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tubular and finned tubular elements



electric heating and controls

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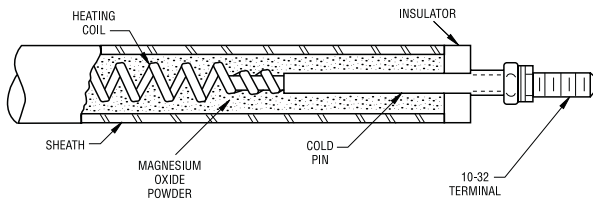
Introduction

INDEECO designs and manufactures commercial and industrial electric heating and control systems that set the industry standard for excellence. The company's heating solutions reflect more than 70 years of innovation, product quality and efficient service.

Our product offering ranges from the tubular heating elements described in this catalog to the most sophisticated, custom designed system. INDEECO's attention to detail and rigorous testing give worldwide customers premium products that they receive quickly and at a fair market price.

Construction

Standard Construction

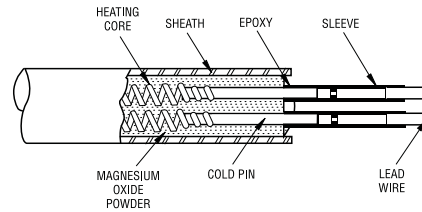


The cutaway view of a typical INDEECO tubular element shows its basic construction. A coil of the highest grade-resistance wire (80% nickel, 20% chromium) is precisely centered in a heavy gauge metal tube while the tube is filled with granular magnesium oxide powder. Terminal pins are welded or silver soldered to the resistance coil at each end to provide an unheated length near the terminals and to secure the coil in the magnesium oxide. Through rolling, the diameter of this assembly is reduced and the magnesium oxide compacted, insuring rapid heat transfer from the coil to the sheath, as well as high dielectric strength.

After compaction, the element is processed in one of three ways:

1. **Straight length elements** are sealed and appropriate terminals applied.
2. **Formed elements are annealed** and bent before they are sealed and terminated.
3. **Finned elements** are wound with a helical fin before they are sealed and terminated.

Two-Pass Construction



For applications requiring both terminations at the same end, either a U-bent or a two-pass element may be used. Two-pass elements, as shown in the cutaway view, have a U-bent coil inside the sheath and two leads or terminals at one end. The opposite end is sealed by welding or silver soldering. These elements are available in straight lengths, either finned or unfinned. They can be permanently mounted with a variety of factory-furnished mounting methods (see page 12). By contrast, standard elements in straight lengths must have a flexible electrical connection at one end to allow for thermal expansion.

Finned Construction



Standard Construction: A corrugated 304 stainless steel fin is helically wound on a .475" diameter 304 stainless steel element. To insure a permanent bond, each end of the fin is tack-welded to the element sheath. The entire assembly then goes through a computer controlled atmosphere furnace. This process prepares the element to be bent into a variety of configurations. Standard fin density is five fins per inch, while eight fins per inch can be furnished when specified.

Special Materials: .475" diameter elements can be furnished with monel fins and/or sheath. There are a variety of other exotic materials available that are useful for unique applications. Contact your local sales representative or INDEECO for the appropriate material for your application.

Construction/Quality Control

Construction Techniques

INDEECO construction techniques are designed to insure high quality and long life.

- **Rolling** – All standard diameter elements listed in this catalog are compacted through multi-stage rolls. This process insures uniform compaction of the magnesium oxide, a truly round cross section and a consistent diameter. This is critical if the element is being inserted into a machined hole.
- **Terminal Construction** – A threaded 10-32 stainless steel terminal is welded onto the cold pin for the standard construction. This technique allows the use of a relatively small diameter pin since it is not carrying the element current at its most critical point: connection to field wiring. The smaller pin also results in greater electrical clearances between the pin and the sheath, which is critical at higher voltages.

Stainless steel nuts and washers are furnished for field wiring. This hardware fits up to an integral shoulder with two flat sides on the terminal. Using an end wrench on the flats will prevent the terminal from rotating when connecting field wiring.

The terminal insulator and seal must be suitable for the temperature, voltage and atmospheric conditions of the application. INDEECO offers a wide variety of terminals, insulators and seals to meet virtually any combination of field conditions (see pages 6 and 7).

- **Recompaction** – In the process of bending, hairline cracks can develop in the compacted magnesium oxide. These cracks, in turn, can lead to overheating and coil failure, especially at high temperatures or high watt densities. To prevent such failures, we recompress most bends with a center-to-center diameter of 2" or less, eliminating cracks in the magnesium oxide.

Quality Control

From raw materials through the finished product, INDEECO maintains the highest standards in the industry through a series of Quality Control/Assurance checks.

- **Magnesium Oxide** – INDEECO uses only 96% pure MgO, the highest grade available for electric heating elements. Each batch is checked against two ASTM Standards: ASTM D3347 determines tap density to assure a high insulation density. ASTM D2755 is used for sieve analysis. Samples are sifted through ten progressively coarser sieves to assure a high concentration of larger grains, which have better thermal conductivity and dielectric strength. As a result, INDEECO elements have extremely high MgO density.
- **Certification to Special Standards** – Elements can be certified to Military Standards such as MIL-H-22577C and MIL-H-22594A, and special customer specifications regarding tolerances, hydrostatic testing, etc. Please consult the factory for details.

