Deadbreak Apparatus Connectors

600 A 35 kV Class T-OP II Connector Assembly Installation Instructions

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⚠️ DANGER:
Hazardous voltage. Contact with high voltage will cause death or severe personal injury. All associated apparatus must be de-energized during any hands-on installation or maintenance.

⚠️ WARNING:
Capacitive Test Point Operating Warning. Misuse of capacitive test points can result in death, severe personal injury, and equipment damage. Use only voltage indicating instruments specifically designed for test points. Use of conventional voltage sensing devices may provide false “No Voltage” indications.

The test point must be dry and free of contaminant’s when checking for voltage. After indication is taken: clean, dry, and lubricate the test point cap with silicone grease and assemble to the test point.

The capacitive test point is not sufficiently accurate, nor is it intended for, actual voltage measurements or phasing operations.

A reading of no voltage from the test point should not be the only indication of a de-energized circuit obtained before touching the connector. Other procedures can include direct conductor voltage testing or grounding using a live-line tool.

⚠️ WARNING:
Hazardous Voltage
- Failure to comply may result in death, severe personal injury and equipment damage.
- Follow all locally approved procedures when installing or operating this equipment.
- The 600 A T-OP II Connector System is designed to be operated in accordance with normal safe operating procedures.
- These instructions are not intended to supersede or replace existing safety and operating procedures.
- The elbow connector should be installed and serviced only by personnel familiar with good safety practices and the handling of high-voltage electrical equipment.

Figure 1.
Line illustration of typical 35 kV T-OP II Connector Assembly.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Introduction
The Cooper Power Systems 600 A, 35 kV Class T-OP II Deadbreak Connectors are used to terminate high voltage underground cables to deadfront apparatus such as transformers, switches, and switchgear. They are fully shielded, submersible, and meet the requirements of IEEE Std 386™ standard – Separable Insulated Connector Systems.

⚠️ Read This Manual First
Read and understand the contents of this manual and follow all locally approved procedures and safety practices before installing or operating this equipment.

Additional Information
These instructions cannot cover all details or variations in the equipment, procedures, or process described nor provide directions for meeting every possible contingency during installation, operation, or maintenance. For additional information, contact your representative.

Acceptance and Initial Inspection
Each deadbreak connector is in good condition when accepted by the carrier for shipment. Upon receipt, inspect the shipping container for signs of damage. Unpack the deadbreak connector and inspect it thoroughly for damage incurred during shipment. If damage is discovered, file a claim with the carrier immediately.
SAFETY FOR LIFE

Cooper Power Systems products meet or exceed all applicable industry standards relating to product safety. We actively promote safe practices in the use and maintenance of our products through our service literature, instructional training programs, and the continuous efforts of all Cooper Power Systems employees involved in product design, manufacture, marketing and service.

We strongly urge that you always follow all locally approved safety procedures and safety instructions when working around high-voltage lines and equipment and support our “Safety For Life” mission.

SAFETY INFORMATION

The instructions in this manual are not intended as a substitute for proper training or adequate experience in the safe operation of the equipment described. Only competent technicians, who are familiar with this equipment should install, operate and service it.

A competent technician has these qualifications:

- Is thoroughly familiar with these instructions.
- Is trained in industry-accepted high- and low-voltage safe operating practices and procedures.
- Is trained and authorized to energize, de-energize, clear, and ground power distribution equipment.
- Is trained in the care and use of protective equipment such as flash clothing, safety glasses, face shield, hard hat, rubber gloves, hotstick, etc.

Following is important safety information. For safe installation and operation of this equipment, be sure to read and understand all cautions and warnings.

Hazard Statement Definitions

This manual may contain four types of hazard statements:

⚠️ DANGER:
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ WARNING:
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ CAUTION:
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

CAUTION: Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in equipment damage only.

Safety Instructions

Following are general caution and warning statements that apply to this equipment. Additional statements, related to specific tasks and procedures, are located throughout the manual.

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Hazardous voltage. Contact with high voltage will cause death or severe personal injury. Follow all locally approved safety procedures when working around high- and low-voltage lines and equipment.

⚠️ WARNING:
Before installing, operating, maintaining, or testing this equipment, carefully read and understand the contents of this manual. Improper operation, handling or maintenance can result in death, severe personal injury, and equipment damage.

⚠️ WARNING:
This equipment is not intended to protect human life. Follow all locally approved procedures and safety practices when installing or operating this equipment. Failure to comply may result in death, severe personal injury and equipment damage.

