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UNDERWATER ELECTRICAL AND FIBER OPTIC CONNECTORS



## FIELD INSTALLABLE

UNDERWATER ELECTRICAL DRY-MATE CONNECTORS

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## INTRODUCTION

In recent years the search for oil has required operations in progressively deeper waters by mobile offshore drilling units. Drilling at these depths places strong demands on equipment, particularly the cable and connectors that link subsea operations to the surface. **SEA CON®** addressed the equipment problem by developing an underwater connector system with high reliability, improved condition assessment capability and better maintainability. **SEA CON®**'s next-generation multiplex (MUX) cable termination system is the tangible result of the company's ability to apply real-world operator field experience to its product design and produce a step-change improvement in connector performance.

**SEA CON®**'s range of MUX systems consist of 1 Atmosphere and Positively Pressurized (RUFF-NEK) connector solutions as well as the new underwater cable termination system which consists of the Armor Termination Assembly (ATA), Breakaway unit and RUFF-NEK connector.

The RUFF-NEK connector is an electro/optical/mechanical termination that contains an integral system that does not rely on separate external compensator systems to apply a constant overpressure (internal pressure greater than external pressure) to the end of the cable and termination volume. The overpressure is maintained at up to 60 psi over ambient pressure and helps to prevent water intrusion into the termination chamber that could be caused by flooding of the conductor strands (in the event of cable jacket and conductor insulation breach) or by seal failure. In the cable termination system the ATA is affixed to a clevis mount (padeye) at a convenient location on the BOP (Blow Out Prevention) stack while the RUFF-NEK connector mates to either a transformer module, crossover or directly to the subsea electronics module (pod). The orientation aspect that can be a problem with a conventional connector is eliminated due to the breakaway unit that interfaces the ATA with the BOP, enabling a connection in 90-degree intervals.

There are many benefits to the cable termination system including a lighter, more manageable connector, separate armor termination function from electrical connector function and a controlled breakaway function.

Every static seal is redundant (e.g., dual versus single o-ring) for maximum reliability, and everywhere possible, the seals are testable to enable verification of seal integrity off the critical path. The RUFF-NEK connector provides visual verification of positive pressure over ambient. It also includes the ability to electrically check for fluid contamination without opening the connector.

## AVAILABILITY

Connector materials include 316 Stainless Steel, 17-4PH Stainless Steel, Titanium, Neoprene, Nitrile (formerly known as Buna N) and Hypalon, however other materials are available for different environments. The materials used in the manufacture enable the connector to have a design life of 20 years.

The connectors can be rated up to 20,000 psi has many standard configurations (e.g., 6#10 electrical contacts and 8 fiber optic channels or 12#16 electrical channels) and is available with single or dual-pressure compensated chambers.

Due to the absence of a requirement for resins and molding, the connector has a fully field-installable capability. In the event of a complete failure or loss of compensation medium, secondary seals on the electrical contacts allow operation even with a flooded connector.

## APPLICATIONS

**SEA CON®**'s Field Installable products are suitable for offshore harsh environment applications including drilling rigs and drilling vessels.

## TESTING

The ability for the connector to operate in a flooded condition was proven in qualification. Testing included operational testing at pressure both with no compensating fluid and in a flooded condition.

The strength of the ATA was tested in a simulated operating environment. The test showed that the initial design could transmit in excess of 16,000 pounds and enabled an initial operating rating of 8,000 pounds, although different ratings are available on request.

Testing was also conducted to ensure that the cable separated from the connector without damage to the pod. The results showed that no damage occurred to interfacing components when the cable pulled out at approximately 700 pounds.

Pressure testing of the the RUFF-NEK connector was also conducted to a simulated operating environment of 7,500 psi, equivalent to 10,000 feet operating depth and also 8,400 psi, simulating 15,000 feet depth.

## SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

The ATA was designed to be an integral part of the MUX umbilical cable termination system shown in Figure 1. The Armor Termination Assembly is secured to the riser or control system framework using a Breakaway Unit that is designed to separate at a defined load. The smaller, more manageable RUFF-NEK is then routed and connected. In the case of accidental BOP droppage, the Breakaway Unit shears and the unarmored section of cable pulls out of the RUFF-NEK.

