

## 303- AND 305-TYPE CONNECTORS

### DESCRIPTION

#### 1. GENERAL

- 1.01** This section describes the 303- and 305-type connectors and the warning markers, guards, insulators, and indicators used with the connectors.
- 1.02** When this section is reissued, the reason for reissue will be listed in this paragraph.
- 1.03** The 303- and 305-type connectors are used for terminating and protecting outside plant cables on conventional distributing frames.
- 1.04** The older 303-type solder-plated terminal connectors (designated 303A2, B2, C2, etc) are rated manufacture discontinued and are replaced with the newer 303A3, B3, C3, etc. These connectors are identical except the tip and ring terminals are gold plated instead of solder plated.
- 1.05** The 303-type connectors are used in place of the 300-type connectors and the C- and E-type protectors on distributing frames for a 100-percent increase in capacity. They are also used in place of the 301-type connectors and 444-type jacks. Although there will be no savings in frame space, the 303-type connector is an improved design.
- 1.06** The 305-type connectors are designed primarily for use with the low profile conventional distributing frames. However, they can be used on tall conventional distributing frames, provided a termination density of 1200 pairs per frame vertical is not exceeded. This capacity is based on the use of the newer DT22P distributing frame wire. Section 201-220-101 provides further information on the DT wire types.
- 1.07** The 303- and 305-type connectors provide features for voltage protection, current protection, testing, identification of special circuits, and disconnection of the outside cable pair from the central office equipment.
- 1.08** The 303A1- and 303B1-type connectors can be modified to include the features of the older 303A2- and 303B2-type or the 303A3- and 303B3-type connectors by the use of the D-180540 modification kit. The modification kit is covered in Section 201-208-805.
- 1.09** The 3-, 4-, or 5-type protector units are used with the 303- and 305-type connectors to provide electrical protection. These protector units must be ordered separately. Section 201-208-100 provides additional information on the protector units.

#### 2. DESCRIPTION

##### 303-Type Connector

- 2.01** The 303-type connector is a molded plastic panel 4-5/16 inches wide and 19-3/16 inches long. The connector has 100 groups of 5-pin, grip-type terminals. On the newer 303A3-, 303B3-type, etc, connectors, four of the terminals (tip and ring) are gold plated. The fifth terminal (center) is solder plated and provides ground connection. On the manufacture discontinued 303-type connector, all five terminals are solder plated. The 303-type connector is shown in Fig. 1.
- 2.02** Adjacent to and associated with each horizontal row of pin-grip terminals is a related grouping of five pairs of wire-wrap terminal lugs for connection to central office jumpers. Each individual pin-grip terminal is factory wired to a corresponding wire-wrap lug. A fanning strip for disbursing the jumper wires to the wire-wrap lugs is a molded part of the plastic panel.
- 2.03** Pair identification is provided by hot stamping block numerals in increments of 5 on the connector panel. The numerals are between each horizontal row of pin-grip terminals and associated wire-wrap lugs.

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2.04 A 50-pair group of individually recessed gold-plated test contacts is located at the top and bottom of each connector panel. Pair identification for the test terminals is stamped in black numerals under each double row of gold-plated test contacts.

2.05 The test contacts are accessible from the front for attaching test shoes to accommodate the necessary cable testing equipment. Section 201-208-106 provides information on the cords and test connectors.

2.06 Table A lists the various codes of 303-type connectors, the superseded connectors, stub cable size, and the stub mounting direction.

### 305-Type Connector

2.07 The 305-type connector is a completely enclosed unit which measures 9-3/8 inches high, 1-7/8 inches wide (without protector units installed) and extends 7-1/2 inches outward from the frame vertical. The 305-type connector is shown in Fig. 2 and 3.

2.08 The outer surface of the 305-type connector has provisions for cable number and pair number stamping. The left side is factory stamped for protector unit identification. The right side is factory stamped to identify tip and ring terminals.

2.09 The molded plastic panel of the 305-type connector is equipped with a field of terminals for accepting 100 3-, 4-, or 5-type protector units. Tip and ring terminals are gold plated to accept the gold-plated tip and ring terminals of the protector units. The ground terminals are solder plated.

2.10 The 305-type connectors have a 100-pair test terminal field (200 terminals) located on the left side of the connector. The terminal field is adjacent to the protector unit array and allows for the attachment of the M and N test connectors.

**Caution:** *The connector test terminals are gold plated. Any abuse, such as locating tone with a probe, shorting or grounding pairs with long-nose pliers, etc, will damage the test terminals.*

2.11 The 305-type connector is designed to be mounted on the right side of the distributing

frame verticals at right angles to the frame for the increase in capacity. The 305-type connector occupies half the vertical space of the 303-type connector.

