

BENEFITS & FEATURES

- ✓ The corrosion resistance and conductivity of solid copper and the strength of fully annealed high-carbon steel
- ✓ Higher breaking strength than copper
- ✓ 11% lighter than solid copper
- ✓ 79 lb. break load
- ✓ 30, 45 or 60 mil HMWPE insulation
- ✓ Bonded metals will not corrode or separate
- ✓ 'Theft-resistant' (now aftermarket value) and stable price history compared to solid copper
- ✓ Rated for direct bury
- ✓ Color-coded in accordance with the American Public Works Administration (APWA) standards for utility identification
- ✓ Exclusively manufactured by Kris-Tech Wire

APPLICATION

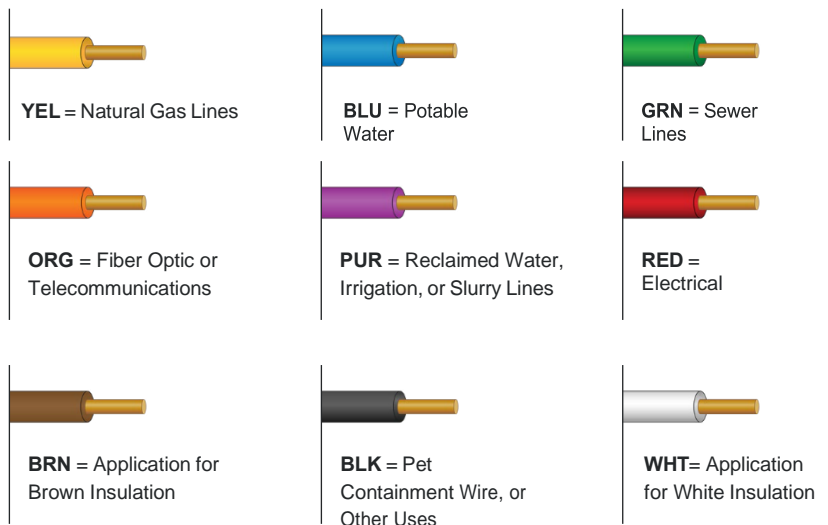
Kris-Tech copper-clad steel (CCS) tracer wire is installed on all non-metallic and metallic underground utilities and wires to enable infrastructure location. CCS tracer wire is ideal for trenching, open cut, and plowing applications when there are no above-ground buildings, roadways, or other obstructions.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

#18 AWG (0.0403" diameter), fully annealed low carbon steel with a stress relieved solid copper-clad steel conductor. Insulated with a high molecular weight polyethylene (HMWPE) insulation rated for direct burial use at 30, 60 or 1000 volts.

COLOR OPTIONS

Our tracer wire is manufactured in a range of colors, in conformance with the American Public Works Administration Uniform Color Code. Non-standard colors based on unique customer requirements are also available.



PART# AND TERMS

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- ✓ 18 AWG-Solid CCS Tracer Wire
- ✓ 30 Mil HMWPE 30 Volt
- ✓ 45 Mil HMWPE 600 Volt
- ✓ 60 Mil HMWPE 1000 Volt

- ✓ Direct Burial

* INSULATION COLOR

YEL=Yellow, BLU=Blue,
GRN=Green, ORG=Orange,
PUR=Purple, RED=Red,
BRN=Brown, BLK=Black,
WHT=White

** SPOOL SIZE IN FEET

SPOOL LABEL

Wound wire on a compact spool made of plastic or wood.

CONDUCTOR

Kris-Tech Wire copper-clad steel wire is composed of a steel core with a uniform and continuous copper cladding completely bonded to the steel throughout. Wire conforms to ASTM B1010.

SURFACE CONDITION

Wire surface shall be defect-free, including flakes, pits, voids, and grooves. Wire surface shall be smooth, with no excessive copper dust and residual drawing lubricants.

