



FERRO-THERM D.I.

Installation Manual

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GENERAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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UNLOADING & HANDLING

Lift joints from trucks. DO NOT DROP SHARP OR HEAVY OBJECTS ON INSULATED UNITS. DO NOT use chains or other devices which might puncture insulation jacket.

STORAGE

Pipe is stockpiled off the ground. Do not exceed a stacking height of 6'. Prevent dirt and debris from entering pipe. Fittings, joining materials, etc. must be stored indoors to protect them from freezing, overheating, moisture, or loss.

LAYING OF PIPE UNITS – TRENCHING

All sharp rocks, roots, and other abrasive material must be removed from the trench. The trench bed should be 6" of sand or backfill as specified by the engineer, providing a smooth and uniform stabilizing surface (sandbags may be used as a means to keep the pipe off the ground until backfilling is started). The trench width should provide a minimum of 6" from trench wall to jacket O.D. and a minimum of 6" between pipe units. Trench depths will be indicated on the contract drawing and in line with good construction practices. Trench depth should allow for a minimum cover of 24" on top of the insulated unit.

FIELD JOINING METHODS

Clean pipe ends and coupling groove to ensure proper gasket sealing. Insert rubber gasket into bell groove, making certain gasket is seated in groove and facing the correct direction (see manufacturer's brochure). Lubricate pipe ends and the gasket with Thermacor provided lubricant. Insert lubed spigot straight into bell to first stop mark using block and bar or puller. DO NOT GO PAST THE STOP MARK. DO NOT USE PETROLEUM BASED LUBRICANTS!

FIELD ALTERATIONS

Pipe will be cut in the field, based on the appropriate field measurements for fittings and/ or making manhole or wall entries, unless the system is pre-engineered with piece mark sections. If special short pieces are required, measure distance needed for field alteration and cut through unit with saw. Pipe manufacturer may provide special field cut lengths of pipe which will be marked with colored ends and should be used for all short pieces when available. Using factory insulated pipe as guide, cut back insulation and bevel pipe (simultaneously removing burrs, cuts, nicks, and scratches). Apply end seals to the clean, dry, exposed insulation surface. Stop marks must be indicated on any cut back pieces. Using a factory finished end as an example, make a stop mark on the spigot using a crayon or pencil. DO NOT OVER BELL PIPE.

BACKFILL INITIAL

After pipe is installed, sand shall be tamped around the conduit in 6" layers to insure proper compaction. One foot on either side of each joint and fitting shall be left bare for visual inspection during testing.

HYDROSTATIC TESTING

Sufficient backfill must be placed on pipe and thrust blocks poured and cured, prior to testing. Temporary thrust blocks should be used with caution to proof test joints in pipe and fittings. Bleed all air from lines to eliminate possible incorrect readings. The hydrostatic pressure test shall be performed per the engineer's specification with a factory recommendation of one and one-half times the normal operating pressure for not less than two hours. Inspect all fittings, valves, and couplings at this time. *Appropriate safety precautions shall be taken to guard against possible injury to personnel in the event of a failure.*

BACKFILL FINAL

After testing is complete, a minimum of 12" of specified backfill is hand tamped over the top of the insulated unit. Backfilling is completed using standard backfill material and machines, taking care to eliminate large rocks (6" in diameter or greater), boulders, stumps, foreign matter, or frozen earth.

WHEELED OR TRACKED VEHICLES SHALL NOT BE USED FOR TAMPING!

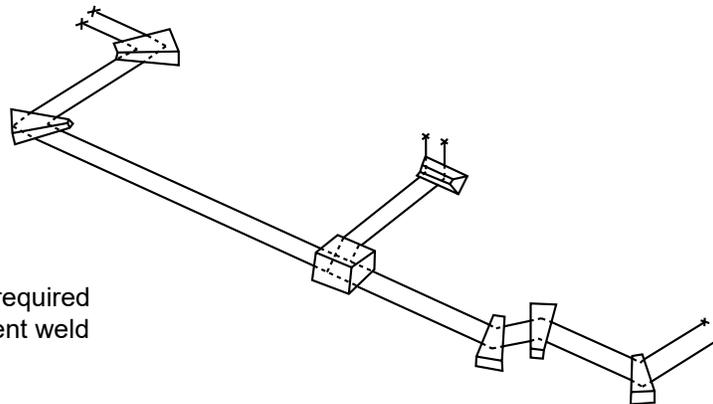
THRUST BLOCK INSTALLATION

The engineer who designs the system has the responsibility for designing and sizing the thrust blocks. A knowledge of site soil conditions is essential for proper design. Thermacor will not accept or assume responsibility for thrust blocks, and intends to provide basic data only.

