



Heat Cable System Installation Manual



Floor heating system

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Important Safeguards and Warnings

WARNING: Shock and fire hazard

If the Heat Cable System is damaged or not installed properly, fire or shock could occur resulting in serious personal injuries or damage to property. You must carefully follow the warnings and instructions contained in this manual.

- A qualified thermostat must be used.
- It is important that this equipment is installed only by qualified electricians who are familiar with the proper sizing, installation, construction and operation of floor warming system and the hazards involved. The installation must comply with all national and local electrical codes. If you are unfamiliar with these requirements, contact an electrician.
- The heating cable is designed for under floor heating purposes only. Be sure that the floor is not penetrated by nails, screws, or similar devices that can cause damage on first installation or during subsequent floor repairs in the future.
- If the Heat Cable System is damaged, it must be replaced. Do not attempt to splice or repair any part of the system

1 General Information

1.1 Use of the Manual

This manual describes the Heat Cable floor heating system — how to design the room, select the product, and install the system. It is important to thoroughly review this manual and the following document prior to installation.

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1.2 Safety Guidelines

The safety and reliability of any floor heating system depends on proper design, installation, and testing. Incorrect installation or mishandling of the product can cause damage to the heating cable, system components and property, and can create a risk of fire or shock. The guidelines and instructions contained in this guide are important. Follow them carefully to minimize these risks and to ensure that the Heat Cable system performs reliably.

Pay special attention to the following:

- Instructions marked  Important
- Safety warnings identified as  **WARNING**

1.3 Remember to measure resistance

The resistance should be measured between the two conductors, white and black. Compare this resistance reading to the resistance specified in the Product Selection “Table 1 or Table 2”. The value should be within $\pm 10\%$.

Also, measure the resistance between the white, black and shielding/ground wire. Both should read infinity.

Please refer to “5 Commissioning” for instructions on how to measure the resistance.

Important: measure the resistance four times during the installation process

Remember to always measure, verify and record the actual resistance throughout the installation process (out of the box, after installation, after thin set cement or self-leveler application and after installation of floor tiles).

1.4 25-year Limited Warranty

For a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of purchase Dr. Heater warrants that the heating cable is free from defects in material, design and workmanship. The warranty is only valid if the warranty certificate has been properly completed and mailed, and the installation is in accordance with the installation instructions.

2 Heat Cable System

2.1 Specifications

Cable Construction:	Twin conductor
Rated Voltage:	120V,240V
Output:	3.7W/ft ± 10%
Bending radius:	6D
Cable Diameter:	4.6mm
Conductor Insulation:	fluoropolymer
Outer Insulation:	PVC
Max. Ambient Temp.:	85°F (30°C)
Min. Installation Temp.:	40°F (5°C)
Cold lead	2-wire 16 AWG plus ground braid; 10ft (3m) length



Important

- Read the instructions carefully before installing Heat Cable system.
- Remember to measure the resistance four times.
- Do not install Heat Cable in walls or ceilings.
- The cable must be embedded in mortar, thinset, concrete or similar material.
- The minimum installation temperature is 40°F (5°C).
- **The heating cable cannot be cut to length, crossed over itself, or installed too close.**
- It is recommended to use copper wire only.
- Remember to check that the supply voltage matches the voltage of the Heat Cable.
- Remember to place the labels as written in this instruction.
- Only for indoor installation.
- Metal structures or materials used for the support of or on which the Heat Cable is installed must be grounded in accordance with CSA Standard C22.1, section 10 and the NEC.

Please consult the factory for any other questions or advice.

3 Floor Heating Design and Product Selection

3.1 Design the Installation

Step 1: Measure the heated area

Determine the heated area of the floor where there are no permanent fixtures or furniture such as showers, toilets, vanities, or cabinets. Measure the heated area of the floor.

For example, in Figure 3, the area of the bathroom is 96 ft². When you subtract the area of the vanity, shower and toilet, the total heated area is only 74 ft².

Step 2: Determine the power supply voltage

The available supply voltages include 120 V, 208 V or 240 V.



