

3M™ Cold Shrink Silicone Rubber Connector Insulators 8440 Series

Data Sheet

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Product Description

3M™ Cold Shrink Connector Insulators 8440 Series are open-ended, silicone rubber, tubular sleeves. The sleeves are factory expanded and assembled on a removable supporting plastic core. Each rubber assembly is supplied for field installation in this pre-stretched condition. As the core is unwound, the insulating sleeve shrinks to form a tight seal. Three sizes of Cold Shrink Insulators cover terminal lug barrels and inline connectors. Collectively, the insulators have an application range of 0.35" (8,86 mm) to 0.95" (24,13 mm) for installations on #6 AWG to 3/0 AWG.

Features

- Simple installation requires only workman's hands
- No tools required
- No heat required for installation
- Seals tight, retains its resiliency and pressure even after prolonged years of aging and exposure
- Resists moisture
- Wide range, size accommodation
- Resists acids and alkalies
- Resists ozone and ultraviolet light
- Resists fluid splashes
- Resists fire - will not support flame
- Operating temperature range -66°F to 500°F (-55°C to 260°C)

Applications

- Primary electrical insulation for all solid dielectric (rubber and plastic) insulated wire and cable splices rated to 1000 volts
- Electrical Aircraft cables
- For indoor and outdoor use, in cable tray or overhead applications
- Top moisture sealing for medium voltage, air insulated connectors and lugs
- Insulation of secondary splices, copper and aluminum conductors
- Sheath repairs
- Insulation of inline conductor transition connectors

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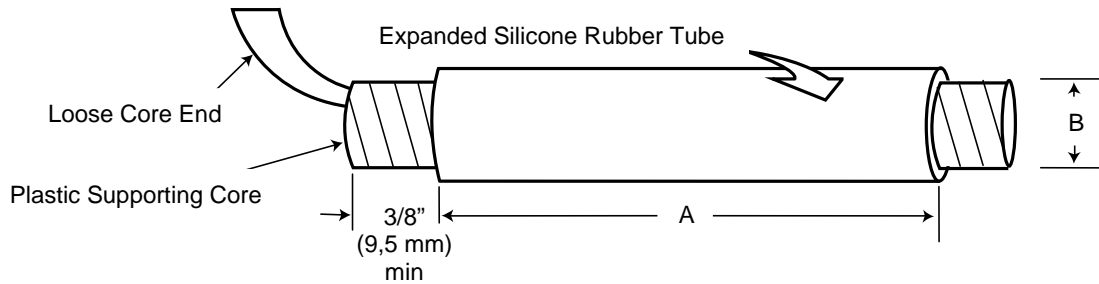
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Typical Physical Properties

Physical Property (Test Method)	Typical Value US unit (metric)
Color	Gray
100% Modulus (ASTM D 412)	180 psi (1,24 MPa)
Ultimate Tensile (ASTM D 412)	1240 psi (8,55 MPa)
Die B Tear (ASTM D 624B)	185 psi (1,28 MPa)
Hardness (ASTM D 2240)	48 Shore A
Specific Gravity	1.23

Typical Electrical Properties

Electrical Property (Test Method)	Typical Value US unit (metric)
Dielectric Strength (ASTM D 149) @ 1,78 mm thickness	554 V/mil (21,8 mV/m)
Dielectric Strength 168 hours in H ₂ O @ 194°F (190°C)	543 V/mil (21,4 mV/m)



Part Number	Cable Range	Application Range Inches (mm)		Dimensions Inches (mm)	
	AWG	Min. Dia. for Seal	Max. Dia. Insulator Covers	[A] Length	[B] Core I.D.
8443-2	6 - 2	0.30 (7,6)	0.560 (14,22)	1.4 (36)	0.68 (17,3)
8443-6.5				5.2 (132)	
8445-2.5	2 - 1/0	0.37 (9,4)	0.720 (18,29)	1.7 (43)	0.84 (21,3)
8445-7.5				6.2 (158)	
8447-3.2	1/0 - 3/0	0.49 (12,4)	0.950 (24,13)	2.3 (57)	1.07 (27,2)
8447-8				6.8 (172)	

Table 1

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Product Specifications

Exposed metallic connectors joining power cable conductors rated 1000 volts or less shall be covered with 3M™ Cold Shrink Silicone Tubular Rubber Insulation 8440 Series.

The inline connections shall be insulated in accordance with the instructions provided with the 3M™ Cold Shrink Connector Insulator 8443-6, 8445-7.5, and 8447-8. The connecting barrel portion of terminal lugs shall be insulated in accordance with the instructions provided with the 3M™ Cold Shrink Connector Insulators 8443-2, 8445-2.5, and 8447-3.2.

Engineering and Architectural Specifications

A silicone rubber cold shrink connector insulator must be capable of normal operation through a temperature range of 66°F/ -55°C to 500°F/260°C. It must be usable without additional covering or adhesive both indoors and outdoors, in cable tray or overhead applications on cables rated up to 1000V. It must be applied without additional heat or flame and, when applied according to manufacturer's directions, be immediately energizable. It must not support flame or be adversely affected by moisture, mild acids or alkalies, ozone or ultraviolet light. It must provide resistance to aircraft fluids and be compatible with all rubber and plastic insulated power cables.

Performance Tests

Flammability Test

The test for flammability of the 3M Cold Shrink Insulators 8440 Series was conducted with specimens positioned both vertically and horizontally per specification BSS 7230. The silicone rubber insulation passed the Flammability Test of BSS 7230 without supporting a flame. In addition, these insulators were also subjected to a gas flame test as outlined in paragraph 4.4.15 of MIL-C-24643A and met the passing criteria as specified. No fuse was blown during the one hour flame exposure.

