

# Loadbreak Apparatus Connectors

## 200 A 25 kV Class POSI-BREAK Loadbreak Elbow Connector with Optional Integral Jacket Seal

500-29-7

### GENERAL

The POSI-BREAK Loadbreak Elbow Connector from Cooper Power Systems is a fully-shielded and insulated plug-in termination for connecting underground cable to transformers, switching cabinets and junctions equipped with loadbreak bushings. The Cooper POSI-BREAK Elbow is a fully rated 200 A switching device, designed in accordance to the IEEE Std 386™ standard - latest revision.

The elbow design uses a state of the art manufacturing process that creates an insulated sleeve around the top of the copper probe. It also provides a layer of insulating rubber over the conductive internal insert of the elbow. This leaves the stress relieving feature around the current interchange intact and furnishes improved dielectrics and increased strike distance. Together these features provide superior switching performance and reliability.

Cooper Power Systems Loadbreak Elbows are molded using high quality peroxide-cured EPDM rubber. Standard kit features include a coppertop connector, tin-plated copper loadbreak probe with an ablative arc-follower tip and a stainless steel reinforced pulling-eye. An optional capacitive test point, made of corrosion resistant plastic, is available for use with fault indicators (see Catalog Sections 320-40 and 320-42).

Cable ranges are designed to accept a wide range of cable conductor and insulation sizes with just three elbows and accommodate cable manufactured to either **AEIC** or **ICEA** standards.

The coppertop compression connector is a standard item to transition from the cable to the loadbreak probe. An aluminum crimp barrel is inertia-welded to a copper lug. The aluminum barrel makes the connector easy to crimp and the copper lug ensures a reliable, tight, cool operating connection with the loadbreak probe.



Figure 1

Figure 1A

**Figure 1.**  
POSI-BREAK Loadbreak Elbow Connector with optional integral jacket seal and without test point.  
**Figure 1A**  
POSI-BREAK Loadbreak Elbow without jacket seal and with test point.

