

SECTION 26 01 20 - CONDUCTORS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 WORK INCLUDED

- A. Conductors; for power, lighting, sound, communication and control, including conductors for general wiring, flexible cords and cables, and ground conductors.

1.2 RELATED WORK SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE

- A. Submittals: Section 260000.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIAL AND FABRICATION

- A. Conductors for General Wiring: Thermoplastic insulated rated for 600V manufactured in accordance with UL 83.
 - 1. Provide 3/4 hard drawn copper conductors. Provide solid conductor for #12 AWG and smaller. Provide stranded conductors for #10 AWG and larger.
- B. Conductor Connectors for General Wiring:
 - 1. Sizes No. 14 to No. 8: Splice with insulated spring wire connectors.
 - a. Ideal No. 451, 455 and 453.
 - b. Minnesota Mining: Types Y, R, G, and B.
 - c. Buchanan No. B1, B2 and B4.
 - 2. Size No. 6 or Larger, Copper: Splice and terminate with compression or pressure type connectors and terminal lugs.
- C. Provide connector sealing packs for all area lighting and exterior box splices which require complete protection from dampness and water.
 - 1. Scotchlok No.'s 3576, 3577 and 3578, by 3M Company.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 USE

- A. Conductors for General Wiring:

1. Minimum 90 degrees C temperature rated insulation on conductors, except use minimum 90 degrees C temperature rated insulation on conductors in conduits exposed on roof, or where required due to ambient temperature.
 2. Stranded conductors at motors and other applications where subject to vibration.
 3. Minimum size conductors for power and lighting #12 AWG, except where noted.
 4. Minimum size conductors for control circuits #14 AWG stranded with THHN/THWN insulation.
- B. Use flexible cords and cables for connection of special equipment as indicated. Length not to exceed 72 inches.
- C. Ground Conductors:
1. Provide an insulated green ground conductor for all branch circuit wiring where indicated.
 2. Bare copper conductor may be used.
 - a. Install ground conductors in all non-metallic conduits as required by code. Install ground conductors in all motor branch circuits and all feeders. Where ground conductor size is not indicated, provide size as required for an equipment ground conductor by the National Electrical Code.
 - b. Install ground conductors in all flexible metal conduits.

3.2 INSPECTION

- A. Check conduit system for damage and loose connections, replace damaged sections.
- B. Check for caps at conduit openings. Make sure that inside of conduit is free of dirt and moisture.
- C. Pull mandrel, one size smaller than the conduit, through entire length of all underground conduits prior to conductor installation.

3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Conductors for General Wiring:
1. Color code conductors insulation as follows:

CONDUCTOR	SYSTEM 208Y/120	VOLTAGE 480Y/277
Phase A	Black	Brown
Phase B	Red	Orange
Phase C	Blue	Yellow

2. For conductors #6 AWG or larger, permanent plastic colored tape may be used to mark conductor in lieu of coded insulation. Tape shall cover not less than 2 inches of conductor insulation within enclosure.
 - a. Provide color tape on each end and at all terminal points and splices on wire enclosed in conduit.
 - b. Provide color tape every 3 feet on wire not enclosed in a listed wireway.
3. When pulling conductors, do not exceed manufacturer's recommended values.
4. Use polypropylene or nylon ropes for pulling conductors.

- B. Insulate splices with plastic electrical tape: Scotch No. 33+, Tomic No. 1T, or equal.
- C. Terminate all control wires with terminal lugs on terminal boards not designed with pressure plates. If splices are needed, use same procedure, installing a terminal board in a junction box for protection.
- D. All splices or connections shall be compression type Thomas & Betts or Burndy, no split bolt connections are allowed.

3.4 IDENTIFICATION

- A. Feeders: Identify with the corresponding circuit designation at over-current device and load ends, at all splices and in pull boxes.
- B. Branch Circuits: Identify with the corresponding circuit designation at the over-current device and at all splices and devices.
- C. Control Wires: Identify with the indicated number and/or letter designation at all terminal points and connections.
- D. Alarm and Detection Wires: Identify with the indicated wire and zone numbers at all connections, terminal points, and coiled conductors within cabinets.
- E. Conductors Terminated By Others: Indicate location of opposite end of conductor, i.e., Pull Box-Room 101.
- F. For identification of conductors, use heat shrinkable white marking sleeves such as Brady Permasleeve with type written identification.
- G. Circuit designation is construed to mean panel designation and circuit number, i.e., LA-13.

END OF SECTION 26 01 20