



Self-Regulating Heating Cables

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Conductors -

Use of Ground Fault Protective Devices

Caution . . . N.E.C. CODE 1996 STATES IN ARTICLE 427-22: 'Groundfault protection of equipment shall be provided for each branch circuits supplying electric heating equipment.'



Conductors .

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Accesories

1548-40PTP Electrical Connection Kit

Electrical Connection Kit with Junction Box

1528-01019 Fiberglass Adhesive Tape .5" x 108'. 185°C

Fiberglass Adhesive Tape .5" x 108'. 130°C

2.5" x 108', 2 mil thick

Thermostats NEMA 4X and NEMA 7 Ambient

Electrical Specifications	2703-1	2703-2	2705-1	2705-2	2708-1	2708-2	2710-1	2710-2	2305-1	2305-2	2310-1	2310-2	2315-1	2315-2
Service Voltage (Volts)	120	240	120	240	120	240	120	240	120	240	120	240	120	240
Maximum Circuit Length (Feet)	330	660	270	540	210	420	180	360	240	480	180	280	135	200
Thermal Rating at 50-F (Watts/FT.)	3	3	5	5	8	8	10	10	5	5	10	10	15	15
Temperature Rating														
Maximum Maintain (Deg. F)	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	250	250	250	250	250	250
Maximum Exposure (Deg. F)	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	366	366	366	366	366	366

Introduction

Principle of Operation

Self-regulating heating cables regulate their heat output in response to changes in temperature. The highly engineered conductive core increases its heat output when the temperature falls and decreases its heat output when the temperature rises.

To help protect against impact and mechanical abuse, these heating cables have a metallic overshield. These heating cables are Factory Mutual approved for use in hazardous areas.

This design guide was compiled to other a simplified systematic approach for designing pipe heat tracing systems utilizing the self-regulating heating cables.

The following step-by-step procedures will enable you to determine the length of heating cable required to efficiently heat trace pipes, valves and flanges.

Alternate Voltages

240 VAC self-regulating heating cables can be operated at alternative voltages. The chart below compares heating cable power output with product rating.

Power Adjustment Factor

Part No.	208 Volts	277 Volts
2703-2	.75	1.28
2705-2	.86	1.16
2708-2	.91	1.10
2710-2	.93	1.08
2305-2	.78	1.25
2310-2	.86	1.16
2315-2	.92	1.09

Example:

Thermal output of 2705-2 5 Watts/Ft. at 50°F, powered at 208 VAC = 5Watts/Ft. x .86 = 4.3 Watts/Ft.

Table 1 — Thermal Conductivity (K_i) of Typical Pipe **Insulating Materials**

Insulating Material	K Factor @ 50°F Mean Temperature (BTU/HR-FT²-°F/Ft.)
Glass Fiber	.021
Calcium Silicate	.031
Foamed Urethane	.014
Foamed Rubber	.025
Mineral Fiber	.027
Foamed Glass	.031
Perlite (Expanded Silicate)	.040





Heat Tracing Pipe



To determine the pitch and amount of self-regulating heating cable required to heat trace a pipe, you'll need to know the pipe temperature to be maintained, minimum ambient temperature, pipe size and insulation type and thickness.

Calculating Heat Loss

- 1. First determine temperature difference (ΔT) between temperature to be maintained (T_m) and minimum ambient temperature (T_a). $\Delta T = T_m - T_a$.
- 2. Select insulation K factor from Table 1 (K_i) and divide by .021 to determine conductivity ratio ($\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k}}$). $R_{\mathbf{k}} = K_{\mathbf{i}} \div .021$.
- Determine heat loss from Table 2A
 (Q) by selecting pipe size and insulation thickness. If piping is indoors multiply (Q) by 0.9.
- Calculate heat loss from pipe (Q_p) by multiplying ΔT by R_k and Q_a. Q_p = ΔT × R_k × Q_a.

Determine Heater Power Output

From Graph I (page 3) select the heater with the power output (Q_h) which meets or exceeds the heat loss (Q_p) from the pipe. For non-metal pipe multiply the power output Q_h from the chart by 0.7 before selecting the heater. In some circumstances it may be desired to use a heater with less power output per foot of heater than the calculated heat loss per foot of pope. In these cases, the heater can be spiralled onto the pipe to achieve the required power output per foot of pipe. A developed power ration and heater pitch will need to be determined.

