











Press a 28mm fitting onto the CuNi tube in under 6 seconds. Join done.

# Faster to Install

AusPress press-fit offers large time savings compared to welding, threading, grooving or glueing.

# Safer to Use

We train your team on-site. One button tool operation. Lightweight battery tools. No flames or hot work permits. No heavy gas tanks. No hazardous fumes. Less risk.

# Experience Counts

We were the first to supply press-fit stainless in Australia & New Zealand.

We work with consultants & installers on specialised complex projects regularly.

# Quality to Install

Approved to International & Shipbuilding Standards. Superior temperature & chloride tolerance.

# Reliable Design

Suits a wide range of applications. Permanent high strength with the original **'M' press** join profile. Consistent low profile join look & quality each time.

# **Environmental** Choice

Long service life. Closed loop material. Efficient and waste free install.



# Installing AusPress®

**Start** to install quicker... AusPress press-fit is installed easily & quickly using a Press Tool to form a permanent 'M' profile pressed join between tube and fitting.



**Check** for suitability... Both the piping material (eg copper nickel) and the elastomer (the rubber ring seal) must be checked if suitable for the conveyed fluid and exterior environments.

# This guide is for standard

**applications.** For different or specialised applications please contact us first.



**Mark** the Insertion Depth "*i*" Measure or use a depth gauge to mark the insertion depth (socket depth) onto the tube end.

This is a visual quality control mark to ensure the tube is fully inserted.



### Cut to Length

Cut the tube square using a tube cutter with an 'inox' suitable blade.

For larger sizes, cut square with an 'inox' blade using a stainless rotary cutter or 5" thin blade grinder disc.



Inspect Fitting & Ring Seals Check that the rubber ring seal is: The correct material type (colour) of seal is used. The seal is not damaged. Both fitting & seal are free of debris.



### Press the Join

Using a suitable press tool and M-profile jaw or collar, align the press jaw with the fitting and join following the tool manufacturer's instructions.



**Check** & Complete Visually inspect the pressed fitting & that the insertion mark is aligned with the end of the socket.



### Deburr Tube

Deburr both inside & outside edges of tube ends to avoid cutting the ring seal on insertion.

For large sizes, use a half round smooth file reserved for CuNiFe.



**Join** the Tube & Fitting Insert the tube into the fitting press socket, turning slightly until it reaches the previously marked insertion depth.

Soapy water can be used if joining is difficult.



**Threaded** Ends Tighten threads with the fitting supported, don't tighten against a pressed join alone.

# The right tool for the job...

Our fleet of tools are designed to install AusPress press-fit quickly & consistently without the need for welding or threading to form a permanent join.

Confirm your project suitability before installing as some applications are limited to a lower pressure despite the system able to achieve higher; in these cases, the lesser pressure is used.

Refer to the technical section and contact us for more information.

# **Shipping & Offshore Applications**

Note requirements for shipping are specific to the approval certificate for that vessel and operating pressures are often lower than the 16 bar approved for land based applications. The approval may also nominate a brand of tooling.

Chart below shows tool compatibility and maximum working pressure per diameter for a water installation up to 85°C.



### The 'M' Profile Press...

AusPress CuNiFe Metric fittings are supplied with a M-Profile press socket.

The press tools, jaws and collars we supply are designed to suit M-Profile and although they may look similar to other types, the tolerances of others may be different. Using incorrect tooling may effect warranty as a result.



	AusPress Metric CuNiFe					X° No
	fittings and metric tube.	SPM24	ACO203	ACO203-XL	ACO403	CPN700
15 to 35mm	Press Jaw	<b>16 bar</b> 232 psi 1,600 kPa	<b>16 bar</b> 232 psi 1,600 kPa	<b>16 bar</b> 232 psi 1,600 kPa	N/A	<b>16 bar</b> 232 psi 1,600 kPa
42 & 54mm	ZB203 Adaptor Jaw & Collar	N/A	<b>16 bar</b> 232 psi 1,600 kPa	<b>16 bar</b> 232 psi 1,600 kPa	N/A	<b>16 bar</b> 232 psi 1,600 kPa
76.1 to 108mm	Adaptor Jaw(s) & Collar	N/A	N/A	<b>16 bar</b> 232 psi 1,600 kPa	<b>16 bar</b> ⁴ 232 psi⁴ 1,600 kPa⁴	<b>16 bar</b> 232 psi 1,600 kPa

**Please Note:** This chart is a guide only with other tool and application suitability available on request. Values noted are *Maximum Working Pressure*, not the safety or testing pressure of the system. More information is available in the technical section and contact us. <sup>\*</sup> Not suitable for gas or compressed air installations (76.1, 88.9 & 108 'HP' collars with the ACO401 or ACO403 tools).



Ensure the inner press surfaces are lubricated with Inox for a smooth consistent press. Reapply as needed.

# AusPress<sup>®</sup> Press-Fit

# AusPress Metric Stainless Range



Refer to our Technical Data Sheets for material suitability and resistance.

