

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

A tsunami is usually caused by an earthquake but can also be caused by a volcanic eruption, landslide, rapid changes in atmospheric pressure, or a meteorite.

*An average earthquake lasts around a minute.*

There are approximately 1,500 active volcanoes, not counting undersea volcanoes. Of these, only about 20-30 erupt in any one year.

*There are no active volcanoes in Australia because it sits in the middle of a tectonic plate.*

Hurricanes produce enough energy in one day to run the lights of Las Vegas for many years.

*Each year, approximately 10 tropical storms form over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico. Out of these, six become hurricanes.*

There are about 1,300,000 earthquakes per year with magnitudes of 2.9 or lower

*In 1910, Glacier National Park in Montana boasted 150 glaciers—today there are just 27.*

Fossil fuel burning currently adds nearly six billion tons of CO2 to the atmosphere every year. Only half of this CO2 is removed by forests and oceans.

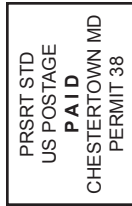
*No hurricane is on record as ever hitting the U.S. Pacific Coast. Hurricanes have, however, hit the West Coast of Mexico.*

Google accounts for roughly 0.013% of the world's energy use. It uses enough energy to continuously power 200,000 homes.

*More earthquakes happen in the Northern Hemisphere than in the Southern Hemisphere.*

About 20% of all volcanoes are under water.

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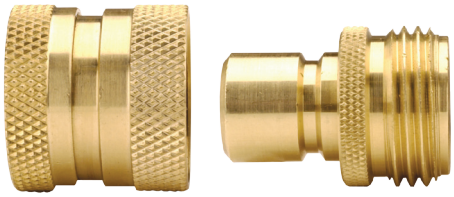
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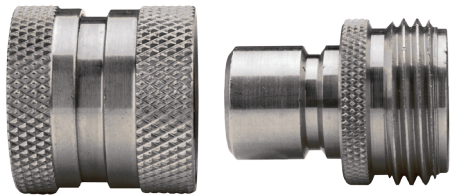
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# Product Spotlight

## Garden Hose Quick Couplers



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- Application:** Ideal for contractor or landscape applications
- Size:** 3/4"
- Materials:**
- brass and 303 stainless steel
- Features:**
- smooth bore full flow design ensures maximum flow with minimal pressure drop
  - operating PSI is 140
  - female coupler includes garden hose washer
  - valved or unvalved female couplers are available; valved couplers allows shut off if the male plug is disengaged
  - ball bearings and springs are 304 SS in brass version
  - ball bearings are 304 SS and springs are 302 SS in stainless steel version

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## Dates in History

**1607** On May 13th, 100 English colonists arrived along the west bank of the James River in Virginia to found Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America. Dispatched from England by the London Company, the colonists had sailed across the Atlantic aboard the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery.

**1789** On May 7th, President George Washington attended a ball in his honor. The event provided a model for the first official inaugural ball, held to celebrate James Madison's ascension to the office ten years later, which then became an annual tradition.

**1859** On May 31st, the famous tower clock known as Big Ben, located at the top of the 320-foot-high St. Stephen's Tower, rang out over the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, London for the first time.

**1937** On May 27th, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge opened to the public after five years of construction. On opening day, "Pedestrian Day," some 200,000 bridge walkers marveled at the 4,200 foot long suspension bridge, which spans the Golden Gate Strait at the entrance to San Francisco Bay and connects San Francisco and Marion County.

**1984** On May 8th, the Soviet Union announced that they would not compete in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, claiming that its athletes would not be safe from protests and possible physical attacks. Despite the Soviet statement, it was obvious that the boycott was a response to the decision of the United States to boycott the 1980 games that were held in Moscow.

## On the Lighter Side

The leader of the Vegetarian Society just couldn't control himself anymore. He just needed to try some pork, just to see what it tasted like. So one summer day he told his members he was going on a vacation. He packed a bag and headed to the nearest restaurant. After sitting down, he ordered a roasted pig, and impatiently waited for his delicacy.

After just a few minutes, he heard someone call his name, and to his great chagrin he saw one of his fellow members walking towards him. Just at that same moment, the waiter walked over, with a huge platter, holding a full roasted pig with an apple in its mouth. "Isn't that something," says the leader after only a moment's pause. "All I do is order an apple, and look what it comes with!"

*Mrs. Green lived in a two story house with an elderly widow. After not hearing from her for a few days, she got a bit nervous. "John", she called to her son. "Do me a favor and go find out how old Mrs. Robinson is." So six year old John went down the stairs and knocked on Mrs. Robinson's door.*

*"So how is she?" asked Mrs. Green when John came back up. "How is she?" repeated John. "I've never seen her so mad in my life, she said it's none of your business how old she is."*

Jim was in a bad mood, and anyone who got in his way was going to regret it. Jim walked into his favorite restaurant and plopped himself down on a chair. "Get me a steak well done with mashed potatoes." Three minutes later when his order came, Jim screamed "DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME SAY WELL DONE?!" "Why thank you sir," the waitress smiled, "that was the first compliment I got all day!"