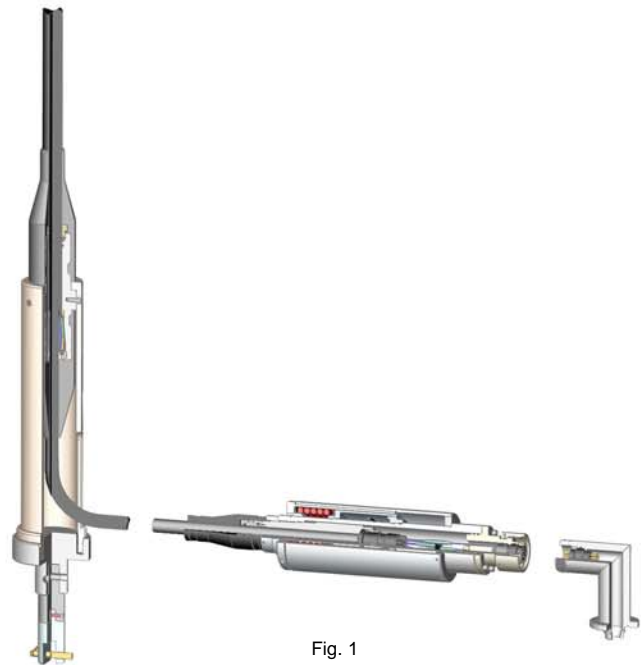


Fig. 1

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## BREAKAWAY UNIT

### SHEAR-PIN BREAKAWAY POINT FOR ARMOR SECTION OF DEEPWATER MUX CABLES



*Breakaway Unit mounted to lower end of Armor Termination Assembly (ATA)*

## DESCRIPTION

The **Breakaway Unit** provides a means of reducing the damage caused when extreme MUX cable tension breaks a termination. The unit is designed to anchor an **Armor Termination Unit** to a clevis mount at the Subsea end of a riser or control system framework. The breakaway concept is based on shear pin technology. Shear pin material with a low ultimate/yield strength ratio is used to increase accuracy of targeted breaking load.

## KEY FEATURES

- Overall Length: 6.4"
- Overall Diameter: 1.6"
- Replaceable shear pin
- Non-destructive failure mode
- Depth Rating: Full Ocean Depth
- Field Installable (no compounds)
- 17-4 PH SST shear pin
- 1/2" clevis mount lower, 3/8" pin upper
- Interfaces with **SEA CON®** Armor Termination Assembly

## DESIGN RATINGS & TESTING

- Laboratory tested breaking strength: 8,000 lb
- Design life: 20 years

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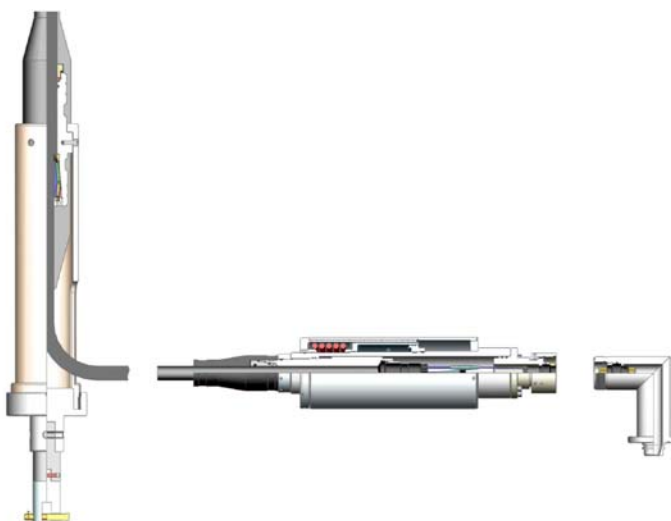
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### MATERIALS

- Body: 316 SST
- Shear Pin: 17-4 PH SST

### PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The **Breakaway Unit** was designed to be an integral part of the MUX umbilical cable termination system shown below. The **Armor Termination Assembly** is secured to the riser or control system framework using a **Breakaway Unit** that is designed to separate at a defined load. The smaller, more manageable **FITA** is then routed and connected. In the case of accidental BOP droppage, the **Breakaway Unit** shears and the unarmored section of cable pulls out of the **FITA**.



