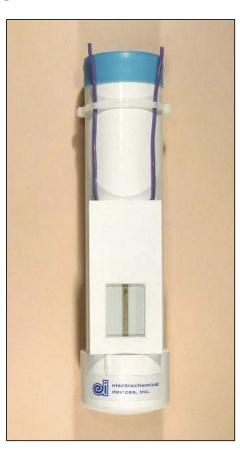


Underground Cathodic Protection Coupon

Featuring

- Patented concentric coupon design removes nearly all soil IR drop error in currenton measurements
- Easily fitted to the base of a test station riser or used in a stand-alone configuration when fitted with the optional internal zinc reference electrode
- Potential measurements are made through the riser tube with either portable or permanent reference electrodes



Specifications:

1 ½ sq. in. (10 sq. cm.) exposed steel surface 2 inch (nom.) PVC pipe construction Size - 2 1/2 inches dia. x 11 inches long (6.4 cm x 28 cm long) Shipping weight - 6 lb (2.8 kg)

Lead Wires

10 feet (3 m) of #14 AWG RHW is standard. Other wire lengths and types are available

Housing End Styles

Style A (shown in photo) is installed at the base of a test station riser as shown in drawing UCASY-4. A zinc reference electrode can be installed in the housing as an option.

Style B (see drawing UCASY2) can be installed remote from a test station. It is only available with the optional internal zinc reference electrode.

The **Model UC** Underground Cathodic Protection Coupon is fitted to the base of a test station riser. It is designed to allow essentially IR-Drop free measurements with CP current on. The amount of IR-Drop error included in a current-on measurement is negligible and can therefore be ignored in routine measurements. Refer to NACE paper 05039, available on our web site, for quantitative performance data. Many factors contribute to the magnitude of IR-Drop error at any particular site; therefore it is recommended that each installation be calibrated separately. U.S. Patent 6,060,877 – Produced under license.

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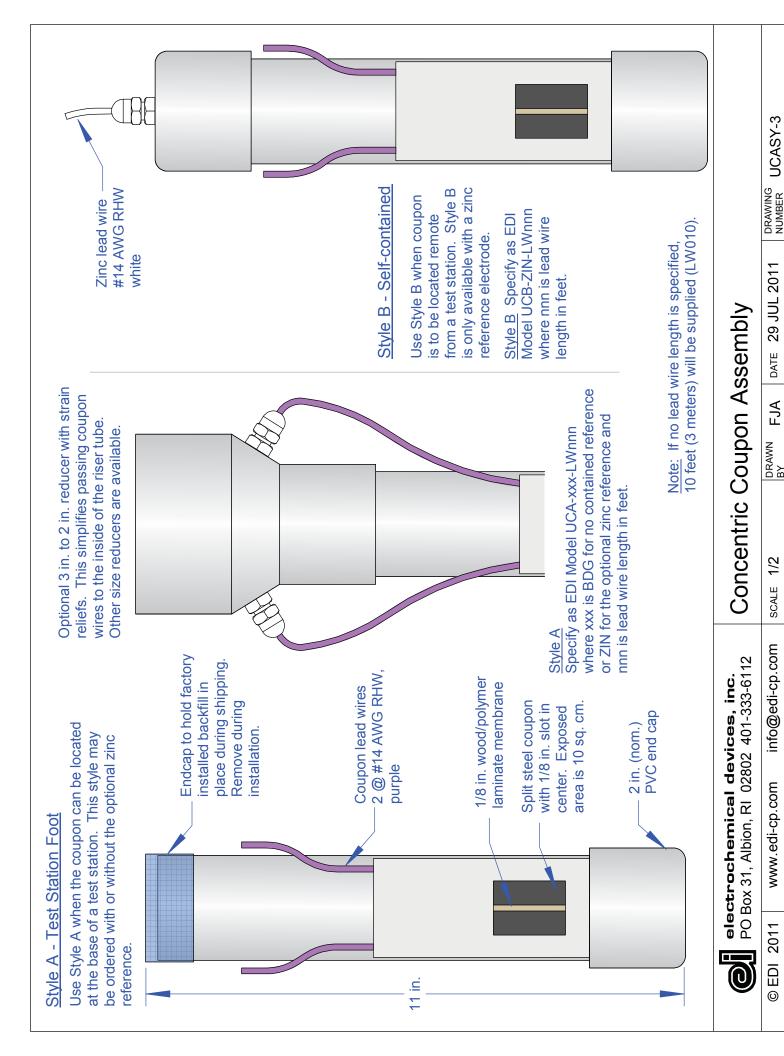
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Installation Instructions

Model UC-BDG – Underground CP Coupon

The Model UC-BDG Underground Cathodic Protection Coupon is designed to minimize IR-Drop error in measurements made with CP current on. With this unit the amount of IR-Drop error included in a current-on measurement is negligible and, therefore, can be ignored in routine measurements. Since many factors contribute to the magnitude of IR-Drop error at any particular site, it is recommended that each installation site be calibrated separately.

