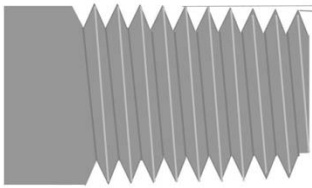


When to use Teflon Tape?

Teflon® tape (polytetrafluoroethylene or PTFE tape) is used in sealing pipe threads. It is wrapped around the exposed threads of a pipe before it is screwed into place and acts a little like putty under compression to make a seal.

Teflon® tape is only effective on tapered threads and should NOT be used on straight threads.

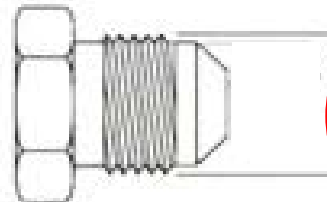
DO...



Do use on tapered threads



DON'T



Don't use on straight threads



Teflon® tape should NOT be used on CGA fittings of compressed gas cylinders, because these fittings have straight threads (a CGA fitting connects a compressed gas cylinder to a regulator or transfer line). Mis-application of Teflon® tape on a CGA fitting may be hazardous. It can prevent an appropriate seal and cause gas leaks and pieces of tape can easily break off and form a foreign body contaminant that could jam a valve seat, causing valve failure.



Questions? – Contact Risk Management & Safety (621-1790)