Calculate Developed Power Ratio

To calculate developed power ratio (\mathbf{R}_{p}) divide heat loss from pipe (Q_{p}) by heater power output (Q_{h}) . $R_{p} = Q_{p} \div Q_{h}$.

Determine Heater Pitch

To determine the required pitch (**P**), select value from Tables 3A and 3B for calculated value of (R_o) and pipe size.

Calculate Required Heater Length

To determine required heater length (\mathbf{L}_{h}) , multiply length of pipe (L_{p}) by (R_{p}) . $L_{h} = L_{p} \times R_{p}$.

Table 2A — Heat Loss (Q_a) from Insulated Pipe (Watts/Foot-°F).

Pipe Size	Pipe O.D.	Insulation Thickness									
(IPS)	(Inches)	1/ 2 "	1"	1-1/2"	2"	2-1/2"	3"	4"			
1/2 3/4 1 1-1/2 2 2-1/2 3 3-1/2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18	0.840 1.050 1.315 1.900 2.375 2.875 3.500 4.000 4.500 6.625 8.625 10.750 12.750 14.000 16.000 18.000	.05 .06 .07 .09 .11 .13 .16 .18 .20 .28 .35 .44 .51 .56 .64 .71	.04 .04 .05 .06 .07 .08 .09 .10 .11 .15 .19 .23 .27 .29 .33 .37	.03 .04 .04 .05 .06 .07 .07 .08 .11 .13 .16 .19 .20 .23 .25	.03 .03 .04 .04 .05 .05 .06 .06 .09 .10 .13 .14 .16 .18 .20	 .03 .04 .04 .05 .05 .06 .07 .09 .10 .12 .13 .15 .16		 .04 .05 .06 .07 .08 .09 .10			
20 24	20.000 24.000	.79 .94	.41 .48	.28 .33	.21 .25	.18 .21	.15 .18	.12			

Values given above are heat loss for metal pipe in units of Watts/Foot of pipe per °F temperature difference from pipe to ambient temperature fiberglass insulation.

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Table 3A — Pitch in Inches of Heater Wrap on Pipe for Given Heat Loss/Developed Power Ratios of 1.1-2.0

Pipe Size	Pipe O.D.			н	eat Los	s/Dev	eloped	Powe	r Ratio		
(IPS)	(Inches)	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0
1/2 3/4 1 1-1/4 1-1/2 2 2-1/2 3 3-1/2 4 5 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 24	0.840 1.050 1.315 1.660 1.900 2.375 2.875 3.500 4.000 4.500 5.563 6.625 8.625 10.750 12.750 12.750 14.000 16.000 18.000 20.000 24.000	6 7 9 11 13 16 20 24 27 31 38 45 59 74 87 96 110 123 137 164	4 5 6 8 9 11 14 17 19 21 26 31 41 51 60 66 76 89 95 114	3 4 5 6 7 9 11 13 15 17 21 25 32 41 48 53 61 68 .76 91	3 4 5 6 7 9 11 13 14 18 21 27 34 41 45 51 58 64 77	3 4 5 5 6 8 10 11 13 16 18 24 30 36 39 45 51 56 67	2 3 4 5 6 7 9 10 11 14 17 22 37 32 35 40 45 50 60	2 3 4 4 5 6 8 9 10 13 15 20 25 30 32 37 41 46 55	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 12 14 18 23 27 29 34 38 42 50	2 2 3 4 4 5 7 8 9 11 13 17 21 25 27 31 35 39 47	2 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 12 15 29 33 6 43

Table 3B — Pitch in Inches of Heater Wrap on Pipe for Given Heat Loss/Developed Power Ratios of 2.2-4.0

Pipe Size	Pipe O.D.			н	eat Lo:	ss/Dev	eloped	Powe	r Ratio		
(IPS)	(Inches)	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.0
2 2-1/2 3 3-1/2 4 5 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 24	2.375 2.875 3.500 4.000 5.563 6.625 8.625 10.750 12.750 14.000 16.000 18.000 20.000 24.000	4 5 6 7 9 11 14 17 20 22 26 29 32 38	3 4 5 6 6 8 10 12 15 18 20 23 26 29 35	3 4 5 6 7 9 11 14 17 18 21 23 26 31	3 3 4 5 5 7 8 10 13 15 17 19 21 24 29	3 3 4 5 6 7 9 12 14 15 18 20 22 27	2 3 3 5 6 7 9 11 13 14 16 18 21 25	2 3 3 4 5 6 8 10 12 13 15 17 19 23	2 3 3 4 5 6 8 10 12 13 14 16 18 22	2 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 11 12 14 15 17 20	2 3 2 4 4 5 7 8 10 11 13 14 16 19

Heat Loss/Developed Power Ratios should be rounded to the next highest value.

