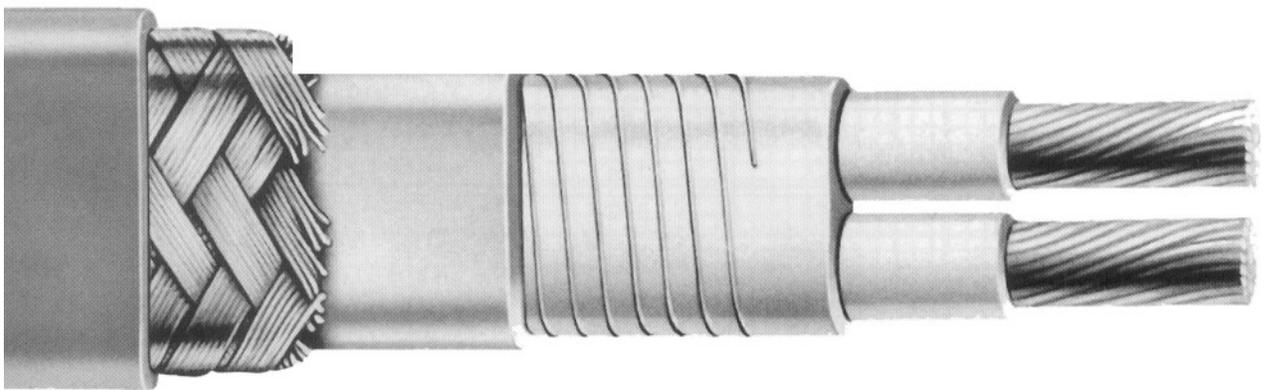


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# Installation & Maintenance

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TYPE NC

CONSTANT WATTAGE HEATER CABLE

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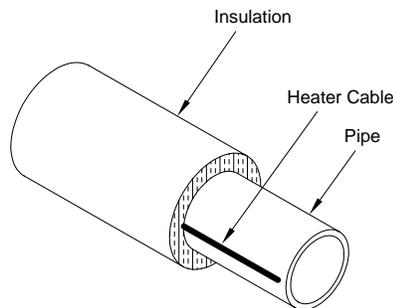
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

This manual is designed for use with Nelson Heat Tracing Systems type NC constant wattage heater cable. For applications not specifically addressed, please contact your local representative.

### *How Heating Systems Work*

An electric heating cable system uses the electric heater cable to replace the heat that is lost through the thermal insulation system. Replacing the lost heat allows the pipe and product inside the pipe to be kept at a constant temperature. This will keep water from freezing and bursting a pipe, or a liquid from setting up and plugging the pipe. Simple systems may turn the entire system on with a contactor or switch, while others will use a thermostat with each heater cable to control the temperature.



**Figure 1**

## PRODUCT SELECTION

Check and verify that the proper heater cables are being installed on each pipe and vessel. If no design/installation documents exist, check Nelson Heat Tracing Systems Design & Selection Guides to determine the proper equipment for the application.

## PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

The 12-gauge bus wires supply voltage along the entire length of the heater cable. A nichrome resistance wire (heating element) is spirally wrapped around the bus wires contacting alternate bus wires at specific intervals forming a **heating zone**. The point where the resistance wire contacts the bus wire is referred to as a **node**. This series of parallel heating zones provides a constant power output for each zone, irrespective of where the cable is cut along the length of the bus wires. Once the cable is cut you have made that heating zone inoperable. Heater cable will begin its heating at the first node from the cut. Refer to *Figure 11* for proper node location on a typical heater circuit.

## RECEIPT & STORAGE

### *Receipt*

- Compare the materials against the shipping bill to verify receipt of proper materials.
- Inspect heating cable and components for transit damage. Insulation resistance tests on each spool of cable are recommended.
- If design documents (line lists or per circuit bills of material) exists, check the received materials against the lists to verify all needed materials are received. If no design documents exists, keep a receipt log of all materials received.

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### *Storage*

Cables and system components should be stored in a clean, dry area. The equipment should be protected from mechanical damage during storage. The storage temperature range is -40°C to 60°C (-40°F to 140°F).

### *Withdrawal from Storage*

It is recommended that a check out record be kept (in conjunction with the receipt records) on equipment as it is removed from storage. This will serve to identify developing material shortages before they happen - since project additions often cause the use of material for other than designated piping.

## INSTALLATION

### **WARNINGS:**

While there are many acceptable ways of installing Nelson Heat Tracing Systems' electric heating equipment, certain actions can be dangerous to personnel and your installations. Please take care to avoid the following problems:

- Do not twist the bus wires together at either end of the heater cable. Each of these wires has a voltage or neutral applied to it; twisting them together will cause a short circuit.
- To prevent electrical arcing and fire hazard, all cable connections and electrical wiring connections should be sealed against moisture. This includes the use of proper cable sealing kits and the moisture proofing of all wire connections.
- Do not expose heater cables to temperatures above their maximum ratings. Higher temperatures can greatly shorten the life of a heater cable.
- Immediately replace any damaged heater cable or components. Failure to replace any damaged components (heater cable, components, or thermal insulation) will result in system failure.
- Classified areas (explosive dust or gases) require the use of special electrical components. Any area having explosive gases (such as chemical / petrochemical installations) or explosive dusts (such as coal handling or graineries) require special cable, connection components and control components that are approved for use in these areas. Installation of non-approved products can result in fires or explosions.
- Installation on plastic pipe is not recommended. See the Nelson Heat Tracing Systems design guide for details in design and selection.

### *Scheduling*

The installation of the electric heat tracing needs to be coordinated with the piping, insulation, electrical and instrument groups. It should begin only after the majority of mechanical construction is complete. Pressure testing of the pipe and installation of the instruments should be complete prior to the start of the heater cable installation.

### *Pre-Installation Check*

Walk the piping system and plan the routing of the heater cable. Use this check to verify completion of instrumentation and mechanical work. All coatings (paint, corrosion protection, etc.) must be dry before installing heater cable on pipe or vessel.

