



RUBBER BLANKET INSPECTION AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

USES

Slingco's insulating blankets are intended to be used to cover irregularly shaped energized devices that can not be otherwise properly covered. The Slingco insulating blankets are also used to protect workers from accidental contact with live electrical conductors, apparatus, or circuits. These blankets are typically kept in place using blanket clamps/pins or blanket magnets and are often used in place of other protective devices such as insulator covers, cut out covers, line hose, and even dead end covers. Slingco does not recommend leaving the blankets installed overnight.

INSPECTION

Blankets shall be visually inspected by a user's designated person before installing in the field to ensure that each blanket being used is being maintained and in good working condition. The blankets shall be inspected in intervals no larger than every 6 months. Blankets with any of the following defects shall not be used and shall be returned to an electrical testing facility for testing and inspection.

- Holes, tears, punctures, or cuts
- Severe corona cutting and/or severe ozone checking
- Embedded foreign objects
- Texture changes such as: Swelling, softening, hardening, becoming sticky or inelastic
- Other defects that damage the insulating properties

PROPER DISPOSAL

Blankets that have been determined to be unusable shall be defaced, cut, or marked in a way as to indicate that they are not suitable for service. Unusable blankets must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state, and local environmental control regulations.

PERIODIC TESTING

Electrical insulating blankets, even if held in storage, shall not be used unless they have been electrically and/or inspected within the past 12 months.

STORAGE

- Blankets shall be stored in a location that is as cool, dark, and dry as practicable. This location shall also be as free as possible from ozone, chemicals, oils, solvents, damaging vapors and fumes, and away from electrical discharges and sunlight.
- Field storage for the blankets shall be in a bag, box, container, or compartment that is designed and used exclusively for blankets. Do not store blankets folded, creased, or compressed in any way that will cause compression or stretching.
- Blankets shall be dried thoroughly before being stacked or stored.

CLEANING

- Blankets may be washed with mild soap or mild detergent and water.
- Any cleaning agent used shall not degrade the qualities (physical or insulating) of the blanket.
- A commercial type tumble washing machine may be used to clean the blankets. If the blankets are to be air dried a temp of less than 150°F should be maintained.

CAUTION

Slingco's rubber blankets should be used by trained and qualified employees. Trained and qualified employees is defined in OSHA 1910.269 as an employee that is trained in and familiar with the safety procedures, safety-related work practices, and other safety requirements associated with this equipment.

For more information on the in-service care of insulating blankets see ASTM F479, www.astm.org and www.ansi.org.

NOTE:

The date code on each blanket is the date of manufacture, NOT the electrical test date.



Slingco Part No.	Size in	Size mm	Solid/Split	Type*	Class*	Style*
PPE08434	36 x 36	910 x 910	Solid	Type II	4	A
PPE08432	22 x 22	560 x 560	Solid	Type II	4	A
PPE09715	22 x 22	560 x 560	Split	Type II	4	A

*Type, Class, and Style are defined by ASTM D1048.



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