2.12 Table B lists the various codes of 305-type connectors, stub cable size and the stub mounting direction.

### 3. WARNING MARKERS

3.01 Warning markers are used on the 303- and 305-type connectors when abnormally high voltages are employed (such as break-down tests). Pairs subjected to high voltages should be isolated from central office equipment and a warning marker should be used on these pairs.

3.02 The *E warning marker (AT-8590)* is a red molded plastic unit with white lettering at one end and three mounting prongs on the other end. This warning marker is inserted in place of the protector unit, as shown in Fig. 4, to alert personnel of a high voltage being applied on the particular outside plant pair.

**Note:** The E warning marker does not provide protection or circuit continuity when inserted into the connector panel.

3.03 The *E warning sign (AT-8325)* is furnished with cords for securing it to the sides of the 303- and 305-type connector as shown in Fig. 5. The cords may be tied around the wiring horns, cross arm supports, cable stubs, ground bars, or through fanning strip holes, whichever is most accessible. The combined use of the E warning sign and the E warning marker reduces the danger of exposure to high voltage by identifying both sides of the connector.

**Caution:** *An observer is required when performing a breakdown test on the 303- and 305-type connector. A talking path must be set up prior to testing between the observer stationed at the distributing frame and the employee with the breakdown set. If arcing or smoke is seen, the observer should immediately inform the employee applying the voltage that the fault has broken down and no further voltage should be applied.*

**3.04** Warning markers and signs should not be removed or the pairs restored to normal until notified by the test desk or cable locating bureau according to local instructions.

#### **4. GUARDS, INSULATORS, AND INDICATORS**

**4.01** Guards, insulators, and indicators are used on the 303- and 305-type connectors to prevent service interruptions, equipment damage, and personal injury.

**4.02** On the 303- and 305-type connectors, whenever a jack is associated with a special service line, it is designated by a **KS-14174, L7 designation pin** (red). The designation pin is inserted into the hole provided for this purpose as shown in Fig. 6. A protector unit with a red housing is then inserted into the connector jack. Circuits, other than special service, are identified with various colored designation pins and protector unit housings of the same color. Additional information on the KS-14174 designation pins and protector units is given in Section 201-208-100.

**Note:** The local office should specify when the KS-14174 designation pins are to be used on the 305-type connectors due to the mounting arrangement.

**4.03** The **20A circuit guard** is a cross-shaped metal strip used to prevent accidental removal of protector units from the 303- and 305-type connector. This guard is used on circuits requiring special safeguarding measures (SSM). The guard is designed with three holes, spaced for use with the 3-, 4-, and 5-type protector units. Progressive steps for the installation of the guard are given below and shown in Fig. 7.

- (1) Determine the proper hole and snip off any excess material at the notched edges adjacent to the hole.
- (2) Insert the factory provided self-tapping screw into the selected hole and bend the strip to a 90° angle close to the head of the screw.

(3) Place the bent end of the guard into the protector location and install the screw into the designation pin hole.

(4) After the guard is attached to the connector panel, insert the protector unit into the connector panel.

(5) Bend the three tabs over and around the edges of the "T" shaped pull handle of the protector unit. The protector unit is locked in place.

**4.04** The **KS-16604, L2 terminal punching insulator** (Fig. 3) is a red plastic insulator used on the wire-wrap terminals of the 305-type connector. This insulator is used where special service circuits are terminated on the connector.

**4.05** The **KS-19478, L1 guard** (Fig. 8) is used to cover the recessed tip and ring terminals associated with special service circuits on the test terminal fields of the 303- and 305-type connectors. The guard prevents accidental contact with the test terminals and deliberately acts as an obstruction to circuit interference from the contacts of a test connector.

**4.06** The **KS-21168, L1 terminal punching insulator** (Fig. 9) is a red plastic insulator used on the front of the 303-type connector. The insulator connects to the wire-wrap cross connect terminals when associated with special service lines.

**4.07** The **KS-6660 indicator** (Fig. 10) is a red plastic ring 1/2-inch in diameter. This indicator must be placed on wires before they are terminated. The **KS-16847 indicator** (Fig. 10) is a red cellulose-acetate spiral ring, 3/8-inch in diameter. The split-ring feature of this indicator permits placing or removing the indicator on terminated wires. One of these indicators should be used when the KS-21168 terminal punching insulator is used on the 303-type connector.

