Tutorial for Modeling Victaulic Coupling in CAEPIPE

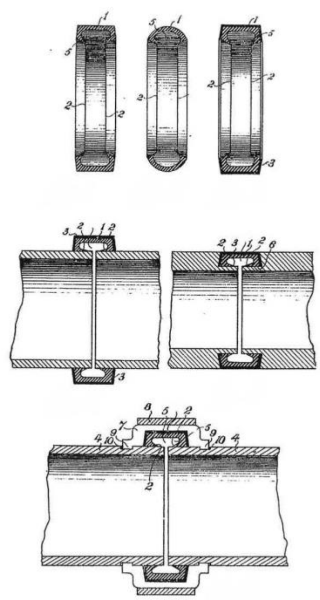
The following are the Steps for modeling and including Victaulic Coupling in CAEPIPE analysis.

General

- **Victaulic** is a developer and producer of mechanical pipe joining systems and is the originator of the grooved pipe couplings joining system.

- Victaulic Grooved Couplings are used to join mechanical pipes together. Grooved coupling pipe joining systems use a roll grooving technique to join pipes and pipe joining components. A groove is placed on the end of two pipes to prepare the pipes engagement with the coupling housing and gasket. The gasket creates a pressure responsive seal on the outside diameter of the pipe, unlike standard compression joints, where pressure acts to separate the seal. The gasket sealing is enhanced as the coupling housing is tightened onto the pipe end. "The economics of the grooved method derive from simplified assembly that involves three basic concepts: a pressure responsive gasket that creates a leak-tight seal; couplings that hold the pipe together; and fasteners that secure the couplings.

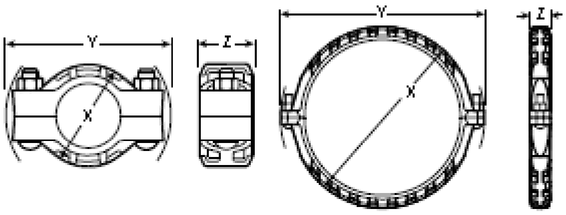
  Mechanical piping joining systems are being used in HVAC, plumbing, fire protection and mining, water and waste water treatment, oilfield operations, power plants, military, marine systems and other industrial applications due to the time and labor-saving features associated with installation. Mechanical piping joining systems offer an alternative to welding, threading, and flanging for joining two pipe ends. See the figures given below for details.



- The Steps provided in this tutorial are applicable for most of the Victaulic Couplings including Styles 77 and 177. The properties from Style 77 are referred from the document available in the link http://static.victaulic.com/assets/uploads/literature/06.04.pdf. Dimensional details and mechanical properties of Victaulic Coupling are referred from the document given in the above link corresponding to 6” Victaulic Coupling. The same is presented below for quick reference.