### *Heater Handling*

- Use a reel holder with counter to roll out the heater cable. Accurate records of installed cable footage are important for both installer and maintenance personnel.
- Route heater cable close to the pipe being traced. This will avoid interference with pipe supports, grating and other equipment during installation.
- Locate node to insure that a full heating zone is properly located for both end termination and power

termination.

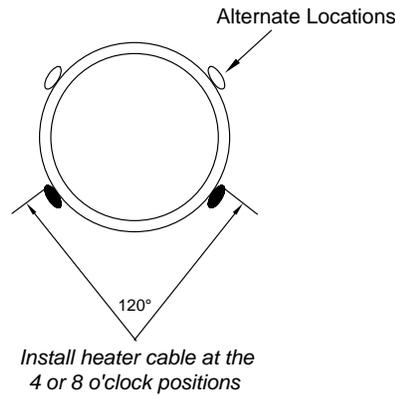
- From the last node leave an extra 305-457mm (12-18”) of heater cable at all power connections, tee splices and end seal connections to facilitate easy working of the connections.
- **ADDITIONAL HEATER CABLE IS REQUIRED ON VALVES, PIPE SUPPORTS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.** See the installation detail section for exact lengths and method of installation.
- When handling the heater cable, avoid pulling it over or installing against sharp edges.
- Do not kink or crush the cable. Heater cable should not be left in areas that would allow damage by walking on it or driving over it with equipment.

### **Heater Cable Location**

The heater cable may be installed in either straight runs or spiraled around the pipe. Spiraling is generally used when a limited number of cable output wattages are available.

### **Straight Tracing**

When straight tracing is used, install the heater cable on the lower quadrant of the pipe. This helps prevent physical damage to the heater cable from falling objects or from being walked on.

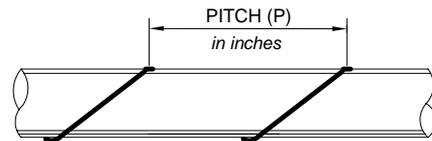


**Figure 2**

### **Spiraling**

Spiraling increases the length of heater cable installed per foot of pipe. Installed cable length = Pipe Length X Spiral Factor. The following example and table will allow you to determine the correct pitch for each pipe size and spiral factor:

*Example: When using .43m (1.4ft) of heater cable on 102mm (4”) IPS pipe, the Pitch (P) would be 356mm (14”).*



**Figure 3**

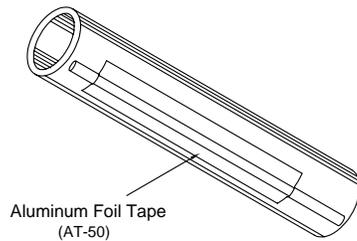
**Table I**  
**Spiral Pitch Table (Inches)**

Pipe Size (IPS)	SPIRAL FACTOR (feet of heater cable per foot of pipe)				
	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
1.0	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
1.5	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
2.0	17	NR	NR	NR	NR
2.5	20	14	NR	NR	NR
3.0	24	17	13	NR	NR
3.5	28	19	15	13	NR
4.0	31	21	17	14	NR
4.5	35	24	19	16	14
5.0	39	26	21	18	15
6.0	46	31	25	21	18
8.0	59	41	33	28	24

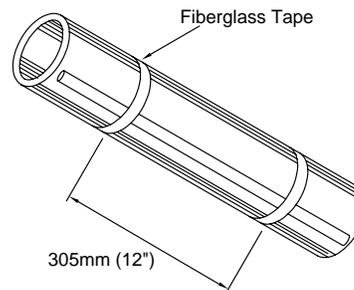
1 inch = 25mm

**Attachment**

For regular installations, the heater cable may be attached with fiberglass tape. Plastic wire ties may also be used, provided the wire tie material has a maximum temperature rating equal to or better than the system requirements. The cable should fit snugly against the pipe and be secured at 305mm (12") intervals, as shown in *Figures 4 & 5*.



**Figure 4**



**Figure 5**

*Note: To prevent possible damage to the heater cable, do not fasten with metal straps or wire.*

**Cutting the Heater Cable**

Do not cut the cable until it is attached to the pipe. Confirm the allowances for terminations, connections, heat sinks (valves, support, etc.) and node location before cutting the cable. Heater cable power is not affected by cutting to length. Protect all heater cable ends from moisture or mechanical damage if exposed for long periods-of-time.

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## Installation Details

Heater cables should be applied in a manner to facilitate the easy removal of valves and small in-line devices without the removal of excessive thermal insulation or cutting the heater cable. This can be accomplished by looping the cable at each heat sink, see *Figure 6*. The amount of heater cable installed on each valve, hanger, etc. varies with the pipe size and type of device. Table II gives the correct amount of additional cable to be installed on each device.

**Table II**  
**Heat Loss Adder**

Pipe Fitting Type					
Pipe Size	Flange Pair	Vent & Drain	Pipe Support	Globe, Ball & Butterfly Valves	Gate Valve
.50	.30	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
.75	.30	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.5
1.00	.30	1.0	1.5	1.0	2.0
1.50	.30	1.0	2.0	1.5	2.5
2.00	.30	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
3.00	.30	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.0
4.00	.50	1.0	2.5	3.0	4.0
6.00	.80	1.0	2.5	3.5	5.0
8.00	.80	1.0	2.5	4.0	7.0
10.00	.80	1.0	3.0	4.5	8.0
12.00	.80	1.0	3.0	5.0	9.0
14.00	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.5	10.0
16.00	1.0	1.0	3.5	6.0	11.0
18.00	1.0	1.0	3.5	7.0	12.0
20.00	1.0	1.0	3.5	7.5	13.0
24.00	1.0	1.0	4.0	8.0	15.0

### Notes:

- 1) Nominal pipe length in feet. Adders are for various in-line pipe fittings to compensate for greater areas of heat loss.
- 2) Values above are based on an average of various fittings available, with the assumption that fitting insulation will be equivalent to pipe insulation. The nominal length of tracer to be applied to a particular fitting would be the value shown in this chart plus the flange-to-flange length of the fitting.
- 3) For a Flanged Valve Adder choose Valve Type then add one Flange Pair for total adder length.

