

**SECTION 21 05 33**  
**HEAT TRACING FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION PIPING**

**PART 1 – GENERAL**

**1.1 SUMMARY**

- A. Section includes a UL/ULC Listed Heat Tracing Systems for Fire Suppression Piping including the following components specifically listed for Fire Suppression Piping:
- B. Self-Regulating Heating Cable
- C. Connection Kits for joining heating cable sections
- D. Electronic Heat Trace Controller
- E. Heating Cable Installation Accessories

**1.2 RELATED SECTIONS**

- A. Section 21 05 33 – Heat Tracing for Fire-Suppression Piping
- B. Section 21 07 19 – Fire Suppression Piping Insulation
- C. Section 21 08 00 – Commissioning of Fire Suppression
- D. Section 21 09 00 – Instrumentation & Control for Fire Suppression Systems
- E. Section 21 10 00 – Water Based Fire Suppression Systems
- F. Section 26 05 19 – Low-Voltage Electrical Power Conductors and Cables
- G. Section 26 05 26 – Grounding and Bonding for Electrical Systems

**1.3 REFERENCES**

- A. UL 515A - Outline of Investigation for Electrical Resistance Tracing Heating and Associated Controls for use in Sprinkler and Standpipe Systems
- B. IEEE 515.1-2012: Standard for testing, design, installation and maintenance of electrical resistance trace heating for commercial applications.
- C. CSA C22.2 NO. 130-03-2008 Requirements for Electrical Resistance Heating Cables and Heating Device Sets.
- D. National Electric Code (NEC): NFPA70
- E. Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, ANSI/NFPA 13-2016
- F. Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low Rise Residential Occupancies - ANSI/NFPA 13R-2016
- G. Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One & Two Family Dwellings - ANSI/NFPA 13D-2016
- H. Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems - ANSI/NFPA 14-2016
- I. Standard for Industrial Control Equipment – UL508
- J. Standard for Control Units and Accessories for Fire Alarm Systems – UL864

**1.4 ACTION SUBMITTALS**

- A. Product Data: For UL/ULC Listed Heat Tracing Systems for Fire Suppression Piping including the following:
  - 1. Manufacturer's Data Sheets for Heat Cable, Components, Controller & Installation Accessories.
  - 2. UL Certificate 515A
  - 3. Fire Sprinkler Design Guide for Main, Standpipes & Branch Lines
  - 4. Installation Instructions for Heat Tracing Systems for Fire Suppression Piping
  - 5. Electrical Wiring Diagram for Controller, Sensors & Interface to FACP

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1.5 CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS

- A. Operation & Maintenance Manuals for Heat Tracing Systems for Fire Suppression Piping

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Manufacturers Qualifications

- 1. Minimum of 10 years of experience in design, engineering, manufacturer and support of Heat Tracing Systems.
- 2. Manufacturer shall be ISO-9001:2008 Registered

B. Installer Qualifications

- 1. System installer shall have a complete understanding of product from manufacturer prior to installation of Heat Tracing Systems for Fire Suppression Piping System.
- 2. Electrical Connections shall be performed by a licensed electrician.

1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Store products in manufacturer's unopened packaging and dry location with a temperature range of 0°F (-18°C) to 100°F (38°C) until ready for installation.
- B. Protect Heating Cable from exposure to moisture, water & mechanical damage until ready for installation.

Specifier: Retain one or both of the paragraphs below based upon Project requirements

1.8 WARRANTY

- A. Provide manufacturer's standard warranty form which manufacturer warrants against defect in material and workmanship under normal use and regular service and maintenance for a period of one year from the date of shipment of the products by Chromalox.:
  - 1. Heating Cable & Components: One Year
  - 2. Controls & Sensors: One Year
- A. Provide manufacturer's extended warranty of ten (10) years from the date of installation on heating cable and components by completing warranty registration card within the timeline indicated on the extended warranty.
  - (1) Install heating cable system per manufacturer's instructions on their Installation & Operation Manual
  - (2) Maintain & complete the installation & maintenance log.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Basis of Design Manufacturer: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide a Heat Tracing Systems for Fire Suppression Piping by Chromalox, Pittsburgh,, PA, 800-443-2640, [www.cromalox.com](http://www.cromalox.com) .

