CMGT 235 – Electrical and Mechanical Systems

Discussion No. 23

Unit 3 - Electrical Systems

Fall 2020

Voltage Drop

Example #5 - Temporary Job Site Light, Tripod, Corded (AC), Lumens 8000, Number of Lamp Heads 1

Technical Specs

Item	Temporary Job Site Light	Lamp Watts	500
Type - Job Site Lighting	Tripod	Color	Copper
Power Source - Job Site Lighting	Corded (AC)	Item - Job Site Lighting	Temporary Job Site Light
Lumens	8000	Lamp Included	Yes
Number of Lamp Heads	1	Rated Life	2000 hr.
Cord Length - Job Site Lighting	5 ft.	NEC Cord Designation	SJTW
		Gauge/Conductor	18/3
Max. Extension Height	63"	NEMA Plug Configuration	5-15P
Lighting Technology	Halogen		
		Guard Type	Metal
Light Distribution - Job Site Lighting	Flood	Replacement Lamp	500W 4-5/8" T3
IP Rating	IP54	Features	Weatherproof ON/OFF Switch, Telescopes From 40"
Safety Rated	Not Safety Rated		to 67" With "Easy Grip" Locking Nuts
Voltage	120VAC	Standards	UL, cUL



Gauge/Conductor	Ohms/kFT	Length (L) ft
18/3		
16/3		
14/3		
12/3		

Example #6

A single-phase, 240-volt air-conditioner is being installed for a small commercial building. The nameplate reads: "Minimum Circuit Ampacity 40 Amperes." The circuit originates at the main panel located 125 ft from the air-conditioner unit.

- 1. Determine the maximum voltage drop of the line recommended by the NEC?
- 2. What is the minimum size THWN CU conductors required and where in the NEC do you find this?
- 3. Determine the voltage drop due to the conductors. Does it meet the code requirement? If not, what should be done to meet the code?