Important

Operating the 240V cable at 208V reduces the power output to approximately 2.25W/ft. (25% reduction)

Step 3: Plan the design

Determine the optimum floor heating Cable layout for your heated area to ensure coverage. Select a spot for the thermostat in the wall above the heated area where it can be reached by the 10-foot cold lead on the Heat Cable, and the 10-foot floor temperature sensor. Please refer to Figure 4.



Important

The predetermined Heat Cable spacing must be maintained to ensure proper floor heating. Do not change the heating cable spacing when you lay out the cable or the floor may have cold spots.

Figure 3: Measure and design the heated area

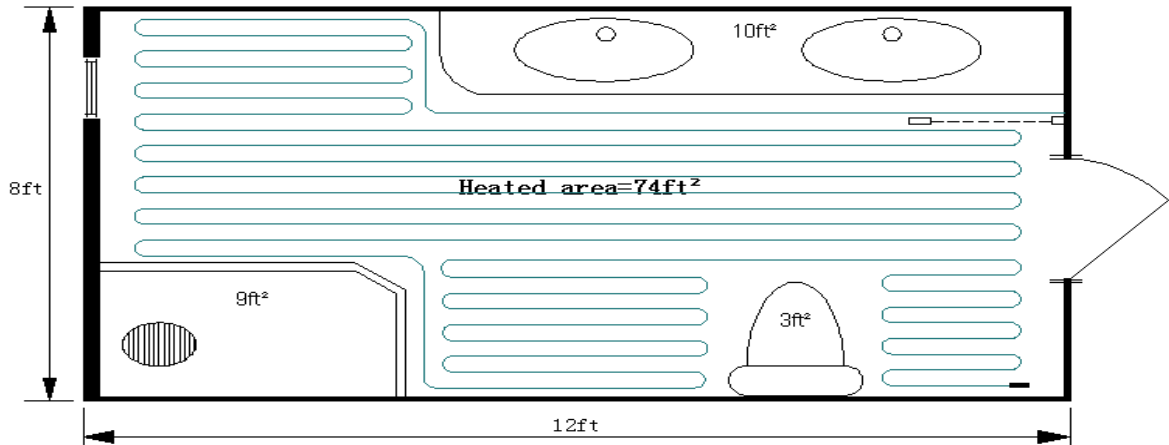
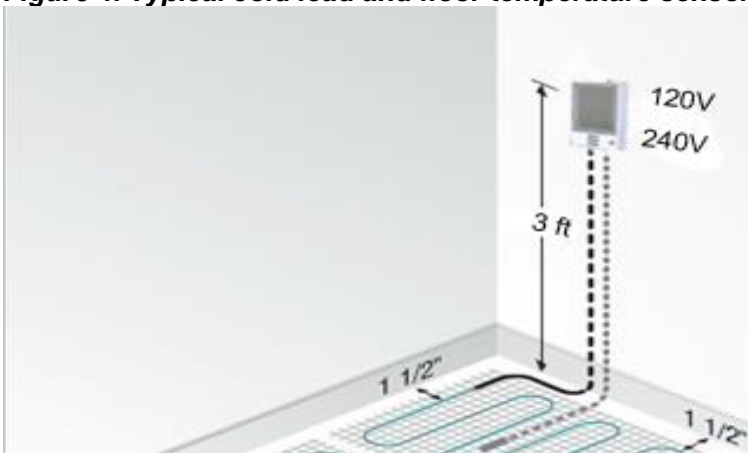


Figure 4: Typical cold lead and floor temperature sensor



3.2 Cable Selection

Select an appropriate length of cable. The cable's standard heating area (see table below) must be smaller than the actual area to be heated. Example: if the area to be heated is 74 ft², select the 70 ft² Heat Cable system.


