



HEAT TRACE DESIGN GUIDE



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CHROMALOX CABLE SELECTION

1. Select Heating Cable Family: Based on the maximum maintenance temperature rating, maximum exposure temperature rating, and area classification, select the heating cable family from **Table 3**. (See Chromalox Heat Trace Cable Product Information Sheets for cable construction options, voltage ratings, and wattage outputs available.)

2. Select Thermal Output Rating:

- (a) For Metal Pipes – Use Figures 1, 2 or 4
- (b) For Plastic Pipes – Use Figure 3 by finding the intersection of the calculated heat loss, Q_f , and pipe maintenance temperature, T_m . Select the cable with a thermal output that equals or exceeds Q_f at T_m .

Table 3 Heating Cable Families

Heating Cable Family	Area Classification	Pipe Material	Maximum Maintenance Temperature	Maximum Exposure Temperature (Power Off)	Approvals	
					U.S.	Other
SRL (Self-Regulating Low Temperature)	Ordinary	Plastic/Metal	150°F / 65°C	185°F / 85°C	UL, CSA, FM	GOST, Cenelec, CE, ATEX
	Class I, Div.2, Gr. B, C, D				CSA, FM, (Gr. A, CSA Only)	GOST, Cenelec, CE, ATEX
	Class II, Div.2, Gr. E, F, G				CSA, FM, (Gr. A, CSA Only)	GOST, Cenelec, CE
	Class III, Div.2				FM Only	GOST, Cenelec, CE, ATEX
SRM/E (Self-Regulating Medium Temperature)	Ordinary	Metal Only	302°F / 150°C	420°F / 215°C	UL, CSA, FM	GOST, Cenelec, CE, ATEX
	Class I, Div.2, Gr. A, B, C, D				CSA, FM, (Gr. A, CSA Only)	GOST, Cenelec, CE, ATEX
	Class II, Div.2, Gr. F, G				CSA Only	GOST, Cenelec, CE, ATEX
	Class III					
SRP (Self-Regulating Medium Temperature)	Ordinary	Metal Only	225°F / 110°C	275°F / 135°C	UL, CSA, FM Pending	GOST, Cenelec, CE, ATEX Pending
	Class I, Div.2, Gr. B, C, D					
	Class II, Div.2, Gr. F, G					
	Class III					
HSRL (H-Self-Regulating Low Temperature)	Class I, Div.1, Gr. B, C, D	Plastic/Metal	150°F / 65°C	185°F / 85°C	CSA, FM	
	Class II, Div.1, Gr. E, F, G				CSA, FM	
	Class III, Div.1				CSA, FM	
HSRM (H-Self-Regulating Medium Temperature)	Class I, Div.1, Gr. B, C, D	Metal Only	302°F / 150°C	420°F / 215°C	CSA, FM	
	Class II, Div.1, Gr. E, F, G				CSA, FM	
	Class III, Div.1				CSA, FM	
CWM (Constant Wattage)	Ordinary	Metal Only	Consult Factory	392°F / 200°C	UL, CSA	
MI (Mineral Insulated)	Hazardous Area, Consult Factory	Metal Only	Consult Factory	1,100°F / 595°C	CSA, FM	
	Ordinary				CSA, FM	
	Class I, Div.2, Gr. B, C, D				CSA, FM	
	Class II, Div.2, Gr. E, F, G				CSA, FM	
	Class III				CSA, FM	

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the facility manager or engineer to determine the classification of an area where heat trace will be installed. The factory can help determine a suitable cable based on the information provided.

