VAUHM
Underfloor Heating Mat Range

Installation and Wiring Instructions

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220-240V~50Hz

Vent-Axia®

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ILLUSTRATIONS.
PLEASE SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS
Product description
Twin conductor heating cable mat designed for electrical floor heating, supplied with factory fitted cold lead (length 2.5 m).

Application
The BLUE THERMAL MAT is suitable for heating all types of indoor rooms and well suited for renovation projects.
The BLUE THERMAL MAT is designed for embedding in adhesive/mortar/screed/concrete and can be installed beneath most floor coverings, please see these instructions for further details.
The installation of this heating product shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the regulations of the authority having jurisdiction.

Technical data
Power: As stated on cable/package (Watt)
Rated Voltage: 230V-
Conductor insulation: Fluor polymer
Outer sheath: PVC
Minimum bending diameter: 40 mm (1 5/8 “)
Minimum installation temperature: 0 ºC (32 ºF)

Please go to www.vent-axia.com to find additional information.

Important!
Read this before starting the installation
Please read through the entire installation instructions (this document) before starting the installation. The product should only be installed only by qualified personnel who are familiar with the construction and operation of heating cables and the risks involved. Minimum bending diameter of the cable is 40 mm (1 5/8”). Minimum installation temperature is 0 ºC (32 ºF).

Plan the installation by identifying the heated area, which is the entire room area minus areas not to be heated. Areas not to be heated are for example areas under permanent installations without legs, thus encapsulating the area they are standing on, and not allowing airflow. The distance between the mat and non-heated areas shall be minimum 3 cm (1,2 inches). Select the correct type of BLUE THERMAL MAT(S) with respect to the heated area and the 3 cm (1,2 inches) margin as specified. The heating cable cannot cross neither touch itself and cannot be placed in a wall, therefore the area of the BLUE THERMAL MAT(S) must be slightly smaller than the heated area.

Installation instructions – step by step

1. Caution!
Handle the product with care and do not press or drop sharp objects into the BLUE THERMAL MAT.

2. Measure and check the following electrical properties to be within limits before installing the BLUE THERMAL MAT:
- The ground insulation between the earth wire and the resistance wires: 100 MOhm or higher.
- The resistance value of the heating element: Within -5/+10% of nominal value. Enter the results into the warranty form.
3. It’s recommended to treat the sub floor with a primer so that mat can be easily fixed to the underlay. Apply the primer with a brush, and leave to dry. Do NOT apply a primer later on, after the heating cable mat has been installed, as this might dissolve the adhesive on the net. - BLUE THERMAL MAT 100 W/m² can be installed on any type of stable and levelled sub-floor. - BLUE THERMAL MAT 150 W/m² must be installed on a non-combustible sub-floor (leveled and stable) with minimum thickness 5 mm.

4. IMPORTANT!
Please investigate if the cold lead attached to your heating mat/cable has got a hidden splice marked with -> SPLICE <-, or a manual splice identified as a bulge on the cable:

Regardless of SPLICE type, the SPLICE has to be placed embedded into the heated floor, and NOT inside the wall or other non-heated area: Install and adjust the BLUE THERMAL MAT by rolling out the mat on the sub-floor. Beware! When making adjustments: Do not cut the cable, only the net. BLUE THERMAL MAT is self-adhesive, and is fixed by applying a light pressure. When cutting and adjusting the mat, ensure that the cables are kept at the same distance from each other as the cables on the mat itself. Make sure that the splice (the connection between cold and hot part of the cable) is placed so the cold lead reaches the thermostat, and that the splice itself is placed in the floor and not inside the wall. If other cables (which are not a part of the heating cable installation) are embedded in the heated floor these must be placed at least 3 cm (1.2 inches) away from any heating cable. The current-carrying capacity of these cables must be adjusted due to the heated surroundings. If a floor sensor is used it must be connected at equal distance between two cable strands. It’s recommended to install the floor sensor inside a tube, making it possible to replace it in the future.

5. Measure the ground insulation and conductor resistance again before pouring the adhesive/screed/mortar/concrete. Enter the results into the warranty form.

6. When embedding use cement-based tile adhesive, thinset mortar, screed or concrete, suitable for heated floors with good heat conductivity. As a minimum the BLUE THERMAL MAT must be covered entirely by the adhesive/screed/mortar/concrete, but a thicker layer might be required to ensure mechanical floor stability. Follow the guidelines given by the manufacturer and ensure that the BLUE THERMAL MAT is fully embedded.
Attention!
Use machinery to mix well and pour shortly after mixing. After pouring compact thoroughly to avoid a porous slab with air pockets.

7. Some materials are sensitive to heat and are not applicable to install as a part of a heated floor. Please check with the manufacturer of the floor covering whether their product is suitable or not.

Area power specific rules
BLUE THERMAL MAT 100 W/m² can be installed beneath most types of floor covering. That includes wood, laminate, parquet, vinyl, tiles, slate, stone, marble, etc.*

BLUE THERMAL MAT 150 W/m² must be installed beneath non-combustible materials. Examples of such materials are tiles, slate, stone, vinyl, linolium and marble.

In addition the following thermal resistance rules apply
Total thermal resistance of the floor covering (incl. carpets or similar) shall not exceed a value of R 0,85 [ft² °F h / Btu] corresponding to RSI 0,15 [m²K / W].