## Why Choose Copper Nickel?

Designed specifically for seawater applications, Copper Nickel has a much higher tolerance to chlorides and is the choice of material for shipping and offshore applications.

Please ask us if you require more information or technical advice for your project.

For technical information for specialised projects please ask us. With over 30 years of experience, have access to testing metallurgist services too.

### **Tube Bending:**

Tube diameters up to 35mm can be cold bent with a commercial bender to a radius no less than 3.5x the tube diameter.

Eg: 15 (tube dia) x 3.5 = 52.5mm radius min along the centre line.

### Tube Metric OD Stainless

OD





i = insertion depth. Tube must be inserted into the press socket a minimum distance to ensure the join is pressed successfully.

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Product No	<b>D1</b> (mm)	<i>i</i> depth	Length (L)	Thk (t)	dry/m	Tube W dry/6m	eights (kg <b>wet/m</b>	) wet/6m	L	А	D2	В	С	D
CUNI. <b>96</b> .015	15	20	6m	1.0	0.4	2.3	0.5	3.1	50	10	23	85	35	55
CUNI.96.018*	18	21	6m	1.0	0.5	2.9	0.7	4.1	52	10				
CUNI.96.022	22	21	6m	1.0	0.6	3.5	0.9	5.4	52	10	32	95	35	56
CUNI.96.028	28	24	6m	1.5	1.1	6.7	1.6	9.6	58	10	38	107	35	58
CUNI.96.035	35	27	6m	1.5	1.4	8.4	2.2	13.3	74	20	45	121	35	61
CUNI.96.042	42	32	6m	1.5	1.7	10.2	2.9	17.4	84	20	54	147	35	65
CUNI.96.054	54	38	6m	1.5	2.2	13.2	4.2	25.5	96	20	66	174	35	70
CUNI.96.076*	76.1	55	6m	2.0	4.1	24.9	8.2	49.4	130	20	95	223	75	128
CUNI.96.088*	88.9	64	6m	2.0	4.9	29.2	10.5	63.1	148	20	110	249	75	135
CUNI.96.108*	108	78	6m	2.5	7.4	44.2	15.7	94.2	176	20	133	292	75	150

Tool Jaw & Collar Clearance? See the technical section for

dimensions to install press-fit clear of obstructions.

### Installation Tools

These items make installing AusPress press-fit easier.

Remember using the same cutting or deburring tool on different metals can lead to corrosion (eg cut steel then cut stainless steel).

#### Press Tools:

Information and capacities are listed under "Select a Press Tool" Section.



Tube Deburrer Inside and outside diameter cones, suits diameters 10 - 54mm. Order: VT.DEB



Replacement Inox Cutting Wheels (each) Suitable for both cutters shown. Order: VT.TCUT.WHEEL

> Manual Tube Cutter Metal construction, Inox blade, suitable for diameters 6 - 76.1mm OD. Includes 1x spare cutting wheel in handle end. Order: VT.TCUT.006.076



CuNiFe



CUNI.23.076.042\*

CUNI.23.076.054\*

CUNI.23.088.054\*

CUNI.23.088.076\*

CUNI.23.108.076\*

CUNI.23.108.088\*

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# Slip Coupling Socket - Socket





Vaterial: CuNiFe (2	2.1972.11).
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Ring Seal: NBR x2 supplied.

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Product No	D1	L1	X1		
CUNI.22.015	15	80	20		
CUNI.22.018	18	80	21		
CUNI.22.022	22	84	21		
CUNI.22.028	28	92	24		
CUNI.22.035	35	102	27		
CUNI.22.042	42	120	32		
CUNI. <b>22</b> .054	54	139	38		
CUNI.22.076*	76.1	226	55		
CUNI.22.088*	88.9	255	64		
CUNI.22.108*	108	304	78		

#### CuNi 102 See technic

X1

X2



■ 90 Bend Socket - Socket





Material: CuNiFe (2.1972.11).

Ring Seal: NBR x2 supplied.

Product No	D1	X1	X2		
CUNI.31.090.015	15	36	56		
CUNI.31.090.018	18	40	61		
CUNI.31.090.022	22	51	72		
CUNI.31.090.028	28	59	83		
CUNI.31.090.035	35	97	124		
CUNI.31.090.042	42	123	155		
CUNI.31.090.054	54	129	167		
CUNI.31.090.076*	76.1	184	239		
CUNI.31.090.088*	88.9	212	276		
CUNI.31.090.108*	108	263	341		

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# **90 Bend** Socket - Tube End





The length of M-F Bends cannot be cut shorter.

Ring Seal: NBR x1 supplied.

