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Our flexible cables save you time and money.







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We're flexible so you won't have to be.

With our improved range of flexible cables we've brought flexibility to a completely new level. From now on it'll be a lot easier to get into those tight corners with less equipment, less people and in half the time*. With a 50% decrease in installation time, imagine what you could do with those savings ...

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Prysmian offers a comprehensive range of flexible cable solutions with Class 5 conductors for fixed installations. With Flexible XLPE and Fire Performance cables, Prysmian has a full suite of cables for the entire Construction market.

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- Are easy to handle and install
- Are easy to bend and are less stiff
- Require no bending tools
- Require fewer people to install

Meaning electrical contractors are now able to work in tight spaces and complete their projects faster – resulting in significant savings through time and labour costs.

Superior cable management

- · Product availability
- Shorter lead times
- Cables can be cut to length
- Reactive local support

Long-life performance

- Australian designed and made
- Cables made from premium components
- Superior performance

Safety - performance that ensures peace of mind

- High flexibility ensures easier handling reducing the risk of work place injury and fatigue
- Firestop cables exceed the fire & mechanical performance requirements in AS/NZS 3013

Quality - superior manufacturing and support

- Independently certified by a NATA accredited facility
- Exceeds Australian Standards
- Expert quality control
- Quality technical after-sales support and service

*Dependant on job type and in comparison with rigid cables.



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Flexible Single Core Cables

For mains, submains and subcircuits unenclosed, enclosed in conduit, buried or in underground ducts for building and industrial plants where not subject to mechanical damage. Suitable where space is at a premium and/or where conditions of overload may occur. Green star accredited.

Single core cables

Flexible 90 °C XLPE

• XLPE/PVC (SDI) X-90 Orange 0.6/1kV

Flexible 110 °C

• X-HF-110 (SDI) 110 °C Black 0.6/1kV

Flexible 90 °C PVC Earth

PVC V-90 Green/Yellow 0.6/1kV

Applicable standards AS/NZS 5000.1

Product range

Available in the conductor range 10 to 630 mm², 95 to 630 mm² products available from stock. Earths available in the range 10 to 630 mm², 120 to 630 mm² available from stock.

Flexible Firestop

Firestop is easy to install fire safety cable range fully complying with the latest Australian standard AS/NZS 3013 and Building Code of Australia requirements. This range is designed to save lives and help protect property in the event of a fire.

Single core cables

Flexible 110 °C Firestop FS110

- HFS-110 TP Red 0.6/1kV
- Fire performance AS/NZS 3013 WS52W compliant

Applicable standards

AS/NZS 3013

Product range

Available in the conductor range 10 to 630 mm², 95 to 630 mm² products available from stock.







WS52W requires the cable to maintain circuit integrity when tested for two hours in a furnace attaining a maximum temperature of 1050 °C, followed by a three minute water spray. The cable is also classified as having moderate mechanical resistance.



XLPE/PVC (SDI) X-90



Application

Flexible single core X-90 XLPE insulated and PVC sheathed cable for mains, submains and subcircuits unenclosed, enclosed in conduit, buried or in underground ducts for building and industrial plants where not subject to mechanical damage. Suitable where space is at a premium and/or where conditions of overload may occur

Approvals

Suitable for fixed applications only in accordance with AS/NZS 3000 + AS/NZS 5000.1

Behaviour in flame and fire:

Flame propagation - AS/NZS IEC 60332-1

Temperature range

Maximum operating temperature: +90°C Minimum operating temperature: -25°C

Minimum bending radius

Installed cables:4DDuring installation:6D

Resistance to

Chemical exposure: Occasional Mechanical impact: Light Water exposure: Occasional condensation Solar radiation and weather exposure: Occasional

Cable design

Conductor:

Flexible bunched annealed copper conductor to AS/NZS 1125 (Class 5).

