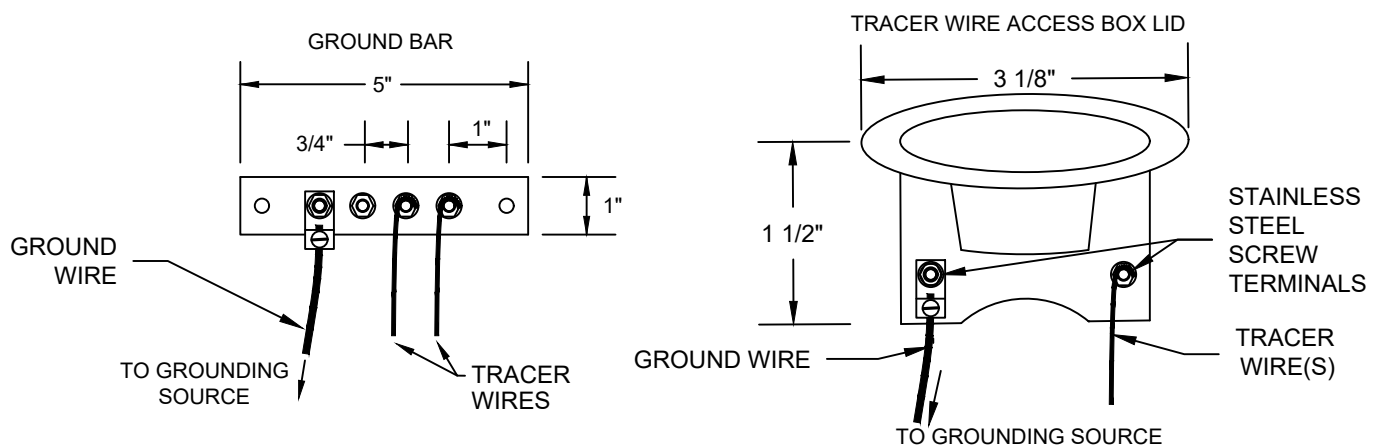


1. TRACER WIRES SHALL BE INSTALLED USING MANHOLES, TRACER WIRE ACCESS BOXES, VALVE BOXES OR VAULTS, WATER METERS AND FIRE HYDRANTS AS ACCESS POINTS.
2. FOR WATER AND SEWER FORCEMAIN, TRACER WIRE SHALL BE NEPTCO TRACE-SAFE WATER BLOCKING TRACER WIRE OR APPROVED EQUAL. TRACER WIRE SHALL BE A 19 AWG SOLID COPPER CONDUCTOR WITH POLYETHYLENE INSULATION SURROUNDED BY A CORE MATERIAL COMPRISED OF HIGH-TENACITY, WOVEN POLYESTER WITH WATER BLOCKING YARNS ENCAPSULATED IN AN ABRASION RESISTANT (GREEN OR BLUE) 30 MIL HDPE JACKET. TRACER WIRE SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM TENSILE STRENGTH OF 1,800 LBS. AND SHALL NOT CONDUCT AN ELECTRICAL CURRENT IF STRUCK BY LIGHTENING. SPLICES SHALL ONLY BE MADE WITH GEL FILLED CONNECTORS DESIGNED FOR WIRE WITH A WOVEN POLYESTER FIBER CORE SUCH AS NEPTCO TRACE-SAFE WATER BLOCKING CONNECTORS OR APPROVED EQUAL. SPLICES SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS.
3. IN-GROUND SPLICES AT THE ENDS OF TRACER WIRE SHALL BE MADE USING NEPTCO TS-19-IL WATER BLOCKING BUTT SPLICE CONNECTORS OR APPROVED EQUAL.
4. ACCESS POINTS SPLICES WILL BE MADE USING NEPTCO TS-12-19-IL WATER BLOCKING BUTT SPLICE CONNECTORS OR APPROVED EQUAL. 12 AWG COPPER TRACER WIRE WITH 30 MIL HDPE JACKET SHALL BE CONNECTED IN THE 12 AWG OPENING OF THE BUTT SPLICE CONNECTOR, EXTENDED UP INTO THE ACCESS POINT STRUCTURE, AND ATTACHED TO THE GROUND BAR PER NOTE #12 OR LID TERMINALS PER NOTE #13. AT ALL ACCESS POINTS, EACH DIRECTION OF PIPE SHALL HAVE AN INDEPENDENT TRACER WIRE FEED EXTENDED TO GROUND BAR OR LID TERMINALS TO ALLOW FOR DIRECTIONALLY INDUCING CURRENT DURING LOCATING. THE 12 AWG COPPER TRACER WIRE SHALL BE OF ADEQUATE LENGTH TO EXTEND FIVE (5) FEET ABOVE THE TOP OF STRUCTURE.
