



## News Release

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### **Cooper B-Line Expands Range of Pre-Assembled Strut Fitting Offerings**

*New pre-assembled strut fittings provide increased protection, versatility and labor savings.*

**HIGHLAND, IL, November 15, 2010** – Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, today announced the expansion of its line of pre-assembled strut fittings.

The versatile new line features a range of improvements, including an updated design—unique to Cooper B-line—that reduces the number of parts to handle and purchase. The design additionally promotes easy adjustment when installed in a channel. The result is a significant total installed cost savings over traditional installation methods.

Added features ensure ease of use and increased safety. Channel nuts and bolts, coated in a liquid locking material, can only be loosened with five foot per pounds of torque. This protects the integrity of the fitting during shipping and allows the channel nut to quickly engage into the channel upon installation. The new design also eliminates the need for spring nuts and the resulting hassles associated with tangled components. Unlike standard fittings, the pre-assembled fittings eliminate the likelihood of springs protruding through the bottom of the slotted channel allowing you to easily move the assembly along the length of the channel without interference.

The pre-assembled strut fittings reduce installation time, in turn decreasing overall job site costs. With a number of pre-assembled strut fitting styles to choose from, as well as a variety of finish options, contractors and installers will benefit from a full range of options designed to best meet their individual needs.

“When compared with standard fitting assemblies, Cooper B-Line’s latest pre-assembled fittings offer a time savings of more than 62%,” said Kevin Kissling, President of Cooper B-Line. “These savings, combined with reduced total project costs, make our new pre-assembled strut fittings an innovative option for contractors and installers looking to maintain high quality standards while seeking value.”

To learn more about Cooper B-Line’s new line of pre-assembled strut fittings, please visit [www.cooperbline.com](http://www.cooperbline.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.cooperbline.com](http://www.cooperbline.com).

### **About Cooper Industries**

Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) is a global manufacturer with 2009 revenues of \$5.1 billion. Founded in 1833, Cooper’s sustained level of success is attributable to a constant focus on innovation, evolving business practices while maintaining the highest ethical standards, and meeting customer needs. The Company has seven operating divisions with leading market share positions and world-class products and brands including: Bussmann electrical and electronic fuses; Crouse-Hinds and CEAG explosion-proof electrical equipment; Halo and Metalux lighting fixtures; and Kyle and McGraw-Edison power systems products. With this broad range of products, Cooper is uniquely positioned for several long-term growth trends including the global infrastructure build-out, the need to improve the reliability and productivity of the electric grid, the demand for higher energy-efficient products and the need for improved electrical safety. In 2009, sixty-one percent of total sales were to customers in the industrial and utility end-markets and thirty-nine percent of total sales were to customers outside the United States. Cooper has manufacturing facilities in 23 countries as of 2009. For more information, visit the website at [www.cooperindustries.com](http://www.cooperindustries.com).

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