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1. A flexible coupling comprising:

a lower assembly having a spigot member;

an upper assembly having a recess adapted to receive the spigot member, the spigot member and recess being mutually configured to allow articulation of the upper assembly with respect to the lower assembly ~~in any direction~~;

complementary indexing means adapted to circumferentially align the lower assembly and the upper assembly; and

a single resilient member, the single resilient member interconnecting the lower and upper assemblies, and wherein the single resilient member is adapted to reorientate the upper and lower assemblies after deflection; and wherein the lower and upper assemblies are urged into mutual engagement against said articulation.

2. The flexible coupling according to claim 1, wherein the single resilient member is a drawbar spring.

3. The flexible coupling according to claim 1, wherein the single resilient member is a tension spring.

4. The flexible coupling according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the spigot member includes means to constrain initial impact movement of the upper assembly to minimise lateral displacement.

5. The flexible coupling according to claim 4, wherein the means to constrain initial impact movement comprises a substantially vertical annular surface located at a base portion of the spigot member.

6. The flexible coupling according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the spigot member has an upper portion that is partly conical, frusto-conical or spherical in shape.

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