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## ARMOR TERMINATION ASSEMBLY (ATA)

### SEPARATED ARMOR TERMINATION POINT FOR CONTRA-HELICAL ARMOR-WOUND DEEPWATER MUX CABLES



ATA termination to electrical MUX cable

#### DESCRIPTION

The **ATA** allows contra-helical armor to be terminated a distance away from the end electrical connection of a MUX umbilical cable. This makes terminated cable handling much more manageable, and provides an emergency break-away point which preserves SEM integrity. The interior armor 'plug' is mechanical, no epoxy is used. The dual-cone technology assures holding strengths exceeding 75% of cable breaking strength.

#### KEY FEATURES

- Overall Length: 27"
- Overall Diameter: 4.75" at Base
- Interfaces with **SEA CON® Breakaway Unit**
- Dual cone, mechanical armor plug
- Overall boot sealed
- Depth Rating: Full Ocean Depth
- Compatible with embedded and non-embedded MUX cables
- Field Installable (no compounds)

#### DESIGN RATINGS & TESTING

- Breaking Strength cable dependent
- Qualification tested breaking strength: 16,900 lb. with armor breakage failure mode
- Design life: 20 years
- Designed for easy adaptability to cable variations

#### MATERIALS

- 15-7 SST, 316 SST, 17-4 PH SST, CA630
- Elastomer: Neoprene, Nitrile

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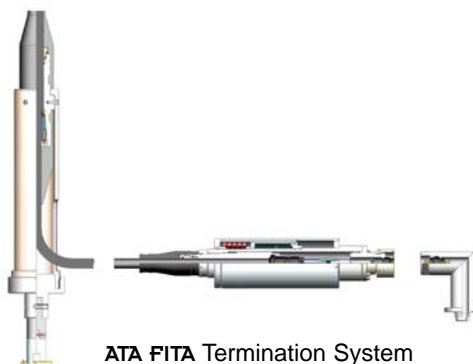
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### PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The **ATA** was designed to be an integral part of the MUX umbilical cable termination system shown below. The **Armor Termination Assembly** is secured to the riser or control system framework using a **Breakaway Unit** that is designed to separate at a defined load. The smaller, more manageable **FITA** is then routed and connected. In the case of accidental BOP droppage, the **Breakaway Unit** shears and the unarmored section of cable pulls out of the **FITA**.



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### CABLE TYPES

- NSW 116351
- NSW 116372
- NSW 116373
- NSW 116375
- NSW 116380
- NSW 938600
- OYO GEOSPACE 472-00050-XX-YY
- Rochester A304485
- Rochester A304739
- Rochester A304862
- Rochester A305605
- Rochester A305614
- Rochester A306393
- Rochester A306660
- Rochester A307243
- Rochester A307472
- Rochester A307631
- Vector A71033
- Vector A72022
- Vector A72023

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**FIELD INSTALLABLE & TESTABLE ASSEMBLY (FITA)  
POSITIVELY COMPENSATED (60 PSI OVER AMBIENT),  
DEEPWATER MUX CABLE CONNECTOR***FITA terminated to electrical MUX cable***DESCRIPTION**

The **FITA** connector is an electrical termination that maintains a constant positive pressure inside the oil-filled connector cavity. Positive pressure, maintained at 60 psi using a spring-loaded piston, deters water ingress from conductor interstices and other sources. Inside the connector, advanced conductor booting technology assures functionality even when the **FITA** is water-flooded. The **FITA** is field installable and testable. Dual barrier seals are used throughout the connector.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Overall Length: 21"
- Overall Diameter: 4.2"
- Pressure Compensated Chambers
- Megger Test Pin allows testing for water-flooding while mated
- Depth Rating: 10,000 ft.
- Voltage: 600 V / Current: 15 A
- 12#16 Electrical Contacts, new version to include fiber optic contacts
- Modular cable terminations and Field Installable (no compounds)

