



## Scope

This procedure is provided to give instructions for installation of wire rope into the Crosby® SB-427B Spelter Button using WIRELOCK® socketing material, or zinc socketing material. **Additionally, instructions regarding the reuse of spelter buttons are included.** The spelter button is part of a socket assembly that includes a socket basket, pin, cotter pin and button. If there are any questions regarding these instructions, please contact The Crosby Group LLC at (918) 834-4611 and request technical assistance.

NOTE: Many high performance ropes require special attention to prevent rope damage during cutting, seizing and brooming in preparation for the speltering operation. Attention to the special instructions is required to ensure proper termination efficiency. Consult rope manufacturer for specific details.

## Installation

Install button on the rope so that the live end of the rope extends out of small inside diameter of the button. Broomed end of rope should be pulled into button and placed completely to the "MAX FILL" line marked on the button to ensure correct length of engagement with socketing material.

## Socketing using WIRELOCK® Resin Material

Seizing, cleaning, brooming and preparation of wire rope and pouring of WIRELOCK® is to be carried out per instructions provided in the *Wire Rope End Terminations User's Manual*, and *WIRELOCK® Warnings and Application Instructions* located on the WIRELOCK® Product or in the Crosby General Catalog.

## Socketing Using Zinc Spelter Material

Seizing, cleaning, brooming and preparation of the wire rope, and pouring of zinc is to be carried out in accordance with recommendations of the Crosby® *Wire Rope End Terminations Manual* or other approved procedures.

Note: Before operation of the wire rope assembly, it is recommended that all poured sockets, whether with zinc or resin, be proof loaded to seat the cone.

## Reuse Of Crosby® Spelter Buttons

The following are general guidelines for the reuse of a Crosby® SB-427B Button. The use and inspection of used buttons are the responsibility of the user.

### Procedure For Removing Spelter Cone

- Cut the rope close ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " ) to the nose end of the button and press the cone out of the button.
- For metallurgical, medical and environmental reasons, we do not recommend the use of heat to remove the spelter cone.
- However, if this is the only means available for removing the zinc cone, care should be taken not to exceed 850°F (450°C) surface temperature. The preferred method would be a slow heat in a temperature controlled oven. If a torch (rosebud) is used, the heated area shall be monitored with a Tempil stick or a temperature indicator to prevent localized heating from exceeding the 850°F (450°C) limit.
- To remove a WIRELOCK® cone, heat the surface of the button to 350°F (177°C) (do not exceed the 850°F (450°C) limit for any localized hot spot). Leave for 5-10 minutes, then drive the cone out with a hammer and drift.

### Selection Of Buttons For Reuse

- Use only buttons that:
  - Do not show discoloration from excessive heating.
  - Do not show any signs of welding.
  - Select only buttons that have been cleaned and have passed a Magnetic Particle Inspection by a qualified technician (level II ASNT-SNT-TC-1A-88) per ASTM E709. Acceptance criteria shall be per ASTM E125, Types II-VIII, Degree 1. No cracks are acceptable.
  - Select only buttons that do not show any signs of overloading or wear.
  - Select buttons that are free from nicks, gouges and abrasions. Indications may be repaired by lightly grinding until surfaces are smooth, provided they do not reduce the dimensions by more than 10% of the nominal catalog dimension.
  - Select buttons that are not distorted, bent or deformed.

NOTE: Buttons having any of the indications as outlined above shall not be reused.