WHY THRUST BLOCKS?

A Ferro-Therm D.I. system must include thrust blocks to prevent any rubber gasketed joints from separating under pressure. To prevent separation, thrust blocks must be located at:

1. All major changes in direction; i.e., tees and elbows (both horizontal and vertical).
2. All changes in size.
3. All terminal ends.
4. All Valves, so as to support the body weight and prevent excessive torque on pipe connections.
5. **IMPORTANT:** Any connecting metallic pipe must be anchored at the point of connection to the D.I. pipe to prevent excessive stresses from being transferred to the D.I. pipe.



NOTE: Thrust blocks are required with gasket pipe and solvent weld fittings.

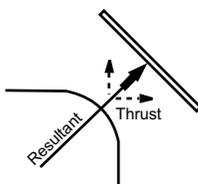
INSTALLATION

As thrust blocks are an essential part of the system, they should be poured before hydrostatic testing. Temporary thrust blocking may be used with extreme caution if absolutely necessary. The system must be retested after the permanent thrust blocks are poured and cured to verify that the thrust blocks will resist the thrust.

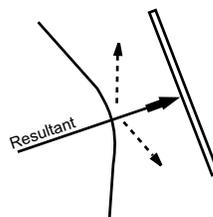
DESIGN

The design of the thrust blocks depends on test pressure, size, number of pipes, soil conditions, and types of fittings involved. Three conditions must be met for the thrust blocks to function properly.

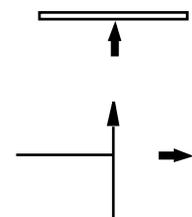
1. The bearing area must be adequate to resist the pressure force.
2. The bearing surface must rest directly against undisturbed soil.
3. The face of the block bearing surface in the soil must be perpendicular to the resultant direction of thrust.



90° ELBOW



45° ELBOW



REDUCING TEE

If the thrust blocks have not been designed by the engineer, they must be sized by the following procedure:
Example: Design a thrust block to resist the horizontal thrust of two 4" chilled water lines (supply and return) at a 90° elbow. The test pressure is 150 psi and the soil is soft clay.

TABLE 1 POUNDS OF THRUST AT FITTING FOR 100 POUNDS/ SQ. INCH OPERATING PRESSURE				TABLE 2 SAFE BEARING LOADS	
PIPE SIZE	TEE	90°	45°	SOIL	LB. PER SQ. FT.
3"	1,395	1,900	1,160	Muck, Peat	0
4"	1,950	2,700	1,550	Soft Clay	1,000
6"	3,950	5,600	3,050	Sand	2,000
8"	6,750	9,500	5,100	Sand & Gravel	3,000
10"	10,900	15,450	9,400	Sand & Gravel cemented with clay	4,000
12"	15,550	29,600	11,900	Hard Shale	10,000
14"	21,000	31,850	16,100		
16"	27,300	38,400	31,000		
18"	35,200	49,500	27,000		
20"	43,500	61,100	33,300		
24"	62,400	89,900	47,900		

STEP 1 FINDING THRUST:

From Table 1, the resultant thrust of a 4" x 90° elbow is 2700 lbs. at 100 psi.

At 150 psi, the thrust is:

$$2700 \text{ lbs.} \times \frac{150 \text{ psi}}{100 \text{ psi}} = 4050 \text{ lbs. elbow}$$

4050 lbs. x 2 = 8100 lbs. thrust for two elbows.

STEP 2 FINDING BEARING AREA OF BLOCK:

From Table 2, soft clay has a bearing strength of 1000 lbs./ sq. ft. therefore:

$$\frac{8100 \text{ lbs.}}{1000 \text{ lbs./ sq. ft.}} = 8.1 \text{ sq. ft. bearing area required}$$

or a block face of 4' x 2' (8 sq. ft.) is adequate.

