



## FIBERGLASS CONDUIT ABOVE GROUND SPECIFICATIONS

### I. References

When a standard or other referenced document referred to in this specification is superseded by an approved revision, the revision shall apply.

### II. Listing

The conduit shall be listed by UL, Underwriters Laboratories, to the UL 2515 Above Ground standard. All conduit shipped shall contain UL labels.

### III. Manufacturing

The conduit shall be fiberglass conduit, also known as Reinforced Thermosetting Resin Conduit (RTRC), manufactured using the **single circuit filament winding process**. Multi circuit windings are not allowed. The conduit shall have a winding angle as close as possible to 54.75 degrees. Winding mandrels shall be straight and true so as to produce a non-tapered conduit. Tapering is allowed at the belled end.

The resin system shall be epoxy based, with no fillers, using an anhydride curing agent. The fiberglass shall consist of continuous **E-glass Grade "A" roving**. All additives for increasing flame spread and lowering smoke density shall be halogen free, i.e. not contain chlorine or bromine.

Carbon black shall be used as ultra violet inhibitor to protect the conduit and fittings during storage and exposure to the outdoors. Conduit and elbows shall be black in color.

Curing shall be done using an oven and shall take place in two steps. The first curing zone shall bring the conduit slowly to the gel temperature. The second zone shall post-cure the conduit at no less than 350° F. The pipe has to be properly cured so that when measuring the glass transition temperature with a differential calorimeter the difference between the first measurement and the second shall not exceed 5° F.

The internal conduit and elbow walls shall be smooth and all fibers embedded in the epoxy.

All elbows shall meet the nominal radius + or - 2°. The wall thickness shall meet tolerance as shown below and the "Out of Rounds" as shown in NEMA TC 14.

All elbows shall have either straight ends or deep socket PVC couplings.

All conduits and elbows shall be durably and legibly marked in accordance to NEMA TC 14. In addition the following information shall be included:

NEMA TC 14

UL 2515 AG (Above Ground)

Manufacturer and Reseller (if the conduit was modified or bent other than by the manufacturer)

Date of Manufacturing of conduit and elbows

Elbows shall be marked with the angle and radius

All conduit, elbows and fittings shall be **manufactured in the U.S.A. and marked as such**.



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### IV. Dimensions

Conduit shall be manufactured with following nominal dimensions:

		Outside Diameter (inch)	Inside Diameter (inch)	Wall Thickness (inch)
3/4"	SW	1.050	0.910	.070
1"	SW	1.315	1.175	.070
1-1/4"	SW	1.660	1.520	.070
1-1/2"	SW	1.900	1.760	.070
2"	SW	2.375	2.235	.070
2-1/2"	SW	2.875	2.735	.070
3"	SW	3.500	3.360	.070
3-1/2"	SW	4.000	3.860	.070
4"	SW	4.460	4.320	.070
5"	MW	5.572	5.380	.096
6"	MW	6.627	6.435	.096

Conduit shall be manufactured having **non-tapered sections** (except for integral belled ends).

### V. Electrical Characteristics

Volume Resistivity	$3.8 \times 10^{14}$ ohm-cm	ASTM D257
Surface Resistivity	$1.1 \times 10^{14}$ ohms	ASTM D257
Dielectric Constant	3.5 (at $10^3$ cps)	ASTM D150
Dissipation Factor	0.005 (at $10^3$ cps)	ASTM D150
Dielectric strength	500 volts/mil	ASTM D149

### VI. Mechanical Characteristics

The conduit shall have following mechanical strength when tested in accordance with referenced test method:

Tensile strength, axial	11,000 psi	ASTM D2105
Compressive strength	12,000 psi	ASTM D695
Ultimate elongation	2% psi	ASTM D2105
Modulus of elasticity (4" conduit)	$1.4 \times 10^{+6}$ psi	ASTM D2105
Thermal conductivity	2.0 BTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> )(hr)(°F/in)	ASTM D5930-1



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Specific gravity	1.9	ASTM D792
Glass content	65-75%	API 15LR
Water absorption	1% max	ASTM D570
Barcol Hardness	52-56	ASTM D2583
Coefficient of thermal expansion	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$ in/in/°F	ASTM D696
Impact resistance:		ASTM D2444