⚠️ WARNING:
Power distribution and transmission equipment must be properly selected for the intended application. It must be installed and serviced by competent personnel who have been trained and understand proper safety procedures. These instructions are written for such personnel and are not a substitute for adequate training and experience in safety procedures. Failure to properly select, install or maintain power distribution and transmission equipment can result in death, severe personal injury, and equipment damage.
Handling and Storage

Be careful during handling and storage of the deadbreak connector to minimize the possibility of damage. If the deadbreak connector is to be stored for any length of time prior to installation, provide a clean, dry storage area.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- T-OP II Connector Assembly Kit including:
  - T-Body
  - Cable Adapter
  - Copper Top Compression Connector
  - Loadbreak Reducing Tap Plug (LRTP) with alignment segment
  - Protective Cap (when furnished)
  - Silicone Lubricant
  - Extended Copper Stud
  - Instruction Sheet

- Tools
  - 1/2" Wrench
  - Torque Tool (Catalog Number TQHD635)
  - 5/16" T-Wrench (Catalog Number TWRENCH)
  - O & T Tool (Catalog Number OT635)
  - Combined O & T/Torque Tool (Catalog Number OTTQ635)

NOTE: If a Combined O & T/Torque Tool is used, a separate O & T tool and torque wrench is not required.

PREPARE THE CABLE

NOTE: If concentric neutral cable is not being used, follow cable preparation directions in shield adapter kit.

STEP 1.

TRAIN CABLE.

- Position cable vertically so that it is centered between apparatus bushing and parking pocket, parallel to, and 7" (178 mm) from apparatus frontplate.
- Provide adequate cable slack for cable movement between standoff bushing and apparatus bushing.
- Support cable as needed to maintain position.
- Cut cable 1 3/4" (45 mm) from centerline of bushing. (Refer to Figure 2.)

Figure 2. Line illustration for cable training.

STEP 2.

REMOVE CONCENTRIC NEUTRAL WIRES OR JACKET.

NOTE: Care should be taken to not cut or score the neutral conductors when cutting the cable jacket.

- Measure 13" (330 mm) from end of cable. (Refer to Figure 3.)
  - If jacketed neutral cable, remove jacket to 13" dimension.
  - If unjacketed neutral cable, bind neutral wires using (3) wraps of tape at 14 3/4" dimension.
- Pull back concentric neutral wires. Allow enough extra concentric neutral wires to connect to ground after installation and allow movement to insulated standoff bushing.

Figure 3. Line illustration of removing concentric neutral wires.

Standards

ISO 9001:2000 Certified Quality Management System

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**REMOVE INSULATION SHIELD.**
- Remove insulation shield 10 1/2” (267 mm) from end of cable. (Refer to Figure 4.)

**NOTE:** Do not cut or nick insulation.

![Figure 4. Line illustration of cable stripback.](image)

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**STEP 4.**

**PUT TAPE MARKER IN PLACE.**
- Measure 1” (25 mm) from end of insulation shield. (Refer to Figure 4.)
- Wrap two turns of tape to serve as marker for cable adapter location.

**STEP 5.**

**REMOVE CONDUCTOR INSULATION.**

**NOTE:** Do not pencil cable.
- Remove insulation exposing bare conductor to length of 4 3/8” (111 mm). (Refer to Figure 5.)

**NOTE:** Do not unwind conductor strands.

![Figure 5. Line illustration of bare conductor length.](image)

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**STEP 6.**

**BEVEL INSULATION.**

**NOTE:** This step is for ease of installation only and has no effect on electrical characteristics.
- Remove sharp edge of insulation by beveling at 45° angle for approximately 1/4” (6 mm). (See Figure 6.)

![Figure 6. Line illustration of insulation bevel.](image)

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**STEP 7.**

**CLEAN INSULATION.**

**NOTE:** Do not apply solvent directly to cable.
- Clean insulation thoroughly with solvent dampened rag, wiping from conductor end toward insulation shield. (Refer to Figure 7.)
- Ensure that all traces of conductive residue are removed.

![Figure 7. Line illustration of insulation cleaning.](image)

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**STEP 8.**

**LUBRICATE AND INSTALL CABLE ADAPTER.**

- Lubricate exposed cable insulation.
- Lubricate inside of cable adapter.
- Slide small end of cable adapter over cable using twisting motion until small end is flush with tape marker. (Refer to Figure 8.)

![Figure 8. Line illustration of insulation cable adapter.](image)
After sliding the cable adapter into position make sure that no bulge is present (see Figure 9).

**WARNING:**
Equipment Damage/Personal Injury. Improperly positioned cable adapter may result in equipment damage or personal injury.

**STEP 9.**
**INSTALL COMPRESSION CONNECTOR.**

**NOTE:** Refer to chart supplied with the crimp connector for tool and die to be used.
- Wire brush conductor, only if it is aluminum.
- Remove protective cap from compression connector.
- Insert conductor completely into compression connector and rotate connector to distribute inhibitor.

**NOTE:** Connector must be fully seated on cable conductor.
- Align flats of compression connector and apparatus bushing for minimum conductor strain.
- Make first crimp 1/2" (13 mm) below shoulder of compression connector. (Refer to Figure 10.)

**Figure 9.**
Cross sectional view of cable adapter positioning.

**Figure 10.**
Line illustration of crimping area.

- Rotate each successive crimp 90° on compression connector and allow 1/8" (3 mm) between crimps.
- Wipe excess inhibitor from connector and adapter surfaces.