4.0 DIMENSIONS

Style 77



¾ – 12"/20 – 300 mm sizes 14 – 24"/350 – 600 mm sizes

Size		Working Pressure [3]	End Load [3]	Pipe End Separation [4]	Deflection from Centerline [4]		Bolt/Nut [5]		Dimensions			Weight
Nominal inches DN	Actual Outside Diameter inches mm	Maximum psi kPa	Maximum lb N	Allowable inches mm	Per Cplg. Degrees	Pipe inches/ft. mm/m	Qty.	Size inches	X inches mm	Y inches mm	Z inches mm	Approx. (Each) lb kg
	5.250 133.0	1000 6900	21,635 96275	0–0.13 0–3.2	1°–21'	0.28 24	2	20 x 108	7.63 194	10.38 264	2.13 54	10.0 4.5
DN125	5.500 139.7	1000 6900	23,745 105665	0–0.13 0–3.2	1°–18'	0.28 24	2	20 x 108	8.63 219	10.65 270	2.13 54	10.0 4.5
6 DN150	6.625 168.3	1000 6900	34,470 153390	0–0.13 0–3.2	1°–5'	0.23 18	2	¾ x 4¼	8.63 219	11.88 302	2.13 54	12.0 5.4
	6.250 159.0	1000 6900	30,665 136460	0–0.13 0–3.2	1°–9'	0.24 20	2	20 x 108	8.63 219	11.50 292	2.13 54	13.2 6.0
	6.500 165.1	1000 6900	33,185 147660	0–0.13 0–3.2	1°–6'	0.23 19	2	¾ x 4¼	8.88 226	11.63 295	2.13 54	13.2 6.0
8 [5] DN200	8.625 219.1	800 5500	46,740 207995	0–0.13 0–3.2	0°–50'	0.18 14	2	⅞ x 5	11.00 279	14.75 375	2.50 63	20.8 9.4
10 [5] DN250	10.750 273.0	800 5500	73,280 326100	0–0.13 0–3.2	0°–40'	0.14 12	2	1 x 6	13.63 346	17.13 435	2.63 67	27.8 12.6
12 [5] DN300	12.750 323.9	800 5500	102,000 453900	0–0.13 0–3.2	0°–34'	0.12 9	2	1 x 6½	15.63 397	19.25 489	2.63 67	31.1 14.1
14 [6] DN350	14.000 355.6	300 2065	46,180 205500	0–0.13 0–3.2	0°–31'	0.11 9	2	1 x 3½	16.75 425	20.25 514	3.00 76	39.2 17.8
	14.842 377.0	300 2065	51,875 230,845	0–0.13 0–3.2	0°–31'	0.11 9	2	1 x 3½	17.39 442	20.96 531	2.80 71	48.8 22.1
16 [6] DN400	16.000 406.4	300 2065	60,320 268425	0–0.13 0–3.2	0°–27'	0.10 9	2	1 x 3½	18.75 476	22.25 565	3.00 76	45 20.4
	16.772 426.0	300 2065	66,245 294,795	0–0.13 0–3.2	0°–27'	0.10 9	2	1 x 3½	19.69 500	22.92 581	2.92 74	56.7 25.7
18 [6] DN450	18.000 457.2	300 2065	76,340 339710	0–0.13 0–3.2	0°–24'	0.08 7	2	1⅛ x 4	21.56 548	25.00 635	3.13 80	64.1 29.1
	18.898 480.0	300 2065	84,105 374,265	0–0.13 0–3.2	0°–24'	0.08 7	2	1⅛ x 4	22.38 569	25.86 655	3.04 77	77.2 35

3 Working Pressure and End Load are total, from all internal and external loads, based on standard weight (ANSI) steel pipe, standard roll or cut grooved in accordance with Victaulic specifications. Contact Victaulic for performance on other pipe.

4 Allowable Pipe End Separation and Deflection figures show the maximum nominal range of movement available at each joint for standard roll grooved pipe. Figures for standard cut grooved pipe may be doubled. These figures are maximums; for design and installation purposes these figures should be reduced by: 50% for ¾ – 3 ½"/20 – 90 mm; 25% for 4"/100 mm and larger.

5 Number of bolts required equals number of housing segments.

6 Couplings 8, 10, 12"/200, 250, 300 mm sizes available to JIS standards. Refer to Victaulic submittal publication 06.17 for details.

7 For 14 – 72"/350 – 1800 mm Roll Groove systems Victaulic offers the Advanced Groove System (AGS) line of products. Refer to Victaulic submittal publication 20.03 for information on the Style W77 flexible AGS coupling.

NOTES

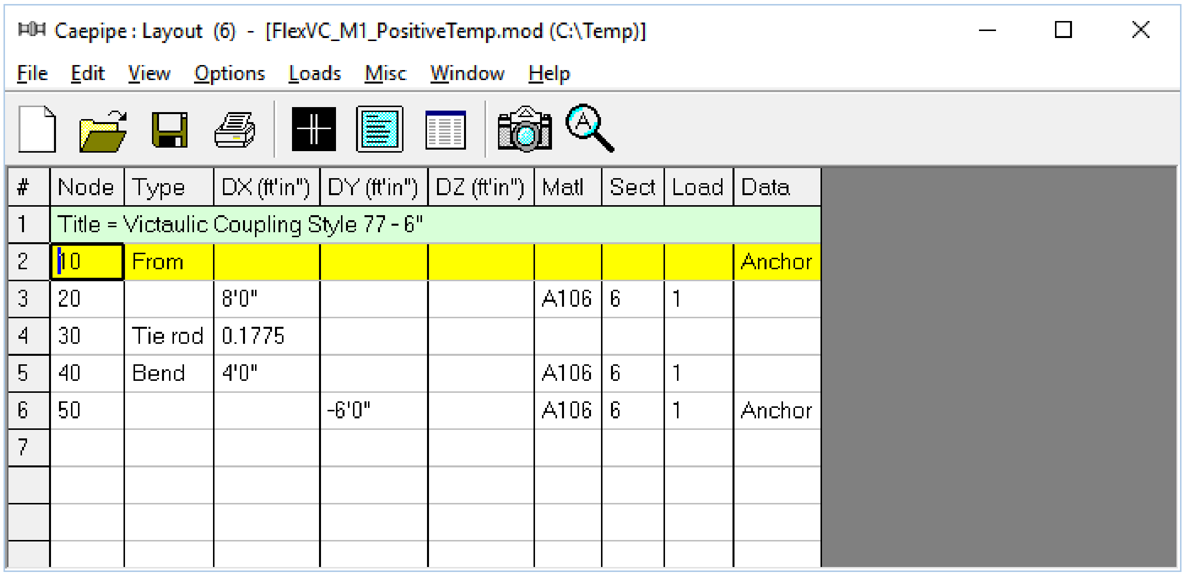
- Metric thread size bolts are available (color coded gold) for all coupling sizes upon request. Contact Victaulic for details.
- WARNING: FOR ONE TIME FIELD TEST ONLY, the Maximum Joint Working Pressure may be increased to 1½ times the figures shown.

