Universal Joint - Comprehensive Tie Rod

The comprehensive universal joint model involves defining, as accurately as possible; all tie rods and connections between tie rods and end plates.



The following groups illustrate the method used in constructing the universal expansion joint model shown above.

-Rigid Elements (Flanges) 15-17 / 31-33
-Rigid Elements normal to the pipe axis and between the pipe and tie bar centerlines.

At the end where there are nuts on either side of the flange, fixing the tie-bar to the flange:

33-1033 / 33-2033 / 33-3033 -Rigid Elements normal to the pipe axis, and between the pipe and tie-bar centerlines.

At the end where there are nuts only on the backside of the flange:

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15-1015 / 15-2015 / 15-3015
 23-1023 / 23-2023 / 23-3023
25-1025 / 25-2025 / 25-3025
—Tie-bars -
1033-1034-1035-1036
2033-2034-2035-2036
3033-3034-3035-3036
- Restraints with connecting nodes at the tension-only flange end.-
                                                        -X , Y , Z
RESTR NODE
                  1036
                        CNODE =
                                    1015
                                           TYPE
          =
                                                =
RESTR NODE
            =
                  2036
                        CNODE =
                                     2015
                                           TYPE
                                                 =
                                                        -X , Y , Z
RESTR NODE
            =
                  3036
                        CNODE =
                                     3015
                                           TYPE
                                                 =
                                                        -X , Y ,
                                                                 Ζ
- Restraints with connecting nodes at the intermediate support points.
RESTR NODE =
                  1035
                       CNODE =
                                     1023
                                           TYPE =
                                                       Υ,Ζ
RESTR NODE
            =
                  2035
                        CNODE =
                                     2023
                                           TYPE
                                                 =
                                                       Υ,Ζ
                  3035
                        CNODE =
                                     3023
                                           TYPE
RESTR NODE
            =
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RESTR NODE
            =
                  1034
                        CNODE =
                                     1025
                                           TYPE
                                                       Υ,Ζ
                                                 =
RESTR NODE
            =
                  2034
                        CNODE
                              =
                                     2025
                                           TYPE
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                                                       Υ, Ζ
RESTR NODE
            =
                  3034
                        CNODE =
                                     3025
                                           TYPE
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