



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

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Mr. Graeme Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

Technical Standards Committee "A" (Electric) has granted technical acceptance to your products contained in Application 2012-4.

If you wish to extend this acceptance for another year, you should notify us near the end of the term. The following information must be included:

1. Certification that you have not changed design, materials or quality of the technically accepted item.
2. Certification that you have not moved your manufacturing facilities or changed any manufacturing processes associated with the technically accepted item. Please include the facility address and a copy of the most recent quality control tests on the item.
3. Certification that you are actively involved in the rural electric market, with a partial list of those that have purchased the technically accepted item during the previous year.

If there are no changes in the applicable specifications and if we have no evidence that experience with the item has been unsatisfactory, your request for a 1-year extension will be considered by Technical Standards Committee "A" (Electric).

This acceptance does not relieve the manufacturer of any responsibility for the satisfactory performance of the item and its conformity to guarantees, specifications, or other provisions of contracts covering its sale. This acceptance is made with the further understanding that no changes in design or workmanship affecting the quality, strength, or electrical characteristics of the item will be made without the knowledge of the Technical Standards Committees. You are also asked to notify the Technical Standards Committees of any change in manufacturing plant location or locations.

The items will be updated in the Technical List of Materials as on the attached pages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norris W. Nicholson".

NORRIS W. NICHOLSON
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**Technical List
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al - Staples, ground wire

Applicable Specification: ANSI C135.14, "Standards for Staples
with Rolled or Slash Points"

16 gauge Standard 1/2", 15/16" Crown Staples
18 gauge Standard 3/8" Crown Staples

Technical Acceptance Period

Manufacturer

Conditions

May 2012 – May 2013

Paslode

2.5mm Series

To obtain experience.

3.15mm Series

To obtain experience.

Note: These staples utilize power tools for installation. Use of a hammer for hand driving of these staples is not recommended.