CLAIMS

1. A cable gland comprising:

a cavity having first and second axial ends, the cavity being configured to receive one or more conductors and a curable liquid therein; and

an internal dam adjacent a second axial end of the cavity, the internal dam including

an annular filament holder defining an axis, and

a plurality of filaments secured to and extending radially inward from the annular filament holder generally toward the axis of the annular filament holder,

wherein the internal dam is configured to axially receive the one or more conductors through the annular filament holder such that the plurality of filaments surround the one or more conductors and inhibit the curable liquid received in the cavity from flowing through the internal dam and from flowing between the internal dam and the one or more conductors, and wherein the plurality of filaments are non-metallic.

2. The cable gland of claim 1, wherein the plurality of filaments are generally flexible.

3. The cable gland of claim 1, wherein the plurality of filaments comprise one or more of plastic, nylon, polypropylene, polystyrene, Tampico, or horse hair.

4. The cable gland of claim 1, wherein the plurality of filaments comprise plastic.

5. The cable gland of claim 4, wherein the plurality of filaments comprise nylon.

6. The cable gland of claim 4, wherein the plurality of filaments comprise polypropylene.

7. The cable gland of claim 4, wherein the plurality of filaments comprise polystyrene.

8. The cable gland of claim 1, wherein the plurality of filaments have generally uniform lengths.

9. The cable gland of claim 1, wherein the plurality of filaments define an opening at the axis of the annular filament holder.

10. The cable gland of claim 1, wherein the plurality of filaments extend axially outward from the annular filament holder.

11. The cable gland of claim 1, further comprising a bushing configured to sealingly engage armor in which the conductors are received.

12. A method of installing a cable gland comprising:

inserting a cable into the cable gland such that one or more conductors of the cable extend through an internal dam and a cavity of the cable gland, and a plurality of filaments of the internal dam surround the one or more conductors; and

pouring a curable liquid into the cavity, wherein the internal dam inhibits the curable liquid from flowing through the internal dam and from flowing between the internal dam and the one or more conductors, wherein the plurality of filaments are non-metallic.

13. The method of installing a cable gland set forth in claim 12, wherein the plurality of filaments resiliently deflect along their respective lengths when the one or more conductors extends through the internal dam.

14. The method of installing a cable gland set forth in claim 12, wherein the internal dam includes an annular filament holder defining an axis, wherein the plurality of filaments are secured to and extending radially inward from the annular filament holder generally toward the axis of the annular filament holder.

15. The method of installing a cable gland set forth in claim 12, wherein the one or more conductors comprises a plurality of conductors, wherein at least some of the plurality of filaments fill gaps between the plurality of conductors.

16. A connector comprising:

a connector body defining a longitudinal passage having an axis; and

an internal dam disposed within the longitudinal passage defined by the connector body, the internal dam including a plurality of filaments extending around the axis of the longitudinal axis, wherein the plurality of filaments are non-metallic.

17. The connector set forth in claim 16, wherein the internal dam is an inverted disc brush.

18. The connector set forth in claim 16, wherein radially inner free ends of the filaments define a longitudinal opening.

19. The connector set forth in claim 18, a diameter of the longitudinal opening is non-uniform longitudinally.

20. The connector set forth in clam 16, wherein the internal dam includes an annular filament holder to which the plurality of filaments are secured.