The following figures show installation details for various typical situations:

### Valve

Typical installation method  
*(may vary for different valve shapes)*

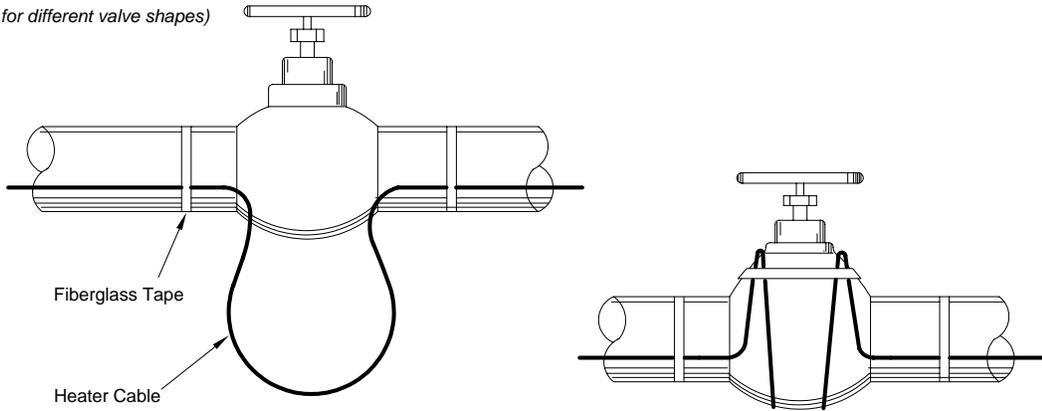


Figure 6

### Elbow

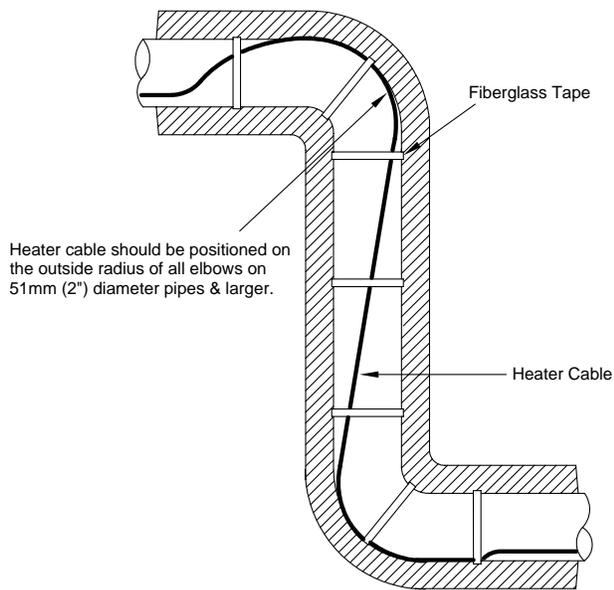


Figure 7

### Flange

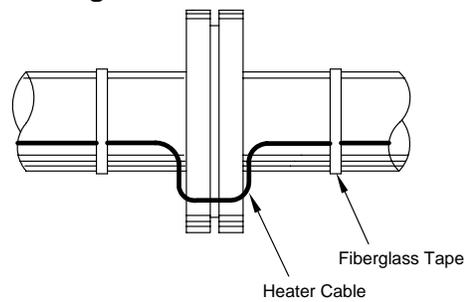


Figure 8

## Hanger Support

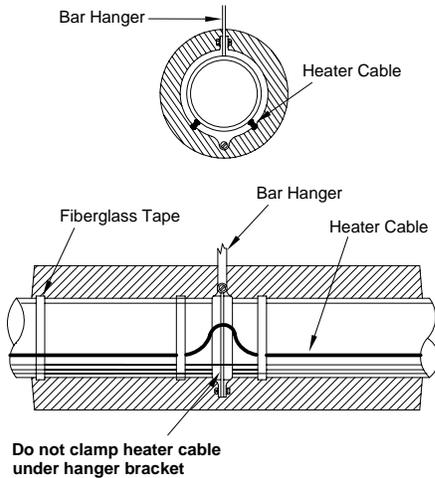


Figure 9

## Shoe Support

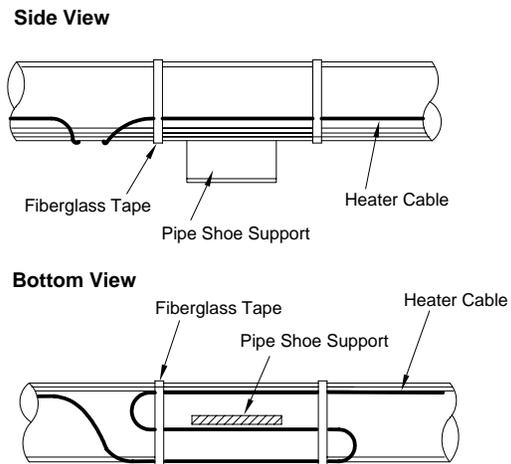


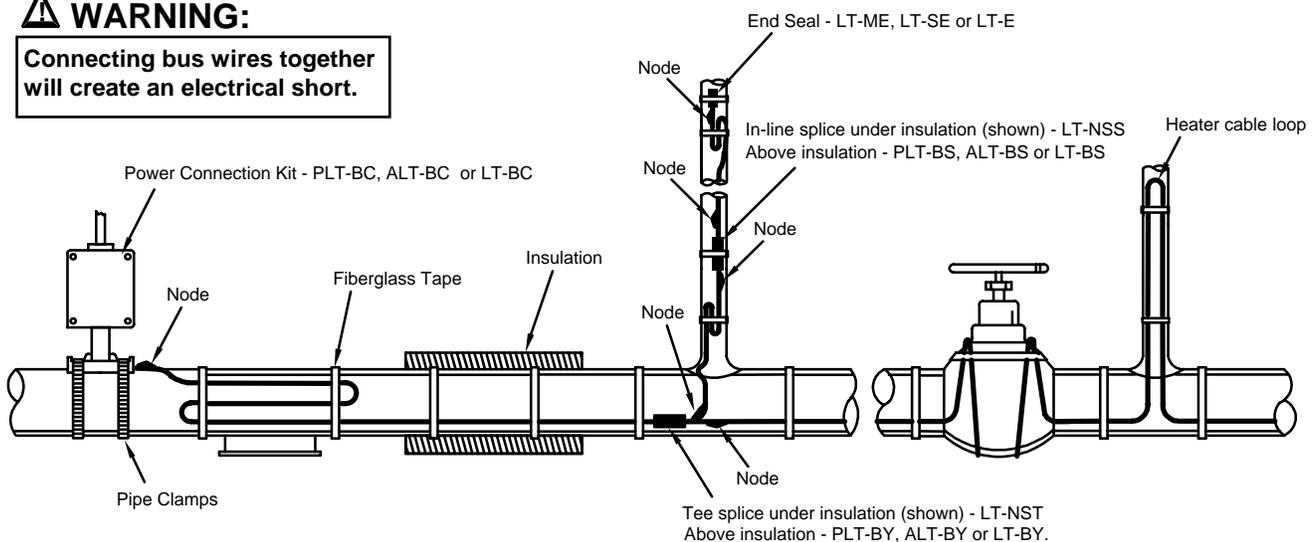
Figure 10

## SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Only Nelson Heat Tracing Systems approved termination, connection and splice kits should be used. Failure to do so will void warranties and agency approvals. Installation instructions in each component kit should be followed for heater cable preparation and assembly. Make end seal terminations and splice connections before making the power connections. It is recommended that all heater cables be tagged as they are installed with a discrete circuit number. This will facilitate identification, components needed and electrical wiring during later phases of the installation. Power connection kits utilize an adapter plate kit for installation on instrument tubing and tanks. Installation instructions for mounting are included in each kit.

### **⚠ WARNING:**

**Connecting bus wires together will create an electrical short.**



*Note: Heater cable power connections and end seals are required for each heater cable. Heater cable splices, tees, and thermostats are used as needed.*

Figure 11

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## THERMAL INSULATION

### *Pre-Installation Checks*

Inspect the heater cable and components for correct installation and possible damage. In particular, verify that:

- The proper extra amount of heater cable has been installed at each valve, flange, pipe support, etc. and that it is free from physical nicks, tears or gouging. Additional cable beyond the specified amount at a heat sink is not a problem due to the inadequacies of the thermal insulation.
- Connections, splices and end seals are correctly installed, including cable seals at power connection enclosures.

### *Installation*

Check the thermal insulation type and thickness against the design criteria. Changes in insulation type or thickness may require a different wattage heater cable. Verify that all pipe work, including wall penetrations, fittings, etc., has been completely insulated.

Check the system to verify that:

- Insulation is not wet from rainfall prior to the application of waterproofing.
- Lap joints on vertical piping are properly overlapped - higher piece lapped over the top of lower piece.
- Band seals are used at lap joints to prevent the ingress of water.
- All penetrations of lagging (valve stems, hanger rods, etc.) are properly waterproofed.
- Irregular shaped items (i.e. pumps, filters, valves, etc.) are properly waterproofed.
- Seams in insulation blankets are airtight.

To minimize potential damage to the heater cable, install the insulation as soon as possible. It is recommended that another insulation resistance (megger) test be done after the insulation has been installed to verify that the heater cable was not damaged during the insulation installation.

