



## Installation Instructions **SNOW MELT MATS**

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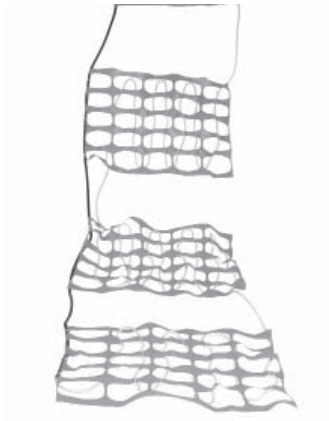
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Warning: Snow melt mats must be installed by a qualified electrician. All assembly, installation, and test instructions must be followed. Improper installation can result in property damage, serious injury, or death due to electric shock. **DO NOT SHORTEN HEATER LENGTH.** Please call Delta-Therm Corporation at 1-800-526-7887 with any installation or operating questions.

## Section 1. Overview

### 1.1 PRECAUTIONS

- Install in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local electrical codes.
- Do not run mats through expansion joints.
- Do not place mats over existing expansion or construction joints.
- Do not energize the mats until the concrete has thoroughly cured.
- Do not allow workers to walk on mats at any time.
- Test the mat before installation with a 500 VDC insulation resistance tester and multi-meter (ohm meter).
- Do not overlap snow melting mats.
- All related components and controls should be properly rated for the specified location classification.
- Do not alter the snow melting mat cable length in the field, as this will damage the system and void all warranties.

### 1.2 SNOW MELTING MAT AND COMPONENTS

Each Snow Melting Mat is factory built and terminated with 20' standard cold leads.

### 1.3 GENERAL ACCESSORIES

#### Accessories

Product Number	Description
<b>EHSM</b>	Brass Identification Marker
<b>PP-GS-75</b>	Pre-punched galvanized steel strapping
<b>PP-SS-75</b>	Pre-punched stainless steel strapping

#### Panels

Product Number	Description
<b>DT-XXPXXX</b>	Enclosed Contactor Panel
<b>GFPE-X-X-X</b>	Power Control Panel w/GFPE
<b>LNR-X</b>	Low Noise Relay Panel
Custom Control/Monitor/Alarm Panels	

#### Controls

Product Number	Description
<b>DTC120-S</b>	Snow Melting Control
<b>DTC120-PS</b>	Snow Melting Control
<b>MPS W/MP</b>	Snow Melting Control
<b>RID</b>	Remote Indicator/Activation Timer

### 1.4 TOOLS RECOMMENDED

- 500 VDC insulation resistance tester
- Digital multimeter
- Clamp-On Ammeter
- Adjustable wrench
- Flat head screwdriver
- Fastening system (as required): nylon cable ties, pre-punched strapping, or metal ties

### 1.5 SITE PLAN

Delta-Therm offers engineered drawing services as outlined in our Price List. If drawings were ordered, please compare the drawing bill of materials to materials supplied with your order and verify that you received all of the Delta-Therm components. Before starting the installation verify the proper location and layout of heating cable(s), control(s), and/or accessories.

### 1.6 MAT STORAGE

All snow melting mats should be stored in a cool, dry location. Mats should be protected from damage. Following the mat testing instructions in section 3, test all mats removed from storage and record the readings on the warranty card.

### 1.7 MAT LABELING

All snow melting mats certified by CSA must be properly identified. Therefore, if you shorten the leads on these mats, make sure that you retain (within the junction box) a minimum of 6" (15.24cm) of cold lead with the identification tag intact.

### 1.8 MAT TESTING

Please refer to Section 3 for all mat testing procedures.

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### 1.9 SITE PREPARATION

Review installation, engineering, electrical, and or architectural drawings prior to installation. Verify that available voltage is the same as the mat operating voltage indicated on the mat label. Install conduit from the cable feed points to an indoor or dry junction box, continuing to the power panel per site plan. Install appropriate grounding system per electrical code.

Cap or plug all conduit openings temporarily before installing the snow melting mat, ensure that all surfaces which the mat may come in contact with are free from sharp edges and protect cable from items that may cut or cause damage.