THRUST BLOCK TYPES

Examples of thrust blocks for normal fittings are illustrated.

For vertical risers the trench bottom must be undercut and the entire trench bottom should be covered with concrete.

The thrust blocks must bear against firm, stable soil.

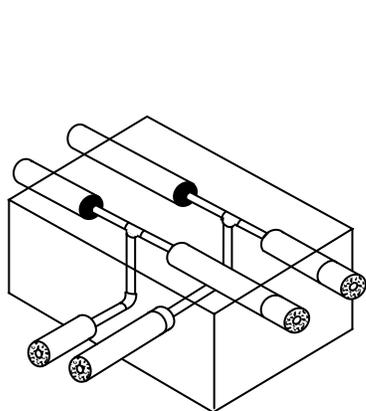


FIGURE II

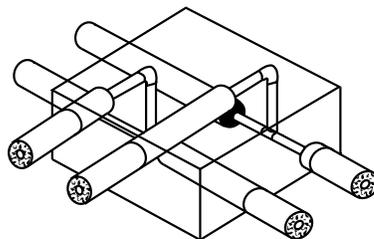


FIGURE I

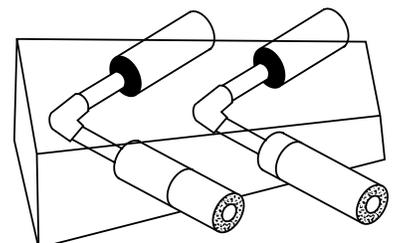


FIGURE III

CONSTRUCTION

Thrust blocks are made of concrete.

An acceptable concrete is 1 part Portland cement, 2 parts washed sand, and 3 parts washed gravel with enough water for a relatively dry mix. The dry mix is easier to shape and offers higher strength.

The concrete should be worked thoroughly around the elbows for maximum surface contact. Make sure the entire area between the fittings and the trench wall is filled with concrete and free of voids.

The blocks should be shaped with the designed bearing area against the trench wall. Smaller blocks should be shaped by hand. Larger blocks require simple forms.

The trench should be undercut under the pipes at least six inches to give added thrust resistance and to provide adequate concrete around the fittings. Six inches of concrete should be over the top of the pipe.

The center of the thrust blocks bearing surface should coincide with the horizontal center line of the pipes. (See figures I and II).

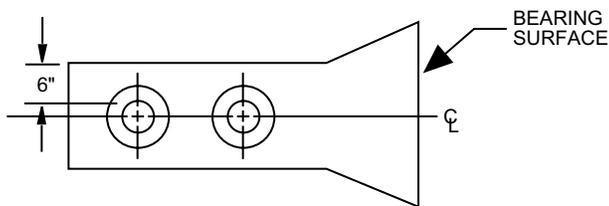


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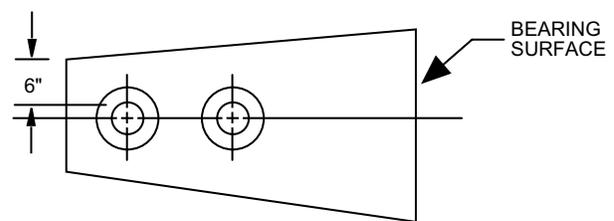


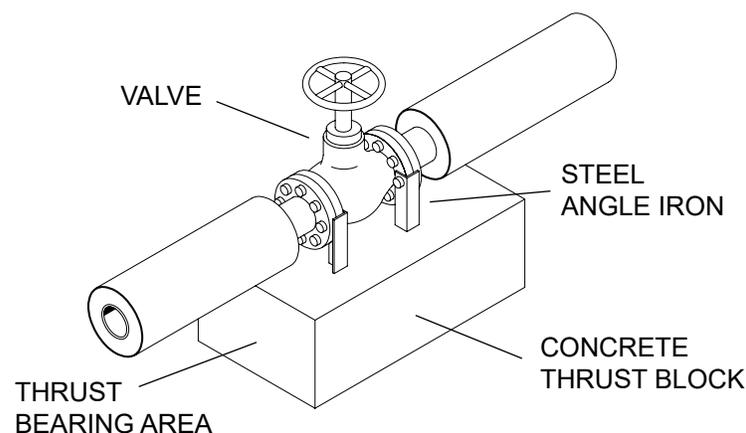
FIGURE II

UNSTABLE SOIL

If the soil is unstable in the area of a thrust block, it will be necessary for the engineer to make special provisions. This is considered a civil engineering matter and a project civil engineer should be consulted for professional advice.