Figure 1 SRL & HSRL – Thermal Output Ratings on Insulated Metal Pipe

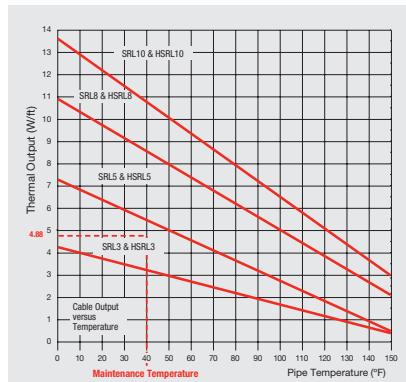
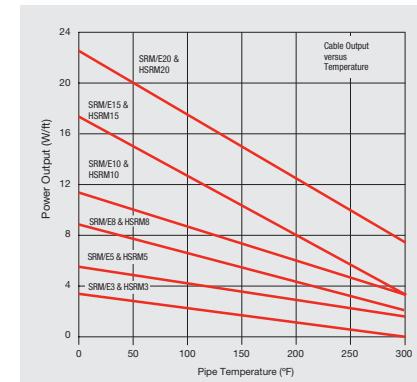


Figure 2 SRM/E & HSRM – Thermal Output Ratings on Insulated Metal Pipe



3. Determine Total Cable Length: In addition to pipe length, in-line components such as valves, flanges, and pipe supports require additional heat tracing to maintain T_m . See **Table 4**. Calculate the total cable length required by combining the pipe length with the additional lengths needed for all the other components.

Table 4 Additional Cable Lengths Required for In-Line Components Based on Pipe IPS (Iron Pipe Size)

Piping Size	Gate Valve	Globe Valve	Ball Valve	Butterfly Valve	Shoe Support	Hanger Support	Sleeper Support	Flange Pair
1/2 in.	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.30
5/8 in.	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	0.30
1 in.	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	0.30
1 1/2 in.	2.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.30
2 in.	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.30
2 1/2 in.	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.30
3 in.	3.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.50
4 in.	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.50
6 in.	5.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.80
8 in.	7.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.80
10 in.	8.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.80
12 in.	9.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.80
14 in.	10.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00
16 in.	11.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.00
18 in.	12.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.00
20 in.	13.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.00
22 in.	13.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.00
24 in.	15.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	1.00

Figure 3 SRL & HSRL – Thermal Output Ratings on Plastic Pipe with Aluminum Tape

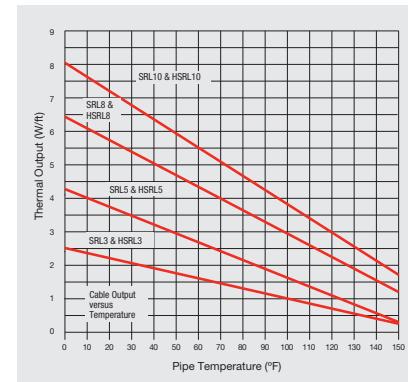
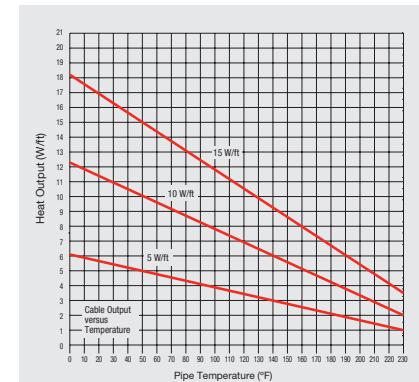
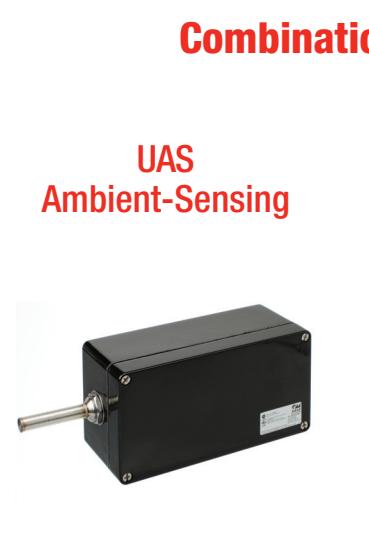
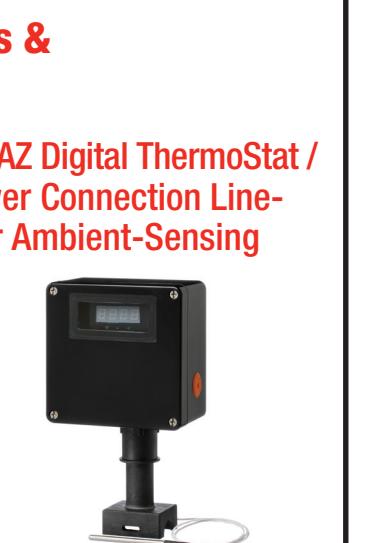


