

TubeTrace® Heated Instrument Tubing

General

TubeTrace® bundles are quite often considered as a very nice but expensive solution. But when accurate cost comparisons are made it becomes very obvious that <u>TubeTrace</u> is more economic than any conventional application. Not only compared with conventional insulation but also with the lower cost snap-on types of insulation.

Comparison

The basis for the comparisons shown are for a single 12 mm diameter stainless steel (326) tube to be protected from freezing (maintain +5°C) with a product such as Thermon BSX[™] self-regulating heat tracing.

Conclusion

The comparisons show that for the example of 7 m of heated tubing TubeTrace is more economic and that a considerable saving in installation time can be achieved. Depending on the type of TubeTrace required this can even be as short as 3 m!

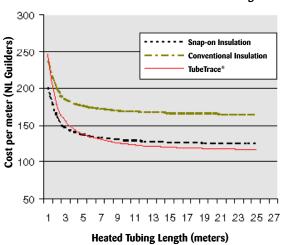
Conventional and snap-on type insulation can take up to 4 times longer than TubeTrace.

TubeTrace® Advantages

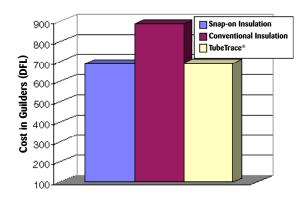
- Engineering disciplines and sole source responsibility.
- No coordination between fitters, electricians, and insulation contractors.
- · Reduced scaffolding.
- Extruded outer jacket prevents deterioration of insulation and corrosion of tubing due to moisture.



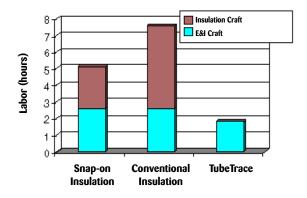
Economic Analysis
TubeTrace Vs. Field Traced & Insulated Tubing



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Installed Cost for Instrument with 5 Meter Heated Tubing



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Note: Tubing installation and connection common to both methods of installation.