Table 1: 120V Product Selection

Model No.	Length		Coverage area (sq. Ft.)								Power Output		
			Warmup/Schluter Membrane				PRODESO Membrane						
	ft		Spacing		Spacing		Spacing		Spacing		W	A	O
			Alt.	3.5"	Alt.	4.6"	Alt.	3.75"	Alt.	5"			
			2&3 slots	3 slots	3&4 slots	4 slots	2&3 slots	3 slots	3&4 slots	4 slots			
DR-9FH110	33	10	8	10	11	13	9	10	12	14	120	1	120
DR-9FH120	66	20	16	19	23	26	17	21	24	28	240	2	60
DR-9FH140	132	40	32	39	46	51	35	42	49	56	480	4	30
DR-9FH150	165	50	41	49	57	64	43	52	61	69	600	5	24
DR-9FH1100	330	101	81	97	114	128	87	104	122	139	1200	10	12
DR-9FH1110	363	111	89	107	125	141	96	115	134	153	1320	11	10.9

Table 2: 240V Product Selection

Model No.	Length		Coverage area (sq. Ft.)								Power Output		
			Warmup/Schluter Membrane				PRODESO Membrane						
	ft		m		Spacing				Spacing				
					Alt. 2&3 slots	3.5" 3 slots	Alt. 3&4 slots	4.6" 4 slots	Alt. 2&3 slots	3.75" 3 slots	Alt. 3&4 slots	5" 4 slots	W
DR-9FH2120	396	121	97	117	137	153	104	125	146	167	1440	6	40
DR-9FH2140	462	141	114	136	159	179	122	146	170	194	1680	7	34.3
DR-9FH2240	792	241	195	233	273	307	208	250	292	333	2880	12	20
DR-9FH2300	990	302	243	292	342	383	260	313	365	417	3600	15	16

4 Installation

 **Important: Tools and materials required**

You will require the following items to install and test the floor heating system:

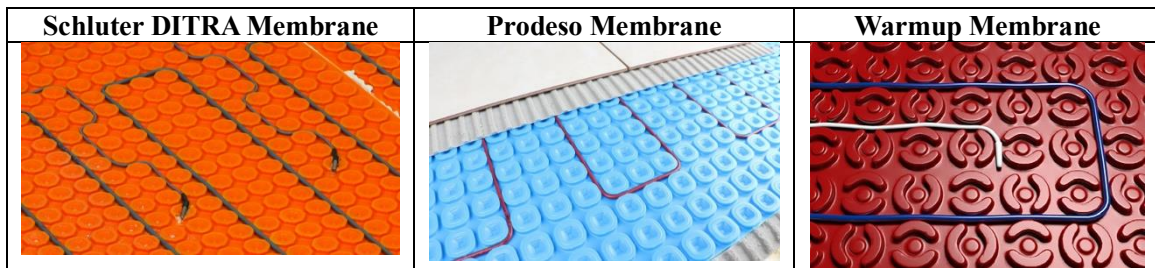
- Scissors
- Utility knife
- Wire strippers
- Nail Plate
- Membrane or Metal strapping
- Tape measure
- Screwdriver
- Multimeter

You will also need the appropriate tools and materials to install your particular floor. These will likely include products like self-leveling mortar, thin-set mortar, backer board, tile, a notched trowel, and any other tools for your specific floor.

Follow these steps to ensure a successful Heat Cable installation.

Install with Membrane:

Use a membrane like Schluter DITRA Membrane, Prodeso Heat Membrane, Warmup DCM membrane or other equivalent membranes.



Step 1: PLAN LAYOUT

Make a sketch layout or a floor plan of the room; include all permanent furnishings such as toilets, bathtubs, appliances, cabinetry, etc. Indicate all dimensions required to determine the available floor area and the position of the Dr. Heater thermostat.



Important

Dr. Heater recommends that the installation is documented with photos to note the location of connections and the sensor.

Step 2: TRANSFER LAYOUT TO FLOOR

Draw an outline of the layout on the room floor including a foot print of all furnishings that are not yet installed.

Step 3: PREPARE SUBFLOOR SURFACE

Clean and vacuum the floor thoroughly and remove dust and debris from the floor that may damage the heating cable. Ensure that the subfloor is secure and stable. Carefully fill in all cracks to prevent any potential damage to the new tiles resulting from shifts in the subfloor.

