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ӨНЕРКӘСІП ЖӘНЕ ЭЛЕКТР МАТЕРИАЛДАРДЫН ЖАБДЫҚТАУШЫСЫ ПОСТАВІЦИК ИНДУСТРИАЛЬНОГО И ЭЛЕКТРИЧЕСКОГО ОБОРУДОВАНИЯ И МАТЕРИАЛОВ SUPPLIER OF INDUSTRIAL & ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MATERIALS

FLOORWARM Self-Regulating Electric Underfloor Heating System



Comfort Heating

New and Retrofit Applications

Concrete and Timber Floors

The Applications

Floor warming is generally provided as supplementary heating to an existing heat source in order to keep floor surfaces at a comfortable temperature.

FLOORWARM is suitable for domestic, commercial and industrial buildings. It may be incorporated into new buildings and extensions, or retro-fitted to existing floors. FLOORWARM can be safely used with wooden and concrete floors

How it Works

FLOORWARM self-regulating heating cable is installed beneath the floor, often embedded in the concrete, or in a screed, although it can also be safely used with wooden floors.



Bathroom Floors

The principle of FLOORWARM, when used with a concrete floor, is to utilise the high thermal capacity of the floor slab as a heat reservoir which stores and emits heat on a continuous basis.

When initially energised the heater works to its maximum output, reducing as the slab temperature rises, until the required optimum heat output is achieved.

By installing a self-regulating heating cable, that varies its output relative to the floor temperature, it is possible to achieve an even heat distribution without localised overheating.

Floor Warming Principles

A comfortable room temperature largely depends on the mean effective temperature, which is a function of the ambient air temperature and the average radiant surface temperature. Where large warm surfaces such as the floor exist, it is possible to achieve comfortable conditions with a cooler air temperature. This results in a "fresher" environment and will mean reduced heat losses from the building with subsequent savings in energy costs.

It is more comfortable and far safer to have an evenly distributed lower temperature of between 20 - 30°C, than it is to have a single high temperature heat source of around 100°C, or more, in one area of the room, distributing heat by radiation and convection. It is also more efficient and safer to generate heat at the required floor temperature, rather than to generate excessive temperatures and allow distribution to reduce the temperature to the required comfort level.

Ideal living room temperature gradients are considered to be about 24°C at floor level and around 18-20°C at head level. FLOORWARM allows the latent heat stored in the floor to be released in such a way as to achieve these conditions more effectively. The self-regulating characteristic of FLOORWARM ensures that, as the room reaches the desired temperature, the capability of the floor to emit heat diminishes. Furthermore, lying on the floor will not result in over heating - making it perfectly safe for children and pets.

Efficiency

For greater efficiency, heat input to the floor may be provided via off peak, low tariff electricity if, and when, it is available. Additional thermostat and timer controls may also be utilised for additional energy savings. An insulated floor is recommended where possible.

Flexibility

FLOORWARM'S self-regulating capability also ensures that the system responds to localised additional heat losses that may occur at open windows, doors, etc., by automatically increasing the heat output from the floor in that area. This selfregulating capability also ensures that the floor cannot overheat, thus protecting against discomfort and inefficient use of energy.

The installed heating load determines the ability of the system to achieve the required floor operating temperature.



Conservatory Floor

The heat output from FLOORWARM is sufficiently low to enable the heater to be used with a waterproof membrane in floors subject to moisture, for example in bathrooms, shower rooms, etc.

Other Uses

In addition to domestic applications such as conservatories, bathrooms, living rooms, bedrooms, loft areas, etc., FLOORWARM offers equal benefits for commercial premises such as offices, atria, reception areas, rest rooms, etc.

Traditional Heating vs. FLOORWARM

With traditional central heating, the air immediately around the radiator is heated and, as the warm air rises, the heat is concentrated high in the room whilst the floor area remains colder.

FLOORWARM, however, radiates heat upwards from the floor - resulting in a much more comfortable and even heat distribution throughout the whole room.



