

- (10) Direct buried, where identified for such use.
- (11) In hazardous (classified) locations where specifically permitted by other articles in this *Code*.
- (12) For service-entrance conductors where identified for such use and marked Type TC-ER.

Informational Note No. 2: See 310.14(A)(3) for temperature limitation of conductors.

**336.12 Uses Not Permitted.** Type TC tray cable shall not be installed or used as follows:

- (1) Installed where it will be exposed to physical damage
- (2) Installed outside a raceway or cable tray system, except as permitted in 336.10(4), 336.10(7), 336.10(9), and 336.10(10)
- (3) Used where exposed to direct rays of the sun, unless identified as sunlight resistant

**336.24 Bending Radius.** Bends in Type TC cable shall be made so as not to damage the cable. For Type TC cable without metal shielding, the minimum bending radius shall be as follows:

- (1) Four times the overall diameter for cables 25 mm (1 in.) or less in diameter
- (2) Five times the overall diameter for cables larger than 25 mm (1 in.) but not more than 50 mm (2 in.) in diameter
- (3) Six times the overall diameter for cables larger than 50 mm (2 in.) in diameter

Type TC cables with metallic shielding shall have a minimum bending radius of not less than 12 times the cable overall diameter.

**336.80 Ampacity.** The ampacity of Type TC tray cable shall be determined in accordance with 392.80(A) for 14 AWG and larger conductors, in accordance with 402.5 for 18 AWG through 16 AWG conductors where installed in cable trays, and in accordance with 310.14 where installed outside of cable trays, where permitted.

### Part III. Construction Specifications

**336.100 Construction.** A metallic sheath or armor as defined in 330.116 shall not be permitted either under or over the nonmetallic jacket. Metallic shield(s) shall be permitted over groups of conductors, under the outer jacket, or both.

**336.104 Conductors.** For ungrounded, grounded, and equipment grounding conductors, the conductor sizes shall be 14 AWG through 1000 kcmil copper, nickel, or nickel-coated copper and 12 AWG through 1000 kcmil aluminum or copper-clad aluminum. Insulation types shall be one of the types listed in Table 310.4(1) or Table 310.4(2) that is suitable for branch circuit and feeder circuits or one that is identified for such use.

For control and signal conductors, the minimum conductor sizes shall be 18 AWG copper, nickel, or nickel-coated copper, 14 AWG copper-clad aluminum, and 12 AWG aluminum.

**(A) Fire Alarm Systems.** Where used for fire alarm systems, conductors shall also be in accordance with 760.49.

**(B) Thermocouple Circuits.** Conductors in Type TC cable used for thermocouple circuits in accordance with Part III of Article 724 shall also be permitted to be any of the materials used for thermocouple extension wire.

**(C) Class 1 Circuit Conductors.** Insulated conductors of 18 AWG and 16 AWG copper shall also be in accordance with 724.49.

**336.116 Jacket.** The outer jacket shall be a flame-retardant, nonmetallic material.

**336.120 Marking.** There shall be no voltage marking on a Type TC cable employing thermocouple extension wire.

**336.130 Hazardous (Classified) Location Cable.** Cable listed and marked Type TC-ER-HL shall comply with the following:

- (1) The overall nonmetallic jacket shall be suitable for the environment.
- (2) The overall cable construction shall be essentially circular in cross-section.
- (3) The overall nonmetallic jacket shall be continuous and gas/vapor tight.
- (4) For construction greater than 25.4 mm (1 in.) in diameter, the following shall apply:
  - a. The equipment grounding conductor shall be bare.
  - b. A metallic shield shall be included over all conductors under the outer jacket.

#### ARTICLE

### 337

## Type P Cable

### Part I. General

**337.1 Scope.** This article covers the use, installation, and construction specifications for up through 2000 volt Type P cable. (armored and unarmored).

**337.6 Listing Requirements.** Type P cables and associated fittings shall be listed.

### Part II. Installation

**337.10 Uses Permitted.** Type P cable shall be permitted to be used:



- (1) Under engineering supervision in industrial installations where conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that only qualified persons monitor and service the system.
- (2) In hazardous (classified) locations where specifically permitted by other articles in this *Code*.