Material: CuNiFe (2.1972.	Ri	Ring Seal: NBR x1 supplied.			
Product No	D1	X1	X2	Y1	
CUNI.32.090.015	15	36	36	62	
CUNI.32.090.018	18	40	40	62	
CUNI.32.090.022	22	51	51	77	
CUNI.32.090.028	28	59	59	79	
CUNI.32.090.035	35	97	93	127	
CUNI.32.090.042	42	123	127	161	
CUNI.32.090.054	54	129	129	173	
CUNI.32.090.076*	76.1	184	184	246	
CUNI.32.090.088*	88.9	212	212	284	
CUNI.32.090.108*	108	263	263	350	

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Material: CuNiFe (2.1972	.11).		Ri	ng Seal: NBR x2 supplied.
Product No	D1	X1	X2	
CUNI.31.045.015	15	38	18	
CUNI.31.045.022	22	45	24	
CUNI.31.045.028	28	52	28	
CUNI.31.045.035	35	75	48	
CUNI.31.045.042	42	88	56	
CUNI.31.045.054	54	115	77	
CUNI.31.045.076*	76.1	186	131	
CUNI.31.045.088*	88.9	211	147	
CUNI.31.045.108*	108	247	169	

■ 45 Bend Socket - Socket



D1 The length of M-F Bends cannot be cut shorter.

Ring Seal: NBR x1 supplied.

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Product No	D1	X1	X2	Y1	
CUNI.32.045.015	15	38	18	48	
CUNI.32.045.022	22	45	34	60	
CUNI.32.045.028	28	52	31	62	
CUNI.32.045.035	35	75	48	79	
CUNI.32.045.042	42	88	56	93	
CUNI.32.045.054	54	115	77	121	
CUNI.32.045.076*	76.1	186	131	194	
CUNI.32.045.088*	88.9	211	147	220	
CUNI.32.045.108*	108	247	169	256	





Material: CuNiFe (2.1972.	Ri	Ring Seal: NBR x3 supplied.			
Product No	D1	X1	X2	Y1	
CUNI. <b>51</b> .015	15	38	18	39	
CUNI.51.018	18	41	20	41	
CUNI.51.022	22	44	23	44	
CUNI.51.028	28	50	26	50	
CUNI.51.035	35	56.5	29.5	56.5	
CUNI.51.042	42	66	34	66	
CUNI.51.054	54	79	41	79	
CUNI.51.076*	76.1	116.5	61.5	118	
CUNI.51.088*	88.9	128	64	128	

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## Tee Reduced Socket Ends & Branch

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CUNI.51.108\*



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Material: CuNiFe (2.1972	2.11).			Ring Seal: NBR x3 supplied.					
Product No	<b>D</b> 1	D2	X1	X2	Y1	Y2			
CUNI.52.022.015	22	15	40	19	42.2	22			
CUNI.52.028.015	28	15	40	20	45.2	25			
CUNI.52.028.022	28	22	44	20	47.2	26			
CUNI.52.035.015	35	15	52	25	47.5	27.5			
CUNI.52.035.022	35	22	52	25	49.5	28.5			
CUNI.52.035.028	35	28	52	25	52.5	28.5			
CUNI.52.042.022	42	22	57	25	53	32			
CUNI.52.042.028	42	28	57	25	56	32			
CUNI.52.042.035	42	35	57	25	60	33			
CUNI.52.054.022	54	22	54	34	60	39			
CUNI.52.054.028	54	28	72	34	63	39			
CUNI.52.054.035	54	35	72	34	67	40			
CUNI.52.054.042	54	42	72	34	73	41			
CUNI.52.076.022*	76.1	22	87	66	71	50			
CUNI.52.076.028*	76.1	28	90	66	74	50			
CUNI.52.076.035*	76.1	35	93	66	78	51			
CUNI.52.076.042*	76.1	42	98	66	84	52			
CUNI.52.076.054*	76.1	54	111	66	90	52			
CUNI.52.088.022*	88.9	22	82	61	78	57			
CUNI.52.088.028*	88.9	28	85	61	81	57			
CUNI.52.088.035*	88.9	35	88	61	85	58			
CUNI.52.088.042*	88.9	42	93	61	91	59			
CUNI.52.088.054*	88.9	54	99	61	97	59			
CUNI.52.088.076*	88.9	76.1	116	61	123.5	68.5			
CUNI.52.108.022*	108	22	156	77	87	66			
CUNI.52.108.028*	108	28	156	77	90	66			
CUNI.52.108.035*	108	35	156	77	94	67			
CUNI.52.108.042*	108	42	156	77	100	68			
CUNI.52.108.054*	108	54	156	77	106	68			
CUNI.52.108.076*	108	76.1	156	77	132.5	77.5			
CUNI.52.108.088*	108	88.9	156	77	137.5	73.5			

FI Tee Socket Ends & FI (Rp) Branch





Material: CuNiFe (2.1972.11).

Ring Seal: NBR x2 supplied.

