

**SECTION 22 05 33**  
**HEAT TRACING FOR PLUMBING PIPING**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. This section describes the requirement for supplying, installing, and testing of the electric heat tracing system of the plumbing piping. Freeze protection shall be utilized for domestic water piping in areas subject to freezing temperatures.
- B. A complete listing of all acronyms and abbreviations are included in Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING.

**1.2 RELATED WORK**

- A. Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- C. Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING.
- D. Section 22 07 11, PLUMBING INSULATION.
- E. Section 26 05 19, LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES.

**1.3 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE):  
515.1-2012.....Standard for the Testing, Design, Installation,  
and Maintenance of Electrical Resistance Trace  
Heating for Commercial Applications
- C. International Code Council, (ICC):  
IPC-2012.....International Plumbing Code
- D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):  
70-2011.....National Electrical Code (NEC)
- E. Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. (UL):  
508-99 (R2013).....Standard For Industrial Control Equipment

**1.4 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submittals, including number of required copies, shall be submitted in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, and SAMPLES.

- B. Information and material submitted under this section shall be marked "SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 22 05 33, HEAT TRACING FOR PLUMBING PIPING", with applicable paragraph identification.
- C. Manufacturer's Literature and Data including: Full item description and optional features and accessories. Include dimensions, weights, materials, applications, standard compliance, model numbers, size, and capacity.
  - 1. Rated capacity.
  - 2. Length of cable.
  - 3. Cable spacing.
  - 4. Electrical power requirements.
  - 5. Controls.
  - 6. Enclosures.
  - 7. Accessories.
- D. The shop drawings shall include plans, sections, details, wiring diagrams, and attachments to other work. The wiring diagrams shall include power, signal, and control wiring.
- E. Field quality control test reports shall be submitted.
- F. Operation and Maintenance data in accordance with section 1.6.

#### **1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Manufacturer Qualifications: Ten years' experience in design, engineering, manufacture and support of specified system and components.
- B. Product Requirements:
  - 1. Pipe or tank tracing cable assembly shall be factory assembled, immersed in water for a minimum of 12 hours, and then tested for insulation resistance, high potential breakdown and continuity before leaving the factory.
  - 2. Factory Mutual approved heating cable that has the same wattage per lineal foot (power output), throughout its entire length.
  - 3. UL Listed, thermostat and contactor panel.
  - 4. UL Listed Control/Monitor Panel.
- C. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70, by a qualified testing agency, and marked for intended location and application.
- D. Bio-Based Materials: For products designated by the USDA's Bio-Preferred Program, provide products that meet or exceed USDA

recommendations for bio-based content, so long as products meet all performance requirements in this specifications section. For more information regarding the product categories covered by the Bio-Preferred Program, visit <http://www.biopreferred.gov>.

#### **1.6 AS-BUILT DOCUMENTATION**

- A. Submit manufacturer's literature and data updated to include submittal review comments, construction revisions and any equipment substitutions.
- B. Submit operation and maintenance data updated to include submittal review comments shall be inserted into a three ring binder. All aspects of system operation and maintenance procedures, including piping isometrics, wiring diagrams of all circuits, a written description of system design, control logic, and sequence of operation shall be included in the operation and maintenance manual. The operations and maintenance manual shall include troubleshooting techniques and procedures for emergency situations. Notes on all special systems or devices such as damper and door closure interlocks shall be included. A List of recommended spare parts (manufacturer, model number, and quantity) shall be furnished. Information explaining any special knowledge or tools the owner will be required to employ shall be inserted into the As-Built documentation.

### **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

#### **2.1 SELF-REGULATING PARALLEL RESISTANCE HEATING CABLES**

- A. Self-regulating parallel resistance heating cables shall comply with IEEE 515.1.
- B. The heating element shall be a pair of parallel No. 16 AWG tinned stranded copper bus wires embedded in cross linked conductive polymer core, which varies heat output in response to temperature along its length. Cables shall be terminated with waterproof, factory assembled non heating leads with connects at one end and seal the opposite end watertight. The cable shall be capable of crossing over itself without overheating.
- C. The electrical insulating jacket shall be flame-retardant polyolefin.
- D. The cable cover shall be tinned copper braid.
- E. The maximum power on operating temperature shall be 65 degrees C (150 degrees F).

