

# Nordfab FAQs

**Q: Your pipe is all 5' long, what if I need a 36" piece?**

A: In this case, you will use the [adjustable nipple](#) to achieve your desired length.

**Q: What is the [adjustable nipple](#)?**

A: The adjustable nipple is an 11" piece used when cutting down a 5' length of pipe.

**Q: How many [adjustable nipples](#) do I need to **order**?**

A: You will need an adjustable nipple when a pipe run is less than a 5' increment, and, for the most part, every time you have a [branch](#) or 90° elbow.

**Q: Do the [clamps](#) come with the pipe? If not how many do I need to **order**?**

A: Clamps do not come with pipe. As a rule, you will need one clamp per component ordered.

**Q: What items do you stock?**

A: Nordfab stocks a wide variety of pipe, nipples, elbow, branches and adapters in sizes 3" to 12". Please [call Nordfab](#) to check availability.

**Q: How long does it take to get this "stuff"?**

A: Standard [shipment](#) is 3-4 days for most parts.

**Q: How often do I need a hanger?**

A: A [pipe hanger](#) is needed every 10' as a rule to support the duct. Please refer to local codes.

**Q: How do I connect to the end of an existing [\(non QF\) system](#)?**

A: Nordfab offers a full line of [adapters](#) to connect to any existing pipe you might have. Please call Nordfab for details.

**Q: How do I connect to a metric machine?**

A: Nordfab can make [adapters](#) and [reducers](#) to connect to most metric machines.

**Q: How do I connect to a 2" diameter or [smaller machine connection](#)?**

A: Nordfab offers [reducers](#) to 2" diameters and smaller hose connections.

**Q: What do I do when I need to connect to a machine that has many ports of varying sizes and the ports are too close together to use branches?**

A: Nordfab can make [custom manifolds](#) to fit your needs. [Contact Nordfab](#) with your specifications.

**Q: What are the exact OD and ID of your pipe?**

A: There is a complete listing of pipe dimensions in the [Nordfab catalog](#), in the [machine adapter](#) section, in the Technical Manual, and on our [Technical Data sheets](#).

**Q: When do I need [ePTFE seals](#) with [clamps](#)?**

A: ePTFE clamps are used in FDA, chemical, and high temperature applications.

**Q: When do I need to use [stainless steel](#)?**

A: Stainless steel is used in FDA, chemical and high temperature applications.

**Q: Do I need to do anything different for a ["wet" system](#)?**

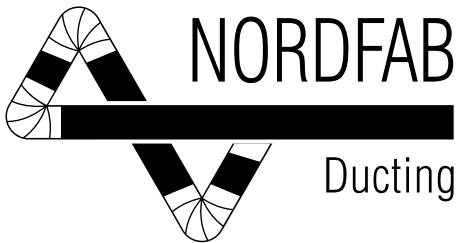
A: Yes, [contact Nordfab](#) with your "wet" system needs.

**Q: What is the difference between [rigid](#) and [ultra flex hose](#)?**

A: Rigid flex hose is constructed to hold its form and can support a small hood; ultra flex is very limp like a slinky.

**Q: How much pressure will this pipe withstand?**

A: Nordfab has [tested](#) our pipe to +/- 80° WC. We operate systems to +18° WC to -38° WC.



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A: Press formed elbows are constructed in two halves with a welded seam. Gored elbows are constructed in 15° segments. LSB elbows are constructed of 16 gauge material segments lapped over one another, spot welded, and buffed smooth on the interior. Tubed elbows are constructed from a 14 gauge extruded tubular steel with QF ends spot welded to each end.

**Q: Is QF FDA approved?**

A: [Nordfab](#) products are not FDA approved; however, our products have been used in many food/ pharmaceutical applications.

**Q: Do you offer “clean-outs”?**

A: Nordfab does offer clean-out doors, please [contact Nordfab](#) for details. We do not recommend these due to their being a potential point of clog themselves. With the removal of two clamps on any component, a clean-out can be made.

**Q: Is QF SMACNA certified?**

A: [Nordfab](#) is not SMACNA certified, although Nordfab does meet and exceed standards for Class 2 Ducting.

**Q: What is the difference between “[angle flange](#)” and “flat flange”?**

A: Angle flange is a cast standard “KB style” flanged. Flat flange is a 1-1/2" wide flat piece of 3/16" sheet metal not drilled unless you supply a drawing.

**Q: Is [Nordfab](#) a union shop?**

A: Nordfab is not a unionized company.