**DESIGN RATINGS & TESTING**

- Design life: 20 years
- Qualification tested to 7,500 psi. Design pressure: 20,000 psi.
- Secondary seals on electrical contacts allow for operation even water flooded
- Test ports for O-rings
- Connector Insulation Resistance: >100 Megohms @ 500 VDC
- Cable Pullout Load: 700 lbs.
- Qualification tested in ice bath, chamber water-filled, then oil-filled

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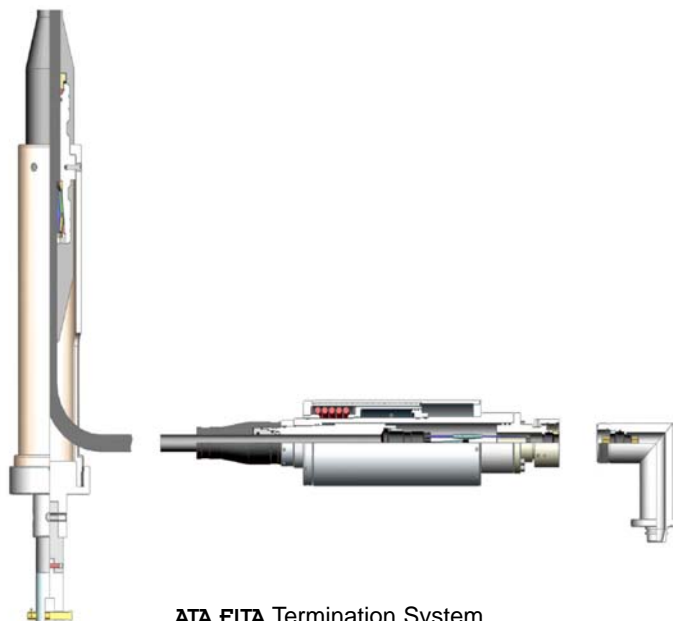
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### MATERIALS

- 15-5 PH SST, 316 SST, 17-4 PH SST, CA360
- Elastomer: Neoprene, Nitrile
- Electrical Insert: Glass Re-enforced Epoxy

### PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The **FITA** was designed to be an integral part of the MUX umbilical cable termination system shown below. The **Armor Termination Assembly** is secured to the riser or control system framework using a **Breakaway Unit** that is designed to separate at a defined load. The smaller, more manageable **FITA** is then routed and connected. In the case of accidental BOP droppage, the **Breakaway Unit** shears and the unarmored section of cable pulls out of the **FITA**.



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# RIGHT ANGLE FLANGED CONNECTOR RECEPTACLE

## SEM-MOUNTED ELECTRICAL BULKHEAD CONNECTION FOR DEEPWATER MUX CABLE CONNECTOR



*Right Angle FCR mated to FITA*

### DESCRIPTION

The Right Angle FCR gives the flexibility to route a MUX connector / cable in a more manageable fashion. The receptacle mounts to existing hole penetrations on subsea modules. The connection side of the receptacle interfaces with **SEA CON**®'s standard **MSS** Cable Connector Plug line. Standard body material is passivated 316 SST although other materials are available upon request.

### KEY FEATURES

- Dimensions (MSSL): 5.8" x 4.5" x 2.0"
- 3.0" 6-Bolt Flange
- Maximum Voltage: 600 VDC
- Currently available with 12#16 AWG contacts. Fiber Optic development underway
- Depth Rating: 20,000 psi mated, 5,000 psi open-face
- Mounts in standard **MSS** cavity
- Resistant to back-pressure

### DESIGN RATINGS & TESTING

- Design Pressure: 7,500 psi
- Design life: 20 years
- Elbow weld on each unit dye penetrant tested and seal tested