Insulation:

X-90 XLPE (Flexible XLPE) Colour: Natural

Sheath: 5V-90 PVC Colour: Orange

Installation conditions

In free air In conduit In trench In ground with protection In duct



FLEXIBLE CABLES 0.6/1 kV - XLPE/PVC (SDI) X-90

Physical & electrical characteristics

	For fixed installation								
	Cond	uctor		Cable					
Product	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Overall d	diameter	Approx.	installed		
code	C.S.A. mm ²	diameter mm	thickness mm	Minimum mm	Maximum mm	mass kg/100 m	radius mm		
351CFF90	35	7.7	0.9	11.9	12.7	38.7	55		
501CFF90	50	9.3	1.0	13.7	14.5	53.5	60		
701CFF90	70	11.1	1.0	15.7	16.5	72.9	70		
951CFF90	95	12.8	1.1	17.5	18.4	94.3	75		
1201CFF90	120	14.5	1.2	19.4	20.3	118.6	85		
1501CFF90	150	16.3	1.4	21.7	22.7	147.4	95		
1851CFF90	185	18.0	1.6	23.8	24.8	178.0	100		
2401CFF90	240	20.8	1.7	26.9	28.0	231.8	115		
3001CFF90	300	23.4	1.8	29.8	30.9	288.3	125		
4001CFF90	400	26.8	2.0	33.8	35.0	376.2	145		
5001CFF90	500	30.3	2.2	37.8	39.1	474.5	160		
6301CFF90	630	35.1	2.4	43.2	44.6	628.9	180		

Current ratings

		Unen	closed		Enclosed	Thermal i	insulation	n				
Nominal conductor area mm²	Spaced	Spaced from surface	Touching	Exposed to sun	Wiring enclosure in air	Partially surrounded by thermal insulation	Completely surrounded by thermal insulation	Buried direct	Underground wiring enclosure		voltage drop (@ 50Hz & 90 °C) mV/A.m	
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35	177	151	141	103	118	96	72	180	134	158	1.24	1.24
50	223	191	178	128	144	114	-	214	163	190	0.869	0.875
70	283	241	225	161	183	146	-	262	203	232	0.622	0.630
95	341	290	271	192	214	176	-	313	237	276	0.483	0.492
120	406	346	322	226	256	209	-	356	279	320	0.388	0.399
150	470	400	372	260	291	236	-	400	316	358	0.325	0.338
185	540	459	427	296	334	268	-	452	357	413	0.280	0.295
240	651	553	514	352	391	320	-	523	416	477	0.233	0.251
300	752	637	591	402	458	375	-	589	479	552	0.207	0.227
400	909	764	709	477	533	427	-	668	554	626	0.183	0.204
500	1062	884	821	546	630	506	-	752	642	707	0.169	0.192
630	1256	1030	956	630	719	571	-	843	729	820	0.157	0.181

Note: Refer to Cable Selection in Technical Cable Guide for more information and data based on AS/NZS 3008.1.1.

X-HF-110 (SDI) 110°C



Application

Flexible single core X-HF-110 insulated and HFS-110-TP sheathed cable for mains, submains and subcircuits unenclosed, enclosed in conduit or in underground ducts for building and industrial plants where not subject to mechanical damage. Suitable where space is at a premium and/or where conditions of overload may occur.

Approvals

Suitable for fixed applications only in accordance with AS/NZS 3000 + AS/NZS 5000.1

Behaviour in flame and fire:

Flame propagation - AS/NZS IEC 60332-1

Temperature range

Maximum operating temperature: +110°C Minimum operating temperature: -25°C

Minimum bending radius

Installed cables:4DDuring installation:6D

Resistance to

Chemical exposure: Occasional Mechanical impact: Light Water exposure: Occasional condensation Solar radiation and weather exposure: Occasional

Cable design

Conductor:

Flexible bunched annealed copper conductor to AS/NZS 1125 (Class 5).

Insulation: X-HF-110 Colour: Natural

Sheath: HFS-110-TP Colour: Black

Installation conditions

In free air In conduit In trench In duct



FLEXIBLE CABLES 0.6/1 kV - X-HF-110 (SDI) 110°C

Physical & electrical characteristics

	For fixed installation								
	Conductor			Cable					
Product	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Overall d	liameter	Approx.	installed		
code	C.S.A. mm ²	diameter mm	thickness mm	Minimum mm	Maximum mm	mass kg/100 m	radius mm		
351CFF110	35	7.8	0.9	11.9	12.9	39.5	55		
501CFF110	50	9.3	1.0	13.7	14.7	54.1	60		
701CFF110	70	11.2	1.1	15.7	16.8	74.1	70		
951CFF110	95	12.9	1.1	17.5	18.6	95.8	75		
1201CFF110	120	14.6	1.2	19.4	20.5	120	85		
1501CFF110	150	16.4	1.4	21.7	22.9	149	95		
1851CFF110	185	18.1	1.6	23.8	25.0	180	100		
2401CFF110	240	20.9	1.7	26.9	28.3	235	115		
3001CFF110	300	23.4	1.8	29.8	31.3	291	125		
4001CFF110	400	26.9	2.0	33.8	35.3	380	140		
5001CFF110	500	30.4	2.2	37.8	39.4	479	160		
6301CFF110	630	35.1	2.4	43.2	45.0	635	180		