### *Marking*

Install "Electric Trace" signs on alternate sides of the piping at regular intervals, as a warning to maintenance personnel. Permanently mark the outside of the insulation lagging with the location of heater cable components. This will facilitate maintenance in case of a problem.

## THERMOSTATS & SENSORS

Temperature sensitive applications require the use of a thermostatic control. In selection of the proper thermostat, consider voltage and amperage ratings of the device as well as the suitability of housing for the environment (explosion proof, rain tight, corrosion resistance, etc.) Mount thermostat housing as close as possible to the power connection kit. It may be attached to the power connection kit provided code requirements are met with regard to conduit connections, seals, etc. To sense the coolest air temperature, ambient (air sensing) thermostats should be mounted in the shade and away from any additional heat source. When using pipe-sensing thermostats, the bulb (sensor) should be mounted on the opposite side of the pipe from the heater, or as far away as is practical. This will allow the thermostat to sense the actual pipe temperature and not be influenced by the heater temperature. Mount the sensing bulb on the pipe at least three (3) feet from the closest heat sink if possible.

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Moisture inside the enclosure will cause both corrosion and electrical shorting problems. The potential for this type of problem, can be greatly reduced by:

- Proper sealing of all enclosures openings.
- Keeping enclosure cover closed and secured as much as possible during installation sequence.
- Proper closing and sealing of the cover to prevent leaking into the housing.
- Use of a moisture proofing/electrical spray (aerosol) sealant on thermostat and electrical connections (including all metal parts) at completion of installation.
- Keep conduit fittings, openings, and pull box covers closed.

## ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

### ***Voltage Rating***

Verify that the heater cable voltage rating is suitable for the service being used. See Nelson Heat Tracing Systems Design Guide for voltage and wattage ratings, which are also printed on the heater cable.

### ***Electrical Loading***

Size over-current protective devices according to Nelson Heat Tracing Systems Literature/Design Guide. If devices are other than standard thermal magnetic circuit breakers, consult factory.

### ***Ground Fault Protection***

Ground fault circuit breakers are required on all heater constructions per the National Electric Code. Typically, 30ma trip devices are recommended due to the capacitive leakage of the heater cable construction.

### ***Waterproofing***

Moisture penetration of the electrical system is the single largest source of problems in a heater cable system installation. Therefore, particular care must be given to the proper sealing of all electrical connections and splices. Heater cable sealing kits will provide a proper seal for the heater cable itself, when used per kit instructions. All other electrical connections (heater to power wiring, thermostat connections, panel and breaker connections, etc.) should be sealed or moisture proofed in some fashion. Either mastic shrink tube or an aerosol electrical insulative sealant should be used on all connections to reduce any moisture penetration. The sealant will also reduce the potential for corrosion on exposed metal parts.