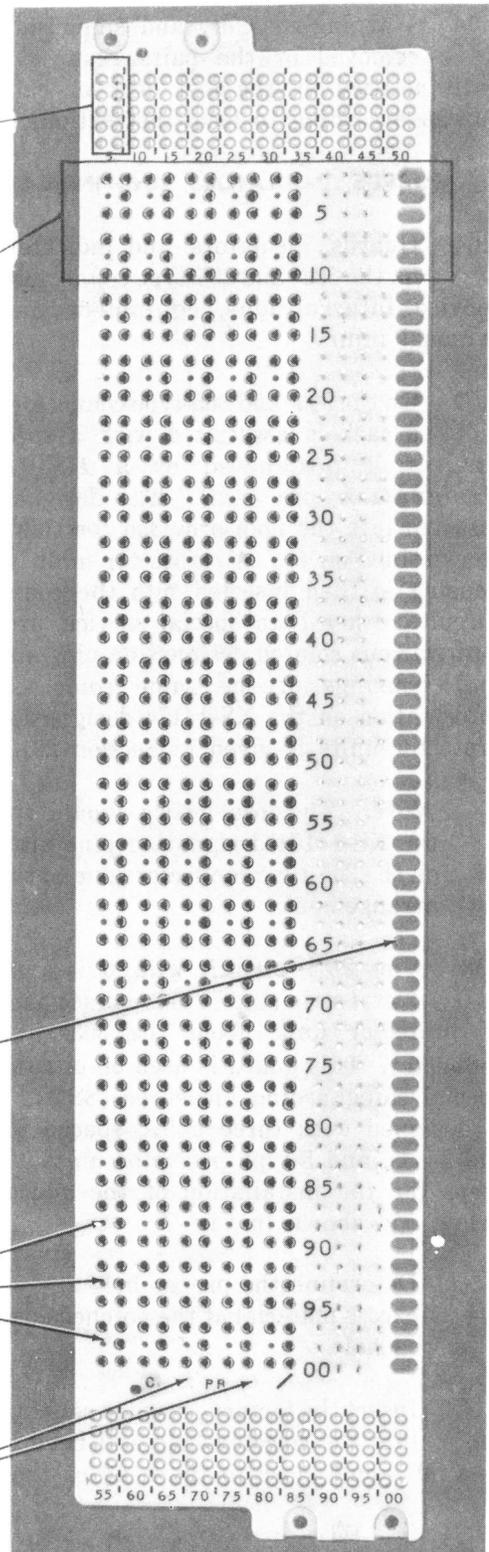
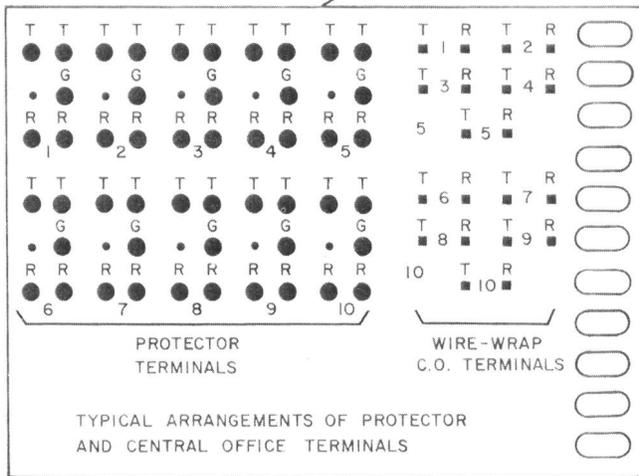
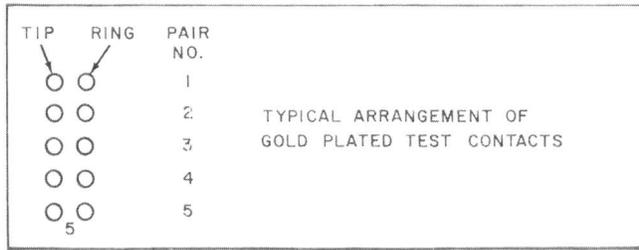