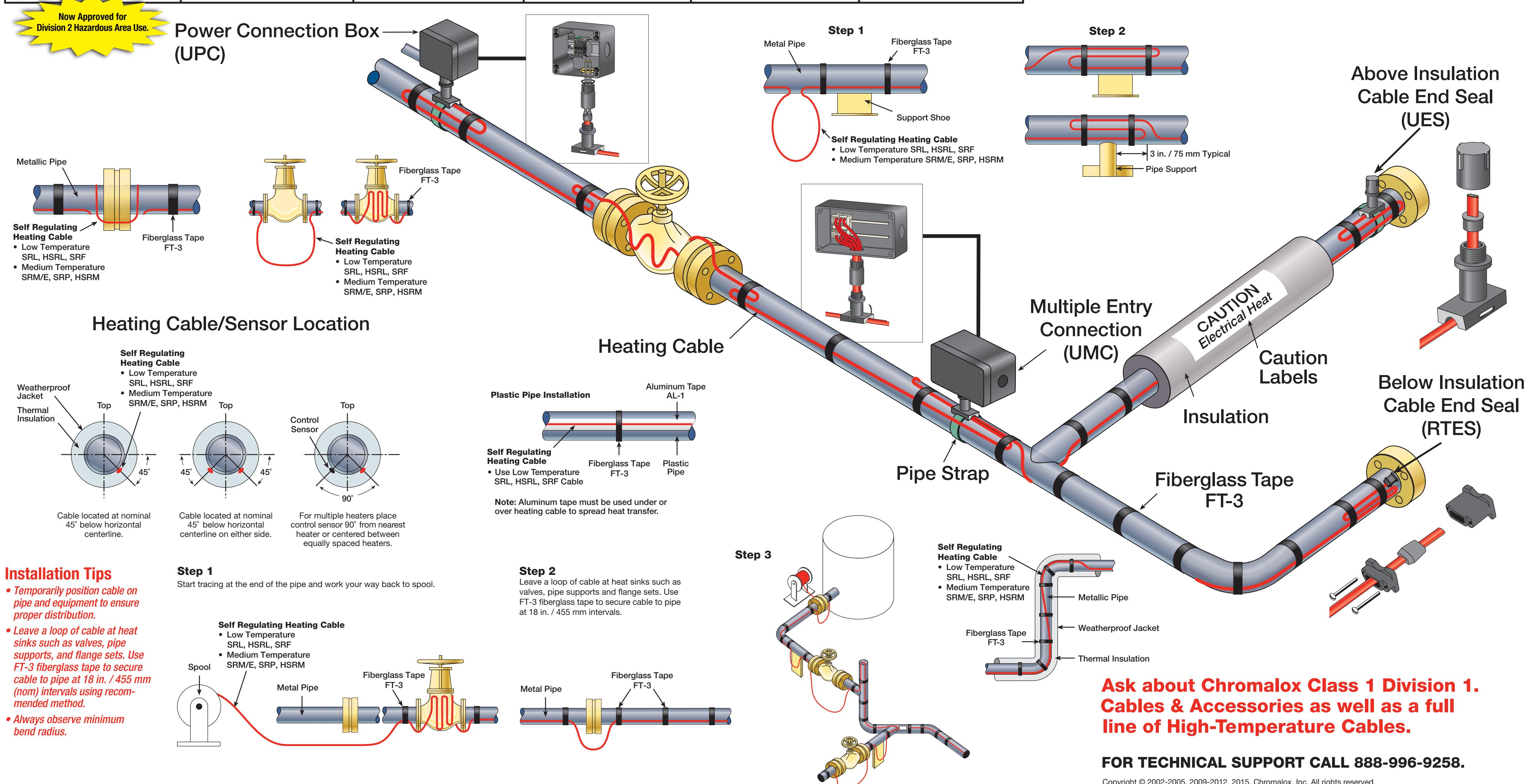
Figure 4 SRP – Thermal Output Ratings on Insulated Metal Pipe



Electric Heat Trace Quick Install Guide

Quick Install Guide is a specification tool only. Always refer to proper installation instructions when installing heat trace cable.

