CONTINENTAL INDUSTRIES

The Ultimate Connection

1214, 1315, 1416 & 1517 STYLE TRANSITION PUNCH TEE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Weld Inlet x PE Transition

- Before installing the service tee, confirm the punch is rated for the steel pipe to be tapped.
 - 3/8" tip punches are rated for 0.280" maximum wall thickness and 70 ksi maximum yield strength.
 - 1/4", 1/2", 3/4" & 1" tip punches are rated for 0.250" maximum wall thickness and 65 ksi maximum yield strength.
- 2. Verify that the outlet on the transition tee is the correct size for the service line.
- 3. Remove the pipe cap and punch and place in the plastic bag in which the transition tee was shipped. Do not remove the splatter shield from the inlet (1/2" IPS & 3/4" IPS tee bodies only).

IMPORTANT

Pressure Rating: Designed to meet or exceed pressure rating of PE pipe per 49 CFR Part 192 and ASTM D 2513

Operating Temperature: -20 to 140° F

For Use With: Natural Gas or Propane

- 4. Clean the main of all coatings, rust, dirt, etc., in the area where the transition tee is to be welded onto the main.
- 5. Weld transition tee to main per your company's welding procedures. **Each company should follow their own procedures for protecting the plastic pipe from excessive heat during the welding process.**
- 6. When the outlet is cool to the touch, make the service connection following your company's qualified joining procedures for the PE.
- 7. To assure proper assembly and to comply with 49 CFR 192 Subpart J—Test Requirements, the joint shall be leak tested.
- 8. The transition tee must be cool to the touch before reinserting the punch.
- 9. Prior to inserting the punch back into the tee, inspect the punch and remove any dirt, debris, or contamination.
- 10. **Lubricant must be applied to the punch threads and punch tip.** Acceptable lubricants include thread cutting oil, tapping fluid or tapping grease.
- 11. Insert punch in transition tee and turn clockwise by hand to avoid cross threading.
- 12. Use a ratchet wrench with Continental drive key and bushing to make the tap.
 - For 1/2" body tees, use 23-3691-00 Hex Drive Key, Bushing & Socket Adapter
 - For 3/4" body tees, use 23-3692-00 Hex Drive Key, Bushing & Socket Adapter
 - For 1" body tees, use 23-0941-00 Square Drive Key, Bushing & Socket Adapter
 - For 1 1/4" body tees, use 23-0940-00 Square Drive Key, Bushing & Socket Adapter

IMPORTANT: To insure retention of the coupon - coupon retaining punches should be run all the way down until the punch seats on the main.

- 13. To allow gas to the service line, back punch up until it is flush with the top of the tee.
- 14. Apply thread sealant and install pipe cap leak tight.

NOTE: If desirable at a later date, the service may be interrupted by running the punch valve down until it seats on the main.

NOTE: It is advisable to limit shear at main connections. In this regard, your company's policies should be followed. For further information, reference; ASTM D 2774 Standard Practice for Underground Installation of Thermoplastic Pressure Piping; Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Transportation Part 192; AGA Plastic Pipe Manual and/or The Guidance Manual for Operators of Small Gas Systems by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

