

MC HCF-SG (SMARTGROUND)[®] - COPPER CONDUCTOR - ALUMINUM ARMOR - 600V THHN/THWN-2 INNERS

ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS

Standards

Underwriters Laboratories Standards UL-83, UL 1063, UL-1569, UL-1581, UL-2556 for type MC; Federal Specification A-A59544; NEMA RV 1-2014, NEMA WC70/ICEA S-95-658; IEEE 1202 (70,000 Btu/hr) Vertical Cable Tray Flame Test; NFPA 70 (NEC[®]) Article 330; ARRA 2009 Section 1605 "Buy American" Compliant; RoHS Compliant; MasterSpec Division 26 Sections 260519, 260523; UL Listing #E-301130



APPLICATIONS

Type MC cable shall be permitted as follows:

- Suitable for applications requiring branch circuits for electrical systems in patient care areas/spaces of health care facilities per NEC 517.13(a) and (b) or for use in essential electrical systems when in accordance with NEC 517.31(C)(3)(3);
- Acceptable in facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes, dental offices, and other types of medical facilities including out-patient facilities;
- Permitted use for branch circuits in industrial, commercial, and multi-residential buildings;
- Acceptable for power, lighting, control, and signal circuits;
- Allowable in concealed or exposed systems;
- Permitted use in dry locations and embedded in plaster finish on brick or other masonry except in damp or wet locations;
- Utilized for environmental air-handling spaces (NEC 300.22(C)(1));
- Allowable in assembly occupancies (NEC 518.4);
- Allowable installations in approved raceways and cable trays (NEC 392);
- Suitable for installation under raised floors for IT equipment (NEC 645.5(E));
- Permitted in Class I Div. 2, Class II Div. 2, and Class III Div. 1 Hazardous Locations;
- Listed for use with UL 1479 - 1, 2, and 3 Hour Through-Penetration Firestop Systems.

CONSTRUCTION

Available in sizes 12 AWG through 10 AWG. Encore's Metal-Clad Cable is constructed with soft-drawn copper, Type THHN/THWN-2 conductors rated 90°C dry. All conductors are individually wrapped with flame retardant colored protective paper with print legend and cabled together to form the cable core. Includes green ground same size as circuit conductors. The bare aluminum grounding/bonding conductor is located outside the paper wrap and is cabled with the insulated conductors and in constant contact with sheathing per NEC 250.118(10)(b). Interlocked aluminum armor is applied over the entire assembly.



- 1 Removable SmartColorID[®] Label
- 2 Interlocked Aluminum Armor
- 3 Colored Flame-Retardant Protective Paper Covering
- 4 Aluminum Ground/Bond Wire
- 5 THHN/THWN-2 Stranded or Solid Copper Conductors

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Conductors			Green THHN Copper Ground (AWG)	Outside Diameter Over Armor (in)	Total Weight of Type MC-Copper Conductor (lbs/1000 ft)	Allowable Ampacity (Amps) ²			Standard Packaging (ft)	
AWG/No.	Type	Grounding/Bonding Wire				60°C	75°C	90°C	Coils	Reels
12/2	Solid	10 Solid AL	12	0.515	118	20	25	30	250'	1000'
12/3	Solid	10 Solid AL	12	0.570	144	20	25	30	250'	1000'
12/4	Solid	10 Solid AL	12	0.594	175	20	25	30	250'	1000'
10/2	Solid	8 Solid AL	10	0.620	171	30	35	40	250'	1000'
10/3	Solid	8 Solid AL	10	0.671	212	30	35	40	250'	1000'
10/4	Solid	8 Solid AL	10	0.700	254	30	35	40	250'	1000'
12/2	Stranded	10 Solid AL	12	0.551	144	20	25	30	250'	1000'
12/3	Stranded	10 Solid AL	12	0.599	175	20	25	30	250'	1000'
12/4	Stranded	10 Solid AL	12	0.645	205	20	25	30	250'	1000'
10/2	Stranded	8 Solid AL	10	0.642	203	30	35	40	250'	1000'
10/3	Stranded	8 Solid AL	10	0.697	249	30	35	40	250'	1000'
10/4	Stranded	8 Solid AL	10	0.747	294	30	35	40	250'	1000'

Standard Conductor Color Coding

No.	120V/208V/240V
2	Black/White
3	Black/Red/White
4	Black/Red/Blue/White
Ground	Green

No.	277V/480V
2	Brown/Gray
3	Brown/Orange/Gray
4	Brown/Orange/Yellow/Gray
Ground	Green

SmartColorID Legend:



¹ SmartColorID manufactured under Patent No. 7,954,530, 8,454,785, 8,826,960 & 8,905,108

² Ampacity of conductors are based on NFPA 70 (NEC) Table 310.16. See 110.14(C), 240.4(D) and 310.15(B)&(C) for other limitations where applicable.

For equipment marked for use at higher temperatures, the conductor ampacity shall be limited to the following per NEC 110.14(C):

60°C when terminated to equipment for circuits rated 100 amperes or less or marked for size 14 AWG through 1 AWG conductor.

75°C when terminated to equipment for circuits rated over 100 amperes or marked for conductors larger than 1 AWG.

90°C for ampacity derating purposes.

When the neutral is considered current-carrying conductor, the ampacity of 4/C cables shall be reduced by a factor of 0.80 per NEC 310.15(C)(1).

The above data is approximate and subject to normal manufacturing tolerances.

MC HCF-SG (SmartGround)[®] Multi-Neutral - Copper Conductor - Aluminum Armor - THHN/THWN-2 Inners

Phase Conductors AWG/No.	Conductor Type	Neutral Conductor AWG/No.	Green Ground Conductor AWG/No.	Aluminum Bond Wire	Overall Diameter (in)	Approximate Net Weight (lbs/1000 ft)	Allowable Ampacity (Amps)			Standard Packaging (ft)
							60°C	75°C	90°C	
12/3	Solid	12/3	12/1	10 AWG Solid	0.655	226.47	20	25	30	1000' Reels
10/3	Solid	10/3	10/1	8 AWG Solid	0.760	334.42	30	35	40	1000' Reels

FEATURES

The NEC 250.118(10)(b) recognizes the combination of interlocking armor and bond wire as an equipment grounding conductor. The green insulated copper equipment grounding conductor sized per NEC 517.13(B) and 250.122. Installation costs reduced by up to 50% over raceway and wire. Weight of aluminum armor is as much as 45% less than steel. Suitable for type MCI-A fittings. SmartColorID labels are spaced at regular intervals on the exterior of the metal sheathing and are removable. For ease of installation and pulling, cable is reverse wound on reels. Coils are designed to be pulled from the inside.

Multiple Neutral Color Coding

No.	120V/208V/240V/277V/480V
2	Black/Red
3	Black/Red/Blue
4	Black/Red/Blue/Orange

Ground	Color
1	Green

Multiple Neutrals	Color
2	White w/Black Stripe White w/Red Stripe White w/Black Stripe White w/Red Stripe White w/Blue Stripe
3	White w/Black Stripe White w/Red Stripe White w/Blue Stripe

Multiple Neutrals	Color
4	White w/Black Stripe White w/Red Stripe White w/Blue Stripe White w/Orange Stripe