Solutions for Heat Exchanger Tube Repair and Pipe & Pressure Vessel Testing & Isolation
Our technologies increase productivity, safety and responsiveness.

Curtiss-Wright EST Group

Established in 1968 and headquartered in Hatfield, Pennsylvania USA, Curtiss-Wright EST Group specializes in the development, and manufacture of tools and systems that greatly simplify maintenance of shell & tube and air-cooled heat exchangers, as well as test plug systems to expedite in-service inspection of open end pipe, piping systems, tubing and pressure vessels.

Our flagship product, Pop-A-Plug® Tube Plugs, are the industry’s leading technology for plugging leaking and/or degraded heat exchanger tubes at operating pressures up to 7,000 PsiG (480 BarG) without welding or explosives.

Our GripTight® line of Test & Isolation Plugs provide customers with safe and effective solutions for high pressure hydrostatic testing and isolation of open end pipe, piping systems, tubing and pressure vessels at working pressures up to 15,000 PsiG (1034 BarG).

EST Group also provides a range of field services to customers, including heat exchanger tube testing, inspection, cleaning, partial retubing, and pipe & pressure vessel inspection and testing, as well as on-site product training.

Global Presence

Curtiss-Wright EST Group maintains a global footprint, with design and manufacturing in the United States. This is backed by our Sales and Technical Support teams in North America, Europe and Asia, supporting a large network of Distributors and Representatives in over 50 countries.
Applications Experience

EST Group’s Pop-A-Plug Tube Plugging System provides a complete range of tube leak detection and repair products, services and replacement parts, covering the life cycle of shell and tube heat exchangers and condensers. Pop-A-Plug Tube Plugs conform to ASME PCC-2 recommended tube plugging repair methods, offering a permanent mechanical solution to safely seal leaking heat exchanger tubes without welding.

Additionally, EST Group’s Hydrostatic Test & Isolation Plugs provide products and services to facilitate pressure-testing open end pipe, piping systems, tubing and pressure vessels and their components.

EST Group strives to build a strong relationship with our customers by offering top quality workmanship, excellent customer service and competitive pricing.

Industries Served

Curtiss-Wright EST Group is dedicated to providing a complete range of lifecycle products and services for maintenance and repair of heat exchangers, condensers, open end pipe, piping systems, tubing and pressure vessels for the following industries worldwide.

- Power Generation
- Petrochemical & Refining
- Oil & Gas Production
- Design & Build Projects
- Shipbuilding Industry

Customers Served

EST Group proudly serves both small and multinational companies such as:

- BASF
- Bechtel Corporation
- BP
- CB&I
- Chevron
- ConocoPhillips Company
- CSBP Limited
- Dow Chemical Company
- Dragados Offshore S.A.
- Duke Energy
- EDF
- Engro Corporation
- Exelon Corporation
- ExxonMobil
- Fluor Corporation
- Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.
- LyondellBasell Industries
- Marathon Petroleum Corporation
- NRG Energy, Inc.
- SABIC
- Saudi Aramco
- Shell
- US Navy
- Yara International, and many more...

“
The usage of EST Group’s plugs was hugely beneficial compared to traditional hydro test end caps, as welding and NDT of the end caps was avoided thus resulting in reduced preparation time and loop readiness. Hydro test work using the supplied plugs was carried out with no incidents.

Joe D., Sr. Construction Manager - COOEC Fluor China Heavy Industries

Pop-A-Plug Tube Plugs are used at more than 97% of Nuclear Power Plants in the U.S. and 100% in France & Canada
Engineering

Our Engineering team is devoted to providing innovative, precise, and cost-effective solutions to our customers. Extensive knowledge of applications and equipment within the industries we serve, allow our products and services to improve our customers’ project scope through reduction in time and cost, while maintaining consistent dependability, and a safer work environment.

Our team continuously utilizes new techniques and technology to improve the quality of our products and influence the industry in a positive way. Precision engineering and expert application support make EST Group the best choice for solving complex pipe testing and isolation, and tube plugging challenges.

Our Commitment to Customers
1. Reliability & performance
2. Same day quote response
3. Field support for customer applications

Why Choose Us?

- **New Product Development** – Our commitment to technology development is critical for maintaining and strengthening technological leadership in the marketplace.

- **Application Engineering & Custom Product Design** – When an application requires a solution beyond the capabilities of standard products, our Team of Application Engineers are ready to assist you. We will work to develop, design, and manufacture a custom solution to accomplish your goals.

- **State-of-the-Art Test Lab** – Equipped for 30,000 PsiG (2070 BarG) pressure testing capabilities, temperature cycling, fatigue analysis, creep testing, and data analysis

- **Finite Element Analysis (FEA)** – Mechanical static and dynamic simulations, thermal and stress analysis, multiphysics and vibration

- Application analysis and concept development

- Conceptual and detailed design: CAD 3D models, drawings, verifications

- Customer sales drawings
EST Group is a leader in design and manufacturing of hydrostatic testing and isolation plugs and heat exchanger testing and plugging solutions. Serving industry for over 50 years, we are equipped to handle any type of machining in a wide range of materials.

Our state-of-the-art equipment gives us the flexibility to work with virtually any component material our customers’ specifications require. Our manufacturing floor is fully equipped with a variety of CNC lathes, including Swiss-type, CNC mills, 4 & 5 axis, conventional turret, and secondary operation machines, laser engravers and other equipment that was specifically developed to improve quality of our products and efficiency of manufacturing processes.