SPECIFICATIONS

FULL PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- ✓ Tracer wire shall be a #18 AWG (0.0403" diameter) fully annealed, low carbon steel, stress relieved solid copper-clad steel conductor (SR-CCS) rated at 30, 600 or 1000 volts
- ✓ Insulated with 30, 45 or 60 mil, high molecular weight polyethylene (HMWPE) insulation rated for direct burial use.
- ✓ SR-CCS conductor must meet or exceed 21% conductivity for locate purposes
- ✓ Break load of 79 lbs.
- ✓ HMWPE insulation is RoHS compliant and utilizes virgin-grade materials
- ✓ Insulation colors meet the APWA color code standard for buried utility identification

PRINT LINE

- ✓ Permanent physical markings: surface print legend on insulation will repeat at a minimum interval of every two linear feet
- ✓ Ink colors include Black ink for Yellow, Blue, Red, Orange, Purple, Brown, White, and Green insulation, and White ink for Black insulation
- ✓ Kris-Tech wire #18 AWG SR-CCS tracer wire — 30, 45 or 60 mil HMWPE voltage direct burial only

CLADDING

The steel and copper interface has a metallurgical bond achieved through a high heat and pressure bonding process — the established process for porosity-free material

- **Steel** is high strength, with 0.54 carbon or greater, and verified to meet all required mechanical properties.
- **Copper** is UNS-C10200, OF Copper as per ASTM B-170 (latest revision). High conductivity, oxygen-free copper is used to provide optimal signal performance

SPECIFICATIONS

INSULATION

The following is a description of the properties of the materials used in Kris-Tech stress relieved tracer wire insulation

MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

- ✓ Insulation is made up of a copolymer high molecular weight polyethylene (HMWPE) designed explicitly for insulating highspeed copper wire
- ✓ It contains the obligatory levels and types of primary antioxidant and metal deactivator additives to meet most Wire and Cable industry requirements
- ✓ HMWPE material is produced with an excellent balance of surface smoothness, tensile and elongation properties, processing ease, abrasion toughness, environmental stress crack, thermal stress crack resistance, and electrical consistency
- ✓ Insulation conforms to ASTM D1248

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Every Kris-Tech product is manufactured to exact specifications using our rigorous quality control system that ensures products are defect-free and meet or exceed all performance requirements.

PHYSICAL, MECHANICAL, & ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES

The wire shall conform to the properties listed in Table 1 & Table 2.

Table 1: Physical, Mechanical, and Electrical Properties

#18 AWG CCS Low Carbon Steel	21% SR CCS Conductor
1. General Specifications	
Wire Hardness	Stress Relieved(SR)
Base Alloy Material	Low carbon steel
2. Dimensions	
Diameter, nominal	1.0236 mm / 0.0403 in
Diameter, minimum	1.0134 mm / 0.0399 in
Cross section Area, nominal	0.823 mm ² / 1,624 cmil
Net Weight	6.56 Kg/Km / 4.41 lb/Kft
Copper Thickness, minimum	0.0198 mm / 0.0008 in
Density, typical	7.9800 g/cm ³ / 0.2880 lb/in ³
3. Electrical Specifications	
Electrical Conductivity (IACS), nominal	21%
DC Resistance, maximum	101.7891 Ω/Km, 33.3949 Ω/Kft
4. Mechanical Specifications	
Breaking Load, minimum	351 N / 79 lb _f
Tensile Strength, maximum	550 N/mm ² / 79,771 psi
Tensile Strength, minimum	400 N/mm ² / 58,015 psi
Wire Elongation, minimum	1% (actual 5%)

*Diameter tolerances: ±1%

Table 2: Physical, Mechanical, and Electrical Properties

High Molecular Weight Polyethylene Insulator	Value
1. Physical Specifications	
Density (ASTM D1505)	0.920 g/cm ³
Melt Mass-Flow Rate (ASTM D1238)	0.70 g/10min
Brittleness Temperature (ASTM D746)	< -76.1°C
2. Mechanical Specifications	
Tensile-Yield (ASTM D638)	12.0 Mpa
Tensile-Break (ASTM D638)	15.2 Mpa
Tensile-Elongation (Break) (ASTM D638)	650%
3. Electrical Specifications	
Volume Resistivity (ASTM D257)	>10E+15 Ω*cm
Dielectric Constant (ASTM D150)	2.29
Dissipation Factor (ASTM D150)	6.0E-05