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Storz Hydrant Converter



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Kochek Introduces Improved Storz Hydrant Converter

Save precious seconds with single wrench

Putnam, Connecticut, November 17, 2008 — Kochek Co has introduced an innovative improvement in Storz hydrant conversions: a cap with an integrated hydrant nut. The hydrant nut on the new cap is identical to the nuts already found on existing hydrants and is designed to save precious seconds in critical situations.

Standard Storz hydrant converters require the use of a Storz wrench to open and close the converter. The Kochek hydrant converter eliminates the need for that additional wrench, so fire departments can use the wrench they have always used on hydrants, rather than carry an additional Storz wrench.

Storz hydrants, with their quarter-turn connect/disconnect, are replacing the older threaded style hydrant because quick connections are so critical in saving lives and property. With the Department of Homeland Security and insurance companies stressing the need for fire equipment inter-operability for mutual aid, communities are converting their existing hydrants rather than complete replacement, saving thousands of dollars.

The hydrant conversion process, a 10 minute field retro-fit, involves replacing standard threaded fire hydrant connections with quarter turn Storz connections. After converting, fire departments can quickly and easily attach Storz equipment directly to the hydrant.

This cap is yet another step in improving and speeding up the process of accessing fire hydrants in critical situations. Through their innovative manufacturing processes, Kochek offers these converters and caps in many colors, including reflective powder coat, and with custom laser engraving to suit any local requirements.

For more than 20 years Kochek Company has manufactured the highest quality American-made specialty fire equipment for today's fire industry. Based in Putnam, Connecticut, Kochek is the nation's largest manufacturer of PVC light-weight suction hose and a wide variety of strainers, dry hydrants, elbows, adapters, caps, plugs, and valves. For more information, contact Kochek at 800-420-4673 or visit the company Web site at www.kochek.com



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