Heat Loss/Developed Power Ratios less than 1.1, run the heating cable parallet to the pipe.

Example: (2700 Heater)

 $T_{\alpha} = -20^{\circ}F$ $T_m = 40^{\circ}F$ Insulation — Calcium Silicate Pipe Material — Metal Insulation Thickness — 2" Length of Pipe — 100' $\Delta \mathbf{T} = T_m - T_n$ Step I = 40 - (-20) = 60 $R_{k} = K \div .021$ Step II = .031 ÷ .021 = 1.48 **Q**_a from Table 2A for 6 IPS Step III pipe and 2" thick insulation is .09. $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{a}}$ Step IV $= 60 \times 1.48 \times .09.$ = 8.0

Step V From Graph 1, at 40°F the 2708 heater produces Q_i of 8.5 watts per foot. Select the 2708 heater for this application.

Alternate Heater by Spiralling

Assume that for the above example you wish to use a 2705 heater.

The Q_{j} , from Graph 1, at 40°F for the 2705 heater is 5.5 watt per foot.

Step VI
$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{p}} \div \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{h}}$$

= 8.0 ÷ 5.5
= 1.46

Step VII The pitch, P, in inches from Table 3A for 6 IPS and $R_{\rm p}$ = 1.46 is 14 inches

Step VIII $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{h}} = L_{p} \times R_{p}$

$$= 100' \times 1.46$$

= 146' cable length required.



To determine the amount of selfregulating heating cable required to heat trace a valve, you'll need to know the pipe temperature to be maintained, minimum ambient temperature, valve size and insulation type and thickness.

Calculating Heat Loss

- 1. First determine temperature difference (ΔT) between temperature to be maintained (T_m) and minimum ambient temperature (T_o). $\Delta T = T_m T_o$.
- 2. Select insulation K factor from Table 1 (K_i) and divide by .021 to determine conductivity ratio ($\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k}}$). $R_{\mathbf{k}} = K_{\mathbf{i}} \div .021$.
- Determine heat loss from Table 2B
 (Q_b) by selecting valve size and insulation thickness. If valve is indoors multiply (Q_b) by 0.9.
- Calculate heat loss from pipe (Q,) by multiplying ΔT by R_k and Q_b. Q_v = ΔT × R_k × Q_b.

Determine Heater Power Output

From Graph I determine heater power output for pipe temperature to be maintained (\mathbf{Q}_{h}). If value is non-metal multiply value of \mathbf{Q}_{h} from graph by 0.7.

Calculate Developed Power Ratio

To calculate developed power ratio (\mathbf{R}_{p}) divide heat loss from valve (Q_{v}) by heater power output (Q_{h}) . $R_{p} = Q_{v} \div Q_{h}$.

Table 2B — Heat Loss ($Q_{\scriptscriptstyle b}$) from Insulated Valves (Watts/°F)

Valve Size		Insu	lation Thickn	ess		
(Inches)	1/2"	1"	1-1/2"	2"	3"	4"
1/2 3/4 1 1-1/2 2 2-1/2 3 3-1/2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 24	.30 .31 .35 .44 .49 .56 .64 .71 .77 1.06 1.33 1.67 2.07 2.32 2.61 2.99 3.24 3.98	.16 .18 .23 .26 .29 .34 .37 .41 .56 .71 .88 1.09 1.23 1.44 1.65 1.86 2.28	.11 .12 .13 .16 .18 .21 .24 .26 .29 .40 .50 .62 .77 .86 1.01 1.16 1.31 1.61	.09 .10 .13 .14 .16 .19 .21 .23 .31 .40 .49 .61 .69 .80 .92 1.04 1.28	.07 .08 .10 .11 .12 .14 .16 .17 .23 .29 .37 .46 .51 .60 .69 .78 .96	.04 .05 .06 .07 .08 .09 .10 .11 .16 .19 .24 .30 .34 .40 .46 .51 .63

Calculate Required Heater Length

To determine required heater length (\mathbf{L}_{h}) , multiply number of valves (N_{v}) by (R_{p}) . $L_{h} = N_{v} \times R_{p}$.