The .pdf file of the details of Style 77 Victaulic Couplings downloaded from the link mentioned above is attached herewith for convenience.

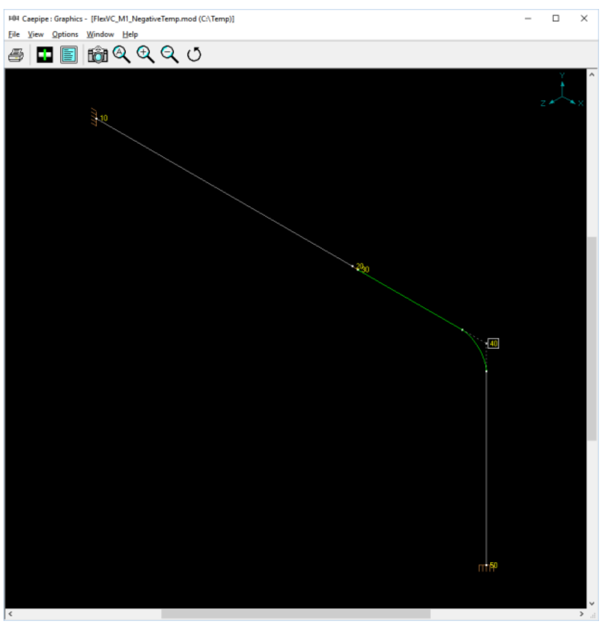
Tutorial

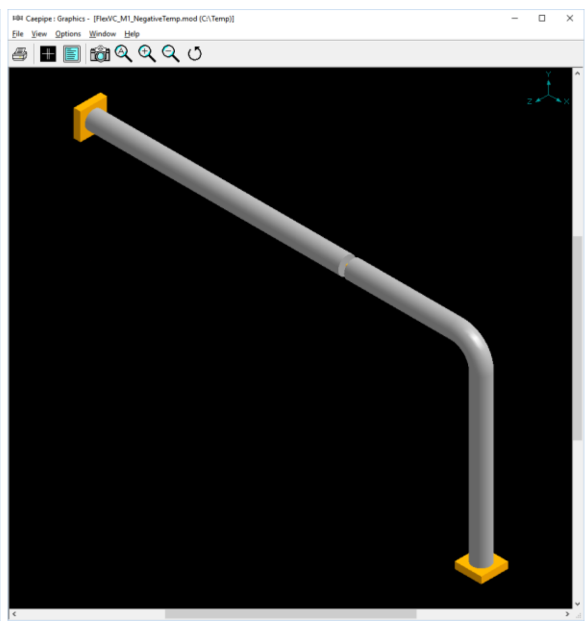
Step 1:

