



pHB650 Coupler - Design Notes

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- Design improvements based on HB650/SSR Procurement
 - Shouldered fits
 - Modify antenna inner tube to allow thermal expansion during brazing





- Previous, similar antennas used the design below, with brazed joints at both sides of the SS air cooling tube
 - Buckling upon cooldown





- Solution
 - 0.0005" slip joint between SS tube and Copper piece
 - Custom 'crimp nut' installed after brazing
 - Same stiffness as previous
 - This was prototyped successfully

















Proof Test

- We are working to make a proof test of the coupler to approx. 130 PSIG
 - This would certify coupler for pressure boundary safety per BVPC
 - Analysis finds that we may see some plastic yield, but no failure should occur
 - This pressure level has enough margin to certify all units of a production run with a single test



Test Configuration

- Hydrostatic test
 - Better for safety
 - We will do it before FDR is finalized





