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BELL SYSTEM PRACTICES  
Outside Plant Construction  
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**TERMINALS - REMOVAL**

1. GENERAL

1.01 This Section contains instructions regarding the removal of cable terminals in a manner that will permit their reuse with a minimum of repair operations. It is being reissued to include information on stub lengths and instructions for protecting stub cables of terminals that are returned for reissue.

1.02 Terminals removed from plant should be handled as specified in Part 2 of this Section if, after removal, the terminal stub lengths will meet the following minimum requirements:

B, BB, BD and EA Terminals - 6 ft. 6 in. minimum stub length  
F Type Terminals - 5 ft. 6 in. minimum stub length  
Sheath Mounted Terminals - 30 inch minimum stub length  
Underground Terminals - 4 foot minimum stub length

1.03 Terminals with stubs shorter than that specified above, and all C and 14-type terminals removed from plant will not require stub protection as specified in Part 2 of this Section.

2. REMOVAL OF TERMINALS

2.01 When a B, BB, BD, EA, F, Sheath Mounted or Underground type cable terminal is to be removed from plant and is to be returned for reissue, the terminal stub cable shall be cut off as near the terminal splice as practicable. If there is no splice closely adjacent to the terminal the cable shall be so cut as to leave a stub about 9 feet in length. This will permit reinstallation of the terminal without extensive terminal stub repair operations.

2.02 Where possible the conductors should be left extending beyond the cable sheath for several inches in order to reduce the amount of sheath that it will be necessary to remove for testing purposes.

2.03 The ends of cable stubs should be sealed after cutting by wrapping with rubber and friction tapes or with friction tape coated with No. 2 Asphalt Paint to prevent the entrance of moisture. The stub should then be carefully coiled to avoid injuring the sheath and should be protected during transportation by securing it to a recovered support or other suitable guard, or by returning the terminal in a recovered carton if available.