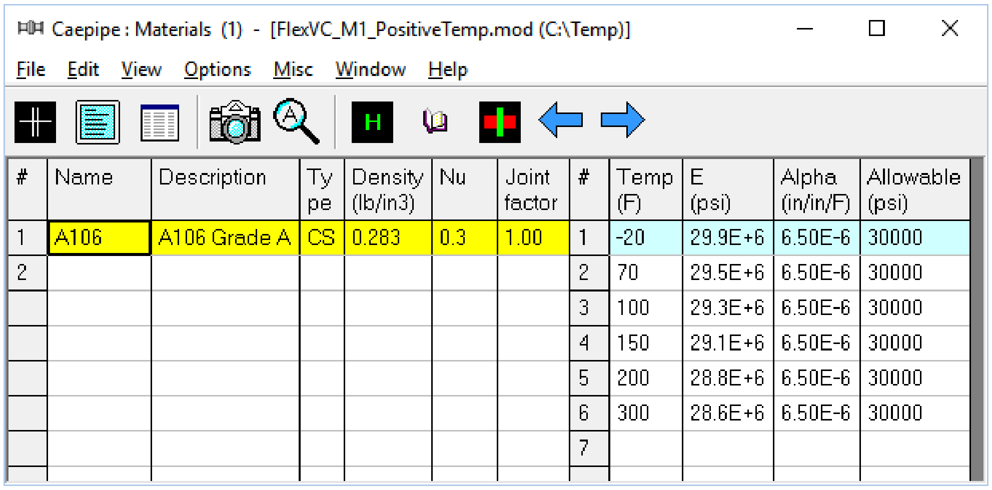
Attached are the two sample CAEPIPE models with identical layouts in Version 7.50 format (attached herewith) with one model having a Temperature increase and the other with a Temperature decrease to simulate the coupling under Compression and Tension respectively. Snap shots of the piping layout are shown below.

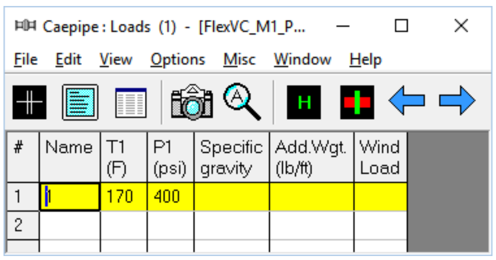


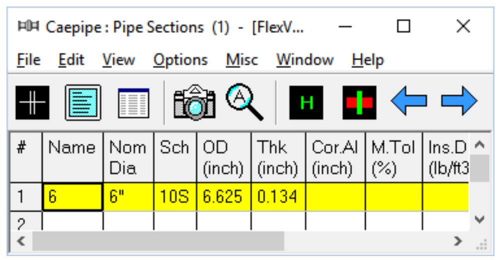
#	Node	Type	DX (ft'in")	DY (ft'in")	DZ (ft'in")	Matl	Sect	Load	Data
1	Title = Victaulic Coupling Style 77 - 6"								
2	10	From							Anchor
3	20		8'0"			A106	6	1	
4	30	Tie rod	0.1775						
5	40	Bend	4'0"			A106	6	1	
6	50			-6'0"		A106	6	1	Anchor
7									











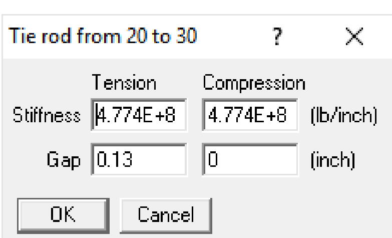
Step 2:

From the attached models, you may observe that the Flexible Victaulic Coupling is modelled between Nodes 20 and 30 using Tie Rod by entering the properties listed in Step 3 below from the catalog for Victaulic Flexible Coupling, Style 77- Roll Groove Type (shown above).

Step 3:

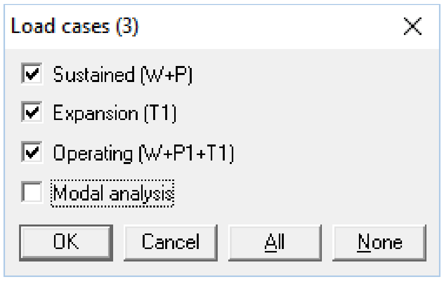
- Axial Stiffness of the Tie Rod = AE/L = 34.47 x 29.5E+6 / 2.13 = **4.774E+8 lb/inch**
  where,
  A = Area of the coupling calculated using the OD of the Pipe Section (= 6.625 in from the attached model) = **34.47 in^2**
  E = Young's Modulus of the Coupling Material = **29.5E+6 psi** (taken from properties for A106 Grade A, as the material for the Coupling is not listed in the catalog)
  L = **2.13"** (Z value from catalog for 6" coupling)
- Gap in Tension = **0.13"** (= Maximum Separation for Roll Groove – Minimum Separation for Roll Groove = 0.13" – 0.0")
- Gap in Compression = **0"** (as the coupler cannot compress any further beyond Minimum Separation)

The above parameters are entered for Tie Rod between Node 20 and 30 as shown in the snap shot below.



