

### PROPER USE GUIDELINES

Cumulative Trauma Disorders can result from the prolonged use of manually powered hand tools. Hand tools are intended for occasional use and low volume applications. A wide selection of powered application equipment for extended-use, production operations is available.



DIE		WIRE	
ASSEMBLY•	PRODUCT FAMILY‡ (SOLISTRAND*)	SIZE (AWG) 22-14 12-10 22-14 22-14	STRIP LENGTH (mm [in.])
58545-1 58545-3 58545-4	Terminal (Standard)	22-14	4.37-5.16 [.172203]
	Terminal (Standard) and Butt Splice	12-10	6.35-7.14 [.250281]
	Terminal (Long Barrel) or Butt Splice	22-14	6.35-7.14 [.250281]
	Terminal Parallel Splice	22-14	7.94-8.73 [.312344]

Contact the Tooling Assistance Center or Product Information (at the number listed below) for specific terminal and splice part numbers. •See page 6 for die assembly cross reference.

1. INTRODUCTION

Die Assembly 58545-[] and PRO-CRIMPER III Hand Tool 58546-1 are used to crimp SOLISTRAND Terminals and Splices onto the wire size listed in Figure 1. PRO-CRIMPER III Hand Tool Assembly consists of Hand Tool Frame 354940-1 and Die Assembly 58545-1.

Read these instructions thoroughly before using the tool assembly.

Figure 1



Specific part numbers for die set 58545-[] may be used with other optional crimp tooling. Refer to Figure 7 for specific relationships.



Dimensions in this instruction sheet are in metric units [with U.S. customary units in brackets]. Figures and illustrations are for reference only and are not drawn to scale.

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Figure 2

This document supersedes Instruction Sheet 408-4047.

Reasons for reissue of this instruction sheet are provided in Section 8, REVISION SUMMARY.

# 2. DESCRIPTION (See Figures 1 and 2)

The tool consist of a stationary jaw and handle, a moving jaw and handle, and an adjustable ratchet that ensures full crimping.

The tool frame holds a die assembly with three crimping chambers. The die assembly features an upper die and a lower die. Die retaining screws are used to position and secure the dies in the tool frame.

# 3. DIE ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL

1. Open the tool handles and remove the two die retaining screws from the tool jaws.

2. Place the upper die in the stationary jaw of the tool frame so that the largest indenter is facing inward. See Figure 2.

3. Insert the die retaining screw through the stationary jaw and through the die. Tighten the screw just enough to hold the die in place. Do not tighten the screw completely at this time.

4. Place the lower die in the moving jaw of the tool frame so that the largest anvil is facing inward. See Figure 2.

5. Insert the die retaining screw through the moving jaw and through the die. Tighten the screw just enough to hold the die in place. Do not tighten the screw completely at this time.

6. Carefully close the tool handles, making sure that the anvils and indenters align properly. Continue closing the tool handles until the ratchet has engaged sufficiently to hold the dies in place, then tighten both die retaining screws.

7. To disassemble, open the tool handles until the ratchet releases, remove the two die retaining screws, and slide the dies out of the tool jaws.

# 4. CRIMPING PROCEDURE



Before using the tool, the crimping chambers and tool ratchet should be inspected as specified in Section 5, CRIMP HEIGHT INSPECTION, and Section 6, RATCHET (Shut Height) ADJUSTMENT.

Refer to Figure 1 and select wire of the specified size and insulation diameter. Strip the wire to the length indicated, taking care not to nick or cut wire strands. Select an applicable terminal or splice and identify the appropriate crimping chamber according to the wire size markings on the dies. Refer to Figure 3 and proceed as follows:



The crimping chamber marked "12-10" cannot be used to crimp spade-type terminals.

1. Hold tool so that the back (wire side) is facing you. Squeeze tool handles together until the ratchet releases, then allow them to open fully.

2. Center the terminal or splice wire barrel on the anvil of the upper die as shown in Figure 3. If visible, be sure to place the brazed seam on the terminal or splice toward the indenter.





hold the terminal or splice in position. Do NOT deform the insulation barrel or wire barrel.

4. Insert stripped wire into the wire barrel, making sure that the insulation does not enter the wire barrel. See Figure 3.

