



Aluminium overhead conductors



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CAFCA manufactures overhead line conductors for all kinds of electrical transmission and distribution systems.

We supply conductors of all aluminium and aluminium conductor steel reinforced to British or other specifications. We also supply conductors with PVC insulation.

We manufacture these conductors in our aluminium factory where we closely co-ordinate wire drawing, stranding and corrosion prevention to ensure the highest product quality.



Aluminium stranding process

CORPORATE

CAFCA is the only cable manufacturer in Zimbabwe. It was established in 1947 and is listed on the Zimbabwe, Johannesburg & London stock exchanges. CAFCA is part of CBI Electric African Cables (RSA), which in turn is owned by Reunert Limited (RSA).

PRODUCTS & MARKETS ■■■■■

CAFCA manufactures and supplies cable and allied products for the transmission and distribution of electrical energy and information primarily in Southern and Central Africa. We manufacture over 900 cabling products including 11kV XLPE

cables, all to British, South African and Zimbabwe quality standards.

CAFCA offers a toll manufacturing option to all its customers who can access key raw materials such as copper and aluminium,

which are converted at the cost of value addition.

We also recover decommissioned cables for recycling that can be exchanged for other products within our manufacturing range.

MANUFACTURING STANDARDS

Standards Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ)

SAZ 240-Electrical cables with extruded solid dielectric 300/500V, 1900/3300V
South African National Standards (SANS, formerly SABS)
SANS 1507-PVC distribution cable rated 300/500V and 1900/3300V
SANS 1418-2 aerial bundled conductor
SANS 1339-XLPE insulated cable rated 3.8/6.6kV and 19/33kV

British Standards (BS)

BS 215 Part 1:1970 – Specification for aluminium conductors

International Electro-technical Commission (IEC)

IEC 502-Extruded solid dielectric insulated power cables 1kV and 30kV

South African Post Office (SAPO)

BS 215 Part 1:1970 – Specification for aluminium conductors

British Post Office (BPO)

BPO CW 1127 – Aerial distribution telephone cable (self-supporting)
BPO CW 1128 – Jelly-filled cellular polyethylene telephone cable

Post & Telecommunications (PTC)

Underground cables and aerial distribution copper cables
We also make product to customer's own specification.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Accredited to ISO 9001: 2008
(First company to gain accreditation in Zimbabwe: year 1999)

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Accredited to ISO 14001:2004
9Design and manufacture0
(First cable company in sub-Saharan Africa to achieve the international quality standard)

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARD

Accredited to OHSAS 18,001:2007

MILESTONES

CAFCA was the first company in Zimbabwe to achieve ISO 9002 accreditation, later upgraded to ISO 9001:2000, which enables us to design as well as produce cabling to international standards

In 1999 CAFCA became the first cable company in sub-Saharan Africa to be awarded the environmental standard, ISO 14,001:2004.

Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority annual supply contracts

- Low voltage armoured cables: 1985-98, 2000-03
- All aluminium conductor: 1988-99, 2001-03
- Aluminium conductor steel reinforced 1988-99, 2001-03

Anglo American Corporation annual supply contract 1985-2000

BHP annual supply contract 1996-1999

Botswana Power Corporation

- Split concentric annual supply contract 2000-2004

Botswana Ministry of Health

- Annual supply of low smoke and fume white stripe cables 2002-2004

African Cables (South African)

- Monthly delivery of 600/1000V red stripe to SANS 1507 2003 to date

Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI)

- Industrial Exporter of the Year 1st Runner up 2005

Product group

Bare copper conductor, solid or stranded



Salient features and applications

Available as either hard drawn or annealed for equipment and circuit earthing or sold out to enamellers for motor and transformer and motor wire.

Product group

Flexible cords (cabtyre) and welding cables



Salient features and applications

Flexible cords for connecting portable equipment and for use in internal wiring.

Product group

Auto and instrument wire



Salient features and applications

Bunched fine wire conductors insulated for use as auto or instrument wire.

Product group

Indoor switchboard cable



Salient features and applications

Telephone cable for wiring distribution boards and switchboards.

Product group

Single cores



Salient features and applications

Colour coded and used in internal wiring of fixtures.

Product group

Armoured cables

Salient features and applications

Available from 1.5mm² to 300mm², 2 – 4 cores and in the 0.6/1kV and 3.3kV ranges. Other options available are flame retardant, low-tox or zero-tox to meet various safety considerations in the case of a fire.



Product group

Jumper and blasting wire



Salient features and applications

Twisted pair or triple PVC insulated conductors for electronic panel wiring or for use as blasting wire.

Product group

Underground petroleum jelly-filled cables



Salient features and applications

Cross-linked polyethylene insulated communication cables with petroleum jelly as an agent against moisture ingress.

Product range

Product group

Aluminium conductors
(with or without steel
reinforcement)
AAC and ACSR



Salient features and applications

Overhead conductor for HT and LV power transmission and distribution.

Product group

Coaxial cable



Salient features and applications

Radio frequency cables, available in the 50 and 75 ohm specifications

Product group

Aerial bundled conductor

Salient features and applications

Twisted and insulated overhead aluminium conductor for overhead distribution



Product group

Aerial distribution cable



Salient features and applications

Overhead conductor for HT and LV power transmission and distribution. Self-supporting overhead telephone service cable (polythene insulated)

Product group

Medium voltage XLPE cables



Salient features and applications

XLPE insulated cable rated up to 11kV for underground power distribution networks.

Product group

Multi-core cables



Salient features and applications

Cables for control, panel wiring and signalling.

Product group

14.4mm copper rod



Salient features and applications

For equipment earthing or further drawing down to smaller wire for various applications.

OTHER PRODUCTS IN OUR RANGE

Aerial distribution cable – Self-supporting (with catenary wire) overhead service cable, polyethylene insulated

Coaxial cables – Radio frequency cables available in the 50 and 75 ohm specifications

Aerial bundled conductor – Twisted and insulated aluminium conductor for overhead power distribution

Copper rod – We convert copper cathode into 14 mm copper rod.

ALUMINIUM OVERHEAD CONDUCTORS

The following notes are intended to describe the various factors that should be considered when selecting conductors and earth wires for particular duties. As most of the subjects are quite complex, these notes are intended merely as an introduction and guide. For further information it is recommended that the line designer refers to the appropriate technical literature. For guidance in this respect we provide a bibliography, Appendix 1.

Current rating

As this is the principal purpose of conductors (excluding the more recent communication aspect) the current rating is of primary importance. When a conductor carries an electric current its resistivity losses plus the radiation of the sun cause a temperature rise. This is balanced by radiation and convection from the conductor surface, which tend to lower the temperature. Under a given set of conditions an equilibrium or operating temperature will be achieved. It is common practice and in some cases a statutory requirement, that 750 C is used as the maximum operating temperature, although this value can be exceeded under certain circumstances. It must be borne in mind that at increased temperature, a loss of physical strength, increased sags, loss of power and oxidation of conductor fittings can become more pronounced. Factors to be taken into account when choosing a conductor to carry a particular current are resistance, temperature coefficient of resistance, maximum operating temperature, ambient temperature, wind speed, diameter, emissivity of the surface, solar absorption and radiation. Some of these factors will vary in different parts of the world and care must be taken in adapting to local conditions.

