



STD Series Multi-Wire Connectors

Conductor Termination

Overview

Two types of conductor termination are available for ZIPport inserts:

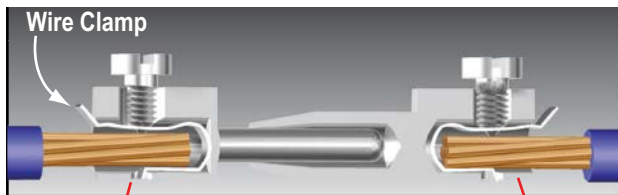
- Screw terminations
- Crimp terminations

Screw Terminations

Screw terminations consist of contacts made of silver-plated copper alloy and are incorporated with a wire clamp (with the exception of the size 3A inserts and size 24B with 80A contacts) for firmly securing the conductors. The screw terminals use stainless steel captive screws and meet VDE 0609 / EN 60999 standards.

Proper conductor installation requires no special preparation when using inserts with the wire clamp terminals (no wire ferrules). The table below lists the current rating, maximum wire gauge and stripping lengths.

Current Rating	Max Wire Gauge		Stripping Length mm (in)
	(mm ²)	AWG	
10A	2.5	14	4.5 (0.18)
16A	2.5	14	7 (0.28)
35A	6.0	10	11.5 (0.45)
16/80A	25/16	14/5	7 (0.28)/14 (0.55)



Wire ferrules not necessary.

Wire ferrules can be used.

Screw Terminals with Clamps

The value of tensile strength of conductors in accordance with the dimensions of the screws and the wires are shown in the following table:

Wire Gauge mm ² (AWG)	1.5 (16)	2.5 (14)	4 (12)	6 (10)	10 (8)	16 (6)
Size of Screw	M3	M3	M3.5	M4	M4	M6
Tensile Strength of Stranded Wire (N)	40	50	60	80	90	100

Increasing the tightening torque does not necessarily improve the contact resistance. The screw torques are selected according to standard EN 60999-1, to provide excellent mechanical, thermal and electrical behavior. The conductor or terminal may be damaged if the recommended values are significantly exceeded.

Insert Screw Specifications

Insert Size	Screw Type	Screw Size	Tightening Torque (Nm)	Tightening Torque (in-lbs)	Recommended Screwdriver Size	Recommended Screwdriver Part
3A	10 Amp Terminal	M3	0.25	2.2	0.4 x 2.5	TW-SD-VSL-2
	Installation					
	Ground	M3.5				
10A, 16A	16 Amp Terminal	M3	0.50	4.4	0.5 x 3.0	TW-SD-SL-1
	Installation					
	Ground	M4				
6B, 10B	16 Amp Terminal	M3	0.50	4.4	Ph 0-0.8 x 4	TW-SD-VSL-3
	Installation					
	Ground	M4			Ph 2 1.0 x 5.5	TW-SD-VSL-4
16B	35 Amp Terminal	M4	1.2	10.6	Ph 1 - 0.8 x 4	TW-SD-VSL-3
	16 Amp Terminal	M3				
	Installation		0.50	4.4	Ph 0-0.8 x 4	TW-SD-VSL-3
	Ground	M4				
	80 Amp Terminal	M6	2.5	22.1	1.0 x 5.5	TW-SD-VSL-4
24B	16 Amp Terminal	M3	0.50	4.4	Ph 0-0.8 x 4	TW-SD-VSL-3
	Installation					
	Ground	M4				
32B*	16 Amp Terminal	M3	0.50	4.4	Ph 0-0.8 x 4	TW-SD-VSL-3
	Installation					
	Ground	M4				

Note: Size 32B requires 2 size 16B insert

Crimp Terminations

Crimp terminations consist of contacts made of silver or gold-plated copper alloy. Crimp terminations are accomplished by applying a crimp contact to the conductor by means of a crimping tool. Crimp contacts are available in several sizes:

10 amp, 26-14 AWG ; 16 amp, 26-12 AWG

A perfect crimp connection is gas-tight, corrosion free and is equal to a cold weld of the parts being connected. Wires to be connected must be carefully matched with the correct wire size of crimp contacts.

The requirements for crimp connectors are depicted in IEC 60352, part 2.

Note: Low currents and voltages:

ZIPport standard contacts (screw and crimp) have a silver plated surface. This metal has excellent conductive properties. During the contacts's lifetime, the silver surface generates a black oxide layer due to its affinity to sulphur (always present in the atmosphere). This layer is conductive smooth and very thin and is partly interrupted when the contacts are mated and non mated, thus guaranteeing very low contact resistances. In the case of very low current or voltage, small changes to the transmitted signal may be encountered.

