



SURFACE SNOW MELTING AND ANTI-ICING – ELECTROMELT SYSTEM

This step-by-step design guide provides the tools necessary to design a nVent RAYCHEM ElectroMelt heating cable surface snow melting and anti-icing system. For other applications or for design assistance, contact your nVent representative or call (800) 545-6258. Also, visit our web site at nVent.com.

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INTRODUCTION

RAYCHEM ElectroMelt heating cable systems can be used as a surface snow melting system when installed in concrete pavement or under paving stones. It can also be used as an anti-icing system but only when installed in concrete pavement.

 **Important:** ElectroMelt is not approved for use in asphalt.

If your application conditions are different, or if you have any questions, contact your nVent representative or call (800) 545-6258.

How to Use this Guide

This design guide presents nVent recommendations for designing an ElectroMelt surface snow melting and anti-icing system. It provides design and performance data, electrical sizing information, and heating-cable layout suggestions. Following these recommendations will result in a reliable, energy-efficient system.

Follow the design steps in the section “Surface Snow Melting and Anti-Icing Design,” page 6 and use the “ElectroMelt System Surface Snow Melting and Anti-Icing Design Worksheet,” page 28 to document the project parameters that you will need for your project’s Bill of Materials.

Other Required Documents

This guide is not intended to provide comprehensive installation instructions. For complete ElectroMelt surface snow melting system and anti-icing installation instructions, please refer to the following additional required documents:

- ElectroMelt System Installation and Operation Manual (H58086)
- Additional installation instructions that are included with the connection kits, thermostats, controllers and accessories

If you do not have these documents, you can obtain them from the nVent web site at nVent.com.

For products and applications not covered by this design guide, please contact your nVent representative or call (800) 545-6258.

Safety Guidelines

As with any electrical equipment, the safety and reliability of any system depends on the quality of the products selected and the manner in which they are installed and maintained. Incorrect design, handling, installation, or maintenance of any of the system components could damage the system and may result in inadequate performance, overheating, electric shock, or fire. To minimize these risks and to ensure that the system performs reliably, read and carefully follow the information, warnings, and instructions in this guide.



This symbol identifies important instructions or information.



This symbol identifies particularly important safety warnings that must be followed.



WARNING: To minimize the danger of fire from sustained electrical arcing if the heating cable is damaged or improperly installed, and to comply with the requirements of nVent, agency certifications, and national electrical codes, ground-fault equipment protection must be used on each heating cable branch circuit. Arcing may not be stopped by conventional circuit protection.

Warranty



nVent standard limited warranty applies to RAYCHEM Snow Melting Systems.

An extension of the limited warranty period to ten (10) years from the date of installation is available, except for the control and distribution systems, if a properly completed online warranty form is submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of installation. You can access the complete warranty on our web site at nVent.com.

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The RAYCHEM ElectroMelt system provides surface snow melting and anti-icing for concrete surfaces and pavement. The ElectroMelt system uses a self-regulating heating cable that reduces heat output automatically as the pavement warms, resulting in lower energy use, and eliminating the possibility of overheating. The system includes heating cable, connection kits, junction boxes, a control system and sensors, power distribution panels, and the tools necessary for a complete installation.

Typical System

A typical system includes the following:

- ElectroMelt self-regulating heating cable
- Connection kits and accessories
- Snow controller and sensors
- Power distribution

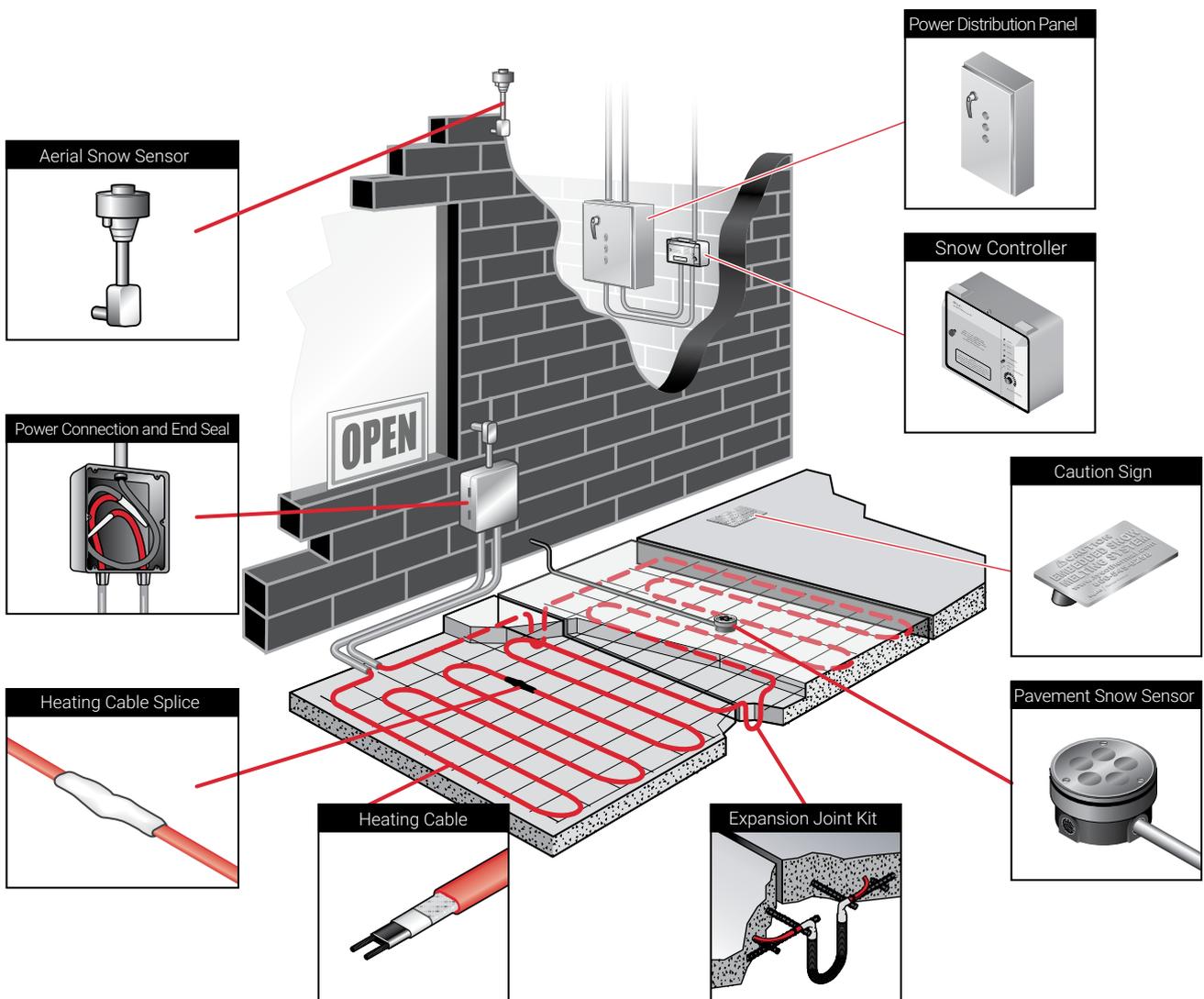


Fig. 1 Typical ElectroMelt system

Self-Regulating Heating Cable Construction

The ElectroMelt self-regulating heating cable is embedded in concrete pavement to melt snow and ice that might otherwise accumulate on the surface. The heating cable responds to the local concrete temperature, increasing heat output when concrete temperature drops and decreasing heat output when concrete temperature rises. The self-regulating heating cable cannot overheat and destroy itself, even if overlapped in the concrete, and therefore does not require the use of overlimit thermostats.

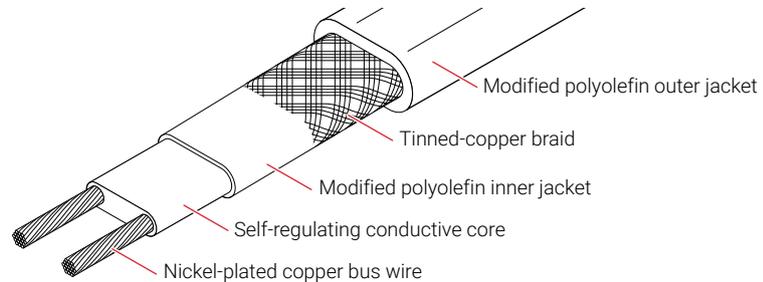
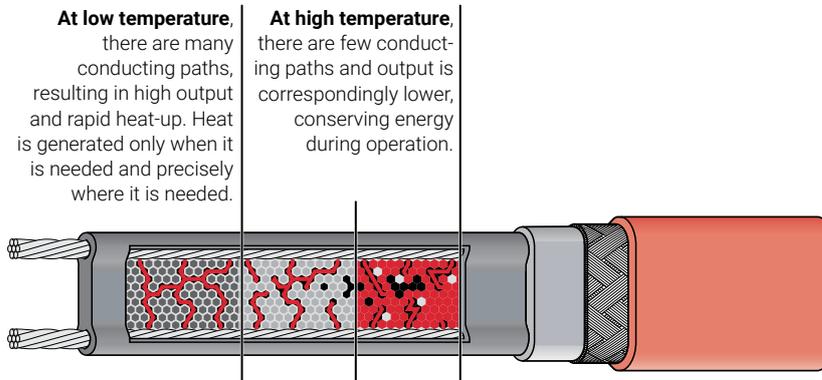


Fig. 2 ElectroMelt heating cable construction

With self-regulating technology, the number of electrical paths between bus wires changes in response to temperature fluctuations. As the temperature surrounding the heater decreases, the conductive core contracts microscopically. This contraction decreases electrical resistance and creates numerous electrical paths between the bus wires. Current flows across these paths to warm the core.