Room heating using traditional methods



Room heating using FLOORWARM system

"Self-regulating heaters cannot overheat or burn out"

Applications

Applications for FLOORWARM are extensive as the system is suitable for most domestic, commercial and industrial buildings.

- bathroom
- hallway
- living room extension / conservatory
- gymnasium
- retirement home
- common room / offices
- reception area
- factory / warehouse

... plus many more

FLOORWARM may be used in new buildings, or in retro-fit applications.

Floor Construction

A variety of different floor constructions may be found in floor warming applications:-

- concrete
- sand / cement screed
- timber

The floor may be provided with any one of a number of floor finishes, ie:-

- tile / marble
- parquet blocks
- cork
- linoleum
- carpet

Where possible, particularly in new applications, thermal insulation will minimise downward and edge heat losses.





Common Room





Living Room Extension



Installation Method

Installation of the heating cables may be carried out in a number of ways:-

- a) embedded in the concrete slab
- b) embedded in a sand/cement screed prior to laying tiles
- c) placed between timber battens below a wood floor, either floorboards or parquet flooring tiles



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FLOORWARM Comfort Heating	FLOORWARM is used to maintain floor surface temperatures at a level on which it is comfortable to walk. Typically the systems may be used for tiled or marble floors in bathrooms, changing rooms, foyers and shopping malls, swimming pool areas, etc. FLOORWARM heaters are either embedded in the concrete slab, or in a sand/cement screed beneath the tiles, or placed beneath a timber floor finished surface.		
Concrete Constructed Floors	Target Floor Temperature	24℃ to 29℃	
	Typical Room Temperature	18°C to 22°C	
Embedded in sand/cement screed (typical installation)	Floor Construction A (typical)	Tile/marble cover Sand & cement screed Concrete sub-floor Thermal insulation	
Embedded in concrete floor slab (typical installation)	Floor Construction B (typical)	Finished floor covering Concrete slab Thermal insulation	
	Control	DT007 The research or Doo Turso	
	Control	P1007 Inermostat or PRO TIMER	
	Heater	FW-C	
	Cable Location	In screed, beneath tiles, or within the monolithic pour of concrete.	
Timber Constructed Floors	Target Floor Temperature	24°C to 29°C	
	Ambient Temperature	18°C to 22°C	
Wooden floor finish on timber joists (typical installation)	Floor Construction A (typical)	Wooden finish - floorboards, parquet, etc Timber battens Flooring chipboard Timber joists Thermal insulation	
Wooden floor finish on concrete slab (typical installation)	Floor Construction B (typical)	Wooden finish - floorboards, parquet, etc Timber battens Flooring chipboard Concrete slab Thermal insulation	
	Control	PT007 Thermostat or PRO TIMER	
	Heater	FW-A	
	Pitch (typical)	75mm - 145mm	

IMPORTANT

The above are examples only of the types of floor warming applications normally found. Therefore the data shown is intended as a guide only and may vary depending on geographical location, building structure, heating requirements and floor construction, etc. The diagrams are intended to be for illustrative purposes only.

For more details on specific applications, contact your local Heat Trace Representative.

Design Guide

Certain information is required prior to commencing the system design

- Size and layout of area concerned a) Room/space ambient temperature b)
 - Details of sub-floor construction C)
 - d)
 - Final floor covering (tiles, carpet, etc.) e) Thermal insulation
- g) Method of installation
- Supply voltage h)

f)

Preferred temperature control i)

Desired floor temperature

STEP 1

Determine the application, system requirements and style of heating cable

FW-A heating cable - for use with timber floors.					
	Target Floor Temp	Typical Room Temp	Heater Pitch FW-A	Approx W/m ² Output	
Bathroom, sauna, etc.	29°C	22°C	75mm	110W/m ²	
Living area, conservatory, etc.	27°C	20°C	95mm	90W/m ²	
Hallway, reception area, etc.	24°C	18°C	120mm	75W/m²	
Gymnasium, sports hall, etc.	21°C	16°C	145mm	60W/m ²	

FW-C heating cable - for use with concrete floors.

