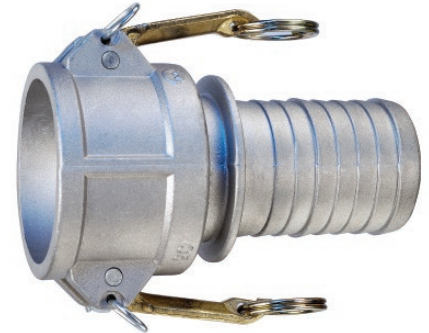


Domestic Quality at an Import Price

Not all imports are created equal. KOA Couplings were designed with the specific intent of creating a line of domestic quality cam lock couplings at an import price. Today, KOA Couplings are regarded as among the most robust in the industry, able to withstand the high levels of abuse common in industrial hose applications.

KOA Couplings still offer the exact same design and uncompromised quality today as they did when they were first introduced over twenty-five years ago.

The following evaluations were performed on multiple samples of various competitor's 4" female cam lock couplings, the average results of which were compared to the average results of randomly selected KOA Coupling AL-C400 Series Female Cam Lock Couplings.

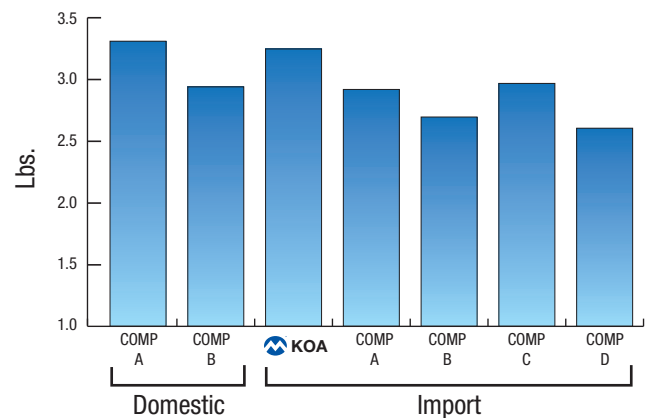


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Weight Comparison

The weight of a coupling is an indicator of its quality and durability. Many coupling manufacturers attempt to reduce product cost by thinning down their couplings, producing a less expensive, but also a less durable, product.

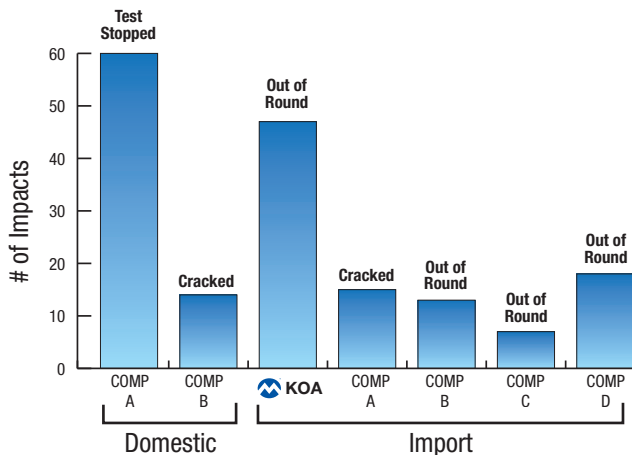
Result: KOA Couplings were comparable to the domestic couplings and outweighed the import couplings by an average of 20%.



Impact Test

An impact test is another indicator of a coupling's quality. This test consists of repeatedly dropping a gradually increasing weight on the coupling sample until it either cracks or the coupling is out of round to the point it will not connect.

Result: All fittings except for one domestic manufacturer either cracked or went out of round well before KOA Couplings.



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