As the temperature rises, the core expands microscopically. This expansion increases electrical resistance and the number of electrical paths decreases. The heating cable automatically reduces its output.



At low temperature, there are many conducting paths, resulting in high output and rapid heat-up. Heat is generated only when it is needed and precisely where it is needed.

At high temperature, there are few conducting paths and output is correspondingly lower, conserving energy during operation.

At moderate temperature, there are fewer conducting paths because the heating cable efficiently adjusts by decreasing output, eliminating any possibility of overheating.

The following graphs illustrate the response of self-regulating heating cables to changes in temperature. As the temperature rises, electrical resistance increases, and our heaters reduce their power output.

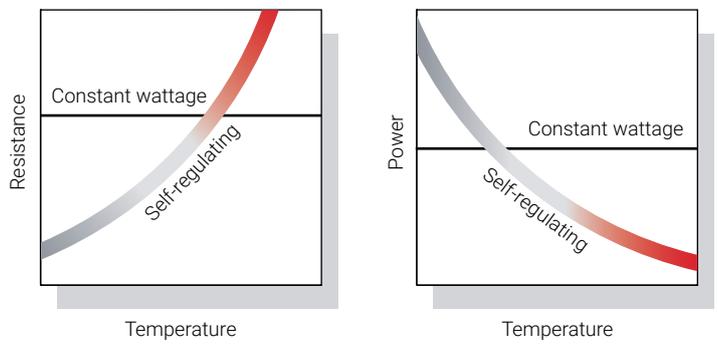


Fig. 3 Self-regulating heating cable technology

Approvals

The ElectroMelt surface snow melting and anti-icing system is UL Listed and CSA Certified for use in nonhazardous locations.



SURFACE SNOW MELTING AND ANTI-ICING APPLICATIONS

SURFACE SNOW MELTING

Surface snow melting systems prevent the accumulation of snow on ramps, slabs, driveways, sidewalks, platform scales, and stairs under most snow conditions.

ANTI-ICING

Anti-icing systems keep the surface temperature above freezing at all times to prevent ice formation. Anti-icing applications require a higher watt density and longer hours of operation than a surface snow melting system.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The design for a standard surface snow melting and anti-icing application is based on the following:

Reinforced Concrete

- 4 to 6 inches (10 to 15 cm) thick
- Placed on grade
- Standard density

Heating cable

- Secured to reinforcement steel or mesh
- Located 1 1/2 to 2 inches (4 to 6 cm) below finished surface

Pavers

- Concrete pavers 1 to 1 1/2 (2.5 to 4 cm) inches thick
- Placed on concrete or mortar base on grade

Heating cable

- Secured to mesh
- Embedded in concrete or mortar base below the pavers

For products and applications not covered by this guide, contact your nVent representative for design assistance. Using proprietary computer modeling, nVent can design the appropriate system for these applications.

The following are examples of applications not addressed in this design guide:

- Concrete thinner than 4 inches (10 cm)
- Concrete thicker than 6 inches (15 cm)
- Lightweight concrete
- Concrete with pavers thicker than 1 1/2 inches (4 cm)
- Ramps and walkways with air below
- Concrete without reinforcement
- Retrofitting of heating cable to existing pavement
- Pavers composed of material other than concrete

This section details the steps necessary to design your application. The examples provided in each step are intended to incrementally illustrate sample designs from start to finish. As you go through each step, use the “ElectroMelt System Surface Snow Melting and Anti-Icing Design Worksheet,” page 28 to document your project parameters, so that by the end of this section you will have the information you need for your Bill of Materials.



SnoCalc is an online design tool available to help you create surface snow melting designs and layouts. It is available at nVent.com.

Design Step by Step

Your system design requires the following essential steps:

- 1** Determine design conditions
- 2** Select the heating cable
- 3** Determine the required watt density
- 4** Determine heating cable spacing
- 5** Determine the total area to be protected
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Step 1 Determine design conditions

Collect the following information to determine your design conditions:

- Application (surface snow melting or anti-icing)
- Environment
 - For surface snow melting: Geographical location
 - For anti-icing: Minimum ambient temperature and average wind speed
- Paving material
- Size and layout
 - Slab surface area
 - Ramp surface area
 - Stairs
 - Number of stairs
 - Width of stair
 - Riser height
 - Depth of stair
 - Landing dimensions
- Wheel tracks
 - Track length
- Concrete joints
- Surface drains
- Location of area structures
- Other information as appropriate
- Supply voltage
- Automatic or manual control method

 **Note:** Drainage must be a primary concern in any snow melting system design. Improper drainage can result in ice formation on the surface of the heated area once the system is de-energized. Ice formation along the drainage path away from the heated area may create an ice dam and prohibit proper draining. If your design conditions may lead to drainage problems, please contact nVent Technical Support for assistance.

PREPARE SCALE DRAWING

Draw to scale the snow melting area and note the rating and location of the voltage supply. Include stairs and paths for melting water runoff. Show concrete joints, surface drains, and location of area structures including post installations for railings, permanent benches, and flagpoles. Measurements for each distinct section of the snow melting application, including stairs, will allow for an accurate system design, including control configuration. Use these symbols to indicate the heating cable expansion and crack-control joints:

- Expansion joint
- - - - Crack-control joint
-  - Expansion joint kit

Fig. 4 Design symbols

Example: Surface Snow Melting System

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Application | Surface snow melting |
| Geographical location | Buffalo, NY |
| Size and layout | 80 ft x 50 ft (24.4 m x 15.2 m) |
| Paving material | Concrete slab |
| Stairs: | |
| Number of stairs | 10 |
| Width of stair | 5 ft (1.5 m) |
| Riser height | 6 in (15 cm) |
| Depth of stair | 12 in (30 cm) |
| Supply voltage | 277 V |
| Phase | Single-phase |
| Control method | Automatic snow melting controller |

Example: Anti-Icing System

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Application | Anti-icing |
| Minimum ambient temperature | 10°F (-12°C) |
| Average wind speed | 20 mph (32 kmph) |
| Size and layout | 80 ft x 50 ft (24.4 m x 15.2 m) |
| Paving material | Concrete slab |
| Stairs: | |
| Number of stairs | 10 |
| Width of stair | 5 ft (1.5 m) |
| Riser height | 6 in (20 cm) |
| Depth of stair | 12 in (30 cm) |
| Supply voltage | 277 V |
| Phase | Single-phase |
| Control method | Slab sensing thermostat |

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Step 2 Select the heating cable

nVent offers the option of two self-regulating heating cables with the ElectroMelt system. Cable selection is independent of application and depends only upon supply voltage. ElectroMelt heating cables must only be powered by single phase voltage. In applications where the power supply is three-phase, all circuits must be wired to provide single-phase voltage to the heating cables. Select the appropriate cable based on the supply voltage available for the application area.

TABLE 1 ELECTROMELT SELF-REGULATING HEATING CABLE

| Supply voltage | Catalog number |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 208 V, 240 V, 277 V | EM2-XR |

Example: Surface Snow Melting System

| | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Supply voltage | 277 V (from Step 1) |
| Heating cable | EM2-XR |

Example: Anti-Icing System

| | |
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Step 3 Determine the required watt density

SURFACE SNOW MELTING

For maximum performance from any snow melting system, you must first take into account the local snowfall and icing patterns. A system design that works well in one city may be inadequate in another. The energy required to melt snow varies with air temperature, wind speed, relative humidity, snow density, and the depth of the snow on the pavement.

Table 2 summarizes the required watt density for most major cities in North America based on typical minimum ambient temperatures and the snowfall and icing patterns. Select the city from the list, or closest city, where similar climatic conditions exist.

TABLE 2 REQUIRED WATT DENSITY FOR SURFACE SNOW MELTING

| City | Watts/ft ² | | Watts/m ² | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| | Concrete | Pavers | Concrete | Pavers |
| USA | | | | |
| Baltimore, MD | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Boston, MA | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Buffalo, NY | 40 | 45 | 431 | 484 |
| Chicago, IL | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Cincinnati, OH | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Cleveland, OH | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Denver, CO | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Detroit, MI | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Great Falls, MT | 50 | 50 | 538 | 538 |
| Greensboro, NC | 35 | 35 | 377 | 377 |
| Indianapolis, IN | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Minneapolis, MN | 50 | 50 | 538 | 538 |
| New York, NY | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Omaha, NE | 45 | 50 | 484 | 538 |
| Philadelphia, PA | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Salt Lake City, UT | 35 | 35 | 377 | 377 |
| Seattle, WA | 35 | 35 | 377 | 377 |
| St. Louis, MO | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Canada | | | | |
| Calgary, AB | 45 | 45 | 484 | 484 |
| Edmonton, AB | 50 | 50 | 538 | 538 |
| Fredericton, NB | 40 | 45 | 431 | 484 |
| Halifax, NS | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Moncton, NB | 40 | 40 | 431 | 431 |
| Montreal, QC | 45 | 45 | 484 | 484 |
| Ottawa, ON | 45 | 45 | 484 | 484 |
| Prince George, BC | 50 | 55 | 538 | 592 |
| Quebec, QC | 45 | 45 | 484 | 484 |
| Regina, SK | 50 | 55 | 538 | 592 |
| Saskatoon, SK | 50 | 50 | 538 | 538 |
| St. John, NB | 40 | 45 | 431 | 484 |
| St. John's, NF | 35 | 35 | 377 | 377 |
| Sudbury, ON | 40 | 45 | 431 | 484 |
| Thunder Bay, ON | 50 | 55 | 538 | 592 |
| Toronto, ON | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Vancouver, BC | 35 | 40 | 377 | 431 |
| Winnipeg, MB | 50 | 55 | 538 | 592 |

Note: To provide faster heat-up, the required watt density in Table 2 is greater than what is suggested by ASHRAE.

