

Instructions for Installation and Removal of PCORE Quick-Link Bushings

The bushing is shipped with all the *Quick-Link* hardware assembled in the bushing.

Initial Installation Instructions

- 1. Lay the bushing horizontally on a surface that will not damage the porcelain.
- 2. Unscrew the top terminal and set aside (with the o-ring).
- 3. Unscrew the nut from the brass (*Top-Link*) rod that is under the top terminal.
- 4. Remove the pin that holds the *Top-Link* rod to the bushing conductor. Do not lose the pin, it will be necessary to use the pin to reassemble the bushing.
- 5. Push down on the top of the *Top-Link* rod, or pull the bottom (*Quick-Link*) connector out of the bushing. The connector fits tightly in the bottom (*Quick-Link*) socket. It may be necessary to hit the *Top-Link* rod on the top to loosen the bottom *Quick-Link* connector. Be careful not to damage the *Top-Link* rod, it will need to be used to pull the *Quick-Link* connector into the *Quick-Link* socket. It may help to twist the connector while pulling it out.
- 6. The *Quick-Link* rod is as long as the bushing conductor. Pull the rod out of the bushing from the bottom. It must be pulled out far enough to allow cleaning of the contact surfaces. You may pull the rod all the way out, but it is not necessary at this time.
- 7. **CAUTION; do not damage the contact surfaces.** The contact surfaces are on the outside of the *Quick-Link* connector and the inside of the *Quick-Link* socket. These surfaces must remain clean and smooth to be able to pass rated current.
- 8. Wipe both the inside and the outside contact surfaces with a dry lint-free cloth. **Be** careful not to snag the two contact strips inside the *Quick-Link* socket. Wipe a light coat of transformer oil on the connector and on the inside of the socket.
- 9. Reinstall the *Quick-Link* rod and connector assembly; insert the pin, but do not tighten the nut. NOTE: The *Quick-Link* connector fits tightly in the socket, it will take some force to push it in fully.
- 10. Mount the bushing to the transformer cover using your normal procedure.
- 11. Attach the transformer lead(s) to the *Quick-Link* NEMA pad connector. If the nut is not tight, you should be able to turn the *Quick-Link* connector to align it with the leads. Do not turn the *Quick-Link* connector more than 90° in either direction while adjusting the alignment.
- 12. Insert a screwdriver in the top hole, and remove the pin from the stud.
- 13. Pull the *Top-Link* up fully until it stops, the *Quick-Link* terminal is now fully engaged in the socket.
- 14. Thread the *Top-Link* down while pulling up on the screwdriver until the holes are aligned and the pin can be inserted fully.
- 15. Insert the pin, and tighten the nut to 20 FT-LBS.
- 16. Reinstall the top terminal (with the o-ring). Tighten to **50 FT-LBS**.
- 17. The bushing is now fully functional, and the transformer may now be tested.



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Removal instructions

- 1. Remove the top terminal.
- 2. Remove the nut on the *Top-Link* brass rod under the terminal.
- 3. Attach a wire or strong cord to the rod, using the small hole on top.
- 4. Remove the nuts holding the bushing to the transformer.
- 5. Remove the pin holding the *Top-Link* to the stud.
- 6. Push the rod down from the top to disengage the *Quick-Link* connector from the socket on the bottom. You may need to use a hammer to apply enough force to disengage the *Quick-Link* connector. You may want to place a piece of wood or plastic over the end of the rod to prevent damage.
 - Be sure to have a good hold on the wire so the assembly does not fall into the transformer.
- 7. Lift the bushing out of the transformer while holding the wire to keep the rod and connector assembly from falling into the transformer. **Do not pull the assembly too hard, you may damage the internal transformer connections.**
- 8. When the bottom of the bushing clears the top of the transformer tank, you will see the *Bottom-Link* rod. Keep lifting the bushing until you have enough room to comfortably reach in and grab the rod.
- 9. The *Quick-Link* rod has a joint in the middle. On the standard designs, this joint is located ¾ inch above the flange mounting-surface.