Resistance and reactance

DC resistance is a basic characteristic and is always quoted for conductors. It is dependent only upon temperature change. Individual wires are normally measured and used for quality control purposes. The DC resistance of the complete conductor can then be simply calculated from this figure.

AC resistance on all-aluminium or all-alloy conductors is caused by the skin effect on current density and can be calculated. It depends upon frequency and increases above DC resistance from 0% on small conductors up to the order of 5% on large alloy conductors. On steel cored conductors it becomes more complex, being also dependent upon the magnetic properties of the core and upon the current carried. Inductive and capacitive reactance are present in AC lines but depend upon many factors in addition to conductors.

Conductor diameter, spacing within bundles, phase spacing, height and length of line, frequency, current, etc, are involved. Reactance is therefore related to total line design and outside the conductor manufacturer's field of operation. Used for sag and tension calculations.

Corona

Corona occurs when the electric potential is high enough to exceed the dielectric strength of the air surrounding it, causing ionisation. If the potential gradient is high enough, the discharge will emit light energy and a halo will be seen around the conductors.

The effects of this condition are power losses from the line, noise and radio interference. It can also adversely affect adjacent carrier and signal circuits. At higher voltages, generally above 132kV, corona begins to become a problem and measures have to be taken to contain it. These are normally concerned with conductors diameter and spacing. Surface finish of a conductor can also accentuate the occurrence of corona.

Weather conditions have a direct bearing on the degree of corona; as the air temperature increases the breakdown value of the air reduces. A reduction in breakdown value is also caused by a fall in air pressure. Poor weather conditions can have a very marked effect. Generally the problem comes with the jurisdiction of the line designer.

Fault currents

These are generally caused by line to earth faults or lightning strikes. In the case of earth faults it is common practice to quote these as I^2T values where I is the fault current usually in kA and T the time of the fault in seconds. I^2T characteristic of conductors can be estimated by calculations but it is common practice to support these by tests where the importance of the project warrants them. Lightning faults are more complex and a function of the complete transmission line.

Sags and tensions

Sag and tension calculations are an essential part of the preparation for the correct design and installation of an overhead line. The methods employed by line designers are well established and it is not proposed to describe them in this catalogue. The physical and mechanical characteristics required by the line designer are given in the appropriate tables.

Modulus of elasticity

The modulus of elasticity for conductors can be calculated from the values given in Table 1 for aluminium, steel, etc. These values are known as the theoretical moduli. When the modulus of elasticity of a full conductor is obtained by test, the value arrived at is somewhat less than the theoretical and is called the practical value. It is this value which is used for sag and tension calculations.

Vibration

Wind induced vibration and oscillation of overhead line conductors manifest themselves in three different modes as follows:

(a) Galloping

This is a low frequency, large amplitude oscillation generally caused by winds of 5 to 10 metres/sec. It can occur on very long spans such as river crossings and exposed mountainous terrain with a typical amplitude of 3 metres. It can be reduced significantly by making the conductor surface smooth by the use of segmental wires in the outer layer.

(b) Sub-span oscillation

This occurs between the spacers of bundled conductors. It is a function of conductor diameter, conductor spacing, wind angle and velocity. It is low frequency in the range of 0.15 to 3 Hz with amplitudes up to the conductor spacing.

(c) Aeolian vibration

This type of vibration occurs when a steady wind of fairly low velocity – 1 to 16 metres per second – flows across cylindrical objects. This causes vortices to be shed on the leeward side creating forces in alternating up and down directions. Vibration is therefore vertical having amplitudes up to the conductor diameter. The frequency of vibration is related to the natural frequency of the conductor and is in the region of 3 to 100Hz.

All these types of vibration fall within the province of the line designer who must be aware of the causes and prevention when designing a line.

Coefficient of linear expansion

Like the modulus of elasticity the coefficient of linear expansion of a conductor can be calculated from the values of test samples and these figures are well established.

Unlike the modulus figures these figures are more accurate and can be used for sag and tension calculations. It is, therefore, common practice to use the theoretical figures. For designs not listed, the coefficient can be calculated.

Creep

Creep of an overhead conductor in service, also occasionally referred to as an inelastic elongation, is made up of three parts. Following the mechanical loading of a conductor there is a general settling down of the wires, a slight elongation caused by the indentation of the wires at the point of contact between the adjacent layers, and metallic creep in the wires. As a result of these strains there is an increase in length and hence of sag of the conductor over the years which has to be considered at the design stage.

The rate of creep in a line depends upon many factors: the tensile stress, which is constantly changing due to loading and atmospheric conditions; the materials of the conductor and their combinations; the size of the wires and the various methods of manufacture.

Corrosion

An overhead line conductor in service is exposed to the corrosive effects of the atmosphere causing a reduction in tensile strength and an increase in resistance. It is therefore essential for the security and longevity of the line that corrosion is minimised or prevented.

In a stranded conductor there are many crevices at interstrand positions where local screening from the air can lead to differential aeration. If moisture is introduced, crevice corrosion cells can be established and these can become progressively more active. In multi-metal conductors, galvanic cells may be formed between differing metals leading to the loss of zinc on steel and eventually loss of the steel itself with disastrous results.

Covering internal, or even all the layers with protective compounds is a very effective method of protection. The use of larger diameter wires is also recommended as is the use of homogenous conductors such as all-alloy. ■■■■■



Table 1 - Characteristics of conductor materials

	Annealed copper	Hard drawn copper	Cadmium copper	Hard drawn aluminium	Aluminium alloy (to BS 3242)	Galvanised steel
Conductivity, per cent	100	97 (average)	79.2 (min)	61 (min)	53.5	
Volume resistivity at 20°C ohm-mm ² /m microhm/inch ³	0.01.724 † (standard) 0.67879	0.01771 ‡ (average) 0.69712	0.021769 (maximum) 0.85705	0.028264 (maximum) 1.1128	0.0322 (standard) 1.2677	- -
Mass resistivity at 20°C ohm-gramme/m ohm-lb/mile	0.15328 875.2	0.15741 898.83	0.19472 1111.9	0.076398 436.23	0.08694 496.42	- -
Resistance at 20°C ohm-mm ² /km ohm-inch ² /1 000 yards	17.241 0.24437	17.71 0.25096	21.769 0.030854	28.264 0.040059	32.2 0.045637	- -
Density at 20°C gramme/cm ³	8.89	8.89	8.945	2.703	2.70	7.78
Weight kg/mm ² /km lb/inch ² /1 000 yards	8.89 11562	8.89 11562	8.945 11634	2.703 3516	2.703 3516	7.84 10197
Temp. coefficient of resistance at 20°C (68°F) per °C Coefficient of linear expansion at 20°C (68°F) per °C per °F	0.00393 17x10 ⁻⁶ 9.44x10 ⁻⁶	0.00381 17x10 ⁻⁶ 9.44x10 ⁻⁶	0.0031 17x10 ⁻⁶ 9.44x10 ⁻⁶	0.00403 23x10 ⁻⁶ 12.78x10 ⁻⁶	0.0036 23x10 ⁻⁶ 12.78x10 ⁻⁶	 11.5x10 ⁻⁶ 12.75x10 ⁻⁶
Ultimate tensile stress (approx) MN/m ² kgf/mm ² lbf/inch ²	255 25 36000	420 41 60000	635 62 90000	165 16 23500	300 29 44000	1350 132 190000
Modulus of elasticity MN/m ² mg/mm ² lb/inch ²	9 to 10.5x10 ⁴ 9 to 10.5x10 ³ 13 to 15x10 ⁶	12.5x10 ⁴ 12.5x10 ³ 18x10 ⁶	12.5x10 ⁴ 12.5x10 ³ 18x10 ⁶	7.0x10 ⁴ 7.0x10 ³ 9.9x10 ⁶	7.0x10 ⁴ 7.0x10 ³ 9.9x10 ⁶	20.0x10 ⁴ 20.0x10 ³ 28x10 ⁶