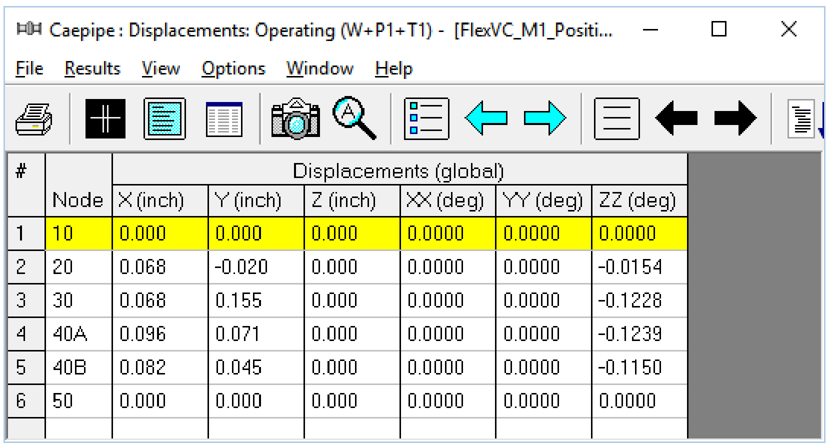
Step 4:

Select the Load Cases shown below for analysis through Layout Window > Loads > Load cases. Save the model and perform the analysis through Layout window > File > Analyze.

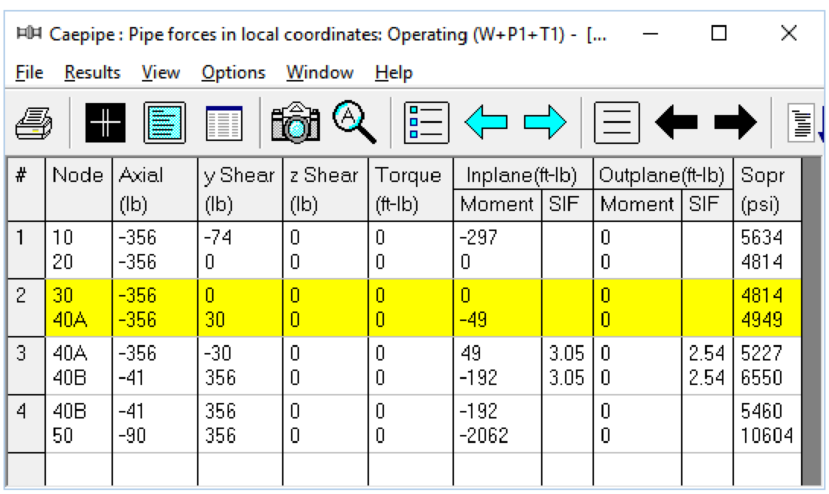


Step 5:

From the Displacements and Element forces results of CAEPIPE for "Operating (W+P1+T1)" Load case for the model with temperature Increase, note the following.



#	Node	Displacements (global) X (inch)	Y (inch)	Z (inch)	XX (deg)	YY (deg)	ZZ (deg)
1	10	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	20	0.068	-0.020	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0154
3	30	0.068	0.155	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.1228
4	40A	0.096	0.071	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.1239
5	40B	0.082	0.045	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.1150
6	50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

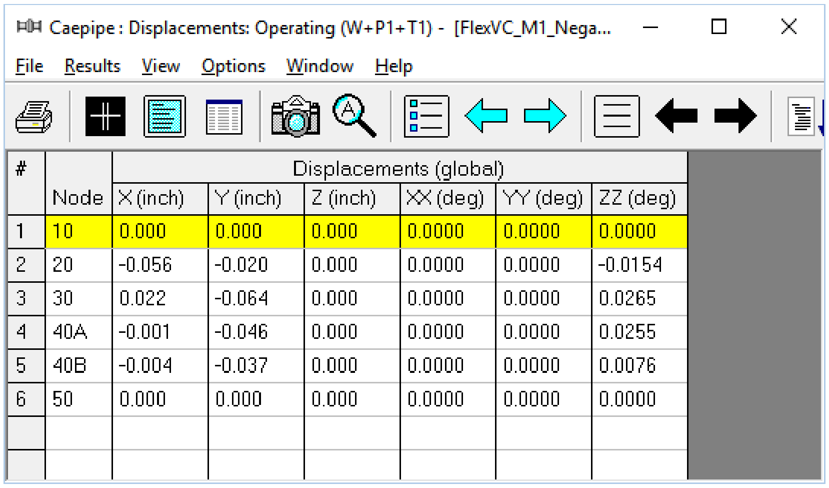


#	Node	Axial (lb)	y Shear (lb)	z Shear (lb)	Torque (ft-lb)	Inplane(ft-lb) Moment	SIF	Outplane(ft-lb) Moment	SIF	Sopr (psi)
1	10	-356	-74	0	0	-297		0		5634
	20	-356	0	0	0	0		0		4814
2	30	-356	0	0	0	0		0		4814
	40A	-356	30	0	0	-49		0		4949
3	40A	-356	-30	0	0	49	3.05	0	2.54	5227
	40B	-41	356	0	0	-192	3.05	0	2.54	6550
4	40B	-41	356	0	0	-192		0		5460
	50	-90	356	0	0	-2062		0		10604

