

# Installation Instructions Mineral Insulated (M.I.) Permafrost Prevention Cable Assembly



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## Section 1. Overview

1.1 PRECAUTIONS	Installation	must comply with local elect	rical codes.	
	<ul> <li>Do not bend cable within 3" of a termination. (Terminations are labeled DO NOT BEND HERE)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Do not bend cable tighter than 3" inside diameter.</li> </ul>			
	Do not twist, kink, or spiral the cable.			
	Do not pull cable from coil. Roll coil to unreel cable.			
	<ul> <li>Test the cable before installation with a 500 VDC insulation resistance tester and multimeter (ohm meter).</li> </ul>			
	Do not overlap heating cable.			
	<ul> <li>All related components and controls should be properly rated for the specified location classification.</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Do not alte all warranti</li> </ul>	r the M.I. cable length in the fi es.	ield, as this will d	lamage the system and void
1.2 CABLE AND COMPONENTS	Each M.I. cabl sembly unit inc • (1) 3/4" Cor	e assembly is factory termina cludes a base kit. Each base nduit body (C or T type)	ited. Each M.I. p kit includes:	ermafrost prevention cable as-
	(1) Bag of Delta-Dry hydroponic powder			
	• (1) Piece of duct-seal			
	Required pressure connector(s)			
	Each M.I. pern THWN cold lea 1. Cable type p	nafrost prevention cable asse ad within 3" of the brass term refix	mbly has a UL la inating sleeve st	abel attached to the ating in order:
	2. Number of conductors			
	3. Cable resistance			
	4. Cable length in feet			
	5. Operating voltage			
	6. Current draw			
	7. Total wattage			
	8. Watts per lir	lear foot		
	Note: Do not re	emove the UL label. (Removi	ng the label nulli	fies the listing)
1.3 GENERAL	Accessories	1	Panels	
ACCESSORIES	Product Number	Description	Product Number	Description
	CL-S/CL-L	Small And Large Caution Labels	DT-XXPXXX	Enclosed Contactor Panel
	PC1, PC2	Weatherproof 2 Gang Polycarbonate Boxes.	GFPE-X-X-X	Power Control Panel w/GFPE

Custom Control/Monitor/Alarm Panels

Control	
Product Number	Description
A19ANC-1C	line sensing
A421ABC-2C	Electronic Temperature Control, NEMA 1
A421AEC-2C	Electronic Temperature Control, NEMA 4X
ETC-1	Electronic Temperature Control, NEMA 4X FRP

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1.4 TOOLS REQUIRED	<ul> <li>Basic electrician hand tools</li> <li>Fish tape/pull string</li> <li>Fastening system (as required): nylon cable ties, pre-punched strapping, or metal ties.</li> <li>500 VDC insulation resistance tester</li> <li>Digital multimeter</li> <li>Clamp-On Ammeter</li> <li>Adjustable wrench</li> </ul>
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 CABLE STORAGE	All M.I. cables should be stored in a cool, dry location. Cables should be protected from damage. Following the cable testing instructions in Section 3, test all cables removed from storage and record the readings on the warranty card. Review the permafrost prevention system design and compare it to the materials received to verify that the proper Delta-Therm heating cable and accessories are available.
1.7 CABLE LABELING	Each M.I. cable has a UL label attached to the THWN cold lead within 3" (76mm) of the brass sleeve. The label states the following information in order: cable type (prefix, number of conductors, and cable resistance), cable length, operating voltage, current draw, total wattage, watts per lineal foot, and cold lead length. Cold leads are sized to current draw. DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL. The cable has a standard THWN cold length of 10' (3m).
1.8 CABLE TESTING	Please refer Section 3 for all cable testing procedures.
1.9 SITE PREPARATION	Review installation, engineering, electrical, and or architectural drawings prior to installa- tion. Verify that available voltage is the same as the cable operating voltage indicated on the UL 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 prevailing electrical code.
	Cable spacing is the distance between each cable run and is provided on the sales infor- mation and/or drawings. Delta-Therm recommends 4' spacing between cable runs.
	Before installing the M.I. cable, ensure that all surfaces which the cable may come in contact with are free from sharp edges and protect cable from items that may cut or cause damage.
	M.I. cable can be installed inside of conduit or directly buried below the freezer floor insulation in sand, concrete or asphalt. When installing M.I. cable in conduit, verify the length of conduit matches the length of the M.I. cable and that all diameters of conduit and components will accommodate the diameters of all of the M.I. cable components.
1.10 PROPER CABLE HANDLING	Always unroll the coil of M.I. cable. Do not pull the cable in a helix fashion.
1.11 NEC CODE	Follow standard electrical code recommendations for power wiring.
1.12 CONDUIT AND CIRCUIT WIRE	The cable assemblies require a permanently wired and grounded conduit system. Use only UL Listed (CSA Certified) weatherproof junction boxes.

#### 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. Please refer to Detail 1 and Detail 2 to review single and dual conductor cable finished assembly and base kit components.

