safety Instructions

**ATTENTION!** 

- Installation may be performed by trained and specialized staff only.

- Rotating couplings are hazard areas. The user/operator has to ensure appropriate protective measures. Do not reach into the operation area of the coupling if it is still in operation. Secure the machine against unintentional power-up during assembly work.

### **Manufacturer's Declaration**

In accordance with directive 2006/42/EC annex IIB, shaft couplings are no machines as per the machinery directive, but components for installations in machines. Operation is not permitted unless the directives according to the machinery directives are complied with upon integration in the final product.



## Miniature metal bellows coupling with stud: KB1



### **Function**

KBK miniature metal bellows couplings are flexible shaft couplings. The metal bellow compensates lateral, axial and angular misalignment with low restoring forces.

### **Shaft-hub connections**

KBK metal bellows couplings may only be used in accordance with the technical data mentioned in the catalogue. Any subsequent processing is not permitted.

#### **Preparation for assembly**

During assembly and disassembly, the metal bellow must not be deformed more than three times higher than the permissible misalignment values mentioned in the catalogue. Avoid using any force. The shafts and bores of the hubs to be connected must be free from dirt and burrs. Please check the connection dimensions of the shafts (as well as the dimensions regarding the key) and check the tolerances. KBK metal bellows couplings have got an H7 fit. This fitting tolerance and the shaft extension facilitate both assembly and disassembly. The recommended fitting tolerance is 0,02mm - 0,05mm.



Any oils and fats including molybdenum disulfide or any other high-pressure additives as well as lubricating pastes may not be used.

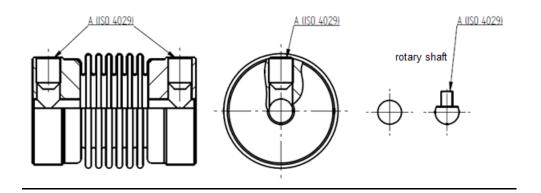


# <u>Assembly</u>

Slide the complete coupling onto the stub shaft. In the correct axial position, tighten the clamping screws (A) to the torque indicated in the table by using a torque wrench. Then insert the second stub shaft (e.g. a rotary encoder) and in the correct axial position, when the metal bellow is free of axial load, tighten the clamping screws as mentioned before.

KB1 /	05	1	5	10	15	20	45	100
T <sub>A</sub> (Nm) (A)	0,35	0,5	0,5	0,5	1,5	1,5	3	3

- up to series 10: 1 screw per hub side
- from series 15: 2 screws per hub side, offset by 120°.

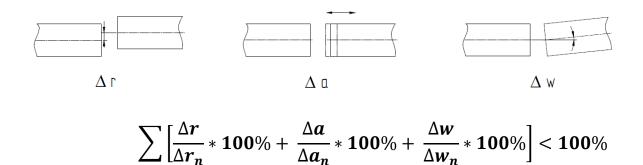


# **Disassembly**

When disassembling the KBK metal bellows coupling, loosen the clamping screws (A)

### Maximum Misalignment

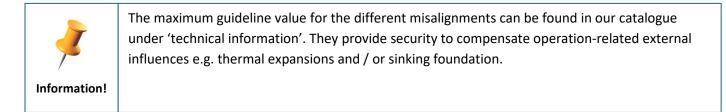
KBK metal bellows couplings compensate lateral, axial and angular shaft misalignment.



### Operating and Assembly Instructions Couplings Series KB1



Definition				
$\Delta r$	Radial misalignment ( installed condition )			
$\Delta a$	Axial misalignment ( installed condition )			
$\Delta w$	Angular misalignment (installed condition)			
$\Delta r_n$	Maximum permissible radial misalignment ( according to catalogue )			
$\Delta a_n$	Maximum permissible axial misalignment (according to catalogue)			
$\Delta w_n$	Maximum permissible angular misalignment (according to catalogue)			





Lateral misalignment has a negative effect on the service life of the metal bellow. An exact alignment of the coupling increases the service life considerably. The load for neighboring bearings is reduced and this will have a positive effect on the running smoothness of the entire driveline.

# <u>Maintenance</u>

KBK metal bellows couplings are maintenance-free. Regular inspection intervals should include a visual check of the KBK metal bellows couplings are used as intended, they will have a long-lasting durability.

#### **Transportation**

KBK metal bellows couplings are delivered ready for installation. Upon incoming goods inspection the metal bellows couplings should be stored in their original packaging and in this way they should be made available for installation. Operating and installation instructions should be always accessible for everybody at the installation location upon installation.