	Target Floor Temp	Typical Room Temp	Heater Pitch FW-C	Approx W/m ² Output
Bathroom, sauna, etc.	29°C	22°C	160mm	110W/m ²
Living area, conservatory, etc.	27°C	20°C	185mm	90W/m ²
Hallway, reception area, etc.	24°C	18°C	230mm	75W/m ²
Gymnasium, sports hall, etc.	21°C	16°C	275mm	60Wm ²

IMPORTANT - FW-A and FW-C heating cables are NOT interchangeable and should only be used as recommended above. If in doubt, contact your local Heat Trace Representative

STEP 2

Define the size of the area to be heated, the layout of heating cable and the floor construction

Example - Area to be heated: 4m x 3m conservatory floor with tiled surface.



Add 1 metre for each connection. Allow 2.5% for cutting allowance/wastage.

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STEP 4	Circuit protection is provided by Type C or D circuit breakers to EN60898:1991 or equal, sized as per the following table (based on 20°C start-up).				
Determine the number of heating circuits and the electrical protection requirements	Circuit Breaker Size	Supply Voltage	Maximum C FW-C	ircuit Length (fo	or 20°C start-up) FW-A
	20A	115VAC	52m (58m	1)	92m (113m)
	20A	230VAC	102m (116	m)	184m (226m)
	(Figures in parenthe electrical supply ie. A residual circuit bro standard with the H	esis are maximum cir reduced volt drop). eaker (rcd), 30mA se leat Trace's Local Dia	cuit lengths when b ensitivity must be pro stribution Panel (LDF	oth ends are co ovided. This is P) which is avail	provided as able with 3, 6 or
	9 circuit capacities, More than one heat the maximum heate If a number of room individual circuits ar	each fitted with 20 a or length does not even as are being heated, and be controlled sep	amp MCB/RCDs as onnected to a single kceed the breaker ca it is recommended arately.	standard. circuit breaker apacity. that each room	provided that should have
<u>STEP 5</u>	Simple ON/OFF cor can be adjusted to	ntrol may be achieve suit the desired floor	ed by using a FLOORV r temperature.	VARM PT007 Th	ermostat, which
Determine the method of control	Alternatively, energy efficiency may be improved by utilising the FLOORWARM PRO TIMER programmable timer control. This enables automatic day/week timer settings to be programmed into the system, de-energising the system during periods when the building, or room is unoccupied.				
	Additional operating programmed to tak	g cost savings may a e advantage of off-p	achieved when the F leak tariffs when the	LOORWARM PRO y are available.	TIMER IS
	Electronic controller switch differential.	rs are recommended	I because of their ac	curate regulatic	on and narrow
STEP 6	The heating circuits a correctly rated ov	may be connected er-current and earth	to an existing electri leakage protection of	cal supply only device (MCB/R	if provided with CD).
Connection to suitable electrical supply	The heating cable is terminated using the TK/FW supplied complete with a 2 metre cold lead. The cold lead is terminated into a suitable junction box mounted on the wall.				
	This junction box is fed from the Local Distribution Panel (LDP). Where total loads exceed the rated switch capacity of the chosen controller a suitably rated contactor box shall be used.				
STEP 7	Connecting cables controllers to the p	from the controller t ower supply, must b	o each circuit power	^r connection, ar satisfy Electrica	nd from the I Wiring
Determine power feed cable requirements	Regulations and local/national standards or codes. Sizing is determined by the maximum allowable volt drop and the current carried by the supply cable.				
	Generally, supply ca	ables may be sized a	according to the follo	owing table:	
	MCB Type C or D Rating	Heater Type	Supply Cables Size (min)	Max. Supply 115V	Cable Length 230V
	20A	FW-A	2.5mm ²	35m	71m

Important: a residual current device (rcd), 30mA is required.

