

DCA319 End Clamp Test Before Collaring

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Both DCA317 [1] and DCA318 [2] suffered turn to turn shorts during lead end clamp installation. Both shorts were located in the upper inner coil on the preform side of the lead end key, between the tap 18A turn and the tap 17A turn.

The DCA317 coil was repaired, but no cause of the short intrinsic to the coil was ever found [3].

Both DCA317 [4] and DCA318 [5] had more than the usual amount of kapton shim added to the interior surfaces of the lead end clamp insulators (15 mils in both cases.) Because of this, there is some suspicion that the end clamp installation may be over-stressing the coils, and leading to insulation damage causing turn to turn shorts.

It has therefore been decided [6] to install end clamps on DCA319 before collar pack installation. For this purpose, a nominal amount of kapton shimming (8 mils) for the end clamp insulators has been prescribed [7]. A special traveller for the test end clamp installation is being developed by Quality Assurance.

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