**337.12 Uses Not Permitted.** Type P cable shall not be installed or used:

- (1) Where it will be exposed to physical damage
- (2) Where not specifically permitted by other articles in the *Code*

**337.24 Bending Radius.** The minimum bending radii during installations and handling in service shall be adequate to prevent damage to the cable.

**337.30 Securing and Supporting.** Type P cable shall be supported and secured by cable ties listed and identified for securement and support; straps, hangers, or similar fittings; or other approved means designed and installed so as not to damage the cable.

**337.31 Single Conductors.** Where single-conductor cables are used, the installation shall comply with 300.20.

**337.80 Ampacity.** The ampacity of Type P cable shall be determined in accordance with 310.14(A) or (B) for 14 AWG and larger conductors. For 18 AWG and 16 AWG conductors, the ampacities shall be determined in accordance with Table 402.5 or 310.14(B). When installed in cable tray, the ampacities shall be permitted to be determined in accordance with 392.80. The installation shall not exceed the temperature ratings of terminations and equipment.

### Part III. Construction Specifications

**337.104 Conductors.** Conductors shall be of tinned copper. Conductors shall employ flexible stranding. The minimum conductor size shall be 18 AWG.

**337.108 Equipment Grounding Conductor.** An equipment grounding conductor complying with 250.122 shall be provided within multiconductor Type P cable.

**337.112 Insulation.** Insulated conductors shall be a thermoset type identified for use in Type P cable. All conductors shall be suitable for wet locations. The minimum wall thickness shall be 0.76 mm (30 mils).

**337.114 Shield.** Metallic shield(s) shall be permitted over a single conductor or groups of conductors.

**337.115 Jacket.** Multiconductor cables shall have an overall nonmetallic jacket that is impervious to moisture, corrosion resistant, and sunlight resistant. When installed external to an enclosure or industrial machinery, single conductor cables shall have an overall nonmetallic jacket that is impervious to moisture, corrosion resistant, and sunlight resistant. Single conductor cables rated 2000 volts with conductor sizes equal to or larger than 4/0 AWG shall be permitted to use an increased insulation thickness in lieu of using a separate cable jacket. When the increased insulation thickness is used, the insulation material shall be sunlight resistant.

**337.116 Armor.** Armor shall be permitted over the jacket. If provided, the armor or metallic covering shall be a braided basket weave type consisting of wire laid closely together, flat and parallel, and forming a basket weave that shall firmly grip the cable. The wire shall be commercial bronze, tinned copper, stainless steel, or aluminum. The armor shall not be used as a current-carrying conductor or as an equipment grounding conductor. A nonmetallic jacket that conforms to 337.115 shall be provided over the armor.

**337.120 Marking.** Type P cable shall be marked in accordance with 310.8. When an armor is provided, the cable shall be marked accordingly.

#### ARTICLE

### 338

## Service-Entrance Cable: Types SE and USE

### Part I. General

**338.1 Scope.** This article covers the use, installation, and construction specifications of service-entrance cable.

According to the *UL Guide Information for Electrical Equipment*, category TYLZ cable (service-entrance cable rated 600 volts) is listed in sizes 14 AWG and larger for copper and 12 AWG and larger for aluminum or copper-clad aluminum. Type SE cable contains Types RHW, RHW-2, XHHW, XHHW-2, THWN, and THWN-2 conductors. Type USE cable contains conductors with insulation equivalent to RHW or XHHW. Type USE-2 contains insulation equivalent to RHW-2 or XHHW-2 and is rated 90°C, wet or dry.

The type designation of the conductors may be marked on the cable surface. If used, the marking indicates the temperature rating for the cable corresponding to the temperature rating of the conductors. If this marking does not appear, the temperature rating of the cable is 75°C. The cables are designated as Type SE, Type USE or USE-2, and submersible water pump cable.

**Type SE** — Cable suitable for aboveground installations. Both the insulated conductors and the outer jacket are suitable for use where exposed to sunlight.