Step 4: LAYER THE MEMBRANE

Apply a compatible adhesive to the substrate using a suitable trowel. Cut the membrane for suitable size and uncoupling it. Lay the membrane on the adhesive. Press the membrane evenly with a roller or a plastic flat trowel. Check coverage of membrane, in case of partial coverage increase the amount of adhesive or its fluidity. Then lay the next sheet of membrane, making sure to align it with the previous one without overlapping. Align the square reliefs to facilitate the installation of the heating cables.



Warning:

If heavy mechanical loads are foreseen (frequent passages), it is recommended to protect the laid membrane with wooden planks to ensure proper bonding.

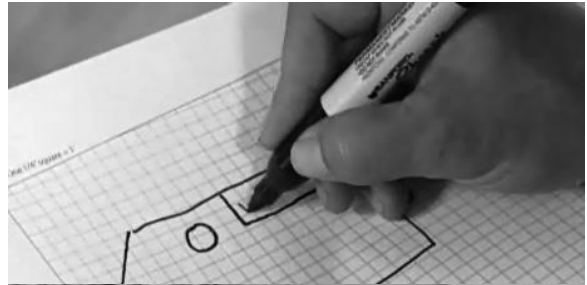
Step 5: MEASURE THE RESISTANCE (THE FIRST TIME)

Use a digital ohm meter to measure the resistance of the Heat Cable and compare it to “Table 1 or Table 2”. Record the measured resistance on the warranty card. Documenting the resistance at each stage of installation is required for warranty purposes. Also, measure the resistance between the white, black and shielding/ground wire. Both should read infinity.

Please refer to “5 Commissioning” for instructions on how to measure the resistance.

Step 6: Start LAYING THE HEAT CABLE

DO NOT RUN THE HEATING CABLES UNDER WALLS, CABINETS, FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES!



Place the cable so that the connection point and the temperature sensor are in their intended positions and bring the power lead cable to the thermostat or connection box.

Begin laying the Heat Cable heating cable on membrane according to the layout developed in Step 1.

DO NOT CUT OR SHORTEN THE HEATING CABLE!

Do not expose it to any mechanical stress. Avoid walking on the heating cable. **Wear only shoes with soft soles.**

Be careful not to damage the cables, particularly during installation.



It is highly recommended to take photographs of the installed Heat Cable before installing the flooring. NEVER exceed 15 watts per square foot. NEVER cross heating cables.

Step 7: LAYING THE SENSOR

Install the floor temperature sensors exactly in the center between two cables and at a distance of at least 2 ft (60cm) from the wall.

Do not cross sensor cables with heating cables.

It is recommended to install a second temperature sensor as a backup in case the primary fails throughout the life of the installation.

Record the exact position of the sensors.



Step 8: MEASURE THE RESISTANCE (THE SECOND TIME)

Please refer to Step 5.

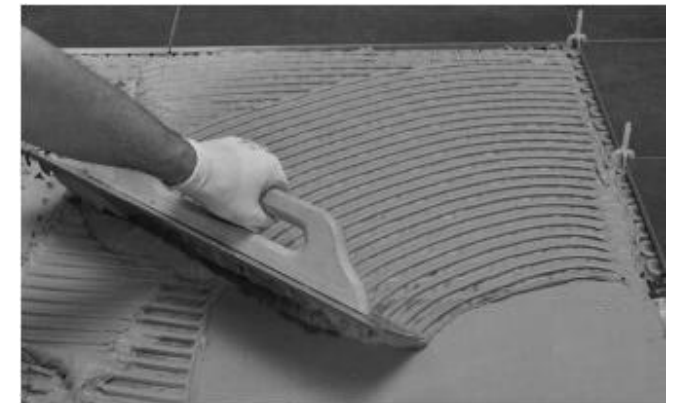
Step 9: Embed the floor heating cable in mortar


For tiling applications, proceed with the installation of the tiles by covering the heating cables with a layer of thinnest cement as directed by the tile manufacturer. Ensure that the thinnest mortar covers the entire heating cable as the tiles are installed.

For engineered wood or laminate floor coverings, it is recommended to consult the flooring manufacturer for maximum temperature allowance (use a thermostat with a floor temperature limiter).

Ensure that all moisture in the self-leveling cement has been fully eliminated in accordance with the drying times recommended by the cement manufacturer (consult the manufacturer for exact drying time).

