



PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

# BSX™ SELF-REGULATING HEATING CABLE

### APPLICATION

BSX self-regulating heating cables are designed to provide freeze protection or process temperature maintenance to metallic and nonmetallic piping, tanks and equipment. The heat output of BSX cable varies in response to the surrounding conditions along the entire length of a circuit. Whenever the heat loss of the insulated pipe, tank or equipment increases (as ambient temperature drops), the heat output of the cable increases. Conversely, when the heat loss decreases (as the ambient temperature rises or product flows), the cable reacts by reducing its heat output. BSX cables are approved for use in ordinary (nonclassified) areas and hazardous (classified) areas.

### RATINGS

- Available watt densities ..... 3, 5, 8, 10 w/ft @ 50°F  
(10, 16, 26, 33 w/m @ 10°C)
- Supply voltages ..... 110-120 or 208-277 Vac
- Max. maintenance temperature..... 150°F (65°C)
- Max. continuous exposure temperature
  - Power-off..... 185°F (85°C)
- Minimum installation temperature..... -60°F (-51°C)
- Minimum bend radius
  - @ 5°F (-15°C) ..... 0.38" (10mm)
  - @ -76°F (-60°C) ..... 1.25" (32 mm)
- T-rating <sup>1</sup>
  - 3, 5, 8 w/ft (10, 16, 26 W/m).....T6 185°F (85°C)
  - 10 w/ft (33 W/m).....T5 212°F (100°C)

#### Notes

1. T-rating per the National Electrical Code and Canadian Electrical Code.



### CONSTRUCTION

- 1 Nickel-plated copper bus wires (16 AWG)
- 2 Radiation cross-linked semiconductive heating matrix
- 3 Radiation cross-linked dielectric insulation
- 4 Tinned copper braid
- 5 Polyolefin overjacket provides additional protection for cable and braid where exposure to aqueous inorganic chemicals is expected.

### OPTIONS

- 6 FOJ Fluoropolymer overjacket over tinned copper braid provides additional protection to cable and braid where exposure to organic chemicals or corrosives is expected.

### BASIC ACCESSORIES

Thermon offers system accessories designed specifically for rapid, trouble-free installation of Thermon heating cables.

All cables require a connection kit to comply with approval requirements. Information on accessories to complete a heater circuit installation can be found in the "Heating Cable Systems Accessories" product specification sheet (Form TEP0010).

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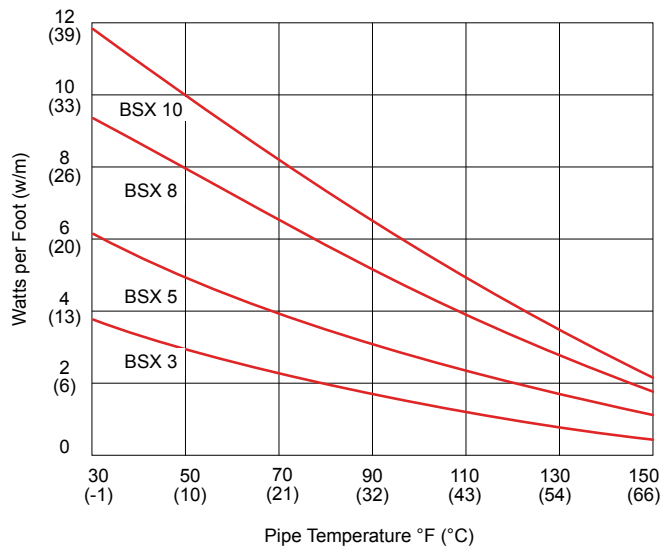
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**POWER OUTPUT CURVES <sup>1</sup>**

The power outputs shown apply to cable installed on insulated metallic pipe (using the procedures outlined in IEEE 515) at the service voltages stated below. For use on other service voltages, contact Thermon.

| Catalog Number<br>120 Vac Nominal | Catalog Number<br>240 Vac Nominal | Power Output<br>at 50°F (10°C)<br>w/ft (m) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| BSX 3-1                           | BSX 3-2                           | 3 (10)                                     |
| BSX 5-1                           | BSX 5-2                           | 5 (16)                                     |
| BSX 8-1                           | BSX 8-2                           | 8 (26)                                     |
| BSX 10-1                          | BSX 10-2                          | 10 (33)                                    |



**CIRCUIT BREAKER SIZING <sup>2</sup>**

Maximum circuit lengths for various circuit breaker amperages are shown below. Breaker sizing should be based on the National Electrical Code, Canadian Electrical Code or any other applicable code. The National Electrical Code and Canadian Electrical Code require ground-fault protection of equipment for each branch circuit supplying electric heating equipment. Check local codes for ground-fault protection requirements.

