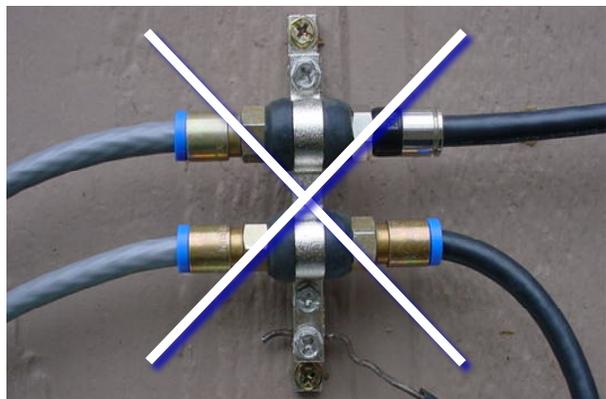


DISH Note

Weather Boots Update

Audience: ALL DNS

Release Date: 09/02/07



Weather Boots are no longer required.

DISH Network Engineering has performed a series of tests on connections with and without weather boots. Based on the results of the tests DNS will no longer require weather boots.

- Effective August 29, 2007, quality inspections will no longer be failed if weather boots are not used.
- This change will not affect any technician receiving coaching or disciplinary action based on their failure to use weather boots on a job prior to this change.
- When bringing a job up to DNS standards, you will not be required to use weather boots.
- Every technician must have a torque 30 in-lb torque wrench.
- Do not finger tighten external connectors.
- All drip and service loops must be done correctly on every job.
- Always install ground blocks correctly.



Proper use of the Torque Wrench

- Properly compress the F-connector to the cable. Trim the stinger within 1/16 of an inch of the end of the connector.
- Thread the connector onto the component by hand. Tighten the connector with the torque wrench.
- DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN. When the wrench clicks, stop applying pressure. Further tightening may damage components, connectors, cables, or the torque wrench itself.
- DO NOT use the torque wrench to loosen any connections. Doing so may damage the wrench. When loosening fittings on existing equipment, use a standard 7/16 inch wrench.

