

# **nVent ERICO Cu-Bond Round Conductor**

For decades, nVent ERICO has provided the market with high quality copper-bonded ground rods. nVent ERICO has taken that same concept in ground rods and made this into a revolutionary new grounding conductor. The core of the nVent ERICO Cu-Bond Round Conductor is a low carbon steel grade for improved flexibility in the field. The steel core is plated with nickel then electro-plated with a coating of copper. This electro-plating process helps ensure a long-lasting molecular bond between the copper layer and the steel.

The steel core of the conductor provides theft-deterrent benefits, making the conductor difficult to cut with hand tools. With this steel core, nVent ERICO Cu-Bond Round Conductor is a cost-effective alternative to 100% copper conductor. The copper surface of the conductor provides high conductivity and corrosion resistance properties.

Above grade, the unique properties of nVent ERICO Cu-Bond Round Conductor make it ideal for both horizontal and vertical placement. The conductor is well-suited as a lightning protection conductor when applied in accordance with the IEC 62305-3 Edition 2.0 standard.

In the utility industry, the product can be used as a distribution down-lead conductor or as part of a bonding kit for substation fences or equipment ground risers back to the grid. In telecom applications, the product can be used to connect an equipment ground to the ground grid, as a riser (down-lead) for towers, or as a grounding conductor for datacenter mesh bonding. They are also well suited for rail applications such as trackside bonding conductors and stray current conductors, grounding kits for trackside equipment, electrical traction power, as well as in substation, wayside shelters, and communication antenna equipment.

Below grade, nVent ERICO Cu-Bond Round Conductors are ideal as earthing and bonding conductors where copper theft may occur. They may be used as a buried ground grid conductor or electrode for wireless telecom towers, power distribution and transmission grounding in utility substations, large scale ground mount solar farms, petrochemical and mining infrastructure in industrial facilities, and railway applications. The conductor also can be used as an interconnecting grounding conductor between wind towers or as a grounding grid at the base of a wind tower.









#### **FEATURES**

Theft-deterrent; steel core is hard to cut with hand tools

Cost-effective; copper bonded to a steel core minimizes the amount of copper in the cable

Superior corrosion resistance; application life of typically 30-40 years in most soil conditions

Copper-bonded coating will not crack or tear when the conductor is bent

High resistance to corrosion and provides a low-resistance path to ground

nVent ERICO Cu-Bond Round Conductor is marked every meter (3.28') for easy measurement in the field

Meets the requirements of IEC® 62305-3 Edition 2 and IEC/EN 62561-2 for lightning protection applications

nVent ERICO Cu-Bond Round Conductors are UL certified to IEC® 62561-2

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Plating Thickness: 10mil

Material: Copper-Bonded Steel

Complies With: EN IEC® 62305-3 Edition 2;EN IEC® 62561-2;EN IEC 62561-2

Table 1/2							
Catalog Number	Diameter (Ø)	Length (L)	Fusing Capacity Equivalency	nVent ERICO Cadweld Conductor Code	Unit Weight	Certification Details	
CBSC8	0.31"	328'	4	T1	86.6 lb	EN IEC® 61561-2	
CBSC10	0.39"	328'	2	T2	139.4 lb	EN IEC® 61561-2	
CBSC13	0.52"	328'	1	Т3	239 lb	EN IEC® 61561-2, UL® 467, CSA C22.1 No. 41	
CBSC14	0.56"	328'	2	Т4	277.7 lb	EN IEC® 61561-2, UL® 467, CSA C22.1 No. 41	
CBSC18	0.7"	328'	4	Т6	427 lb	EN IEC® 61561-2, UL® 467, CSA C22.1 No. 41	

Table 2/2					
Catalog Number	Certifications				
CBSC8	UL (IEC)				
CBSC10	UL (IEC)				
CBSC13	UL (IEC), cUL, UL				
CBSC14	UL (IEC), cUL, UL				
CBSC18	UL (IEC), cUL, UL				

## **ADDITIONAL PRODUCT DETAILS**

Resistance per unit length measurements made in  $m\Omega/m$ , CBSC compared with respect to AWG/Metric.

