

## VITALink<sup>®</sup> 2-Hour Fire Resistive Circuit Integrity Cable with Hose Stream

INSTALLATION GUIDE  
For 18,16,14 & 12 AWG  
2-Hour Rated Fire Resistive  
Applications



UL 105°C Listed Type FPLR-CI-LS, CMR-CI-LS,  
CL3R-CI-LS or FPLR-LS, CMR-LS, CL3R-LS  
CSA FAS105  
For use in Electrical Circuit Integrity  
System FHIT.40A & FHIT7.40A  
R27557, (72v)



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## SCOPE

VITALink<sup>®</sup> 2-Hour Fire Resistive Circuit Integrity Cable is a unique cable which offers superior fire endurance capabilities along with the well-established benefits & features associated with NEC Type FPLR-CI-LS, CMR-CI-LS, CL3R-CI-LS and CEC CSA Type FAS105 cable designs. This cable is specifically designed to meet the circuit integrity requirements in NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, CSA C22.2 No. 208-14 Fire Alarm and Signal Cable as well as other low voltage critical circuits in NFPA 70 National Electrical Code.

## INTRODUCTION

The following instructions are for the VITALink<sup>®</sup> 2-Hour Fire Resistive Circuit Integrity Cables for UL 2196 and ULC-S139 Electrical Circuit Integrity System No. FHIT.40A & FHIT7.40A, with Hose Stream Test. The National Electrical Code, Canadian Electrical Code, and all applicable rules and regulations, including federal, state, or provincial, local, and, municipal or territorial laws should be followed.

## ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT INTEGRITY SYSTEM FHIT.40A and FHIT7.40A

Electrical Circuit Integrity Systems consist of components and materials that are intended to provide protection for specific fire alarm and control wiring systems with respect to the circuit integrity upon exterior fire exposure. The specifications for Electrical Circuit Integrity System No. FHIT.40A and FHIT7.40A and its assembly are all important details in the development of the ratings.

Ratings apply only to the entire integrity system assembly, constructed using the combination of components specified in the system. Individual components and materials are designated for use in a specific system(s) for which corresponding ratings have been developed, and are not intended to be interchanged between systems. Ratings are not assigned to individual system components or materials.

The Electrical Circuit Integrity System No. FHIT.40A and FHIT7.40A must be fastened to a concrete or masonry wall or a concrete floor-ceiling assembly. The fire rating of wall or floor-ceiling assembly must be equal to or greater than the rating of the electrical circuit integrity system. This is to ensure that the complete electrical circuit integrity system will survive during the fire and hose stream exposure.

The Electrical Circuit Integrity System No. FHIT.40A and FHIT7.40A is evaluated by the fire exposure and water hose stream test as described in the Standards ANSI/UL 2196 and CAN/ULC-S139. The system contains the construction details of the tested configuration. The conductor size, cable type, and voltage rating, etc. are construction details that are also provided. Cables are listed to NEC and CEC Types and constructed to:

- UL - Type FPLR-CI-LS, FPLR-LS to UL 1424, CL3R-CI-LS, CL3R-LS to UL 13, and CMR-CI-LS, CMR-LS to UL 444/CSA 22.2 No. 214
- CSA – FAS105 to C22.2 No. 208

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The Electrical Circuit Integrity System No. FHIT.40A and FHIT7.40A is tested as a complete system and includes the type of raceway, raceway support, couplings, pulling lubricants, and cable or raceway supports needed to hold the cable in place during the fire and hose stream. The hardware, clamps, struts, etc., unless otherwise noted, are to be made of steel so that these components do not melt in fire.

Systems that require a raceway are to be evaluated for use with the type and size of raceway and couplings with the maximum numbers of cables per diameter raceway trade size. Only the type of raceway and number of cables installed in the raceway per the UL/ULC Certification shall be acceptable.

The raceway must be connected together using the coupling type listed in the system, such as steel compression or set screw. No other coupling shall be used unless noted in the specific system.

The supports are an important part of The Electrical Circuit Integrity System No. FHIT.40A and FHIT7.40A, with Hose Stream Test. The maximum distance between the supports is listed in the system and should not be exceeded. The type of support and the distance between the steel supports is unique to that specific system and is for all sizes/types of cable unless otherwise noted in a specific system.

VITALink<sup>®</sup> Cable was tested in both horizontal with offsets configurations and vertical configurations and the support mechanisms are detailed in the system.