5. WHERE HDPE PIPE IS INSTALLED WITHOUT STEEL CASING PIPE, SUCH AS A DIRECTIONALLY DRILLED CROSSINGS, AND CONNECTED TO DUCTILE IRON PIPE ON EACH END, TRACER WIRE SHALL BE INSTALLED ALONG FULL LENGTH OF HDPE PIPE WITH AN ACCESS POINT INSTALLED AT EACH HDPE/DUCTILE IRON TRANSITION. TRACER WIRE SHALL BE CONNECTED TO THE ACCESS POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS DETAIL.
6. AS-BUILTS SHALL SHOW TRACER WIRE(S) LOCATION AND ACCESS POINT(S).
7. TRACER WIRE SHALL BE PLACED ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF THE PIPE. FOR DUCTILE IRON LINES, THE WIRE SHALL NOT TOUCH THE PIPE, BUT SHALL BE A MAXIMUM OF 6" FROM THE PIPE. NON-METALLIC SPACERS MAY BE USED TO MAINTAIN A SET DISTANCE FROM THE UTILITY. FOR PVC LINES, THE TRACER MAY BE TAPED TO THE PIPE
8. WHERE LINES ARE GREATER THAN SIX (6) FEET IN DEPTH, WIRE SHALL BE BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE EVERY FIVE-HUNDRED (500) FEET AND PLACED IN A WATER METER BOX OR A DRAINAGE & WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. (OR APPROVED EQUAL) ALL CAST IRON TRACER WIRE ACCESS BOX.
9. THE TRACER WILL BE TESTED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PSA AS PART OF THE PROJECT'S FINAL ACCEPTANCE.
10. THE GROUND WIRE SHALL BE #6 AWG COPPER WIRE AND SHALL BE OF ADEQUATE LENGTH TO EXTEND A MINIMUM OF (5) FIVE FEET BEYOND THE TOP OF THE STRUCTURE. THE END OF THE GROUND WIRE SHALL CONNECT TO THE GROUND BAR OR LID TERMINAL USING A BURNDY KA6U MECHANICAL TERMINAL LUG OR APPROVED EQUAL.
11. A GROUND ROD SHALL BE INSTALLED AT EACH LOCATION WHERE GROUND WIRE SURFACES AND CONNECTS TO GROUND BAR OR LID TERMINAL. GROUND ROD SHALL BE COPPER COATED WITH A MINIMUM DIAMETER OF 5/8" AND SHALL BE BURIED A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) FEET INTO THE GROUND.
12. THE GROUND BAR SHALL BE STAINLESS STEEL AND SHALL BE ATTACHED USING SS 1/4" X 1 1/4" SS HEX TAPCON. THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE INSTALLED IN (4) FOUR CENTER HOLES: 10-32SS NUTS, #10 SS WASHERS AND 10-32 X 3/8" SS PHILLIPS. THE FOURTH HOLE SHALL HAVE A BURNDY KA6U MECHANICAL TERMINAL LUG (OR APPROVED EQUAL) FOR THE #6 AWG GROUND WIRE. THE ENDS OF THE TRACER WIRES SHALL BE PLACED IN THE GROUND BAR AS SHOWN BELOW.
13. IF USING TRACER WIRE ACCESS BOX AS ACCESS POINT, GROUND BAR WILL NOT BE REQUIRED. THE REMOVABLE LID ON THE ACCESS BOX SHALL CONTAIN TWO SCREW TERMINALS. THE 12 AWG COPPER TRACER WIRE SHALL BE BROUGHT UP IN ACCESS BOX AND CONNECTED TO ONE OF THE SCREW TERMINALS. IF MORE THAN ONE TRACER WIRE IS NECESSARY TO ACCOUNT FOR TOTAL NUMBER OF PIPE DIRECTIONS AT ACCESS BOX, MULTIPLE TRACER WIRES SHALL BE CONNECTED TO THAT SAME SCREW TERMINAL. THE #6 AWG COPPER GROUND WIRE SHALL BE CONNECTED FROM THE GROUND ROD TO THE REMAINING SCREW TERMINAL WITH THE USE OF A BURNDY KA6U MECHANICAL TERMINAL LUG OR APPROVED EQUAL. WIRES SHALL BE CONNECTED AS SHOWN BELOW. TRACER WIRE AND GROUND WIRE SHALL BOTH BE OF ADEQUATE LENGTH TO EXTEND FIVE (5) FEET ABOVE THE TOP OF ACCESS BOX.
14. TWO WRAPS OF TRACER WIRE SHALL BE WRAPPED SNUGLY AROUND BASE OF HYDRANTS. WIRE SHALL NOT BE LEFT IN A WAY THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH MOWING AROUND HYDRANT.



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