### MATERIALS

- Shell: 316 SST
- Insert: Glass Re-enforced Epoxy

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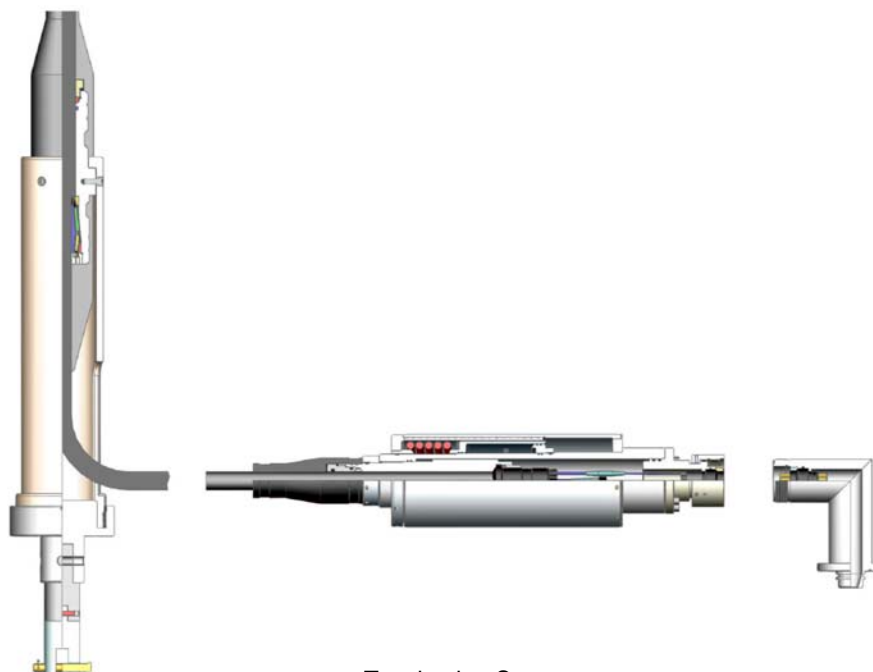
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### DESIGN RATINGS

The Right Angle FCR was designed to be an integral part of the MUX umbilical cable termination system shown below. The **Armor Termination Assembly** is secured to the riser or control system framework using a **Breakaway Unit** that is designed to separate at a defined load. The smaller, more manageable **FITA** is then routed and connected. In the case of accidental BOP droppage, the **Breakaway Unit** shears and the unarmored section of cable pulls out of the **FITA**.



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## MSSQ FLANGED CONNECTOR RECEPTACLE

### SEM-MOUNTED ELECTRICAL BULKHEAD CONNECTION FOR DEEPWATER MUX CABLE CONNECTOR



MSSQ-FCR

#### DESCRIPTION

The **MSSQ-FCR** has been part of **SEA CON**®'s standard product line for over 30 years and has been used for connection to MUX cable connectors in the drilling industry for more than 10 years. The receptacle mounts to existing hole penetrations on many subsea modules. The connection side of the receptacle interfaces with **SEA CON**®'s standard **MSSQ** Cable Connector Plug line. Typical connection is to a **MSSQ-RUFF-NEK**, positive pressure compensated MUX cable connector. The **MSSQ** series of MUX terminations is available with electrical contacts only and electrical-fiber optic hybrids. Standard body material is passivated 316 SST although other materials are available upon request.

#### KEY FEATURES

- Mates to **MSSQ-RUFF-NEK** MUX cable connector
- Depth Rating: 20,000 psi mated, 5,000 psi open-face
- Mounting o-ring test port
- Mounts in standard **MSSQ** cavity, and others - see *AVAILABLE CONFIGURATIONS*
- Dual o-ring seals throughout

#### DESIGN RATINGS & TESTING

- Design pressure varies depending on application.  
5000 psi standard
- Design life: 20 years
- Conductor Insulation Resistance:  
>1,000 Mohms @ 500 VDC

#### MATERIALS

- Shell: Standard 316 SST, custom materials available
- Electrical contacts: Gold-plated copper
- Internal stainless steel parts: 302, 304, 316, 15-7 PH
- O-Rings: Nitrile (formerly known as Buna N)
- Insert: Glass Reinforced Epoxy
- Optical Contacts: Zirconia ceramic