Specifier: Retain one of the two paragraphs below based upon Project requirements

- 1. Submit comparable products of one of the following for approval by Engineer:
  - a. [Specifier: insert name of manufacturer of comparable product.]
  - b. Submit requests for substitution in accordance with Instructions to Bidders and Division 01 General Requirements.
- 1. Provide specified product: Owner will not consider substitution request.

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**B. MATERIALS**

**1. Heating Cables**

- (a) Basis of design shall be Chromalox CPR Self-Regulating, Heating Cable specifically designed for the intended application, tested and approved to CSA 22.2 No 130-03 and IEEE 515.1 requirements.
- (b) The self-regulating, heating cable shall consist of two (2) 16 AWG nickel-copper bus wires embedded in a radiation cross-linked, continuous, self-regulating polymer core.

**Specifier: Retain one of the (b) list below based upon Project requirements. Polyolefin, dielectric jacket covers are the standard product configuration. Fluoropolymer, dielectric jackets are required by IEEE515.1 for use on diesel, DEF and grease waste piping. They are also required on any pipe with heat trace that is buried below grade. They are recommended in parking garages to protect from VOC exhaust gases.**

- (b) The self-regulating, heating cable shall have a fluoropolymer, dielectric jacket cover – “CT”.
- (c) The self-regulating, heating cable shall have a modified polyolefin dielectric jacket cover – “CR”.
- (d) The self-regulating, heating cable shall have a tinned-copper ground braid.
- (e) The heating cable shall be part of a UL FM or CSA Listed.
- (f) The manufacturer shall provide design heat loss information on all piping and select a self-regulating, heating cable from the table below to prevent freezing of the pipe:

Heater Output @ 50°F	Voltage	Maximum Exposure Temperature
3 Watts / Lineal Ft	120 & 208-277	185°F
5 Watts / Lineal Ft	120 & 208-277	185°F
8 Watts / Lineal Ft	120 & 208-277	185°F
10 Watts / Lineal Ft	120 & 208-277	185°F
15 Watts / Lineal Ft	120 & 208-277	185°F

**2) Connection Kits**

- a) Heating Cable Connection Kits shall be Chromalox DL series or similar.
- b) Manufacturer to provide connection kits for power, splice, tee and end seal.
- c) All Splices, Tees & End Seals shall be installed above the insulation per NEC.
- d) Power Connection Kits shall be NEMA 4X rated to prevent water ingress and corrosion.
- e) Connection Kits shall be UV stabilized for installation outdoors.
- f) Connections kits shall be UL Listed.

**3) Heating Cable Accessories**

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- (a) Heating cable shall be attached to metal fire sprinkler piping with Chromalox FT-66 glass fiber, glass tape. Use of metal zip ties is prohibited for the attachment of the heating cable to the fire sprinkler piping.
  - (b) Contractor shall provide Chromalox WL-5 Heating Tracing Labels every 10', opposite sides of pipe to identify fire sprinkler piping with heat tracing cable install on it.
- 4) Controller – Mains, Stand Pipes & Branch Sprinkler Piping
- (a) Basis of design is Chromalox IntelliTrace ITC-FS controller for one or two circuits.
  - (b) Unit shall be UL 864 approved for use on fire sprinkler piping including 6000V surge suppression.
  - (c) Unit shall operate at 100-277 VAC and rated @ 40A per circuit
  - (d) Unit shall include a 3.5" High Resolution TFT Display with integral display heater, front panel capacitive touch switches & LED Indication of Power, Load & Alarm.
  - (e) Unit shall include ON/OFF, PID or Manual SSR power control with a selectable Soft Start program
  - (f) Unit shall include two (2) sensors per circuit with one (1) RTD for ambient temperature control and one (1) RTD for monitoring on the Heat Tracing.
  - (g) Unit shall include 2 x common alarm outputs (1 x AC, 1 x DC), Alarms for Low/High Temperature & Current, GFEP (Ground Fault Equipment Protection) & Sensor Failure, ModBus RTU/RS485 (or /RS422) Communications and user selectable manual output on failed sensor per UL 515A.

