WRAPLOCK® Tie

WRAPLOCK Tie Tube: Component is detached and placed in the saddle groove of the insulator.

Molded Center Section: Together with tubes, completely surrounds conductor with protective cushion.

Insulator Identification Mark: Identifies the correct insulator head-style by colors corresponding to information on Catalog Specification pages.

Color Code: Assists in identification of conductor diameter and indicates starting point for application, corresponding to tabular information appearing on Catalog pages.

Applied Length: Assists in identification of conductor size, corresponding to tabular information appearing on Catalog pages.

Identification Tape: Shows catalog number, nominal sizes.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

INTENDED USE: WRAPLOCK Ties secure conductors in the top groove of interchangeable head-style insulators.

WRAPLOCK Ties provide an improved method of securing conductor compared to clamp-top insulators or hand ties over Armor Rods.

WRAPLOCK TIE TUBE: WRAPLOCK Ties provide superior abrasion protection for the conductor under all types of motion, including low frequency sway oscillation, high frequency aeolian vibration, and galloping.

The elastomer components are recommended because they surround the bare conductor with a resilient cushion where the conductor would come into contact with the insulator and with the center section of the tie. The WRAPLOCK Tie provides superior protection by eliminating abrasion rather than sacrificing outside surfaces to abrasion.

VIBRATION DAMPERS: By using WRAPLOCK Ties, the vibration fatigue life is maximized to the extent that the original endurance limit of the conductor is not reduced by abrasion on its outside surface. However, on selected lines where experience indicates that prolonged periods of vibration might approach the fatigue life of the conductor, or cause inner wire fretting, it will be necessary to supplement with dampers.

The following are guideline definitions for vibration activity. They should be applied to a Utility’s own experience on lines in a given area.

“Excessive” Vibration: Areas where abrasion damage has been known to require replacement of both hand tie wire and protective rods, or where fatigue has been found under clamps. Protective rods should be replaced when visual inspection shows approximately half or more of the rod diameter has been abraded.

“Severe” Vibration: Areas where abrasion has required replacement of hand tie wire, but damage to protective rods has not progressed to the point where replacement is necessary.

“Moderate” Vibration: Areas where replacement of hand tie wire has not been required, and damage is minor.

WRAPLOCK Ties provide protection on areas of “severe” or “moderate” vibration. For areas experiencing “excessive” vibration, supplemental use of dampers is recommended. Spiral Vibration Damper’s single purpose is to prevent the unlimited accumulation of aeolian vibration.

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WRAPLOCK® Tie

**GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTD.**

**INTERCHANGEABLE HEAD-STYLE INSULATOR:** To insure proper fit and service life, it is recommended that only insulators corresponding to C-neck, F-neck, or J-neck be used. These neck-diameter and groove-height dimensions appear on ANSI standards.

Consult the Factory for engineering recommendations on non-interchangeable head-style insulators. A sample of the insulator in question is desirable.

**CONDUCTOR SIZE:** Conductor sizes up to 1.240" O.D. can be accommodated depending on the insulator’s top groove radius.

**MECHANICAL STRENGTH:** The WRAPLOCK tie is designed to provide longitudinal holding strength in excess of values required by the National Electric Safety Code. The maximum holding strength is usually sufficient to contain the broken conductor to a single span, however, the WRAPLOCK Tie is designed to relieve the load before severe damage is done to the pole’s structural components.

The WRAPLOCK Tie is designed to permit controlled and limited movement of unbroken conductor, reducing cantilever loading at the base of the insulator or bracket, then restore itself. We refer to this unique feature as “resilience.”

**TM-169E** covers the mechanical testing of the WRAPLOCK Tie and is available upon request.

**RADIO INTERFERENCE:** The RIV characteristics of WRAPLOCK Ties are equivalent to those of a well-made hand tie when originally installed. During service life the precontoured tie assures continued fit, which would have better RIV than a loosened tie wire.

**TAPPING:** Compared to the use of protective rods, placing hot-line clamps directly over the applied legs of Wraplock Ties cannot be recommended. Tapping over protective rods will remain permissible, however, there are now stirrups available that provide a superior method of making hot-line taps.

**LINE ANGLES – GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

On vertically-mounted insulators, WRAPLOCK Ties can normally accommodate line angles up to 10°. Larger angles may be accommodated when the insulator is mounted at varying degrees of cant from the vertical, depending upon the actual cant of the insulator. Combining Side Ties with WRAPLOCK Ties on a single structure can also affect the acceptable line angles for that structure.

A technical report (TM-197E) is available which describes these various permissible line angles of WRAPLOCK Ties as a function of the insulator cant.

In all cases the conductor should rest in the preferred insulator groove, independently of the tie, so the tie is not required to force the conductor to remain in that groove. The largest practical angle a tie can accommodate depends upon limiting factors such as conductor size, tension, span lengths, sag angles, insulator style and orientation, etc. Consult PLP for further guidance on line angle issues not covered in the above test report.

**DOUBLE SUPPORTS:** At double crossarms PREFORMED™ Double-Support Tie can be used to cross major highways and railroads, or turn angles where it is practical to hold the conductor in the top groove during installation.

**SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

1. This product is intended for a single (one-time) use and for the specified application. CAUTION: DO NOT REUSE OR MODIFY THIS PRODUCT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. This product is intended for use by trained craftspeople only. This product SHOULD NOT BE USED by anyone who is not familiar with and trained in the use of it.

3. When working in the area of energized lines with this product, EXTRA CARE should be taken to prevent accidental electrical contact.

4. For PROPER PERFORMANCE AND PERSONAL SAFETY be sure to select the proper size WRAPLOCK Tie before application.

5. WRAPLOCK Ties are precision devices. To insure proper performance, they should be stored in cartons under cover and handled carefully.
WRAPLOCK® Tie

For use on:
ACSR, Compacted ACSR,
Aluminum Alloy
All-Aluminum, AWAC®
Compacted All-Aluminum

F-Neck Interchangeable
Headstyle Insulators

ANSI 55-4 Pin
ANSI 55-5 Pin
ANSI 57-1 Post
ANSI 57-2 Post
ANSI 57-3 Post

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EXPLANATORY NOTES:
(1) Nominal Conductor size indicates one of various conductors within each range.
(2) For the succeeding conductors ranges, the insulator's top groove radius should be at least as large as shown above.
(3) AWAC is a registered trademark of the Copperweld Co.