When a clutch is foot mounted, and connected to a fully supported shaft, a flexible coupling must be used. Since perfect shaft alignment is impossible, flexible couplings are needed to protect the bearings from destructive side loads.

**Both shafts fully supported by bearings** - The clutch shafts are supported by bearings. The customer's shaft (for the spool, or gearbox, motor, or any device) is also fully supported by bearings. Even with precise alignments, a flexible coupling is required. If a rigid coupling is used, the shafts are forced into alignment by bending the shafts, resulting in bearing overload, and premature failure.

**A flexible coupling is not needed when:**

**Belt, chain drive, or gears:**
The belt or chain flexes for misalignments. Gear play accommodates misalignments. A bracket rigidly locates the clutch.

**The clutch supports the spool**
(or other floating device)

**Floating hollow-shaft clutch** - The customer's shaft for the spool (or other device) supports the clutch. The sheet metal anti-rotation bracket prevents the clutch body from rotating, yet flexes for misalignments. **Do not rigidly mount the clutch body.**
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PACKING FOR SHIPPING - Protect from impact

- Bubble wrap or packing peanuts
- Outer Box
- Foam squares

CARE & HANDLING

Do not drop, or strike with a hammer. Keep away from metal filings & fine metal chips. Shield from liquids.
Do not attempt to disassemble or remove the shafts.
The shafts must fit your gear, pulley, or couplings as SLIDE fits.

INSTALLATION

- Do not force your pulley onto the shaft.
- Use a gear puller to remove a stuck item. Do not pry.

MAINTENANCE

The brakes & clutches never need adjustments or maintenance. Do not attempt to disassemble.

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