

Viking Johnson

Excellence in the making



The company

Viking Johnson has been supplying high quality pipe products to the international water, gas and industrial markets for 75 years. During that time the company has become a world leader in the supply of pipe couplings and repair products with customer satisfaction always at the forefront of company policy.





The Viking Johnson system

Internationally recognised as one of the most reliable methods of joining plain-ended pipes, the Viking Johnson system consists of a wide range of couplings, flange adaptors, repair clamps and special products to suit almost any application.

All Viking Johnson couplings, flange adaptors, MaxiFit, QuickFit, MegaFit, FlexLock, AquaGrip couplings operate on the same basic compression principle.





Original Viking Johnson offices located in Hitchin, Hertfordshire



Our beginnings

The Victory Pipe Joint Company was formed shortly after World War I. The original company registration of the Victory Pipe Joint Company at **23 July 1919**.

In August 1927 the company name was changed to

the Victaulic Company Limited. The then steel producer, Stewarts & Lloyds acquired a 70% controlling interest share from the original owners in **1927**.

By **1942** Victaulic moved to a ten acre green field site in Hitchin designated for industrial development and this site remained undamaged by air raids! Following the nationalisation of Stewarts & Lloyds, Victaulic and Stewarts & Lloyds became wholly owned by BSC. We formed part of the British Steel Corporation Tubes Division's Stanton Staveley Group.

Buy out from the British Steel Corporation and The Victaulic Company plc was formed in **April of 1983**.

June 1987. The company changed its name to Victaulic PLC.

August 1995. Acquired by Glynwed Pipesystems Limited

June 2003. Crane Limited, a Crane Co. company purchases Viking Johnson.



The thirties



In 1932 Viking Johnson invented the first Victaulic hydraulic pipe lines to replace old flange hydraulic pipe.

London Hydraulic Power Co.

6" Victaulic hydraulic pipe lines being installed in Millbank, London, replacing old flange hydraulic pipe.

In this year...

Polaroid photography was invented by Edwin Herbert Land. Carl C. Magee invented the first parking meter.





main with run lead joints to prevent sucking in air.

Nepal, India

24" Steel pipes with Victaulic Joints supplied in 1933 for the Sunderijal Hydro Electric Power Scheme, Nepal, India



Trinidad Central Water Supply Scheme

Approximately 15,000 8" to 26" Steel Pipes with Viking Johnson Flexible Couplings were supplied for this scheme to suit a working head of 550 feet. Photo shows 24" pipes lying alongside railway prior to being laid.



The Scottish Oils and Shell-Mex Ltd Ardrossan

30" high temperature oil sealed spring loaded Viking Johnson Couplings connecting fractionating and condenser columns, for temperatures up to 250° and accommodating 2¹/2" vertical movement.

In this year...

Chester F. Carlson invented the photocopier.

The first jet engine was built.





Exhibition Stand Victaulic Stand at Public Health Services and Congress Exhibition, 1938.



Reading Sewerage Department

Trial assembly of Viking Johnson Couplings on 24" cast iron pipe in Corporation Yard, preliminary to erecting on Factory Bridge.

In 1945 Viking Johnson invented a clamp for sealing leaks in existing mains that we The forties bjected to

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In this year...

John Atanasoff and Clifford Berry built the first electronic digital computer. Max Mueller designs a turboprop engine

Houses of Parliament

6" Shouldered steel pipes with Victaulic Joints supplied to Ministry of Works & Planning in 1941/42 for emergency water supply mains (fire-fighting) at Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.





12" x 13.14" Johnson Clamp for sealing leaking spigot and socket cast iron pipe with lead joint suitable for existing mains which are subjected to movement.

Margate Corporation Water Undertaking

Photograph showing the Victaulic A.R.P closer joints with set screws. Also short reducer connecting by-pass piping to the closer joint.

In these years...

1945 Vannevar Bush proposes hypertext.

The atomic bomb invented.

1946 The microwave oven invented by Percy Spencer. A 12" x 13.14" Johnson Coupling moulded in bitumen

South East Cornwall Water Board

8" Steel pipes with Viking Johnson Couplings moulded in bitumen



Regent Oil Company Limited Manifold Connections.

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In 1949 Viking Johnson introduced Couplings made with enamelled sleeves



4"/10" Viking Johnson Couplings with enamelled sleeves to suit plain ended steel pipes supplied to Messrs. O.C. Summers for Office of Works Contract at Horse Guards' Parade for A.R.P. fire mains. In 1953 Viking Johnson invented a clamp for sealing leaks in existing mains that were subjected to movement

The fifties





In this year...

The hovercraft was invented by Christopher Cockerell.

Bette Nesmith Graham invented Liquid Paper, to paint over mistakes made with a typewriter.