Fig. 1—303-Type Connector Panel

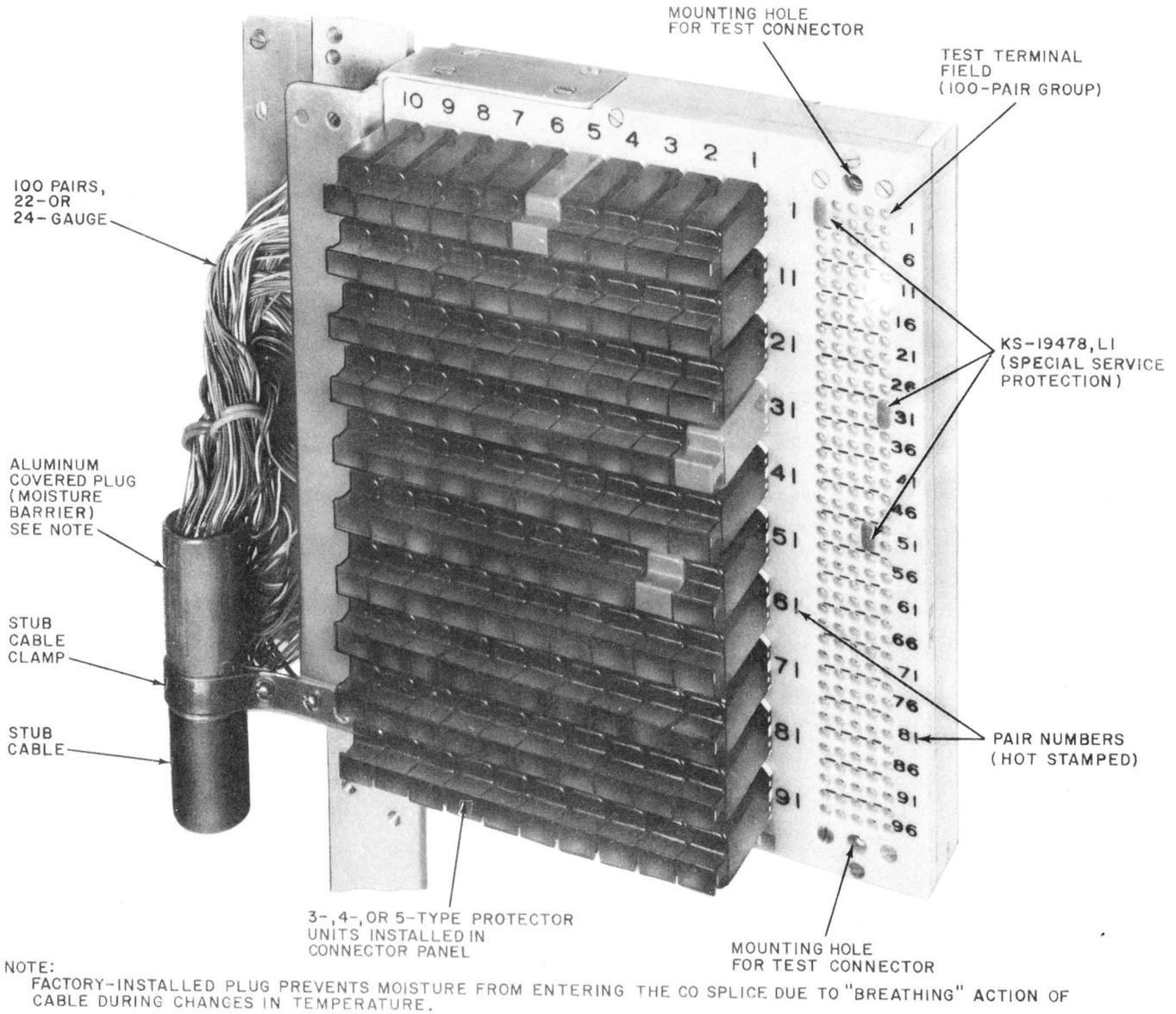
