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## Flange Facings

The purpose of a flange is simply to join two pieces of pipe or connect valves in a piping system. It may be cast, forged, or a ring of steel cut from plate.

### TYPES of FACINGS

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One of the most important parts of the flange is the facing. Here are the most commonly used facings:



**FLAT FACED**



**RAISED FACE**



**RING TYPE  
(RTJ)**



**LAP JOINT**