

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

Income tax was unconstitutional in the US until 1 year before the US joined WWI (1913).

The USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), is "CCCP" in Russian.

King Louis XIV lived and ruled so long (72 yrs) that he was not only the longest ruling ruler of Europe but his successor, Louis XV, was neither his son nor his grandson but his great-grandson.

The first seven Presidents were not born in the United States of America. They were born in colonies that later became states. To be eligible to become President of the United States, a person must be a natural-born citizen of the United States and have been a permanent resident in the United States for at least 14 years. This was not possible with the first seven Presidents.

Orang means "man" in Malay and hutan means forest so orangutan means "man of the forest."

John Quincy Adams was elected the 6th President of the United States despite losing both the popular and electoral vote. No one won the majority, so the election went to the House of Representatives, where Adams had more friends than his competition.

New Hampshire is the only U.S. state that does not by law require drivers to wear safety belts while operating a motor vehicle.

Duct tape was developed in 1942 for use by the U.S. Army as a waterproof sealing tape for ammunition boxes.

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# Product Spotlight

## Swivel Joints

Common applications can be found in the following industries; Petro Chemical, Oil Exploration, Steel Making, Sewage Treatment, Farming, Food Processing and Fire Equipment.

### Features and Benefits

- Full 360° rotational movement offers the maximum in flexibility
- Wide spacing between dual ball bearing raceways ensures a high load-bearing capacity
- Precision-machined design ensures alignment and years of trouble-free service
- O-ring dust seal is used to protect the ball races and seal chamber from all outside elements
- The radius elbow design ensures a smooth flow pattern

### O-Ring style Swivels

- The O-ring pressure seal ensures a leak-proof seal and smoother rotation at lower torques than multiple seal designs.
- Spring-loaded PTFE pressure seals are available up through 3".
- Carbon steel and stainless steel O-ring type swivels provide strength and corrosion resistance needed for low torque applications.

### V-Ring style Swivels

- The spring-loaded triple V-ring sealing system ensures a leak-proof seal and an extended seal life compared to the conventional single O-ring design.
- The 3" - 8" carbon steel swivels are manufactured from carbon steel with hardened dual raceways for a high load bearing capacity and longer life.
- The stainless steel swivels are manufactured in 316 grade stainless steel for superior corrosion resistance.



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# Product Safety

Dixon's swivel joints are designed to give years of dependable service for their intended use. The proper selection of a swivel joint for a particular application is of the utmost importance. Users must consider the size, temperature, application, media, and the total weight supported by the swivel joint. Dixon recommends that each swivel joint be inspected and properly maintained on a regular basis. Dixon also recommends that swivel joints be tested each time they are reassembled. If any problem is detected, the swivel joint should be removed from service immediately. Dixon is available to consult, train and recommend the proper swivel joint for a given application. Dixon strongly recommends that distributors and end users utilize Dixon's technical staff to answer any questions. Dixon can be contacted at 1-877-963-4966.

## Dates in History

**1782** On August 7th, in Newburgh, New York, General George Washington, the commander in chief of the Continental Army, created the "Badge for Military Merit," a decoration consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk, edged with a narrow binding of silver, with the word Merit stitched across the face in silver. The badge was to be presented to soldiers for "any singularly meritorious action" and permitted its wearer to pass guards and sentinels without challenge. The honoree's name and regiment were also to be inscribed in a "Book of Merit." Washington's "Purple Heart" was awarded to only three known soldiers during the Revolutionary War: Elijah Churchill, William Brown and Daniel Bissell, Jr.

**1945** On August 6th, at 8:16 a.m. Japanese time, an American B-29 bomber, the Enola Gay, dropped the world's first atom bomb, over the city of Hiroshima. Approximately 80,000 people were killed as a direct result of the blast, and another 35,000 were injured. At least another 60,000 would be dead by the end of the year from the effects of the fallout.

([history.com](http://history.com))

# On the Lighter Side

A new CEO takes over at a struggling company and decides to get rid of all the slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, the CEO notices a guy leaning against a wall. He can't believe this guy would just stand around on the job. The new CEO walks up to the guy and asks, "What are you doing here?"

"I'm just waiting to get paid," responds the man.

Furious, the CEO asks: "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised, the young fellow replies: "I make about \$300 a week. Why?"

The CEO quickly gets out his checkbook, hands the guy a check made out to cash for \$1,200 and says: "Here's four weeks' pay. Now get out and don't come back."

The man puts the check in his pocket and promptly walks out.

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looks around the room and asks: "Does anyone want to tell me what just happened here?"

From across the room comes a voice: "Yeah, you just tipped the pizza delivery guy \$1,200."

*Two accountants are in a bank, when armed robbers burst in. While several of the robbers take the money from the tellers, others line the customers, including the accountants, up against a wall, and proceed to take their wallets, watches, etc. While this is going on accountant number one jams something in accountant number two's hand. Without looking down, accountant number two whispers, "What is this?" to which accountant number one replies, "it's that \$50 I owe you."*

A motorist, driving by a Texas ranch, hit and killed a calf that was crossing the road. The driver went to the owner of the calf and explained what had happened. He then asked what the animal was worth. "Oh, about \$200 today," said the rancher. "But in six years it would have been worth \$900. So \$900 is what I'm out." The motorist sat down and wrote out a check and handed it to the farmer. "Here," he said, "is the check for \$900. It's postdated six years from now."

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