† For calculations, this figure has been extended to 0.017241379

‡ At assumed average ultimate tensile strength: 420 MN/m² (41 kgf/mm², 27 tons f/inch²)

Table 2 - Comparative loading under maximum conditions

Subject		Hard drawn copper	Cadmium copper	Hard drawn aluminium	Steel cored aluminium	Aluminium alloy
Equivalent copper section	mm ² inch ²	65 0.1	65 0.1	65 0.1	65 0.1	65 0.1
Stranding	mm inch	7/3.34 7/1.136	7/3.71 7/1.146	7/4.39 7/1.173	7/4.39, 7/1.93 7/1.173, 7/1.076	7/4.65 7/1.183
Overall diameter	mm inch	10.4 0.408	11/1 0.438	13.2 0.519	14.6 0.574	13.9 0.549
Ultimate tensile strength	kgf lbf N	2660 5870 26111.1	4295 9470 42124.7	1680 3700 16458.8	4151 9150 40701.2	3488 7690 34206.8
Weight	kg/m lb/ft	0.587 0.395	0.682 0.458	0.290 0.195	0.453 0.304	0.326 0.218
Assumed ice load: 9.5mm (0.375 inch) radial thickness 4.75mm (0.187 inch) radial thickness	kg/m lb/ft kg/m lb/ft	0.542 0.365 4.75 0.139	0.563 0.379 4.750.217 0.146	- 0.442 4.75 0.246 0.165	0.658 - 4.75- -	0.640 0.431 4.75 0.256 0.172
Wind load on conductor base with 9.5 mm (0.375 inch) with 4.75 mm (0.187 inch)	kg/m lb/ft kg/m lb/ft kg/m lb/ft	0.404 0.272 1.148 0.772 0.776 0.522	0.434 0.292 1.180 0.792 0.807 0.542	0.515 0.346 - - 0.887 0.596	0.570 0.383 1.131 0.760 - -	0.544 0.366 1.288 0.866 0.916 0.616
Resultant load on conductor base with 9.5 mm (0.375 inch) with 4.75 mm (0.187 inch)	kg/m lb/ft kg/mm lb/ft kg/m lb/ft	0.721 0.484 1.602 1.086 1.115 0.750	0.808 0.543 2.276 1.529 1.210 0.812	0.591 0.397 - - 1.037 0.696	0.724 0.487 1.720 1.158 - -	0.633 0.426 1.611 1.082 1.082 0.729

Choice of conductor

Conductor selection is governed not only by electrical, mechanical and economic criteria but also by environmental factors such as radio interference and appearance. The conductor's electrical characteristics must be selected to ensure that voltage regulation, line stability, temperature rise and power losses are kept within acceptable limits.

Mechanically, the conductor's strength must be sufficient to support its own weight together with any superimposed loading due to ice and wind that may be relevant

to the location. At the same time, the sag of the conductor, under the specified range of loadings, must be such that ground clearances are maintained. The conductor sag therefore has an influence on the height and spacing of the line structures and on the overall economics of the line.

On extra high voltage lines, radio interference or corona losses may be critical in the choice of minimum conductor diameter and also in the bundled arrangement of conductors per phase. The choice of numbers of conductors per bundle could

be influenced by mechanical considerations and the environmental fact of their visual impact on the landscape.

The objective of this publication is to provide basic conductor data to assist line designers to make the optimum choice of conductor to achieve the best compromise between the often conflicting electrical, mechanical, environmental and economic factors and in the case of FIBRAL conductors, the communication factor.



Current ratings

For thermal equilibrium in a conductor the following conductor surface heat balance condition must be satisfied:

heat generated (I^2R) + heat gained from solar radiation = heat lost by convection + heat lost by radiation

This condition is basis of the formula given by V.T. Morgan in Proc. IEE, Vol. 122, No.2.

Morgan's formula, which has been used for the current ratings given in this publication, is:

$$I^2KR_0[1+\alpha(\theta+t_\alpha)] = \pi d\{h\theta + E\sigma[(\theta+t_\alpha+273)^4 - (t_\alpha+273)^4]\} - \alpha_B I_s d$$

where d = overall diameter of conductor, mm

- E = thermal emissivity of conductor surface
- h = heat transfer coefficient (being a function of wind velocity, angle and Reynold's Number)
- I_s = intensity of solar radiation, W/m²
- K = lay factor
- R_0 = resistance at 0°C
- t_α = air temperature, °C
- α = temperature coefficient of resistance, per °C
- α_s = thermal absorptivity of conductor surface
- θ = temperature rise of conductor, °C
- σ = Stefan-Boftzmann constant = $5.7 \times 10^{-8} \text{W/m}^2$

The ratings are based on the following conditions:

	Wind speed (cross wind)	Ambient temperature	Intensity of solar radiation	Temperature rise
Temperate	0.447 m/s	20°C	850 W/m ²	30°C
Tropical	0.447 m/s	35°C	1200 W/m ²	20°C

Sags and tensions

Although space prevents a full account of all aspects of line design being given, the following is an outline of the basic principles of sag and tension calculations.



Basic

The starting point for all calculations is the sagging basis, or bases, laying down the minimum factor of safety at which the conductor is allowed to operate under certain conditions. For instance, in the United Kingdom a typical requirement is that at -6°C , with a cross-wind pressure of 383 N/m^2 and 12.7 mm radial thickness of ice, the tension in the conductor shall not exceed 50 per cent of its breaking load: that is, a safety factor of 2. This is known as the Maximum Working Tension (MWT) requirement.

Another probable requirement is that at 16°C , with no wind or ice, the tension shall not exceed 20 per cent of the conductor breaking load. This is the Everyday Stress (EDS) requirement.

Where more than one requirement is laid down, for example both an MWT and an EDS requirement one will be the critical basis; if this is complied with the other one will follow automatically. Usually, there is a particular span length above which the one basis is critical and below which the other is critical.

