# Condenser Tube Plugging with High Confidence (Patented Technology)

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# The Significance of Condenser Tube Plugging

- Condenser reliability and availability
- The real cost of condenser tube failure
  - Damage to major plant components
  - Contamination of high purity steam
  - Loss of MW production and revenue





#### A Plug for Every Tube

When you need to seal off a leaking or damaged tube Conco is your one-stop source

- Multiple designs
- Variety of materials
- Configuration for any condenser specification





#### **Determining the Correct Plug**

# From the condenser manufacturer's data sheet determine the correct plug

- Tube size and tube/tubesheet materials
- Maximum operating pressure and temperature
- Purpose and location of plug





#### Plug Specifications

Sized to specific Tube O.D., I.D. and BWG

Materials must not have galvanic reaction with Tube wall or Tubesheet

Certified to withstand maximum operating pressure and temperature

#### Designed to match application

- Tube and/or tubesheet plugging
- Temporary or permanent plugging
- Plugging coated tubes/tubesheets
- Placed flush with or recessed past tubesheet
- Placed deep inside tube



#### Type of Plugs

High Confidence



Expanding



• Fiber







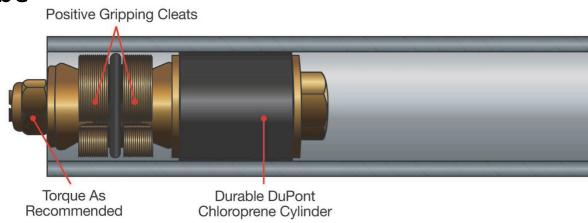
#### **Common Characteristics**

- Temporary or permanent plugging
- Compatible with coated tubes and tubesheets (except Fiber, Pin and Pin and Collar)
- Tested under pressure, temperature and vibration conditions common in the steam surface condenser
- Metal components available in titanium,
   304 and 316 stainless steel, brass and bronze



#### High Confidence Tube Plugs

- For  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19 mm) through  $\frac{1^{1}}{4}$ " (32 mm) O.D. tubes
- Separate gripping and sealing designs
- Wrench or socket torques plug into position
- Serrated adjustable cleats for positive gripping action
- Chloroprene cylinder expands to seal tube
- Tested to 1,000 PSI (69 BAR) and 200° F (93° C)

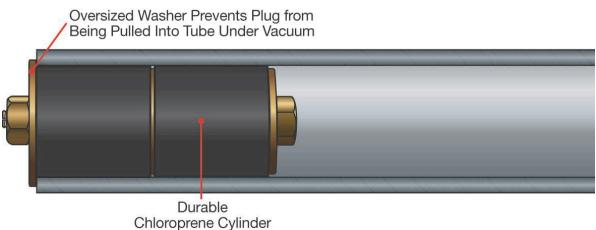




#### EX-3 Expanding Tube Plugs

- For  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16 mm) through  $\frac{1^{1}}{4}$ " (32 mm) O.D. tubes
- Large outer washer holds plug flush with tubesheet
- Wrench or socket torques plug into position
- Chloroprene cylinders expand to seal tube
- Tested to 150 PSI (10 BAR) and 200° F (93° C)

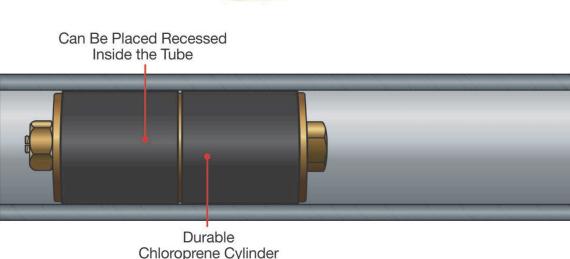






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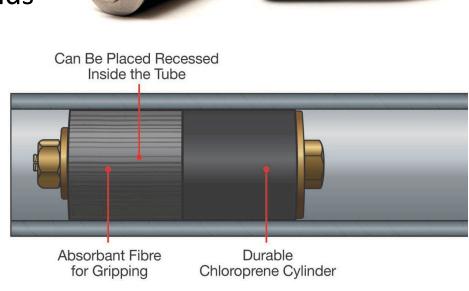
- For  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16 mm) through  $\frac{1^{1}}{4}$ " (32 mm) O.D. tubes
- Can be recessed past tubesheet
- Wrench or socket torques plug into position
- Chloroprene cylinders expand to seal tube
- Tested to 150 PSI (10 BAR) and 200° F (93° C)





#### **EX-F Expanding Tube Plugs**

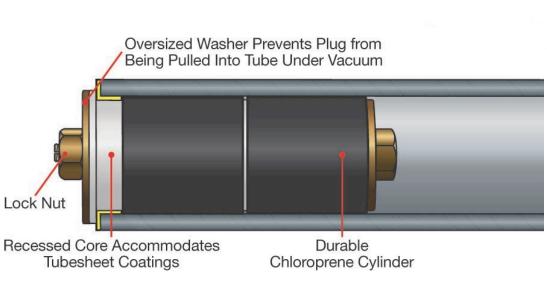
- For  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16 mm) through  $\frac{1^{1}}{4}$ " (32 mm) O.D. tubes
- Can be recessed past tubesheet
- Separate gripping and sealing designs
- Wrench or socket torques plug into position
- Vulcanized cloth fiber expands when wet for positive gripping action
- Chloroprene cylinder expands to seal tube
- Tested to 400 PSI (28 BAR) and 200° F (93° C)