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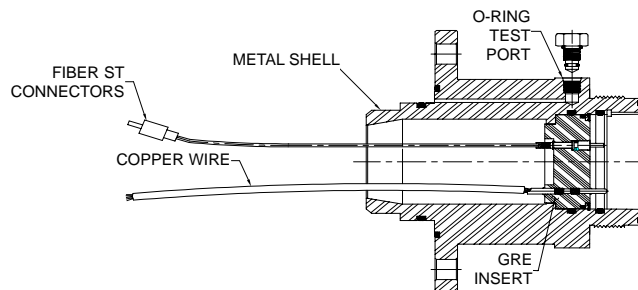
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### PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The **MSSQ-FCR** uses flange-mounting to secure it to a bulkhead or vessel. Flange diameter varies depending on the application. Dual o-rings; one radial and one facial, provide sealing of the base. These o-rings are testable via the test port seen in Figure 2. A glass reinforced epoxy (GRE) 'insert' provides electrical isolation. The mating side of the receptacle, shown on the right, also uses radial and facial o-rings for sealing to the cable connector plug (CCP).



Electro-Optical **MSSQ-FCR**

<b>BOP Control System</b>	Varco	Varco ABB/Vetco Cameron	Hydril
<b>Voltage Rating</b>	1,000 VAC	1,000 VAC	1000 VAC - Power Contacts 600VDC - Signal Contacts
<b>Current Rating</b>	42 A	42 A	42A - Power Contacts 18A - Signal Contacts
<b>Optical Loss</b>	≤ 1.0 dB	≤ 1.0 dB	NA
<b>Contact Configuration</b>	 8FO/4#10 AWG	 8FO/6#10 AWG	 25#16/4#10 AWG

\*See **SEA CON**® catalog for other standard **MSSQ** configurations.

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## MSSQ RUFF-NEK

### POSITIVELY COMPENSATED (60 PSI OVER AMBIENT), DEEPWATER MUX CABLE CONNECTOR

*MSSQ RUFF-NEK terminated to electro-optical MUX cable*

#### DESCRIPTION

The **MSSQ RUFF-NEK** connector is a MUX cable termination that maintains a constant positive pressure inside its oil-filled connector cavity. Positive pressure, maintained at 60 psi using a spring-loaded piston, deters water ingress from conductor interstices and other sources. Inside the connector, advanced conductor booting technology assures functionality even when the **MSSQ RUFF-NEK** is water-flooded. The **MSSQ RUFF-NEK** is field installable and testable. Dual static barrier seals are used throughout the connector. It is currently available in both all electric and electro optic hybrid configurations.

#### KEY FEATURES

- Overall Length: 24.2"
- Overall Diameter: 4.75"
- Megger Test Pin allows testing for water-flooding while mated
- Test port for mating o-rings
- Depth Rating: 15,000 ft.
- Modular cable terminations and Field Installable (no compounds)
- Pressure Compensated Chamber

#### OPERATION

- Design life: 20 years
- Qualification tested to 8,400 psi. Design pressure: 20,000 psi
- Secondary seals on contacts allow for operation even water flooded
- Conductor Insulation Resistance: >500 Megohms @ 500 VDC
- Cable Pullout Load: 700 lbs, <1.0 dB attenuation
- Qualification tested in ice bath, chamber water-filled, then oil-filled

#### MATERIALS

- 15-5 PH SST, 316 SST, 17-4 PH SST, CA630, Titanium Grade 5
- Electrical and elctro-optical inserts: Glass Reinforced Epoxy
- Elastomer: Neoprene, Nitrile
- Compensation Fluid: DC200 or DC710 non conductive silicone oil

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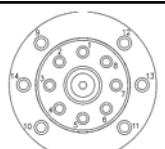
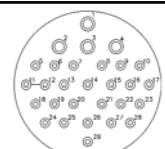
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### PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The **RUFF-NEK** was designed to be an integral part of the MUX umbilical cable termination system shown below. The **Armor Termination Assembly** is secured to the riser or control system framework using a **Breakaway Unit** that is designed to separate at a defined load. The smaller, more manageable **RUFF-NEK** is then routed and connected. In the case of accidental BOP droppage, the **Breakaway Unit** shears, and the unarmored section of cable pulls out of the **RUFF-NEK**.