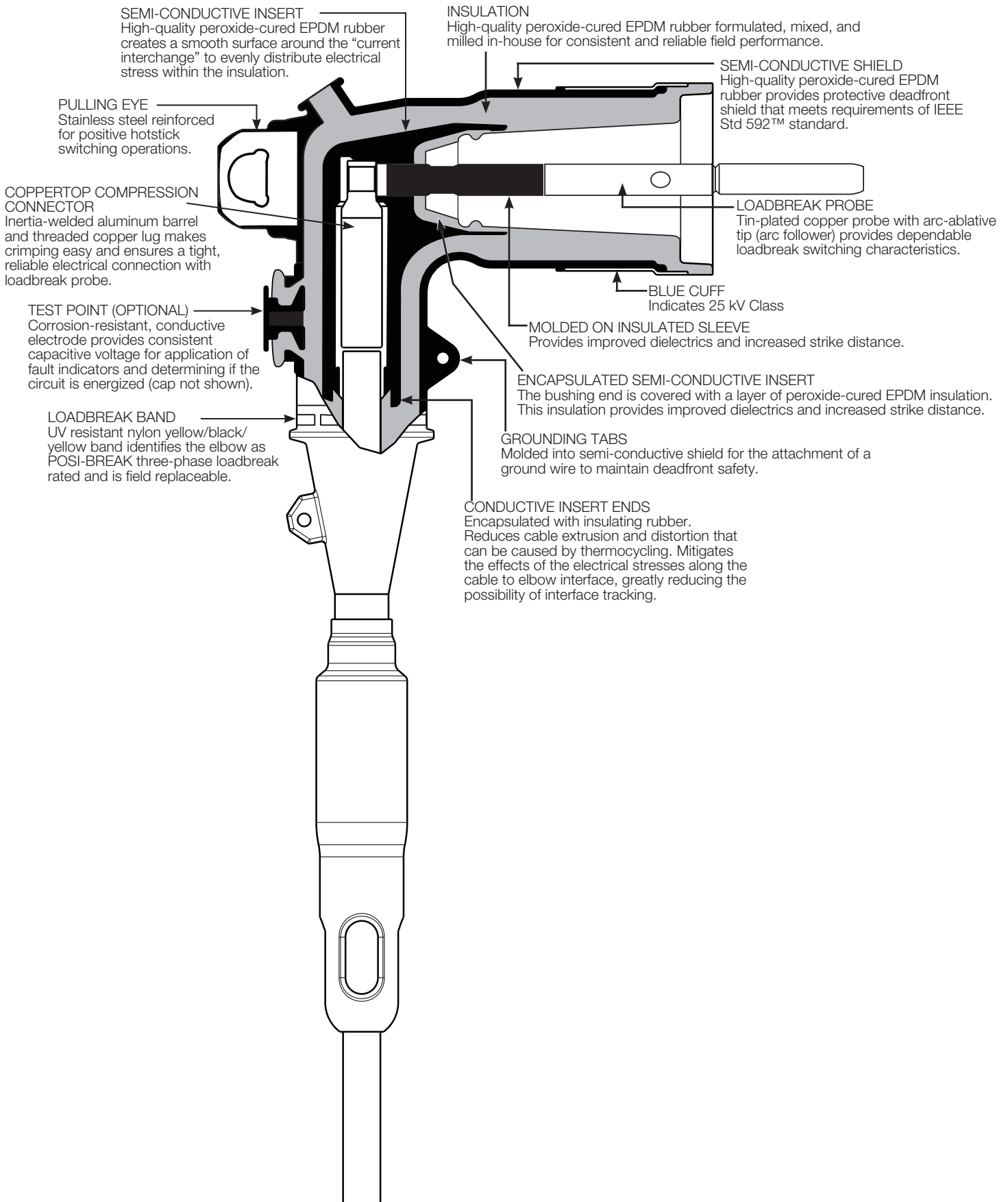
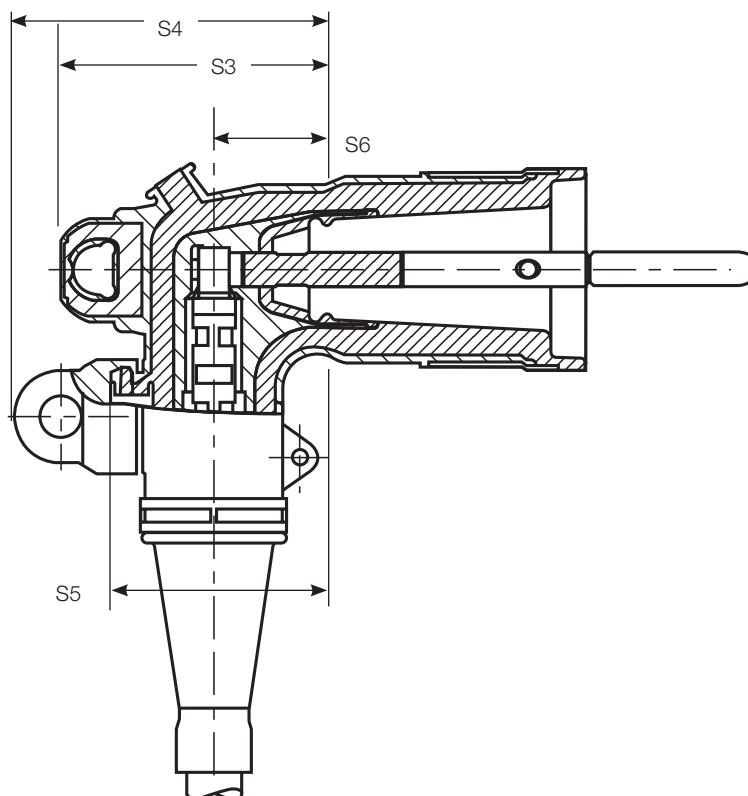


Figure 2.  
POSI-BREAK elbow cutaway drawing illustrates design detail.



S Dim.	25 kV
S3	3.86" (98.04 mm)
S4	4.54" (115.32 mm)
S5	3.14" (79.76 mm)
S6	1.64" (41.66 mm)

NOTE: Dimensions given are for reference only.

Figure 3.  
POSI-BREAK Elbow profile and stacking dimensions as referenced in IEEE Std 386™ standard.

## RETROFIT

The POSI-BREAK Elbow can be used to upgrade or replace existing elbows without having to re-strip the medium-voltage cable.

See installation sheet, S500-10-7 for retrofit and installation details.

