COMMERCIAL MANUAL HAND TOOLS
A FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO MANUAL CRIMPING
INTRODUCTION TO TOOLING SOLUTIONS

TE Connectivity. A Leader in Crimp Quality.

Anyone can make a tool to crimp terminals onto a wire. But not everyone can manufacture a tool to crimp the terminals properly. Crimp termination of wires isn’t easy. At least, doing it right isn’t easy. We know. We started it. TE Connectivity developed the technology of hand crimping over 70 years ago.

The Secret to a Successful Crimp.

Matching the Terminal to the Tooling - Among the many factors that are critical in producing a quality crimp, matching the terminal to the tooling is crucial. Unlike inferior tooling options, TE Connectivity offers engineered solutions that are designed to match the exact crimp geometry of the terminal to be applied on the wire. To create a proper crimp you need to follow these important steps:

1. Wire Selection - AWG and wire insulation thickness varies from wire to wire. Just because two wires are listed at the same AWG, it doesn’t mean their insulation thickness is the same. If you don’t take into account both factors, the copper or aluminum strands may not fit in the wire barrel correctly or the terminal’s insulation support may be too large or small for the wire strand.

2. Wire Prep - In order to properly place a wire in a terminal, the wire insulation must first be stripped to the proper length based on the terminal specifications. If the insulation is cut too short, or too long the wire will not be seated properly into the wire barrel, causing terminal separations or shorting.

3. Crimp Specifications - To create a proper crimp for a TE connector or terminal you should use a TE Connectivity tooling solution that is specifically engineered to the proper Crimp Height, Width and Crimp Geometry of the selected terminal or contact.
What You Need to Know About TE Hand Tools

**Tool Grade**
Tool grade is a prime consideration when choosing the appropriate tool for an application. Our hand tools are categorized into three levels: Service, Commercial and Premium. The higher the grade of the tool, the less operator skill is required to repeatedly meet the specified parameters of the crimp.

**Premium (CERTI-CRIMP Tool)**
Premium tools include the appropriate crimp die configuration, integral locating, and integral straightening features that permit terminals or contacts crimped in these tools to meet all feature requirements in applicable TEC application (114-) specifications. Most premium tools include an adjustable insulation crimp height feature and the CERTI-CRIMP ratcheting feature, set at the factory, which prevents the ratchet from releasing until the wire crimp jaws bottom within .001. This helps provide consistent repeatability of the crimp. Premium hand tools require the least amount of user dexterity.

**Commercial (PRO-CRIMPER III Tool)**
Commercial die assemblies are designed to meet the wire crimp height requirements per the applicable TEC application (114-) specifications. Other feature requirements may or may not be met. Commercial handle assemblies permit the interchange of die assemblies and an adjustable ratcheting feature. Users are responsible for adjusting the ratchet to obtain the correct crimp height. Commercial tools require a greater amount of user dexterity than Premium crimp tools.

**Service**
Service tools are generally single thickness, stamped tools. They are not intended to meet any specifications and require a higher level of user dexterity to obtain acceptable results.

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**Tool Type**
Choosing a tool type may be driven by several factors: simply by type preference, or by the application needs itself, i.e. heavy duty crimp, industry specification requirements, etc. The overall wire range is also a key consideration when choosing the appropriate tool for an application. Often there will be several tools referenced to the same product which have different wire ranges.
Standard Die Envelope (SDE)

**FAST FACTS**

- Dies meet wire crimp requirements per specification
- Over 100 interchangeable SDE die sets for crimping over 4,000 different connectors
- Ability to handle multiple wire and terminal sizes in one die set

Standard Die Envelope (SDE) technology is a new, flexible approach to crimp tooling, that allows use of the same dies on tooling across a range of application platforms. Dies are interchangeable in tools from portable hand tools — manual or battery-powered — to pneumatic hand tools and electric bench terminators. It’s a family of tools that you can take from bench to production or into the field, without the need for dies fitted to each kind of tool. They’re suited for R & D, networking applications and on-site maintenance work.

Customers can be sure their dies will fit their long-term needs, because they are completely compatible with all tools in the SDE system. They move with a customer as their needs grow.

If you know the terminal - this tool will help you find the die set.

Go to [www.tooling.te.com](http://www.tooling.te.com) and look for the magnifying glass.
Standard Die Envelope (SDE)

By removing just 2 screws you can easily swap dies between your SDE compatible manual, battery, pneumatic and electric TE tools.