Symbols

Symbol		SI	Technical metric	Imperial	
E	=	modulus of elasticity of conductor	MN/m^2	kgf/mm^2	lb/in^2
A	=	total cross sectional area of conductor	mm^2	mm^2	in^2
α	=	linear coefficient of expansion	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$^{\circ}\text{F}$
t_1	=	initial temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$^{\circ}\text{F}$
t_2	=	final temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$^{\circ}\text{F}$
W	=	weight (see footnote)	kg/m	kg/m	lb/ft
W_1	=	initial weight (see footnote)	kg/m	kg/m	lb/ft
W_2	=	final weight (see footnote)	kg/m	kg/m	lb/ft
L	=	span length	m	m	ft
T	=	tension	N	kgf	lb
T_1	=	initial tension	N	kgf	lb
T_2	=	final tension	N	kgf	lb
D	=	gag of conductor	m	m	ft
x	=	conductor diameter	mm	mm	in
y	=	radial thickness of ice	mm	mm	in
p	=	wind pressure	N/m^2	kgf/m^2	lb/ft^2
g	=	gravitational constant = 9.81 m/sec^2 in SI units			
1 kgf	=		9.81 N in SI units		

Note: W , W_1 or W_2 may include wind and/or ice loading and in SI these values represent mass rather than weight.

Formulae

The actual shape of the curve taken up by a conductor is a catenary whose equation involves hyperbolic functions. Calculations can be simplified by assuming that the curve is a parabola which, for high span to sag ratios, is very close to a catenary. Where the sag is less than 1.0 per cent of the span, the parabola is accurate enough for most purposes.

The formulae shown use the parabolic equations and also assume level spans, i.e. spans in which the anchor points at each end of the span are at the same height. For non-level spans and special cases, such as long river crossings, more sophisticated techniques are required.

On this basis, the formulae required are:

$$D = \frac{WL^2}{8T} \text{ ----- (1) For imperial and technical metric units}$$

$$EA_{\alpha}(t_2 - t_1) + \frac{W^2 L^2 EA}{24T_1^2} - T_1 = \frac{W^2 L^2 EA}{24T_2^2} - T_2 \text{ ----- (2) For imperial and technical metric units}$$

$$D = \frac{WgL^2}{8T} \text{ ----- (1a) For SI units}$$

$$EA_{\alpha}(t_2 - t_1) + \frac{W^2 g^2 L^2 EA}{24T_1^2} - T_1 = \frac{W^2 g^2 L^2 EA}{24T_2^2} - T_2 \text{ ----- (2a) For SI units}$$

$$\text{Ice weight per unit length} = By(y=x) \text{ ----- (3)}$$

where $B = 1.24 \text{ lb / ft}$ in imperial units

and $B = 2.87 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg / m}$ in technical metric and SI units

$$\text{Wind load} = \frac{p(2y+x)}{12} \text{ lb / ft} \text{ ----- (4a) Imperial units}$$

$$\text{Wind load} = \frac{p(2y+x)}{1000} \text{ N / m or kgf / m} \text{ ----- (4b) For SI units and technical metric units}$$

$$\text{Wind load} = \frac{p(2y+x)}{1000} \text{ N / m or kgf / m} \text{ ----- (4b) For SI units and technical metric units}$$

$$\text{Effective weight} = \sqrt{[(\text{weight of conductor} + \text{ice})^2 + (\text{wind load})^2]} \text{ ----- (5)}$$

$$\text{Effective weight} = \sqrt{[(\text{weight of conductor} + \text{ice})^2 + \left(\frac{\text{wind load}}{g}\right)^2]} \text{ ----- (5a) For SI units}$$

If the MWT (or EDS) is the critical basis, the initial weight, temperature and tension will correspond with it. Final weight, temperature and tension will in that case correspond with the other specified parameters of the line – such as temperature, span and sag.

For instance, if the MWT is the critical basis, W_1 would be the effective weight defined in formula (5) or (5a). In these formulae ice load acts vertically downwards and wind load is assumed to act horizontally.

W_2 would be the weight of the conductor alone if the temperature were such that no ice could form, and no wind existed.

On the other hand, if ice and wind loads were stated then they would have to be taken into account by using formula (5) or (5a) to calculate W_2 .

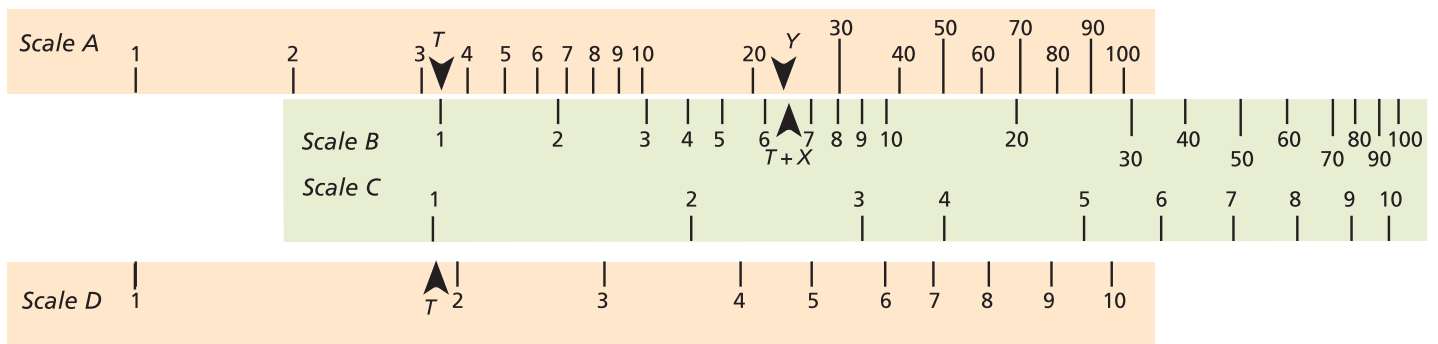
The final tension is calculated by substituting the appropriate values in formula (2) or (2a). It can then be used to determine the sag for these conditions, using formula (1) or (1a).

The final tension T_2 may be calculated by trial and error using a slide rule. Formula (2) or (2a) may be rewritten in the form:

$$T_2^2 (T_2 + X) = Y \quad (6)$$

where X and Y are known. This equation may be solved by the method illustrated in Figure 1. By subtracting the value T_2 from $(T_2 + X)$ the known value of X is obtained. When this occurs the value of T_2 is the correct solution. ■■■■■

Figure 1



A worked example

A conductor is to have an MWT of 65 951 N (or 6725 units kgf in technical metric units) at a temperature of 6° C with 12.7 mm of radial ice and a wind load of 383 N/m² (or 39 kgf/m² in technical metric units). The sag at 20° C in a span of 400 m is required.