Current ratings

	Unenclosed				Enclosed	Thermal i	nsulation				
Nominal conductor area mm ²	Spaced	Spaced from surface	Touching	Exposed to sun	Wiring enclosure in air	Partially surrounded by thermal insulation	Completely surrounded by thermal insulation	Under wir enclo	ground ring osure	Three voltag (@ 5 & 110 mV/	phase e drop OHz O°C) A.m
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35	214	184	172	143	148	121	88	151	176	1.31	1.31
50	270	233	217	179	190	146	-	188	212	0.921	0.926
70	340	292	273	224	234	187	-	229	259	0.658	0.665
95	410	353	329	269	277	228	-	268	315	0.509	0.518
120	487	418	390	317	331	269	-	316	357	0.408	0.419
150	562	482	450	365	378	306	-	357	400	0.340	0.353
185	644	553	516	417	438	359	-	404	461	0.293	0.307
240	775	665	620	499	538	439	-	481	533	0.242	0.259
300	895	766	714	572	612	501	-	542	617	0.213	0.232
400	1079	918	855	682	757	575	-	648	700	0.187	0.208
500	1260	1064	990	786	864	692	-	729	815	0.172	0.194
630	1493	1240	1154	913	993	787	-	828	920	0.159	0.182

Note: Refer to Cable Selection in Technical Cable Guide for more information and data based on AS/NZS 3008.1.1.

FLEXIBLE PVC EARTH CABLES 0.6 / 1 kV

1C FLEXIBLE PVC GREEN/YELLOW V-90



Cable description

Flexible PVC insulated only earth cable to AS/NZS 5000.1

Application

For use as protective earth in electrical installations. For use where improved aging properties to those of 75°C PVC are required because of higher ambient temperatures. Suitable for glanding.

Approvals

Suitable for fixed applications only in accordance with AS/NZS 3000 + AS/NZS 5000.1

Behaviour in flame and fire:

Flame propagation - AS/NZS IEC 60332-1

Temperature range

Maximum operating temperature: +90°C Minimum operating temperature: 0 °C

Minimum bending radius

Installed cables: 4D During installation: 6D

Resistance to

Chemical exposure: Occasional Mechanical impact: Light Water exposure: Occasional condensation Solar radiation and weather exposure: Occasional

Cable design

Conductor:

Flexible bunched annealed copper conductor to AS/NZS 1125 (Class 5)

Insulation: V-90 PVC Colour: Green/yellow

Installation conditions

Industrial equipment In conduit Machines Internal wiring



FLEXIBLE PVC EARTH CABLES 0.6 / 1 kV – 1C FLEXIBLE PVC G/Y V-90

Physical & electrical characteristics

For fixed installation							
	Cond	uctor		Ca	ble		Min.
Product	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Overall diameter		Approx.	installed bending
code	C.S.A. mm²	diameter mm	thickness mm	Minimum mm	Maximum mm	mass kg/100 m	radius mm
1.0FFEW	1.0	1.3	0.8	2.9	3.0	1.6	12
1.5FFEW	1.5	1.5	0.8	3.1	3.2	2.0	13
2.5FFEW	2.5	2.0	0.8	3.6	3.7	3.0	15
4FFEW	4	2.7	1.0	4.6	4.7	5.4	19
6FFEW	6	3.5	1.0	5.4	5.6	8.0	22
10FFEW	10	4.2	1.0	6.1	6.3	11	25
16FFEW	16	5.3	1.0	7.2	7.4	16	30
25FFEW	25	6.7	1.2	8.9	9.1	25	40
35FFEW	35	7.9	1.2	10.1	10.3	34	45
50FFEW	50	9.5	1.4	12.1	12.3	49	50
70FFEW	70	11.3	1.4	13.9	14.2	67	60
95FFEW	95	13.0	1.6	16.0	16.2	89	65
120FFEW	120	14.7	1.6	17.6	17.9	112	75
150FFEW	150	16.5	1.8	19.8	20.2	140	85
185FFEW	185	18.2	2.0	21.9	22.2	170	90
240FFEW	240	20,9	2,2	25	25,4	223	105
300FFEW	300	23,5	2,4	27,9	28,4	279	115
400FFEW	400	26,9	2,6	31,7	32,2	365	130

