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UQJ HEATSHRINK SLEEVES

The UQJ joint is encapsulated with a heatshrink over-layer. This bulletin provides notice of pending changes which will be included in the June 2019 release of the UQJ Construction Manual (UQJ CM) section number 3_3.

Due to changes in the manufacture of the heatshrink sleeves, they will not in future be provided with thermochromic paint. Identification of heatshrink sleeve 'End #1' and 'End #2' and the shrink-down process, being controlled with a timed process, are defined in the formal UQJ CM. The following statement will be included in the June 2019 UQJ CM.

***Note**, legacy kits may contain heatshrink sleeves that have been painted with thermochromic paint. Please disregard any change in color during the heating process. The correct shrinkage criteria is time dependent.*

Where a white deposit is present on the surface of the heatshrink sleeves, remove it with a lint free cloth dampened with isopropyl alcohol (IPA). The following statement will be included in the June 2019 UQJ CM.

***Note**, any presence of white deposit on the heatshrink sleeves must be cleaned as thoroughly as possible with a lint free cloth dampened with IPA. Ensure that all traces of IPA are allowed to evaporate before fitting the heatshrink sleeve onto the cable.*

Do NOT remove any manufacturing process flashing until the heatshrink sleeve has been applied and allowed to fully cool. The following statement will be included in the June 2019 UQJ CM.

***Note**, do not attempt to remove any manufacturing process flashing or the heatshrink molding sprue before shrinking. Removal must be completed when the heatshrink sleeve has been applied and allowed to cool.*

If you have any queries concerning these changes, please contact the UJ Consortium Co-ordinator.

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