| 120 Vac Service Voltage |                              | Max. Circuit Length <sup>3</sup> vs. Breaker Size<br>ft (m) |           |           |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Catalog Number          | Start-Up Temperature °F (°C) | 20A                                                         | 30A       | 40A       |
| BSX 3-1                 | 50 (10)                      | 360 (110)                                                   | 360 (110) | 360 (110) |
|                         | 0 (-18)                      | 325 (99)                                                    | 360 (110) | 360 (110) |
|                         | -20 (-29)                    | 285 (87)                                                    | 360 (110) | 360 (110) |
|                         | -40 (-40)                    | 260 (79)                                                    | 360 (110) | 360 (110) |
| BSX 5-1                 | 50 (10)                      | 240 (73)                                                    | 300 (91)  | 300 (91)  |
|                         | 0 (-18)                      | 205 (62)                                                    | 300 (91)  | 300 (91)  |
|                         | -20 (-29)                    | 185 (56)                                                    | 275 (84)  | 295 (90)  |
|                         | -40 (-40)                    | 165 (50)                                                    | 250 (76)  | 265 (81)  |
| BSX 8-1                 | 50 (10)                      | 190 (58)                                                    | 240 (73)  | 240 (73)  |
|                         | 0 (-18)                      | 150 (46)                                                    | 225 (69)  | 240 (73)  |
|                         | -20 (-29)                    | 135 (41)                                                    | 200 (61)  | 240 (73)  |
|                         | -40 (-40)                    | 120 (37)                                                    | 180 (55)  | 215 (66)  |
| BSX 10-1                | 50 (10)                      | 160 (49)                                                    | 200 (61)  | 200 (61)  |
|                         | 0 (-18)                      | 110 (34)                                                    | 170 (52)  | 200 (61)  |
|                         | -20 (-29)                    | 100 (30)                                                    | 150 (46)  | 200 (61)  |
|                         | -40 (-40)                    | 90 (27)                                                     | 135 (41)  | 180 (55)  |

**CERTIFICATIONS/APPROVALS**



FM Approvals  
 Ordinary Locations  
 Hazardous (Classified) Locations  
 Class I, Division 2, Groups B, C and D  
 Class II, Division 2, Groups F and G  
 Class III, Divisions 1 and 2  
 Class I, Zones 1 and 2, AEx e II



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 Ordinary Locations  
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 Class II, Division 2, Groups F and G  
 Class III, Divisions 1 and 2



Canadian Standards Association  
 Ordinary Locations  
 Hazardous (Classified) Locations  
 Class I, Divisions 1 & 2, Groups A, B, C and D  
 Class II, Divisions 1 & 2, Groups E, F and G  
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**Notes**

- For more precise power output values as a function of pipe temperature, refer to CompuTrace®.
- Based on the trip current characteristic of Type QOB or Type QO equipment protection devices. For devices with other trip current characteristics, contact Thermon.
- The maximum circuit length is for one continuous length of cable, not the sum of segments of cable. Refer to CompuTrace® design software or contact Thermon for current loading of segments.

| 240 Vac Service Voltage |                              | Max. Circuit Length <sup>3</sup> vs. Breaker Size<br>ft (m) |           |           |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Catalog Number          | Start-Up Temperature °F (°C) | 20A                                                         | 30A       | 40A       |
| BSX 3-2                 | 50 (10)                      | 725 (221)                                                   | 725 (221) | 725 (221) |
|                         | 0 (-18)                      | 650 (198)                                                   | 725 (221) | 725 (221) |
|                         | -20 (-29)                    | 575 (175)                                                   | 725 (221) | 725 (221) |
|                         | -40 (-40)                    | 515 (157)                                                   | 725 (221) | 725 (221) |
| BSX 5-2                 | 50 (10)                      | 480 (146)                                                   | 600 (183) | 600 (183) |
|                         | 0 (-18)                      | 395 (120)                                                   | 590 (180) | 600 (183) |
|                         | -20 (-29)                    | 350 (107)                                                   | 525 (160) | 590 (180) |
|                         | -40 (-40)                    | 315 (96)                                                    | 475 (145) | 530 (162) |
| BSX 8-2                 | 50 (10)                      | 385 (117)                                                   | 480 (146) | 480 (146) |
|                         | 0 (-18)                      | 285 (87)                                                    | 425 (130) | 480 (146) |
|                         | -20 (-29)                    | 255 (78)                                                    | 380 (122) | 480 (146) |
|                         | -40 (-40)                    | 230 (70)                                                    | 345 (116) | 430 (131) |
| BSX 10-2                | 50 (10)                      | 280 (85)                                                    | 400 (122) | 400 (122) |
|                         | 0 (-18)                      | 225 (69)                                                    | 340 (104) | 400 (122) |
|                         | -20 (-29)                    | 200 (61)                                                    | 300 (91)  | 400 (122) |
|                         | -40 (-40)                    | 180 (55)                                                    | 275 (84)  | 365 (111) |