Installation - Style A

- 1. Remove the yellow protective label covering the steel coupons and place the coupon assembly in a position reasonably close to the structure being monitored. Be sure to orient the coupon assembly vertically with the protective plastic cap at the top. Experience and testing indicate that it is best to face the CP coupon directly toward the structure. Place local soil around the coupon as backfill; make sure no rocks larger than a centimeter in diameter are within a centimeter of the metal plates. Tamp the backfill to ensure it is in good contact with the coupons.
- Remove the protective plastic cap from the top of the coupon assembly. Cement a
 PVC coupling or reducer to the top of the assembly using PVC cement. Cement riser
 pipe to the coupling.
- 3. Fill the riser with either screened local soil or a slurry consisting of 25% bentonite and 75% sand or fine fill. A reduced diameter reference electrode, such as an EDI Model US, can be placed in the riser pipe prior to filling. If this is done, then the riser fill must consist of the bentonite slurry.
- 4. Complete the installation by capping the top of the riser pipe as desired. One of the two wires from the coupon is to be connected to the structure through an interruptible shunt, such as EDI Model UI-MSC or equivalent. The other coupon wire is connected to a meter when making potential measurements.



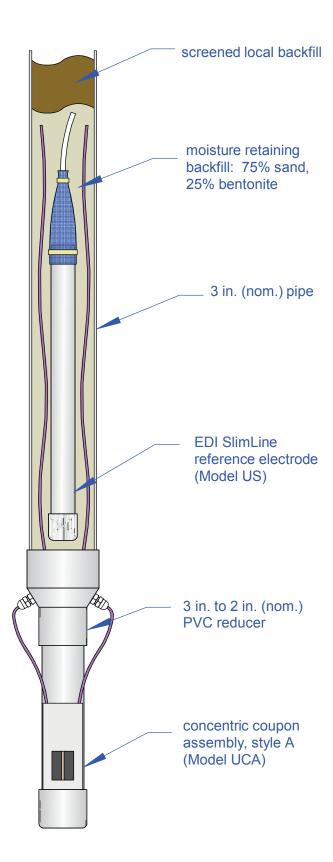


Installation - Style B

Style B coupons have a self-contained zinc reference. They can be placed at any orientation and located remote from test stations. After removing the yellow protective label, follow the backfill instructions in Step 1 above.

Measurements

In order to minimize IR-Drop error in potential measurements, all such measurements on Style A coupons must be made with either a permanent reference electrode contained in the riser pipe or a portable reference electrode contacting the riser fill. In some areas, it may be necessary to moisten the fill to increase its conductivity to an acceptable level. Measurements on Style B coupons are made using the self-contained zinc reference. To determine the amount of IR-Drop error, first measure the potential of the coupon with the shunt wire connected to the structure. Then determine the IR-Drop error by disconnecting the shunt from the structure and note the instantaneous voltage drop. In most installations the instantaneous voltage drop (IR-Drop error) will be sufficiently small that it can be neglected in future measurements.



Cement a PVC coupling and riser tube to coupon housing. Place a suitable reduced diameter reference electrode inside riser tube. Fill the space between reference and riser tube with moisture retaining backfill; wet with potable water. Top with screened local backfill.

Transfer coupon wires to inside the riser tube by passing them through the strain reliefs on the reducer.

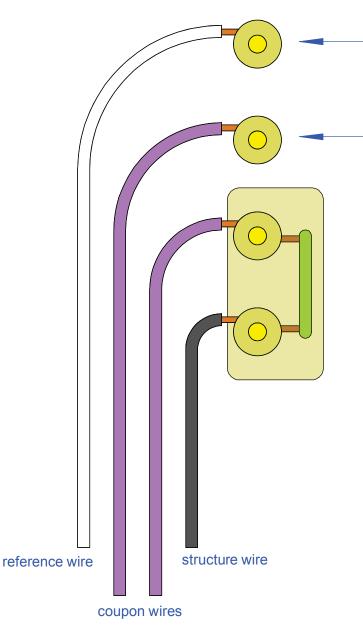
Measurements may be made with either the permanent reference electrode or with a portable reference electrode placed on the local backfill in the riser tube.

Installing a Permanent Reference in Coupo	on Riser
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Potential measurements made between these terminals.

Wiring - Connect the structure wire and one of the coupon wires to a terminal pair that can be shunted through a switch or shorting bar. For convenience, a magnetic switch such as EDI Model UI-MS may be used. Connect the other coupon wire and the reference wire each to their own terminal.

<u>Calibrating</u> - Measure the potential when the switch is closed and the instant- disconnect potential as the switch is opened. The difference between the two is the offset potential which should be recorded. This offset potential will usually be less than 10 millivolts.

Measurements - Measurements can be made with the switch or shorting bar closed. In most cases, the offset potential will be sufficiently small that it can be neglected.

Wiring connections - Concentric CP Coupon

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