Example: Surface Snow Melting System

Geographical location Buffalo, NY (from Step 1)

Required watt density **40 W/ft² (431 W/m²)** (from Table 2)

ANTI-ICING

From the minimum ambient temperature and average wind speed that you determined in Step 1 for your anti-icing application, use the tables below to determine the required watt density for that application.

TABLE 3 REQUIRED WATT DENSITY FOR ICE-FREE SURFACES W/FT²

| Minimum ambient temperature °F | Average wind speed during freezing periods | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|
| | 5 mph | 10 mph | 15 mph | 20 mph |
| 20°F | 30 | 30 | 35 | 40 |
| 10°F | 30 | 30 | 35 | 45 |
| 0°F | 30 | 40 | 45 | 60 |
| -10°F | 30 | 45 | 60 | 80 |
| -20°F | 35 | 55 | 80 | – |
| -30°F | 40 | 65 | – | – |
| -40°F | 45 | 75 | – | – |

TABLE 4 REQUIRED WATT DENSITY FOR ICE-FREE SURFACES W/M²

| Minimum ambient temperature °C | Average wind speed during freezing periods | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|
| | 8 kmph | 16 kmph | 24 kmph | 32 kmph |
| -7°C | 323 | 323 | 377 | 431 |
| -12°C | 323 | 323 | 377 | 484 |
| -18°C | 323 | 431 | 484 | 646 |
| -23°C | 323 | 484 | 646 | 861 |
| -29°C | 377 | 592 | 861 | – |
| -34°C | 431 | 699 | – | – |
| -40°C | 484 | 807 | – | – |

 **Note:** This procedure is derived from finite model studies of 4-inch slabs and is applicable to standard concrete pavement from 4 to 6 inches thick placed directly on grade. If your application involves other materials or construction, contact your nVent representative.

Example: Anti-Icing System

Minimum ambient temperature

10°F (-12°C) (from Step 1)

Average wind speed

20 mph (32 kmph) (from Step 1)

Required watt density

45 W/ft² (484 W/m²)
(from Table 3 and Table 4)

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Step 4 Determine heating cable spacing

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To determine your heating cable spacing, you need to know your applications's power output and required watt density.

The power output from the ElectroMelt heating cable depends on the supply voltage used in the application. Table 5 lists power output per linear foot of heating cable determined by the supply voltage. Divide this figure by the required watt density that you determined in Step 3. You will get the required heating cable spacing in feet or meters as applicable. Multiply this figure by 12 inches or by 100 centimeters to determine your heating cable spacing.

TABLE 5 HEATING CABLE SPACING IN CONCRETE

| Supply voltage | Catalog number | Power output W/ft (W/m) |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 208 V | EM2-XR | 30 (98) |
| 240 V | EM2-XR | 32 (105) |
| 277 V | EM2-XR | 34 (112) |

To determine cable spacing required for surface snow melting and anti-icing

$$\text{Heating cable spacing (in)} = \frac{(\text{W/ft power output of cable per Table 5}) \times 12 \text{ in}}{\text{W/ft}^2 \text{ requirement from Step 3}}$$

$$\text{Heating cable spacing (cm)} = \frac{(\text{W/m power output of cable per Table 5}) \times 100 \text{ cm}}{\text{W/m}^2 \text{ requirement from Step 3}}$$

Round answer to nearest whole number of inches or centimeters.

Example: Surface Snow Melting System

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Supply voltage | 277 V (from Step 1) |
| Heating cable | EM2-XR (from Step 2) |
| Power output | 34 W/ft (112 W/m ²) (from Table 5) |
| Spacing | (34 W/ft x 12 in) / 40 W/ft ² = 10.2 in Rounded to 10 in |

$$(112 \text{ W/m} \times 100 \text{ cm}) / 431 \text{ W/m}^2 = 26 \text{ cm}$$

Example: Anti-Icing System

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Supply voltage | 277 V (from Step 1) |
| Heating cable | EM2-XR (from Step 2) |
| Power output | 34 W/ft (from Table 5) |
| Spacing | (34 W/ft x 12 in) / 45 W/ft ² = 9.1 in Rounded to 9 in |

$$(112 \text{ W/m} \times 100 \text{ cm}) / 484 \text{ w/m}^2 = 23.1 \text{ cm}$$

Rounded to 23 cm

STAIRS

Heat loss in stairs occurs from the two exposed surfaces: the top of the stair and its side. Watt density requirements are therefore greater for snow melting and anti-icing. Rather than calculating heating cable spacing in the stair, refer to Table 6 and determine the number of runs of heating cable per stair based on the depth of the stair. Space the heating cable evenly across the depth of the stair with one run 2 in (5 cm) from the front, or nose, of the stair. This method will provide sufficient watt density for both snow melting and anti-icing.

TABLE 6 HEATING CABLE RUNS PER STAIR

| Stair depth | Number of cable runs per stair |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Less than 10.5 in (27 cm) | 2 |
| 10.5–12 in (27–30 cm) | 3 |

For landings in the stairway, use cable spacing as calculated for surfaces. As with stairs, a run of heating cable must be placed 2 in (5 cm) from the exposed edge of the landing leading to the stairs.

Anticipate and design for the addition of railings or other follow on construction that will require cutting or drilling into the concrete as damage to installed heating cable may occur. Allow for at least 4 inches clearance between the heating cable and any planned cuts or holes.

Example: Surface Snow Melting and Anti-Icing System

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Depth of stair | 12 in (30 cm) (from Step 1) |
| Number of cable runs per stair | 3 runs |
| Spacing | Equally spaced across the width of the stair with one run 2 in (5 cm) from the front edge |

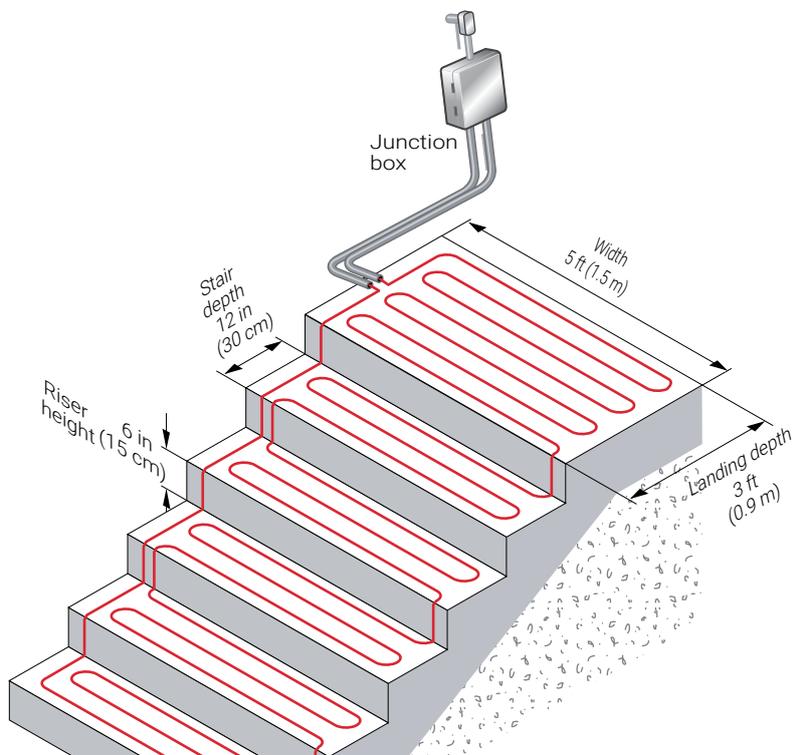


Fig. 5 Typical heating cable layout for concrete stairs

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Step 5 Determine the total area to be protected

SURFACES

To determine the total amount of heating cable, you need to determine the surface area you will be protecting from snow and ice accumulation. If assistance is required in designing for irregular shaped areas, please contact your nVent representative.

Example: Surface Snow Melting System

Total area of concrete slab $80 \text{ ft} \times 50 \text{ ft} = 4000 \text{ ft}^2$
 $(24.4 \text{ m} \times 15.2 \text{ m} = 370.8 \text{ rounded to} = 371 \text{ m}^2)$

Example: Anti-Icing System

Total area of concrete slab $80 \text{ ft} \times 50 \text{ ft} = 4000 \text{ ft}^2$
 $(24.4 \text{ m} \times 15.2 \text{ m} = 370.8 \text{ rounded to} = 371 \text{ m}^2)$

WHEEL TRACKS

To reduce power consumption for concrete driveways, it may be sufficient to provide snow melting for only the wheel tracks.

Design wheel track applications with the same spacing used for concrete slabs. Heating cable should run to the edge of each side of the wheel track and be laid in a serpentine pattern along the length of the wheel track.

