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**GREENLEE'S NEW EK628 SETS A TOTAL NEW CONCEPT  
IN 6-TON BATTERY-POWERED CRIMPING TOOLS**  
*Product offers a crimping time of only 6 seconds*

ROCKFORD, Ill. July 2006 —Greenlee, a Textron (NYSE: TXT) company, today launched its new EK628, a lightweight alternative to pistol grip style battery-powered crimping tools that gives contractors 6-tons of crimping force in one hand. The EK628's straight design and slim profile won't require extra open space in a panel to get on a connector. The 5.5-pound product has a crimping time of only 6 seconds and approximately 70 crimp cycles per battery charge. It's also UL and cUL classified with seven popular brands of code color-coded lugs and splices.

"The EK628 from Greenlee represents a leap forward for battery-powered 6-ton crimping tools," said Jim Eisele, senior product manager for Greenlee. "Rather than weighing between 8 to 10 pounds like other 6-ton battery-powered crimping tools, the EK628 weighs only 5.5 pounds. It's even lighter than most manual crimping tools."

Instead of requiring two hands to operate, the EK628 allows one hand free to hold and position the connector. To help prepare for a crimp, the jaws can be jogged closed until they just grip the connector, allowing the operator to position the cable in the connector before finishing the crimp. When the EK628 completes a crimp, the jaws automatically open to signal the operator that the crimp is complete and that the tool is ready for the next crimp. If the crimping jaws need to be opened before a crimp is complete, the operator can simply push a button on the backside of the tool. For added convenience, the interchangeable crimping jaws can rotate 350<sup>o</sup> to give contractors the needed angle to complete the job.

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Greenlee's EK628/2-2-2-2

The EK628 is powered by a 9.6 volt Ni-Cd battery that provides approximately 70 crimps per battery charge, depending on the size of the connector. It uses Greenlee KC22 crimping dies for copper connectors from 8AWG to 600 kcmil and Greenlee KA22 dies for aluminum connectors from 8 AWG to 350 kcmil. As optional accessories, the available CJD3 crimping jaw can be used with all industry "W" style crimping dies, and the available CJK crimping jaw can be used with Thomas & Betts "6 TON" crimping dies.

For more information on the EK628 battery-powered crimping tool, or other products from Greenlee, a Textron company, call 1-800-435-0786 or visit [www.greenlee.com](http://www.greenlee.com).

Greenlee is known as a global leader in the professional tool category. The Rockford, Illinois-based company develops high quality innovative products distinguished by customer-driven design and differentiated by supply chain excellence. Greenlee also leverages its powerful brands such as Tempo, Fairmont, and Klauke in the electrical, construction and maintenance markets worldwide. More information is available at [www.greenlee.com](http://www.greenlee.com).

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