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# L 1 – TRACER WIRE (SOLID COPPER):

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### **SPECIFICATION:**

Tracer wire shall meet or exceed the performance specifications of:

- Manufactured for the purpose of direct burial power applications in accordance with the National Electric Code.
- Conductor shall be soft drawn bare copper meeting the requirements of ASTM Standard Specification B-3.
- Shall be a minimum gauge size 10.
- · Conductor shall be solid strand.
- Insulation shall be polyvinylchloride (PVC) or low density, high molecular weight polyethylene for applications of up to 600 volts.
- Insulation shall be color coded per type service.
- Shall be constructed in accordance with Underwriter Laboratories, Inc.
- Thermoplastic Heat and Water resistant Nylon coated (THWN).



Blue: Potable water

• Green: Sanitary sewer/ force main





## **MANUFACTURER:**

OPEN

## **RESTRICTIONS:**

For use in mains and service lines installed by open cut.



# L 1.1 - TRACER WIRE (COPPER CLAD STEEL):

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### **SPECIFICATION:**

Tracer wire (Copper-Clad Steel Wire) shall meet or exceed the performance specifications of:

- Conductor shall be copper-clad steel wire composed of a steel core with a uniform and continuous copper cladding thoroughly bonded to the steel throughout.
- Cladding: The steel and copper Interface must have a metallurgical bond achieved through a high heat and pressure bonding process. Established process for porosity-free material.
- Steel: Extra high strength with 0.54 carbon or greater. Verified to meet required mechanical properties.
- Copper: UNS-C10200; of copper according to ASTM B-170 (latest revision). High conductivity, oxygen free copper to achieve optimal signal performance.
- Shall be a minimum gauge size 12AWG (.0808" diameter).
- Shall have an average tensile break load of 1100 lbs.
- · Conductor shall be solid strand.
- Surface Condition; Shall be free of any defects, including flakes, grooves, pits, and voids. Wire shall be smooth, bright and shiny, and free of excessive copper dust and residual drawing lubricants.
- Insulation shall be color coded per type service.

### **INSULATION & THICKNESS REQUIREMENTS:**

- Insulation shall be high molecular weight-high density polyethylene (HDPE) jacket complying with ASTM-D1248, 30-volt rating.
- 30 mil insulation for 2" to 8" pipe Installed by directional drill and all sizes installed by open cut.
- 45 mil insulation for 10" and larger pipe and all subaqueous pipe installed by directional drill.

### **COLOR-CODED:**

- Blue: Potable water
- · Green: Sanitary sewer/ force main

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

- Required on pipe installed by horizontal directional drill or pneumatic installation.
- Shall not be used in open cut installations.



### MANUFACTURER:

- Copperhead Industries LLC. 1245X EHS
- OPEN



# L 2 - DIRECT BURY SPLICE KITS:

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## SPECIFICATION:

Direct bury water proof wire connectors shall meet or exceed the performance specifications of:

- UL Standards 486D, direct bury wire splices.
- Shall be compatible with THWN insulation thickness and AWG solid strand copper wiring.
- Shall use a silicone insulating gel sealant.

## **DESIGN:**

 Shall splice and effectively moisture seal three to four (minimum) # 10 conductors as part of the installation of tracer wire in pipe line construction.



## MANUFACTURER:

3M- DBR-6 DIRECT BURY SPLICE KIT

# **RESTRICTIONS:**

