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Conex Bänninger shows its steel with extended Inox press-fit range

Conex Bänninger has extended its versatile Inox stainless steel fittings range, adding <A> Press Inox press-fit fittings with M-profile to the established >B< Press 3-point press system.

The polished finish of stainless steel makes it a popular choice for specifiers where a building's pipework is exposed and designers are seeking an aesthetically pleasing look.

Conex Bänninger Inox fittings are suitable for a variety of commercial and industrial applications, including heating and cooling installations, and rainwater harvesting. They are also suitable for low pressure steam and oil-free compressed air and industrial process water systems.

The range is available in two different materials:

- Stainless steel 1.4404 (AISI 316L): Designed for drinking water installations facing the highest hygienic requirements. The fittings are DVGW certified and available from 15 – 54 mm.
- Stainless steel 1.4301 (AISI 304): Especially designed for heating installations these fittings are not suitable for drinking water and are marked with a red symbol. Available from 15 – 108 mm.

>B< Press Inox is already available in the higher grade material, 316L, and can be used for drinking water systems. While >B< Press fittings are installed using a suitable press tool with B or V profile jaws, the new <A> Press products will be pressed using M profile jaws.

Installers should check the Conex Bänninger website or manufacturer's guidelines for which jaws are compatible with which press tool, as it is essential the correct jaws are used when pressing.

Frank Zielke, Business Unit Director for Central Europe, said: "The more decorative look of stainless steel, when compared to some other materials, makes it a popular choice for installations where the pipework is clearly visible."

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“With the addition of <A> Press, we can now offer Inox products to installers who favour the M profile format for non-drinking water applications, as well as continuing to supply others where >B< Press is the preferred choice for drinking water.

“This underpins Conex Bänninger’s objective of being a solutions provider, and not just a plumbing fittings manufacturer.”

Stainless steels are metal alloys, which are naturally corrosion resistant. The 316L alloy is particularly strong in very aggressive environments, such as polluted and marine areas, but has a lower carbon content to its plain 316 ‘cousin’, providing a higher corrosive resistance.

Frank added: “Stainless steel is fully recyclable, an important consideration for the industry, which is rightly focused on being as environmentally friendly as possible.

“In addition, its thermal expansion compares favourably with other materials, with expansion and contraction in response to changes in temperature being very similar to copper.”

When installed to manufacturer’s guidelines (see terms and conditions) the standard two-year warranty on <A> Press Inox fittings in 304 stainless steel is extended by three years.

All the fittings are suitable for use with stainless steel tubes to EN 10312 series 1 and 2, and have a maximum operating temperature of 110 °C at 16 bar pressure.

For more information on the full range of Conex Bänninger fittings and accessories, please visit www.conexbanninger.com.

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