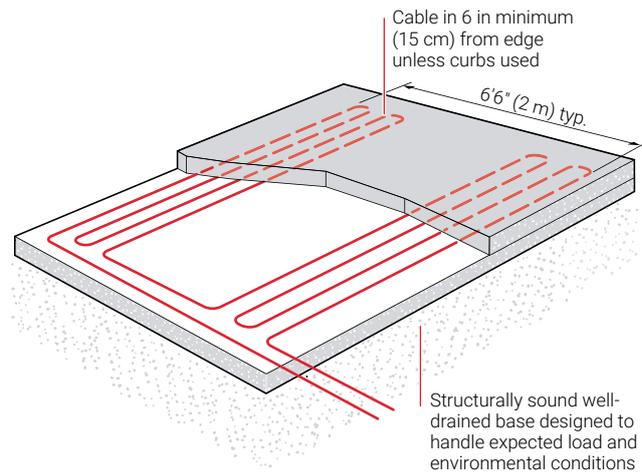


Fig. 6 Wheel track example

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Surface area of the stairs is not required to determine heating cable required.

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Step 6 Determine heating cable length

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Calculate the heating cable length by dividing the total heated area by the heating cable spacing calculated in the previous steps. In Step 8, you will need to add additional heating cable for connection kits and end terminations which will then give you the total heating cable length.

Calculate the heating cable length for the surface as follows:

$$\text{Heating cable length} = \frac{\text{Heated area (ft}^2\text{)} \times 12}{\text{Heating cable spacing (in)}}$$

$$\text{Heating cable length} = \frac{\text{Heated area (m}^2\text{)} \times 100}{\text{Heating cable spacing (cm)}}$$

Example: Surface Snow Melting System for Concrete Slab

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Total area of concrete slab | 4000 ft ² (371 m ²) (from Step 5) |
| Cable spacing | 10 in (26 cm) (from Step 4) |
| | (4000 ft ² x 12 in) / 10 in spacing = 4800 ft |
| | (371 m ² x 100 cm) / 26 cm spacing = 1427 m |
| Heating cable length | 4800 ft (1427 m) |

Example: Anti-Icing System for Concrete Slab

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Total area of concrete slab | 4000 ft ² (371 m ²) (from Step 5) |
| Cable spacing | 9 in (23 cm) (from Step 4) |
| | (4000 ft ² x 12 in) / 9 in spacing = 5333 ft |
| | (371 m ² x 100 cm) / 23 cm spacing = 1613 m |
| Heating cable length | 5333 ft (1613 m) |

STAIRS

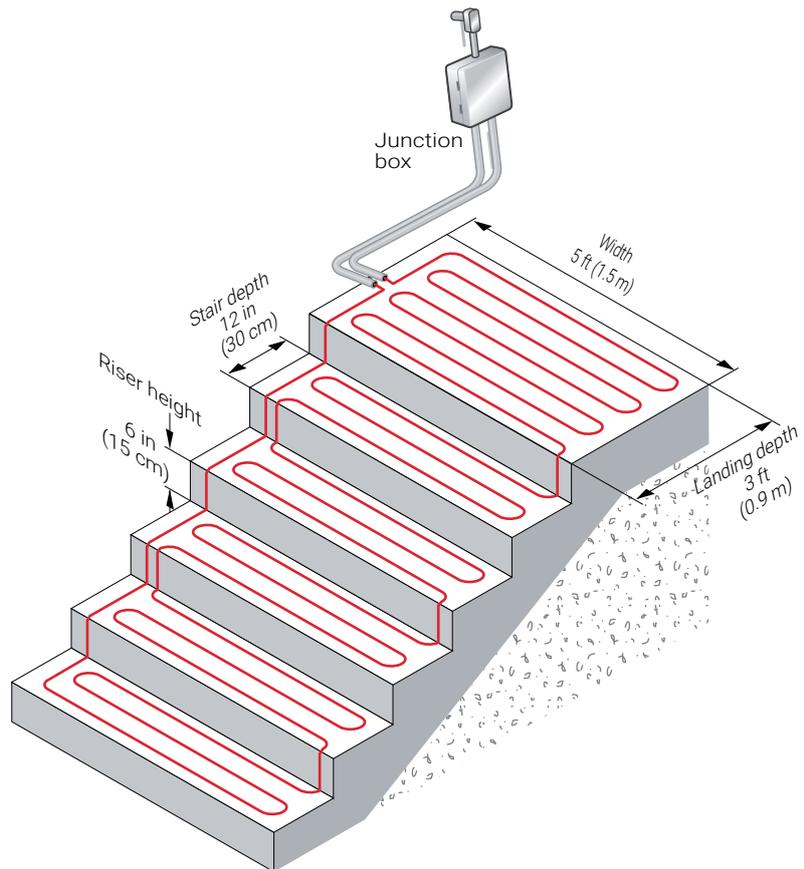


Fig. 7 Concrete stair example

Use the formula below to determine the length of cable required for stairs. Stair area is not needed for the cable length calculation. Two or three runs of heating cable will be installed per stair as determined in Step 3. For landing areas, use the equation for surfaces.

Length of cable = No. of stairs x [(No. runs per stair x width of stair) + (2 x riser height)]
for stair (ft) (m)

Example: Surface Snow Melting and Anti-Icing System for Stairs

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Number of stairs | 10 stairs (from Step 1) |
| Number of cable runs per stair | 3 runs |
| Width of stair | 5 ft (1.5 m) (from Step 1) |
| Riser height | 6 in (15 cm) convert to 0.5 ft (0.15 m) (from Step 1) |
| | $10 \text{ stairs} \times [(3 \times 5 \text{ ft}) + (2 \times 0.5 \text{ ft})] = 160 \text{ ft}$ |
| | $10 \text{ stairs} \times [(3 \times 1.5 \text{ m}) + (2 \times 0.15 \text{ m})] = 48 \text{ m}$ |
| Heating cable length | 160 ft (48 m) |

For applications where the landing area is very large or where an expansion joint exists between the stairs and landing, consider the stairs and landing as two separate areas. In these cases, determine the length of cable required for the stairs as shown earlier in this section and select the cable for the landing as shown for ramps, slabs, driveways, sidewalks, platform scales.

| Surface Snow Melting and Anti-Icing |
|---|
| 1. Determine design conditions |
| 2. Select the heating cable |
| 3. Determine the required watt density |
| 4. Determine heating cable spacing |
| 5. Determine the total area to be protected |
| 6. Determine heating cable length |
| 7. Determine the electrical parameters |
| 8. Select the connection kits and accessories |
| 9. Select the control system and power distribution |
| 10. Complete the Bill of Materials |

Step 7 Determine the electrical parameters

This section will help you determine the electrical parameters for an ElectroMelt system including circuit breaker sizing and maximum circuit length. Total required heating cable length divided by maximum circuit length will determine the number of circuits required for your snow melting solution.

DETERMINE MAXIMUM CIRCUIT LENGTH

To determine maximum circuit length, it is important to establish a minimum startup temperature for the system. The following tables provide maximum circuit lengths based on minimum startup temperature, circuit breaker rating, and supply voltage. Colder temperature startup requires shorter maximum circuit lengths. The use of an automatic system, which energizes the system above 20°F (-7°C), ensures that you can use maximum circuit lengths. Manual control systems may require you to use shorter circuit lengths to compensate for startup below 20°F (-7°C).

A 30-mA ground-fault protection device (GFPD) must be used to provide protection from arcing or fire, and to comply with warranty requirements, agency certifications, and national electrical codes. If the heating cable is improperly installed, or physically damaged, sustained arcing or fire could result. If arcing does occur, the fault current may be too low to trip conventional circuit breakers.

TABLE 7 MAXIMUM CIRCUIT LENGTH FOR STARTUP AT 20°F (-7°C) IN FEET (METERS) USING AN AUTOMATIC SNOW CONTROL SYSTEM

| Circuit Breaker (A) | Heating cable supply voltage | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 208 V | 240 V | 277 V |
| 15 | 80 (24) | 85 (26) | 100 (31) |
| 20 | 105 (32) | 115 (35) | 130 (40) |
| 30 | 160 (49) | 170 (52) | 195 (59) |
| 40 | 210 (64) | 230 (70) | 260 (79) |
| 50 | 265 (81) | 285 (87) | 325 (99) |

TABLE 8 MAXIMUM CIRCUIT LENGTH FOR STARTUP AT 0°F (-18°C) IN FEET (METERS) USING A MANUAL CONTROL SYSTEM

| Circuit Breaker (A) | Heating cable supply voltage | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 208 V | 240 V | 277 V |
| 15 | 75 (23) | 80 (24) | 90 (27) |
| 20 | 100 (31) | 110 (34) | 120 (37) |
| 30 | 145 (44) | 160 (49) | 180 (55) |
| 40 | 200 (61) | 210 (64) | 240 (73) |
| 50 | 245 (75) | 265 (81) | 300 (91) |

⚠ WARNING: To minimize the danger of fire from sustained electrical arcing if the heating cable is damaged or improperly installed, and to comply with the requirements of nVent, agency certifications, and national electrical codes, ground-fault equipment protection must be used on each heating cable branch circuit. Arcing may not be stopped by conventional circuit protection.