Mat spacing is the distance between each mat and is provided on the sales information and/or drawings. Measure and plan the area to be heated by snow melt mats, allowing for obstructions such as light poles, columns, and drains. In some areas, you may need to shape mats around curves and obstacles. To do so, cut mats between cable loops to suit. Do not cut the heating cable.

### 1.10 PROPER MAT HANDLING

Always unroll the snow melting mat.

### 1.11 N.E.C. CODE

National Electrical Code for snow melting mats can be found in Article 426-20.

Please consult NEC Article 426 Fixed Outdoor Electric Deicing and Snow-Melting Equipment with attention to:

Section 426.20 Embedded Deicing and Snow-Melting Equipment.

Section 426-13 Identification

The presence of outdoor electric deicing and snow-melting equipment shall be evident by the posting of appropriate caution signs or markings where clearly visible.

### 1.12 CONDUIT AND CIRCUIT WIRE

The mats require a permanently wired and grounded conduit system. Use only UL Listed (CSA Certified) weatherproof junction boxes.

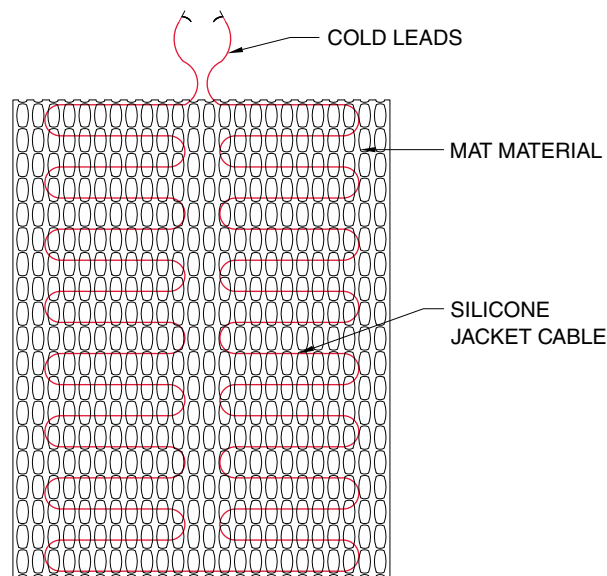
## Section 2. Electrical Rough-In and Testing Procedures

### 2.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

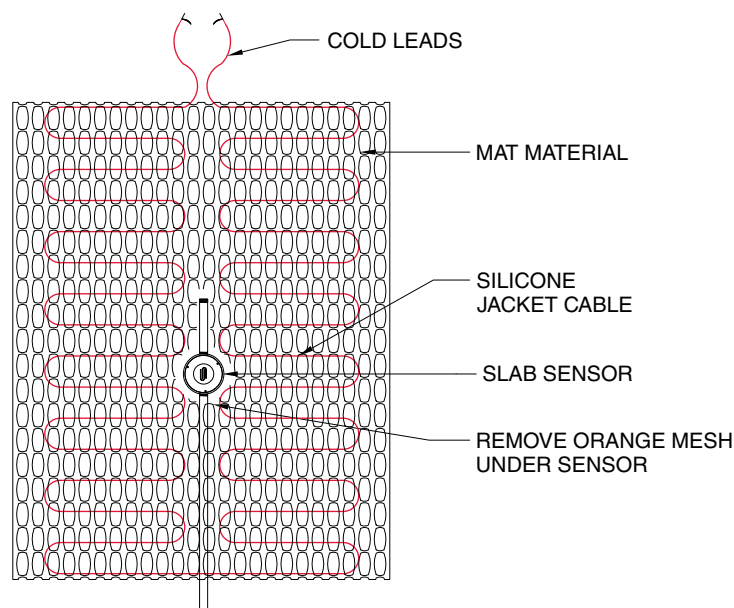
Before starting the installation please refer to Section 1.5 Site Plan, Section 1.9 Site Preparation, and test cables following the directions in Section 3.1 Pre-Installation Testing. If you don't have a site plan you can make your own layout.

