

Policy Newsletter

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Policy updates

Ref.	Issue	Title
CP430-1	3	OHL Technique 551 – Fitting Wedge Tap Connector Bails (Dead Work)
ES400 C8	9	LV Service Cables
ES400 C9	13	11kV Distribution Cables
ES400 J3	3	LV Cable Joints: Plastic Shells for Resin Encapsulation



The changes listed here have been approved by the Policy Approval Panel.



Please ensure you understand and implement these changes.

CP430-1: OHLT551 – Fitting wedge tap connectors

We've updated the installation technique to include new copper wedge-type bails for use with copper conductors.

- Safety information updated
- Details on new copper wedge-type bails, their sizing and commodity codes included (Note – installation method remains same as for the AL / Bimetallic versions)
- Crimped versions kit in as alternative for copper conductors
- Tables and headers updated for clarity

If this applies to you, please ensure you read the updated document.



Ensure you select the correct wedge tap connector for the conductor. Selection of the wrong type could lead to failure due to bimetallic corrosion.

Aluminium wedge tap connectors are for use on ALUMINIUM CONDUCTORS ONLY – see [Table 1](#).

Copper wedge tap connectors are for use on COPPER CONDUCTORS ONLY – see [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#).

Electricity Specification updates

We've updated several Electricity Specifications this month. You can find a summary of these changes below.

Doc ref	Title	Update
ES400 C8	LV Service Cables	Addition of CC371000 for 16mm ² Cu SCNE cable with LSOH sheath.
ES400 C9	11kV Distribution Cables	Commodity code for 400Cu triplex cable added in Appendix A.
ES400 J3	LV Cable Joint Shells	Specification review for a commercial tender event. Preference for vertically split mains cable joint shells added.

Minor policy updates

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**Template
update**

The document has been updated to the new template as part of the review process. No technical changes have been made to the content.

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