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Cooper B-Line's Wide Range of Products and Solutions Offer Cost and Labor Saving Benefits

Innovative Products Reduce Installation Time, Build Bottom Line

HIGHLAND, IL January 24, 2012 – Companies are consistently looking for ways to increase efficiency and productivity while lowering costs, which can often be done by utilizing products that help decrease installation time and maintenance. Recognizing that labor saving products have become increasingly important to its customers' bottom line, [Cooper B-Line](#), a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, continues to develop and expand its range of cost saving products to meet customers' business goals. By developing and offering products that increase efficiency, Cooper B-Line is helping its customers easily meet their business goals.

To do this, Cooper B-Line has focused on delivering innovative solutions that offer labor savings across all of its markets segments. Its products consistently offer the lowest total cost solution over alternative methods and feature-designs offering pre-assembled components or tool-less options to help installers save on both materials and time spent in the field. Additionally, Cooper B-Line's development team works carefully with contractors and engineers to create products that offer labor-saving solutions.

Included in their product offering are innovative solutions like Buzznut™ slip-on lock nut washers, combo nut washers and pre-assembled strut fittings. These simple, durable and efficient solutions are all designed to reduce on site material handling and increase the speed of any installation.

Available in zinc plated or 316 stainless steel, [Buzznut™ lock washers](#) can be installed at any desired position on the ATR and eliminate the need to thread hex nuts. Their slip-on design allows the user to easily retro-fit a trapeze without disassembling existing supports and replaces jam nuts in high vibratory applications. Buzznut lock washers can be easily removed or adjusted to help reduce overall installation time by up to 42 percent.

Cooper B-Line's pre-assembled [Combo Nut Washers](#) feature a combination design to both reduce installation time and the total number of parts on any job. They are available in ¼" – 20, 3/8" – 16 and ½ - 13 sizes and utilize a serrated flange negating the need for a lock washer. They are easy to adjust when installed in strut channels or ideal for quick attachment to threaded rods. For even quicker installation, Combo Nut Washers can be easily installed using just one hand.

Virtually eliminating the problem of tangled spring nuts, Cooper B-Line also offers [Pre-Assembled Strut Fittings](#). These fittings combine channel nuts and bolts into a unique design that allows for an easier and quicker installation resulting in an overall labor savings for the customer. They are available in zinc plated or DURA-GREEN™ finish; eliminate the worry of springs protruding through the bottom of the slotted channel; and allow for an easy adjustment when installed in channels.

To rapidly increase the speed of hanging or supporting insulated pipes, Cooper B-Line also offers Kwik-Clip™ pipe hangers, Snap 'N Shield™ and new Snap 'N Shield Clevis supports scheduled to be unveiled at this year's AHR Show. All three solutions offer installers quick and cost-effective solutions to hang and protect insulated pipes.

With a non-metallic frame designed to eliminate metal-to-metal contact and prevent galvanic corrosion; new [Kwik-Clip™ pipe hangers](#) also utilize a one-piece assembly to reduce installation time. Their efficient, tool-less installation allows installers to simply snap Kwik-Clips into channels or onto 3/8" threaded rods for an instant, secure connection. They are available for tubing O.D. ranges of 3/8" to 2 1/8" and meet UL2043 requirements for plenum rating and UL94 HB flame rating.

The most reliable, durable and cost effective way to protect insulated pipes, Cooper B-Line offers both [Snap 'N Shield™ supports](#) and Snap 'N Shield Clevis. Ideal for horizontal pipe runs, both supports offer a tool-free installation snapping directly onto the channel or directly onto clevis hangers to provide maximum protection. They offer a 12" length and inside opening that allow pipes to expand and contract as needed, removing the risk of potential leaks resulting from friction caused by the rubbing of piping insulation. Both Snap 'N Shield supports and Snap 'N Shield Clevis are UL classified for USA (UL-723 (ASTM E 84)) and ULC listed for Canada (ILC-S102.2).

To learn more about Cooper B-Line's cost and labor saving solutions, visit www.cooperblineline.com.

About Cooper B-Line

Cooper B-Line, a subsidiary of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), is a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications. Cooper B-Line's products are used in a variety of settings for the commercial, industrial, utility and OEM markets. For more information, visit www.cooperblineline.com.

About Cooper Industries

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