The ideal location for junction boxes is indoors with at least 18" (45.72cm) of accessible mat leads. When you plan the location of junction boxes, allow for at least one foot of mat lead to remain embedded. Locate junction boxes so that they can accommodate the maximum number of mats. Use bushings to protect the wire from abrasion where it enters and exits the conduit.

If you must locate junction boxes outdoors, locate them above grade. The junction boxes must be UL listed or CSA certified for rain tight applications. If you must place junction boxes below grade, or in the pavement, use only watertight junction boxes recommended by the box manufacturer. Fill all below-grade junction boxes with Delta Dry or equivalent.



Detail 1. Snow melting mat.



Detail 2. Snow melting mat with a slab sensor.

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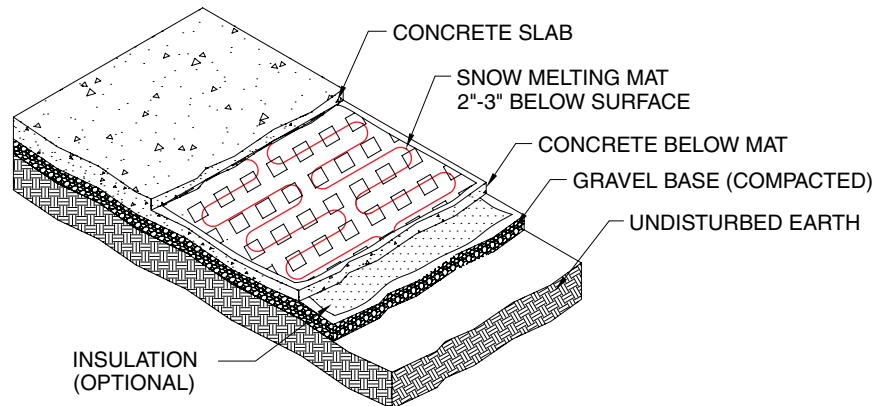
### 2.2 SLABS: CONCRETE

Before installing mats in concrete determine the location of expansion joints. Do not run mats through expansion joints. Doing so can damage cable due to concrete movement. Allow 2" to 4" (5.08 to 10.16cm) on each side of the mats for clearance. Allow approximately 4" (10.16cm) between adjacent mats at expansion joints.

Embed mats 2" to 3" (3.81 to 8.89cm) below the finished surface according to the National Electrical Code, Article 426-20. For a brick paver top, embed mats in concrete no less than 1.5" and no more than 3" (3.81 no more than 7.62cm) below the paver top. Use a winter formulation for concrete in freezing weather.

1. Feed mat cold leads through conduit stubs and bushings into junction box(es). Use caution when pulling cold leads. Excessive force could damage the hot-cold splice.
2. Position the mats temporarily according to plan to verify placement and fit. (Do not allow workers to walk on mats at any time.)
3. Roll up mat allowing the concrete base slab to begin to be poured.
4. Pour concrete to within 2" (5.08cm) of the finish level and roll mat over wet concrete. Then complete the pour and finish the surface. Each slab area within expansion joints should be individually poured and finished.
5. When the slab can be walked on, make splices within the junction boxes and install the feeder lines. Twist together a length of the copper grounding braid from all leads and positively connect to a continuous No. 14 AWG or larger insulated copper wire extending to the distribution panel ground.
6. Secure all splices with approved, pressure-crimped connectors or set-screw-type wiring clamps. Thoroughly tape all power splices with plastic electrical tape. All connections in below-grade junction boxes must be protected with Delta Dry or equivalent.

Do not energize the mats until the concrete has thoroughly cured.