Electrical characteristics

Conductor nominal C.S.A. mm ²	Maximum D.C. resistance at 20°C Ω/km	Reactance per core (Trefoil, Touching) Ω/km
1.0	19.5	0.116
1.5	13.3	0.109
2.5	7.98	0.101
4	4.95	0.100
6	3.30	0.0954
10	1.91	0.0876
16	1.21	0.0835
25	0.780	0.0829
35	0.554	0.0801
50	0.386	0.0799
70	0.272	0.0773
95	0.206	0.0771
120	0.161	0.0753
150	0.129	0.0755
185	0.106	0.0754
240	0,0801	0,0749
300	0,0641	0,0747
400	0,0486	0,0738

FIRESTOP FS110



Application

Flexible single core cable. Power supply to essential circuits such as mains, sub mains and other areas where circuit integrity is essential in the event of a fire.

- Classified (WS52W) meaning the scope of testing is designed to confirm performance when installed in a wiring system.
- Circuit integrity up to an extreme temperature of 1050°C at the end of 2 hours.
- LSZH Suitable for confined and high people density areas such as airports and other public buildings.

Approvals

Suitable for fixed applications only in accordance with AS/NZS 3000 + AS/NZS 5000.1. Certification to AS/NZS 3013 by a NATA accredited facility.

Behaviour in flame and fire:

Fire performance rating WS52W - AS/NZS 3013 Flame propagation - AS/NZS IEC 60332-1 Halogen free/Low smoke emission – AS/NZS 4507

Temperature range

Maximum operating temperature: +110°C Minimum operating temperature: -25°C

Minimum bending radius

Installed cables: 8D During installation: 12D

Resistance to

Chemical exposure: Occasional Mechanical impact: Moderate Water exposure: Spray Solar radiation and weather exposure: Occasional

Cable design

Conductor: Flexible bunched plain annealed copper (Class 5). Insulation: Mica glass tape fire barrier, XHF-110 Colour: Natural Sheath: HFS-110-TP Colour: Red

Installation conditions

In free air In duct Internal wiring External building



FLEXIBLE CABLES 0.6/1 kV - FIRESTOP FS110

Physical & electrical characteristics

	For fixed installation									
Product code	Nominal C.S.A. mm²	Nominal Cable O.D.	Approx. mass kg/100 m	Minimum installed bending radius mm	AS/NZS 3013 WS rating					
251CFFFS110	25	14.1	35.1	115	WS52W					
351CFFFS110	35	14.9	44.6	120	WS52W					
501CFFFS110	50	16.5	59.7	135	WS52W					
701CFFFS110	70	18.2	79.1	150	WS52W					
951CFFFS110	95	20.2	101.0	165	WS52W					
1201CFFFS110	120	21.9	126.0	180	WS52W					
1501CFFFS110	150	24.2	155.0	195	WS52W					
1851CFFFS110	185	26.2	186.0	210	WS52W					
2401CFFFS110	240	29.4	241.0	240	WS52W					
3001CFFFS110	300	32.4	298.0	260	WS52W					
4001CFFFS110	400	36.4	388.0	295	WS52W					
5001CFFFS110	500	40.5	496.0	325	WS52W					
6301CFFFS110	630	46.0	655.0	370	WS52W					