UL and CSA Recognition

Most of the elements described in this catalog are Recognized by the Underwriters Laboratories under UL Standard 1030. Our File No. is E78533. In addition, epoxy-sealed elements for refrigeration defrost are Recognized under File No. SA3254. Such recognition makes it simpler for manufacturers to incorporate INDEECO elements into equipment that is UL Listed. Tubular and finned tubular elements are also CSA approved under Report No. LR 11895-39. Please consult the factory for details.

Physical & Electrical Specifications

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Table I

Description	Unfinned Tubular Elements			Finned Tubular Elements	
	Standard		Two-Pass	Standard	Two-Pass
	.312"	.475"	.475"	.475"	.475"
Sheath Materials⁽¹⁾ (Max Sheath Temp)					
Copper (seamless) (350° F)	Custom	Stock	Stock	N/A	N/A
Steel (750° F)	N/A	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock
304 SS (1400° F)	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock
316 SS (1400° F)	Custom	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock
Inconel 625 (1800° F)	N/A	Stock	N/A	N/A	N/A
Incoloy 800 (1600° F)	Stock	Stock	Stock	N/A	N/A
Incoloy 800 (seamless) (1600° F)	N/A	Custom	N/A	N/A	N/A
321 SS (seamless) (1400° F)	N/A	Custom	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monel 400 (1000° F)	N/A	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock
Sheath Diameters					
Minimum	.309"	.469"	.469"	.469"	.469"
Maximum	.317"	.477"	.477"	.477"	.477"
Nominal Wall Thickness⁽²⁾	.030"	.035"	.035"	.035"	.035"
Sheath Lengths					
Minimum	11"	11"	11"	11"	11"
Maximum	256"	256"	96"	256"	96"
Sheath Length Tolerances	1% of overall sheath length with a minimum of 1/8" and a maximum of 1"				
Cold Ends					
Minimum	1-1/2"	1-1/2"	1-1/2"	1-1/2"	1-1/2"
Maximum	24"	28"	16"	28"	16"
Maximum Current Draw	40	40	30	40	30
Maximum Voltage	277	600	277	600	277
Wattage Tolerance	+5/-10%	+5/-10%	+5/-10%	+5/-10%	+5/-10%

(1) Stock – Material in stock.

Custom – Material is either stocked in small quantity or must be special ordered for each job.

(2) Other wall thicknesses available.

Watt Density & Sheath Selection

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Watt density and sheath material are the two most critical factors affecting element life. Watt density (watts per square inch of heater surface area) determines heater operating temperature for a given set of conditions. The sheath material must be suitable for the corrosive conditions and the extreme temperatures of the application.

Watt density is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Watt Density} = \frac{\text{Element Wattage}}{3.14 \times \text{Element Diameter} \times \text{Heated Length}}$$

Element diameter and heated length are expressed in inches.

Heating Air and Other Gases – Charts A through C give maximum sheath temperatures for a range of watt densities and velocities. This data is based upon air at atmospheric pressure and a 75° F inlet air temperature. For higher inlet temperatures, the sheath temperature will increase accordingly. Contaminants in the air, while normally not affecting the sheath temperature, may require a more highly corrosion-resistant sheath and/or fin material. For heating compressed air and other gases, consult the factory or your local INDEECO representative for watt density and sheath recommendations.