Example: Surface Snow Melting and Anti-Icing System with Automatic Snow Control

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Startup temperature | 20°F (-7°C) (from Step 1) |
| Circuit breakers | 50 A |
| Supply voltage | 277 V (from Step 1) |
| Maximum circuit length | 325 ft (99 m) (from Table 7) |

DETERMINE NUMBER OF CIRCUITS

Use the following formula to determine number of circuits for the system:

$$\text{Number of circuits} = \frac{\text{Heating cable length required}}{\text{Maximum heating cable circuit length}}$$

Example: Surface Snow Melting

Surfaces

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Total heating cable length | 4800 ft (1427 m) (from Step 6) |
| Maximum circuit length | 325 ft (99 m) (from above) |
| Number of circuits | $4800 / 325 = 14.8$ rounded to 15 circuits |

Stairs

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Total heating cable length | 160 ft (48 m) (from Step 6) |
| Maximum circuit length | 325 ft (99 m) (from above) |
| Number of circuits | $160 / 325 = 0.5$ rounded to 1 circuit |

Example: Anti-Icing System

Surfaces

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Total heating cable length | 5333 ft (1613 m) (from Step 6) |
| Maximum circuit length | 325 ft (99 m) |
| Number of circuits | $5333 / 325 = 16.4$ rounded to 17 circuits |

Stairs

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Total heating cable length | 160 ft (48 m) (from Step 6) |
| Maximum circuit length | 325 ft (99 m) (from above) |
| Number of circuits | $160 / 325 = 0.5$ rounded to 1 circuit |

DETERMINE TRANSFORMER LOAD

The total transformer load is the sum of load on all the circuit breakers in the system.

Calculate the Circuit Breaker Load (CBL) as:

$$\text{CBL (kW)} = \frac{\text{Circuit breaker rating (A)} \times 0.8 \times \text{Supply voltage}}{1000}$$

Calculate the Total Transformer Load as follows:

If the CBL is equal on all circuit breakers, calculate the Total Transformer Load as:

$$\text{Total Transformer Load (kW)} = \text{CBL} \times \text{Number of circuits}$$

If the CBL is **not** equal on all circuit breakers, calculate the Total Transformer Load as:

$$\text{Total Transformer Load (kW)} = \text{CBL}_1 + \text{CBL}_2 + \text{CBL}_3 \dots + \text{CBL}_N$$

Example: Surface Snow Melting

Circuit breaker load $(50 \text{ A} \times 0.8 \times 277 \text{ V}) / 1000 = 11.1 \text{ kW}$
Transformer Load $11.1 \text{ kW} \times 16 \text{ circuits} = 177.6 \text{ kW}$ rounded to **178 kW**

Example: Anti-Icing System

Circuit breaker load $(50 \text{ A} \times 0.8 \times 277 \text{ V}) / 1000 = 11.1 \text{ kW}$
Transformer load $11.1 \text{ kW} \times 18 \text{ circuits} = 199.8 \text{ kW}$ rounded to **200 kW**

| Surface Snow Melting and Anti-Icing |
|---|
| 1. Determine design conditions |
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| 4. Determine heating cable spacing |
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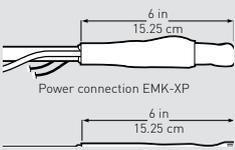
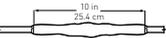
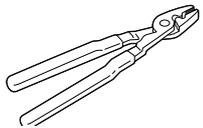
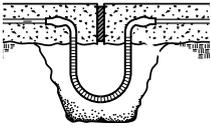
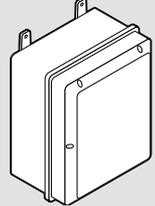
Step 8 Select the connection kits and accessories

nVent provides all the connection kits and accessories necessary to satisfy code, approval agency, and warranty requirements for the ElectroMelt system. Additional heating cable will be required for connection kits and end terminations. Adding the additional heating cable allowances needed with the heating cable length required for the layout will give you the total heating cable length required.

Prepare a drawing of your system showing distinct circuits, layout of cables, connection kits, expansion joints, drains, heated pathways for meltwater, power connections, junction boxes, and sensors. Determine length of cable from slab for power connection for all circuits. If possible, avoid crossing expansion, crack control, or other pavement joints. Use the EMK-XEJ expansion joint kit to protect the heating cable if crossing is unavoidable.

Junction boxes must be mounted above grade to prevent water entry. Use an EMK-XJB or equivalent UL Listed or CSA Certified weatherproof junction box. Protect heating cable from slab to junction box inside individual 1-inch rigid metal conduits. Do not penetrate floors or walls with conduit, nor insulate the conduit.

TABLE 9 CONNECTION KITS AND ACCESSORIES

| | Catalog number | Description | Standard packaging | Usage | Heating cable allowance ¹ |
|---|----------------|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Connection Kits | | | | | |
|  | EMK-XP | Power connection and end seal kit | 1 | 1 per circuit | 3 ft (1 m) for connection plus conduit length for power connection and conduit length for end seal |
|  | EMK-XS | Splice kit | 1 | As required | 1 ft (30 cm) |
| Accessories | | | | | |
|  | EMK-XJR | Jacket repair kit | 1 | As required | – |
|  | EMK-CT | Nylon cable ties | 100/pack | 1 per foot of cable used | – |
|  | EMK-XT | Crimping tool | 1 | – | – |
|  | SMCS | Snow melt caution sign Dimensions: 6 x 4 in (150 x 100 mm) | 1 | 1 minimum per system | – |
|  | EMK-XEJ | Expansion joint kit | 1 | 1 per expansion joint crossing | 1 1/2 ft (45 cm) |
|  | EMK-XJB | Junction box Dimensions: 15 1/2 x 11 3/4 x 7 5/8 in (394 x 299 x 194 mm) | 1 | | 1–2 ft (30–60 cm) for each end in the junction box Maximum of two circuits per EMK-XJB |

¹Allow extra heating cable for ease of component installation.

Example: Surface Snow Melting System

| | |
|---|--|
| Number of circuits | 15 for concrete slab + 1 for stairs = 16 |
| Power connection kits | 16 power connection kits |
| Conduit length (from slab to junction box) | |
| Power connection | 15 ft (4.5 m) |
| End seal | 15 ft (4.5 m) |
| | (15 ft + 15 ft) x 16 circuits = 480 ft |
| | (4.5 m + 4.5 m) x 16 circuits = 144 m |
| Heating cable allowance for each power connection | |
| | 3 ft x 16 circuits = 48 ft |
| | 1 m x 16 circuits = 16 m |
| Total heating cable length required | 528 ft (160 m) |

Example: Anti-Icing System

| | |
|---|--|
| Number of circuits | 17 for concrete slab + 1 for stairs = 18 |
| Power connection kits | 18 power connection kits |
| Conduit length (from slab to junction box) | |
| Power connection | 15 ft (4.5 m) |
| End seal | 15 ft (4.5 m) |
| | (15 ft + 15 ft) x 18 circuits = 540 ft |
| | (4.5 m + 4.5 m) x 18 circuits = 162 m |
| Heating cable allowance for each power connection | |
| | 3 ft x 18 circuits = 54 ft |
| | 1 m x 18 circuits = 18 m |
| Total heating cable length required | 594 ft (180 m) |

| Surface Snow Melting and Anti-Icing |
|---|
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Step 9 Select the control system and power distribution

Control Systems

Select a control system from the following three options, but keep in mind that an automatic snow controller offers the highest system efficiency and the lowest operating cost.

- Manual on/off control
- Slab sensing thermostat
- Automatic snow melting controller

If the current rating of the control means is exceeded, all three methods will require contactors sized to carry the load. Each method offers a tradeoff balancing initial cost versus energy efficiency and ability to provide effective snow melting. If the system is not energized when required, snow will accumulate. If the system is energized when it is not needed, there will be unnecessary power consumption. Choose the control method that best meets the project performance requirements. For additional information, refer to the "Typical Control Diagrams," Table 7, or contact your nVent representative for details.

Manual On/Off Control

A manually controlled system is operated by a switch that controls the system power contactor. This method requires constant supervision to work effectively. A manual system can be controlled by a building management system.

Slab Sensing Thermostat

A slab sensing thermostat can be used to energize the system whenever the slab temperature is below freezing, but is not energy efficient when used as the sole means of control. The slab sensing thermostat is recommended for all snow melting applications, even when an automatic snow controller is used, and is required for all asphalt and paver installations (for asphalt, it prevents surface damage due to overheating).

Automatic Snow Melting Controller

With an automatic snow controller, the snow melting system is automatically energized when both precipitation and low temperature are detected. When precipitation stops or the ambient temperature rises above freezing, the system is de-energized. In addition, a slab sensor de-energizes the system after the slab reaches the slab sensing set point even if freezing precipitation is still present. Using an automatic snow controller with a slab sensor offers the most energy-efficient control solution.

For areas where a large number of circuits are required, the RAYCHEM ACS-30 can be used. The Surface Snow Melting control mode in the ACS-30 includes an External Device control option. This option allows a Snow/Moisture sensing controller (from Table 10) to be integrated into the ACS-30 system. Note that sensors (snow or gutter) cannot be directly connected to the ACS-30 system. Refer to the ACS-30 Programming Guide (H58692) for more information on system setup.

