

BOWTHORPE HD Series Line Taps

The original New Zealand line tap tried and trusted by overhead lines engineers and linesmen since 1959



The safe and reliable operation of electricity distribution lines depends on the quality of overhead line fittings.

Over the years, BOWTHORPE HD Series Line Taps have earned an enviable record for robustness and reliability in New Zealand and overseas.

BOWTHORPE HD Series Line Taps have been used extensively across New Zealand electricity distribution networks since 1959. They have a long-term trouble free record in a wide variety of operating conditions.

They have also proven themselves to provide an inexpensive and lasting solution. They can be quickly and easily installed (and removed) without the need for special tools.

BOWTHORPE HD Series Line Taps are made in New Zealand from a particular grade of brass extrusion

also made in New Zealand. Every step of the manufacturing process, including the metallurgy, extrusion, machining, tinning and assembly, is critical to the performance of the product. Exacting quality control procedures are applied throughout to provide assurance that BOWTHORPE HD Series Line Taps conform to specification and can be relied on during installation and in service.

This also allows relatively high torque settings to be specified to provide assurance of correct installation time after time without damaging the conductor.

Five sizes cover all conductors from 4 – 120 mm².

BOWTHORPE HD Line Taps have been type tested for 1,000 hours of heat-cycling, to the latest version of BS 3288.1.

Note: all genuine BOWTHORPE HD Series Line Taps are marked with the name “BOWTHORPE”

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Type	Hiko code	Pack Quantity	Cross Section, mm ²		Application Range Diameter, mm		Diameter, mm		Recommended Torque Setting, Nm	
			Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
HD9	BL500	500	4	7	2.7	4.0	7 / 0.91	7 / 1.12	5	7
HD10	BL510	200	10	16	3.8	5.8	7 / 1.32	7 / 1.75	12	15
HD12	BL520	150	16	25	4.3	6.6	7 / 1.63	7 / 2.14	14	18
HD12A	BL530	100	16	35	5.3	8.1	7 / 1.70	19 / 1.63	25	30
HD13	BL540	50	25	50	6.6	10.1	7 / 2.11	19 / 1.83	40	45
HD14	BL550	50	35	70	7.3	11.1	19 / 1.53	19 / 2.14	60	65
HD15	BL565	25	50	95	8.8	13.4	19 / 1.75	37 / 1.83	100	110
HD18	BL575	25	70	120	10.5	16.1	19 / 2.11	37 / 2.11	100	110

Palms for HD Series Line Taps

Type	Hiko code	Description
HD10P	BL760	For HD10 Line Tap
HD12P	BL765	For HD12 Line Tap
HD12AP	BL770	For HD12A Line Tap
HD14P	BL775	For HD14 Line Tap
HD12APTH	BL900	Braised palm for HD12A Line Tap
HD12A&P	BL920	Palm assembly with HD12A Line Tap



HD Series Line Taps variants

Type	Hiko code	Description	Thread Size
HD12TC	BL610	HD12 with drilled and tapped head	5/16" Whit
HD12ATC	BL620	HD12A with drilled and tapped head	3/8" Whit
HD12ATCS	BL680	HD12A with attached stud and nut	3/8" Whit



Pole-mounted earth and neutral bars for HD Series Line Taps

Type	Hiko code	Description
ETB/3	BL740	Earth bar for 3x HD12A Line Taps
ETB/4	BL741	Earth bar for 4x HD14 Line Taps
ETB/312	BL742	Earth bar for 6x HD14 Line Taps
ETB/4WAY	BL743	Earth bar for 4x HD12A Line Taps
A6134	BL779	Neutral bar with 4x M8 bolts tapped



Other literature available on request

Type test reports, drawings