**Detail 3.** Snow melting mat installed in dual pour concrete.

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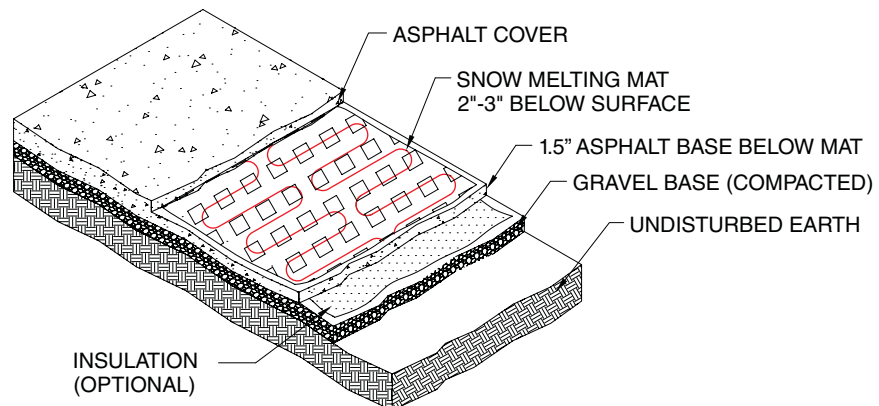
### 2.2 SLABS: ASPHALT

Prepare an adequate base. Ensure adequate drainage to prevent accumulation of water and resultant heaving (frost damage). If you see signs of cracking or heaving in the existing pavement, replace the pavement or apply a full base course before placing the mats.

Before installing mats in asphalt select the largest mats which can be used on the straight runs. Place mats 6" to 12" (15.24 to 30.48cm) in from the pavement edge. Do not overlap adjacent mats since doing so may cause excessive temperatures.

Embed mats 2" to 3" (3.81 to 8.89cm) below the finished surface according to the National Electrical Code, Article 426-20.

1. Feed mat cold leads through conduit stubs and bushings into junction box(es). Use caution when pulling cold leads. Excessive force could damage the hot-cold splice.
2. Use as fine a grade of asphalt as possible for top course. Gravel should not exceed a .375" (9.65mm) diameter.
3. Lay and roll the base course, then apply a coat of bituminous binder.
4. Position the mats according to plan, then apply a coat of binder over them. If you place the mats on an existing surface, be sure to sweep it thoroughly to remove any sharp material that could puncture cables during the installation. Ensure that cold leads are positioned at or below mat level. Do not allow workers to walk on mats.
5. Lay the 2" (5.08cm) top coat, covering the entire mat in one continuous slab. Roll the topcoat. Take insulation resistance test and ohmmeter readings on each mat during and after the roll to check for installation damage.
6. When raking and spreading the asphalt, ensure that you do not damage mats or disturb their position. Do not use spades or steel shovels since they can cut cables. Roll paved area with any size power roller. Never stop the roller on a grade while compacting the second course. Doing so could cause asphalt to slide, thereby damaging mats.
7. Complete all electrical connections.
8. Do not energize the mats until the asphalt has hardened.



**Detail 4.** Snow melting mat installed in dual pour asphalt.

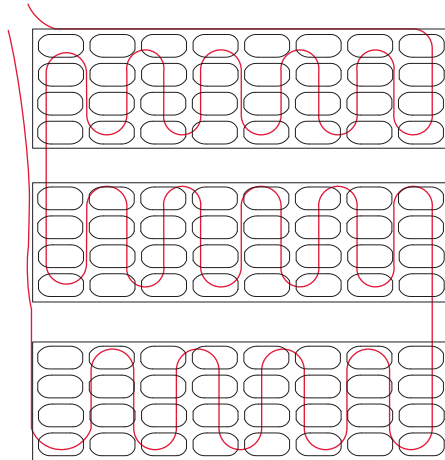
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### 2.2 STAIRS: CONCRETE

Embed mats 2" to 3" (3.81 to 8.89cm) below the finished surface according to the National Electrical Code, Article 426-20. Do not allow mat to cross expansion joints.

1. Feed mat cold leads through conduit stubs and bushings into junction box(es). Use caution when pulling cold leads. Excessive force could damage the hot-cold splice.
2. Temporarily position the mats 1"-2" in from the stair edge. Position according to plan to verify placement and fit in stair tread. (Do not allow workers to walk on mats at any time.)
3. Roll up mat allowing the concrete base slab to be poured.
4. Pour concrete to within 2" (5.08cm) of the finish level and roll mat over wet concrete. Then complete the pour and finish the surface. Each slab area within expansion joints should be individually poured and finished.
5. Complete all electrical connections.
6. Do not energize the mats until the concrete has thoroughly cured.

