

## **MXSU** **Universal Jointing System for** **Polymeric Insulated Cables**

### **MXSU is based on a complete product concept**

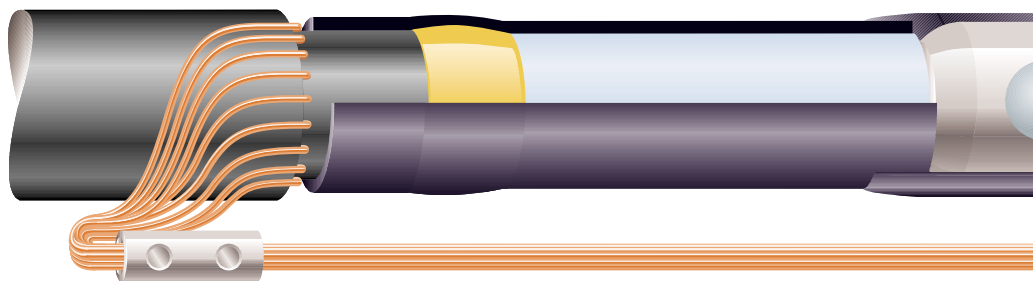
- Mechanical connectors for conductor and wire shield are supplied with the kit
- Kits are widely range taking and cover most conductor constructions including their tolerances
- No crimping tools or tool maintenance required
- Short and space saving design for installation
- Improves installation reliability
- Has unlimited shelf life, simplifies material logistics and reduces cost
- Avoids bulky waste and costly waste disposal
- Exceeds international performance standards including CENELEC HD 629 for joints and IEC 61238-1 for mechanical connectors



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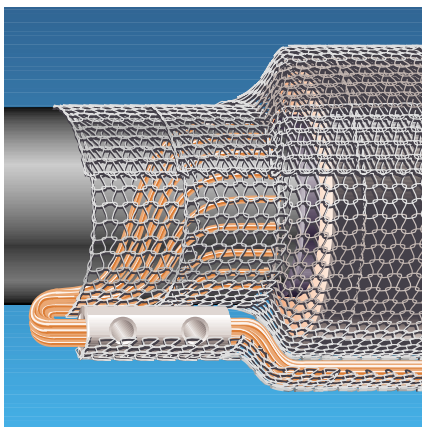
### Modern jointing

Today's jointing technology must achieve higher levels of reliability and flexibility to meet the demand of operators who are under increasing pressure to improve network efficiency. In an environment with less engineering resources for product selection, outsourced services, emphasis on repair time and a variety of cable and conductor types in the network, a universal joint including range taking screw connectors ensures reliable application and service.



### Shield continuity

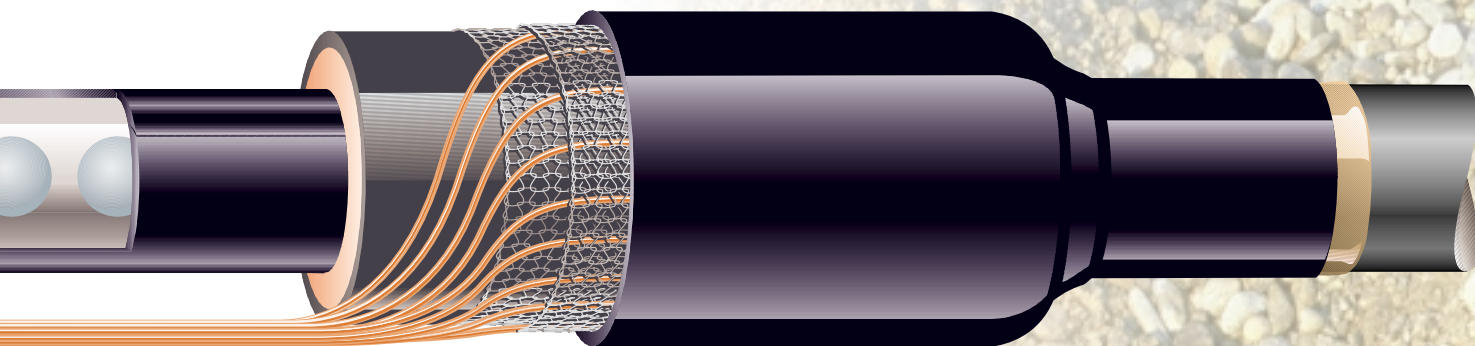
Typical shield wire cross sections up to 35mm<sup>2</sup> can easily be connected with the mechanical connector supplied in the kit. Positioned at the oversheath cut back, the connection provides a smooth profile and resists mechanical damage. There is no need for a crimping tool and its maintenance. Two shear bolts provide the required contact force in order to ensure safe installation and reliable performance during load cycling in service as well as during short circuit conditions. An additional layer of copper mesh is applied around the joint to provide satisfactory shielding and protection.



### Electrical stress control

The stress control tubing at each cable end in combination with the yellow stress grading mastic at the screen cut provide a precisely defined impedance characteristic which smoothes the electrical field. For ease of installation, a stress control patch is applied around the mechanical connector to provide a similar function.





### Elastomeric insulation and screen

The heat shrinkable conductive layer of the screened elastomeric joint component holds the elastomeric insulation layer in its expanded stage when supplied. This enables the usage of a wide range of cable application diameters with only one kit. During the heat shrink installation process, the stored recovery force of the elastomer is released in addition to the recovery force of the heat shrinkable outer layer.

A pre-designed screen and thick layer of insulation is installed in one simple process. This allows extremely tight electrical interfaces due to the shrink force generated. The elastomeric insulation characteristic combined with the rigid outer heat shrinkable screen layer enables the joint to follow the thermally induced dimensional changes of the cable insulation.

### Mechanical shear bolt connectors

All joint kits incorporate a Raychem designed screw connector with shear head bolts to ensure a reliable pre-engineered electrical connection for the different conductor materials, shapes and types used in today's network. The pre-set shear torque of the bolts ensures that the correct contact pressure is always achieved. The specially designed contact surface on the



inside of the connector breaks up any conductor oxide layer and ensures reliable service over the entire life time of the joint. The connectors have been tested in accordance with IEC 61238-1 class A.

### Robust outer sealing and protection

Modern cable laying techniques require a robust oversheath replacement capable of withstanding high mechanical stresses during conventional cable laying as well as mechanical impact occurring during the entire cable life time. The thick-wall heat-shrinkable tubing is internally coated with a hot melt adhesive to ensure an effective moisture seal and corrosion protection for the joint. When installed, the joints provide the similar level of protection and thickness as modern cables with PE oversheath. All voltage sheath testing commonly used today after cable laying or as control test methods have easily been passed.

## This is the kit...

Pre-engineered components including mechanical shear bolt connectors.



## Summary of type tests performed on MXSU

### CENELEC HD 629.1 S1

MXSU joints passed all tests for XLPE insulated cables according to CENELEC HD 629.1 S1 including impact tests at ambient and at low temperature.

### Additional tests reflecting future network operation

MXSU joints were subjected to additional tests which are not part of any European standard but reflect future demands in modern network operation: Overload operation of cables: More than 800 hours of electrical heat cycling at conductor temperatures of 130 °C with a voltage of 2.5 times the operating voltage  $U_0$ .

Oversheath testing as the routine test method of cable networks: Voltage withstand tests between the screen wires and the water bath for 15 minutes at 15 kV DC and at 8 kV AC.

### IEC 61238-1 class A

Mechanical connectors used in MXSU joints, pass the requirements in accordance with IEC 61238-1 class A.

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