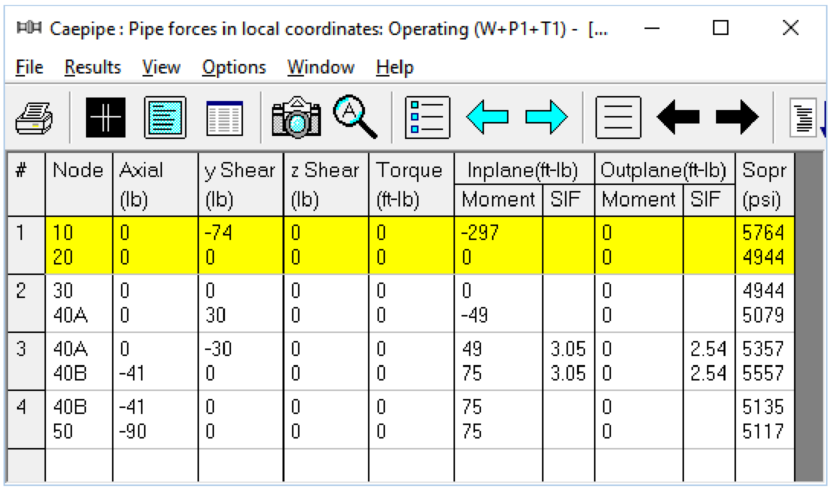
- The <u>differential **Axial displacement**</u> between Nodes 20 and 30 = 0.068 – (0.068) = **0.0" < 0.13**" (Pipe End Separation specified in the catalog 0.13").
- The <u>differential **Angular Deflection**</u> = -0.0154 – (-0.1228) = **0.107 deg < 1.083 deg** (Allowable Deflection specified in the catalog).
- <u>**Axial Load**</u> at Tie Rod = **-356 lb < 34470 lb** (End Load specified in the catalog)

Step 6:

Similarly, from the Displacements and Element forces results of CAEPIPE for "Operating (W+P1+T1)" Load case for the model with temperature Decrease, note the following.



#	Node	Displacements (global)					
		X (inch)	Y (inch)	Z (inch)	XX (deg)	YY (deg)	ZZ (deg)
1	10	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	20	-0.056	-0.020	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0154
3	30	0.022	-0.064	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0265
4	40A	-0.001	-0.046	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0255
5	40B	-0.004	-0.037	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0076
6	50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000



#	Node	Axial (lb)	y Shear (lb)	z Shear (lb)	Torque (ft-lb)	Inplane(ft-lb) Moment	Inplane SIF	Outplane(ft-lb) Moment	Outplane SIF	Sopr (psi)
1	10 20	0 0	-74 0	0 0	0 0	-297 0		0 0		5764 4944
2	30 40A	0 0	0 30	0 0	0 0	0 -49		0 0		4944 5079
3	40A 40B	0 -41	-30 0	0 0	0 0	49 75	3.05 3.05	0 0	2.54 2.54	5357 5557
4	40B 50	-41 -90	0 0	0 0	0 0	75 75		0 0		5135 5117

- The differential **Axial displacement** between Nodes 20 and 30 = -0.056 – (0.022) = -0.078" < 0.13" (Pipe End Separation specified in the catalog 0.13").
- The differential **Angular Deflection** = -0.0154 – (0.0265) = **-0.0419 deg < 1.083 deg** (Allowable Deflection specified in the catalog).
- **Axial Load** at Tie Rod = **0 lb < 34470 lb** (End Load specified in the catalog)

Summary

From the above exercise, it is noted that the differential Axial displacement, differential Angular rotation and Axial load at Tie Rod computed by CAEPIPE for Operating Load Case 1 for Coupling modelled between Nodes 20 and 30 are less than the Allowable Linear Movement (0.13"), Angular Deflection (1.08 deg) and Maximum Permissible End Load (34470 lb) provided in the catalog thereby meeting the criteria.