

News Release

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Cooper Crouse-Hinds Introduces PowerGrip™ MSB Bracketed Boxes for Fast, Secure Installation

New MSB Bracketed Boxes Provide Quick, Easy Tool-Free Installation on Steel Studs

SYRACUSE, NY, November 17, 2011 – Understanding that contractors are continually looking for ways to improve jobsite efficiency, Cooper Crouse-Hinds, a leader in electrical products that provide safety, productivity, innovation and labor savings in hazardous, industrial and commercial environments, has developed and introduced a broad offering of PowerGrip™ MSB bracketed boxes.

Designed for metal studs, PowerGrip™ MSB bracketed boxes offer a secure, quick and easy, tool-free, "snap-on" installation. The complete line of boxes include innovative features such as a center alignment viewing hole to make stud markings easy to find; a score line for optional removal of near-side portion when installing next to door jams; and a strong, sturdy far-side support for a dependable professional installation. Each box is supplied as a complete unit with the far-side support packaged inside the outlet box and held in place with a paper retainer to ensure everything needed for the installation is readily available.

"Our goal with the PowerGrip™ line of MSB bracketed boxes was to not only improve the mounting bracket, but to also develop a broad offering of configurations contractors require," said Grant Gawronski, President, Cooper Crouse-Hinds. "Including shallow, deep and even red boxes for fire alarm applications, our full line of MSB bracketed boxes make the entire process quick and easy so contractors can save time and, more importantly, money."

With a full breadth of product designed to give customers the broadest offering, PowerGrip™ MSB bracketed boxes include shallow and deep 4 inch and 4 11/16 inch square boxes ideal for use with conduit; armored/metal clad cable; non-metallic sheathed cable; red boxes for fire alarm applications; and Cooper Crouse-Hinds' innovative open back boxes. All are manufactured from special spring steel for easy-installation and have the ability to mount on either side of the stud. In addition to the center

bracket viewing hole, each bracket also has top and bottom holes for installation of optional low-profile mounting screws, if desired.

The far side support included simply slides over the edge of the box to provide solid, secure far-side support in 2 ½ inch and 4 inch studs. PowerGrip™ boxes accept standard plaster and tile rings, are available with an optional ground screw and 8 inch solid ground pigtail and are UL approved for both NEC and CEC installations.

Cooper Crouse-Hinds is a leader in electrical products that provide safety, productivity, innovation and labor savings in hazardous, industrial and commercial environments. To learn more about Cooper Crouse-Hinds' wide range of Commercial Products visit www.crouse-hinds.com.

About Cooper Crouse-Hinds

Headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y., Cooper Crouse-Hinds is a subsidiary of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) that integrates a comprehensive line of electrical and instrumentation products with expert support, industry insights and local availability, engineering safety and productivity in the most demanding industrial and commercial environments worldwide. Cooper Crouse-Hinds manufactures over 100,000 products, including conduit and cable fittings; enclosures; plugs and receptacles; industrial lighting fixtures; signals and alarms; controls and electrical apparatus; commercial outlet boxes and hubs; and electronic components and protection equipment for process control branded MTL Instruments Group. Cooper Crouse-Hinds products are sold worldwide and meet all local and international code requirements. They are used in general construction or in harsh and hazardous environments across the globe, performing to the highest standard of safety and reliability. For more information, visit www.crouse-hinds.com.

About Cooper Industries

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