VALVE BLOCKS

Blocks must be poured beneath valves with sufficient steel for valve connections. This supports the valve weight and prevents any torque or twisting action caused by opening and closing the valve.



SHIPPING & HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

HANDLE COATED PIPE WITH EXTRA CARE! THIS PIPE CAN DAMAGE WHEN HANDLED, MOVED, OR STORED IMPROPERLY!

UPON RECEIPT OF MATERIALS

Make an overall inspection of the load, checking all bands and braces to see if they are intact. Also, check the load for shifting. If the load has shifted, or if the braces and bands are broken, examine each pipe for damage. **HAVE THE TRUCK DRIVER MAKE AN ITEMIZED NOTATION OF ANY DAMAGE ON THE DELIVERY RECEIPT AND HAVE IT SIGNED BY THE DRIVER.**

CHECK PACKING LIST

Compare materials received with those listed on the packing list. Count all pipe and boxes. **NOTE ANY SHORTAGES ON DRIVER'S DELIVERY RECEIPT.**

CHECK BOXES

Open all boxes and inspect for damages, shortages, and correct size. **REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT.**

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES

Claims for damages in transit or lost goods must be made within 30 days. The filing of any claim is the Purchaser's Responsibility. Thermacor will file any claim on Purchaser's behalf upon receipt of the following:

1. Written authority to file such a claim.
2. Written notice of loss or damage (signed and noted Bill of Lading) by truck driver or carrier freight agent.

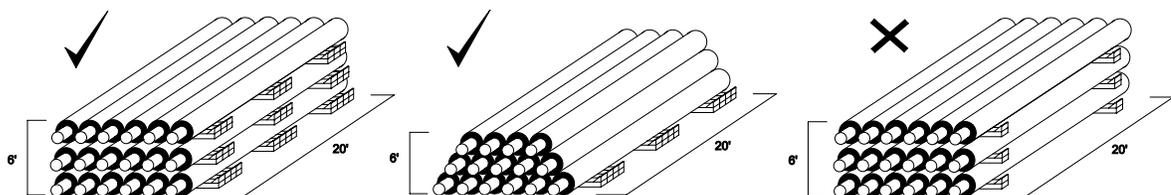
UNLOADING PIPE

Pipe may be unloaded by hand or with fork lifts*, cherry pickers, or cranes. **DO NOT HOOK** pipe ends. Minimum 4" wide straps or slings should be used.

*Fork Lift – When using Fork Lift, wide tines or a large surface covering the fork tines must be used to prevent coating damage. Fork Lift must be able to handle the weight of the insulated pipe length.

PIPE STOCKPILING

Pipe should be stored on level ground, elevated to be as dry as possible, and in such a way that the pipe ends do not lie in water or on the ground. To prevent deformation of the jacket and insulation due to the weight of the pipe, place a series of supports (3 for 20' or 5 for 40') of ample size generally constructed from 2" x 4"s under the pipe as shown below. Supports should increase in width as weight load increases so that the top supports of a fully loaded stockpile should be approximately 10" wide, gradually increasing to the bottom level, approximately 18" wide. Pipe can be pyramided (within reasonable and safe limits) approximately 6' high after a properly braced or chocked base is formed. Pipe stored outside for long periods of time can be covered with blue mesh tarpaulin (plywood can also be used). **Do not prevent airflow as jacket can be deformed from heat buildup.**



BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO DROP THE PIPE!

NOTE: Thermacor does not approve of the practice of installing pipe and fittings, and backfilling the pipe before testing. Thermacor will not allow or pay claims for charges which arise in locating and digging up leaks regardless of cause.