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## TESTING

### ***Recommendations***

Electrical tests are recommended at specific points in the receipt and installation of the heater cable. This periodic testing is designed to prevent the expenditure of wasted labor in the event of damage to the product. Installation costs of the cable and thermal insulation are much greater than the heater cable. Quick identification of any heater cable damage is the most economic approach to an installation. An insulation resistance test is recommended at the following points of the installation process:

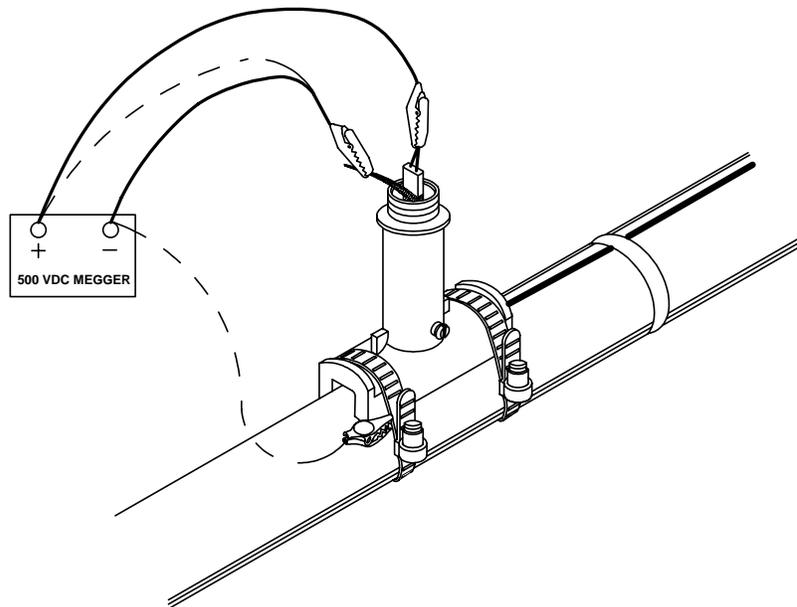
- UPON RECEIPT of the heater cable
- BEFORE thermal INSULATION installation
- IMMEDIATELY AFTER thermal insulation installation
- As part of a PERIODIC MAINTENANCE program

### ***Procedure***

The insulation resistance test is used to check for damage to extruded jackets. Connections for the megger are made as shown in *Figures 12*.

**Test A** - (solid lines) from heater cable bus wires to braid (tests electrical insulation).

**Test B** - (dotted lines) from braid to metal pipe (tests overjacket on J construction).



**Figure 12**

*Note: Test should use at least a 500 VDC megger. Do not use a megger with an excess of 2500 VDC. Minimum acceptable readings should be 20 megohms per circuit, regardless of length.*

A record should be kept of the readings taken from the time the cable is first installed on the pipe. A history of the insulation resistance reading can be helpful in spotting moisture ingress into the electrical system (by seeing a gradual decline in the insulation resistance or physical damage to the heater cable (sharp decline in the insulation resistance)). A sample record for this is shown in *Figure 13*.



Circuit Number
Heater Type
Circuit Length

**Periodic Inspection Record**

**Freeze Protection Circuits -**  
Perform these checks as season requiring use approaches.

**Temperature Maintenance Circuits -**  
Perform these checks at least twice per year.


Maintenance Checks for		Month	Year			
Visual inspection inside connection box corrosion, moisture, etc.	Initial					
	Date					
Damage or cracks (leaks) in insulation seals at valves, hangers, pumps, etc.	Initial					
	Date					
Heater cable properly connected and grounded. Heater cable and connections insulated from connection box.	Initial					
	Date					
Thermostat checked for moisture, corrosion, set point, switch operation, and capillary damage	Set Point					
	Initial					
	Date					
Megger tests performed at power connection with both bus wires disconnected from power wiring.	Reading					
	Initial					
	Date					
Circuit voltage at power connection.	Reading					
Circuit Amperage	Reading					
Watts/Ft.						
$\frac{\text{Volts} \times \text{Amps}}{\text{feet}} = \text{w/ft.}$	Initial					
	Date					
All connections, boxes, and thermostats have been resealed.	Initial					
	Date					
End seals, covered splices and tees marked On insulation cladding.	Initial					
	Date					

Periodic Inspection Record Form

Remarks & Comments						

**Figure 13**  
*Periodic Inspection Record Form*

The Periodic Inspection record Form may be used in one of two ways:

- 1) **One sheet per circuit.** - The results of periodic tests of a single circuit are posted in vertical columns, beginning on the left and working toward the right. This allows easy comparison of test values for up to seven test sequences on an individual circuit.
- 2) **One circuit per column.** - Test data for a single test sequence on as many as seven circuits can be recorded on a single sheet.

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## START-UP

### *Heat-up Time*

Heat-up capacity (the ability to heat the pipe and its contents rapidly) is not normally designed into the system. Cold start-ups should allow adequate time for the pipe to come up to temperature.

## OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

### *System Design, Installation & Documentation*

The heater cable system must be properly designed, installed and documented. This documentation should at least include line lists and location identification documentation. As built installation drawings provided the optimum maintenance tool. Test records should also be considered as part of the system documentation requirements. *See Figure 15.*

### *Preventive Maintenance*

A preventive maintenance program is needed which will encompass both visual and electrical checks of the system. These should be done not only before initial operation of the system, but also on a scheduled basis. The checks should also be done after any maintenance has been performed.

### *Visual Inspections*

- Thermal insulation - check weatherproofing for damage, missing seals, cracks or gaps in caulking and mastic coatings, damaged or missing lagging. When damage does exist, the insulation will need to be repaired or replaced, and then resealed. **WET INSULATION HAS POOR INSULATING PROPERTIES, FOR THE SYSTEM TO OPERATE PROPERLY THE INSULATION MUST BE KEPT DRY.** If insulation has been damaged, check the heater cable for damage - replace the damaged section.
- Inspect junction boxes, connection boxes and thermostats for corrosion, moisture or foreign matter.
- Tightness of electrical connections, proper electrical insulation of heater cable wires, adequacy of moisture seal on electrical connections and that a minimum of one (1) inch of electrically insulated heater extends above the grounding connection. No strands of the ground braid should extend above this connection.
- Check all thermostats or sensor capillary leads to verify they are tied back and shielded from physical damage.
- Verify all enclosure, connection box, etc. covers are properly closed and that the thermostat is switching off and on by measuring current flow in the circuit when the unit switches on. Reset the knob to the proper temperature after completion of the test.