The SDE* Advantage!
*Standard Die Envelope
Commercial Standard Die Envelope (SDE) Manual Hands Tools

**FAST FACTS**

- Ratchet control provides complete crimping cycle
- Emergency ratchet release
- Angled head provides a comfortable hand and wrist position
- One tool with over 75 interchangeable die sets can crimp many different types of connectors
- Accommodates multiple terminal sizes in one die set
- Precision construction of durable high-carbon steel
- Extra strength pivot pins provide greater
- Produced under a quality management system certified to ISO 9001

**A Flexible Tooling Approach**

Our commercial hand tools provide the versatility of general-purpose service tools along with the reliability and ease of use of many premium-grade tools. For versatility, all 75 die sets are interchangeable, including those for open-barrel contacts and terminals. Additionally, many of these die sets have multiple cavities for crimping a variety of contact or terminal sizes.

**PRO-CRIMPER III - Made to Last**

For reliability, the tool is constructed of durable high carbon steel with extra strength pivot pins. And, for user convenience, the PRO-CRIMPER III hand tool particularly excels.
Characteristics of a Commercial Crimping Tool

Every Commercial grade hand tool incorporates features for long lasting performance and ease-of-use. They include ergonomic handle designs and a ratchet control system designed to create a proper crimp.

Ratchet System for Improved Repeatability

Ratchet control is provided for complete crimp cycling; this helps eliminate partial crimps. Also, an emergency ratchet release allows the user to open the tool jaws at any time during the crimp cycle.

Applying the Crimp Force

To reduce handle force, the linkage was designed to match the forces required to crimp our largest insulated terminal. The result is dramatically less handle force than comparable tools. Also, the angled head and specially designed handles reduce hand stretch and provide comfortable operation.

Ensuring a Proper Crimp

Locators are mounted on pin-and-socket style tools. They help properly locate the contact in the die set, provide a wire stop, and help minimize contact rotation and bending during crimping.
Commercial SDE Tooling Options

**PRO-CRIMPER III Hand Tool**  
Part No. 354940-1 (frame only)

The PRO-CRIMPER III hand tool is ideally suited for R&D prototyping, networking applications, and commercial, industrial, and institutional maintenance work.

- Enhanced ergonomics, with a thin, comfortable handle profile
- Manufactured with precision stamping that permits close tolerance controls on critical parts, for better performance and repeatability
- Improved tool geometry for a longer life, stronger tool frame
- Fits industry’s largest selection of crimp die options

**SDE SA Hand Tool**  
Part No. 9-1478240-0 (frame only)

The unique geometry of this tool results in a comfortable, easy-to-use handle design that is unmatched in the market.

- Large crimp jaw arc, minimizing roll in open barrel applications
- Easy accessibility for space-constrained applications
- User-adjustable ratchet control and emergency ratchet release

**ERGOCRIMP Hand Tool**  
Part No. 539635-1

- Interchangeable dies
- Virtually a straight action jaw closure
- Ratchet mechanism ensures complete crimp cycle
- Easy access ratchet release
- Handle pressure adjustment with locking device
- Ergonomic non-slip handles
Insertion/Extraction Tools

FAST FACTS

• Portability
• Customization
• Cost effectiveness
• OEM personalization
• Flexibility in the factory as well as in service and repair garages.
• Consist of well-proven hand tools and dies as well as accessories matched to special applications.
• A selection of sample terminals enables the technician to start work immediately.

In addition to providing standard kits, TE Connectivity is also able to provide custom kits for volume requirements containing only tools, or a combination of tools, dies and terminals tailored to your specific requirements.

The kit shown is an example designed specifically for the Automotive Industry. However, we can also provide kits for promotion and product support as well as application support and repair.

The flexibility in creation of these individual kits enables the customer to help both control and ensure quality.

PRO-CRIMPER Hand Tool Kits

TE Specialty hand tools are available in convenient kits that contain the tooling, terminations, and spare parts you need for your crimping operations.

PRO-CRIMPER III Hand Tool PIDG and PLASTI-GRIP Terminal Kit
Part No. 55823-1

Includes hand tool (part no. 58433-3), 225 insulated ring and spade terminals in 12-10, 16-14 and 22-16 AWG [3.0-5.0, 1.3-2.0 and 0.3-1.3 mm²] wire sizes.

BNC Premises Wiring Kit
Part No. 58477-1

Includes hand tool (part no. 58433-1); plugs—5 RG-58, 10 RG-59/62, 5 RG-58 plenum and RG-59/62 plenum sizes; adapters —2 jack-to-jack and 2 T.

PRO-CRIMPER III Hand Tool Repair Kit
Part No. 679221-1

Includes retaining rings, handle return spring, pawl spring, pivot pins, pawl pin, ratchet pawl, die pins, nut and die set screws.
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Tooling-to-Terminal Cross Reference

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