CONTROL SYSTEMS					
IntelliTrace	WeatherTrace	ITC Controller	Combination Single Point Temperature Controls & Power Connection Boxes		
					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 72 Loops at 40 A/circuit Full monitoring, powerful sensor mapping, Modbus RS485 or Ethernet communications & supervisory control Extremely intuitive programming via large touch screen HMI, ordinary or hazardous (Division 2) areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 40 loops Pre-wired and assembled monitoring and distribution (saves time on installation) Includes the Sentinel monitoring system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or 2 circuits, 40 A/circuit, SSR control Full monitoring, RS485 or Ethernet communications, up to 2 RTD inputs/circuit, soft start, alarms Bright display & easy to program, only 8x10x8 in./203x254x203 mm, Division 2 hazardous area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0° to 225°F / 0° to 107°C temperature rating 120 to 480 Vac, 22 A switching capability Freeze protection applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0° to 400°F / 0° to 205°C set points 120 to 277 Vac, 22 A switching capability Programmable with soft start, alarm contact, Class I, Division 2 & ATEX Applications: freeze protection/process temperature maintenance 	
 Now Approved for Division 2 Hazardous Area Use.					



Installation Tips

- Do not twist buss wires together at end of circuit
- Insulate all conductive parts
- Seal all electrical connections against moisture
- Seal ends of exposed cable during installation
- Do not expose cables to temperatures above their maximum ratings
- Install cable with aluminum tape for use on plastic pipes
- Locate ambient temperature sensors in coldest expected area
- Locate pipe temperature sensors at lowest expected line temperature
- Use sufficient cable to trace additional heat sinks
- Install cable so that valves can be removed without removing cable



SRL Cable

- 150°F / 65°C Maximum Maintenance
- 185°F / 85°C Maximum Exposure
- 3 to 10 W/ft / 10 to 33 W/m
- 16 AWG with Optional TPE or Fluoropolymer Jacket



SRP Cable

- 225°F / 110°C Maintenance Temperature
- 275°F / 135°C Maximum Exposure Temperature
- 5 to 15 W/ft / 16 to 49 W/m
- 16 AWG with Optional Fluoropolymer Jacket



SRM Cable

- 302°F / 150°C Maximum Maintenance
- 420°F / 215°C Maximum Exposure
- 5 to 20 W/ft / 16 to 66 W/m
- 16 AWG with Optional Fluoropolymer Jacket

Important Safeguards

Mechanical Inspection

- Inspect all insulation and weatherproofing
- Inspect all junction box, connection box, and sensor connections
- Verify all circuits have been properly grounded
- Verify all circuits are connected in proper panel locations
- Verify proper circuit breakers are in place (always use 30 mA trip GFI-type breakers)
- Verify all circuit lengths are within manufacturer's specified limits
- Verify all proper safety warnings are in place
- Verify all end seal, splice/tee locations are marked on lagging

Electrical Tests

- Insulation Resistance (Megger)
 - ✓ Before tracing pipes
 - ✓ After installing terminations
 - ✓ Before insulating pipes
 - ✓ After insulating pipes
 - ✓ Before energizing system
- Circuit Voltage
- Initial Current
 - ✓ Note ambient temp and pipe temp
- Stabilized Current (15 minutes of operation)
 - ✓ Note ambient temp and pipe temp
- Always use ground fault circuit breakers (30 mA trip level)

Tools Needed

- Wire Cutters/Strippers
- Megger
- Phillips Head Screwdriver
- Standard Screwdriver
- Voltmeter
- Utility Knife
- Hammer