### *Frequency*

Inspections should be made prior to the start of the freeze season on freeze protection systems. Process maintenance systems should be checked on a frequent base, at least twice a year.

### *Personnel Training*

Qualified maintenance personnel must be used to maintain the system. It is recommended that periodic training programs be utilized to assist in keeping maintenance personnel up to date on equipment and procedures.

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### ***Maintenance***

The heater cables will not require any maintenance. Mechanical temperature controls should be sprayed with a moisture repellent/corrosion inhibitor once a year on all metal parts.

### ***Piping Repairs***

Disconnect the electrical connection for the heater cable and protect it from mechanical or thermal damage during the repair. Check the heater cable installation after the repairs per established procedures. Replace and water seal the thermal insulation system.

## DAMAGED PRODUCTS

- Do not attempt to repair a damaged heater cable - replace the entire section.
- Replace the damaged heater cable immediately. Moisture migration into the good section of the heater cable may cause electrical shorting in that cable after repair of the damaged section.
- Any product exposed to fire or flame should be removed from service immediately and replaced. Further fire damage could result if energized.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

SYMPTOMS	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTION
<b>Branch Circuit Breaker Trips</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Circuit breaker undersized</li> <li>2. Circuit oversized</li> <li>3. Defective circuit breaker.</li> <li>4. Connection and/or splices may be shorting out.</li> <li>5. Physical damage to the heater cable may be causing a short.</li> <li>6. Wires connected at end seal.</li> <li>7. Excessive moisture in connection boxes or splices.</li> <li>8. Nick or cut in heater or power feed wire with moisture present.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1, 2. Re-establish what the current loads are going to be and resize the breakers.*</li> <li>3. Replace circuit breaker.</li> <li>4, 5. Locate and repair incorrect connections, splices, or damaged sections of heater cable.** Megger per installation instructions.</li> <li>6. Disconnect wires and perform a current check for possible other damage.</li> <li>7. Dry out and re-seal connections and splices. Megger per Installation Instructions (20 megohms min.) Work on connections outside the thermal insulation first, going to the below insulation connections and seals after the others have been eliminated.</li> <li>8. Locate and repair or replace damaged heater cable or power wire.**</li> </ol>

\*Check to see if existing power wire sizing is compatible with larger sized breakers.

\*\*To locate shorting problems, follow these steps:

- 1) Visually inspect the power connections and splices that are outside of the thermal insulation for proper installation.
- 2) Check around the valves, pumps, and any area where there may have been maintenance work done, for visual indications of damage.
- 3) Look for crushed or damaged insulation lagging along the pipe.
- 4) Inspect heater cable splices under the thermal insulation.
- 5) If you have not located the problem by now, you will have to isolate one section of the heater cable at a time until you determine the general area of damage. First, isolate by disconnecting any tees or splices then remove insulation from that area until the specific damage is found. For long runs of cable, it may be necessary to cut the cable in half to isolate the shorted section.

SYMPTOMS	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTION
<p><b>Power output is zero or lower than rated. (1)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Low or no input voltage.</li> <li>2. Circuit is shorter than design shows.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Splices or tees may not have been connected.</li> <li>b. Heater cable may have been severed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Improper crimping causing a high resistance connection.</li> <li>4. Control thermostat is wired in the opened position.</li> <li>5. Heater cable has been exposed to excessive moisture.</li> <li>6. Heater cable has been exposed to excessive temperatures.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Repair electrical supply lines and equipment.</li> <li>2. Check routing and length of heater cable (use "as-builts"), and recalculate power requirements.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Connect and recheck the power.</li> <li>b. Locate and repair the damaged heater cable. Recheck the power.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Re-crimp using correct procedure.</li> <li>4. Rewire in the normally closed position.</li> <li>5, 6. Replace the heater cable.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Power output appears correct but pipe temperatures are below design value.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Insulation is wet.</li> <li>2. Insufficient heater cable was used on valves, supports, and other heat sinks.</li> <li>3. Thermostat was set incorrectly</li> <li>4. There are thermal design inconsistencies.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove and replace with dry insulation and insure proper weatherproofing.</li> <li>2. Splice in additional heater cable but do not go over maximum circuit length.</li> <li>3. Reset the thermostat.</li> <li>4. Check with the local or factory representatives for design conditions. Modify as recommended.</li> </ol>

(1) Calculate the power (watts / ft.) of the heater cable by multiplying the current by the input voltage and dividing by the actual circuit length,  **$I \times V / Ft. = Watts / Ft.$**

## HEAT TRACE INSTALLATION RECORD

1. Circuit No. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Receiving Documentation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Item	DESIGN	ACTUAL
A. Cable Type	_____	_____
B. Cable Length	_____	_____

3. Receiving Testing Date \_\_\_\_\_

A. Check for physical damage O.K. \_\_\_\_\_ Damage \_\_\_\_\_

B. Continuity Check  
Check for continuity between power leads. O.K. \_\_\_\_\_ Open \_\_\_\_\_

C. 500VDC min., 2500VDC recommended,  
megger check between leads and sheath, 20 megohms min. Megohms \_\_\_\_\_

D. Lot No. No. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Post Installation Testing Date \_\_\_\_\_

A. Continuity Check  
Check for continuity between cold leads. O.K. \_\_\_\_\_ Open \_\_\_\_\_

B. 500VDC min., 2500VDC recommended,  
megger check between leads and sheath, 20 megohms min. Megohms \_\_\_\_\_

C. Visually Check Cable Installation Prior to  
Release for Thermal Insulation. Visual Check O.K. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Final Testing and Commissioning Date \_\_\_\_\_

A. Circuit approved for testing by client. Approved \_\_\_\_\_

B. 500VDC min., 2500 VDC recommended,  
megger check between leads and sheath, 20 megohms min. Megohms \_\_\_\_\_

C. Energized Testing  
(all test data to be within 10% of design data)

	DESIGN	ACTUAL
1. Circuit Voltage	_____	_____
2. Initial Current	_____	_____
3. Pipe temperature	_____	_____

6. Circuit Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_

*This circuit has been tested and documented in accordance with the above itemized data. This circuit by:*

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Client \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The **Heat Trace Installation Record** can be used to monitor the initial installation and check out process. This form can be used in conjunction with the **Periodic Inspection Record** shown in *Figure 13*.