Example: (2708 Heater)

 $\begin{array}{l} T_{a}=-20^{\circ}\text{F}\\ T_{m}=40^{\circ}\text{F}\\ \text{Insulation} & -\text{Calcium Silicate}\\ \text{Valve Size} & -6 \text{ IPS}\\ \text{Insulation Thickness} & -2"\\ \text{Number of Valves} & -2\\ \text{Step I} & \Delta T = T_{m} T_{a}\\ & = 40 \text{ - (-20)}\\ & = 60 \end{array}$

 $R_{L} = K \div .021$ Step II $= .031 \div .021$ = 1.48**Q**, from Table 2B for 6" Step III valve and 2" thick insulation is .31. Step IV $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{v}} = \Delta T \times R_k \times Q_h$ $= 60 \times 1.48 \times .31$. = 27.5 **Q**_h from Graph 1 for 40°F Step V required temperature is 8.5. Step VI $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{v}} \div \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{h}}$ $= 27.5 \div 8.5$ = 3.24 feet per heater valve

Step VII
$$L_h = N_v \times R_p$$

= 2 × 3.24
= 6.5'

Heat Tracing Flanges

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Heater Allowances for Insulated Pipe Flanges, Fittings and Hangers



To determine the amount of self-regulating heating cable required to heat trace an insulated pipe flange, fitting or hanger, simply find the size on the verticle axis, read across to the appropriate device, then read down to the horizontal axis to determine the amount of cable required per 10°F temperature difference. Multiply the temperature difference by this value and divide by ten to get the inches of cable to use per device. Hanger sizing is determined by the width of the hanger.

Example: for 60°F temperature difference:

- (2) 10" flanges (4" heater per 10 degrees difference); 2 x 4 x 60/10 = 48.0"
- 10" fitting (4" heater per 10 degrees difference);
 1 x 4 x 60/10 = 24.0"
- (4) 7" wide hangers (4" heater per 10 degrees difference); 4 × 4 × 60/10 = 96"

Total 168"

Total Allowance Required = 14.0'

Pope flanges, fittings and hangers act as heat sink devices in a heat trace system. Allowances must be made for these devices to maintain a consistent and operational system.

For pipe flanges and fittings under two inches in size use four inches of heater per device. For hangers under two inches in size use six inches of heater per device.

Positioning and Attachment of Heating Element

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Spiral Installation of Heating Element



is greater than 1.5 — use two parallel heaters or select higher wattage heater. If ratio is less than 1.0 — use one parallel heater. 2. When installing the heater on

non-metal pipe secure the heater to the pipe with aluminum tape. Refer to pitch chart on isometric drawings for proper pitch length.

Note:



Heating Element Termination and Heating Element Tee Splice



Thermostat Sensor Positioning and Attachment on Tanks

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Positioning and Attachment of Thermostat Sensor on Pipe



Heat Tracing of Fittings, Valves and Process Equipment



Note:

This detail is shown as an illustration of a method of taking advantage of the shape of a piping configuration to attain good pipe contact. To simply trace the inside radius of the corner would not be considered correct. Although a tee-splice might also be used to trace the third leg of the tee. The objective of this detail is to emphasize that it is advisable to get more heater on any area where the thermal insulation might not be fitted as well as on straight pipe. This method is intended to be used on other fittings besides tees.

Heat Tracing of Fittings Valves and Process Equipment



- Notes:
- Exact configuration may vary per valve type.
 For removable valve bodies leave a loop of tracing of the proper length when tracing the
- tracing of the proper length when tracing the pipe.3. See installation chart for correct amount of tracing per valve size.4. Take care to keep the flat side of the heater in as good physical contact with the valve body as possible.5. Fully insulate and weather protect.



Note:

Heater must be pulled thru tlexible conduit to avoid splicing — if necessary to splice heater a junction box will be required.



Note: Use fiberglass or aluminum tape to hold tracer in place on pump body. Note: Fully insulate and weather protect.

Heat Tracing Around Pipe Supports

Note:









Heat Tracing of Line Mounted Instruments





Heaters Wired Directly to Thermostat







Heaters Wired with 3 Pole Contactor





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