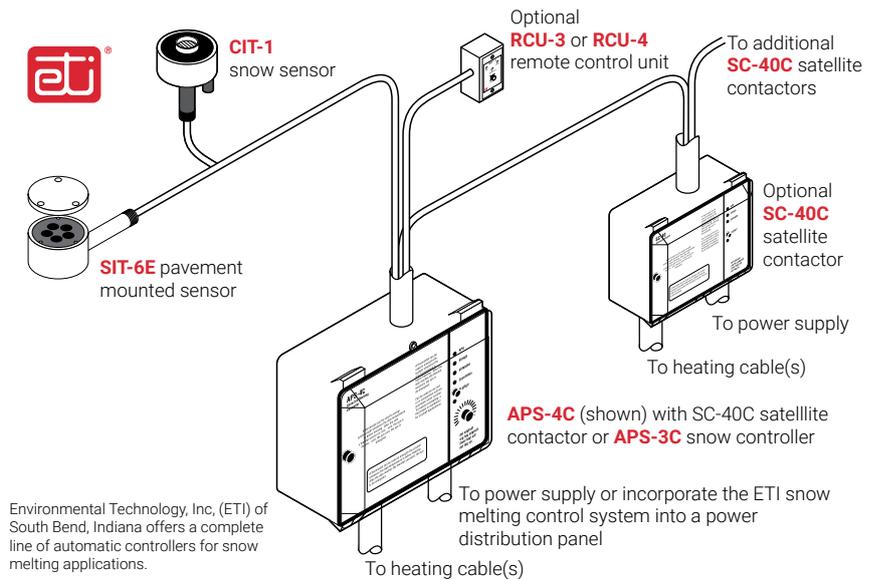


Fig. 8 Automatic snow melting control system

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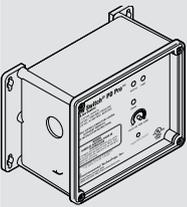
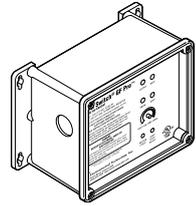
| Catalog number | Description |
|---|--|
| Slab Sensing Thermostat | |
|  ECW-GF | Electronic ambient sensing controller with 30-mA ground-fault protection. The controller can be programmed to maintain temperatures up to 200°F (93°C) at voltages from 100 to 277 V and can switch current up to 30 Amperes. The ECW-GF is complete with a 25-ft (7.6-m) temperature sensor and is housed in a Type 4X rated enclosure. The controller features an AC/DC dry alarm contact relay. An optional ground-fault display panel (ECW-GF-DP) that can be added to provide ground-fault or alarm indication in applications where the controller is mounted in inaccessible locations. |
|  ECW-GF-DP | An optional remote display panel (ECW-GF-DP) can be added to provide ground-fault or alarm indication in applications where the controller is mounted in inaccessible locations. |
|  PD Pro | Automatic snow and ice melting controller for pavement, sidewalks, loading docks, roofs, gutters and downspouts in commercial and residential environments. The PD Pro interfaces with up to two sensors, (any combination of CIT-1, GIT-1 or SIT-6E) to meet site requirements. The PD Pro is housed in an environmentally-sheltered Type 4X enclosure and weighs only 3 pounds. |
|  GF Pro | Automatic snow and ice melting controller for pavement, sidewalks, loading docks, roofs, gutters and downspouts in commercial and residential environments. The GF Pro interfaces with up to two sensors, (any combination of CIT-1, GIT-1 or SIT-6E) to meet site requirements. The GF Pro is housed in an environmentally-sheltered Type 4X enclosure and weighs only 3 pounds. Features a built-in 30 mA, self-testing Ground-Fault Equipment Protection (GFEP) capability, digitally filtered to minimize false tripping. A ground-fault alarm must be manually reset using the Test/Reset switch before heater operation can continue. |

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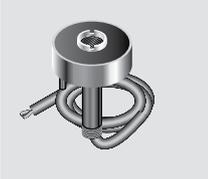
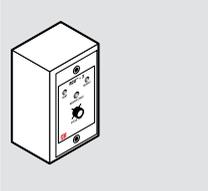
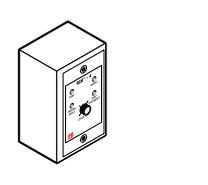
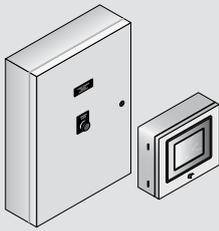
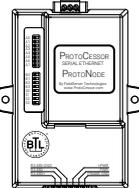
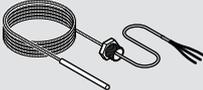
| | Catalog number | Description |
|---|----------------|--|
| Automatic Snow Melting Controllers | | |
|  | APS-3C | <p>Automatic snow melting controller housed in a Type 3R enclosure provides effective, economical automatic control of all snow melting applications. Features include: 120 V or 208–240 V models, 24-A DPDT output relay and an adjustable hold-on timer.</p> <p>Enclosure dimensions: 11-1/2 in x 9-1/8 in x 6-9/16 in (292 mm x 232 mm x 167 mm)</p> |
|  | APS-4C | <p>Automatic snow melting controller housed in a Type 3R enclosure provides effective, economical automatic control of all snow melting applications. The APS-4C can operate with any number of SC-40C satellite contactors for larger loads. Features include: 277 V single-phase or 208–240, 277/480, and 600 V three-phase models, built-in 3-pole contactor, integral 30 mA ground-fault circuit interrupter and an adjustable hold-on timer.</p> <p>Enclosure dimensions: 11-1/2 in x 9-1/8 in x 6-9/16 in (292 mm x 232 mm x 167 mm)</p> |
|  | SC-40C | <p>Satellite contactor power control peripheral for an APS-4C snow melting controller, housed in a Type 3R enclosure. Features include: 277 V single-phase or 208–240, 277/480 and 600 V three-phase models, built-in 3-pole contactor and integral 30 mA ground-fault circuit interrupter.</p> <p>Enclosure dimensions: 11-1/2 in x 9-1/8 in x 6 in (292 mm x 232 mm x 152 mm)</p> |
| Snow Melting and Gutter De-Icing Sensors and Accessories | | |
|  | CIT-1 | <p>Overhead snow sensor that detects precipitation or blowing snow at ambient temperatures below 38°F (3.3°C). For use with either an APS-3C or APS-4C automatic snow melting controller.</p> |
|  | SIT-6E | <p>Pavement-mounted sensor signals for the heating cable to turn on when the pavement temperature falls below 38°F (3.3°C) and precipitation in any form is present. Microcontroller technology effectively eliminates ice bridging while ensuring accurate temperature measurement. For use with either an APS-3C or APS-4C automatic snow melting controller.</p> |
|  | RCU-3 | <p>The RCU-3 provides control and status display to the APS-3C controller from a remote location. It has a 2, 4, 6 or 8 hour CYCLE TIME adjustment, independent of APS-3C setting.</p> |
|  | RCU-4 | <p>The RCU-4 provides control and status display to the APS-4C controller and SC-40C Satellite Contactor from a remote location. It has a 2, 4, 6 or 8 hour CYCLE TIME adjustment, independent of the APS-4C or SC-40C setting.</p> |

TABLE 10 CONTROL SYSTEMS

| Catalog number | Description |
|--|--|
| Electronic Controllers | |
|  <p>ACS-UIT2 ACS-PCM2-5</p> | <p>The RAYCHEM ACS-30 Advanced Commercial Control System is a multipoint electronic control and monitoring system for heat-tracing used in various commercial applications such as pipe freeze protection, roof and gutter de-icing, surface snow melting, hot water temperature maintenance and floor heating. The RAYCHEM ACS-30 system can control up to 260 circuits with multiple networked ACS-PCM2-5 panels, with a single ACS-UIT2 user interface terminal. The ACS-PCM2-5 panel can directly control up to 5 individual heat-tracing circuits using electromechanical relays rated at 30 A up to 277 V.</p> |
|  <p>ProtoNode-RER</p> | <p>The RAYCHEM ProtoNode is an external, high performance multi-protocol gateway for customers needing protocol translation between Building Management Systems (BMS) and the RAYCHEM ACS-30 or C910-485 controllers.</p> <p>The ProtoNode-RER is for BACnet® or Metasys® N2 systems.</p> |
|  <p>RTD-200 RTD10CS RTD50CS</p> | <p>Stainless steel jacketed three-wire RTD (Resistance Temperature Detector) used with RAYCHEM C910-485 and ACS-30 controllers.</p> <p>RTD-200: 3-in (76 mm) temperature sensor with a 6-ft (1.8 m) lead wire and 1/2-in NPT bushing</p> <p>RTD10CS: temperature sensor with a 10-ft (3 m) flexible armor, 18-in (457 mm) lead wire and 1/2-inch NPT bushing</p> <p>RTD50CS: temperature sensor with a 50-ft (3 m) flexible armor, 18-in (457 mm) lead wire and 1/2-in NPT bushing</p> |

POWER DISTRIBUTION

Single Circuit Control

Heating cable circuits that do not exceed the current rating of the selected temperature control can be switched directly (see Fig. 9).

Group Control

If the current draw exceeds the switch rating, or if the controller will activate more than one circuit, or group control, an external contactor must be used (see Fig. 9).

Large systems with many circuits should use an SMPG power distribution panel. The SMPG is a dedicated power-distribution, control, ground-fault protection, monitoring, and alarm panel for surface snow melting and anti-icing applications. This enclosure contains an assembled circuit-breaker panelboard. Panels are equipped with ground-fault circuit breakers with or without alarm contacts. The group control package allows the system to operate automatically in conjunction with an ambient-sensing thermostat, individual electronic, or duty cycle controller.

