After feedback and consultation with customers, Preformed Line Products is changing the Double Support Tie for smaller conductor ranges only (e.g., 0.245" through 0.755"). In fact, PLP is bringing back the “original” design for these smaller conductor ranges, which includes a “nose” or support loop. For conductors outside of this range, the nose-less current design is appropriate, as the tie/insulator interface is designed to increase conductor connection security.

The application procedure for the reinstated/original version (SP3386) can be found at www.preformed.com. In addition, PLP has test reports of the tie performance available upon request (TR-882E and TM-171-E).

The catalog numbers remain the same, so there is a chance that a mix of these two designs could exist in customer or distributor stock. However, the two versions work seamlessly together and both versions provide proper performance with no loss of holding strength.

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