Humid Environment

Tests to verify electrical integrity through conditions of high humidity were run per Mil Standard 202- Method B. The test duration was 10 days at 104°F/40°C and 95% RH. Typical test values are found in Table 2.

Test	Insulation Resistance	Withstand	Result
Before	3.0 x 10 ¹²	2500 V-rms	Pass
After	2.5 x 10 ¹²	2500 V-rms	Pass

Table 2

Ultraviolet Resistance

After 1000 hours of testing in a Weather-O-Meter according to Specifications ASTM D750 and ASTM G23, the silicone rubber insulation did not exhibit crazing, cracking or change in surface appearance.

Thermal Shock

Assembled units from the fluid resistance test were used for the thermal shock evaluation. The units were subjected to 15 cycles of the following thermal shock sequence:

1. 30 minutes at -66°F/ -55°C
2. 5 minutes at 74°F/23°C
3. 30 minutes at 500°F/260°C
4. 5 minutes at 74°F/23°C

The insulation resistance values and results of test are found in Table 3.

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Performance Tests (continued)

Fluid	Test	Insulation Resistance	Withstand	Result
Monsanto L.D.	Before	1.5 x 10 ¹³ ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
	After	1.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
Jet A	Before	7.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
	After	1.7 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
MIL-L-7808	Before	3.5 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
	After	6.5 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
MIL-L-23699	Before	8.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
	After	3.5 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
5% Saline	Before	9.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
	After	6.5 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass

Altitude

Electrical integrity at high altitudes was determined by testing to Mil Standard 1344A, Test method 1004.1. Typical test values are found in Table 4.

Altitude	Insulation Resistance	Withstand	Result
50,000	1.0 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass
70,000	1.8 x 10 ¹² ohms	2500 V-rms	Pass

Table 4

Heat Aging

Installed silicone rubber insulators were subjected to an eight hour heat aging test at 500°F/260°C. Other units were subjected to 401°F/205°C for 30 days. The silicone rubber remained resilient and showed no sign of deterioration.

Fluid Resistance

To determine the effect of a fluid splash on insulated connected assemblies, the units were subjected to ten cycles of the following test sequence:

1. One minute fluid soak
2. 24 hour, 74°F/23°C ambient dry
3. Insulation resistance measurement
4. 2.4 kV-rms withstand

Results from the fluid resistance test are found in table 5.

Fluid Splash Test		Insulation Resistance/2500 V-rms Withstand			
Fluid	Monsanto L.D.	Jet A	MIL-L-7808	MIL-L-23699	5% Saline
Initial	1.5 x 10¹³/Pass	7.2 x 10¹²/Pass	3.5 x 10¹²/Pass	8.0 x 10¹²/Pass	9.0 x 10¹²/Pass
1	3.0 x 10 ⁹ ohms	2.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	8.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	2.5 x 10 ¹² ohms	3.5 x 10 ¹² ohms
2	1.2 x 10 ⁹ ohms	1.2 x 10 ¹² ohms	2.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	5.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	5.0 x 10 ¹² ohms
3	4.0 x 10 ⁷ ohms	1.2 x 10 ¹² ohms	2.5 x 10 ¹² ohms	4.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	3.5 x 10 ¹² ohms
4	1.8 x 10 ⁷ ohms	8.0 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	3.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	3.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	4.0 x 10 ¹² ohms
5	8.0 x 10 ⁶ ohms	3.0 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	2.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	2.5 x 10 ¹² ohms	6.0 x 10 ¹² ohms
6	6.0 x 10 ⁶ ohms	2.0 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	1.8 x 10 ¹² ohms	2.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	7.0 x 10 ¹² ohms
7	5.0 x 10 ⁶ ohms	1.8 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	1.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	2.5 x 10 ¹² ohms	9.0 x 10 ¹² ohms
8	4.0 x 10 ⁶ ohms	1.0 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	1.0 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	1.4 x 10 ¹² ohms	3.0 x 10 ¹² ohms
9	4.0 x 10 ⁶ ohms	1.0 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	6.5 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	1.0 x 10 ¹² ohms	3.0 x 10 ¹² ohms
10	3.5 x 10 ⁶ ohms	7.0 x 10 ¹⁰ ohms	5.0 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	1.2 x 10 ¹² ohms	5.0 x 10 ¹² ohms

Table 5

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Maintenance

Components of 3M™ Cold Shrink Silicone Rubber Connector Insulators are stable under normal storage conditions for a period of three years from the date of manufacture. The cold shrink insulators are not impaired by freezing or overheating due to the ambient temperatures found in storage or shipping. Normal storage and stock rotation are recommended.

Approximate Installed Weight			
Terminal Lug Insulators		Inline Connector Insulators	
Part No.	Weight oz. (gm)	Part No.	Weight oz. (gm)
8443-2	0.123 (3.5)	8443-6.5	0.388 (11.0)
8445-2.5	0.190 (.54)	8445-7.5	0.564 (16.0)
8447-3.2	0.335 (9.5)	8447-8	0.776 (22.0)

Table 6

Shelf Life & Storage

3M™ Cold Shrink Silicone Rubber Connector Insulators 8440 Series have a 3-year shelf life from date of manufacture when stored in a humidity controlled storage (10°C/50°F to 27°C/80°F and <75% relative humidity).

Availability

Please contact your local distributor; available from 3M.com/electrical [Where to Buy] or call 1.800.245.3573.

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