In applications where voltage and current are lower than 5V and 5mA, and in extremely aggressive environments, ZIPport gold plated contacts are recommended. See ZIPport spare parts and accessories pages.



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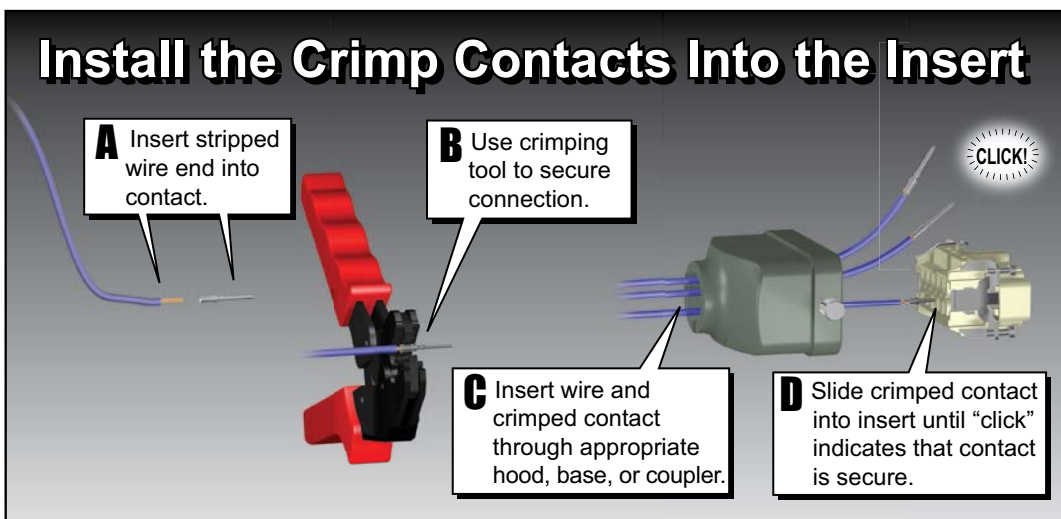
Crimp Contact to Insert Installation

Proper installation of the crimp contacts is important for a good electrical and mechanical connection. The following steps will ensure correct installation.

Step 1: Select the Crimp Contacts

Select a crimp contact based on the rating of the Insert you are using - 10 or 16 amps; the gender - male or female; and gauge of wire being used.

Step 2:

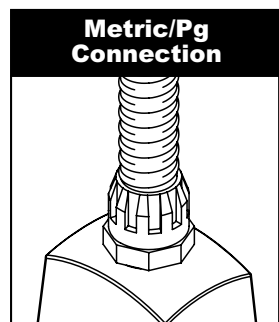


Step 3: Install the Insert into the Housing

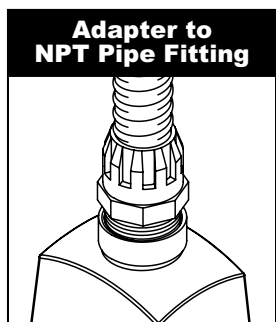
Now that the crimp contacts are installed, the insert can be placed into the housing by aligning the corner installation screws of the insert with the screw holes located in the corners of the housing. Tighten the screws according to the tightening torques listed in the Insert Screw Specifications table in this document.

Wire Entry Connection

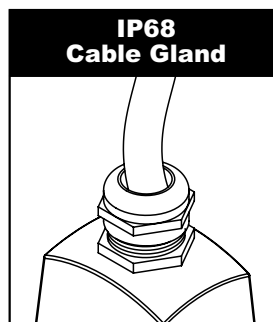
ZIPports offer four types of connection for wire entry into the housings. Two entries accommodate flex conduit and two accept cable.



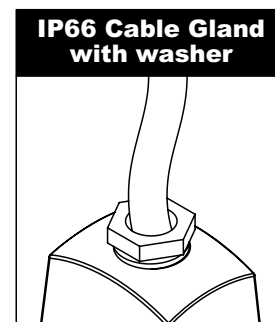
This is standard on all housings that offer a threaded wire entry. Sizes range from Pg 11 to Pg 36. This is for using fittings with a male Pg thread connection.



This adapter converts the Pg thread to an NPT thread. Sizes range from 3/8" to 1-1/4" in relation to the Pg threaded opening in the housing.



For securing a cable to the housing. This is an all inclusive fitting that can be tightened without using separate washers.



For securing a cable to the housing. This gland is available in plastic or metal in relation to housing material. Includes two washers and four gaskets to accommodate a wide range of cable diameters.