(54) Title: APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR JOINING AND SEALING CONDUITS

(57) Abstract: An apparatus (10), a system and a method for joining and sealing conduits are provided. According to one embodiment of the present invention, the apparatus includes an edge trim (12) positioned proximate to an end of a first conduit, and a sleeve (14) positioned between the first conduit and a second conduit. The sleeve includes a flexible end positioned adjacent to the edge trim such that a portion of the flexible end of the sleeve overlies at least a portion of the edge trim, a semi-rigid end opposite the flexible end and positioned over at least a portion of the second conduit, and a flexible medial portion extending between the flexible end and the semi-rigid end. The apparatus also includes a retaining element (16) configured to be secured over the flexible end of the sleeve such that a portion of flexible end of the sleeve is sandwiched between the retaining element and the edge trim.
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