FW-C

2.5mm²

33m

68m

20A

Design Guide / Worked Example 1

EXAMPLE 1 - Conservatory	This is the example depicted on page 5, a ne comfort heating system. The floor is concrete laid in the sand/cement screed below the finis	ew conservatory requiring a FLOORWARM e with a ceramic tile finish. The heater will be shed surface.		
STEPS 1 - 2 Determine system requirements and define area to be heated	Desired floor temperature Floor construction / finish Total area Typical room temperature Heater spacing / pitch Supply Voltage	27℃ Concrete with ceramic tile finish 11m ² 20℃ 185mm 230VAC		
	HEATING CABLE Total Area =	HOUSE WALL Barbar C U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U		
STEP 3	FLOORWARM FW-C cable length			
Calculate FLOORWARM cable length	A Floor area $4m \ge 2.75 = 11m^2$ $\frac{\text{area } (m^2)}{\text{pitch } (mm)} = \frac{11}{185} \ge 11m^2$ B Two connections (1m each) C Spare / cutting allowance (2.5%) Total ELOORWARM EW-C cable length	000 = 60m = 2m = 2m = 64m		
<u>STEP 4</u>	Referring to the table shown in STEP 5 on pa	age 6, it can be seen that the heater is length		
Determine number of circuits and electrical	is within the maximum recommended length	for the standard circuit breaker size.		
protection	Heated Area	Heating Circuit MCB/RCB Length (m) Rating		
	Conservatory floor	64 20A		
STEP 5	For this small area, a PT007 Thermostat was	selected to sense the floor temperature.		
Determine the method of control				
STEP 6	The heating cable should be terminated using	g an TK/FW termination kit and end seal.		
Connection to the electrical supply	The cold lead supplied should then be terminated into a Wall mounted junction box.			
	Connecting cables from the junction box or controller to the LDP must be correctly sized to satisfy Electrical Wiring Regulations and local/national standards or codes. Sizing is determined by the maximum allowable volt drop and the current carried by the supply cable.			
STEP 7 Power feed cables	The junction box was within 68 metres of the 2.5mm ² , 3 core cable.	LDP and was therefore wired back using		

EXAMPLE 2 -	Hallway, Bathroom, Toilet, Laundry	For this example a number of existing ground floor rooms require FLOORWARM systems to be retro-fitted. Each room has different heating requirements and floor finishes.			
		 The bathroom and toilet are marble tiles on a concrete floor - required floor temperature is 29°C. 			
	• The laundry is linoleum finish on	a concrete floor - requi	ired floor temp	perature is 21°C.	
		• The hallway is parquet tiles on a	timber floor - required	floor temperat	ture is 24°C.
<u>STEPS 1 - 2</u>			Hallway	Laundry	B/room & WC
Determine syste	em requirements and define	Desired floor temperature	24°C	21°C	29°C
areas to be hea	ated.	Floor construction / finish	parquet	linoleum	marble tile
	Total area	8.25sq.m	5sq.m	9sq.m	
Timber Flo	Hallway Timber Fleer with Dergust Bleeks	Typical room temperature	18°C	16ºC	22°C
	Heater spacing / pitch	120mm	275mm	160mm	
		Style of heater cable	FW-A	FW-C	FW-C
Concrete S	Slab with Linoleum Finish	BATHROOM 4.5m ²	HALLWAY	DRY %	
STEP 3			Hallway	Laundrv	B/room & WC
Calculate FLOOF	RWARM cable lengths	FLOORWARM cable type	FW-A	FW-C	FW-C
	A Floor area	8.25m ²	5m ²	9m ²	

В

В

length = area (m^2)

Total cable length

pitch (mm)

Two connections (1m each)

C Spare / cutting allowance (2.5%)

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protection

Referring to the relevant table on page 6, it can be seen that each circuit is within the maximum recommended circuit length for the standard 20A MCB.

