

FAQs

Brass, Plastic & Commercial Tubular



Q Do the brass tubular products come in different thicknesses?

A Yes. Our brass tubular products are offered in three different thicknesses (gauges).

- 17 gauge is the thickest, and is often referred to as commercial grade
- 20 gauge is our mid-range thickness
- 22 gauge is our thinnest, and is sometimes referred to as “budget grade”

Q How is the size of the tubular product determined for each application?

A The most common tubular product sizes are 1-1/4" and 1-1/2". These are available in brass and plastic products. The trap adapter connection to the branch drain in the wall will determine the largest size of tubular product that can be connected with a slip nut and washer. This point of connection can also be reduced for 1-1/4" tubular assemblies with a reducing washer and slip nut. Bathroom sink installations are normally completed with 1-1/4" products, but 1-1/2" products will work. Kitchen sink installations can only be completed with 1-1/2" products.

Q Are there tubular traps that can connect to a 2" iron pipe male thread?

A Yes. The N.Y. Code and L.A. Code traps are designed to work for this application.

Q Can the plastic tubular products be assembled with solvent cements instead of slip nuts/washers?

A No. The polypropylene materials cannot be assembled with solvent cements, they must be assembled with the slip nuts/washers.

Q How is the dishwasher drain hose connected to the kitchen drain?

A If you have a disposal installed in your kitchen sink, the dishwasher drain can be connected to the 3/4" drain port designed into every residential disposal. If a disposal is not available for a drain connection, Oatey offers several styles of dishwasher branch tail pieces for this application.

Q Are Form-N-Fit Plastic Tubular products approved for installation on projects that require a plumbing permit and or inspection?

A No. The Form-N-Fit is not approved for any installations that require a plumbing permits and or inspections.

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Q Are S-Traps approved for installation on projects that require a plumbing permit and/or inspection?

A No. The S-Trap is not approved for any installations that require a plumbing permits and or inspections.

Q What is an Air Gap product and when should it be used?

A An Air Gap product is designed to be installed in to the countertop in some municipalities when a dishwasher is being installed. The hose from the dishwasher will connect to the inlet side of the air gap, then a separate hose will be installed between the outlet side of the air gap and the disposal or dishwasher tail piece. Check with your local building officials before installing your dishwasher because air gaps are not required in ever municipality.

Q What are the advantages of the TPE washer?

A The red or blue TPE washer won't dry out or crack. This ensures long, leak-free protection. Along with superior flex fatigue protection that extends the life of the washer, it has advanced Thermoplastic Elastomer (TPE) properties. This allows it to retain its shape when the traditional polypropylene washer may not. Overall, the ultra flexible elastomer washer combined with the tapered design, provides the end user with ultimate leak protection.

Q Does Oatey sell covers for ADA sink installations?

A Oatey offers a wide variety of covers that include supply line and stop, offset drain and P-trap covers.

Q What do I put on the fine threads of the pop-up tail piece to stop it from leaking?

A You can use one of our thread tapes or pipe joint compounds. If using thread tape, wrap the male threads on the tail piece 2 or 3 times, and screw the tail piece into the pop-up body. After the drain has been tested and found to be water tight, cut the excess thread tape off if desired. If using pipe joint compound, only apply it to the male threads of the tail piece and wipe off excess after the drain has been tested.