- F. The maximum power off exposure temperature shall be 85 degrees C (185 degrees F).
- G. The capacities and characteristics shall be:
  - 1. Maximum heat output 3.0 W/foot.
  - 2. Pipe Diameter: 1/2 and 3/4 inch.
  - 3. Number of parallel cables: 1 (one).
  - 4. Volts: 120.
  - 5. Phase: Single.
  - 6. Hertz: 60.
  - 7. Minimum circuit ampacity: 15.

#### **2.4 CONTROLS**

- A. Pipe mounting thermostats for Freeze protection shall have a remote bulb unit with adjustable temperature range from minus 1 to 10 degrees C (34 to 50 degrees F). The thermostat shall be snap action, open-on-rise, single pole switch with minimum current rating adequate for the connected cable. The thermostat shall be remote bulb on capillary, resistance temperature device, or thermistor for direct sensing of pipe wall temperature. The control enclosure shall be corrosion resistant and waterproof.
- B. The enclosure shall be the NEMA 4X type.
- C. A minimum 30 amp contactor shall be provided to energize cable or close other contactors. Provide relay with contacts to indicate operational status, on/off, and for interface with central energy management and control system.

#### **2.5 ACCESSORIES**

- A. Cable Installation Accessories: Fiberglass tape, heat-conductive putty, cable ties, silicone end seals and splice kits, and installation clips all furnished by manufacturer, or as recommended in writing by manufacturer.
- B. Warning Labels: Shall comply with NFPA 70.
- C. Warning Tape: Continuously printed "Electrical Tracing"; vinyl, at least 0.08 mm (3 mils) thick, and with pressure-sensitive, permanent, waterproof, self-adhesive back.
  - 1. Width for Markers on Pipes with Outside Dimension, Including Insulation, Less Than 150 mm (6 inches): 19 mm (3/4 inch) minimum.

2. Width for Markers on Pipes with Outside Dimension, Including Insulation, 150 mm (6 inches) or Larger: 38 mm (1-1/2 inches) minimum.

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 GENERAL**

- A. Inspect surfaces and substrates of electric heating cables for compliance with requirements of this specification. Ensure surfaces and pipes in contact with electric heating cables are free of burrs and sharp protrusions.
- B. Notify COR if the existing substrate conditions are unsuitable for application of heating cables in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- C. If the installation of the heat tracing is unsatisfactory, then the Contractor shall correct the installation at no cost to the Government.

#### **3.2 INSTALLATION**

- A. Electric heating cable shall be installed for the following applications:
  1. Freeze protection of plumbing piping: Self-regulating parallel-resistance heating cable.
- B. Electric heating cable shall be installed across expansion, construction, and control joints according to the manufacturer's recommendations using cable protection conduit and slack cable to allow for movement without damage to cable.
- C. Electric heating cable for pipe freeze protection shall be installed according to the following:
  1. Electric heating cables shall be installed after piping has been tested and before insulation is installed.
  2. Electric heat cables shall be installed according to IEEE 515.1
  3. Insulation shall be installed or applied over piping with electric cables. Refer to Section 22 07 11, PLUMBING INSULATION.
  4. Warning tape shall be installed on pipe insulation where piping is equipped with electric heating cables.
- D. Field adjustable switches and circuit breaker trip ranges shall be set.
- E. Heating cables including leads shall be protected from damage.
- F. Equipment shall be grounded according to Section 26 05 19, LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES.

G. Wiring shall be connected according to Section 26 05 19, LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES.

**3.3 TESTS**

- A. Manufacturer's Field Service: Engage a factory-authorized service representative to test and inspect components, assemblies, and equipment installations, including connections.
- B. Perform the following tests and inspections:
  - 1. Perform tests after cable installation but before application of coverings such as insulation, wall or ceiling construction, or concrete.
  - 2. Test cables for electrical continuity and insulation integrity before energizing.
  - 3. Test cables to verify rating and power input. Energize and measure voltage and current simultaneously.
- C. Repeat tests for continuity, insulation resistance, and input power after applying thermal insulation on pipe-mounted cables.
- D. If deficiency is found, Contractor shall correct all deficiencies at no cost to the Government.
- E. Prepare test and inspection reports.

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