Chart B

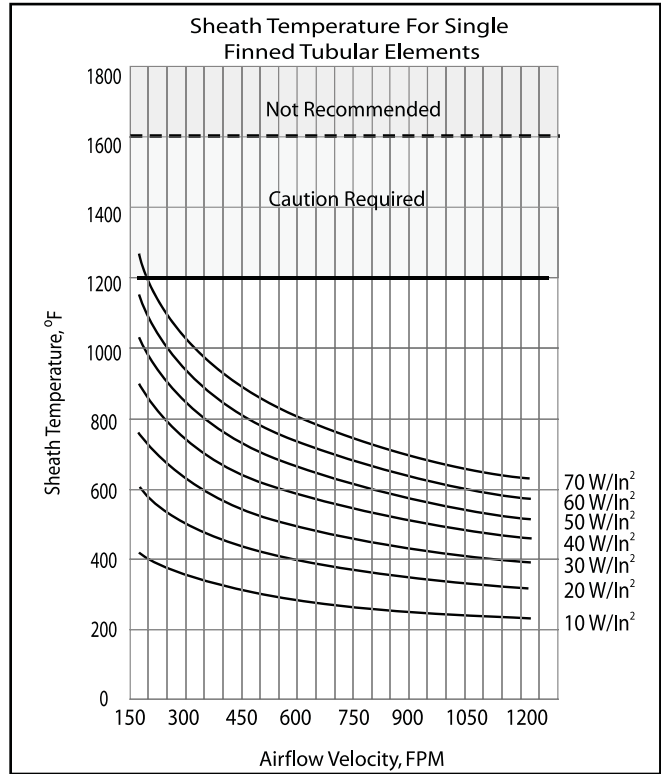


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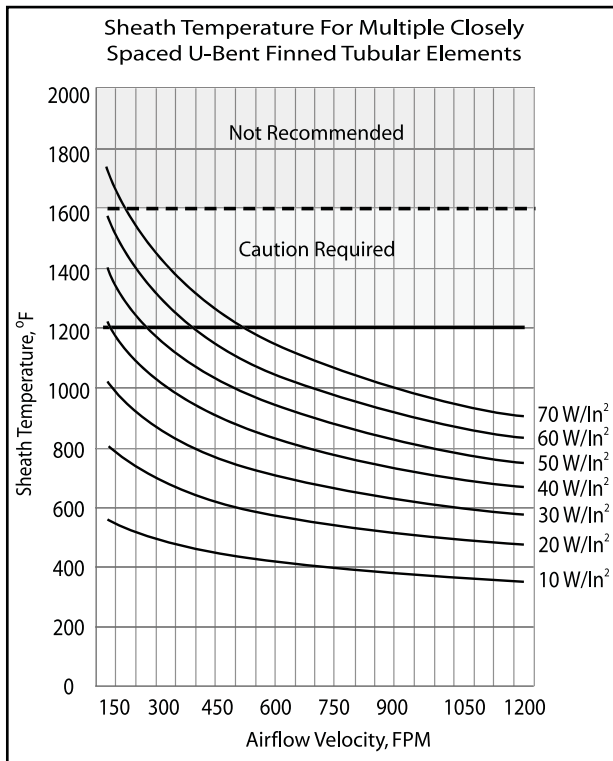
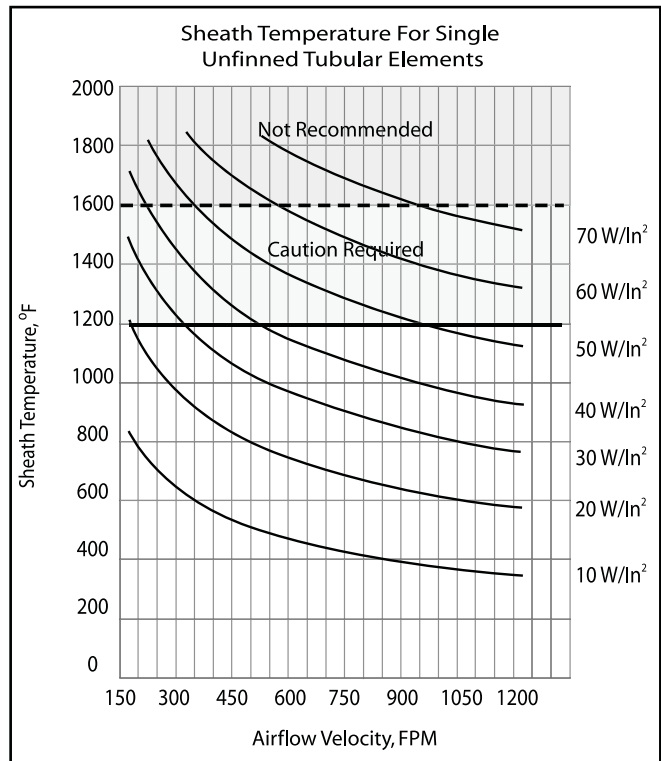


Chart C



Watt Density & Sheath Selection

Heating Liquids – Recommended watt densities and sheath materials for heating several common fluids are listed in Table II.

This information should be used only as a guide. INDEECO cannot be responsible for heater failures due to corrosion or excessive temperatures in the application.

Heating Metals – Table III gives recommended watt densities and sheath selection for elements that are clamped or inserted. Allowable watt densities will vary with such factors as element fit in a machined opening and metal thickness.

Watt Density & Sheath Materials

Table II

Material	Maximum Fluid Temperature °F	Sheath Material	W/Sq. In.
Asphalt	300	Steel	5-9
Caustic Soda (50%)	180	304 SS	15
Dowtherm A	100	Steel	55-60
	200	Steel	40-50
	300	Steel	20-35
	500	Steel	3-5
Ethylene Glycol	200	Steel	30-40
Fuel Oil, #5 & #6	200	Steel	5-12
Lube Oil, SAE 10-30	250	Steel	15-20
Lube Oil, SAE 40-50	160	Steel	5-12
Oakites	210	Steel	30-40
Therminol 66	500	Steel	25-30
	600	Steel	20-25
	650	Steel	10-15
Water-Potable	100	Copper	75
	212	Incoloy	50-75
Water-Deionized	100	304 SS	75
	212	304 SS	50-75

For a comprehensive list of sheath materials compatible with fluids under a variety of conditions, refer to INDEECO Immersion Heater Catalog C70.

Table III

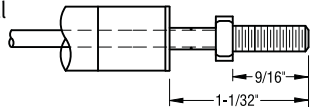
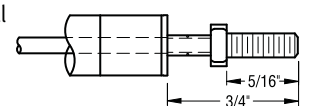
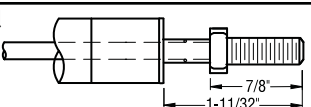
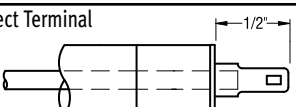
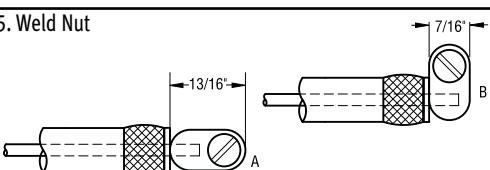
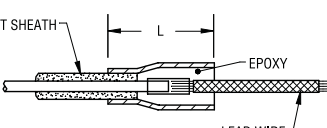
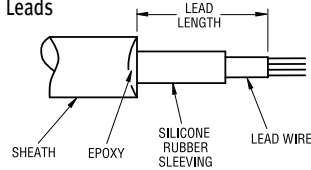
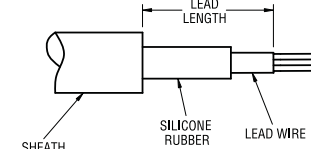
Application	Maximum Metal Temperature °F	Recommended Watt Density W/Sq. In.	Recommended Sheath Material
Clamped to Flat Metal Surface	200	20	Steel
	200	30	304 SS
	400	20	304 SS
Inserted into Machined Grooves or Holes	200	25	Steel
	200	35	304 SS
	400	25	304 SS
	600	20	304 SS
	600	25	Incoloy
	800	15	Incoloy