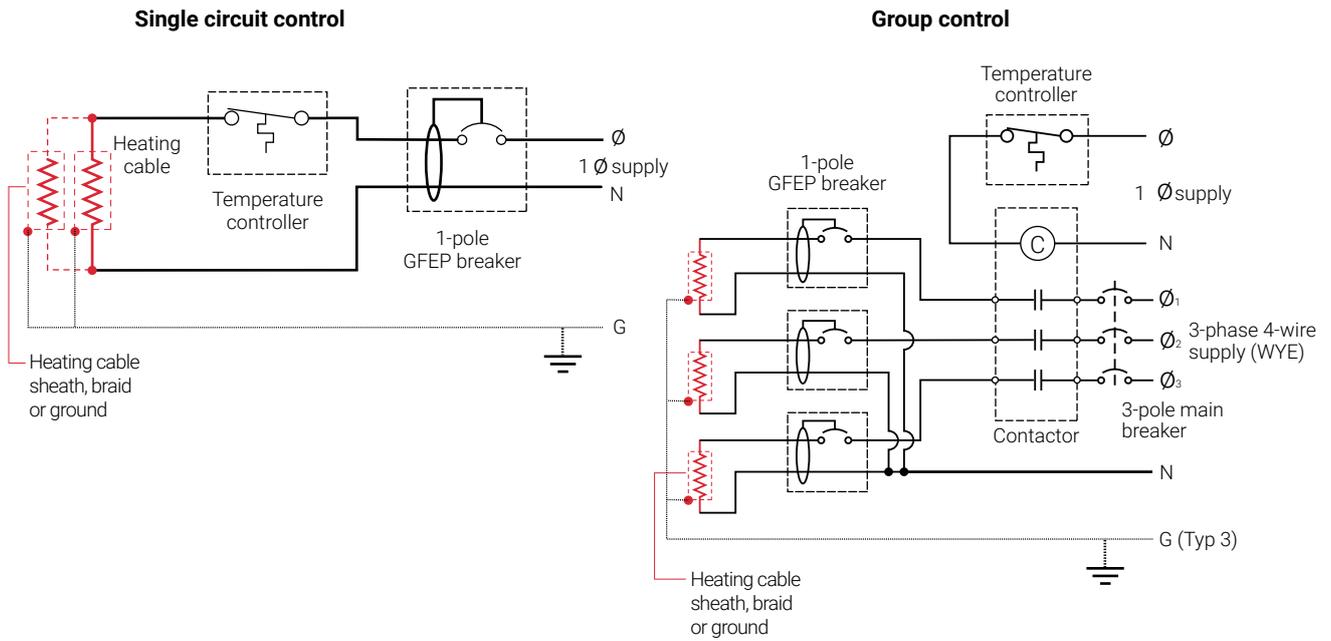


Fig. 9 Single circuit and group control

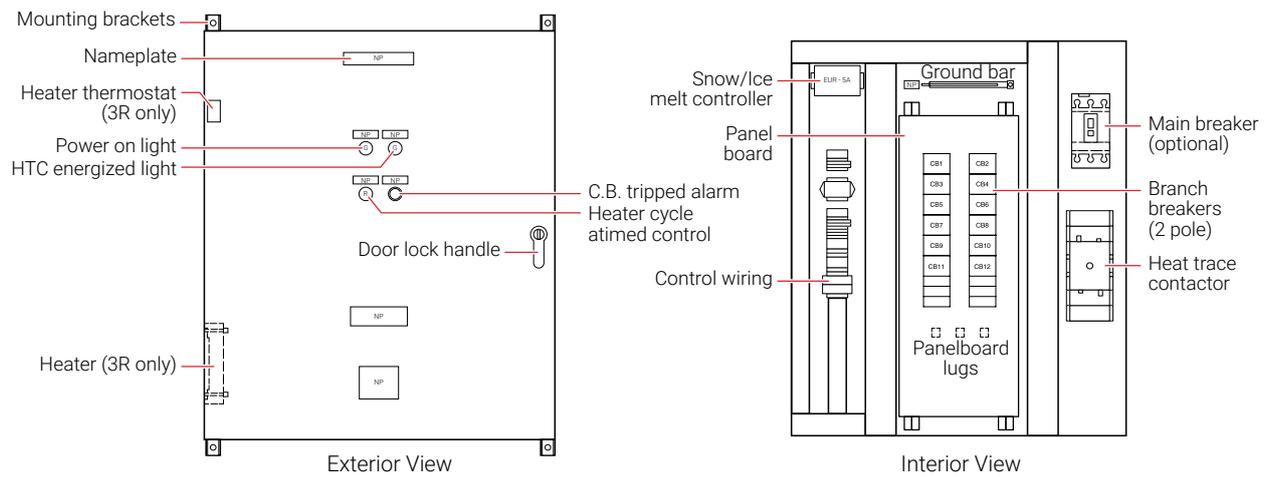


Fig. 10 SMPG1 power distribution panel

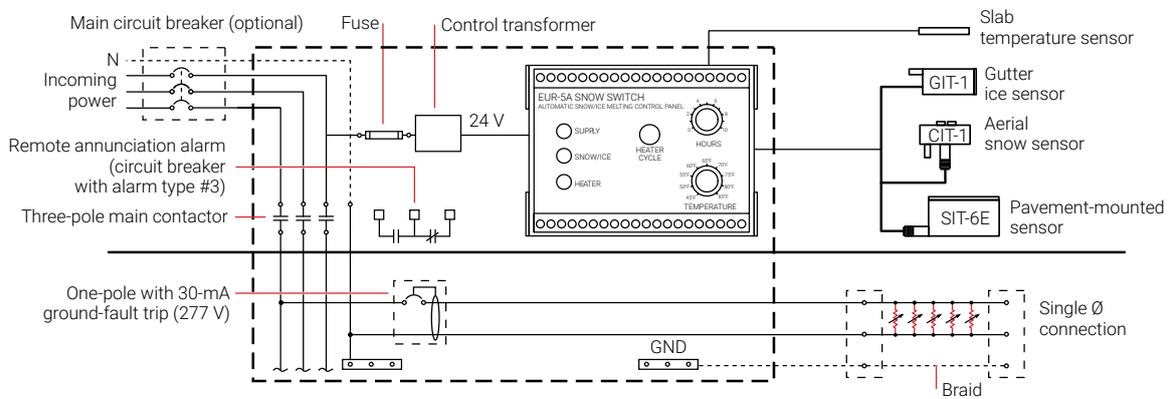
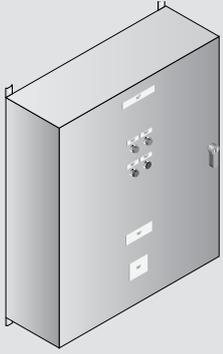


Fig. 11 Typical wiring diagram of group control with SMPG1

TABLE 11 POWER DISTRIBUTION

| Catalog number | Description |
|---|---|
| Power Distribution and Control Panels | |
|  | <p>SMPG1</p> <p>Single-phase power distribution panel that includes ground-fault protection, monitoring, and control for snow melting systems. Single-phase voltages include 208 and 277 V.</p> <p>If standard configurations do not meet your needs, custom SMPG panels are available and processed under the catalog number SMPG-GENERAL, part number P000000763. Please contact your nVent representative for a custom SMPG panel quotation.</p> |

Example: Surface Snow Melting System

This system has 16 circuits and will require a specially designed control panel. As many as eight SIT-6E sensors can be used in this configuration. The amount depends upon designer preference.

Example: Anti-Icing System

This system has 18 circuits and will require a specially designed control panel. As many as eight SIT-6E sensors can be used in this configuration. The amount depends upon designer preference.

| Surface Snow Melting & Anti-Icing |
|---|
| 1. Determine design conditions |
| 2. Select the heating cable |
| 3. Determine the required watt density |
| 4. Determine heating cable spacing |
| 5. Determine the total area to be protected |
| 6. Determine heating cable length |
| 7. Determine the electrical parameters |
| 8. Select the connection kits and accessories |
| 9. Select the control system and power distribution |
| 10. Complete the Bill of Materials |

Step 10 Complete the Bill of Materials

If you used the Design Worksheet to document all your design parameters, you should have all the details you need to complete the Bill of Materials.

ELECTROMELT SYSTEM SURFACE SNOW MELTING AND ANTI-ICING DESIGN WORKSHEET

Step 1 Determine design conditions

| Application | Size and layout | Supply voltage | Phase | Control method |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface snow melting Geographical location: _____ _____ | Slab surface (ft/m) _____ Ramp surface (ft/m) _____ Stairs Number of stairs _____ Width of stair (ft/m) _____ Riser height (in/cm) _____ Depth of stair (in/cm) _____ Landing dimensions (ft/m) _____ Wheel tracks Track length (ft/m) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> 208 V <input type="checkbox"/> 240 V <input type="checkbox"/> 277 V | <input type="checkbox"/> Single-phase | <input type="checkbox"/> Manual on/off control <input type="checkbox"/> Slab-sensing thermostat <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic snow melting controller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-icing Minimum ambient temperature: _____ _____ Average wind speed during freezing periods (mph/kmph): _____ _____ | | | | |
| Paving material | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete pavement <input type="checkbox"/> In concrete under paving stones | | | | |

Example:

| | | | | |
|--|---|---------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| ✓ Surface snow melting ✓ Buffalo, NY ✓ Concrete slab | Slab surface: 80 ft x 50 ft Stairs Number of stairs: 10 Width of stair: 5 ft Riser height: 6 in Depth of stair: 12 in | ✓ 277 V | ✓ Single-phase | ✓ Automatic snow melting controller |
|--|---|---------|----------------|-------------------------------------|

Step 2 Select the heating cable

See Table 1

EM2-XR

Example:

✓ EM2-XR

Step 3 Determine the required watt density

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Surface snow melting See Table 2 Geographical location: _____ Required watt density (W/ft²)(W/m²): _____</p> | <p>Anti-icing See Table 3 and Table 4 Minimum ambient temperature (°F/°C): _____ Average wind speed during freezing periods (mph/kmph): _____ Required watt density (W/ft²)(W/m²): _____</p> |
|---|---|

Example:

Geographical location: **Buffalo, NY**
 Required watt density: **40 W/ft²**

Step 4 Determine heating cable spacing

See Table 5

Surfaces

$$\left(\frac{\text{Power output (W/ft)}}{\text{Watt density (W/ft}^2\text{)}} \times 12 \text{ in/ft} \right) / \text{Watt density (W/ft}^2\text{)} \rightarrow = \text{Heating cable spacing (in)}$$

Note: Round result to the nearest whole number of inches or centimeters.