The conductor data is:

	SI units	Technical metric units
X =	28.62 mm	28.62
E =	69×10^3 MN/m ²	7.036×10^3 kgf/mm ²
A =	485.5 MM ²	485.5 mm ²
a =	$19.3 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$	$19.3 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$
W_2 =	1.621 kg/m	1.621 kg/m = weight of conductor alone

The calculations required are

Formula Number	Quantity	Units	Calculation	Value
(3)	Ice load	SI & technical metric	$2.87 \times 103 \times 12.7(12.7 + 28.62)$	1.505 kg/m
	Total vertical weight	SI & technical metric	$1.621 + 1.505$	3.126 kg/m
(4b)	Wind load	SI Technical metric	$0.383 (2 \times 12.7 + 28.62)$ $0.039 (2 \times 12.7 + 28.62)$	20.69 N/m 2.11 kg/m
(5a)	Effective conductor	SI	$\sqrt{3.126^2 + \left(\frac{20.69}{9.81}\right)^2}$	3.771 kg/m
(5)	Weight W1	Technical metric	$\sqrt{3.126^2 + 2.11^2}$	3.771 kg/m
(2a)	Tension T ₂ at 20°C	SI	$T_2^2 [T_2 + 16775 + 70123 - 65951] = 56.298 \times 10^{12}$	32479 N
(2)	Tension T ₂ at 20°C	Technical metric	$T_2^2 [T_2 + 1711 + 7146 - 6725] = 596.9 \times 10^8$	3312 kgf solution by slide rule
(1a) (1)	Sag D at 20°C	SI Technical metric	$(1.621 \times 9.81 \times 400^2) / (8 \times 32479)$ $(1.621 \times 400^2) / (8 \times 3312)$	9.79 m 9.79 m

All-aluminium conductors (AAC)

All-aluminium conductors are the most favoured type for use on relatively short spans, particularly low and medium voltage distribution lines. Their popularity is principally due to their ability to carry a given current at the lowest capital cost.

This cost does not, however, take the total line into account, including poles and tower heights, spans, wind and ice loads, etc. When these factors are considered the low strength-to-weight ratio of all-aluminium conductor becomes a limiting factor.

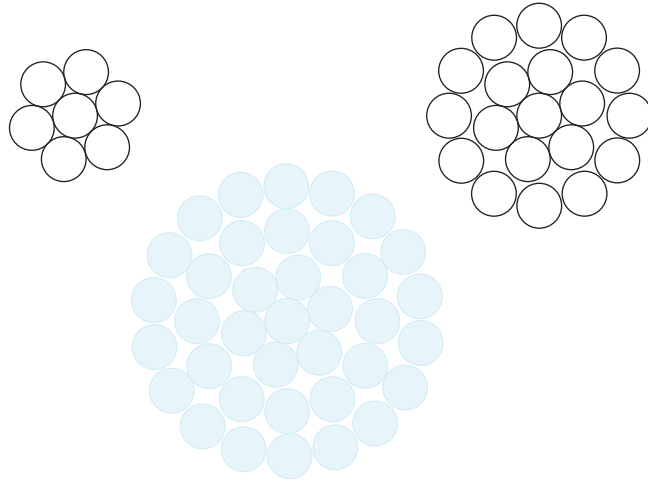


Table 3

Stranding	Practical or final modulus of elasticity		Coefficient of linear expansion at 20°C
	N/mm ²	kg/mm ²	x 10 ⁻⁶ /°C
3	62000	6322	23
7	58850	6000	23
19	55900	5700	23
37	55900	5700	23
61	53950	5500	23
91	53950	5500	23
127	50500	5150	23

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Table 4

Code name	Nominal aluminium area	Stranding and wire diameter	Actual area	Overall diameter	Weight	Calculated dc breaking load		Calculated resistance at 20°C	Breaking length	Current rating tropical
	mm ²	mm	mm ²	mm	kg/km	kN	kgf	ohms/km	km	amp
Midge	22	7/2.06	23.33	6.18	64	3.99	407	1.227	6.36	147
Aphis	25	3.3.35	26.44	7.22	73	4.12	420	1.083	5.68	163
Gnat	25	7/2.21	26.85	6.63	74	4.59	468	1.066	6.32	161
Weevil	30	3/3.66	31.56	7.89	87	4.86	495	0.9070	5.63	181
Mosquito	35	7/2.59	36.88	7.77	101	6.03	614	0.7763	6.08	195
Ladybird	40	7/2.79	42.80	8.37	117	6.87	701	0.6689	5.99	214
Ant	50	7/3.10	52.83	9.30	145	8.28	844	0.5419	5.82	244
Fly	60	7.3.40	63.55	10.20	174	9.90	1010	0.4505	5.80	273
Bluebottle	70	7/3.66	73.65	10.98	202	11.33	1156	0.3887	5.72	299
Earwig	75	7/3.78	78.55	11.34	215	11.94	1217	0.3645	5.66	311
Grasshopper	80	7/3.91	84.05	11.73	230	12.78	1303	0.3406	5.67	325
Clegg	90	7/4.17	95.60	12.51	262	14.53	1482	0.2995	5.66	351
Wasp	100	7/4.39	106.0	13.17	290	16.01	1633	0.2702	5.63	375
Beetle	100	19/2.67	106.4	13.35	293	17.39	1773	0.2704	6.05	376
Bee	125	7/4.90	132.0	14.70	361	19.94	2033	0.2169	5.63	429
Cricket	150	7/5.36	157.9	16.08	432	23.85	2432	0.1813	5.63	479
Hornet	150	19/3.25	157.6	16.25	434	24.70	2519	0.1825	5.80	579
Caterpillar	175	19/3.53	185.9	17.65	511	28.61	2917	0.1547	5.71	530
Chafer	200	19/3.78	213.2	18.90	587	32.41	3305	0.1349	5.63	577
Spider	225	19/3.99	237.6	19.95	654	36.12	3683	0.1211	5.63	617
Cockroach	250	19/4.22	265.7	21.10	731	40.39	4118	0.1083	5.63	661
Butterfly	300	19/4.65	322.7	23.25	888	48.74	4970	0.08916	5.60	746
Moth	350	19/5.00	373.1	25.00	1027	56.36	5746	0.07711	5.59	816
Drone	350	37/3.58	372.4	25.06	1027	57.31	4844	0.07742	5.69	815
Locust	400	19/5.36	428.7	26.80	1180	64.76	6603	0.06711	5.60	890
Centipede	400	37/3.78	415.2	26.46	1145	63.11	6435	0.06944	5.62	972
Maybug	450	37.4.09	486.1	28.63	1340	73.89	7535	0.05931	5.62	961
Scorpion	500	37/4.27	529.8	29.89	1461	80.03	8160	0.05442	5.59	1014
Cicada	600	37/4.65	628.3	32.55	1732	94.90	9678	0.04589	5.59	1127
Tarantula	750	37/5.23	794.9	36.61	2192	120.07	12244	0.03627	5.59	1305

Aluminium conductors steel reinforced (AAC)

This type of conductor possesses a higher strength-to-weight ratio than AAC and because of this it can be used on longer spans and in more severe weather conditions. It also possesses a higher modulus of elasticity and lower coefficient of thermal expansion both of which enhance its mechanical characteristics. These properties can be varied by altering the aluminium to steel ratio in the stranding geometry.

Higher strength steel can also be used which gives an improved strength-to-weight ratio without affecting any other property.

For a given current rating the cost of ACSR will be greater than AAC but the mechanical advantages it possesses mean it is superior economically when the total line is considered. It is this fact which makes it currently the most commonly used type of conductor.