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<b>MUX Cable</b>	Rochester A304862 Rochester 05605 Vector A71033** NSW 938600** NSW 116373**	Vector A72022 Vector A72023
<b>Voltage Rating</b>	1000 VAC	1000 VAC - Power Contacts 600VDC - Signal Contacts
<b>Current Rating</b>	42 A	42A - Power Contacts 18A - Signal Contacts
<b>Optical Loss</b>	≤ 1.0 dB	NA
<b>Contact Configuration</b>	 8FO/6#10 AWG	 25#16/4#10 AWG

\*See **SEA CON**® catalog for other standard **MSSQ** configurations that can be easily adapted to the **MSSQ RUFF-NEK**.

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## PRODUCT DATASHEET

**SBP SERIES FITA**

**POSITIVELY COMPENSATED (UP TO 60 PSI OVER AMBIENT), DEEPWATER MUX  
CABLE CONNECTOR WITH INTEGRAL ARMOR TERMINATION ASSEMBLY**

**DESCRIPTION**

The **SBP Series** connector is a MUX cable termination that maintains a constant positive pressure inside its oil-filled cavity. Positive pressure maintained up to 60 psi using a spring loaded piston, deters water ingress from conductor interstices and other sources. Inside the connector advanced conductor booting technology assures functionality even when the **SBP Series** connector is water-flooded. The **SBP Series** connector is field installable and testable. Dual barrier seals are used throughout the connector. It is currently available in an electro-optical hybrid configuration.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Overall length: 28.2"
- Overall Diameter: 8"
- Megger Test Pin allows testing for water flooding while mated
- Test port for mating o-rings
- Depth Rating: 10,000ft
- Modular cable terminations and Field Installable (no compounds)
- Pressure Compensated Chamber
- Integral Cable Armor Termination

**DESIGN RATINGS**

- Design Life: 20 years
- Qualification tested to 5,300 psi
- Design pressure: 8,000 psi
- Secondary seals on contacts allow for operation even water flooded
- Conductor Insulation Resistance: >1Gohm @ 1000 VDC
- Cable Working Load: 6,000lb
- Qualification tested in ice bath, chamber water-filled, then oil-filled

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### MATERIALS

- 15-5 PH SST, 316 SST, 17-4 PH SST, CA360, Titanium Grade 5
- Elastomer: Neoprene, Nitrile
- Compensation Fluid: DC710 non conductive silicone oil
- Electrical and electro-optical inserts: Glass Reinforced Epoxy

### PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The SBP Series Connector was designed to be an integral part of the MUX umbilical cable termination system. The 6,000lb Armor Termination is integral to the connector body allowing the tensioned cable loads to be carried through the connection interface. The SBP connector is a flange mounted configuration allowing for good load transfer using 16, 1/2-20 x 1 -1/4 LG HEX SCT Cap Screws.

### AVAILABLE CONFIGURATION

- BOP Control System - NOV / Shaffer
- Voltage Rating - 1,400 VAC
- Current Rating - 42 A
- Optical Loss  $\leq 1.0\text{dB}$
- MUX Cable - Rochester A304862, A305605, A307243 and A307472
- Contact Configuration - 8FO/4#10 AWG

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## SUBSEA UMBILICAL TERMINATION ASSEMBLY



### DESCRIPTION

The Optical Subsea Umbilical Termination Assembly or **SUTA** is a termination and distribution unit for optical cables. It contains an integral pressure balanced compensation system, fiber management system, mechanical armor termination and fiber k-tube feed-through penetrations.