If using Heat Cable in wet places, waterproofing is necessary.



 **Important**

The system must not be turned on until the thinnest cement has fully dried. A minimum of two weeks is recommended.

Step 10: MEASURE THE RESISTANCE (THE THIRD TIME)

Please refer to Step 5.

Step 11: Install the tile

To install the tile, apply a layer of acrylic or latex modified thin-set using the ridged side of your trowel. Tile and grout the floor using best industry practices and in accordance with instructions provided by the

manufacturer of the tile.

Step 12: CONNECT POWER SUPPLY AND THERMOSTAT

The connection of the power supply and the JH thermostat must be done by a qualified electrician in accordance with the National Electrical Code (NEC) and the Canadian Electrical Code (CEC). The electrician should connect the floor sensor to the thermostat, take the final resistance reading and record it on the warranty card, see Step 13.

Note: You need to mark the appropriate circuit breaker reference label indicating which branch circuit supplies the circuits to those electric space heating cables.

Step 13: MEASURE THE RESISTANCE (THE FOURTH TIME)

Please refer to Step 5.

Step 14: RECORD INFORMATION AND AFFIX LABELS

It is important for the homeowner to mail in the certificate immediately after installing the system (cable and thermostat). Failure to do so could void the manufacturer's warranty. The warranty is subject to the guarantee conditions listed on the warranty certificate.

Keep a copy of the warranty card for your reference.

Step 15: ENJOY THE COMFORT OF Dr. Heater Heat Cable

The Heat Cable heating system is now ready to use. Increase the floor temperature gradually and adjust it until it reaches a comfortable level depending on the type of room and your personal preferences.

5. Resistance Test



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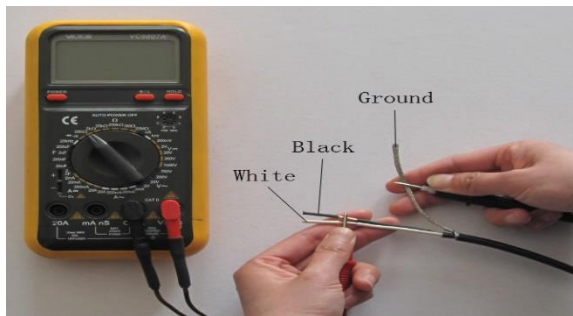
For the extended 25-year limited warranty to apply, you must perform these tests, record the results on the warranty card, and retain a copy of the record.

You must perform the Insulation Resistance Test, the Heating Cable Resistance Test, and the Sensor Resistance Test four times (Please refer to 4 installation) during the installation process.

5.1 Insulation Resistance Test

This test ensures that the insulating jackets of cable are not damaged. A low value indicates cable has been damaged and must be replaced.

1. Connect the ground wire to the black lead both power wires to the red lead of the multimeter.
2. Make sure the meter reads “Open” or If you get a different reading, contact Dr. Heater at 1-800-317-1688.
3. Record these readings on the warranty

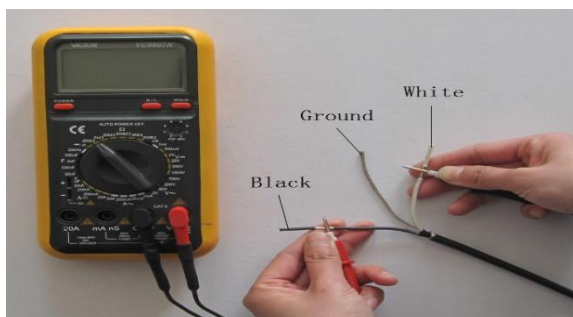


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5.2 Heating Cable Resistance Test

This test measures the resistance of the Heat Cable and is used to determine circuit integrity.

1. Set your multimeter to the 200 or 2000 ohm
2. Connect the multimeter leads to the black white cold lead wires.
3. Compare this resistance reading to the resistance specified in the Product Selection “Table 1 or Table 2”. The value should be within $\pm 10\%$. If you get a different reading, contact Dr. Heater at 1-800-317-1688.
4. Record these readings on the warranty card.