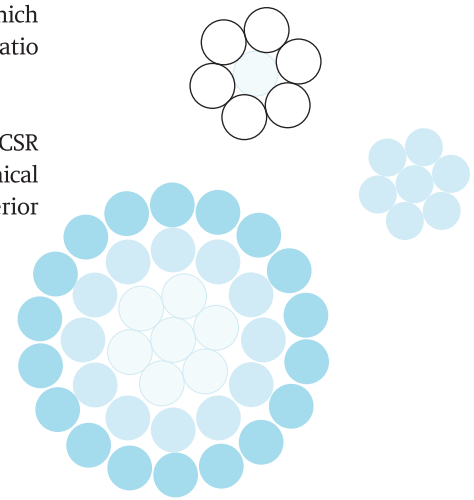


Table 5

Stranding	Practical or final modulus of elasticity		Coefficient of linear expansion at 20°C
	N/mm ²	kg/mm ²	x 10 ⁻⁶ /°C
6/1	79400	8096	19.1
7/1	82870	8450	17.7
8/1	98000	9993	16.9
18/1	66000	6730	21.2
36/1	59820	6100	22.0
9/3	88300	9004	17.0
6/7	75500	7699	19.8
7/7	78460	8000	18.4
12/7	104950	10702	15.3
14/7	107900	11003	15.0
24/7	72570	7400	19.6
26/7	75510	7700	18.9
30/7	80240	8200	17.8
45/7	61000	6220	20.9
48/7	62000	6322	20.5
54/7	68650	7000	19.3
72/7	60000	6118	21.7
14/19	109840	11200	15.0
16/19	117700	12002	14.2
30/19	78460	8001	18.0
32/19	80420	8200	17.5
36/19	79040	8060	16.9
54/19	66690	6800	19.4
66/18	66500	6781	18.3
76/19	60800	6200	21.25
84/19	63750	6500	20.6
20+42/19	76500	7800	18.4
54+66/37	78460	8000	18.0

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Aluminium conductors steel reinforced - British sizes BS 215 Part 2:1970

Table 6

Code name	Nominal aluminium area mm ²	Standing and wire diameter		Actual area			Overall diameter mm	Weight			Calculated breaking load kN	Calculated dc resistance at 20oC ohms/km	Breaking length km	Current rating *Tropical amp
		Aluminium mm	Steel mm	Aluminium mm ²	Steel mm ²	Total mm ²		Aluminium kg/km	Steel kg/km	Total kg/km				
Mole	10	6/1.50	1/150	10.60	1.77	12.37	4.50	29	14	43	4.13	2.707	9.79	92
Squirrel	20	6/2.11	1/2.11	20.98	3.50	24.48	6.33	58	27	85	7.91	1.368	9.49	140
Gopher	25	6/2.36	1/2.36	26.25	4.37	30.62	7.08	72	34	106	9.60	1.093	9.24	161
Weasel	30	6/2.59	1/2.59	31.61	5.27	36.88	7.77	87	41	128	11.44	0.9077	9.12	181
Fox	35	6/2.79	1/2.79	36.88	6.11	42.99	8.37	101	48	149	13.16	0.7823	9.01	198
Ferret	40	6/3.00	1/3.00	42.41	7.07	49.48	9.00	116	55	171	15.23	0.6766	9.08	217
Rabbit	50	6/3.35	1/3.35	52.88	8.81	61.69	10.05	145	69	214	18.36	0.5426	8.75	248
Mink	50	6/3.66	1/3.66	63.13	10.52	73.65	10.98	173	82	255	21.80	0.4545	8.72	277
Skunk	60	12/2.59	7/2.59	63.22	36.88	100.10	12.95	175	289	464	52.92	0.4568	11.6	287
Beaver	70	6/3.99	1/3.99	75.02	12.50	87.52	11.97	205	98	303	25.78	0.3825	8.67	308
Horse	70	12/2.79	7/2.79	73.36	42.80	116.16	13.95	203	335	538	61.19	0.3936	11.6	315
Raccoon	75	6/4.10	1/4.10	79.22	13.20	92.42	12.30	217	103	320	27.20	0.3622	8.67	318
Otter	80	6/4.22	1/4.22	83.92	13.99	97.91	12.66	230	109	339	28.82	0.3419	8.67	330
Cat	90	6/4.50	1/4.50	95.43	15.90	111.33	13.50	262	124	386	32.66	0.3007	8.63	357
Hare	100	6/4.72	1/4.72	105.00	17.50	122.50	14.16	288	137	425	35.95	0.2733	8.63	379
Dog	100	6/4.72	7/1.57	105.00	13.55	118.55	14.15	288	106	394	32.68	0.2733	8.46	375
Hyena	100	7/4.39	7/1.93	106.00	20.48	126.48	14.57	293	160	453	41.02	0.2728	9.23	382
Cougar	125	18/3.05	1/3.05	131.50	7.31	138.81	15.25	362	57	419	30.03	0.2190	7.31	431
Leopard	125	6/5.28	7/1.75	131.40	16.84	148.24	15.81	361	132	493	40.76	0.2184	8.43	435
Tiger	125	30/2.36	7/2.36	131.20	30.62	161.82	16.52	363	240	603	58.00	0.2203	9.81	438
Dingo	150	18/3.35	1/3.35	158.70	8.81	167.51	16.75	437	69	506	35.72	0.1814	7.2	484
Wolf	150	30/2.59	7/2.59	158.10	36.88	194.98	18.13	437	389	726	69.24	0.1828	9.73	444
Caracal	175	18/3.61	1/3.61	184.20	10.24	194.44	18.05	507	80	587	41.10	0.1563	7.14	530
Lynx	175	30/2.79	7/2.79	183.40	42.80	226.20	10.53	507	335	842	79.79	0.1576	9.66	538
Jaguar	200	18/3.86	1/3.86	210.60	11.70	222.30	19.30	580	91	671	46.57	0.1367	7.08	576
Panther	200	30/3.00	7/3.00	212.10	49.48	261.58	21.00	586	388	974	92.25	0.1362	9.66	589
Lion	225	20/3.18	7/3.18	238.30	55.60	293.90	22.26	659	436	1095	100.50	0.1213	9.36	633
Bear	250	30/3.35	7/3.35	264.40	61.70	326.10	23.45	731	483	1214	111.20	0.1093	9.34	675
Goat	300	30/3.71	7/3.71	324.30	75.67	399.97	25.97	896	593	1489	135.80	0.08911	9.3	766
Sheep	350	30/3.99	7/3.99	375.10	87.53	462.63	27.93	1037	686	1723	156.30	0.07704	9.25	838
Antelope	350	54/2.97	7/2.97	374.10	48.50	422.60	26.73	1034	380	1414	118.50	0.07727	8.55	828
Bison	350	54/3.00	7/3.00	381.70	49.48	431.18	27.00	1055	388	1443	120.90	0.07573	8.54	839
Deer	400	30/4.27	7/4.27	429.60	100.20	529.80	29.89	1187	785	1972	178.50	0.06727	9.23	912
Zebra	400	54/3.18	7/3.18	428.90	55.60	484.50	28.62	1186	436	1622	134.50	0.06740	8.29	902
Elk	450	30/4.50	7/4.50	477.10	111.30	588.40	31.50	1318	872	2190	198.30	0.06057	9.23	973
Camel	450	54/3.35	7/3.35	476.00	61.70	537.70	30.15	1316	483	1799	148.78	0.06073	8.27	962
Moose	500	54/3.35	7/3.53	528.50	68.51	597.01	31.77	1461	537	1998	161.00	0.054470	8.22	1026