## OPTIONAL INTEGRAL JACKET SEAL

The optional integral jacket seal provides a quick and easy means of sealing the cable jacket to prevent moisture ingress. Our jacket seal is molded to the loadbreak elbow eliminating the need for separate cable sealing products. It's available with braided ground strap/bleeder wire for terminating Tape shielded cable. (See Figure 5.)

## INSTALLATION

Cable stripping and scoring tools, available from various tool manufacturers, are recommended for use when installing loadbreak elbows. After preparing the cable, the elbow housing is pushed onto the cable. The loadbreak probe is threaded into the coppertop connector using the supplied installation tool or an approved

equivalent. Use a hotstick to perform loadmake and loadbreak operations. Refer to Installation Sheet S500-10-7 for details.

## OPERATING INTERFACE AC WITHSTAND TEST

POSI-BREAK Elbows and Caps from Cooper Power Systems have successfully passed the "Operating Interface AC Withstand Test" to the more stringent Option B at 30 kV test level. This test, Annex B of IEEE Std 386™-2006 standard, ensures that POSI-BREAK will eliminate partial vacuum related flashovers in the field.

TABLE 1  
Voltage Ratings and Characteristics

Description	kV
Standard Voltage Class	25
Maximum Rating Phase-to-Phase	26.3
Maximum Rating Phase-to-Ground	15.2
AC 60 Hz 1 Minute Withstand	40
DC 15 Minute Withstand	78
BIL and Full Wave Crest	125
Minimum Corona Voltage Level	19

Voltage ratings and characteristics are in accordance with IEEE Std 386™ standard

## PRODUCTION TESTS

Tests conducted in accordance with IEEE Std 386™ standard:

- AC 60 Hz 1 Minute Withstand
  - 40 kV
- Minimum Corona Voltage Level
  - 19 kV
- Test Point Voltage Test

Tests conducted in accordance with Cooper Power Systems requirements:

- Physical Inspection
- Periodic Dissection
- Periodic X-ray Analysis

TABLE 2  
Current Ratings and Characteristics

Description	Amperes
Continuous	200 A rms
Switching	10 operations at 200 A rms at 26.3 kV
Fault Closure	10,000 A rms symmetrical at 26.3 kV for 0.17 s after 10 switching operations
Short Time	10,000 A rms symmetrical for 0.17 s
	3,500 A rms symmetrical for 3.0 s

Current ratings and characteristics are in accordance with IEEE Std 386™ standard.

ORDERING INFORMATION

The POSI-BREAK elbow kits are packaged in a heavy duty polyethylene bag. There are 20 bagged kits to a carton. Individual boxed kits are also available by special part number. To order a 25 kV Class POSI-BREAK Loadbreak Elbow Kit follow the easy steps below.

Each kit contains:

- Standard Elbow Body or Elbow Body with Jacket Seal
- Coppertop Compression Connector
- Loadbreak Probe
- Probe Installation Tool
- Silicone Lubricant
- Mastic Strips (**Jacket Seal Elbow Only**)
- Installation Instruction Sheet

**STEP 1:** Determine the cable’s diameter over the electrical insulation as shown in Figure 4 (including tolerances) from cable manufacturer. Then identify a cable range from Table 3 that brackets the minimum and maximum insulation diameters. Select the CABLE RANGE CODE from the far right column.

**STEP 2:** Identify the conductor size and type in Table 4 and select the CONDUCTOR CODE from the far right column.

**STEP 3:** For a POSI-BREAK elbow kit with a capacitive test point order:

PLE225	CABLE RANGE CODE	CONDUCTOR CODE	T

For a POSI-BREAK elbow kit with integral jacket seal and capacitive test point order:

PLEJ225	CABLE RANGE CODE	CONDUCTOR CODE	T

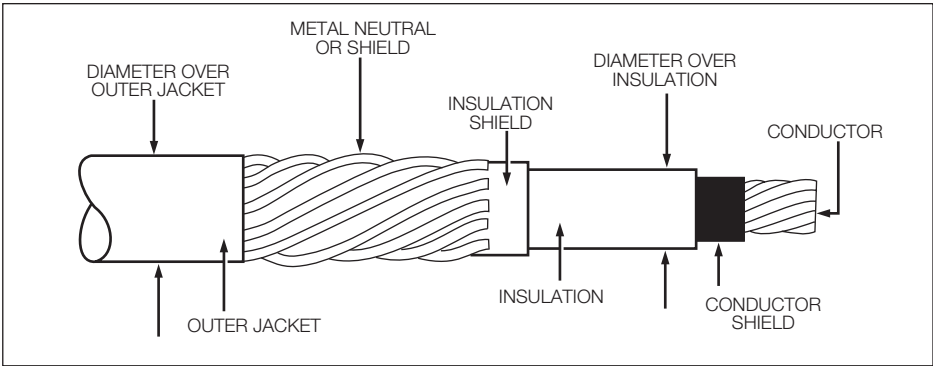


Figure 4. Illustration showing typical construction of medium voltage underground cable.

