

Overhead Solutions: Wedge Pressure Technology

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EVERY CONNECTION COUNTS

ENERGY SOLUTIONS

GRID CONNECTIVITY + RELIABILITY



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IS YOUR UTILITY NETWORK EXPERIENCING INCREASED LOAD OR DEMAND?



With TE AMPACT Wedge Pressure Technology, your Grid...



Wedge Pressure Technology

- **Elastic property** of C-member of Wedge connector maintains constant force within the connection for the life of the connector while compensating for the thermal expansion or creep.
- AMPACT wedge technology combines the abrading action between the conductor & connector surfaces with an inhibitor with abrasive particles which removes the oxide layers & seals the connection and prevents air from reaching the mated materials.
- Simple, foolproof method for connector installation. No fatigue for operator for series of installations. Ensured Installation Process with Repeatability & **Reliability**







Ensuring Your Grid Is More Reliable





AMPACT tap connectors use the action of an aluminum wedge to secure the two conductors to be connected at opposing ends of the C-clamp. The wedge is inserted at a speed of about 150ft/s using the AMPACT connector tool.



Demonstration

Features and Benefits

- Installing taps takes a fraction of the time needed for conventional crimp-type connectors
- Taps may be used to connect multiple conductor combinations
- No damage to the conductors when installing or removing tap
- Lightweight, power actuated tools require minimum operator effort
- Designed to compensate for thermal fluctuations



Design maintains lower resistance throughout connector service life

Unique grain structure produces increased strength and lifetime reliability Inhibitor with abrasive particles cleans contact surfaces to reduce corrosion and line loss

> 'C' member flexes to maintain constant contact pressure during thermal expansion/ contraction

 Integral locking feature prevents environmental loosening



NEW! Product Line Extension AMPACT BAT (Bolt Actuated Tap) Connector

- TE's AMPACT BAT is the second generation of TE's wedge-pressure connectors which provides the proven performance of AMPACT fired-on wedge connectors without the requirement of a powder-actuated installation tool.
- With this range extension, utilities benefit from a broader application range served by fewer parts – streamlining the logistics as well as easing installation.







AMPACT BAT – Features & Design Considerations

A combination of class leading technical strengths and user-friendly installation with industry standard tools. It can be installed using gloved or hot stick methods instead of a special powder actuated tool.

Qualified to ANSI C119.4 Class AA standards





Connect Multiple Conductor Combinations

- The AMPACT BAT can accommodate multiple different conductor combinations within a single connector, in turn reducing the number of connector SKU's required by our customers.
- Over **50% reduction** when compared to the legacy AMPACT application range.

Application range:

- Main: #6 AWG to 795 MCM (4.11 to 28.14mm diameter)
- Tap: #6 AWG to 795 MCM (4.11 to 28.14mm diameter)

Conductor Range Covered by 29 Connectors







- Elastic property of C-member of wedge connector **maintains constant force** within the connection for the life of the connector while compensating for the thermal expansion or creep.
- Knock in feature for safety on the line and quick hands-free install scenario.
- The inhibitor present in wedge pressure technology has abrasive particles that remove the oxide layers and seal the connection between the conductor and the connector, protecting the mated materials from the environment.
- Solid stop for visual inspection of fully installed connector.
- No fatigue for operator for series of installations.
- Ensured installation process with **repeatability**, **safety**, **& reliability**.



Supporting You Through Your AMPACT Installation

- TE Supplies AMPACT tooling, provides on-site installer training
- TE reconditions/repairs tooling when required and returns reconditioned tool to installer
- Installer crews responsible for daily/weekly maintenance of tooling (regular cleaning)



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