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BD Loops Newsletter

The Loop Experts

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Did You Know?



BD Loops offers
Same Day Shipping
for standard and custom
sized loops!

For standard sized loops,
order must be placed
before 3:00pm PST.

For custom sized loops,
order must be placed
before 12:00pm PST.

BD Loops 3/16" Sealant Applicator Tip

Seal your saw-cut groove
in one pass!



Seal BD Loops Preformed
Saw-Cut Loops in just one
pass from the bottom up
with our new 3/16" Sealant
Applicator Tip!

How to Properly Meg a Loop

The first time installers meg a loop they often assume the two leads on the megohmmeter are supposed to be connected to the loop's lead-in, this is wrong and will not give you a correct reading. One of the leads must be run to ground for a proper reading.

Ways to connect to ground:

- If there is a metallic conduit being run to the gate operator (110v line) then connect to the gate operator frame, or the metallic conduit itself.
- If there is a concrete pad held down by metallic stakes, connect directly to the stake.
- If you don't have a ground source handy it is easy to make your own ground, by hammering a 12" screw driver into the earth and connecting one of the leads to that. Pouring water on the screw driver can make it a better ground source.

General Megohmmeter directions:

1. Remove the loop lead from the operator or detector.
2. Attach one lead from the megohmmeter to an earth ground such as the operator frame, or a 12" screwdriver driven into the earth.
3. Make sure the megohmmeter is set to read megohms.
4. Touch the other megohmmeter lead to one of the loop wires.
5. Read the meter

Below 10 megohm- Bad Loop
10-40 megohm- Questionable Loop
45-2000 megohm- Good Loop

Protect yourself before leaving your next job-site.

Jobs that leave an installed loop exposed come with some

Imprinted on every sealant tip is a Depth Gauge installers can use to insure depth of cut accuracy, resulting in even more sealant savings.

Our new sealant applicator tips come packaged with every Saw-Cut Loop

BD Loops Products

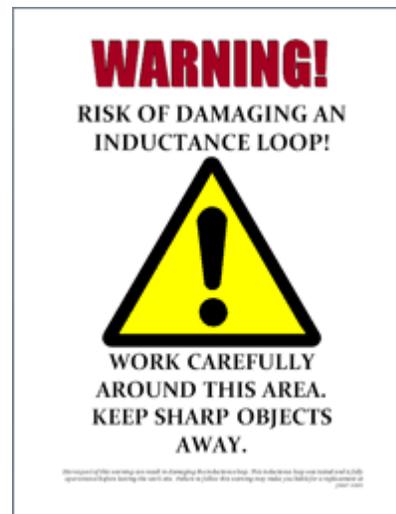


risks. Every month we field a few calls from installers who have had their loop installation ruined by concrete pourers breaking the loop with a shovel. To protect your work and profits we recommend that you have the home owner/building manager sign off on installations that you cannot see through to the end.

For exposed loops hook the loop up to the megohmmeter as described above, then spray down the loop with a water hose and check the megohmmeter, the loop should have a good reading. If there are any knicks in the loop's insulation the water will cause the loop to short to ground.

Test to make sure the loops and gate/door are working properly. If you are unable to hook the loop up to an operator or detector then use a megohmmeter to test the loop.

We highly recommend that installers leave a warning sign on exposed loops, cautioning other workers to be careful when working around the loop. We suggest this notice be printed on brightly colored paper.



Megohm Loop Testing Record	
This document is to show that the loops installed have been tested and are operational at the time leaving the job site.	
Installation Company: _____	Installer Name: _____
Date: _____ Time: _____	Tester: <input type="checkbox"/> Through <input type="checkbox"/> 10-40megohm <input type="checkbox"/> 45-2000megohm
Reverse Loop Outside: <input type="checkbox"/> Shield Loop: <input type="checkbox"/>	Reverse Loop Inside: <input type="checkbox"/> EAT Loop: <input type="checkbox"/>
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[You can download a "Warning Sign for Exposed Loops" from our website here.](#)

Have the customer (Home owner, Apartment Complex Manager, HOA Manager, Business Manager/Owner) sign off that the system you installed is working properly.

[You can download a "Sample Sign off Form" from our website here.](#)

BD Loops TB-KIT

Cut a perfect sized saw-cut groove every time!



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Saw-Cut Loop Installation Kit

Cut a Perfect Sized Saw-Cut Groove Every Time!

Pizza Wheel and Wedge Tool
 4 Template Blocks
 Clear Acrylic Spray
 2 Drill Bits
 Modified Chalk Line
 Oil Crayon
 Carrying Case

With the TB-KIT:
 A single person can layout a whole loop and the chalk the lines.

Save **Time** and **Money** with BD Loops Preformed Saw-cut Loops, and **BD Loops TB-KIT**.
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Also Includes:

BD Loops Air Wand

Take the guess work out of installing preformed saw-cut loops! The TB-KIT allows installers to use the loop to mark their saw-cut groove. Saw-cut Template Block Kit (TB-KIT) is made to work with **BD Loops** 3/16" preformed saw-cut detection loops.

Included in the TB-KIT are the following:

- 4 corner blocks with T- pins to make any size loop
- Pizza roller with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch PVC coupler for handle
- Chalk line with $\frac{1}{8}$ inch T bar
- 2 each $\frac{1}{8}$ inch masonry bit

- Oil Crayon -NEW!
- 135 degree wedge tool
- Can of clear spray
- Groove Cleaning Air Wand -NEW!
- Custom tool bag

BD Loops TB-KIT is another way you can save Time, Money, and Materials with **BD Loops**.

To learn more ways BD Loops can save you Time, Money and Materials visit our website: [Why Use a BD Loops?](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read our August Newsletter, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

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