5. To crimp the other half of a splice, reposition the uncrimped wire barrel in the crimping chamber, and repeat the crimping procedure.

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If splice cannot be turned for crimping the other half, turn the tool around.

7. Inspect the crimped terminal or splice according to Figure 4. Check the crimp height as described in Section 5. If necessary, adjust the ratchet (shut height) as described in Section 6.



3. Hold the wire barrel in place and squeeze the tool handles together until ratchet engages sufficiently to





Damaged terminals and splices may not be used. If a damaged terminal or splice is evident, it must be replaced with a new one.

# 5. CRIMP HEIGHT INSPECTION

This inspection requires the use of plug gages conforming to the dimensions provided in Figure 5. TE does not manufacture or market these gages.

To gage the crimping chamber, proceed as follows:

1. Remove traces of oil or dirt from the crimping chamber and plug gage.

2. Close the tool handles until the dies have bottomed. Do NOT force dies beyond initial contact.



CRIMPING	GAGE ELEMENT DIMENSIONS			
CHAMBER (Die Marking)	GO	NO-GO	"R" (RADIUS)	
22-16	1.143-1.151 [.04500453]	1.344-1.346 [.05290530]	1.57 [.062]	
16-14	1.346-1.354 [.05300533]	1.547-1.549 [.06090610]	1.98 [.078]	
12-10	1.905-1.913 [.07500753]	2.106-1.108 [.08290830]	2.77 [.109]	



GO Element Must Pass Completely Through Crimping Chamber



NO-GO Element May Start Entry, But Must Not Pass Completely Through Crimping Chamber

Figure 5

3. Align the GO element with the crimping chamber. Push element straight into the crimping chamber without using force.



The GO element must pass completely through the crimping chamber. See Figure 5.

4. Align the NO-GO element and try to insert it straight into the same crimping chamber. The NO-GO element may start entry, but must not pass completely through the crimping chamber. See Figure 5.

If the crimping chamber conforms to the gage inspection, the tool is considered dimensionally correct, and should be lubricated with a THIN coat of any good SAE 20 motor oil. If not, the tool must be returned to TE for further evaluation and repair. Refer to Section 8, REPLACEMENT.

For additional information regarding the use of a plug gage, refer to Instruction Sheet 408-7424.

# 6. RATCHET (SHUT HEIGHT) ADJUSTMENT (Figure 6)

The frame assembly ratchet mechanism features an adjustment wheel with numbered settings. If the dies do not bottom, adjust the ratchet as follows:

1. Remove the lockscrew from the ratchet adjustment wheel.

2. With a screwdriver, adjust the ratchet wheel from the opposite side of the frame.

3. Observe the ratchet adjustment wheel. If the dies do not bottom, rotate the adjustment wheel COUNTERCLOCKWISE to a higher-numbered setting.

4. Replace the lockscrew.







### 7. MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION

#### 7.1. Maintenance

Ensure that the tool and dies are clean by wiping them with a clean, soft cloth. Remove any debris with a clean, soft brush. Do not use objects that could damage the tool. When not in use, keep handles closed to prevent objects from becoming lodged in the crimping dies, and store in a clean, dry area.

### 7.2. Visual Inspection

The die assembly should be inspected on a regular basis to ensure that they have not become worn or damaged. Inspect the crimping chambers for flattened, chipped, worn, or broken areas. If damage or abnormal wear is evident, the tool or dies must be replaced. See Section 8, REPLACEMENT.

### 8. REPLACEMENT

Customer-replaceable parts are shown in Figure 1.

Available separately, PRO-CRIMPER III Hand Crimping Tool Repair Kit 679221-1 includes a replacement nut and a variety of pins, rings, screws, and springs.

If the dies are damaged or worn excessively, they must be replaced.

Order the repair kit and replaceable parts through your TE Representative, or call 1-800-526-5142, or send a facsimile of your purchase order to 717-986-7605, or write to:

CUSTOMER SERVICE (038-035) TYCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION PO BOX 3608 HARRISBURG PA 17105-3608

For tool repair service, please contact a TE Representative at 1-800-526-5136.

- 9. REVISION SUMMARY
  - Updated document to corporate requirements
  - Added clarifying note to table in Figure 1



Tooling Compatible with Die Assembly 58545-[]



Figure 7