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Table 7

Code name	Conductor size			Required construction			*Overall diameter		Mass		Rated strength at 20°C		Maximum dc resistance		Current rating	
	AWG or MCM	mm ²	Class	Number of wires	mm	inch	mm	inch	kg/km	lb/1000ft	kips	kN	ohm/km	ohm/1000 ft	amp	amp
Bluebonnet	3500000	1773	A	127	4.22	0.1661	54.860	2.160	4977	3344	58.7	261	0.01612	0.00491	1425	-
Trillium	3000000	1520	A	127	3.9	0.1535	50.7	1.996	4226	2840	50.3	223	0.01887	0.00575	1308	-
Bitterroot	2750000	1393	A	91	4.42	0.1740	48.62	1.914	3872	2602	46.1	205	0.02050	0.00625	1242	-
Lupine	2500000	1297	A	91	4.21	0.1657	46.31	1.823	3519	2365	41.9	186	0.02260	0.00689	1178	-
Sagebrush	2250000	1143	A	91	3.99	0.1571	43.89	1.728	3166	2127	37.7	167	0.02516	0.00767	1108	-
Cowslip	2000000	1013	A	91	3.77	0.1484	41.47	1.633	2787	1873	34.2	153	0.02818	0.00859	1035	-
Jessamine	1750000	886.7	AA	61	4.3	0.1693	38.7	1.524	2442	1641	29.7	132	0.03232	0.00985	959	48
Coreopsis	1590000	805.7	AA	61	4.1	0.1614	36.9	1.453	2216	1489	27	120	0.03555	0.01084	907	86
Gladiolus	1510500	765.4	AA, A	61	4	0.1575	36	1.417	2108	1417	25.6	114	0.03735	0.01138	881	86
Carmaline	1431000	725.1	AA, A	61	3.89	0.1531	35.01	1.378	1997	1342	24.3	108	0.03949	0.01204	854	117
Columbine	1351000	694.8	AA, A	61	3.78	0.1488	34.02	1.339	1884	1266	23.4	104	0.04182	0.01275	825	144
Narcissus	1272000	644.5	AA, A	61	3.67	0.1445	33.03	1.300	1774	1192	22	98.1	0.04437	0.01352	797	170
Hawthorn	1192000	604.2	AA, A	61	3.55	0.1398	31.95	1.258	1653	1117	21.1	93.5	0.04742	0.01445	767	184
Marigold	1113000	564	AA, A	61	3.43	0.1350	30.87	1.215	1532	1044	19.7	87.3	0.05079	0.01548	738	197
Bluebell	1033500	523.7	AA	37	4.25	0.1673	29.75	1.171	1441	968	17.7	78.8	0.05454	0.01662	706	207
Larkspur	1033500	523.7	A	61	3.31	0.1303	29.79	1.173	1442	969	18.3	81.3	0.05454	0.01662	707	207
Hawikweed	1000000	506.7	AA	37	4.18	0.1646	29.26	1.152	1395	937	17.2	76.2	0.05639	0.01719	693	210
Camellia	1000000	506.7	A	61	3.25	0.1280	29.25	1.152	1394	937	17.2	78.3	0.05657	0.01724	693	210
Magnolia	954000	483.4	AA	37	4.08	0.1606	28.56	1.124	1331	894	16.4	72.6	0.05918	0.01804	674	215
Goldenrod	954000	483.4	A	61	3.18	0.1252	28.62	1.127	1331	894	16.9	75	0.05909	0.01801	675	214
Cockscomb	900000	456	AA	37	3.96	0.1559	27.72	1.091	1256	844	16.4	68.4	0.06282	0.01915	651	219
Snopdragon	900000	456	A	61	3.09	0.1217	27.81	1.095	1256	844	15.9	70.8	0.06259	0.01908	653	219
Arbutus	795000	402.8	AA	37	3.72	0.1465	26.04	1.025	1109	745	13.9	61.8	0.07119	0.02170	605	222
Lilac	795000	402.8	A	61	2.9	0.1142	26.1	1.028	1110	746	14.3	63.8	0.07105	0.02166	607	222
Petunia	750000	380	AA	37	3.62	0.1425	25.34	0.998	1046	703	13.1	58.6	0.07518	0.02291	585	223
Cattail	750000	380	A	61	2.82	0.1110	25.38	0.999	1046	703	13.5	60.3	0.07514	0.02290	586	223
Violet	715000	362.6	AA	37	3.53	0.1390	24.71	0.973	988.5	671	12.8	56.7	0.07906	0.02410	570	222
Nasturtium	715000	362.6	A	61	2.75	0.1083	24.75	0.974	988.5	671	13.1	58.4	0.07902	0.02408	570	222
Verbena	700000	354.7	AA	37	3.49	0.1374	24.43	0.962	956	656	12.9	55.4	0.08088	0.02465	562	221
Flag	700000	354.7	A	61	2.72	0.1071	24.48	0.964	975.8	656	12.9	57.1	0.08077	0.02462	563	221
Heuchera	650000	329.4	AA	37	3.37	0.1327	23.59	0.929	907.4	610	11.6	51.7	0.08675	0.02644	538	220
Orchid	636000	322.3	AA, A	37	3.33	0.1311	23.31	0.918	886.9	596	11.4	50.4	0.08884	0.02708	531	220
Meadowsweet	600000	304	AA, A	37	3.23	0.1272	22.61	0.890	836.3	562	10.7	47.5	0.09443	0.02878	513	218
Dahlia	565000	282	AA	19	4.35	0.1713	21.75	0.856	775.8	521	9.75	43.3	0.10139	0.03090	489	214
Mistletoe	565000	282	A	37	3.12	0.1228	21.84	0.860	775.7	521	9.94	44.3	0.10121	0.03085	493	215
Zinnia	500000	253.3	AA	19	4.12	0.1622	20.6	0.811	697.1	468	8.76	38.9	0.11302	0.03445	459	210
Hyacinth	500000	253.3	A	37	2.95	0.1161	20.65	0.813	696.8	468	9.11	40.5	0.11321	0.03451	461	210
Cosmos	477000	241.7	AA	19	4.02	0.1583	20.1	0.791	664.8	447	8.36	37	0.11872	0.03618	447	207
Syringa	477000	241.7	A	37	2.88	0.1134	20.16	0.794	664.8	447	8.69	38.6	0.11878	0.03620	449	208
Goldentuft	450000	228	AA	19	3.91	0.1539	19.55	0.770	627.6	422	7.89	35	0.12549	0.03825	432	204
Canna	397500	201.4	AA, A	19	3.67	0.1445	18.35	0.722	554.9	373	7.11	31.6	0.14244	0.04342	401	196
Daffodil	350000	177.3	A	19	3.45	0.1358	17.25	0.679	487.9	328	6.39	28.4	0.16119	0.04913	373	188
Tulip	336400	170.5	A	19	3.38	0.1331	16.9	0.665	469.3	315	6.15	27.3	0.16793	0.05119	364	186
Peony	300000	152	A	19	3.19	0.1256	15.95	0.628	418.5	281	5.48	24.3	0.18853	0.05746	340	178
Daisy	266800	135.2	AA	7	4.96	0.1953	14.88	0.586	372.3	250	4.83	21.4	0.21167	0.06452	313	169
Laurel	266800	135.2	A	19	3.01	0.1185	15.05	0.593	372.2	250	4.97	22.1	0.21175	0.06454	317	170
Sneezewort	250000	126.7	AA	7	4.8	0.1890	14.4	0.567	348.8	234	4.52	20.1	0.22602	0.06889	300	164
Valerian	250000	126.7	A	19	2.91	0.1146	14.55	0.573	348.6	234	4.66	20.7	0.22656	0.06905	305	166
Oxlip	107.2	40	AA, A	7	4.42	0.1740	13.26	0.522	295.2	198	3.83	17	0.26655	0.08124	273	153
Phlox	85	30	AA, A	7	3.93	0.1547	11.79	0.464	233.9	157	3.04	13.5	0.33716	0.10277	237	138
Aster	2/0	67.4	AA, A	7	3.5	0.1378	10.5	0.413	185.7	125	2.51	11.1	0.42509	0.12957	207	124
Poppy	1/0	53.5	AA, A	7	3.12	0.1228	9.36	0.369	147.2	99	1.99	8.84	0.53495	0.16305	180	111
Pansy	1	42.4	AA, A	7	2.78	0.1094	8.34	0.328	116.6	78	1.64	7.3	0.67380	0.20537	157	99
Iris	2	33.6	AA, A	7	2.47	0.0972	7.41	0.292	92.6	62	1.35	5.99	0.85355	0.26016	136	88
Rose	4	21.1	A	7	1.96	0.0772	5.88	0.231	58.2	39	0.881	3.91	1.35553	0.41316	104	69
Peachbell	6	13.3	A	7	1.56	0.0614	4.68	0.184	36.6	25	0.563	2.53	2.13979	0.65221	72	50

