Appendix 2

Width prediction of installed Kalsi Seals

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1. **Introduction**

The installed width of a Kalsi Seal varies as a function of thermal expansion, seal and hardware tolerances, and any media-induced swelling that may be present. A large matrix of finite element analyses (FEA) was conducted to evaluate the installed axial width of basic Kalsi Seals in cross-sectional sizes ranging from 0.145" to 0.415" (3.68 to 10.54 mm) in order to gain a better understanding of the axial groove width requirements for such seals. The results can also be used with reasonable accuracy for other styles of seals that use the “basic” lip width, and with Wide Footprint Seals\(^1\).

The FEA models were axi-symmetric, representing the average wave height. Variables included radial compression, temperature, tolerance, inside diameter, and coefficient of thermal expansion. A portion of the results are presented graphically in this Appendix; information for alternate compression is available by request.

The results labeled “MMC” are not true MMC conditions; only the overall axial and radial cross-sectional dimensions were at true MMC, the rationale being that these are the only dimensions affected by mold closure relationships, and the only significant dimensions that are affected by molding shrinkage variations.

The seal temperature for each FEA was varied from 72 to 450°F (22 to 232°C). The conservatively selected $13 \times 10^{-5}$ in/in/°F coefficient of thermal expansion is based upon the upper bound reported in the literature for NBR. In limited testing, the coefficient of thermal expansion of the Kalsi Engineering -10 HNBR material was measured at $9.2 \times 10^{-5}$ in/in/°F.

LMC seal width was not modeled, but can be approximated by subtracting an adjustment factor from the predicted nominal width. The adjustment factor is equal to 0.005" (0.13 mm) plus the seal radial depth tolerance.

\(^1\) Wide Footprint Seals were designed to have about the same installed width as basic Kalsi Seals.
Axial Widths of **Nominal** 0.145" X 0.170" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a **13E-5 in/in°F** Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a **0.125"** Radial Gland
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Axial Widths of MMC 0.145" X 0.170" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a 13E-5 in/in/°F Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.125" Radial Gland (Actual Seal Cross Section 0.148" X 0.177")
Axial Widths of **Nominal** 0.186" X 0.170" Cross Section

Standard Kalsi Seals with a **13E-5 in/in/°F** Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.166" Radial Gland
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Axial Widths of MMC 0.186" X 0.170" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a 13E-5 in/in/°F Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.166" Radial Gland (Actual Seal Cross Section 0.189" X 0.177")

Seal Axial Width (inches)
Seal I.D. (inches)
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Axial Widths of Nominal 0.212" X 0.220" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a $13E-5 \text{ in/in/}^\circ\text{F}$ Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.189" Radial Gland
Axial Widths of MMC 0.212" X 0.220" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a 13E-5 in/in/F Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.189" Radial Gland (Actual Seal Cross Section 0.217" X 0.227")
Axial Widths of **Nominal** 0.270" X 0.250" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a 13E-5 in/in/°F Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.244" Radial Gland

Seal Axial Width (inches) vs Seal I.D. (inches)
Axial Widths of MMC 0.270" X 0.250" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a 13E-5 in/in/F Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.244" Radial Gland (Actual Seal Cross Section 0.275" X 0.257")

Seal I.D. (inches)

Seal Axial Width (inches)

0.0  1.0  2.0  3.0  4.0  5.0  6.0  7.0  8.0  9.0

72 F
150 F
200 F
250 F
300 F
350 F
400 F
450 F
300 F
250 F
72 F
Axial Widths of Nominal 0.335" X 0.25" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a 13E-5 in/in/°F Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.309" Radial Gland
Axial Widths of MMC 0.335" X 0.25" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a $13\text{E}-5 \text{ in/}^\circ\text{F}$ Coefficient of Thermal Expansion
in a 0.309" Radial Gland (Actual Seal Cross Section 0.340" X 0.257")
Axial Widths of **Nominal** 0.415" X 0.300" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a 13E-5 in/in/°F Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.380" Radial Gland
Axial Widths of MMC 0.415" X 0.300" Cross Section
Standard Kalsi Seals with a 13E-5 in/in/°F Coefficient of Thermal Expansion in a 0.380" Radial Gland (Actual Seal Cross Section 0.421" X 0.307")