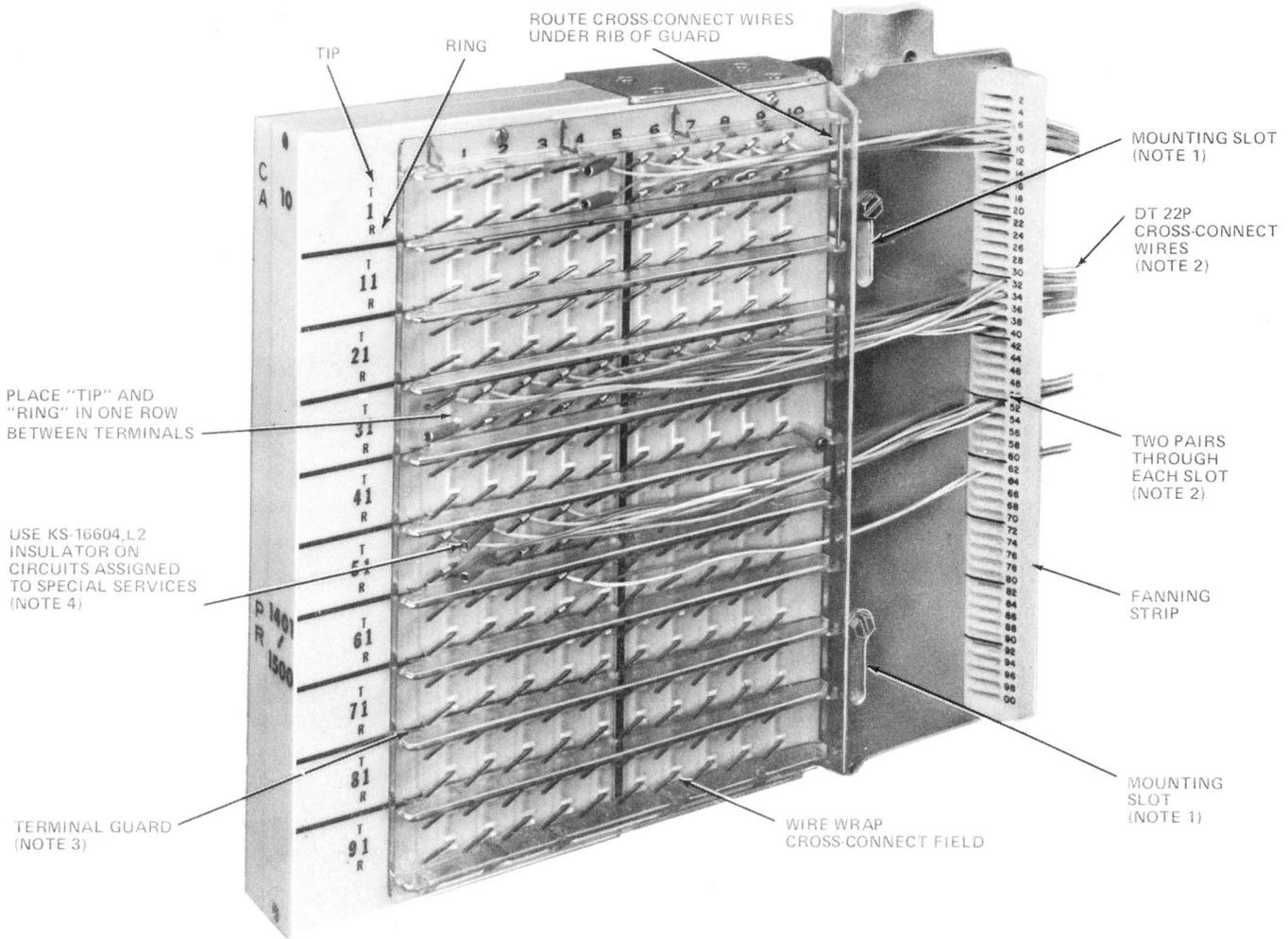
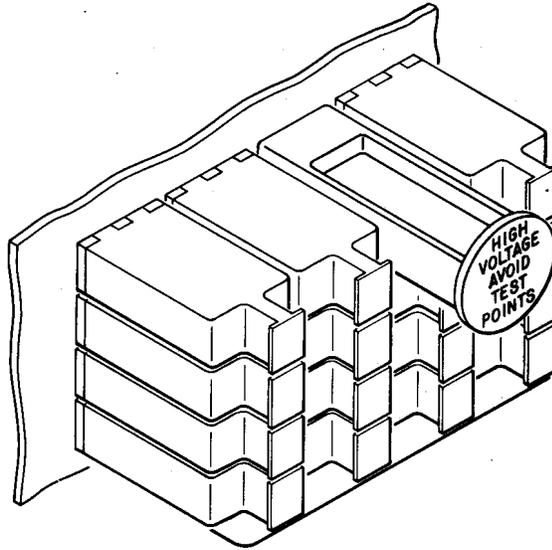


