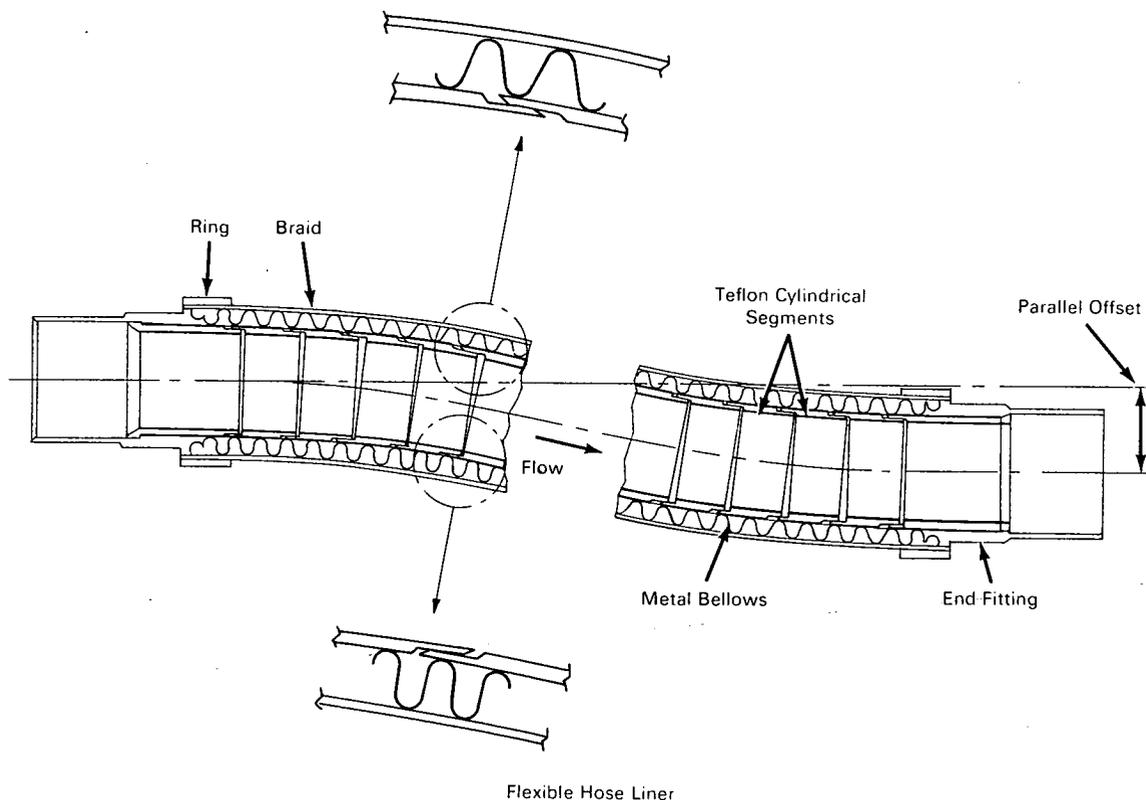


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TFE-Fluorcarbon Liners for Flexible Hoses



Flexible Hose Liner

The problem:

Design of a flexible hose, for handling high rates of flow under high pressures, that permits greater parallel offset than 0.10. Under greater offset, available hoses, commonly lined with metallic one-piece or two-piece liners, allow the flow to impinge on the surrounding metallic bellows, with consequent failure of the hose.

The solution:

A superior flexible liner is made from short lengths of TFE-fluorocarbon tubing. The outside diameter of one end of each length is reduced so that it becomes a male end; increase in the internal diameter of the other end makes it female. Thus the joints between the lengths are sliding overlaps that permit flexibility with much greater parallel offset.

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The liners are surrounded by the usual metallic bellows covered with braid. Oil companies and manufacturers of hoses may be interested.

Note:

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