### Custom Expanding Tube Plugs Produced for EDF

- For <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (19 mm) O.D. tubes
- Large outer washer holds plug flush with tubesheet
- Lock nut provides secure installation
- Wrench or socket torques plug into position
- Chloroprene cylinder expands to seal tube
- Tested to 150 PSI (10 BAR) and 200° F (93° C)





# Installation of EX-3, EX-4, EX-F and Custom Expanding Tube Plugs

- Clean and dry the last 3" of the tube
- Expand the Chloroprene cylinder(s) for a snug fit
- Insert the plug into the tube
  - Washer flush with tubesheet (EX-3 and Custom)
  - Plug recessed below tubesheet (EX-4 and EX-F)
- Tighten the nut firmly
- Use a torque wrench to verify torque is not above 150 inch pounds









#### Rapid Installation Expanding Tube Plugs

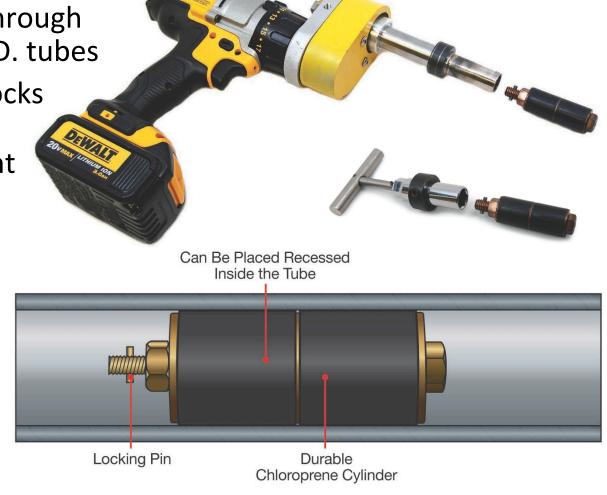
 For 1" (25 mm) through 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (32 mm) O.D. tubes

 Plug thread pin locks onto application tool for placement

 Can be recessed past tubesheet

 Application tool torques plug into position

 Chloroprene cylinder expands to seal tube

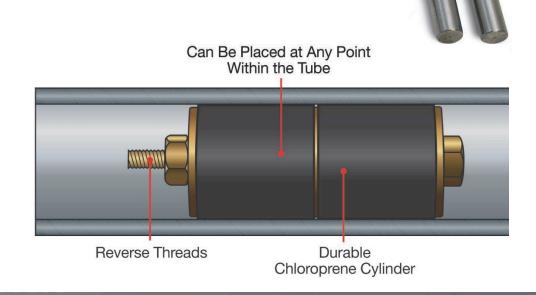




# Reverse Thread Expanding Tube Plugs

- For  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16 mm) through  $\frac{1^{1}}{4}$ " (32 mm) O.D. tubes
- Plug reverse threads onto application tool for placement
- Application tool torques plug into position
- Can be placed at any point within the tube
- Chloroprene cylinder expands to seal tube
- Tested to

   150 PSI
   (10 BAR) and
   200° F (93° C)

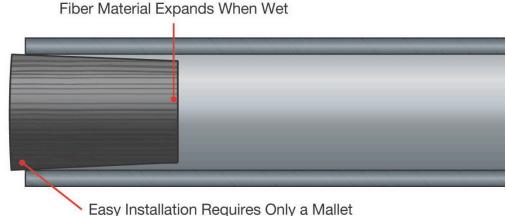




#### Fiber Tube Plugs

- For 5/8" (16 mm) through 11/4" (32 mm)
- Made of vulcanized cloth fiber rod
- Hammered into position
- Vulcanized cloth fiber expands when wet for increased gripping and sealing action
- Tested to 400 PSI (28 BAR) and 230° F (110° C)



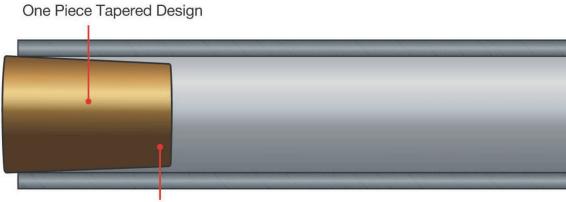




#### Pin Tube Plugs

- For  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16 mm) through  $\frac{1^{1}}{4}$ " (32 mm) O.D. tubes
- Hammered into position
- Can be welded into place
- Machined to exact specifications
- Tested at high pressures and temperatures





Seals at High Temperatures

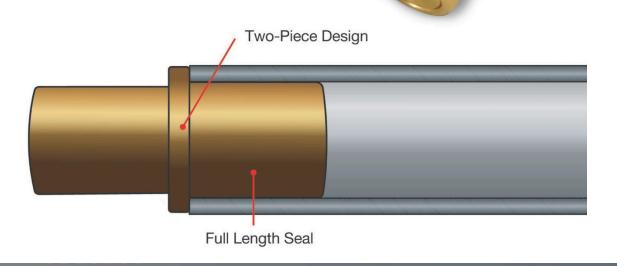


#### Pin and Collar Tube Plugs

• For  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16 mm) through  $\frac{1^{1}}{4}$ " (32 mm) O.D. tubes

Hammered into position

- Can be welded into place
- Machined to exact specifications
- Tested at high pressures and temperatures
- Can be used to seal tubesheet holes





# Moving Ahead to Achieve High Confidence Tube Plugging

- Each tube requires two plugs (inlet and outlet)
- Tubesheet maps are useful for installation placement and record
- 2% of the total number of tubes is a basic recommendation for on-site inventory (25,000 tubes x 0.02 = 500 plugs)
- Assistance in reviewing current tube plugging program is available

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