69m

2m

2m

73m

19m

2m

1m

22m

57m

2m

2m

61m

Heated Area	Heating Circuit Length (m)	Heater Cable Type
Hallway	73m	FW-A
Laundry	22m	FW-C
Bathroom/Toilet	61m	FW-C

STEP 5

Determine method of control

Determine number of circuits and electrical

Each of the areas would be controlled by PT007 Thermostat.

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A PRO TIMER may be chosen if timer control is required. This would operate via a suitably rated contactor, ensuring that the system is only energised when required.

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STEP 6 Connection to electrical supply	The heating cables are terminated using TK/FW termination kits, complete with cold leads. Each cold lead is terminated into the wall mounted junction box using the plastic conduit ordered separately.
	Circuits may be connected to an electrical supply only if provided with a correctly rated over-current and earth leakage protection device (MCB / RCD).
	In this instance, a Heat Trace 3 way Local Distribution Panel (LDP03) is selected.
STEP 7	Determine power feed cables using the table provided in STEP 7 on page 6.
Determine power feed cable requirements	

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	Catalogue Ref: FW-A	For use where FLOORWARM cable is laid beneath timber floors.
	Catalogue Ref [.] EW-C	Quantity required - see step Step 4
		monolithic concrete slab, or in a sand/cement screed.
~		Quantity required - see step Step 4
Termination Kit	Catalogue Ref: TK/FW	Cold lead termination kit comprises heat shrink tubing, cable crimps, 2 metre length of 2.5 sq.mm power cable, glue, and double heat shrink tubing end seal.
		Number required: 1 per termination
Plastic Conduit	Catalogue Ref: PC-02	Plastic conduit available in 2m pieces. The cold lead provided in the TK/FW termination kit is taken through the conduit, which is then fixed into/behind the wall, and terminated into the junction box detailed below.
		Number required: 1 per TK/FW
Junction Box	Catalogue Ref: JB/FW <i>x</i>	Moisture resistant junction box suitable for up to three cold lead connections and one power supply connection. Available as surface mounted (S) or flush fitting (F).
		Number required: to suit number of circuits x denotes (S)urface, or (F)lush mounted box
Pre-punched strip	Catalogue Ref: PPS/A	25m roll of pre-punched strip for securing heater at correct pitch.
		Number required: 3m per square metre.

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CUSTOMER NAME AND ADDRESS:

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QUANTITY	TYPE REF.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED
m	FW-A1	FLOORWARM Cable, Timber Floor, 100 -120V		
m	FW-C1	FLOORWARM Cable, Concrete Floor, 100 - 120V		
m	FW-A2	FLOORWARM Cable, Timber Floor, 220 - 240V		
m	FW-C2	FLOORWARM Cable, Concrete Floor, 220 - 240V		
ea	JB/FWS	FLOORWARM Junction Box, Surface mounted		
ea	JB/FWF	FLOORWARM Junction Box, Flush fitting		
ea	TK/FW	Termination Kit & End Seal with 2m cold Lead		
ea	PC-02	2m length of plastic conduit		
ea	PPS/A	Pre-Punched Strip		
ea	PT007/LA/20/M	Floor Sensing Thermostat with Floor Sensor		
ea	FW550F	Flush fitting Programmable Control without Sensor		
ea	FW550S	as above, but surface mounting controller		
ea	FW550FS	Flush fitting Programmable Control with Sensor		
ea	FW550SS	as above, but surface mounting controller		
ea	LDP-03/1P/20	3 x 20A SP circuits, single phase incoming feed		
ea	LDP-06/3P/20	6 x 20A SP circuits, TP&N incoming feed		
ea	LDP-09/3P/20	9 x 20A SP circuits, TP&N incoming feed		
ea	C631/1	Contactor Box, 63A single phase, 100 - 120V coil		
ea	C631/2	Contactor Box, 63A single phase, 220 - 240V coil		
ea	C633/1	Contactor Box, 63A per pole, 100 - 120V coil		
ea	C633/2	Contactor Box, 63A per pole, 220 - 230V coil		
			SUBTOTAL	£
			C & P	£
			VAT	£
			TOTAL PRICE	£
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