Compatibility of support materials used in Electrical Circuit Integrity System No. FHIT.40A and FHIT7.40A is also a concern. Bare copper should not be in contact with hot dip galvanized cable tray or supports.

These systems shall be installed in accordance with all provisions of the National Electric Code and/or the Canadian Electric Code, as applicable to location, and as amended by the details of each individual system (such as type of supports and distance between supports).



**NOTE: Authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ) should be consulted in all cases as to the specific requirements covering the installation and use of these classified systems.**

The following instructions are for the VITALink<sup>®</sup> 2-Hour Electrical Circuit Integrity System No. FHIT.40A and FHIT7.40A. These requirements must be followed to maintain the 2-Hour rating in a fire rated area. It is assumed that the cable has been properly sized and the installation properly designed. Comtran Engineering support should be contacted for questions not addressed in the instructions.

## DESIGN/SYSTEM/CONSTRUCTION/ASSEMBLY USAGE DISCLAIMER

- Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) should be consulted prior to construction and in all cases as to the particular requirements covering the installation and use of UL certified products, equipment, system, devices, and materials.
- Fire resistance assemblies and products are developed by the design submitter and have been investigated by UL for compliance with applicable requirements. The published information cannot always address every construction nuance encountered in the field.
- When field issues arise, it is recommended the first contact for assistance be the technical service staff provided by the product manufacturer noted for the design. Users of fire resistance assemblies are advised to consult the general Guide Information for each product category and each group of assemblies.
- Only products which bear UL/CSA Marks are considered certified.

The following cables are approved for use in Electrical Circuit Integrity System No. FHIT.40A and FHIT7.40A.

Part Number	Description
36397	2C18 SBC Shld FPLR-CI-ST/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105/FT4/ST1
35785	2C16 SBC Shld FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105/FT4/ST1
36316	2C14 SBC Shld FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105/FT4/ST1
36337	2C18 SBC FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105
35777	2C16 SBC FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105
36341	2C16 (7/24) BC FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105
36338	2C14 SBC FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105
36340	2C14 (7/.0242) BC FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105
36342	2C12 SBC FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105
36339	2C12 (19/.0185) BC FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS/CSA/FAS105
36512*	2P18 SBC Shielded CMR-LS/FPLR-LS/CL3R-LS/CSA/FAS105/FT4/ST1
36530*	3P18 SBC Shielded CMR-LS/FPLR-LS/CL3R-LS/CSA/FAS105/FT4/ST1
36513*	4P18 SBC Shielded CMR-LS/FPLR-LS/CL3R-LS/CSA/FAS105/FT4/ST1

\* Patent Pending

## INSTALLATION DETAILS

For cables installed outside of Canada, in non-fire rated areas install per the NEC. For cables installed in fire rated areas, see limits for UL System 40A.

### 1. WALL OR FLOOR ASSEMBLY\*:

Minimum 2-hour rated concrete or masonry wall or concrete floor. Opening in wall or floor through which raceway passes is to be sized to closely follow the contour of the raceway. Through opening in wall or floor shall be fire stopped using an approved firestop system. See Through-penetration Firestop Systems (XHEZ) for presently certified firestop systems.

### 2. RACEWAY\* – Horizontal and Vertical Installation:

**Type EMT – ALLIED TUBE & CONDUIT CORP & Columbia-MBF - E-Z Pull™ Brand  
or WHEATLAND/WESTERN TUBE CO**

**Type IMC – ALLIED TUBE & CONDUIT CORP or WHEATLAND/WESTERN TUBE CO --(Type IMC is not for use in Canada)**

#### VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL – SHIELDED 2 CONDUCTOR CONSTRUCTIONS

Raceway/ Conduit Size	Max # of 14 AWG (solid) in Conduit	Max # of 16 AWG (solid) in Conduit	Max # of 18 AWG (solid) in Conduit
½" ①	N/A	N/A	1
¾"	N/A	N/A	2
1"	3	3	4
1 ¼"	5	6	7
1 ½"	6	8	7
2"	10	10	7

#### VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL – NON-SHIELDED 2 CONDUCTOR CONSTRUCTIONS

Raceway/ Conduit Size	Max # of 12 AWG (stranded/solid) in Conduit	Max # of 14 AWG (stranded) in Conduit	Max # of 14 AWG (solid) in Conduit	Max # of 16 AWG (stranded) in Conduit	Max # of 16 AWG (solid) in Conduit	Max # of 18 AWG (solid) in Conduit
½" ①	1	1	1	1	1	1
¾"	1	1	1	1	2	2
1"	2	2	3	3	3	4
1 ¼"	4	4	5	5	6	7
1 ½"	6	6	7	7	8	7
2"	9	10	10	10	10	7

① EMT Only, not IMC

\*Listed and labeled to meet the requirements of the NEC/CEC

**Note** - VITALink<sup>®</sup> 2 Conductor cables, shielded and unshielded, may be installed within the same raceway when not exceeding the maximum number of cables associated with any of the cable sizes installed within the common raceway. i.e. 12 AWG and 18 AWG cables installed in the same 2-inch raceway are limited to a maximum of 7 cables

**VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL – SHIELDED MULTI-CONDUCTOR CONSTRUCTIONS**

Raceway/ Conduit Size – EMT & IMC	Max # of 36512 in Conduit	Max # of 36530 in Conduit	Max # of 36513 in Conduit
3/4"	1	1	1

**2A. Raceway Coupling\*** - (Not Shown).

**EMT -**

**Thomas & Betts Corp.** - Steel (all components) EMT Compression Couplings. Trade size to correspond with the raceway size.

**RACO** – Steel (all components) EMT Compression (1/2 – 2 inch) or Set Screw (3/4 –2 inch) Couplings. Trade size to correspond with the raceway size.

**IMC** – (Type IMC is not for use in Canada)

**Allied or Wheatland/Western** Steel Threaded Couplings. Trade size to correspond with the raceway size.

**3. FIRE RESISTIVE CABLE:**

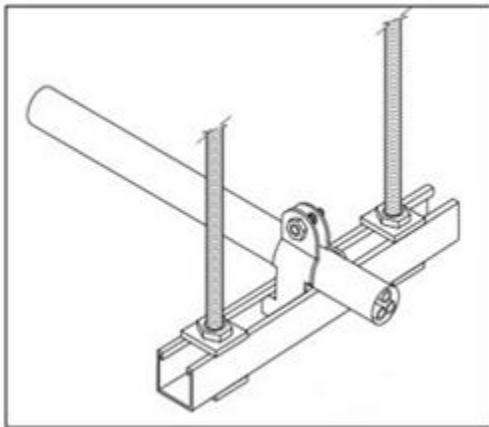
The 2-hour fire rating applies to cable passing completely through a fire zone and terminating a minimum of 12 inches beyond the fire rated wall or floor bounding the fire zone. The cables, as identified below, may be installed in the vertical or horizontal orientation.

**COMTRAN** - VITALink<sup>®</sup> Type FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS & FAS 105 shielded and Type FPLR-CI-LS/CMR-CI-LS/CL3R-CI-LS & FAS 105 non-shielded cables. To be installed as described herein and in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions dated December, 2018, R27557.

\*Listed and labeled to meet the requirements of the NEC/CEC

#### 4. SUPPORTS:

**Supports** - Min 12-gauge, by 1-1/2-inch-wide or 1-5/8-inch-wide, painted or unpainted, slotted steel channels with hemmed flange edges. Channel bottom with or without holes. Lengths of slotted steel channels 5 feet and less shall be secured to the wall or floor with a min of two 1/4-inch diameter (or larger) by 2-1/4-inch min long concrete screws, or 1/4-inch diameter (or larger) by 1-3/4-inch-long min steel masonry anchors. One screw or anchor to be located at each end of the slotted steel channel. Lengths of slotted steel channel in excess of 5 feet require a min of three screws or anchors, one at each end of the channel and one centrally located within the length of the channel.



**A. Trapeze-type Supports** – When the cable is installed on/from trapeze-type supports, the trapeze-type supports shall be secured from the surface of the floor. The supports shall be spaced a maximum of 5 feet on center.

#### 5. CLAMPS:

Two-piece single-bolt pipe clamps or one-piece saddle type pipe clamps (not shown), manufactured of min 16-gauge steel, measuring 1-1/4 inch-wide, and trade size to correspond with the outside diameter of the raceway.

#### 6. PULLING LUBRICANT\*:

When installing the cable into the raceways, the cables shall be coated with American Polywater Type LZ pulling lubricant.