Product No	D1 F	l (Rp) BS	SP X1	X2	Y1	
CUNI.53.015.015	15	1/2"	32.5	12.5	35.4	
CUNI.53.022.015	22	1/2"	40	19	39.2	
CUNI.53.022.020	22	3/4"	40	19	42.2	
CUNI.53.028.015	28	1/2"	44	20	42.2	
CUNI.53.028.020	28	3/4"	44	22	45.2	
CUNI.53.035.015	35	1/2"	52.5	25.5	44.5	
CUNI.53.035.020	35	3/4"	52.5	25.5	47.5	
CUNI.53.042.015	42	1/2"	57	25	48	
CUNI.53.042.020	42	3/4"	57	25	51	
CUNI.53.054.015	54	1/2"	72	34	55	
CUNI.53.054.020	54	3/4"	72	34	58	
CUNI.53.076.015*	76.1	1/2"	121	66	69	
CUNI.53.076.020*	76.1	3/4"	121	66	69	
CUNI.53.088.015*	88.9	1/2"	125	61	76	
CUNI.53.088.020*	88.9	3/4"	125	61	76	
CUNI.53.108.015*	108	1/2"	155	77	85	
CUNI.53.108.020*	108	3/4"	155	77	85	

# FI Adaptor Socket - FI (Rp) Thread





Material: CuNiFe (2.1972.11).

Ring Seal: NBR x1 supplied.

Product No	D1 I	<b>FI</b> (Rp) BSP	L1	X1	
CUNI.73.015.015	15	1/2"	78	58	
CUNI.73.022.015	22	1/2"	83	61	
CUNI.73.022.020	22	3/4"	83	61	
CUNI.73.028.025	28	1"	91	67	
CUNI.73.035.032	35	1.1/4"	98	71	
CUNI.73.042.040	42	1.1/2"	108	76	
CUNI.73.054.050	54	2"	130	92	

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### ■ MI Adaptor Socket - MI (R) Thread



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Round rubber

Fitting (Coupling).

Round rubber

ring seal

ring seal.

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Material: CuNiFe (2.1972.11). Ring Seal: NBR x1 supplied.						
Product No	D1	MI	L1	X1	Thread	
CUNI.74.015.015	15	1/2"	83	63	BSP	
CUNI.74.022.015	22	1/2"	88	66	BSP	
CUNI.74.022.020	22	3/4"	88	66	BSP	
CUNI.74.028.025	28	1"	98	74	BSP	
CUNI.74.035.032	35	1.1/4"	106	79	BSP	
CUNI.74.042.040	42	1.1/2"	117	85	BSP	
CUNI.74.054.050	54	2"	139	101	BSP	
CUNI.74.015.015N*	15	1/2"	83	63	NPT	
CUNI.74.022.015N*	22	1/2"	88	66	NPT	
CUNI.74.022.020N*	22	3/4"	88	66	NPT	
CUNI.74.028.025N*	28	1"	98	74	NPT	
CUNI.74.035.032N*	35	1.1/4"	106	79	NPT	
CUNI.74.042.040N*	42	1.1/2"	117	85	NPT	
CUNI.74.054.050N*	54	2"	139	101	NPT	

### Ring Seals

Fittings with a press-fit socket are fitted with a NBR rubber ring seal as standard.

Depending on the media, this ring seal can be changed to a different rubber material to suit the application.

Refer to our relevant Technical Media Chart for suitability and contact us for more information.

### Flanged Stub End for a Loose Flange







Material: CuNiFe (2.1972.11).

Product No	D1	FL	D2	D3	D4	L1	t
CUNI.87.022.PN16	22	PN 10/16	27	58	27	135	6
CUNI.87.028.PN16	28	PN 10/16	32	68	32	135	6
CUNI.87.035.PN16	35	PN 10/16	40	78	40	135	6
CUNI.87.042.PN16	42	PN 10/16	46.5	88	46.5	135	6
CUNI.87.054.PN16	54	PN 10/16	59	102	59	135	8
CUNI.87.076.PN16*	76.1	PN 10/16	78	122	78	135	8
CUNI.87.088.PN16*	88.9	PN 10/16	91	138	91	135	10
CUNI.87.108.PN16*	108	PN 10/16	110	158	110	135	10

Note: Loose flange, gasket, nuts & bolts not included.

## MI Union Socket - MI (R) BSP





Ring Seal: NBR x1 supplied. Gasket Seal: NBR x1 supplied.

Material: CuNiFe (2.1972.11).

Product No	D1	$\textbf{MI}\left(\text{R}\right)\text{BSP}$	L1	X1	Gasket Size	
CUNI.82.015.015	15	1/2"	81	61	A1	
CUNI.82.022.015	22	1/2"	84	63	B1	
CUNI.82.022.020	22	3/4"	85	64	B1	
CUNI.82.028.025	28	1"	96	73	C1	
CUNI.82.035.032	35	1.1/4"	104	78	D1	
CUNI.82.042.040	42	1.1/2"	109	79	E1	
CUNI.82.054.050	54	2"	124	89	F1	

Note: MI (R) Union is not suitable for gas or steam applications.