M.I. cable can be installed in conduit or directly buried in the subsoil below freezer floor thermal insulation. Install Dual Conductor M.I. cable in straight conduit runs in the subsoil below thermal insulation. Single conductor M.I. cable can not be installed in conduit. It can be installed directly in the subsoil below thermal insulation.

Refer to the thermostat installation instructions to determine the proper conduit size. Refer to drawings to locate the position of the sensor. Delta-Therm recommends placing the sensor inside conduit centered between two runs of heating cable on the same horizontal plane below the insulation. After the proper electrical box(es) has (have) been installed, install conduit. Locate the control sensor in conduit between two heating runs in the subsoil. The sensor should be at the same elevation as the cable, and below insulation.



**Detail 1.** Dual conductor M.I. permafrost prevention heating cable assembly : Heating cable is typically installed in 1 1/4" rigid metal conduit below the insulation in concrete, asphalt or sand. The assembly is factory terminated and includes a base kit as described in section 1.2.

#### FOR DIRECT BURY ONLY



**Detail 2.** Single conductor M.I. permafrost prevention cable assembly is typically directly buried in the subsoil below the insulation. The assembly is factory terminated and ships with a base kit as described in section 1.2.

2.2 INSTALLING IN CONDUIT (2-Conductor M.I. Cable only)

Install per site plan at the required depth and cable spacing. Install dual conductor M.I. cable in straight conduit runs only. Please contact Delta-Therm technical support at 1-800-526-7887 if you have conduit bends.

1Attach fish tape to a pull string and verify the length of conduit matches the length of the M.I. cable. Verify that all diameters of conduit and components will accommodate the diameters of all of the M.I. cable components.

2 Attach pull string to the M.I. cable pulling eye and pull the cable through the straight conduit run.

3When installing the M.I. pressure connector to a conduit, install rigid metal conduit to ground the conduit body to the electrical system. When installing the M.I. pressure connector directly to a junction box, ensure the junction box is grounded. DO NOT USE PVC CONDUIT.

4 Conduit bends must be wide radius. Do not pull M.I. cable through more than 90° in bends.



Detail 3. Dual conductor M.I. cable in conduit. M.I. cable is being pulled through a 90 ° elbow.







Detail 5. Install dual conductor M.I. cable and thermostat sensor in subgrade below thermal insulation.

#### 2.3 DIRECTLY BURYING CABLE

Install per site plan at the required depth and cable spacing.

Note: Do not pull single conductor M.I. cable by cold lead wire.

1.Run a 3/4" conduit to the supplied conduit located in the subgrade.\*

2Install both pressure connectors on the conduit.

- 3. Take one of the brass terminating sleeves (typically with orange wire) and run it half way through one of the pressure connectors and tighten.
- 4. Unroll the M.I. cable and lay cable per drawings or sales information.
- 5. Upon return to the conduit insert cold lead thru pressure connector until the brass terminating sleeve is 1/2 way through pressure connector and tighten.
- 6. Pull cold lead through conduit, and install duct seal at conduit entrance of conduit.
- 7. Fill the conduit body with Delta Dry powder, and install gasket and cover







Detail 7. Plan view of Installing single conductor M.I. cable in subgrade below thermal insulation.



**Detail 8.** Side view of Installing conductor M.I. cable in subgrade below thermal insulation. M.I. cable is attached to a conduit system and conduit is attached to junction box.

\* Subgrade is the space below the foundation and insulation. Delta-Therm's recommended subgrade is concrete, asphalt or sand.

2.3 DIRECTLY BURYING CABLE



Detail 9. Side view of Installing M.I. cable in subgrade below thermal insulation.

#### NOTE: INSTALLING M.I. CABLE IN SAND (DIRECT AND IN-CONDUIT INSTALLATIONS)

- 1. Sand depth should be 12" minimum.
- 2. M.I. cable must be centered in the sand 6" above subgrade and 6" below insulation.
- 3. Maximum spacing is 48" on center.

## Section 3. Testing and Trouble Shooting

3.1 PRE-INSTALLATION TESTING	Unpack the M.I. cable and test each cable for insulation resistance (IR), and total resis- tance (TR).
	To test TR, connect each lead of the ohmmeter to each M.I. cable cold lead conductor. Test in accordance with the meter manufacturer's instructions. Compare TR reading from ohmmeter to calculated TR (multiply the heated length of cable by the cable resistance value found on UL/CSA label). 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.
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.
3.4 MAINTENANCE	Annually check system for loose or damaged cable.
3.5 TROUBLE-SHOOTING AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT	If during any test the meter readings vary by +/- 10% from the previous test, stop the instal- lation 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 techni- cian before the cable is covered.
	For additional trouble-shooting and repair procedures, please contact Delta-Therm techni- cal support at 1-800-526-7887. Please be prepared to provide:
	Part numbers for all installed equipment
	<ul> <li>IR and TR readings on all installed cables</li> </ul>
	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.