Terminals, Insulators & Seals

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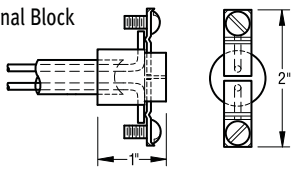
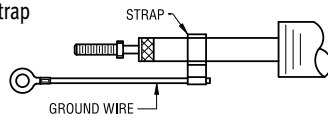
Except as noted, various terminations, insulators and seals can be combined as required to fit the application.

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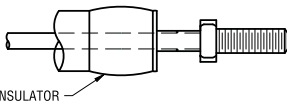
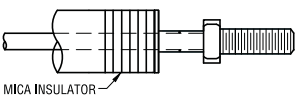
Terminals	Description	Use						
1. Threaded Terminal (Standard) 	10-32 stainless steel stud with 9/16" threaded length	For lead attachment in the field. 40 amp, 600V rating						
2. Threaded Terminal (Short) 	10-32 stainless steel stud with 5/16" threaded length	For installations with tight clearance.						
3. Threaded Terminal (Long) 	10-32 stainless steel stud with 7/8" threaded length	For multiple leads and heavy bus bars.						
4. Quick Connect Terminal 	Standard quick connect configuration	For connection to matching female terminal on field furnished lead. 30 amp, 600V rating						
5. Weld Nut 	Tab is welded to terminal pin and furnished with 10-32 terminal screw	Where it is more convenient to use this terminal orientation.						
6. Insulated Leads <table border="1" data-bbox="191 1239 365 1344"> <thead> <tr> <th>L</th> <th>Element Dia.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1-1/4"</td> <td>.312"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-3/4"</td> <td>.475"</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> 	L	Element Dia.	1-1/4"	.312"	1-3/4"	.475"	Standard copper conductors insulated with 5/64" or 1/16", 90° C neoprene	Used primarily with epoxy waterproof seal (see No. 14) for defrost applications. Rated 480V at the following amperages: 18 gauge – 10 amps max 16 gauge – 15 amps max 12 gauge – 30 amps max
L	Element Dia.							
1-1/4"	.312"							
1-3/4"	.475"							
7. Silicone Insulated Leads 	Stranded nickel-clad copper leads with 1/32" silicone rubber insulation and glass braid	For higher temperature applications requiring a 200° C insulation. Rated 600V at the following amperages: 14 gauge – 20 amps 12 gauge – 30 amps						
8. Type TGGT Leads 	Stranded nickel-clad copper leads with Teflon – Glass – Glass – Teflon, 4-layer insulation	For applications requiring 250° C insulation. Rated 600V at the following amperages: 14 gauge – 20 amps 12 gauge – 30 amps						

Terminals, Insulators & Seals

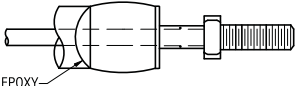
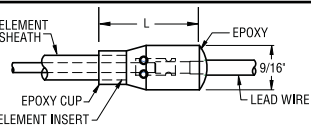
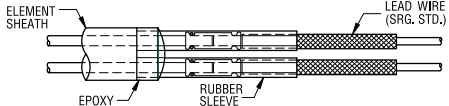
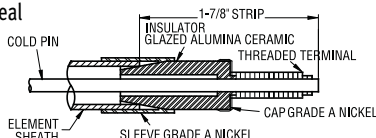
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Terminals	Description	Use
<p>9. Ceramic Terminal Block</p> 	10-32 female terminal tabs spot-welded to terminal pins running through ceramic block	For .475" diameter two-pass elements where temperature exceeds insulation limit or for convenience in attaching field furnished leads. Rated 30 amps at 277V
<p>10. Grounding Strap</p> 	To ground long straight single-pass finned tubular elements, eliminating arcing due to secondary currents	Recommended for straight single-pass finned tubular elements over 6' long.

Note: Terminations Nos. 1 through 8 are available on standard single-pass elements. Two-pass elements available with Nos. 9 and 15 only.

Terminal Insulators	Use
<p>11. Silicone Rubber (Standard)</p> 	General applications where terminal temperatures do not exceed 400° F. 1/4" thick insulation furnished up to 250V; 1/2" thick up to 600V. (Standard insulator unless otherwise specified)
<p>12. Mica</p> 	Applications where terminal temperatures do not exceed 1000° F. 1/4" thick insulation furnished up to 250V; 1/2" thick up to 600V.

Note: Terminal insulators are used in conjunction with Terminals Nos. 1 through 5 on standard elements.

