

Guidelines for Routing of Digital LHDC

Before installing Linear Heat Detection Cables the following points should be observed:

1. The cable should not be in contact with any material that can act as a heat sink and delay the sensing of temperature increase from the area being monitored.
2. The correct size and type of cable gland must be used on all junction boxes etc.
3. The cable should be installed so that it is not severely compressed and is not in contact with sharp objects that may damage the outer sheath.
4. The minimum bending radius is 50mm.
5. Cable ties shall not be used directly on the cable. The neoprene sleeve must be employed.
6. The LHDC must not be over tensioned between supports especially at changes in direction.
7. The distance between supports shall be between 0.6 and 1.2 metres dependant on fixing positions available.
8. The routing of the LHDC shall be chosen to avoid contact or close proximity with any local sources of heat eg. light fixings, steam pipes etc.
9. Adjacent zones should overlap by a minimum of 600mm.
10. Approved fixing clips and brackets shall be used.

Special Guidelines for Cable Way Protection:

In addition to the recommendations in 1-10 above, the following should also be observed:

1. The LHDC should be installed to cover each cable tray or ladder rack intended for supporting cables.
2. The LHDC should be installed such that it can rapidly respond to heat convected and/or radiated from any source. In general it should be between 150mm and 200mm vertically above the cables that are to be protected.
3. Generally one run of LHDC should be provided centrally above each level of tray or ladder rack with a further run of cable below the bottom level.
4. On short lengths of vertical racking used for carrying cable between horizontals, the LHDC shall be located across the top of the rising group of cables in a similar manner to the horizontal racks/trays.

Special Guidelines for Space Protection on Ceilings:

In addition to the recommendations in 1-10 above, the following should also be observed:

1. The LHDC should in general be spaced on the ceiling above the area to be monitored such that in accordance with BS5839 Part 1, the cable is no more than 5.3 metres away from any zone boundary or wall and no more than 10.6 metres between adjacent runs. (Local Standards may vary)
2. The LHDC should not transverse other zones to reach control equipment or end of line units, an interposing cable should be used.
3. The LHDC should be installed such that it is between 25mm and 150mm from the ceiling.

NOTE

The above are general recommendations for guidance only, there may be conditions at site or client requirements where some of the above criteria need to be varied.

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