

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

The word "checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat", which means "The King Is Defeated".

There is no word you can write using just the bottom row of text on the keyboard.

White oak trees don't produce acorns until they are 50 years or older.

Miami Beach, Long Beach, Huntington Beach, Palm Beach, Pacific Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach — there are scores of U.S. coastal cities and towns with "beach" in their names. Surprisingly, there's only one city in the United States named merely "Beach." It is found in North Dakota, which is a land-locked state.

Every time it erupts, Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park spurts up to 8,000 gallons of 199° water about 140 feet into the air.

The Earth moves in its 585-million-mile orbit around the Sun approximately eight times faster than a bullet travels.

The ball on top of a flagpole is called a "truck."

If you add together all the numbers on a roulette wheel (1 to 36), the total is the mystical number 666.

The term, "It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye" is from Ancient Rome. The only rule during wrestling matches was, "No eye gouging." Everything else was allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke someone's eye out.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's".

At a stride of 30 inches per step, you would have to take 2,112 steps to walk a distance of one mile.

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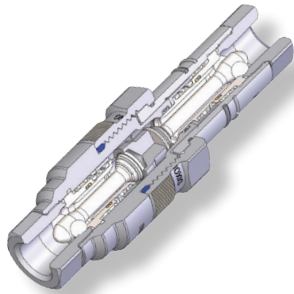
# Product Spotlight

## VEP-Series

Dixon Quick Coupling will launch the new VEP-Series in the summer of 2012. The no-spill, flush face design minimizes air inclusion during connection and spillage during disconnection. The VEP-Series incorporates a thread-to connect design and a dual valve system in the nipple to allow for connecting under pressure. The threaded design also eliminates brinelling (when the locking balls of the female half of a traditional quick disconnect start to dig in and imbed themselves into the male half) due to vibration or high pressure impulses. This brinelling effect will cause the male half to become stuck in the female half, rendering the coupling set useless.

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- Any hydraulic circuit with high pressure impulses



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# Dates in History

**1800** On June 3rd, the second president of the United States, John Adams, became the first president to reside in Washington, D.C., when he took up residence at Union Tavern in Georgetown. The city of Washington was created to replace Philadelphia as the nation's capital because of its geographical position in the center of the existing new republic. The states of Maryland and Virginia ceded land around the Potomac River to form the District of Columbia.

**1865** On June 2nd, in an event that is generally regarded as marking the end of the Civil War, Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith, commander of Confederate forces west of the Mississippi, signed the surrender terms offered by Union negotiators. With Smith's surrender, the last Confederate army ceased to exist, bringing a formal end to the bloodiest four years in U.S. history.

**1944** On June 6th, Allied powers crossed the English Channel and landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, beginning the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control during World War II. Within three months, the northern part of France was freed and the invasion force prepared to enter Germany, where they would meet up with Soviet forces moving in from the east.

**1953** On June 2nd, Queen Elizabeth II was formally crowned monarch of the United Kingdom in a lavish ceremony steeped in traditions that date back a millennium. A thousand dignitaries and guests attended the coronation at London's Westminster Abbey, and hundreds of millions listened on the radio and for the first time watched the proceedings on live television. After the ceremony, millions of rain-drenched spectators cheered the 27-year-old queen and her husband, the 30-year-old duke of Edinburgh, as they passed along a five-mile procession route in a gilded horse-drawn carriage.

# On the Lighter Side

I got in a fight with my wife last night and it was totally my fault.

She asked me what was on the TV and I said: dust.

*'You should be ashamed,' the father told his son, Andy, 'When Abraham Lincoln was your age, he used to walk ten miles every day to get to school.'*

*'Really?'* Andy responded. *'Well, when he was your age, he was president.'*

Two West Country yokels were on the train heading homewards through Somerset, England when one of them noticed some cows.

'What a lovely bunch of cows.' he remarked.

'Not a bunch, herd,' his mate replied.

'Heard of what?'

'Herd of cows.'

'Of course I've heard of cows.'

'No, a cow herd.'

'What do I care what a cow heard. I have no secrets to keep from a cow.'

*Mrs Baker wanted to go ice fishing. She had read several books on the subject, and finally, after getting all the necessary equipment together, she made her way out onto the ice.*

*After positioning her comfy stool, she started to make a circular cut in the ice.*

*Frighteningly, from up above, a voice boomed, 'There are no fish under the ice.' Startled, Mrs Baker moved farther down the ice, poured herself a large coffee, and began to cut yet another hole.*

*Again, from the heavens, the voice bellowed, 'There are no fish under the ice.' Mrs Baker, now became very concerned so she moved way down to the opposite end of the ice, set up her stool, and began again to cut her ice-hole.*

*The voice rang out once more, 'There are no fish under the ice.' Mrs Baker, stopped, looked upwards and said, 'Is that you, Lord?'*

*The voice replied, 'No, this is the Ice-Rink Manager.'*