

How to Make a Preformed Saw-Cut Loop Fit Every Time

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When installing BD Loops preformed saw cut loops some installers fear that if the size of the pattern cut does not match the exact size the preformed loop, the loop will not work. Fear not! The loop experts at BD Loops have solutions to insure the loop will be a perfect fit for your next saw cut loop job.

Made the cut/pattern too Small?

You can't make the preformed loop any bigger, but you can make it smaller by using this trick. Push the yoke down the lead-in run towards the gate operator laying the loop wires side by side in the groove. Additional cutting to accommodate the width of two wires side by side may be necessary.

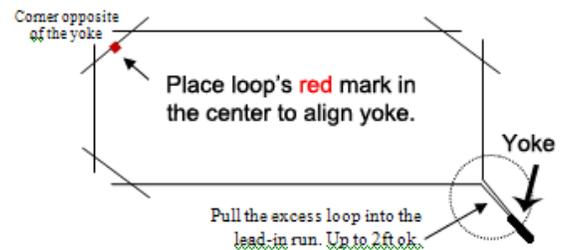
Made the cut/pattern too Large?

Once again, the loop cannot be made any bigger, to make the loop fit follow these simple instructions: Cut the dog ear corner larger opposite of the yoke to make the loop's perimeter shorter. If the additional cutting made the pattern too small follow the previous trick.

If you find yourself installing saw-cut loops regularly it would be a smart investment to pick up BD Loops TB-Kit a saw-cut loop installation kit that can be used with any size BD Loop. We often run rebate programs for the TB-KIT where you can receive one for free with the purchase of 10 or more saw-cut loops on the same invoice. To see our current rebates click here.

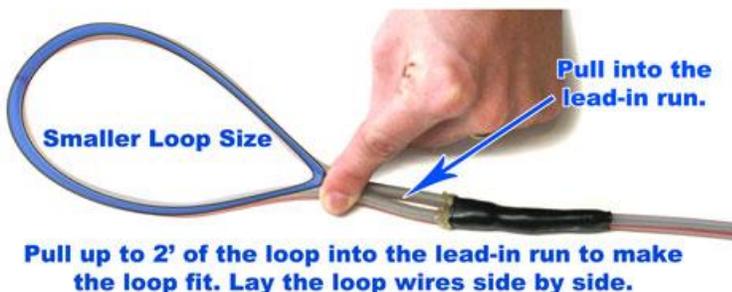
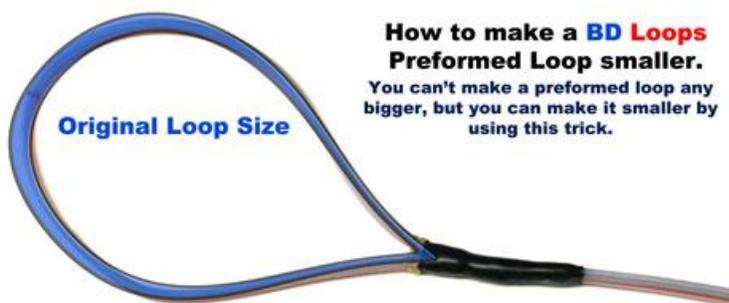
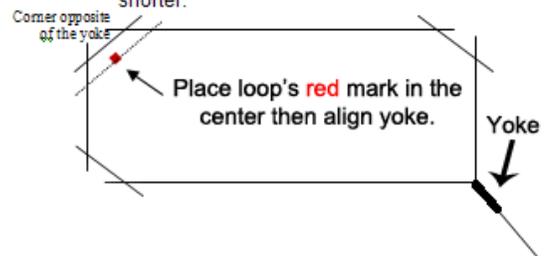
Made the cut too small?

- Push the yoke down the lead-in run, up to 2 ft.



Made the cut too large?

- Cut the dog ear corner opposite of the yoke to make the loop's perimeter shorter.



Here is a helpful visual that shows how to make a BD Loops Saw-Cut loop smaller:

As you can see the loop can be pushed together and put into the lead-in run. You would need to make a wider cut for the lead-in (for just a foot or so) to accommodate the width of both sides of the loop being pushed into the groove.

If you are looking for a solution to cut a perfect sized groove every time, we've also got you covered. We designed an installation kit (The TB-Kit) that can be used with any of our saw-cut loops. It uses the loop itself as a method to layout and chalk your lines.

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BD Loops TB-Kit

The only true Saw-Cut installation Kit.

Use the BD Loops TB-KIT to insure an exact size pattern/cut every time. BD Loops does make a one man installation kit that uses the loop itself as a template to chalk your lines. Since the kit uses the loop itself to kit works with any square or rectangle sized loop. One person can lay out the loop and chalk up to 60ft lines by himself. For more information about the TB-Kit click [here](#).

The TB-Kit Comes with:

- 4 corner blocks with T- pins to make any size loop
- Pizza Wheel & Wedge Tool with a 3/4" PVC coupler for any length handle
- One Man Chalk Reel & Line with 1/8" T-Bar
- (2) 1/8" masonry bits
- Oil Crayon for marking dog-eared corners
- Can of Clear Spray
- Custom Tool Bag
- Detailed Instructions

Take the guess work out of installing preformed loops!

Brian Dickson is the General Manager of BD Loops, a manufacturer of preformed direct burial and saw-cut inductance loops for the gate, door, and parking industries. With over 10 years in business the quality of our loops is unparalleled. BD Loops products are available through over 220 distributors nationally. BD Loops offers over 45 standard preformed loop sizes, all standard and custom loop sizes are ready to be shipped the same day. The company has several letters of recommendation testifying their professionalism and design, and is a member of the following associations: AFA, IDA, NOMMA, IPI, CODA and IMSA. Visit www.bdloops.com and use the distributor locator to find a distributor near you. If you would like to speak to Brian Dickson please call BD Loops at 714-890-1604.

