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TOPIC -----

I have AMP's Thinnet tap system for Thinwire Ethernet. AMP uses a special vampire-style plug in the wall and a cable running to the user's workstation that plugs into the coax port on the interface card.

We had a problem with FriendlyNet. Since we have two ends, we either get too many terminations on the network (two existing plus one automatic from the transceiver), or reflections (if we open one end up by using a barrel connector). Neither case led to a healthy network.

DISCUSSION -----

You need to use a 222814-1 Test Cable Assembly. This device provides two coax cables that plug into either side of the FriendlyNet transceiver. AMP is 802.3 compliant (the run from the faceplate to the user contains both "ends" of the network).

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