## How to Shorten Cut-to-length Probes



Shorten probes easily with a tubing cutter

## Overview

Many probe models can be cut to the required length using an ordinary tubing cutter. Cut-to-length models are marked with the icon shown at right.



## Benefits are:

- You can keep standard lengths in inventory, and shorten them as needed for urgent requirements
- Stocking and shortening probes, instead of ordering a few pieces at a time, may let you take advantage of quantity discounts
- Minco stocks most cut-to-length probes and can trim and ship them within 24 hours of your call



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## How to shorten probes

Remove the PTFE or brass ferrule from the lead exit end of the probe. Mark the proper length, then cut, going slowly to avoid crimping the case or damaging the leads. Use a good quality tubing cutter that is intended to cut stainless steel tubing or conduit. The cutter must have a sharp blade to prevent "rolling in" during cutting of the tubing. Suitable models are available from Imperial Eastman and Sears Industrial.

After cutting, discard the hollow tube section, carefully deburr the cut end, and replace the ferrule. You can slit the PTFE ferrule for easier installation.

If you use many cut-to-length probes consider the AC101248 probe cutting system. It includes an electric Dremel™ tool (120 VAC @ 60 Hz), flexible shaft, and accessories to allow clean, precise cuts. The system includes a convenient carrying case and comes with easy to follow instructions.