Terminal Seals	Description	Use						
<p>13. Epoxy Barrier</p> 	Epoxy resin is mostly absorbed by the magnesium oxide insulation, but a thick film forms a barrier against moisture	For applications where low to moderate humidity may be present in the terminal area. For use at 200° F maximum.						
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L	Element Dia.							
1-1/4"	.312"							
1-3/4"	.475"							
<p>15. Epoxy Barrier (for two-pass construction)</p> 	Epoxy resin is mostly absorbed by the magnesium oxide insulation, but a thick film forms a barrier against moisture	For applications where low to moderate humidity may be present in the terminal area. For use at 200° F maximum.						
<p>16. Hermetic Seal</p> 	Ceramic to metal hermetic seal is soldered to the element sheath and terminal pin. 1/4"-28 threaded terminal	Absolute seal up to 1000° F.						

Bending

Bending

Standard single-pass tubular elements may be bent in an infinite variety of configurations. Utilizing the most up-to-date computer numerical control (CNC) bending equipment and techniques, INDEECO is able to produce an element to fit virtually any application.

Bends that are less than 2" center-to-center are normally repressed on unfinned elements to recompact the magnesium oxide insulation, eliminating hairline cracks that may develop during bending.

Figures A through T show some of the configurations frequently specified. For configurations not shown, submit a drawing or sketch of your requirements. Any of these are available either finned or unfinned.

Table V

Sheath Diameter (Inches)	Sheath Materials	Minimum Bending ⁽¹⁾ (Inches)		Center-To-Center Dimensions (Inches) Available For Repressing Dies For 180° Bends
		Inside Radius	Center-To-Center Dimensions	
.312	Copper & Incoloy 800 304 SS	3/8	7/8	5/8, 11/16, 3/4, 1, 1-1/2, 2, 2-3/8, 2-1/2
		1/4	1	
.475 Unfinned	Copper, Steel & Incoloy 800 304 & 316 SS Inconel 600 & Monel 400	1/2	1-1/4	1, 1-1/16, 1-1/8, 1-1/4, 1-3/8, 1-1/2, 1-5/8, 1-3/4, 1-7/8, 2, 2-1/4, 2-1/2
		1/4	1	
		3/8	1-1/2	
.475 Finned	Steel 304 SS Monel 400		2	Not repressed. Bending dies are available in 1/8 increments from 2 through 3-1/2.
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(1) Contact factory for requirements below minimum bending dimensions shown.

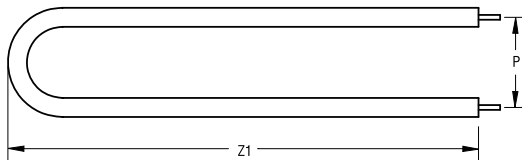


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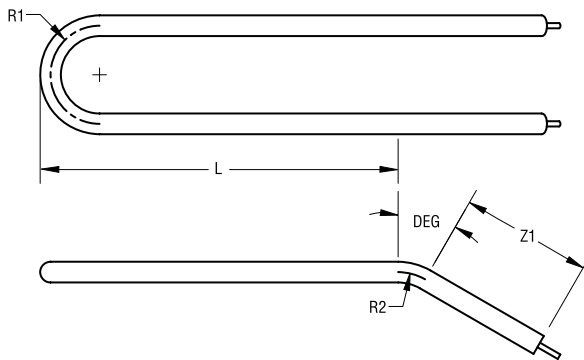
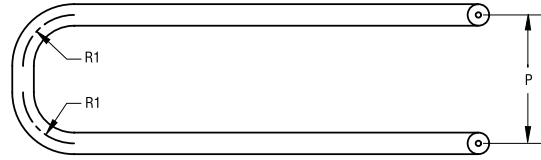


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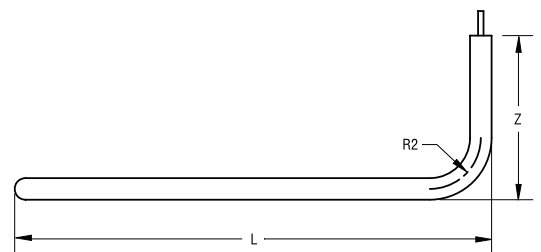


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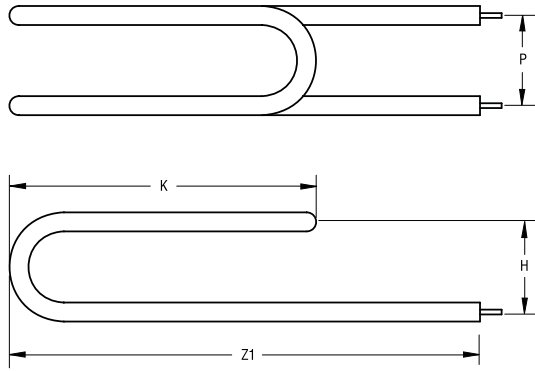


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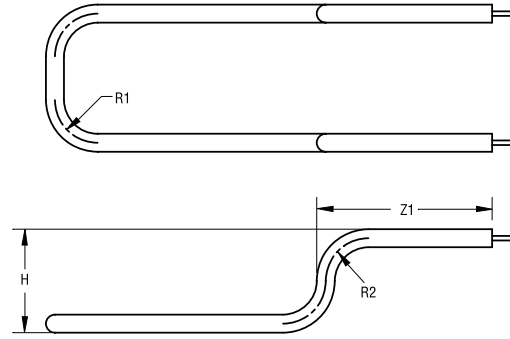