# The Strength of Press-Fit

Press Tool

# It's All In The Join

The socket on each press fitting is fitted with a rubber ring seal, engineered to provide both a strong and sealed join after being pressed with a press tool.

By using a calibrated press tool, each join is permanent and uniform as the join is deformed in two ways;

> The engineered shaping of the fitting against the tube to provide strength to the join as the primary seal plus,

The deformation of the rubber ring seal to form the secondary seal in the encapsulated pocket between the fitting and tube.

The press jaw (or collar) determines the shape and it is important to ensure the jaw (or collar) used with the press tool matches not only the diameter but also the fitting profile to ensure a successful pressed joint.

Since the original M-Profile was invented by Larsson, other profiles have been developed based on his design. Although appearing to be similar, each profile performs with different strength, deformation and ability characteristics.

Originally designed in 1962 by Swedish engineer Gunther Larsson, the first press fittings were manufactured by German company Mannesmann from 1969.

Two different cross section shapes are pressed depending on the tube diameter - the hexagonal and the lemon shape.

### Section A:

This forms the mechanical strength of the pressed join.

### Section B:

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The deformation of the rubber ring seal ensures a permanently tight join.



Press Jaw Available in a range of sizes and abilities. Insert into tool directly.

Adaptor Jaw + Press Collar Insert jaw into the tool, jaw clamps onto collar.

Above: Press Tools are fitted with an interchangeable jaw or, adaptor jaw and collar combination depending on the fitting material, system diameter and fitting press profile to be pressed. All must match for the press to be successfu



Above: Hexagonal shape section profile - Before pressing (fitting left), after pressing (fitting right) & Section A through pressed join.





Above: Lemon shape section profile - Before pressing (fitting left), after pressing (fitting right) & Section A through pressed join.

# **Using a Press Tool**

The Tool Does All The Work

Press Tools are designed specifically for the installation of press fittings and come in a range of shapes and sizes. They often have an on-board computer that controls the press pressure, duration and other quality control parameters that is recorded on the press tool.

Press fittings can only be pressed with a press tool that is fitted with the correct jaw or collar that matches the profile type and diameter of the fitting. After a successful press, a permanent joint between the fitting and the tube is made.

Different press tools have different abilities and determine the working pressure of the completed system so use the 'Select a Press Tool' charts at the start of each section to check for suitability.

Every press tool is slightly different so check with the tool manufacturer for their specifications and operating instructions.

Read in conjunction with the Installing AusPress guide at the start of each catalogue section.

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Check the press jaw (A) or collar (B+C) matches the profile and diameter of the fitting and is suitable for the press tool.

- 2 Retract the retaining pin (RP) of the tool and insert the jaw into the press tool. Once seated, close the retaining pin.
- 3 Open the press jaw and align the inner groove of the jaw with the raised profile of the fitting.
- 4 Check the fitting is fully engaged by the insertion depth mark and if so, press and hold the start button (GO) to begin the press.
- 5 Once complete the tool will 'click' and retract the internal roller pins. Open the press jaw and move away from the fitting.
- 6 An occasional spray with Inox lubricant on the jaw moving parts and press zone will ensure ongoing smooth operation.

**Tool, Jaw & Collar Calibration** Tool calibration show when next due for calibration.



### Half or Cancelled Press?

If the press tool operation is stopped before completing a full press cycle, the press tool must reset before removing the jaws. **Press fittings cannot be re-pressed.** 

## **Tool Training & Safety**

For OH&S and product warranty reasons, before using a press tool you must of completed the relevant AusPress Tool Training.



# Use the Right Tool...

The Press Tool used determines the maximum working pressure of the installation.

Use the 'Select a Press Tool' chart to check suitability.



#### **Safety & Tool Training** We offer on-site tool training and maintain records of attendees for OH&S and Quality Assurance.

# **Tool Servicing**

We're authorised press tool repair & service centre for our Novopress & Vetec tools.

#### Tool Maintenance Every 10x Presses:

Lightly lubricate inside press zone groove of jaws & collars with an lnox spray.

### Weekly:

Lubricate and inspect press jaws and collars for wear or damage.

### **Regular Servicing:**

Refer to manufacturer's tool manual for service interval & warranty details.

# **Tool Not Working?**

Press the Reset Button? LED status? Contact Us...

### Green LED

Off = Tool is on standby or press is in progress. Steady = Tool is ready. Flash = Check retaining pin or Battery Charge.

### Red LED

Steady = Fault / Service. Flash (x3) = Extreme temperatures or tool fault.

Red & Green LEDS Flash = Service.

# Generators

Please contact us before using generators with the 240V Press Tools.

### **Batteries**

Press tools generally don't commence a press unless there is enough battery charge to complete a press.