Fig. 2—305-Type Connector—Left Side View

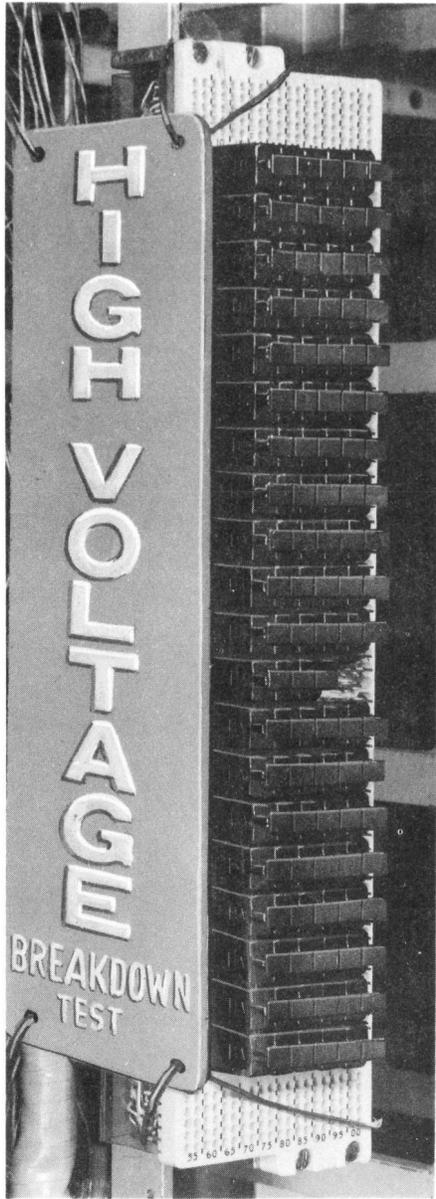


- NOTES:
1. THE 305-TYPE CONNECTOR MOUNTS ON THE FRAME VERTICAL IN AN ORIENTATION WHICH IS 90 DEGREES FROM CONVENTIONAL MOUNTING OF MDF CONNECTORS.
  2. BECAUSE OF HIGHER DENSITY ACHIEVED IN THE CROSS-CONNECT FIELD, USE ONLY DT 22P CROSS-CONNECT WIRE.
  3. ENTIRE CROSS-CONNECT FIELD IS PROTECTED BY A REPLACEABLE TERMINAL GUARD (842355604).
  4. IF THE TERMINAL INSULATOR FITS LOOSELY ON THE WIRE-WRAPPED CONNECTION, THE INSULATOR SHOULD BE COMPRESSED WITH A PAIR OF PLIERS PRIOR TO INSTALLING IT ON THE TERMINAL.

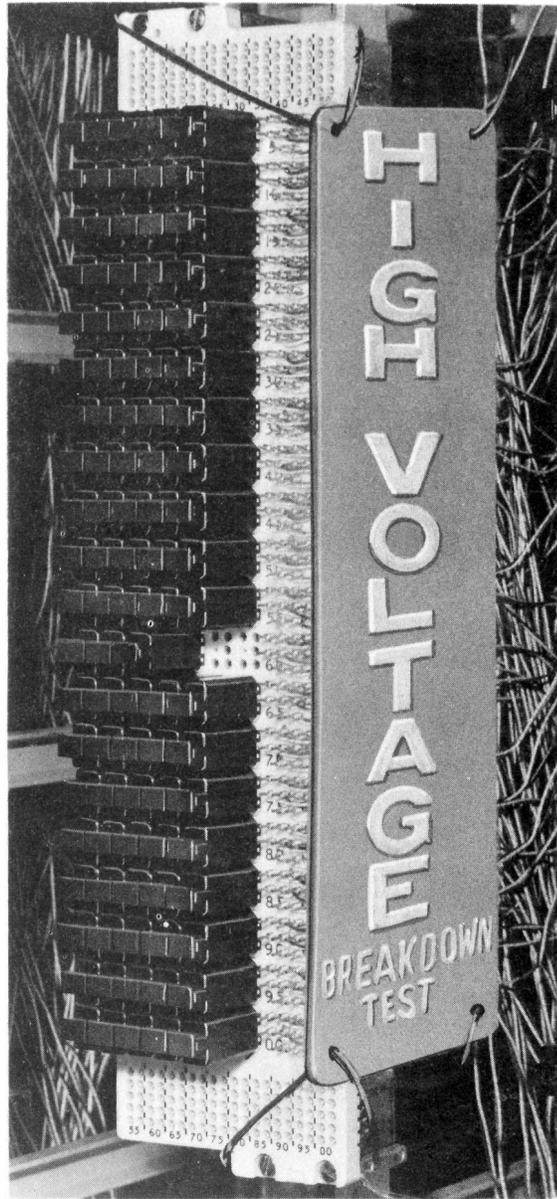
Fig. 3—305-Type Connector—Right Side View