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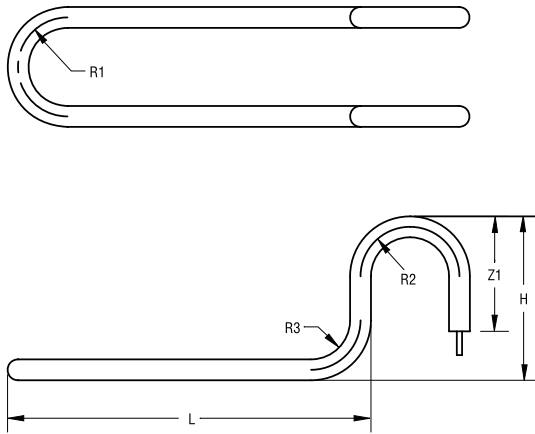


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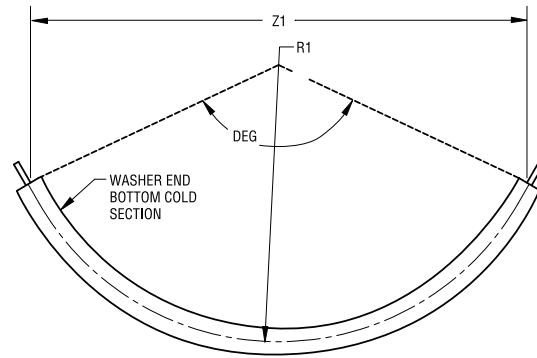


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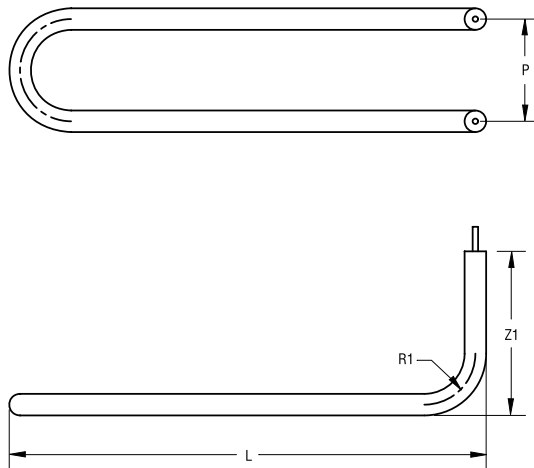


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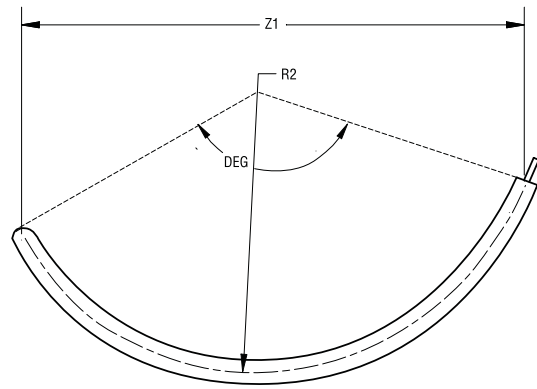
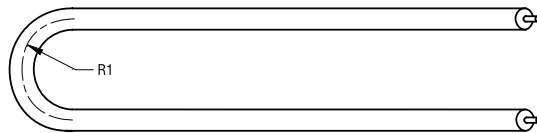


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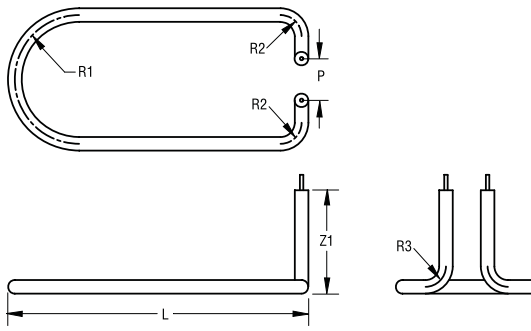


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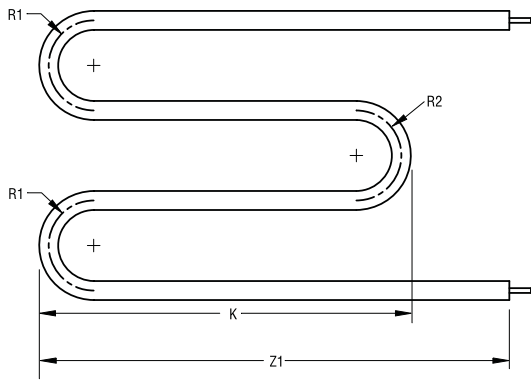


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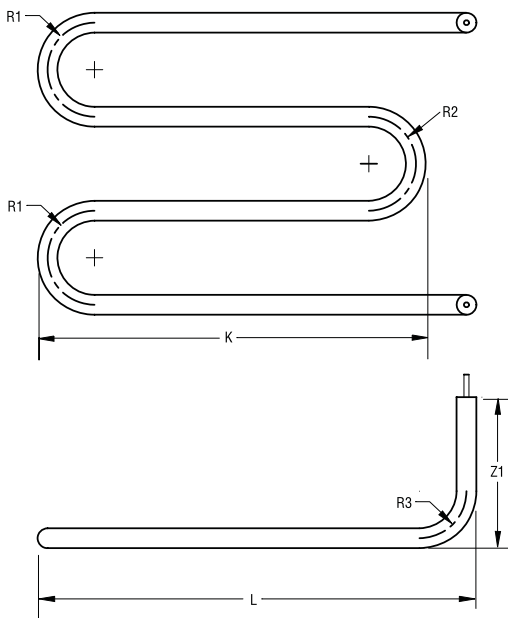