Size	3/4" SW	20 ft.lbs.
	1" SW	25 ft.lbs.
	1-1/4" SW	30 ft.lbs.
	1-1/2" SW	35 ft.lbs.
	2" SW	40 ft.lbs.
	2-1/2" SW	55 ft.lbs.
	3" SW	70 ft.lbs.
	3-1/2" SW	80 ft.lbs.
	4" SW	85 ft.lbs.
	5" MW	140 ft.lbs.
	6" MW	160 ft.lbs.

Stiffness at 5% Deflection:		ASTM D2412
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Size	3/4" SW	1,500 lb/in/in
	1" SW	1,200 lb/in/in
	1-1/4" SW	850 lb/in/in
	1-1/2" SW	600 lb/in/in
	2" SW	320 lb/in/in
	2-1/2" SW	200 lb/in/in
	3" SW	140 lb/in/in
	3-1/2" SW	85 lb/in/in
	4" SW	50 lb/in/in
	5" MW	75 lb/in/in
	6" MW	55 lb/in/in

### VII. Quality Assurance Program

Manufacturer shall have a current Certificate, issued by an independent and accredited company, of compliance with an **ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System**.



**VIII. Joining System**

- A. Conduit Subjected to Changes in Ambient Temperature  
The conduit shall be supplied with a bonded coupling or an integral wound bell on one end and a machined spigot on the other end. A two part adhesive, epoxy resin system, designed to permanently bond fittings and joints of conduit shall be properly mixed and applied to the spigot end before joining the conduits together. The adhesive shall be available for use in three different ambient temperatures, 70°F, 40°F and 20°F. The adhesive shall be supplied from the same manufacturer of conduit and fittings in order not to void the listing by UL.
  
- B. Constant Ambient Temperature  
The conduit shall be supplied with a gasketed joining system which can be used for concrete encasement as well as direct burial installations. This gasketed conduit shall consist of a three-ribbed gasket made from water resistant rubber material. The gasket shall be fit into a permanent groove in the belled end of the conduit. Retainer rings etc. are not permitted and shall not be used in order to create the gasket groove.

**IX. Fire Resistance and Flame Spread**

The conduit shall be UL 2515 Above Ground Listed and shall meet the UL specifications for Above Ground use, i.e. the flame shall extinguish within 30 seconds each time after 4 consecutive applications of 15 seconds and shall extinguish within 60 seconds after the 5th flame application also being 15 seconds in duration.

**X. Toxicity**

The conduit shall not contain any compounds that can release halogens, i.e. chlorine, bromine, fluor and iodine in more than trace amounts when burning. Following shall be the maximum values when tested in accordance to ASTM E-800:

<u>Gases</u>	<u>Values (max p.p.m.)</u>
Hydrogen Chloride	0
Hydrogen Bromide	0
Hydrogen Cyanide	< 1
Hydrogen Sulfide	0
Ammonia	0
Aldehydes as HCHO	< 10
Oxides of Nitrogen	< 50
Carbon Dioxide	< 12,500
Carbon Monoxide	< 250



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### **XI. Fittings and Accessories**

Fiberglass conduit fittings, elbows, and accessories shall be manufactured using one of two manufacturing procedures. The first method shall use the same process, methods, and components as used to manufacture the fiberglass conduit. The second method shall use the compression molding process, Sheet Molding Compound (SMC), for the manufacture of the finished component. The SMC material shall be a vinyl ester resin with +30% reinforcement of glass. The glass fibers should be approximately 1" in length. The SMC material shall be fire resistant to UL 2515 specifications and shall be halogen free. Plastic duct plugs shall be manufactured from PVC.

### **XII. Environmental**

Manufacturer shall have a current Certificate, issued by an independent and accredited company, of compliance with an **ISO 14001 : Environmental Management Systems and Performance**.

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# CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that

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operates a

## Quality Management System

which complies with the requirements of

### ISO 9001:2008

for the following scope of registration

**Manufacture of fiberglass conduit and fittings.**

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