Stairs

Calculate the heating cable needed for stairs and landing

Determine the number of cable runs needed:

Depth of stair: <10.5 in (27 cm): 2 cable runs

Depth of stair: 10.5–12 in (27–30 cm): 3 cable runs

Cable runs needed: _____

Concrete stair depth (in/cm): _____ Number of cable runs: _____ Spacing: _____

Example:

Surfaces

$$\left(\frac{34 \text{ W/ft}}{\text{Power output (W/ft)}} \times 12 \text{ in/ft} \right) / \frac{40 \text{ W/ft}^2}{\text{Watt density (W/ft}^2\text{)}} \rightarrow = \frac{10 \text{ in}}{\text{Heating cable spacing (in/cm)}}$$

Note: Round result to the nearest whole number of inches or centimeters.

Stairs

Calculate the heating cable needed for stairs and landing

Determine the number of cable runs needed:

Depth of stair: <10.5 in (27 cm): 2 cable runs

Depth of stair: 10.5–12 in (27–30 cm): 3 cable runs

Cable runs needed: 3

Concrete stair depth (in/cm): 12 in Number of cable runs: 3 Spacing: Equally spaced across the width of the stair with one run 2 in from the front edge

Step 5 Determine the total area to be protected

Surfaces

$$\text{Length (ft/m)} \times \text{Width (ft/m)} \rightarrow = \text{Surface area to be protected (ft}^2\text{/m}^2\text{)}$$

Example:

$$\frac{80 \text{ ft}}{\text{Length}} \times \frac{50 \text{ ft}}{\text{Width}} \rightarrow = \frac{4000 \text{ ft}^2}{\text{Surface area to be protected (ft}^2\text{)}}$$

Step 8 Determine the heating cable length

Surfaces

$$\frac{\text{Total concrete slab area (ft}^2\text{/m}^2)}{\text{Heating cable spacing (in/cm)}} \times 12 \text{ in} \rightarrow = \text{Heating cable length for surface (ft/m)}$$

Calculate the heating cable for stairs and landing

$$\text{No. of stairs} \times \left[\left(\frac{\text{No. of runs per stair}}{\text{Width of stair (ft/m)}} \right) + \left(2 \times \frac{\text{Riser height (ft/m)}}{\text{Riser height (ft/m)}} \right) \right] = \text{Heating cable length for stairs (ft/m)}$$

Note: Additional heating cable for connection kits and end terminations is calculated in Step 8.

Calculate heating cable needed for wheel tracks

$$\text{Length (ft/m)} \times 2 \times 4 \text{ runs} \rightarrow = \text{Wheel track to be protected (ft/m)}$$

Total heating cable length required (ft/m)

Example:

Surfaces

$$\frac{4000 \text{ ft}^2}{\text{Heating cable spacing}} \times 12 \text{ in} / \frac{10 \text{ in}}{\text{Heating cable spacing}} = \frac{4800}{\text{Heating cable length for surface}}$$

Calculate the heating cable for stairs and landing

$$\frac{10}{\text{No. of stairs}} \times \left[\left(\frac{3}{\text{No. of runs per stair}} \times \frac{5 \text{ ft}}{\text{Width of stair}} \right) + \left(2 \times \frac{0.5 \text{ ft}}{\text{Riser height}} \right) \right] = \frac{160 \text{ ft}}{\text{Heating cable length for stairs}}$$

Note: Additional heating cable for connection kits and end terminations is calculated in Step 8.

4960 ft
Total heating cable length required

Step 7 Determine the electrical parameters

See Table 7 and Table 8

Determine number of circuits

$$\frac{\text{Heating cable length required for surface (ft/m)}}{\text{Maximum heating cable circuit length (ft/m)}} = \text{Number of circuits}$$

Determine total transformer load**Calculate circuit breaker load (CBL)**

$$\left(\frac{\text{Circuit breaker rating (Amps)}}{\text{Supply voltage}} \times 0.8 \right) / 1000 = \text{Circuit breaker load (kW)}$$

Calculate the total transformer load as follows:

If the CBL is equal on all circuits, calculate the transformer load as:

$$\text{Circuit breaker load (kW)} \times \text{Number of breakers} = \text{Total transformer load (kW)}$$

If the CBL is NOT equal on all circuits, calculate the transformer load as:

$$\text{CBL}_1 + \text{CBL}_2 + \text{CBL}_3 \dots + \text{CBL}_N = \text{Total transformer load (kW)}$$

Example:**Determine number of circuits: Surfaces**

$$\frac{4800 \text{ ft}}{325 \text{ ft}} = 14.8 \text{ rounded to } 15$$

Number of circuits

Determine number of circuits: Stair

$$\frac{160 \text{ ft}}{325 \text{ ft}} = 0.5 \text{ rounded to } 1$$

Number of circuits

Determine transformer load

$$\left(\frac{50 \text{ A}}{\text{Supply voltage}} \times 0.8 \right) / 1000 = 11.1 \text{ kW}$$

Circuit breaker load (kW)

$$11.1 \text{ kW} \times 16 = 177.6 \text{ kW rounded to } 178$$

Total transformer load (kW)

Step 8 Select the connection kit and accessories

See Table 9

| Connection kits | Description | Quantity | Heating cable allowance |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMK-XP | Power connection and end seal kit | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMK-XS | Splice kit | _____ | _____ |

| Accessories | Description | Quantity |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMK-XJR | Jacket repair kit | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMK-CT | Nylon cable ties | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMK-XT | Crimping tool | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SMCS | Snow melt caution sign | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMK-XEJ | Expansion joint kit | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMK-XJB | Junction box | _____ |

_____ **Total heating cable allowance for connection kits**

$$\text{Number circuits for concrete slab} + \text{Circuit(s) for stairs} + \text{Circuit(s) for expansion joints} = \text{Total no. of circuits} = \text{Total no. of power connection kits}$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{Power connection conduit length (slab to junction box) (ft/m)}}{\text{Power connection conduit length (slab to junction box) (ft/m)}} + \frac{\text{End seal conduit length (slab to junction box) (ft/m)}}{\text{End seal conduit length (slab to junction box) (ft/m)}} \right) \times \text{Total number of circuits} = \text{Total conduit length (ft/m)}$$

$$\frac{\text{Cable allowance per circuit connection (ft/m)}}{\text{Cable allowance per circuit connection (ft/m)}} \times \frac{\text{Total number of circuits}}{\text{Total number of circuits}} = \text{Total heating cable allowance per power connection (ft/m)}$$

$$\text{Total conduit length (ft/m)} + \frac{\text{Total allowance per power connection kit (ft/m)}}{\text{Total allowance per power connection kit (ft/m)}} = \text{Total additional heating cable (ft/m)}$$

$$\text{Total heating cable length (ft/m)} + \frac{\text{Total heating cable allowance (ft/m)}}{\text{Total heating cable allowance (ft/m)}} = \text{Total heating cable with connection kit allowance (ft/m)}$$

Example:

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|---|
| 15 | + | 1 | + | _____ | = | 16 | = | 16 |
| Number circuits for concrete slab | | Circuit(s) for stairs | | Circuit(s) for expansion joints | | Total no. of circuits | | Total no. of power connection kits |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 15 ft | + | 15 ft |) | 16 | x | _____ | = | 480 ft |
| Power connection conduit length (slab to junction box) | | End seal conduit length (slab to junction box) | | Total number of circuits | | | | Total conduit length |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 3 ft | x | 16 | | | | | | |
| Cable allowance per circuit connection | | Total number of circuits | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 480 ft | + | 48 ft | | | | | | |
| Total conduit length | | Total allowance per power connection kit | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | = | 528 ft |
| | | | | | | | | Total additional heating cable |

Step 9 Select the control system and power distribution

Control Systems

See Table 10.

Thermostats, controllers and accessories

| | Description | Quantity |
|--|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ECW-GF | Electronic thermostat with 25-ft sensor | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ECW-GF-DP | Remote display panel for ECW-GF | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PD Pro | Automatic snow and ice melting controller | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GF-Pro | Automatic snow and ice melting controller | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APS-3C | Automatic snow and ice melting controller | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APS-4C | Automatic snow and ice melting controller | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SC-40C | Satellite contactor | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIT-1 | Overhead snow sensor | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SIT-6E | Pavement-mounted sensor | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCU-3 | Remote control unit for APS-3C | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCU-4 | Remote control unit for APS-4C | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACS-UIT2 | ACS-30 user interface terminal | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACS-PCM2-5 | ACS-30 power control panel | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ProtoNode-RER | Multi-protocol gateway | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RTD3CS | Resistance temperature device for RAYCHEM ACS-30 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RTD10CS | Resistance temperature device for RAYCHEM ACS-30 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RTD-200 | Resistance temperature device for RAYCHEM ACS-30 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RTD50CS | Resistance temperature device for RAYCHEM ACS-30 | _____ |

Power Distribution

See Table 11.

Power distribution and control panels

| | Description | Quantity |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SMPG1 | Single-phase power distribution panel | _____ |

Step 10 Complete the Bill of Materials

Use the information recorded in this worksheet to complete the Bill of Materials.

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