Introduction, How to Install Connectors Including PENETROX™

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BURNDY wiring accessories have been designed to supplement and enhance BURNDY connection selection and use. All have been designed and engineered for easy installation and long life, reflecting

over 90 years of experience and resulting contributions of the electrical industry.

PENETROX™ How to Install Connectors

1. Select the right connector.

Always use an aluminum connector for aluminum or copper conductor. Choose a connector that's marked for the wire size you're using. Never use a copper connector on aluminum conductor.

2. Strip carefully.

Remove the insulation without nicking the wire.



Always wire-brush the stripped portion of the wire. An unplated terminal pad, and the surface to which the terminal will be attached should also be wire-brushed.





4. Apply PENETROX™ Joint Compound

For mechanical connectors, apply PENETROXTM joint compound liberally to the conductor to prevent the formation of surface oxides once the connection is made. Also apply PENETROXTM oxide inhibitor to any terminal pad.



5. Tighten completely.

For mechanical connectors, use wrench or screwdriver to securely tighten the aluminum connectors, as recommended by BURNDY.



6. Crimp.

For compression connectors, choose the right die and the right tool. Insert the wire completely and make the recommended number of crimps.





PENETROX™ Oxide Inhibiting Joint Compound, Types A, A-13, E, and HT

PENETROX™ TYPES A, A-13, E, HT Oxide Inhibiting Joint Compounds

PENETROX™ oxide inhibiting compounds product low initial contact resistance, seal out air and moisture, prevent oxidation or corrosion, exhibit superior weathering characteristics, are usable over wide temperature ranges, and provide a high conductivity "gas-tight" joint. All PENETROX™ compounds contain homogeneously suspended metal particles. The suspended metal particles assist in penetrating thin oxide films, act as electrical "bridges" between conductor strands, aid in gripping the conductor, improve electrical conductivity and enhance the integrity of the connection.

The specially formulated PENETROX™ compounds are for use with compression and bolted connectors providing an improved service life for both copper and aluminum connections. Additionally, the nontoxic compounds are an excellent lubricant for threaded applications, reducing galling and seizing.



PENETROX™ with brush lid

All types of PENETROX™ are available in an 8 oz. bottle with a brush lid for ease of application.



PENETROX™ A

PENETROX™ A is a natural (petroleum) base compound with evenly suspended zinc particles. It is recommended for aluminum to aluminum, aluminum to copper connections and aluminum conduit threads. It is not recommended for use with rubber or polyethylene insulated conductors. UL listed to 600V.



PENETROX™ A13

PENETROX™ A13 is a synthetic base compound with evenly suspended zinc particles. It is recommended for aluminum to aluminum, aluminum to copper connections plus aluminum conduit threads. It is compatible with rubber, polyethylene and other insulating materials. UL Listed for all voltages.



PENETROX™ E

PENETROX™ E is a synthetic base compound with evenly suspended copper particles. It is recommended for copper to copper, copper threads and all grounding applications. UL Listed.



PENETROX™ HT

PENETROX™ HT is a synthetic silicone based compound with evenly suspended zinc particles and nickel-aluminum alloy particles. It is recommended for aluminum to aluminum connections. It is compatible with rubber. Designed for use with High Temperature ACSS and ACCC connectors. **Not UL Listed**.



PENACARTRIDGE

PENACARTRIDGE is a 1 lb. cartridge filled with PENETROX™-A. It's designed to fit standard caulking guns for easy insertion into transmission and distribution connectors. Additionally, this packaging design provides a convenient method for applying PENETROX™ to many different applications.



PENETROX™ A, A-13, E, and HT Technical Information

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| PENETROX™ Type | Aluminum to Aluminum | Aluminum to Copper | Copper to Copper | Aluminum Conduit Threads | Copper Conduit Threads |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| PENETROX™ A | Х | χ | | Х | |
| PENETROX™ A13 | χ | χ | | Х | |
| PENETROX™ E | | | Х | | Х |
| PENETROX™ HT | χ | | | | |

See below for more details on the different types of PENETROX $^{\text{\tiny{TM}}}$

PENETROX™ Type A

PENETROX™ A consists of a natural (petroleum) base vehicle in which zinc particles are suspended. For aluminum to aluminum, aluminum to copper applications and aluminum conduit threads. It is not recommended for use with rubber and polyethylene insulated conductors. UL Listed to 600 volts.

PENETROX™ Type A13

PENETROX™ A13 consists of a non-petroleum base vehicle in which zinc particles are suspended. Recommended for aluminum to aluminum, aluminum to copper applications and aluminum conduit threads. Compatible with insulating materials such as rubber, or polyethylene. UL Listed and recommended for all voltages.

Easy to apply:

- Scratch brush the conductor surfaces until bright and clean
- Immediately apply PENETROX™ to the conductive surfaces.
- 3. For EHV applications, remove all excess PENETROX™ after installation is complete.

PENETROX™ Type E

PENETROX™ E consists of a non-petroleum base vehicle in which copper granules are suspended. Recommended for copper to copper applications, grounding and for use on copper conduit threads. UL Listed to 600 volts.

PENETROX™ Type HT

PENETROX™ HT consists of a non-petroleum base vehicle in which zinc and nickel-aluminum particles are suspended. Recommended for use with aluminum to aluminum High Temperature rated ACSS and ACCC conductors. Not UL Listed.

Shelf Life

When stored in its original container in cool (under 100°F) dry environment, PENETROX™ oxide inhibiting compound will remain workable and functional for 5 years from the Date of Manufacture (MO) marked on the container.





PENETROX™ A, A-13, E, and HT, Properties and Ordering Information

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PROPERTIES OF PENETROX™

| Property | Value PENETROX™ Definition | PENETROX™ HT | PENETROX™ E & A13 | PENETROX™ A |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Penetration (Unworked) | The value in accordance to ASTM D217 indicates the consistency of a grease. The higher the number, the softer the grease. | 240 | 250 | 230 |
| Dropping Point (Minimum) | The temperature at which the grease passes from the semi-solid to a liquid state under test conditions. | >580° F | 350° F | 230° F |
| Pour Point (Maximum) | The lowest termperature at which the compound will flow. Pour point is the lubricant's ability to perform in cold conditions. | −58° F | −40° F | –15° F |

^{*} MSDS sheets available through customer service.

ORDERING INFORMATION

| Catalog Number | | | | Container | Container |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| PENETROX™ A | PENETROX™ A-13 | PENETROX™ E | PENETROX™ HT † | Type | Size |
| PENA1/2 | _ | _ | _ | Tube | 1/2 oz. |
| PENA4 | PENA134 | PENE4 | PENHT4 | Squeeze Bottle | 4 07. |
| P8A | PENA138 | PENE8 | PENHT8 | Squeeze Bottle | 8 07. |
| PENA8BLB | PENA138BLB | PENE8BLB | PENHT8BLB | Bottle with Brush Lid | 8 oz. |
| PENACARTRIDGE | PENA13CARTRIDGE | _ | PENHT1LB | Cartridge | 1 lb.* |
| PENAQT | PENA13QT | PENEQT | _ | Plastic Tub | 1 Quart |
| PENAGAL | PENA13GAL | PENEGAL | PENHTGAL | Can | 1 Gallon |
| PENA5GAL | PENA135GAL | PENE5GAL | _ | Pail | 5 Gallons |
| PENA55GAL | PENA1355GAL | PENE55GAL | _ | Drum | 55 Gallons |

^{* 1} lb. cartridge will fit standard caulking guns.



[†] Not UL Listed.