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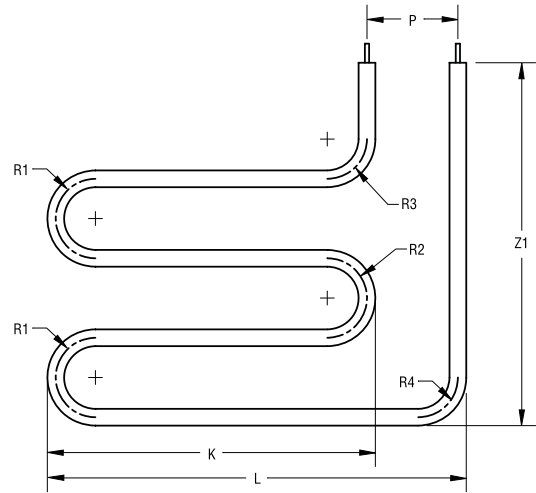


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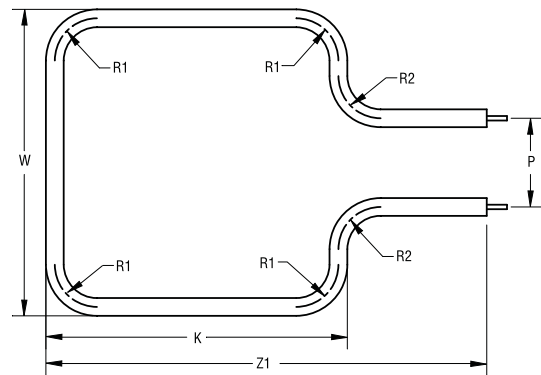


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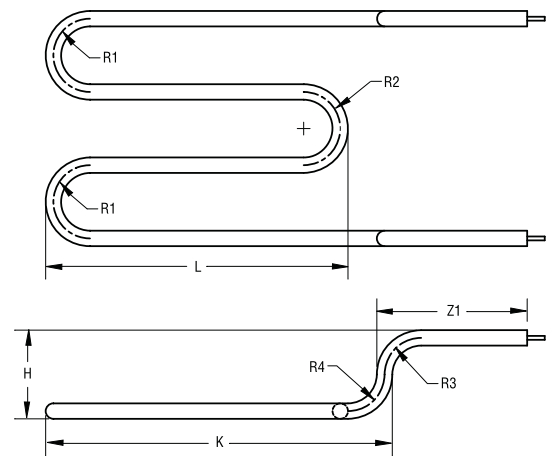


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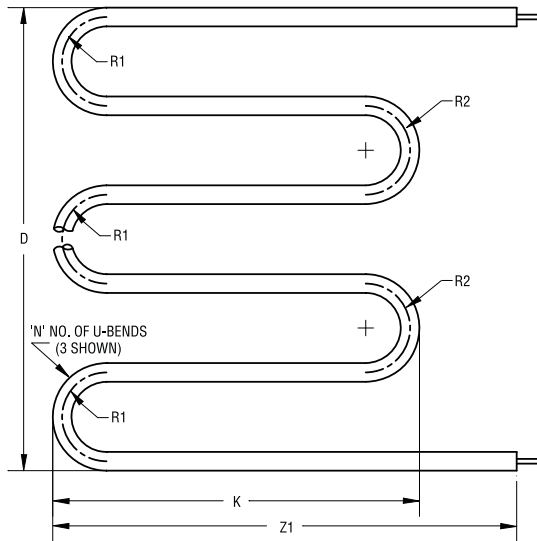


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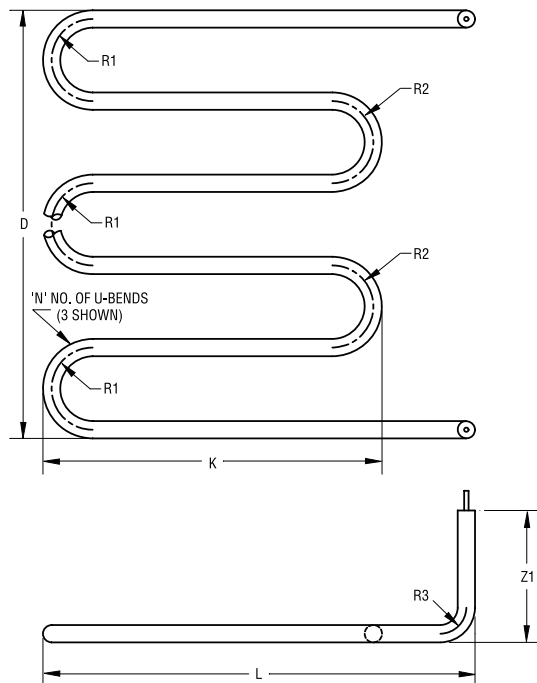


Figure Q

Note: Unheated section must not end in bend.