**Fig. 4—E Warning Marker Installed on 303-Type Connector (Similarly Installed on 305-Type Connector)**

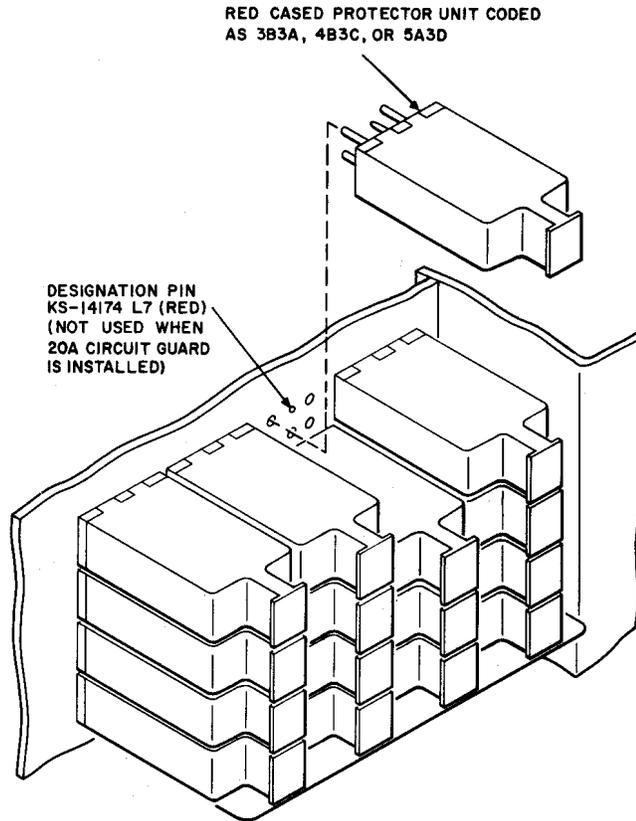


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Fig. 5—E Warning Signs Installed on 303-Type Connector (Similarly Installed on 305-Type Connector)



