

CMGT 235 – Electrical and Mechanical Systems

Homework #23 – Voltage Drop

Due: 11/16/2021

Points: 20

Name: Solution

NEC 2017 Edition, Chapter 9 Tables

Conductor Resistance

Table 8 Conductor Properties – for DC

Table 9 Alternating-Current Resistance – for AC

1. What is the voltage drop of two 12 AWG THHN conductors in a PVC Conduit that supply 16A, 120V AC load located 100 feet from the power supply? Use Uncoated Copper Wires.

$$VD = 2 \times R \times L \times I / 1000 = 2 \times 2\Omega \times 100 \text{ ft} \times 16\text{A} / 1000 = 6.4 \text{ V}$$

2. What is the percentage voltage loss for the circuit in problem 1?

$$\%VD = [1 - (120\text{V} - 6.4\text{V}) / 120\text{V}] \times 100 = 5.3\%$$

3. What is the Effective Z at 0.85 PF for Uncoated AWG 10 Copper Wire in a steel conduit?

NEC 2017 Chapter 9, Table 9

1.1 Ω / 1000 ft

4. Calculate the length a 12V DC AWG 16 uncoated stranded copper wire that supplies 2.4 A can be if the voltage drop is limited to 5%.

$$L = VD \times 1000 / 2 \times R \times I = (12\text{V} \times 0.05) \times 1000 / 2 \times 4.99 \times 2.4 \text{ A} = 25 \text{ ft}$$