EST Group utilizes traditional techniques in addition to advanced CNC programming and state-of-the-art machinery to manufacture critical components with accuracy and efficiency. Our dedication, passion for safety, and expert skills are representative of EST Group’s teamwork and culture.

Our products are made in the USA. We pride ourselves on superior quality, 24/7 manufacturing model and best-in-class turnaround and customer support. With more than 50 different materials in stock, extensive machining capabilities and multi-million dollar inventory of finished products, we are confident we have the solution you need! Our best-in-class on-time delivery rate and commitment to same-day shipping, makes EST Group your go-to supplier for emergency needs.
Quality Assurance

EST Group is focused on continuous improvement and reducing waste at every level within our organization. This ensures that our customers get the best solution to their problem in a timely fashion. Our quality program is integrated into each element of our operation ─ manufacturing, supply chain, engineering, and sales. Each process is audited and reviewed to ensure our products exceed the demand of our customers.

- Automotive type controls derived from Toyota Production System incorporating A3 and 8D Problem Solving
- Redundant Points of Assurance (POAs) for all Critical Quality Attributes (CTQAs)
- Employee engagement throughout the organization via Empowered Mission Directed Teams (MDW)
- Deep Roots in Six Sigma (Certified Master Black Belt on staff)
- Focused, Formal Problem Solving and Corrective Action process
- Unrelenting dedication to reducing waste (Lean)
- Data driven decisions
- Product traceability

In-House Testing

Compliant with all required quality, safety and testing requirements, EST Group goes the extra mile to perform meticulous quality testing in-house. We are committed to excellence and our goal is to exceed all customer expectations.

Before leaving our facility, Pop-A-Plug Tube Plugs undergo multiple quality control testing cycles. Quality inspection starts as soon as the raw material arrives at our facility and continues until the last plug is in the box.

When customers make Pop-A-Plug Tube Plugs their tube plugging solution, they chose quality over price, safety over risk, and reliability over instability. The transformation of a piece of metal into our engineered plugs is surrounded by multiple quality control tests:

- Mill Test Report and Heat Numbers ─ all materials are reviewed and verified when received
- Statistical Process Control ─ during fabrication, every component is dimensionally confirmed
- Breakaway Test Stand ─ breakaways are tested, monitored, and adjusted as needed
- Fabrication Quality Inspection ─ after fabrication, all parts are submitted for quality confirmation by supervision
- Laser Etching ─ all plugs are laser etched with size and lot numbers
- First Piece Inspection ─ a formal first piece inspection is completed by an inspector not associated with the previous testing or assembly
- Air/Hydro Test ─ after assembly is completed, an air/hydro testing is conducted
- Final Testing ─ the same plugs used in the hydro test are then tested to failure
- Final Inspection ─ a final inspection from a random sample takes place by another inspector not associated with any previous steps
Product Families

Heat Exchanger Testing & Repair

Suitable for plugging leaking and/or degraded heat exchanger tubes at operating pressures to 7,000 Psig (480 BarG) without welding or explosives.

- Pop-A-Plug CPI/Perma Tube Plugs
- Pop-A-Plug P2 Tube Plugs
- G-Series Tube Testing Tools
- Pop-A-Plug Tube Stabilizers

High Pressure Test Plugs

GripTight Test Plugs provide safe and effective testing at working pressures up to 15,000 Psig (1034 BarG).

GripTight Isolation Plugs positively isolates and monitors potentially explosive vapors during hot work, then effectively hydrotest the new weld connection with one tool.

- GripTight MAX Test Plug
- GripTight Elbow Test Plug
- GripTight Isolation Plug

Custom Products

EST Group has a long-standing reputation as a leader, and quality manufacturer of heat exchanger tube plugging and pressure testing pipe equipment. While we maintain a large inventory of Pop-A-Plug Tube Plugs, and GripTight Test Plugs for a variety of applications, our custom products are what truly set us apart from our competition.

Thorough knowledge of applications across the industries we serve, allow our team of Application Engineers to work closely with our customers to design products to suit their every need, while providing high-level service and support to see projects through to completion.
Contact Information

**Americas**
EST Group  
2701 Township Line Road  
Hatfield, PA 19440 USA

P  +1.215.721.1100 | +1.800.355.7044  
F  +1.215.721.1101  
est-info@curtisswright.com

**Europe, Middle East, Africa (EMEA)**
EST Group B.V.  
Hoorn 312a, 2404 HL Alphen aan den Rijn  
The Netherlands

P  +31.172.418841  
F  +31.172.418849  
est-emea@curtisswright.com

**China**
P  +86.400.636.5077  
est-china@curtisswright.cn

**Singapore**
P  +65.3158.5052  
est-asia@curtisswright.com

---

Headquarters: 2701 Township Line Road, Pennsylvania, 19440, USA • www.cw-estgroup.com

Partners Worldwide: For a listing of our global sales network, visit our website at www.cw-estgroup.com/contact/sales-offices

While this information is presented in good faith and believed to be accurate, Curtiss-Wright does not guarantee satisfactory results from reliance on such information. Nothing contained herein is to be construed as a warranty or guarantee, expressed or implied, regarding the performance, merchantability, fitness or any other matter with respect to the products, nor as a recommendation to use any product or process in conflict with any patent. Curtiss-Wright reserves the right, without notice, to alter or improve the designs or specifications of the products described herein.