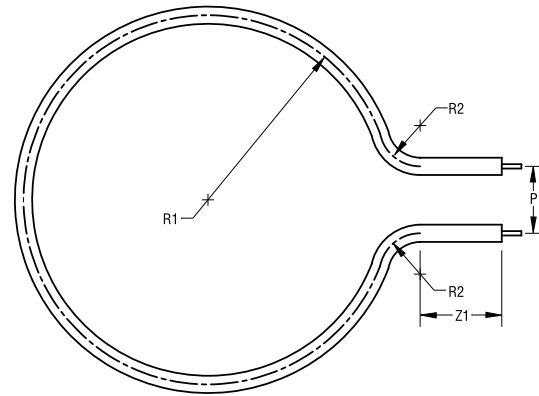


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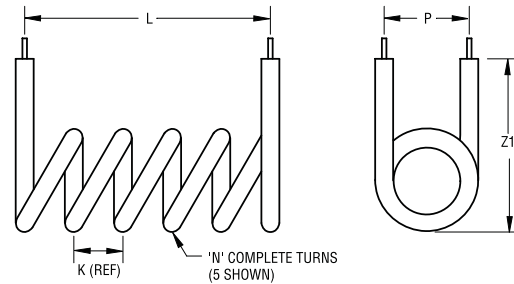


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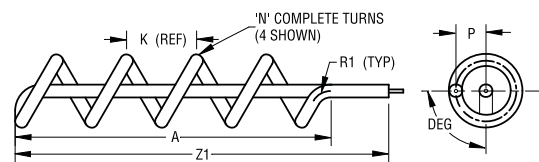


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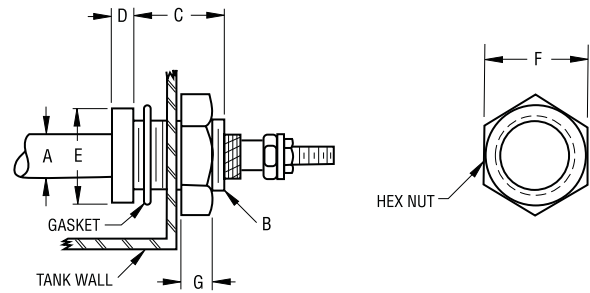
Mounting Accessories

Mounting Accessories

Two types are available: Threaded Fittings and Mounting Plates.

Threaded Fittings

Threaded fittings are furnished with nuts and optional fiber gaskets, washers and lockwashers. They are designed for immersion applications. Fittings are silver soldered, welded or mechanically pressed (staked) to the sheath. Welding requires sheath and fitting material compatibility. Standard elements require two fittings, one for each terminal end. Two-pass elements require only one fitting.



Dimensional details shown in Table VI

Table VI

Fitting Part No.	Material	A (Inches)	B (Thread Size)	C (Inches)	D (Inches)	E (Inches)	Hex Nut (Inches)	
							F	G
1007139	Brass	0.312	1/2 - 20	7/8	5/16	3/4	3/4	5/16
1007219	Brass	0.312	9/16 - 18	1/2	1/8	1	7/8	5/16
1007142	Brass	0.312	5/8 - 18	1/2	5/16	1	7/8	1/8
1007215	Steel	0.312	3/4 - 16	1-1/16	1/4	1	1	3/16
1007127	Brass	0.475	5/8 - 18	9/16	5/16	1	7/8	1/8
1007225	Brass	0.475	3/4 - 16	7/8	1/4	*1	1	1/8
1007228	Stainless	0.475	3/4 - 16	7/8	1/4	*7/8	7/8	1/8
1007279	Stainless	0.475	3/4 - 16	3/8	3/16	*1	7/8	1/8
1006846	***Steel	0.475	5/8 - 18	1/2	1/8	1	7/8	1/8
1000058	**Steel	0.475	3/4 - 16	1/2	1/8	*7/8	1	3/16
1007249	Steel	0.475	3/4 - 16	1-1/16	3/16	*1	1	3/16

* These fittings have a hex flange instead of a round flange.

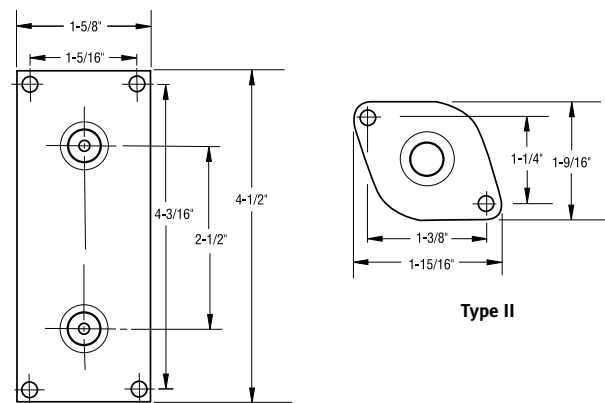
** This fitting is copper plated steel, normally furnished on finned tubular elements with palnut type locknuts standard. Gaskets are not furnished unless specified.

*** This fitting is nickel plated steel, with palnut type locknuts standard.

Mounting Plates

Mounting plates provide a simple, convenient means of holding elements in place in an airstream and other applications where the element is not immersed in a liquid. Stainless steel plates are mechanically pressed (staked) or tack welded to stainless sheathed elements; copper-plated steel plates are brazed to steel sheathed elements.

The mounting plates shown to the right are for .475" diameter elements. Consult factory for .312" diameters.



Type I

Table VII

Heating Element Configuration	Mounting Plate	
	Type	Material
2-1/2" C-C U-Bent	I	Steel
2-1/2" C-C U-Bent	I	Stainless
Straight or Two-Pass	II	Steel
Straight or Two-Pass	II	Stainless

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