The IEEE® 837 standard (Annex C) provides a method of calculating the fusing current for conductors. This chart is a reference of the calculations for copper-bonded steel conductor according to the IEEE 837 standard. This information is for reference only.

Conductor Physical Size Comparison					
Conductor Size	Approximate Diameter	Cross Section			
#4 AWG	0.235"	-			
#2 AWG	0.292"	-			
CBSC8	0.315"	0.08 in <sup>2</sup>			
1/0 AWG	0.373"	-			
CBSC10	0.394"	0.12 in <sup>2</sup>			
2/0 AWG	0.419"	-			
3/0 AWG	0.410"	-			
CBSC13	0.520"	0.21 in <sup>2</sup>			
4/0 AWG	0.528"	-			
CBSC14	0.560"	0.25 in <sup>2</sup>			
250 MCM	0.575"	-			
CBSC16	0.618"	0.31 in <sup>2</sup>			
300 MCM	0.629"	-			
CBSC18	0.697"	0.38 in <sup>2</sup>			

Conductivity Comparison					
Part Number	AWG (Ω/km)	CBSC Resistance per Length Comparison	mm² (Ω/km)	CBSC Resistance per Length Comparison	
CBSC18	1/0 AWG	118.52%	50 mm²	110.82%	
	2 AWG	74.54%	35 mm²	77.57%	
CBSC16	2 AWG	102.20%	35 mm²	106.36%	
	4 AWG	64.27%	25 mm²	75.97%	
CBSC14	2 AWG	137.78%	25 mm²	102.42%	
	4 AWG	86.65%	16 mm²	65.55%	
CBSC13	2 AWG	134.46%	25 mm²	99.95%	
	4 AWG	84.56%	16 mm²	63.97%	
CBSC10	4 AWG	132.25%	16 mm²	100.05%	
	6 AWG	83.17%	10 mm²	62.53%	
CBSC8	6 AWG	107.85%	16 mm²	129.73%	
	8 AWG	67.83%	10 mm²	81.08%	

Fusing Current Irms (kA) - IEEE® 837 Annex C							
Conductor Type Copper-bonded, Steel Core, Roda		CBSC8	CBSC10	CBSC13	CBSC14	CBSC16	CBSC18
Conductor Cross Section in mm2	А	50.265	78.52	138.07	158.903	199.84	243.27
Initial Conductor Temperature in °C	Та	40	40	40	40	40	40
Time of Current Flow in Seconds	tc	2	2	2	2	2	2
Maximum Allowable Temperature in °C	Tm	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084
Thermal Coefficient of Resistivity at Reference Temperature Tr	ar	0.00378	0.00378	0.00378	0.00378	0.00378	0.00378
Resistivity of the Ground Conductor at Reference Temperature Tr in m&-cm	rr	8.621	8.621	8.621	8.621	8.621	8.621
1/a0 or (1/ar) - Tr in °C	K0	245	245	245	245	245	245
Thermal Capacity Factor in Joules/cm3/°C	TCAP	3.846	3.846	3.846	3.846	3.846	3.846
Material Conductivity	%	24.5	20.4	18.8	15.9	16.3	17.7
	ß	84.73	84.73	84.73	84.73	84.73	84.73
5	I	4.79	7.48	13.16	15.15	19.05	23.19
Fusing Current Calculation	190%	4.31	6.74	11.84	13.63	17.14	20.87
	180%	3.83	5.99	10.53	12.12	15.24	18.55

# **DIAGRAMS**



#### **WARNING**

nVent products shall be installed and used only as indicated in nVent's product instruction sheets and training materials. Instruction sheets are available at www.nvent.com and from your nVent customer service representative. Improper installation, misuse, misapplication or other failure to completely follow nVent's instructions and warnings may cause product malfunction, property damage, serious bodily injury and death and/or void your warranty.

 $^{\Delta}$  WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

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