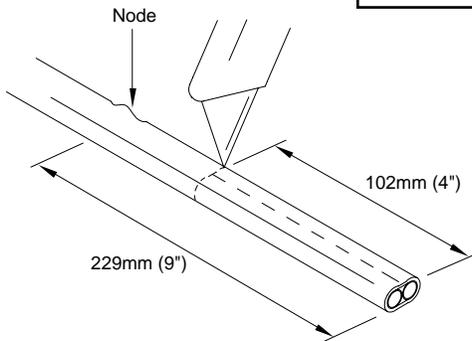
**Figure 14**

# POWER TERMINATION INSTALLATION

## Overjacket Stripping Procedures

(For Braided Products, proceed to step 4 below)

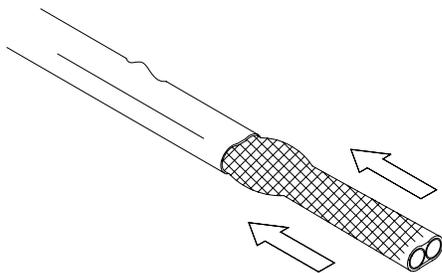
**⚠ WARNING:**  
**DO NOT CUT BRAID**



- 1 Lightly cut around heater cable overjacket 102mm (4") from the end. Bend cable to break overjacket.

*Note: The node should be within 152mm (6") of termination. Cable heats between nodes; this is called the heating zone. Cutting the cable between nodes destroys the heating zone.*

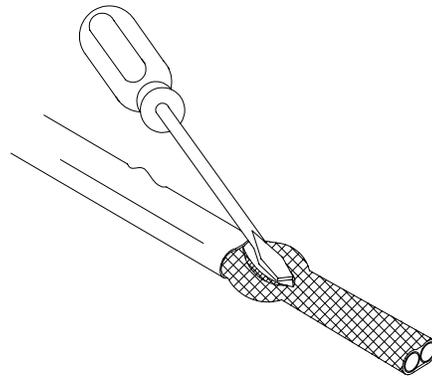
- 2 Lightly cut overjacket up the center between the first cut mark and cable end. Bend cable to break overjacket.
- 3 Remove overjacket from heater cable exposing cable braid.



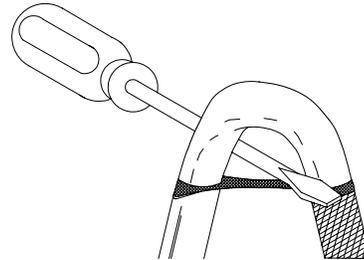
- 4 Push cable braid back toward overjacket, creating a bulge.

### Braided Products:

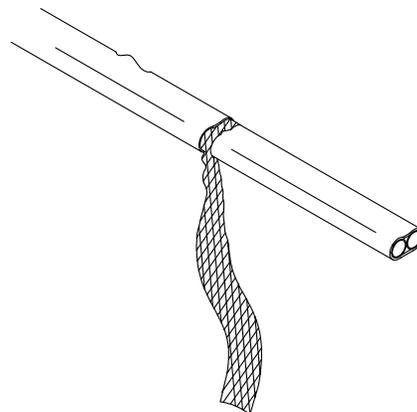
Tape braid in place 102mm (4") from cable end using fiberglass tape.



- 5 At the bulge, separate braid to make an opening.

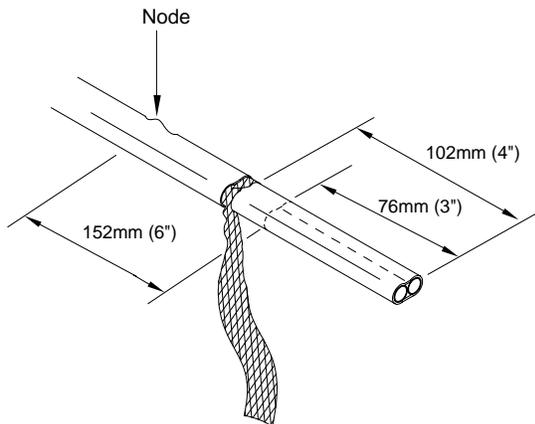


- 6 While bending the heater cable, work it through the braid opening.



- 7 Pull braid tight.
- 8 Proceed to "Outer Jacket Stripping Procedures".

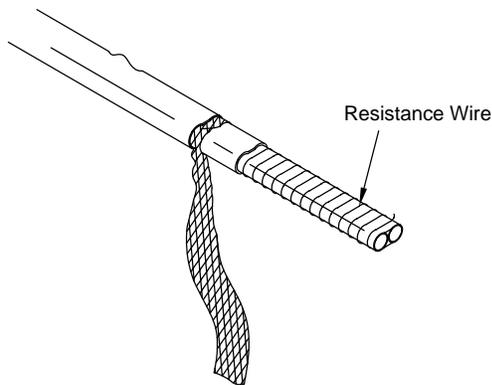
## Outer Jacket Stripping Procedures



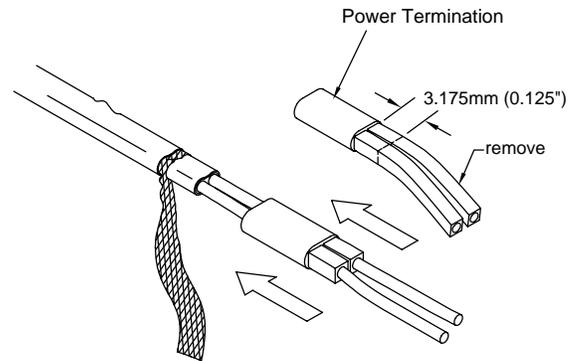
- 1 Lightly cut around heater cable outer jacket 76mm (3") from the end. Bend cable to break outer jacket.