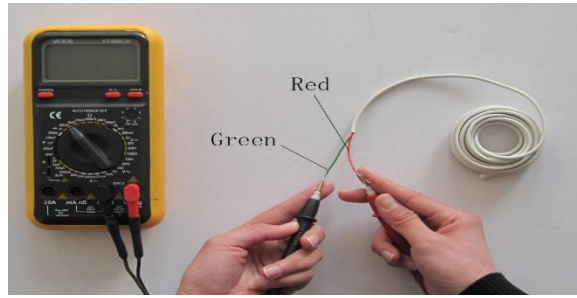
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5.3 Sensor Resistance Test

This test measures the resistance of the floor sensor and is used to verify the sensor integrity.

1. Set your multimeter to the 200K ohm range.

2. Connect the multimeter leads to the red green lead wires.
3. Make sure the meter reads between 9-25K ohms. If you get a different reading, contact Dr. Heater at 1-800-317-1688.
4. Record these readings on the warranty



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card.

6 Troubleshooting

Symptom	Probable Causes	Corrective Action
Floor doesn't heat	No voltage.	Check circuit breaker.
	Circuit breaker tripped.	Ensure that there are not too many cables or other appliances connected on the same circuit. The Heat Cable may require a dedicated circuit. See the Product Selection "Table 1 or Table 2" of this manual.
	Ground-fault tripped in the thermostat.	Refer to Dr. Heater Thermostat Installation and Operation Manual.
	Thermostat not turned on.	Refer to Section 4 of this manual, and the JH Thermostat Installation and Operation Manual.
	Cable not connected to JH thermostat.	Refer to Dr. Heater Thermostat Installation and Operation Manual.
	Floor temperature sensor not connected.	Refer to Dr. Heater Thermostat Installation and Operation Manual.
	Faulty sensor.	Contact Dr. Heater at 1-800-317-1688.
Floor warm all the time	Clock not set correctly.	Refer to Dr. Heater Thermostat Installation and Operation Manual.
Floor not warm enough	Dr. Heater thermostat setting not set correctly.	Refer to Dr. Heater Thermostat Installation and Operation Manual.
Installation instructions not available		Download the latest version of Heat Cable system Installation Instructions from www.drheaterusa.com .

EXTENDED WARRANTY

For a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of purchase Dr. Heater warrants that the Heat Cable heating cable is free from defects in material, design and workmanship. The extended warranty is only valid if the warranty certificate has been properly completed and mailed, and the installation is in accordance with the installation instructions.

The defective heating cable has to be inspected by or submitted to Dr. Heater or an authorized Heat Cable dealer. Failure to comply with all of the foregoing will void this extended warranty. Dr. Heater will, when the customer has documented that a defect in the Heat Cable was present at the date of delivery, repair or supply

a new Heat Cable at Dr. Heater' option. All claims shall be made within the extended warranty period. Dr. Heater shall not be liable for any claims made later than ten years from date of purchase. Dr. Heater shall not be liable for any consequential and secondary costs or damages linked to the defect or replacement of the Heat Cable. Dr. Heater will be liable for any costs related to the dismantling of defective product and the installation of a new product; however, such liability is limited to the amount of five (5) times the initial product costs for each damage/case.

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How to claim this warranty

Contact the company's Customer Service department and provide the following information:

- 1) Nature of the manufacturing defect
- 2) Date of purchase and, if already installed, date of installation
- 3) If installed, name of electrician and flooring installer
- 4) Resistance readings taken by installer
- 5) Proof of purchase and serial number from product label

Our Customer Service department will provide you with an authorization number and advise you on the next steps to complete your warranty claim.

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WARRANTY CARD

Electric Floor Heating

Cable Catalog Number			
Batch Date		Power (Watts)	
Volts		Coverage Area(ft²)	

Date of Purchase		Supplier Name	
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Date of Installation	
Address of Installation	

	Insulation Resistance Test	Heating Cable Resistance Test	Sensor Resistance Test
Out of Box			
After Installation- Before Final Surface			
After Thin-Set Cement or Self- Leveler Application			
After Final Installation			

Electrician Details

Name	
Signature	

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