### KEY FEATURES

- Integral fiber management system
- High pressure fiber optic feed-through penetrations
- Boot seals
- Depth Rating: Full ocean depth
- Field installable (no compounds)
- Oil filled and pressure compensated
- Dual o-ring seals
- Slide over cover for easy access and assembly
- Secure splice tray for maximum fiber stability
- Small - 5" (127mm) Diameter 15" (381mm) Length
- Modular cable termination design to facilitate different cables
- Options for multiple cable entry
- Options for multiple connections

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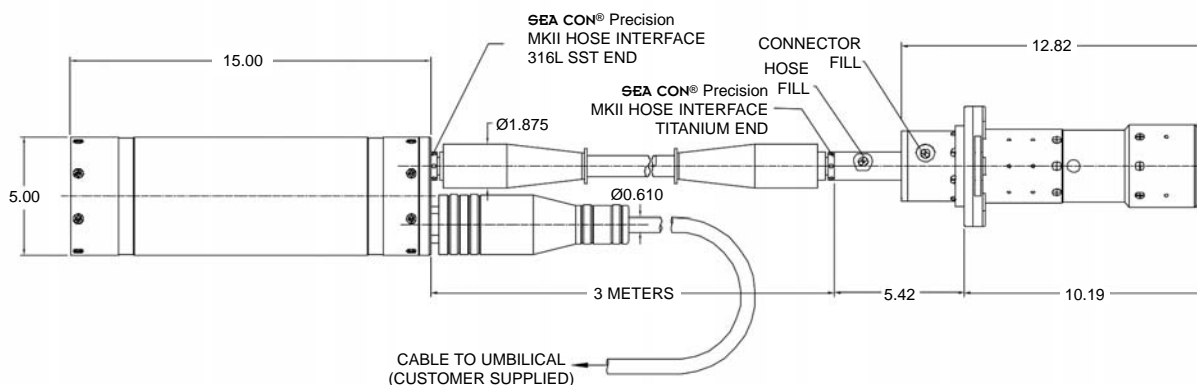
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### DESIGN RATINGS & TESTING

- Design Life: 25 Years
- Adaptability to design for easy cable variations
- Lightweight - approximately 10lbs (4.5kg) in air
- Umbilical termination fiber splice, <0.10 dB per slice
- **HYDRALIGHT** wet-mate fiber optic connector, <0.50 dB per channel
- Operating Depth: 4500m
- Storage Temperature: -20°C to +60°C (-4°F to +140°F)
- Operational Temperature: -5°C to +45°C
- Pressure Compensation Fluid: Silicone Oil
- 24 hour Helium Leak Test
- Pressure Test 345 bar (5,000 psi), ambient temperature, 1 week soak
- Pressure Test 690 Bar (10,000 psi), ambient temperature, multiple cycling
- Hose assembly axial pull test

### MATERIALS

- 316L SST, Titanium
- Elastomer: Nitrile



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Even though these procedures appear simple, only qualified technicians should perform the installation and maintenance.

## INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

Torque values referenced assume installation into dry metal threads. Bulkhead connector receptacle (BCR) o-ring should be lubricated with an appropriate silicone grease before installing. This lubricant should be applied to form an adequate film. Excessive lubrication is detrimental to the operation of the connector. Care must be taken to ensure no grease or dirt is present on the face of the fiber optic contact. Cleaning of the contact is recommended using only suitable products. CCP o-ring should be greased as above with the same care being taken.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Once mated the connector requires no maintenance. When stored all fiber contacts should be protected with suitable dust caps.

## CABLE AND CONTINUITY PRESERVATION

Avoid sharp bends in cables. Cables subjected to vibration and exposed to seawater drag should be adequately clamped to prevent fatigue and possible failure.

## SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

SEACON Advanced Products, LLC. maintains all facilities necessary to furnish complete underwater and environmental electrical connector/cable systems, including Research and Development, Engineering, Manufacturing, Quality Control and Pressure Testing. As well as supplying our standard 'off-the-shelf' items, we have the capability to design and manufacture SPECIAL CUSTOMIZED CONNECTORS AND CABLE ASSEMBLIES to suit your individual needs.

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