**Fig. 6—Use of KS-14174 Designation Pin and Red Cased Protector Unit for 303-Type Connector**

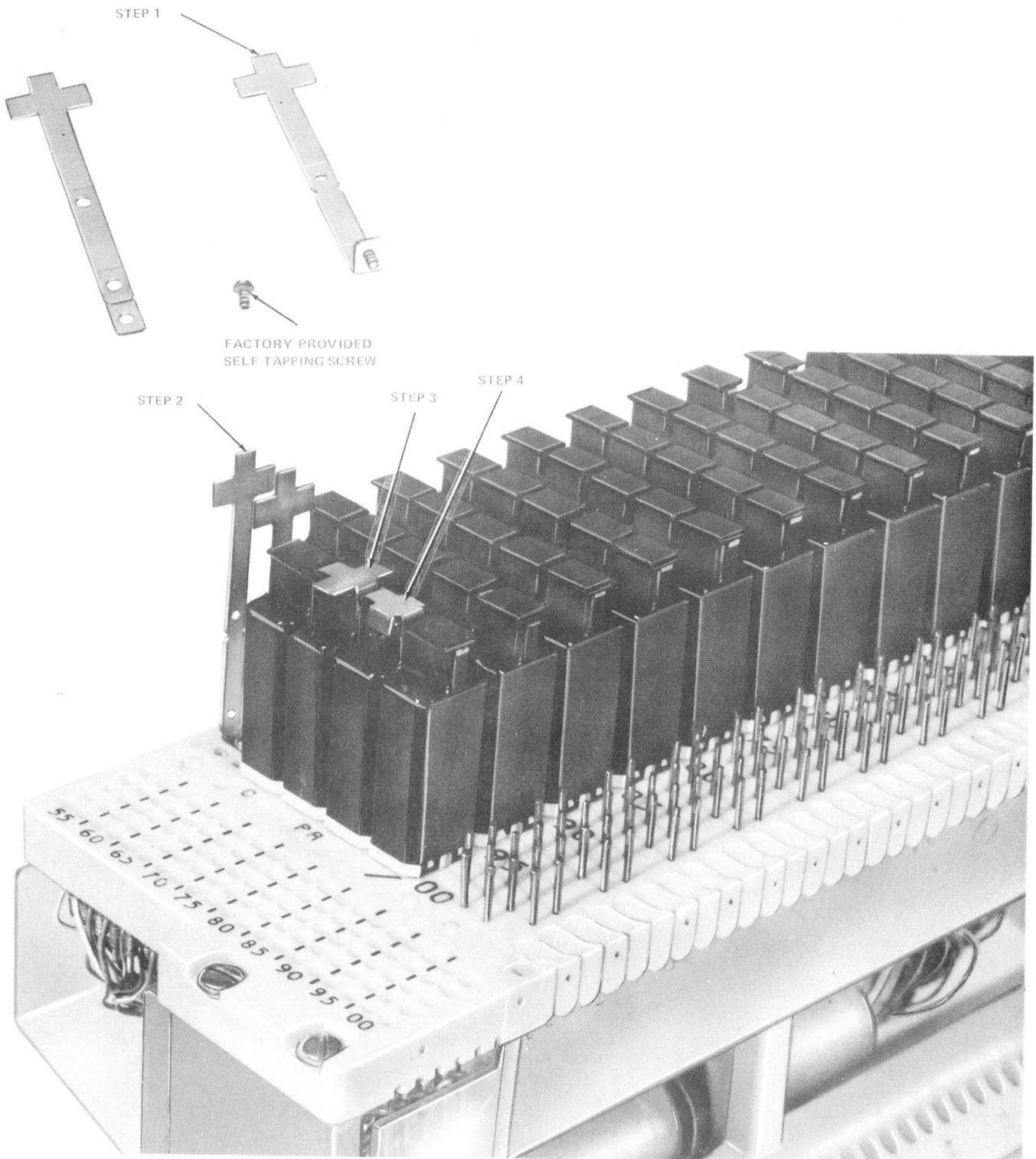


Fig. 7—Installing 20A Circuit Guard



Fig. 8—KS-19478, L1 Guard



KS-6660



KS-16847

Fig. 9—KS-21168 Terminal Punchings—Special Services Lines—303-Type Connector

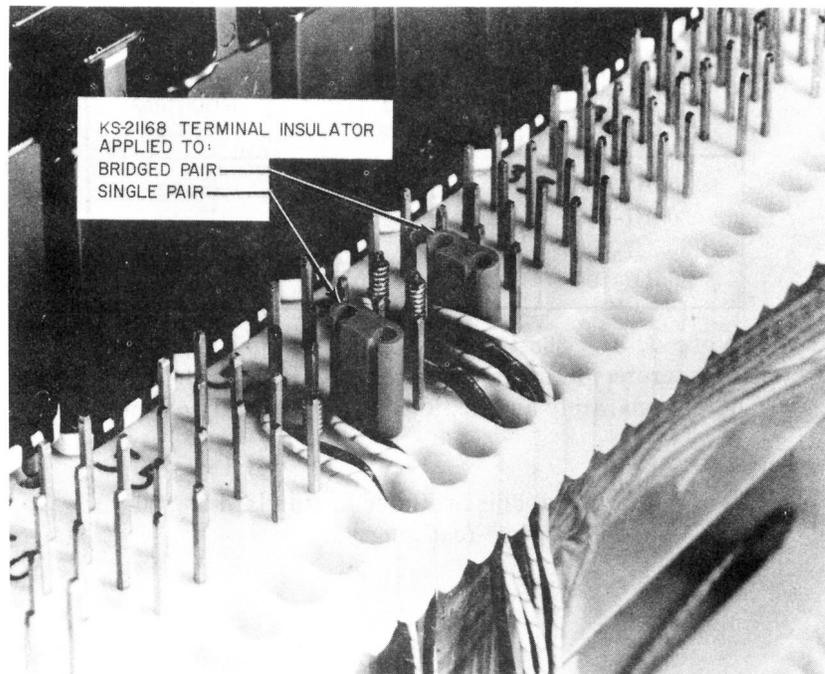


Fig. 10—KS-6660 and KS-16847 Indicators

**TABLE A**  
**303-TYPE CONNECTORS**

STANDARD CODE <sup>1</sup>	SUPERSEDED CODE	STUB CABLE SIZE <sup>2</sup>	STUB MOUNTING DIRECTION
303A3-100	303A2-100	24-gauge, 100-pair	Down
303B3-100	303B2-100	22-gauge, 100-pair	Down
303C3-100	303C2-100	24-gauge, 100-pair	Up
303D3-100	303D2-100	22-gauge, 100-pair	Up
303E3-100	303E2-100	None	—
303B3-50	303B2-100	22-gauge, two 50-pair	Down

**Note 1:** These connectors are not supplied with protector units. Required protector units must be ordered separately. (See Section 201-208-100.)

**Note 2:** Stub cables are available in 30-, 50-, 80-, 100-, 150-, and 200-foot lengths. Cable lengths should be specified on the order.

**TABLE B**  
**305-TYPE CONNECTOR CODE (RATED STANDARD)**

CODE <sup>1</sup>	STUB CABLE SIZE <sup>2</sup>	STUB MOUNTING POSITION
305A1-100	24-gauge, 100-pair	Down
305B1-100	22-gauge, 100-pair	Down
305C1-100	24-gauge, 100-pair	Up
305D1-100	22-gauge, 100-pair	Up

**Note 1:** The 305-type connectors are not supplied with protector units. Required units should be ordered separately and installed by the operating company.

**Note 2:** Stub cable is available in standard 30-, 50-, 80-, 100-, 150-, or 200-foot lengths.