NOTE: If slab sensor is to be installed in the stairs, it must be installed in a heated area. For hand rails; please sleeve or locate of handrail attachment points so as not to damage mats when hand rails installed..



**Detail 5.** Step snow melting mats are custom sized for the stair tread.

## Section 3. Testing and Trouble Shooting

### 3.1 PRE-INSTALLATION TESTING

Unpack the snow melting mats and test each mat for insulation resistance (IR), and total resistance (TR).

To test TR, connect each lead of the ohmmeter to each cable cold lead conductor. Test in accordance with the meter manufacturer's instructions. Compare TR reading from ohmmeter to calculated TR (check the table below). The ohmmeter reading should be within 10% of the calculated TR.

To test IR, connect one lead of the 500 VDC insulation resistance tester to one cold lead conductor and the other lead to the M.I. cable metal sheath. Test in accordance with the meter manufacturer's instructions. IR reading should be greater than 10 megohms.

Please enter the TR and IR readings on the warranty card.

Part Nos.	Volts	Watts	Amps	Ohms	Part Nos.	Volts	Watts	Amps	Ohms
MA-18 x 5	208	375	1.8	124	MA-36 x 5	208	750	3.6	52
MB-18 x 5	240	375	1.6	155	MB-36 x 5	240	750	3.1	80
MC-18 x 5	277	375	1.4	176	MC-36 x 5	277	750	2.7	101
MA-18 x 10	208	750	3.6	52	MD-36 x 5	480	750	1.6	315
MB-18 x 10	240	750	3.1	78	MA-36 x 10	208	1500	7.2	29
MC-18 x 10	277	750	2.7	101	MB-36 x 10	240	1500	6.3	38
MA-18 x 20	208	1500	7.2	29	MC-36 x 10	277	1500	5.4	53
MB-18 x 20	240	1500	6.3	38	MD-36 x 10	480	1500	3.1	157
MC-18 x 20	277	1500	5.4	53	MA-36 x 15	208	2250	10.8	20
MA-18 x 30	208	2250	10.8	19	MB-36 x 15	240	2250	9.4	24
MB-18 x 30	240	2250	9.4	26	MC-36 x 15	277	2250	8.1	39
MC-18 x 30	277	2250	8.1	38	MD-36 x 15	480	2250	4.7	90
					MA-36 x 20	208	3000	14.4	15
					MB-36 x 20	240	3000	12.5	20
					MC-36 x 20	277	3000	10.8	26
					MD-36 x 20	480	3000	6.3	67

### 3.2 MONITORING CABLE DURING INSTALLATION

Repeat the steps as described in Section 3.1 and enter the information on the warranty card. If there is a change in the meter reading, please check the cable for damage, as well as any power connections, splices, and end terminations.

### 3.3 FINAL TESTING

Repeat the IR test steps as described in Section 3.1. To test TR, connect each lead from the ohmmeter to the two cold leads that will be attached to power. Enter the information on the warranty card. If there is a change in the meter reading, please check the cable for damage, as well as any power connections, splices, and end terminations.

If during any test the meter readings vary by +/- 10% from the previous test, stop the installation and investigate. Please check for pinched or crushed cables, test splices, test power connections, test end terminations, and repair accordingly. Check for water in all junction boxes or conduit. Any faults should be repaired by a qualified electrician or factory technician before the final pour is made.

### 3.4 TROUBLE-SHOOTING AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

For additional trouble-shooting and repair procedures, please contact Delta-Therm technical support at 1-800-526-7887. Please be prepared to provide:

- Part numbers for all installed equipment
- IR and TR readings on all installed cables
- Verification that incoming voltage matches design voltage of Delta-Therm equipment
- Verification that you have checked all wiring, junction boxes, etc.
- Digital photos of installed equipment

If you have any questions or comments about these instructions or your installation please call Delta-Therm at 1-800-526-7887.