Spool Cap and Tension Brush Payoff

A simple, economical method of paying off many types of wire with steady back tension

Features

- Smooth, nickel plated steel cap
- Best with single bare wire, insulated wire, and some multiwire
- Speeds up to 600 feet per minute
- Easily mounted by attachment to the spool with a bore adapter
- Tension brushes are made from wear-resistant monofilament nylon, customized according to the wire type and size.
- Tension is maintained when payoff stops, so no “run on” or “cascading” occurs. This eliminates wire breaks at startup.
- Payoff can be vertical, horizontal or angled. Wyrepak offers payoff stands; examples include:
  - Reels from 6” (DIN 150) to 48” (DIN 1250) can be accommodated

"Tyltbak" payoff stand

Multiple end payoff stand
FIGURE 1: WIRE CONTROL POINT

In this diagram of a cap-brush unit attached to a reel, payoff wire orbits the fixed brush. The tension brush holds orbiting wire in place for quick stops and starts. Wire diameter and speed determines tight diameter. Wire control point on any reel center is ideally 1 to 1.5 times the diameter of the reel away from the cap. The rotatable cap covers reel flange with proper clearance, acting as a “slippery flange”. Rotation eliminates breaks and removes all material from reel.

FIGURE 2: Rotatable cap, tension brush unit
6” thru 14” diameter (152-355 mm.)

Rotatable Cap
Stepped Inner Brush Holder
Tension Brush
Adapter
Outer Brush Holder
Ring Nut Handle

FIGURE 3: Rotatable cap, tension brush unit
16” thru 49” diameter (406-1245 mm.)

Cap Center
Cap Rim
Washer/Spacer (30” and larger)
Tension Brush and Holder
Adapter
Retaining Ring
Felt
Knob
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### FIGURE 4:

PD26A unit for 6” (200mm) to 14” (350mm) spools

### FIGURE 5:

Composite of PD26 unit for 16” (406mm) to 49” (1245mm)

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**Higher Speed Units**

Standard units allow payoff up tp 600 feet/min (184 meters). Higher speeds of up to 1200 feet/min (370 meters) can be achieved by using Wyrepak’s PD26/FD26A units. The tension brush rotates initially at a slow speed and then faster as speed and tension increase when spools go from full to empty.