*Note: The node should be within 152mm (6") of termination. Cable heats between nodes; this is called the heating zone. Cutting the cable between nodes destroys the heating zone.*

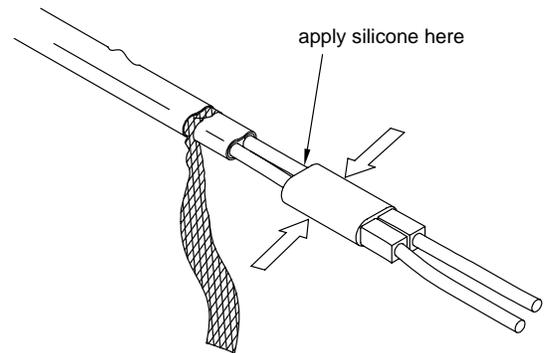
- 2 Lightly cut outer jacket up the center between the first cut mark and cable end. Bend cable to break and remove outer jacket.
- 3 Remove outer jacket from heater cable exposing the insulated bus wires.



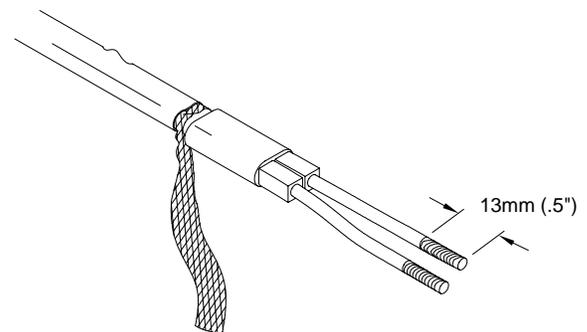
- 4 Completely remove the resistance wire and clear inner jacket back towards the outer jacket exposing the insulated bus wires.



- 5 Remove all but approximately 3.175mm (.125") from the power termination.
- 6 Slide the power termination halfway over the insulated bus wires. At this point, do not slide the power termination up against cable outer jacket.



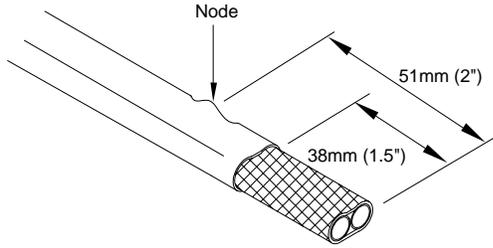
- 7 Squeeze the power termination open and fill with silicone.
- 8 Continue sliding the power termination over the insulated bus wires overlapping the cable outer jacket.



- 9 Strip 13mm (.5") of the end of each insulated bus wire.

# END SEAL INSTALLATION

## Overjacket Products

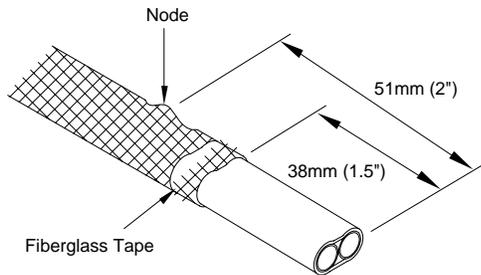


- 1 Remove 38mm (1.5") of cable overjacket.

*Note: The node should be within 51mm (2") of termination. Cable heats between nodes; this is called the heating zone. Cutting the cable between nodes destroys the heating zone.*

- 2 Then push braid back over the overjacket.
- 3 Proceed with step 4 next column.

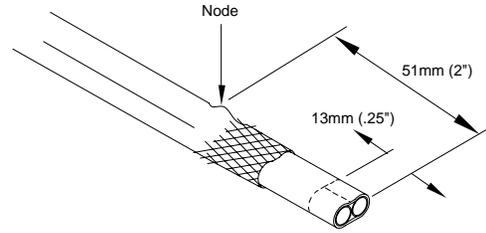
## Braided Products



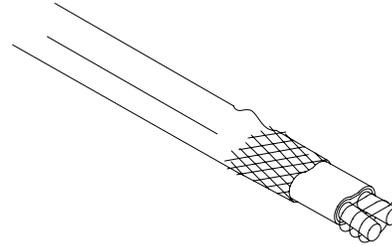
- 1 Tightly wrap fiberglass tape around braided cable 38mm (1.5") from cable end.

*Note: The node should be within 51mm (2") of termination. Cable heats between nodes; this is called the heating zone. Cutting the cable between nodes destroys the heating zone.*

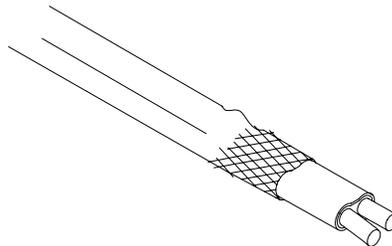
- 2 Push braid back over the fiberglass tape.
- 3 Proceed with step 4 next column.



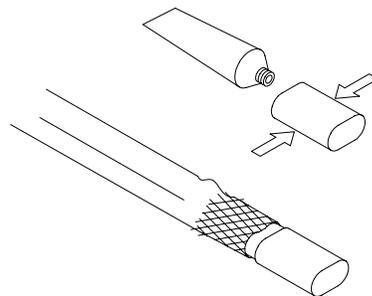
- 4 Lightly cut around and up the center of the heater cable outer jacket 13mm (.25") from the end. Bend cable to break outer jacket and remove.



- 5 Completely remove the resistance wire and clear inner jacket back towards the outer jacket exposing the insulated bus wires.



- 6 Spread insulated bus wires apart.



- 7 Squeeze the end termination open and fill with silicone.
- 8 Slide the end termination over the insulated bus wires.

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