



Technical Bulletin

TB 0264 – Removing preservative bandage (Ausplast) requirement from ground line inspections

Purpose

This technical bulletin is to inform and remove the requirement of installing the preservative treatment to timber poles during ground line inspections.

Background

As per MMI 0001 Clause 5.13.2, Endeavour Energy requires that when a ground line inspection is performed on a timber pole, that a preservative bandage is applied (Ausplast). The preservative treatment bandage aims to stop/reduce the likelihood of damage to the pole from external rot. Recent studies have found these bandages are not effective and may also lead to increased rates of timber degradation.

Pole saver rods, used for internal treatment of timber poles, were not assessed as part of the studies, and therefore will remain as part of the ground line inspections.

New Requirement

Ausplast will no longer be required to be installed during ground line inspections.

Pole saver rods are still required to be installed when ground line inspections are completed.

Impacted Standards

The contents of this technical bulletin will be included in the next update of the following standards:

- MMI 0001 – Pole and line inspection and treatment procedures.