For a POSI-BREAK elbow kit without a capacitive test point order:

PLE225	CABLE RANGE CODE	CONDUCTOR CODE

For a POSI-BREAK elbow kit with integral jacket seal without a capacitive test point order:

PLEJ225	CABLE RANGE CODE	CONDUCTOR CODE

For a POSI-BREAK elbow kit without a compression connector, use “00” for the conductor code.

For a POSI-BREAK elbow kit with a hold down bail assembly included, insert a “B” after the test point option code.

**STEP 4:** For optional braided ground strap/bleeder wire for terminating tape shielded cable, Insert “GS” after test point and/or bail option code. (**Integral Jacket Seal Elbow Only**)

**STEP 5:** (Optional) For a POSI-BREAK elbow kit individually packaged in a corrugated cardboard box, insert an “X” as the last character in the part number.

TABLE 3  
Cable Range for Loadbreak Elbow

Inches	Millimeters	Cable Range Code
0.610" - 0.970"	15.5 - 24.6	AB
0.750" - 1.080"	19.1 - 27.4	CC
0.920 - 1.310"	23.3 - 33.2	DD

**TABLE 4**  
**Conductor Size and Type**

Class B Stranded or Compressed		Compact or Solid		CONDUCTOR CODE
AWG	mm <sup>2</sup>	AWG	mm <sup>2</sup>	
No Connector				00
#6	16	#4	—	01
#4	—	#3	25	02
#3	25	#2	35	03
#2	35	#1	—	04
#1	—	1/0	50	05
1/0	50	2/0	70	06
2/0	70	3/0	—	07
3/0	—	4/0	95	08
4/0	95	250	120	09
250*	120	300	—	10

\*Compressed stranding only.

**Note:** Coppertop compression connector may be used on both aluminum and copper cable conductors.

**EXAMPLE:** Select an integral jacket seal POSI-BREAK elbow kit with a capacitive test point for use on a #1 compact cable with a minimum insulation diameter of 0.770" and a maximum diameter of 0.830".

**STEP 1:** From Table 3, identify the cable range 0.610"—0.970" and select the "AB" CABLE RANGE CODE.

**STEP 2:** The conductor size is a #1 and the type is compact.

From Table 4, under the column "Compact or Solid" identify #1 and select the "04" conductor code.

**STEP 3:** Order catalog number.

**PLEJ225AB04T**

TABLE 5  
Replacement 2.88” Long Coppertop Connectors

Conductor Size				Catalog Number
Concentric or Compressed		Compact or Solid		
AWG	mm2	AWG	mm2	
#6	16	#4	—	CC2C01T
#4	—	#3	25	CC2C02T
#3	25	#2	35	CC2C03T
#2	35	#1	—	CC2C04T
#1	—	1/0	50	CC2C05T
1/0	50	2/0	70	CC2C06T
2/0	70	3/0	—	CC2C07T
3/0	—	4/0	95	CC2C08T
4/0	96	250	120	CC2C09T
250*	120	300	—	CC2C10T

\* Compressed stranding only.  
**Note:** Coppertop compression connector may be used on both aluminum and copper cable conductors.

TABLE 6  
Replacement Parts

Description	Catalog Number
Loadbreak Probe Installation Tool	2602733A01
Insulated Loadbreak Probe Only	2639515B01
Probe Kit (includes Insulated Probe, Installation Tool, Silicone Lubricant, Installation Instruction Sheet)	PKPB225
Silicone Grease 0.175 oz tube (5 grams) 5.3 oz tube (150 grams)	2603393A03 2605670A02M
Test Point Cap	2605725A54
Includes Ground Braid, Constant Force Spring and Mastic	GRDBRAIDKIT

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Figure 5.  
Braided ground strap kit.

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