* Calculated using stable strand construction dimensions

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Table 8

Code name	Nominal aluminium area	Equivalent copper area	Stranding and wire diameter	Actual area	Overall diameter	Weight	Calculated breaking load		Calculated dc resistance at 20°C	Current Rating *Tropical
	mm ²	mm ²	mm	mm ²	kg/km	kg/km	N	kgf	ohms/km	amp
-	-	6.45	7/1.47	11.7	4.41	32	3280	335	2.816	48
Box	-	9.68	7/1.85	18.8	5.55	51	5260	536	1.755	55
Acacia	-	12.9	7/2.08	23.9	6.24	66	6710	684	1.375	61
Almond	25	16.1	7/2.34	30.1	7.02	82	8450	862	1.094	85
Cedar	30	19.4	7/2.54	35.5	7.62	97	9950	1015	0.9281	85
-	-	22.6	7/2.77	42.2	8.31	115	11830	1206	0.7799	92
Fir	40	25.8	7/2.95	47.8	8.85	131	13400	1366	0.6880	99
Hazel	50	32.3	7/3.30	59.9	9.9	164	16800	1713	0.5498	113
Pine	-	38.7	7/3.61	71.7	10.83	196	20100	2050	0.4593	119
-	-	45.2	7/3.91	84.1	11.73	230	23570	2404	0.3916	126
Willow	-	48.4	7/4.04	89.8	12.12	246	25180	2568	0.3665	132
-	-	51.6	7/4.19	96.5	12.57	264	27060	2759	0.3410	138
-	-	58.1	7/4.45	108.8	13.35	298	30500	3110	0.3026	145
Oak	100	64.5	7/4.65	118.9	13.95	325	33300	3396	0.2769	150
-	-	64.5	19/2.82	118.8	14.1	326	33300	3396	0.2786	151
Mulberry	-	80.6	19/3.18	151.1	15.9	415	42360	4320	0.2190	166
Ash	150	96.8	19/3.48	180.7	17.4	497	50600	5160	0.1830	181
Elm	175	113	19/3.76	211	18.8	580	59100	6027	0.1568	188
Poplar	-	129	37/2.87	239	20.09	658	67000	6832	0.1387	196
-	-	145	37/3.05	270.8	21.35	746	75900	7740	0.1224	204
Sycamore	-	161	37/3.23	303	22.61	835	85000	8668	0.1094	205
Upas	300	194	37/3.53	362.1	24.71	997	101500	10350	0.09155	209
-	-	226	37/3.81	421.8	26.67	1162	118300	12063	0.0786	216
Yew	-	258	37/4.06	479.9	28.42	1322	134500	13715	0.06908	215

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Table 10

Conductor size		Requires construction				Mass		Rated strength		Nominal dc resistance at 20°C	
AWG or MCM	mm ²	Number of wires	Diameter of wires		Class	lb/1000 ft	kg/km	kips	kN	ohm/1000 ft	ohm/km
			inch	mm ²							
-	886	61	0.1694	4.30	AA	1632	2431	56.9	251	0.01151	0.03781
-	759	61	0.1568	3.98	AA	1399	2082	48.8	215	0.01344	0.04414
-	631	61	0.1431	3.63	AA	1165	1732	40.6	179	0.01613	0.05306
-	508	37	0.1644	4.18	AA	932.5	1393	32.9	146	0.02015	0.06597
-	456	37	0.1560	3.96	AA	839.7	1250	29.6	131	0.02238	0.07351
-	404	37	0.1470	3.73	AA	745.6	1109	26.3	116	0.02520	0.08285
-	381	37	0.1424	3.62	AA	699.6	1045	24.7	109	0.02686	0.08796
-	354	37	0.1375	3.49	AA	652.3	971.2	23.0	101	0.02881	0.09464
-	330	37	0.1325	3.37	AA	605.7	905.5	21.4	94.9	0.03102	0.10150
-	303	37	0.1273	3.23	AA, A	559.1	831.9	20.6	91.0	0.03361	0.11049
-	279	37	0.1219	3.10	AA, A	512.7	766.2	18.9	83.9	0.03665	0.11995
-	253	19	0.1622	4.12	AA	466.1	695.0	16.8	74.2	0.04031	0.13224
-	228	19	0.1539	3.91	AA	419.6	626.0	15.1	66.8	0.04478	0.14683
-	203	19	0.1451	3.69	AA, A	373.0	557.5	13.4	59.5	0.05037	0.16486
-	178	19	0.1357	3.45	A	326.3	487.3	11.8	52.0	0.05759	0.18860
-	152	19	0.1257	3.19	A	280.0	416.7	10.5	46.6	0.06712	0.22059
-	126	19	0.1147	2.91	A	233.1	346.7	8.76	38.8	0.08061	0.26509
0000	107	7	0.1739	4.42	AA, A	197.4	294.7	7.34	32.5	0.09519	0.31188
000	84.9	7	0.1548	3.93	AA, A	156.4	233.0	5.82	25.7	0.12013	0.39450
00	67.3	7	0.1379	3.50	AA, A	124.1	184.8	4.62	20.4	0.15137	0.49738
0	53.5	7	0.1228	3.12	AA, A	98.43	146.8	3.82	17.0	0.19089	0.62592
2	33.5	7	0.0974	2.47	AA, A	61.92	92.00	2.40	10.6	0.30343	0.99870
4	21.1	7	0.0772	1.96	A	38.90	57.90	1.51	6.69	0.48300	1.5860
6	13.2	7	0.0612	1.55	A	24.49	36.20	0.949	4.18	0.76856	2.5361

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