# **Jaw & Collar Clearances**







Dimensions for AusPress Metric 316 Stainless, AusPress CuNiFe & AusPress 2205 Fittings

D1	Т	Е	F	G	Н	J	К
15	Jaw	20	56	25	31	75	135
18	Jaw						
22	Jaw	23	65	31	38	80	155
28	Jaw	25	75	31	39	83	160
35	Jaw	30	75	36	45	90	180
42	Collar	75	115	-	75	-	265
54	Collar	85	120	-	85	-	290
66.7	Collar						
76.1	Collar	110	140	-	110	-	360
88.9	Collar	120	150	-	120	-	390
108	Collar	140	170	-	140	-	450
168.3	Collar	200	335	-	200	-	850





clearances before proceeding with your installation. Measurements may differ depending on the press tool, jaw or collar model used. ACO203 tooling options used as example only. F U Dimensions presume an equal or larger diameter of the two pipes is shown with the press collar attached.

Measurements are dependant on the actual fitting dimensions and the Press Tool used to join. Confirm



Dimensions for AusPress Copper Fittings



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# **Material Performance**

# **Material Composition**

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		AusPress*	S/S	AusPress	AusPress*	AusPress*	
		STAINLESS		CuNiFe	COPPER	DUPLEX 2205	
		AISI 316L	AISI 304	90/10	C12200	AISI S31803	
Grade No:		1.4404	1.4301	2.1972	C12200	1.4462	
Chromium (Cr)	%	16.5 - 18.5	18 - 19.5	-	-	21.0 - 23.0	
Carbon (C)	% max	0.03	0.03	0.05	-	0.03	
Copper (Cu)	% min	-	-	85.6	99.9	-	
Iron (Fe)	%	bal	bal	1.5 - 1.8	-	bal	
Lead (Pb)	% max	-	-	0.01	-	-	
Manganese (Mn)	% max	2	2	1	-	2	
Molybdenum (Mo)	%	2 - 2.5	-	-	-	2.5 - 3.5	
Nickel (Ni)	%	10 - 13	8 - 10.5	10 - 11	-	4.5 - 6.5	
Nitrogen (N)	%	-	-	-	-	0.08 - 0.20	
Phosphorus (P)	% max	0.045	0.045	0.02	0.04	0.03	
Silicon (Si)	% max	1	1	-	-	1	
Sulphur (S)	% max	0.015	0.03	0.005	-	0.02	
Zinc (Zn)	% max	-	-	0.05	-	-	
Zirconium (Zr)	% max	-	-	0.01	-	-	
PREN	ave	24.9	18.8	-	-	34.2	

## **Temperature Correction Factor**

The graph below shows the correction factor (Kc) based on the water temperature.



# Batch Numbers (Tube & Fittings)

Our fittings and tubes are marked with a batch (or heat) number identifying the material as part of our 3.1 certifications for our 316, IPS & 2205 ranges.





# **Design for Press-Fit**

This information is suitable for 'normal' applications within the abilities of press-fit including potable water and compressed air however some applications require additional consideration; these include (but not limited to) steam, pressurised oil lines and chemical lines. In these instances, contact us before installation for technical assessment.

## 1: Ring Seal (Elastomer) Suitability

The rubber ring seal is an important part of the press fitting join and must be assessed as suitable for the application and media to be used. AusPress fittings are supplied with a pre-fitted EPDM (black) ring seal standard, unless otherwise noted at the time of ordering. We don't recommend the swapping of ring seals from one type to another after the time of ordering.

Refer to our AusPress Suitability Guide for specific ring seal suitability and limits and/or contact us for confirmation before installation by completing a Project Information form available from our website.

### 2: System Pressures

Maximum working pressure depends on a combination of the press tool used to install, the fitting profile, fitting diameter, the system material, operating temperature and application (use) as approved by AusPress. Some applications are limited to a lesser pressure despite the system able to achieve higher; in these cases, the lesser pressure is used.

Working Pressure – 'normal' operating pressure, designed for and in accordance to relevant standards.

Test Pressure – 1.5x the working pressure, during site test conditions only (see Pressure Testing section).

For suitability of other press tools, applications and limits for

Refer to the 'Select a Press Tool' page at the beginning of each AusPress catalogue section to find the right tool for your project.

AusPress products, please contact us for advice.

# 3: Insulation & Lagging

Insulating AusPress is suitable however consideration must be given to the piping material and the insulation type to be installed. *Tech Note available.* 

For example, insulation materials used with stainless 316 must be specified 'low chloride' (less than 0.05% soluble chloride ion content by weight). This issue is critical to the performance of stainless installations at any temperature. (For further info refer to TN.04)

### 4: Threaded Fittings & Sealants

Support the threaded press fitting using the fixed nut to tighten and prevent torsional forces being applied to the pressed join. For threads, both thread tapes and liquid/paste sealants must be chloride free and suitable with the material and application.

Contact us for more information.

The following information is a general guide only. For project & application specific assessment, contact us directly.



# Tech Notes Available

Contact us for Technical Notes that cover topics in much greater detail.

### 5: Bracketing

Install bracketing & centres (spans) to AS/NZS 3500 & AS/NZS 4041 as required appropriate to the application.