Cable selection - For fixed installation

	Resistan	ce Ω/km	Reactance at	Voltage drop three phase mV/A.m		
Nominal C.S.A. mm²	D.C. at 20°C	A.C. at 110°C	50Hz trefoil Ω/km	Lay flat touching	Trefoil touching	
25	0.780	1.06	0.0973	1.85	1.84	
35	0.554	0.750	0.0930	1.31	1.31	
50	0.386	0.523	0.0901	0.926	0.921	
70	0.272	0.369	0.0869	0.665	0.658	
95	0.206	0.280	0.0849	0.518	0.509	
120	0.161	0.219	0.0828	0.419	0.408	
150	0.129	0.176	0.0830	0.353	0.340	
185	0.106	0.145	0.0821	0.307	0.293	
240	0.0801	0.111	0.0808	0.259	0.242	
300	0.0641	0.0898	0.0800	0.232	0.213	
400	0.0486	0.0699	0.0788	0.208	0.187	
500	0.0384	0.0571	0.0780	0.194	0.172	
630	0.0287	0.0489	0.0777	0.182	0.159	



FLEXIBLE CABLES 0.6/1 kV - FIRESTOP FS110

Physical & electrical characteristics

Current carrying capacity (a)									
		Unenclosed		Enclosed	ι	Jnderground duct	s		
Nominal C.S.A. mm ²	Spaced A	Spaced from surface A	Touching A	metallic wiring enclosure in air A	One duct A	Two duct A	Three duct A		
		Two (2)	Single Core Fires	top Flexible Cables	FS110				
25	178	170	139	133	143	163	-		
35	221	210	172	167	176	195	-		
50	279	263	218	207	215	236	-		
70	351	329	273	263	266	288	-		
95	422	395	329	312	312	352	-		
120	500	466	390	364	359	400	-		
150	577	536	450	426	414	448	-		
185	660	611	516	481	464	517	-		
240	794	732	621	583	548	600	-		
300	916	841	716	-	631	694	-		
400	1105	1006	860	-	734	790	-		
500	1290	1164	999	-	855	921	-		
630	1529	1359	1168	-	977	1045	-		
		Three (3) Single Core Fire	stop Flexible Cable	s FS110				
25	173	149	139	121	125	-	148		
35	214	184	172	148	151	-	176		
50	270	233	217	190	188	-	212		
70	340	292	273	234	229	-	259		
95	410	353	329	277	268	-	315		
120	487	418	390	331	316	-	357		
150	562	482	450	378	357	-	400		
185	644	553	516	438	404	-	461		
240	775	665	620	538	481	-	533		
300	895	766	714	612	542	-	617		
400	1079	918	855	757	648	-	700		
500	1260	1064	990	864	729	-	815		
630	1493	1240	1154	993	828	-	920		

(a) Based on 90°C conductor temperature, 40°C ambient air temperature and where applicable, burial depth of 0.5m, soil temperature of 25°C and soil thermal resistivity of 1.2°C.m/W. Refer to AS/NZS 3008.1 for other installation conditions.





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Technical information

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Conductor				Three phas	e voltage dro	op (Vc) at 50h	z, mV/A.m			
size		1 F		0	Lonductor te	mperature °C /-	0	1.	10	
mm²	Max	+5 0.9 m f	Max	U	Max	5 09 m f	Max	0.0 m f	Max	
0.5	Max.	υ.ο μ.ι.	Max.	υ.ο μ.ι.	Max.	υ.ο μ.ι.	MdX.	υ.ο μ.ι.	Max.	υ.ο μ.ι.
0.5	/4.2	-	571	-	54.9	-	574	-	51.4 61.0	-
1	371		39.1		J4.0 /11		/31		/5 7	
15	25.3		26.7		78.0		79.4		31.7	
7.5	15.7		16.0		16.8		17.6		18.7	
1	9.42		9 97		10.0		10.9		11.6	
5	5.72		5.52		6.95		7 29		7.74	
10	3.64	_	3.83	_	4 03	-	4.77	-	4 4 8	
16	2 31		2 / 3		2.55		7.52		7.84	
25	150		1 57		1.55		1 73		1.8/	
35	1.50		1.57		1.05		1.75		1.04	
50	0.754		0.797		0.831		0.869		0.971	
70	0.543		0.752		0.651		0.805		0.521	
95	0.425		0.505		0.550		0.022		0.000	
120	0.344		0.358		0.373		0.388		0.303	
150	0.291		0.550		0.373		0.300		0.400	
185	0.251		0.362		0.515		0.525		0.293	
240	0.234	0 214	0.205	በ 221	0.272	0 227	0.200	0 233	0.233	በ 242
300	0.215	0.214	1.098	0.221	0.227	0.227	0.255	0.205	0.242	0.242
400	0.175	0.156	0 178	0.155	0.205	0.200	0.207	0.205	0.213	0.212
500	0.164	0.151	0.165	0.154	0.167	0.157	0.169	0.160	0.107	0.164
630	0.154	0.137	0.155	0.134	0.156	0.137	0.157	0.100	0.172	0.104
000	0.154	0.157	0.155	0.155	0.150	0.141	0.157	0.145	0.155	0.140