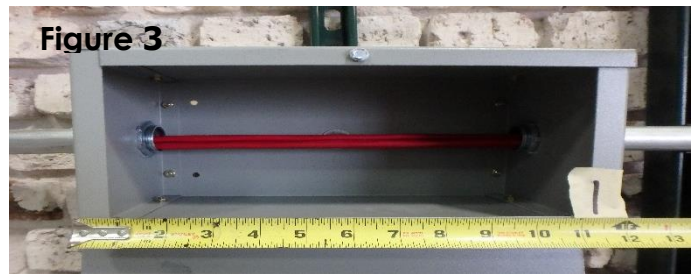
#### 7. ENCLOSURES (Pull Boxes) \*:

Wiegmann NEMA-1 Steel Enclosures with steel EMT compression or set screw connectors (RACO or Thomas & Betts Corp) or steel IMC threaded or set screw connectors (RACO) can be used in both the horizontal and vertical installations.

\*Listed and labeled to meet the requirements of the NEC/CEC



**Horizontal Installation** - (Figure 3) - Horizontal runs may utilize an enclosure (pull box) within the system.



The enclosures shall have minimum height and depth and maximum width as follows:

Raceway Size	Enclosure Size
1/2" - 1"	4" x 4" x 12"
1 1/4" - 1 1/2"	6" x 6" x 12"
2"	6" x 6" x 16"



**Vertical Installation** – (Figure 4) – Vertical runs require an enclosure (pull box) be installed at the bottom of the raceway. The bottom raceway must exit through either the back or side wall of the enclosure. Vertical runs may utilize an enclosure (pull box) elsewhere within the system. The cable(s) shall enter and exit through the top and bottom of the enclosure.

For 0.5, 0.75 & 1-inch raceway the enclosure shall have a minimum dimension of 4 x 4 x 12 inches. For 1.25 & 1.5-inch raceway the enclosure shall have a minimum dimension of 6 x 6 x 12 inches. For 2-inch raceway the enclosure shall have a minimum dimension of 6 x 6 x 16 inches. The bottom raceway must exit through either the back or side wall of the enclosure not less than six times the diameter of the Raceway (See Figure 5).



For Reference:

Raceway Size	Enclosure Size (Min)	Exit From Top (Min)
1/2" - 1"	4" x 4" x 12"	6"
1 1/4" - 1 1/2"	6" x 6" x 12"	9"
2"	6" x 6" x 16"	12"



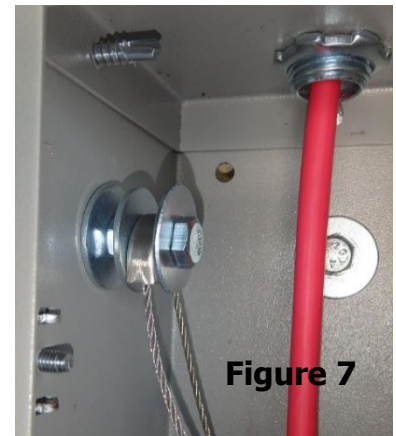
**NOTE: When installing 12 AWG, 14 AWG and 16 AWG cable(s) in vertical runs, the maximum distance of unsupported cable shall not exceed 45 feet between vertical cable supports. 18 AWG Cable shall not exceed 30 feet between vertical cable supports. (See Section 8).**



**Figure 6**

8. **Vertical Cable Supports** – (Figure 6). Vertical runs beyond the maximum distances described in Section 7 require the cables to be supported using an AMTEC stainless steel wire mesh support grip within a vertical enclosure.

The grip must be suspended from a steel bolt or steel hook fastened to the back or side wall of the enclosure (see Figure 7). Make sure the head of the fastener does not block the opening of the raceway or interfere with the cables. For 0.5 – 1.5-inch raceway the enclosure shall have a minimum dimension of 4 x 4 x 12 inches. For 2-inch Raceway the enclosure shall have a minimum dimension of 6 x 6 x 16 inches.



**Figure 7**

9. **Splices** (For 2 conductor cables only)– (Optional, Not Shown) – The cables may be installed with a pig tail crimp taped splice using components specified in the Manufacturer's VITALink<sup>®</sup> Taped Splice Pigtail Crimp Instructions dated May 2017. The instructions are a component of the VITALink<sup>®</sup> Taped Splice Kits available from Comtran. For more information or to order a kit please contact Comtran at 508-399-7004.