

Flexible Water Heater Connectors with Black, Rubber Lining





Online reviews and forums of certain flexible, push-to-connect braided, stainless steel water heater connectors have reported that those with a black, rubber-like internal lining breakdown after 6 months to 2 years. Pieces of the rubber lining, which look like black flecks floating in water, end up in the bathtub, shower, washing machine, etc. They can also collect inside of faucet aerators. The black flecks can smear when touched and leave greasy streaks in sinks, bathtubs or other fixtures and appliances. Customers should contact the manufacturer of the flexible hose connector for recommendations on a replacement. In addition, customers should consider “hard piping” the hot water heater or other brands of flexible connectors with no liner or a different liner material to address the issue.