Bracketing is to be the same material as the pipework or separated with an inert lining such as rubber.

Brackets are not to be positioned directly on a fitting.

Refer to the Expansion & Contraction section for bracket type and positioning. (For further info refer to TN.20)

## 6: Bending Tubes

Tube up to 35mm diameter can be cold bent using a commercial tube bender to a radius no less than 3.5x the tube diameter. Do not heat stainless or CuNiFe to bend.

# 7: Material Suitability

AusPress is suitable for a range of applications; please complete a Project Info Form and contact us for product suitability based on your project requirements.

### **Press-Fit for Potable Water**

AusPress systems are resistant to potable water meeting the requirements of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) 2011.

Stainless & copper are resistant due to the protective layer these materials create naturally. The content of water-soluble chloride ions at ambient temperature (including in potable water) should not exceed 250mg/l (250ppm).

Copper Nickel (CuNiFe) is not suitable for potable water applications but can be tested with potable water.

Problems can occur with high chloride content found in some chlorous disinfectants or naturally occurring sources such as bore water. Confirm suitability with AusPress before use.



# Stagnant water, low flow periods and dead legs require caution and are not recommended.

Water analysis testing by a NATA certified laboratory is required to confirm the composition of waters.

### **Press-Fit for Purified Waters**

Purified waters such as softened, de-carbonised, fully desalinated, de-ionised, de-mineralised, distilled and pure condensates are suitable. Ultrapure water with a conductivity of > 0.1  $\mu$ S/cm is also suitable. No additional measures to protect against corrosion are necessary.

Other types are to be confirmed before installation on request.

Water sample and parameters may be required. Note Copper and CuNiFe are not suitable for purified water types.

### Press-Fit for Chemicals, Disinfectants and Additives

Please complete a Project Info Sheet with the relevant MSDS and contact us to check the suitability.

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# Press-Fit for Compressed Air

Dry or wet (lubricated) systems are suitable with AusPress; use the FKM ring seal for wet systems or when oil is possible.

### Press-Fit for Wet Steam

Only the Red FKM ring seal is suitable for wet steam. Water quality and additives must be confirmed as suitable. For AusPress stainless, max limits of 75 psi (550 kpa) & 160°C installed with pressure relief valve, temp gauge & suitable press tool. Contact us for advice and the *Tech Note*.

# Press-Fit for Oil, Fuels, Grease & Viscous Liquids

Systems must be installed with a thermal expansion safety valve, the pump isolated and system depressurised during non-operational periods. Confirm the ring seal suitability before installation. *Tech Note available.* 

## Press-Fit for Sewer, Stormwater or Gravity Waters

Press-Fit is not suitable, designed or approved for these applications. Contact us for information about our range of stainless drainage pipes and floor drains.

# Press-Fit in Cold Climates

Allowance must be allowed for expansion of water within the pipework that may freeze. Various methods such as trace heating are used, please contact us for specific advice.

# 8: Protecting External Surfaces

# Material Resistance

Despite the robust protective layer to the material formed naturally, the external environment and conditions must be considered; contaminants settling or in contact for a period of time may effect the outside surface of the tube & fittings.

#### For example;

316 stainless is susceptible to chlorides; coastal areas where the tube is exposed, unwashed or buried;

Building materials in contact such as concrete, galvanised brackets or grinding sparks;

Chemicals (including cleaning), alkaline or acidic environments where AusPress is to be installed;

Underground installation of press-fit is not recommended where protection from damage, interference from plant roots or soil/groundwater conditions is not provided. Refer our Tech Note for more information. **(For further info refer to TN.01)** 

### **Protection of External Surfaces**

In areas at risk of unsuitable external conditions, installation of AusPress without protection is not recommended - contact AusPress for advice before installation.

To prevent against direct contact issues, installing press-fit using off-set brackets, material separation (such as inert rubber spacers) and other 'material' solutions is suitable.

Covering the external surface can protect and insulate the surface from contaminants. Care to prepare the press-fit surface before applying the covering is critical to prevent locking any contaminants between the tube and protection.

Protection against external contaminants must be waterproof and non-porous and resistant to heat and ageing and continuous (no gaps or damage). The use of encased or sealed blanket insulation, allowing to drain trapped condensation and barrier wrapping are all recommended. Materials that retain moisture including felts are not recommended.

### Effects of Bi-Metal (Mixed) Installations

Caused by the direct connection of different materials or the water passing from one material to another (the flow rule), bimetallic reactions can effect some metals.

AusPress stainless is not effected by the flow rule and with potable water can be used with other nonferrous metals although this is not a preferred method of installation.

Colouring caused by deposits of other metals does not necessarily indicate corrosion.

Materials that do bimetallicly react are separated by an inert section to reduce the reaction.

For example, if stainless is directly connected to galvanised steel pipe, bimetallic reaction will occur to the galvanised steel. This can be prevented by:

Installing an inert separation piece between the two or;

Fitting a ball valve made of non-ferrous material.