Voltage drop

Note: These Vc values apply to a balanced three phase circuit in which no current flows in the neutral conductor. To determine the singe phase Vc the current in the neutral conductor needs to be considered by multiplying the three phase value $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ = 1.155. Ref: AS/NZS 3008.1.1

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Technical information

		Cable selection – S	Safe working force						
Cables subjected to straight tension without significant bending or flexing - Safety factor 4:1									
Nominal conductor area mm ²	Single core kN	Two core kN	Three core kN	Four core kN	More than four cores kN				
0.5	0.015	0.030	0.045	0.060	0.015 x N				
0.75	0.023	0.045	0.068	0.090	0.023 x N				
1.0	0.030	0.060	0.090	0.12	0.030 x N				
1.5	0.045	0.090	0.14	0.18	0.045 x N				
2.5	0.075	0.15	0.23	0.30	0.075 x N				
4	0.12	0.24	0.36	0.48	0.12 x N				
6	0.18	0.36	0.54	0.72	0.18 x N				
10	0.30	0.60	0.90	1.2	0.30 x N				
16	0.48	0.96	1.4	1.9	0.48 x N				
25	0.75	1.5	2.3	3.0	0.75 x N				
35	1.1	2.1	3.2	4.2	1.1 x N				
50	1.5	3.0	4.5	6.0	1.5 x N				
70	2.1	4.2	6.3	8.4	2.1 × N				
95	2.9	5.7	8.6	11	2.9 x N				
120	3.6	7.2	11	14	3.6 x N				
150	4.5	9	14	18	4.5 x N				
185	5.6	11	17	22	-				
240	7.2	14	22	-	-				
300	9	18	-	-	-				

*Where N equals the number of cores of the same size.

Cable Selection – 3-phase formulae

Desired data	Single phase	Three phase
When kVA is known	KVA * 1000 Eo	<u>kVA * 1000</u> √3*E
When kW is known	kW * 1000 (Eo*pf)	kW * 1000 √3*E*pf
When hp is known	<u>hp * 746/</u> (Eo*pf)	<u>hp*746/</u> √3*E*pf
kVA	<u>I * Eo</u> 1000	<u>I*E*√3</u> 1000
kW	<u>I * Eo * pf</u> 1000	<u>I*E*√3*pf</u> 1000
hp	<u>I * Eo * pf</u> 746	<u>I*E*√3*pf</u> 746

Table lists formulae commonly used for determining various parameters of an electrical system. Where:

ere.

- Eo = Single phase voltage, in volts. E.g. 240V
- E = Three phase line voltage, in volts. E.g. 415V (E = $\sqrt{3}$ x Eo) I = Current in amperes
- %Eff = Percent efficiency in decimals (varies from 85 % for small motors to 90 % and over in large motors)
- pf = Power factor in decimals
- kVA = Kilovolt-ampere
- hp = Horsepower

kW = Kilowatts

- Power Output = Power Input x %Eff
- √3 = 1.732

General information

Cable selection

The following are some simplified procedures for cable selection. Refer to the Wiring Rules and AS/NZS 3008.1.1 for detailed information.

The four main electrical criteria for cable selection are:

- 1. Current rating
- 2. Voltage drop
- 3. Earth loop impedance
- 4. Short-circuit capacity

Generally speaking, for:

Short route length, current-carrying capacity requirement will dictate the cable size selection.

Long route length, voltage drop or earth loop impedance requirement will dictate the cable size selection.

The short-circuit capacity of a cable shall be such that all short-circuit current occurring at any point of a circuit shall not cause the cable conductor temperature to exceed the maximum permissible limit.