Typical R-values (thermal resistance [ft² °F h / Btu]) of top floor coverings

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Typical RSI-values (thermal resistance [m²K / W]) of top floor coverings

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Which means some wooden and cork floors should not be installed above BLUE THERMAL MAT, and also some types of carpets should not be placed on heated floors.
Beware!
Some wooden floors are sensitive to heat with respect to cracking and contracting and shouldn’t be heated above 28 °C (83 °F). Also, some vinyl and linoleum coverings can be sensitive to heat with respect to discolouring. To solve this and prevent high floor temperatures a limiting thermostat with a floor sensor can be installed. Recommended limiting temperature (measured between two cables in the floor) is 35 °C. Please also see the guidelines described in the user manual section.

8. Measure the ground insulation and conductor resistance again before connecting to the thermostat as a final test. The heating cable must be connected to electrical earth properly and always be protected by a ground fault circuit breaker (RCD/GFCI), maximum trip level 30 mA. Connecting more than one heating cable mat to a thermostat is possible, but make sure the total power [W] does not exceed the limit of the thermostat.

IMPORTANT! CONNECTION INSTRUCTIONS
The cold lead has an information text on it, showing the cross section area of the copper conductors. This will either be 1,0 mm² or 0,5 mm². The following apply:

1,0 mm²
Connect normally.

0,5 mm²
If connecting one conductor (0,5 mm²) to a pillar terminal without pressure plate, attach a metal crimp (use crimping tool) to the connecting end before fastening the screw.

If connecting one conductor (0,5 mm²) to a pillar terminal with pressure plate, the conductor can be connected and fastened normally like a 1,0 mm² conductor.

If connecting two or more conductors into the same terminal (regardless of type) do the following: Attach a metal crimp (use crimping tool) over any 0,5 mm² conductor(s) and place the crimp(s) covering the conductor(s) into the terminal. Then fasten normally.

Complete the warranty form.

Standards/approvals
The BLUE THERMAL MAT is tested in conformity with IEC EN 60335-1, IEC 60335-2-96.

User Manual
To ensure a comfortable and long lasting heated floor follow these guidelines:

• The heating cable installation is not to be turned on before the adhesive/mortar/screed/concrete has hardened naturally.

• Thermostat or other controls must be used and programmed according to the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

• Do NOT attach screws, bolts, nails or similar into the heated floor. If this must be done seek help from an electrician whom might be able to locate the heating cables. The documentation of the installation will also contain useful information.
• Avoid high temperatures:

- In rooms with an area power larger than 100 W/m² carpets shall not be used. Caution is to be taken when placing thermally insulating items on the floor such as diaper packages, heaps of clothes and so on.

- In rooms with an area power of 100 W/m² or less, pay attention when placing thermally insulating items on the heated floor, for example; carpets, furniture without feet.

- Be aware that some vinyl/linoleum floors are sensitive to heat, discolouring of the floor can occur at high temperatures. Consult the manufacturer for more information.

- Furniture and other permanent installations which are to be placed in the room must either have legs allowing heat to be dissipated from the floor, or be placed in floor areas without heating.
Installed by (Company):

Installation address:

Room/area: \( m^2 \)

**Rated values**
- Cable type(s): \( W \)
- Single-/Twin conductor:
- Linear output:
- Rated resistance:
- Rated voltage:

**Check measurements**

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**Construction details**

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<td>Area output in heated area:</td>
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<td>Size circuit breaker:</td>
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<td>Trip level RCD/GFCI (ground fault protection):</td>
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Max. temperature in construction is limited to 80 °C by:

Planning:
Installation:
Limiting/protecting equipment (specify):

**Control system**

Designation of type:
- Floor sensor
- Room sensor
- Other specify

**Installer statement**

The heating cable product is installed according to Vent-Axia installation instructions and the building owner has been informed about precautions and limitations which apply to heated floors.

**Date/signature/stamp:**

Special notes about this installation

**Building owner / Purchaser**

Warranty form and user manual has been received, read and understood.

Date & Signature
Product extended warranty
All of our heating cable units and their components are thoroughly tested during production. The final test is a high voltage test and measurement of the conductor resistance. Only the units which have passed the tests, are sent to the market. Vent-Axia offers an extended 10-year warranty on defects in material and workmanship in the sold product, under proper and normal use and service. In case of a defect, Vent-Axia will repair or replace the product. Please see the terms of warranty for further details. The warranty does not extend to defects caused by a faulty installation. For the extended warranty to be valid these installation instructions must be accompanied with. The written warranty form inside each box containing a product must be filled in. This is to ensure a correct installation and that no damage has been done to the product during the installation. If, during the installation, a heating cable is damaged, it will have to be replaced before the construction is finished. Vent-Axia must be given notice of any defect within 30 days after the defect was discovered, and the warranty form correctly filled in must accompany the claim in order for the extended warranty to be valid.

The Vent-Axia Guarantee
Applicable only to products installed and used in the United Kingdom. For details of guarantee outside the United Kingdom contact your local supplier.

Vent-Axia guarantees its products for two years from date of purchase against faulty material or workmanship. In the event of any part being found to be defective, the product will be repaired, or at the Company’s option replaced, without charge, provided that the product:-

- Has been installed and used in accordance with the instructions given with each unit.
- Has not been connected to an unsuitable electricity supply. (The correct electricity supply voltage is shown on the product rating label attached to the unit).
- Has not been subjected to misuse, neglect or damage.
- Has not been modified or repaired by any person not authorised by the company.

IF CLAIMING UNDER TERMS OF GUARANTEE
Please return the complete product, carriage paid to your original supplier or nearest Vent-Axia Centre, by post or personal visit. Please ensure that it is adequately packed and accompanied by a letter clearly marked “Guarantee Claim” stating the nature of the fault and providing evidence of date and source of purchase.

The guarantee is offered to you as an extra benefit, and does not effect your legal rights