 The joint is threaded, allowing for ± ¼ inch adjustment. The normal location is such that approximately ¼ inch of threads are visible between the two sections.
- 10. Pull the rod up, or push down so the 0.44" hole at the top of the *Bottom-Link* is just above the top of the transformer tank. (On the standard design the hole is located 1½ inches below the top of the *Bottom-Link*. You will need to pull the *Bottom-Link* up ¾ inch.)
- 11. Insert a rod or screwdriver through the 0.44" diameter hole or place a split cover over the opening in the transformer so the rod and connector assembly is held in place.
- 12. Let go of the wire and lift the bushing up and out of the way.
- 13. The bushing has now been removed.
- 14. Un-thread the *Top-Link* and keep with the bushing.
- 15. The *Bottom-Link* should be left in the transformer. A modification to the cover plates that cover the bushing mounting holes on the transformer must be made to allow the *Bottom-Link* (with the *Quick-Link* connector attached) to be attached to the cover for shipping. The *Quick-Link* connector assembly must be attached securely to the cover (or the transformer) for shipment.
- 16. Install the *Top-Link*, the pin, and the nut in the bushing for shipment.



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Field Installation Instructions

- 1. Remove the nuts holding the cover on the bushing-mounting hole; be careful not to pull up on the *Quick-Link* rod and connector assembly.
- 2. Lift the cover plate about 2 inches, enough to insert a small rod or long screwdriver through the 0.44" hole in the brass *Bottom-Link* rod. (The hole is 1¾ inches from the top of the *Bottom-Link* rod.) The rod or screwdriver must be long enough to span the opening in the transformer tank and hold the *Quick-Link* assembly.
- 3. Un-thread the cover from the *Bottom-Link* rod.
- 4. Position the Bottom-Link approximately in the center of the mounting hole. A fabricated installation plate can be placed over the bushing mounting hole and around the brass rod. The split plate will cover most of the hole and help prevent small items from falling into the transformer. This plate can be made from almost any material, but it must have a hole in the center, and it must be split for removal. If the split plate is designed to hold the Quick-Link assembly, it can be used in place of the rod or screwdriver required in step 2.
- 5. Obtain the *Top-Link* from inside the bushing. Thread the *Top-Link* onto the *Bottom-Link* leaving about ¼ inch of threads visible between the two sections.
- 6. Tie a wire or strong cord to the top end of the *Top-Link*. This will function in the same manner as the wire used in a draw-lead application.
- 7. Hoist the bushing over the mounting position.
- 8. Fish the wire through the center of the bushing conductor.
- 9. Remove the split plate, pin, or screwdriver while pulling on the wire to hold the *Quick-Link* assembly from falling into the transformer.
- 10. Lower the bushing over the *Quick-Link* assembly; continue pulling the wire to keep the assembly from falling into the transformer.
- 11. Once the bushing is in place, the *Quick-Link* assembly will need a firm tug to pull it into place at the bottom. The fit is very tight to insure a low resistance connection. Insert a screwdriver through the 0.31" hole at the top of the *Top-Link* and pull up. Caution: Make sure you pull the *Quick-Link* assembly all the way up until the connector stops inside the socket. You should feel it stop. If the *Quick-Link* connector is not fully inserted, you may run out of threads trying to align the pin holes and drop the bottom rod and connector into the transformer.
- 12. Once the *Quick-Link* connector is seated, the top should look just like a standard PCORE draw-lead terminal with a longer extension.
- 13. Rotate the *Top-Link* while pulling up on the screwdriver until the holes align, and insert the pin. The *Quick-Link* assembly is designed so the holes align when there is a ¼ inch gap in the two rods. The contact surface at the bottom is long enough to maintain the proper contact throughout the adjustment range. The *Top-Link* and *Bottom-Link* do NOT carry current. The gap will not affect the current capacity.
- 14. Remove the wire and install the nut in the same manner you would a draw-lead. Tighten to **20 FT-LBS**.
- 15. Reinstall the top terminal (with the o-ring), and tighten to 50 FT-LBS.
- 16. The bushing is installed and can be energized.