

Trace Heating Systems Serving Your Industrial and Domestic Requirements

## **Roof and Gutter De-icing System**

THERMTRACE GUTTERHEAT LITE SELF-REGULA



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Gutters, roofs, and fall pipes are in danger by snowfall and long periods of cold weather. By exposure to the sun the snow melts and then the melted snow runs from the roof into cold gutters and fall pipes. The water freezes as the ambient temperature drops, forming ice layers that will build up and block the flow.

This will result that the gutters break off, or the fall pipes crack, or that unseen problems may occur. In addition to this icecicles may form, break off and cause damages to vehicles, plants or even injure people. Expensive structural damage may occur to outer walls, plaster and roof tiles when the water builds up on these and freezes.

UV resistant self-regulating heating tapes are use in order to prevent this from happening. Due to the characteristics of these tapes the heating output adjusts in accordance to the ambient temperature. In ice water and snow the power output of the cables is maximized. As the snow and ice melts the power output reduces somewhat until the cable has dried. As the temperature raises, the power output will sink gradually further.

Should there be colder positions, such as shaded positions that don't melt or heat up as quickly as others that may have sunlight, these positions of the heating tape will continue to provide more power output. It acts then like a heating circuit within a heating circuit.

HTS may provide the solution for your gutter or roof de-icing needs. The cut-to-length self-regulating heating cables, ThermTrace Gutter Heat Lite (TTGHL) and ThermTrace Gutter Heat (TTGH), are some of the best produced selfregulating heating tapes that are available on the Market. The UV resistance TPE over-jacket protects from the harmful sunlight, providing long years of use.

These heating tapes are safe, reliable, maintenance free and save money through reduced energy consumption. Energy is only expended when it is needed, for example when snow or ice is present. Over-heating does not occur when using selfregulating heating tapes and may even be installed in plastic gutters and fall pipes.

The design may however not be used to keep ice or snow from falling from the roof, but to prevent dams produced by frozen melt water on the roof and to keep ice in the gutters and fall pipes from blocking the flow. It is recommended that snow fences be used on the roof to prevent snow movement.



#### ThermTrace®GutterHeat Lite (TTGHL)

Nominal Voltage: Min.bending radius: Dimensions: Max.exposure temp: 230V 25mm 10,5 x 6,0mm 85°C unpowered 65°C powered -30°C

Min.Installation temp:

Power OutputMax.40 W/m ice water50m25W/m @ 0°C in air90m23W/m @ 5°C on pipe110m

Max. Installation length (16A) 50m 90m

### ThermTrace®GutterHeat (TTGH)

Nominal Voltage:
Min.bending radius:
Dimensions:
Max.exposure temp:
Min.Installation temp:

230V 25mm 11,5 x 5,5mm 85°C unpowered 65°C powered -30°C

Power OutputMax. Installation length (16A)55 W/m ice water35m28W/m @ 0°C in air77m25W/m @10°C on pipe88m

### \* Please note that information of this publication are subject to change without notice!

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# **Engineering and Design**

#### **Gutter and Fall Pipe Design:** Roof Design: Determine the required heating tape length: Determine the required heating tape length: Length of gutter The ThermTrace GutterHeat self-regulating tapes are to be m (2xlength by more than 300mm width.) laid in a zig-zag fashion at least 300mm above the outer building wall level or 100mm above the snow fence, whichever is higher, and extended down to the gutter. This ensures a + Length of fall pipe continuous run off for melted water. m + 1m x each fall pipe General installation length requirements m Roof size in sqm. X multiplications factor = heater length in + 1m per outlet feeding internal gutters m Height over Sea Level **Multiplications factor** m 700 3 + 0,25m for each power connection 1000 4 5 m 1500 6 2000 Over 2000 + 1,0m per splice 7 m + 2,5% allowance for cutting, wastage, etc. m **TOTAL CABLE LENGTH** m Installation Notes: •The double amount of heating tape is necessary by installation above 2000m Sea Level. •The distance between the heating tapes in shed gutters is 120mm. Special requirements are necessary by long fall pipes due to the weight of the heating tape.



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