## **CONTINENTAL INDUSTRIES**

## The Ultimate Connection

## 1214, 1315, 1416 & 1517 Style Steel Service Punch Tee Installation Instructions Weld Inlet x Weld or Threaded Outlets

- 1. 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 service tee is the correct size for the service line.

## IMPORTANT Pressure Rating: 500 psig MAOP Operating Temperature: -20 to 140° F Material: Carbon Steel

- 3. Remove the pipe cap and the punch from the service tee and place in the plastic bag in which the service tee was shipped. Do not remove the splatter shield from the inlet (1/2" IPS & 3/4" IPS tee bodies only).
- 4. Clean the main of all coatings, rust, dirt, etc., in the area where the service tee is to be welded onto the main.
- 5. Weld service tee to main per your company's welding procedures.
- 6. Make the service connection.
  - For weld outlets, follow your company's welding procedures.
  - For threaded outlets, apply thread sealant to male thread and screw mating thread onto outlet.
- 7. To assure proper assembly and to comply with 49 CFR 192 Subpart J—Test Requirements, the joint shall be leak tested.
- 8. The service tee must be cool to the touch before reinserting the punch.
- 9. **Lubricant must be applied to the punch threads and punch tip.** Acceptable lubricants include thread cutting oil, tapping fluid or tapping grease.
- 10. Insert punch in service tee and turn clockwise by hand to avoid cross threading.
- 11. 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.

- 12. To allow gas to the service line, back punch up until it is flush with the top of the tee.
- 13. 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.



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