**STEP 10.**
**CHECK DIMENSIONS.**
- Check length from end of compression connector to top of cable adapter.
- Length should be between 6 3/4" and 7 3/4" (171-197 mm). (Refer to Figure 11.)

**Figure 11.**
Line illustration for dimensional check.
INSTALL T-BODY AND REDUCING TAP PLUG

STEP 11.

INSTALL T-BODY.

- Clean and lubricate outside of cable adapter with lubricant supplied.
- Clean and lubricate inside of T-Body with lubricant supplied.

NOTE: If test point T-Body is used, insure test point is opposite front plate side of T-Body.

- Without moving the cable adapter, slide T-Body onto cable adapter until compression connector eye is centered in 600 A interfaces. (Refer to Figure 12.)

NOTE: The end of the cable adapter must line up with the top edge of the tape marker after T-body assembly. Refer to Figure 9.

- Remove tape marker from cable.

STEP 12.

INSTALL LOADBREAK REDUCING TAP PLUG (LRTP) INTO T-BODY.

- Clean and then lubricate mating 600 A interface of the LRTP and T-Body with lubricant supplied or CPS approved equivalent.
- Check that compression connector flats are parallel to apparatus bushing.
- Remove shipping cap from 200 A LRTP interface and thread protector from 15/16” threads.
- Insert T-Wrench into throat of LRTP and through rotating nut and engage alignment segment. (T-Wrench will not rotate without entire LRTP rotating.)
- Insert threaded ferrule end of LRTP into side of T-Body opposite apparatus bushing. (Refer to Figure 13.)

Figure 13. Line illustration of LRTP installation.

- Carefully thread alignment segment into threads of the compression connector by turning the T-Wrench clockwise until positive stop is felt.
- Continue applying clockwise force to the T-Wrench until the pin shears and the T-Wrench and alignment segment rotate freely.
- Remove the alignment segment by applying pressure to the T-Wrench to separate the alignment segment from the LRTP. Discard the alignment segment.
- See Figure 14 for illustration of completed LRTP installation.
INSTALL T-OP II CONNECTOR ONTO APPARATUS BUSHING

STEP 13.
INSTALL STUD INTO APPARATUS BUSHING.

NOTE: Ensure unit is de-energized.

- Thread the shorter threaded end of T-OP II stud into the apparatus bushing until hand tight. (Refer to Figure 15.)
- Engage the flats of the stud with a 1/2 wrench and thread the stud into the bushing an additional 1/4 revolution past hand tight.
- Remove any shavings that may have been raised during the threading procedure.

STEP 14.
INSTALL T-OP II BODY ON APPARATUS BUSHING

NOTE: T-OP II T-Body can be installed onto the apparatus bushing using either a separate operating and testing (O & T) tool and torque tool (refer to option A) or using a combined O & T/Torque Tool (option B).

OPTION A - INSTALLING T-OP II T-BODY ON APPARATUS BUSHING USING A SEPARATE O & T TOOL AND TORQUE TOOL.

- Clean and lubricate mating interfaces of apparatus bushing and T-Body with lubricant supplied.
- Grasp eye of the O & T tool with a hotstick, pull eye fully into hotstick.
- Using hotstick, insert O & T tool into LRTP throat and engage rotating nut. (Refer to Figure 16.)
- While pushing T-Body onto apparatus bushing, turn O & T tool clockwise to make threaded connection. Turn until tight.
- Remove O & T tool from the LRTP.
- Insert the torque tool. Torque until tool ratchets (20-25 ft.-lbs.).
- Remove the torque tool.

OPTION B - INSTALLING T-OP II T-BODY ON APPARATUS BUSHING USING A COMBINED O & T/TORQUE TOOL.

- Clean and lubricate mating interfaces of apparatus bushing and T-Body with lubricant supplied.
- Grasp eye of the O & T/Torque tool with a hotstick, pull eye fully into hotstick.
- Using a hotstick, insert the O & T/Torque tool into the LRTP throat and engage the rotating nut.
- While pushing the T-Body onto the apparatus bushing, turn O & T/Torque tool clockwise to make the threaded connection, turn until torque head ratchets (20-25 ft.-lbs.). An audible click will be heard.
- Remove the O & T/Torque tool.
STEP 15.
CAP THE 200 A INTERFACE.
- Clean and lubricate the 200 A interface of the LRTP and mating apparatus (i.e., Protective Cap, Grounding Elbow or M.O.V.E. Arrester) with lubricant supplied. (Refer to Figure 17.)
- To cap interface, follow installation instructions supplied with apparatus used.

![Figure 17. Line illustration of protective cap installation.](image1)

STEP 16.
GROUND SYSTEM.
- Connect tie-off tabs of the LRTP and T-Body with a strand of drain wire to the cable concentric neutral wires and/or to common ground point.
- Connect the 200 A apparatus (i.e., Protective Cap, Grounding Elbow, M.O.V.E. Arrester) drain wire to common ground.
- Connect concentric neutral wires to the common ground point leaving adequate slack for hotstick operation. (Refer to Figure 18.)

![Figure 18. Line illustration of grounding.](image2)