1956 Viking Johnson Couplings brochure





Cut-away view of the Viking Johnson coupling on the pipe-ends, showing the rolled steel sleeve and flanges, and the rubber composition joining rings



Some pipelines with Viking Johnson couplings



In 1962 Viking Johnson invented a clamp for sealing leaks in existing mains that were subjected to movement

The sixties





National Coal Board

6" Victaulic fire fighting main for the National Coal Board



The audio cassette invented.

The fiber-tip pen invented by Yukio Horie.

Spacewar, the first computer video game invente<u>d.</u>



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For attention of Mr. Peter England.

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RHARTOUM 21st. February, 1963

The Victualic Company, 8 Gough Square, Float Streat, London E.C.4. England.

Dear Mr. England,

Y.B.A.

I as now back in Khartoum and wish to thank you very much for the most interesting visit to your Works at Hitchin.

It may interest you to know that we havedoesenced laying the 212" main and therefore, I had already began puting into practice the information obtained during my visit.

I look forward that I may nee you again in Khartoum or Cairo.

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1960's Victaulic Pipe Joints brochure



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The seventies



In 1975 Viking Johnson invented a clamp for sealing leaks in existing mains that were subjected to movement Victaulic Joints used on a small tanker carrying crude oil

In this year...

The floppy disk invented by Alan Shugart

In this year...

The shuttle programme was formally launched on January 5, 1972, when President Nixon announced that NASA would proceed with the development of a reuseable Space Shuttle system.



Athelknight, Liverpool Victaulic Joints

Victaulic Joints installed in the vessel, on deck pipework





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Northumbria Water Authority Fitting of Redlands GRP Pipe for Tyneside Interpretor Sewer in June 1975





Felindre-Morgan Pipe Line Spirally moulded pipes



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Egypt Water pipelines in El Arish, Egypt, November 1978. **Guatemala** Group of workers at the Aquacapa Hydroelectric Scheme, Guatemala

In this year...

Cellular phones invented. Cray supercomputer invented by Seymour Cray. Walkman invented. Scott Olson invents roller blades



West Glamorgan Fitting of pipes for West Galmorgan Water Board

In 1980's Viking Johnson release maxifit, a wide tolerance coupling for pipes of ranging sizes.

The eighties



In 1985 Viking Johnson introduced a new range of pipe joints

In this decade...

The CD-ROM was invented. Fuji introduced the disposable camera Disposable contact lenses invented.





Western Samoa Hydro electric scheme Fale Ole Fe'e, December 1980





Egypt Water pipelines in El Arish, Egypt, 1983.





In this year...

MaxiFit was invented.





In this year...

AquaGrip was invented.



In 1998 Viking Johnson invented a clamp for sealing leaks in existing mains that were subjected to movement

The nineties to the present day





Viking Johnson factory located in Hitchin, Hertfordshire

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Township to the state

1990-2005



The Tunnel provides a transportation system which is unique in its size and complexity. It has put to the test the ingenuity of Britain's and France's finest engineers. They responded magnificently, showing their talent and courage in overcoming physical difficulties and logistical problems of an unprecedented nature. A particular significant achievement has been the construction of the undersea crossover caverns, deep under the bed of the English Channel.

John Major, Prime Minister, April 1994

The London Eye the Giant Observation Wheel, became operational in January 2000. (O)(O)

In these years...

The World Wide Web/Internet protocol (HTTP) and WWW language (HTML) were created by Tim Berners-Lee.

Microsoft released Windows 95, it consisted of more than 10,000,000 lines of computer code.









In these years...

Self-cleaning windows invented by PPG Industries.

Phone tooth invented by James Auger and Jimmy Loizeau.

Virtual keyboard invented by Canesta and VKB $O\mathcal{N}$





2005 New MaxiFit

Our Corporate Vision is...

... to be the leading provider of Valves, Fittings and Engineered Products for fluid handling applications in building services and general industrial applications. We aim to be our customers preferred supplier by offering products which provide best value together with a service that exceeds our customers expectations.

> Peter Wilson MD, Crane Fluid Systems







150 years of innovation



Richard Teller Crane

Richard Teller Crane July 4, 1855 $\lfloor \lfloor \Omega \end{pmatrix}$ $\lfloor \Omega \rangle$





Hydro-Aire coolant pumps have operated on control systems in space in such projects as the Lunar Excursion Module and the Apollo program. In 1970, during Apollo 13's flight to the moon, a crippling explosion occurred on board. The coolant pumps were one of the few fully operational elements and maintained module temperatures

through to the successful end of the aborted mission.

NASA determined that the pumps' continued operation was so critical that they required a Hydro-Aire support crew connected

by telephone to Mission Control 24 hours a day to provide needed engineering support. Today, Crane pumps and electronics are used on Mars.



