

# The Meter Setter



## Ford Couplings... A Fitting Tradition Throughout The Years

Remember the “good old days” of wiped lead joints and flare copper fittings? Today, lead is long gone and the use of flare copper is fading fast. Last year, Ford Meter Box shipped almost seven times as many compression fittings than flare copper fittings.

Ford’s fitting evolution reveals continued improvement of functionality throughout the years. The first

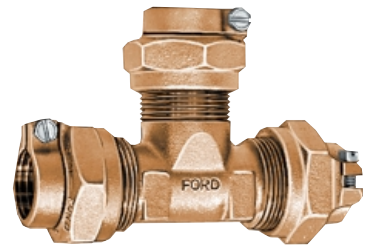
fittings used by Edwin Ford in the late 1890s were threaded. In the early 30s, flare fittings were introduced. Shortly after World War II, Ford’s first compression fitting was introduced. The Pack Joint for iron pipe was a big success and in the 50s led to Pack Joint offerings for other materials such as copper tube. During the 60s, the Pack Joint expanded its flexibility to include various other materials including plastic. In 1990, the Grip Joint

was introduced to provide “one step” functionality to the compression line of fittings. Finally, in 1997, the Quick Joint debuted

providing Ford with a compression fitting that featured an external machined positive stop for the nut.

Ford Meter Box marks compression nuts for easy

identification. Copper and plastic tube fittings are marked CTS. Plastic pipe nuts are marked PEP. Polyvinyl Chloride rigid plastic pipe parts are marked PVC. Ford Meter Box recommends that



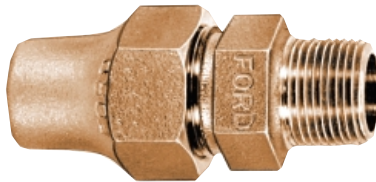
*A tee featuring a Pack Joint for copper tube fittings*

insert stiffeners be used with plastic pipe or tubing.

Ford Meter Box has established an excellent tradition the last 100 years. Today, Ford offers the largest variety of couplings in the industry. From threaded to flare to

compression fittings, only Ford Meter Box can deliver the flexibility you want for your service line installation. Join our fitting tradition.

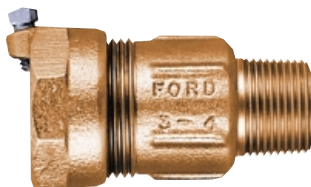
For more information about Ford’s fittings, contact your local Ford distributor or The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc.



*Flare Copper by male iron pipe thread*



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*Pack Joint for iron pipe by male iron pipe thread*



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