**Specifier: Retain one of the (h) list below based upon Project requirements. Standard product configuration is for a NEMA 4X fiberglass enclosure. Optional 316 stainless steel, NEMA 4x enclosure.**

- (h) Unit shall be housed in a NEMA 4X, fiberglass enclosure with hinged door.
- (i) Unit shall be housed in a 316, stainless steel enclosure with hinged door.

**Specifier: If connection to BACnet network is required – please include item J below.**

- (j) Unit shall include BACnet protocol converter for connecting all IntelliTrace ITC controller to BACnet network. Protocol Converter shall be contained in a NEMA4 Enclosure with separate power supply.

**Specifier: If freeze protection includes branch sprinkler piping then include over temperature controller**

- 5) Over Temperature Controller – Branch Sprinkler Piping Only
- a. Basis of design is Chromalox DL Series – RTBC thermostatic controller with 3'-0" bulb & capillary.
  - b. Unit shall be UL approved for use on fire sprinkler systems
  - c. Unit shall include bulb & capillary thermostat which shall be mounted to fire sprinkler piping sprig as shown on drawings and automatically reset.
  - d. Unit shall be adjustable for 0-400°F and ordinary & hazardous area rated – C1D2
- 6) Temperature Sensors – Two (2) required
- (a) Provide one Chromalox LN-50, 100 ohm, three wire, line sensing, temperature sensor with 3" L x 3/16" D probe. Unit shall include 50' pigtail wire in a stainless steel sheath to protect wiring and 1/2" conduit fitting
  - (b) Provide one Chromalox LA-50, 100 ohm, three wire, ambient sensing, temperature sensor with copper sheathed probe with vented guard. Unit shall include 1/2" NPT fitting for mounting into conduit fitting by others.

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**PART 3 – EXECUTION**

**3.1 EXAMINATION**

- A. Installer to field verify all fire sprinkler piping sizing, lengths & sprigs as shown on drawings.
- B. Installer to verify that power is available, in proper location and ready for use.
- C. Installer to verify that all fire sprinkler piping has been properly prepared for heating cable installation. Notify General Contractor or Construction Manager of unsatisfactory conditions exist prior to Fire Sprinkler Pipe Freeze Protection System.

**3.2 INSTALLATION**

- A. The fire sprinkler pipe freeze protection installation shall conform to all local building codes including but not limited to NFPA 13, UL515A, IEEE 515.1 & NFPA 70.
- B. The installer shall comply with the Chromalox's Fire Sprinkler Pipe Freeze Protection System installation, operation & maintenance instructions.
- C. The installer shall layout heating cable per approved shop drawings.
- D. Grounding of the Fire Sprinkler Pipe Freeze Protection System shall be in accordance with section 26 05 26 "Grounding & Bonding for Electrical Systems"
- E. Connections of all electrical wiring shall be in accordance with section 26 05 19 "Low-Voltage Electrical Systems"

**3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL**

- A. Start-Up and testing of the Fire Sprinkler Pipe Freeze Protection System shall be performed by factory technician or factory representative per the owner's requirements.
- B. Field Testing & Inspections
  - 1. The system shall be commissioned in accordance to the Chromalox Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual.
  - 2. The heating cable circuit integrity shall be tested using a 2500 Vdc megohmmeter at the following intervals below. Minimum acceptable insulation resistance shall be 1000 megohms or greater.
    - a. Before installing the heating cable
    - b. After heating cable has been installed onto the roof or gutter
    - c. After installing connection kits
    - d. Prior to initial start-up (commissioning)
    - f. As part of the regular system maintenance
  - 3. The technician shall verify that the IntelliTrace ITC1/2 Controller parameters are set properly for the Fire Sprinkler Pipe Freeze Protection System requirements.
  - 4. The technician shall verify that the temperature sensors are correctly connected to the controller.
  - 5. The installer shall submit test results to owner after commissioning.

**3.4. ADJUSTING AND CLEANING**

- A. Keep ambient temperature sensors clean of dirt and debris

**3.5 MAINTENANCE**

- A. Comply with Manufacturers recommendations IOM Manual Fire Sprinkler Pipe Freeze Protection System.

END OF SECTION