# 9: Flushing the System

It is best practice to avoid the introduction of foreign matter or contaminants during installation including dirt and swarf. Flushing the pipework is recommended to reduce the negative effects contaminants may cause and AS/NZS 3500 has further directions for flushing water supply systems.

Flushing Water Systems: Potable water is recommended.

Flushing Air, Oil & Gas Systems: Use oil-free air or an inert gas such as carbon dioxide or nitrogen. Oxygen or other flammable gasses are not to be used.

Flush main-line separately before connection.

# **10: Pressure Testing**

Conduct the pressure test in accordance with AS/NZS 3500 (and AS/NZS 2419.1 for Fire Hydrant applications).



Testing with Water: Potable water is recommended.

Testing with Air: Use oil-free air or an inert gas such as carbon dioxide or nitrogen. Oxygen or other flammable gasses are not to be used.

### Water Supply Systems:

Flush the system then fill with potable water so that it is free from air pockets before commencing the test. If connecting to an existing water supply, flush any connecting pipework before connection.

### Hot and Warm Water Systems:

In addition to the notes above for Water Supply Systems, conduct the preliminary and main tests with cold water first. As soon as possible after a successful cold water test, slowly heat up the system to the full designed hot water temperature and re-inspect for any issues.

Note the system will expand when heated and bracketing should not be fully tightened nor insulation fitted before normal operating temperature has been reached.

### LPG and Natural Gas Systems:

Conduct the pressure test of the system in accordance with AS/ NZS 5601. Water is not a suitable medium for testing, use the air testing method.

### **Pressure Test Process:**

We recommend using the Test Protocol Form to record the test results as a record that can be downloaded from our website. Use the more stringent requirements of those listed below and the relevant AS/NZS standard to your installation.

	Test Prea (the great	Minimum Test Time Required:			
AS/NZS 3500	1,500 kPa or	1.5 times the	45 minutes		
AS/NZS 5601	7.0 kPa (pipework only) or	maximum operating working pressure	2 minutes temp stabilisation time + 5 minutes for test		
AS/NZS 2419.1	1,700 kPa or	for the system.	4 hours		
Refer to the relevant standard for specific requirements of testing					

For hot water systems, the duration may be longer allowing for the water to heat after the first cold water test.

For flange pressures, consult the relevant standard (i.e. AS/ NZS 2129 for Table & ASME B16.5 for ANSI).

#### System considered 'passed' if:

No pressure drop over the test duration (as per relevant AS/NZS for the installation) and a visual inspection confirmation of no leaks or deformation.

# 11: Disinfecting the System

Prior to commissioning the system or in the event of microbial contamination, the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines

- (ADWG) recommend the use of hydrogen peroxide to
- disinfect pipework. Chlorine is also listed as suitable in this context.

# Please contact us so we can offer project specific advice before you proceed.

Familiarise the manufacturer's safety precautions of using the chemical and instructions for use, particularly in relation to the contact time, maximum solution concentration and subsequent flushing requirements.

The Australian water regulations allow dosing with up to 1.2ppm of free chlorine in the disinfectant solution, provided a limit of 0.3ppm of free (active) chlorine is not exceeded in the drinking water.

Quantities can be increased to 6ppm and 0.6ppm respectively in exceptional circumstances for example, high or increased micro-bacterial contamination.

To prevent damage to AusPress products during disinfection, do not exceed the maximum chlorine concentration and contact times as tabled:

	Option 1	Option 2	
Maximum concentration of free chlorine in water:	100ppm	50ppm	
Maximum contact time:	16 hours	24 hours	
Thorough flushing with potable (drinking) water:	Residue free chlorine in potable (drinking) water <1ppm.		
		1ppm = 1mg/L	

## 12: De-Scaling

Limescale on the bore tubes can be caused by a variety of service conditions including high water temperatures or excessively 'hard' water quality.

# Additives for de-scaling tubes must be checked for suitability with the pipe material, rubber seal ring and approved for use with AusPress before use.

When using any solution, ensure the system is flushed correctly and the manufacturer's instructions are followed in an accurate and safe manner at all times.

## 13: Commissioning

Systems must be commissioned in accordance with the applicable standards and regulations.

The installation contractor must familiarise the owners and users with the system. This is to be documented with a hand-over and acceptance documentation.

Completing an *Operation and Maintenance Manual* is recommended to record the actual products installed, the ring seals used and the installer's information for future reference.

# 14: Operation and Maintenance

The user (or owner) of the system is under an obligation to ensure the system is maintained in a serviceable and safe condition at all times.

The system must be operated in such a way that faults and other factors affecting the reliability of the system are resolved before a hazard or issue occurs.

Ongoing maintenance includes assessing the interior and exterior of the pipework with regular inspections and timely rectification if required.

Avoid damage by keeping the system clean & free of contaminants, protect from sparks, grindings and confirm changes in media before making changes to operating conditions.

The user is advised to enter into a maintenance agreement with an installation contractor.