

Prep Before You Press!



Follow the 6 simple steps inside to prep copper tube the right way to prevent leaks.



Sharp edges on copper tube ends may cause damage. Remember these 6 key ways to prep before you press.

1. Inspect

Before beginning, it is important to inspect the press fitting o-rings for obvious signs of damage, as well as the tube, especially within 1-1/2" from the tube end. Look for deep scratches (top photo), incise marks (bottom photo) or other defects, which might cause refrigerant leaks. If these are present, cut off the affected area, then proceed with prep.



4. Clean

Use the included abrasive pad or adequate substitute (abrasive pad or 180 grit sandpaper) to clean the end of the tubes to be joined. Tube ends should be free and clear of oxidation, dirt and debris, and the surface should be shiny and bright.



2. Cut

Cut copper tube with the supplied tube cutter or a similar commercially available tube cutter. Do not use any type of saw to cut the tube – it will create sharp or jagged edges that can cut the press fitting's o-ring.

5. Mark

Use the supplied depth gauge to determine the insertion depth on every tube and mark it with a permanent marker. Every tube must be marked to the correct insertion depth every time.



6. Align

After inserting the tube into the fitting to the mark, place the jaws onto the fitting. Grooves in the jaw should line up and seat onto the groove on the fitting. Make certain the jaw is correctly seated between the groove and the flare (top photo) – NOT over the groove (bottom photo).



3. Deburr

Using the provided deburring tool, rotate the tool back and forth five to seven times to remove any residual burrs from the outside or inside of the tube.



IMPORTANT! After You Press...

1. Look for the "RLS"



To confirm that the press cycle was completed properly, an RLS witness mark appears within each crimp band (one on each side of the fitting). If the RLS mark is not visible, the fitting must be re-pressed, or removed and replaced.

2. Use the gauge



Verify the finished crimp band diameter by using the RLS crimp gauge. Find the proper size slot on the gauge and slide it over the crimp band. It should fit snug, but completely over the band. If not, the fitting must be re-pressed.

