# DANFOSS RX CONSTANT WATT HEATING CABLE SPECIFICATION FOR ROOF AND GUTTER DE-ICING

## 1.0 GENERAL

Supply and install a complete system comprised of heating cables, accessories and controls for keeping roof eaves, gutters and downspouts from being clogged by ice and snow.

## 2.0 MATERIAL

- 2.1 Shall be Danfoss RX kits dual conductor heating cable
- 2.2 Conductor: Copper or copper alloy with nickel coating.
- 2.3 Insulation: FEP DuPont with an average thickness not less than 0.25 mm and than layer of XLPE.
- 2.4 Shield: Tin coated drain wire combined with 0.050 mm aluminium foil coated with 0.012 mm PBT, 100% coverage.
- 2.5 Jacket: PVC with an average thickness not less than 0.75 mm.
- 2.6 Lead free ¼" round heating cable that is both flexible and UV protected.
- 2.7 Rated temperature: 220°F (105°C), maximum voltage 277V, up to 5.5 W/ft .
- 2.8 Shall include 6' cold lead with heavy duty grounded plug.
- 2.9 Shall be approved to applicable UL and CSA standards.
- 2.10 Heating cable circuit shall be protected by a ground fault device in accordance with section 426 of the NEC.

## 3.0 SYSTEM CONTROLS

Option 1: Automatic Snow Controller

The system shall be controlled by Danfoss GX850 control panel with external digital temperature and moisture sensors either directly or through an appropriate contactor.

**Option 2: Snow Switch Control** 

The system shall be controlled by Danfoss DS-8 temperature and moisture sensor either directly or through an appropriate contactor.

## Option 3: Thermostat

The system shall be controlled by an ambient sensing thermostat Danfoss 088L3422 either directly or through an appropriate contactor.

## Option 4: Manual Switch

The system shall be controlled by a manual switch either directly or through an appropriate contactor.

- 3.1 Automatic Snow Controller shall be microprocessor based to provide effective, economical automatic control.
- 3.2 Automatic Snow Controller shall have dual zone capability.
- 3.3 Automatic Snow Controller shall have an adjustable timer providing up to 10 hours of system operation after snowfall ceases.
- 3.4 Automatic Snow Controller shall have the following modes
  - a. Automatic
  - b. Constant OFF
  - b. Constant ON (manual timer)
- 3.5 Automatic Snow Controller shall have adjustable parameters
  - a. Melting temperature (32 °F to 49 °F).
  - b. Moisture sensibility (5 to 95).
- 3.6 Automatic Snow Controller shall be able to indicate the actual temperature and moisture levels for sensors.
- 3.7 Automatic Snow Controller shall have info-button for help/information.
- 3.8 Automatic Snow Controller shall have self-diagnosis program, which will detect faults and give an alarm.
- 3.9 Automatic Snow Controller shall have individual LEDs to provide indication of alarm and heater operation.
- 3.10 Automatic Snow Controller shall be capable of accepting four roof sensors.
- 3.11 Automatic Snow Controller shall have multi-language capabilities (English, Spanish and French).
- 3.12 Sensors shall include 50' lead.

## **4.0 EXECUTION**

#### 4.1 Installation

- a. System must be installed per manufacturer's recommendation using method described in installation guide.
- b. Place the heating mats and sensors in the surface material as per the installation guide.
- c. Secure the heating mat/cable to the rebar or ground.
- d. Maker plaque must indicate presence of embedded heating cables as per NEC 426-13.
- e. Inspect the cable and controls upon receiving the shipment. Note any damage and ensure materials received match the order and shipping documents.

#### 4.2 Tests

- a. Refer to the manufacturer's literature for requirements for testing and documenting cable resistance and insulation-to-ground readings.
- b. Take tests as outlined in the Installation Manual.
- c. If problems are discovered, consult the manufacturer.
- d. If unable to correct problems notify the engineer before proceeding with installation.
- e. Keep record of all readings for inspection by the engineer or for submittal to the manufacturer to ensure a valid warranty.

#### **5.0 WARRANTY**

5.1 Manufacturer shall offer 2 years non-prorated warranty.