Current rating

Current rating of a cable depends on:

- 1. Installation method, e.g., In air or ground, enclosed or unenclosed, etc.
- Installation environment, e.g., ambient temperature, depth of laying, presence of other cables or circuits nearby, etc.
- Limiting temperatures of the cables for normal use, e.g., PVC and XLPE insulated cables are 75 °C and 90 °C respectively.
- Type of overcurrent protective device used, appropriate derating factor:
 - 0.8 for semi-enclosed (rewireable) fuses
 - 0.9 for fuses, e.g. AS 2005 series fuses, with I_2 = 1.6 x I_N
 - No derating is required for circuit breakers, e.g. AS/NZS
 - 4898 circuit breakers, with $I_2 = 1.45 \times I_N$

Where:

 I_2 = convertional overcurrent fusing or tripping current. I_N = nominal current of the fuse or circuit breaker.

Current ratings in this technical manual are extracted from AS/NZS 3008.1.1

Voltage drop

Wiring Rules stipulate a maximum voltage drop of 5% of the nominal voltage between the point of supply and any point in the installation when the conductors are carrying maximum demand.

Voltage drops in this technical manual are based on:

- Maximum conductor temperatures of 75 °C, 90 °C and 110 °C as indicated.
- 2. Load power factor to give maximum voltage drop.
- 3. Single core cables are touching in trefoil or flat formation.
- 4. Supply frequency of 50Hz.

An Equation to determine minimum required cable size due to voltage drop is:

Vc = Vd x 1000/I x L millivolts/ampere metre

Where:

- Vc = Millivolts drop/ampere metre as given in the tables
- Vd = Maximum permissible voltage drop in volts
- I = Current in Amperes
- L = Route length in metres

A Cable can now be selected such that Vc is equal to or less than calculated, and check that it will carry the current

Earth loop impedance and short circuit capacity

When relevant information on calculating these values is required please consult the Prysmian "Technical Cable Guide".



Glossary of terms

Ambient temperature for current - carrying capacity:	The temperature of the medium in the immediate neighbourhood of the installed cable: 1. including any increase in temperature due to materials or equipment to which the cables are connected, or are to be connected; but 2. excluding any increase in temperature which may be due to the heat arising from the cables at that point.
AS/NZS 1125:	Conductors in insulated electric cables and flexible cords.
AS/NZS 1995:	Welding Cables
AS/NZS 3000:	Australian/New Zealand Wiring Rules
AS/NZS 3008.1.1:	Australian/New Zealand Standard - Electrical installations - Selection of cables Part 1.1: Cables for alternating voltages up to and including 0.6/1kV - Typical Australian installation conditions
AS/NZS 3191:	Electric flexible cords
AS 3147:	Superseded by AS/NZS 5000
AS/NZS 3198:	Superseded by AS/NZS 5000
AS/NZS 5000:	Australian/New Zealand Standard
	 Polymeric insulated Part 1: For working voltages up to and including 0.6/1kV Part 2: For working voltages up to and including 450/750V
Bending radius, installed:	Refers to minimum bending radius to which the cable can be subjected to in its final position or location.
Bending radius, installing:	Refers to minimum bending radius to which the cable can be subjected to during the installation process.
Conductor:	That portion of a cable which has specific function of carrying current.
Cu:	Copper conductor, usually refers to plain annealed copper.
Elastomer:	Synthetic Rubber Thermosetting Polymer
LV:	Low voltage: • A.C. = 50V and = 1000V; • D.C. = >120V and =1500V
Overcurrent:	A current exceeding the rated value.
PACW:	Plain annealed copper wire.
PE:	Polyethylene (see thermoplastic material)
Point of Supply:	The junction of the electricity distributor's conductors with the consumers mains (formerly known as consumer terminals).
PVC:	Polyvinyl Chloride
R-EP-90:	A cross-linked compound based on ethylene propylene copolymer or terpolymer, suitable for a maximum continuous operating temperature of 90°C.
Short-circuit current:	A fault current resulting from a fault of negligible impedance between live conductors having a difference in potential under normal operating conditions.
TACW:	Tinned annealed copper wire
TCu:	Tinned copper conductor
Thermoplastic material:	A material that can be readily softened and re softened by repeated heating e.g. PVC and PE.
Thermosetting material:	A material which cures by chemical reaction and when cured, or crosslinked, cannot be melted and reshaped e.g. XLPE.
XLPE:	Cross linked polyethylene. For LV application, usually refers to X-90 grade (see thermosetting material).

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