

# Corrugated Hard Polyethylene Pipe For Labor and Cost Savings In Underground Cable Installation



# A track record of more than 40 years in Japan: EFLEX, underground electrical cable protective pipe

#### Comparing cables buried directly with cables laid inside pipe conduits (EFLEX)

	Direct burial		In pipe conduits (EFLEX)
Example installations		Cables	Pipe conduit Cables
During installation		Easily damaged	Hard to damage
Effects on cables During operation		Since cables are in direct contact with the soil, they are susceptible to water and loads that could cause failures. Cables also tend to become damaged during excavation work by other companies.	Since cables are protected inside pipe conduits, they are unlikely to fail. Cables are not easily damaged by the excavation work of other companies.
During cable addition and renewal		Excavation is needed, requiring time and expense.	Cables can be added or replaced without excavation.

## •Features of EFLEX

# Lightweight

EFLEX	1.0 kg
Lined steel pipe	13.1 kg
Hume pipe	26.5 kg
Hard vinyl pipe	3.4 kg
	(per φ100 -m)

#### Easy to transport and work

## Robust

The corrugated structure enhances the compression strength. When buried at a depth of 30 cm, the pipes may withstand loads from 25-ton trucks in motion.





May be bent manually, and the allowable bending radius is five times or more of the outer diameter of the pipe conduit



Easy to detour around obstacles

# Low friction

The corrugated structure reduces the surface area that comes into contact with cables, which reduces friction.

Friction coefficient

EFLEX	0.3
Lined steel pipe	0.5
Hume pipe	0.7
Hard vinyl pipe	0.4

Cables may be drawn in at a long length



Fewer joints

# Plasticity and elasticity

The plastic and elastic properties allow the pipe conduits to follow the motions of earthquake and ground subsidence.



Adaptable to ground subsidence

# EFLEX boasts the product lineup from ø30 to ø200

# **Underground Cable Conduit EFLEX**

The standard dimensions of EFLEX are as shown in the table below. A pilot wire is inserted inside EFLEX during production. It is connected with the cable pilot wire to pull the cable into the pipe. EFLEX is, as a rule, shipped from the factory, wound in a coil. A pilot wire has an allowable tensile strength of 50 kg.



# FPStandard dimensions table

Product No.	Outer diameter (approx. in mm)	Inner diameter (approx. in mm)	Pitch (approx. in mm)	Reference weight (approx. in kg/m)	Standard length of product bundle (m)	Standard dimensions of product bundle Outer diameter x width (approx. in m)
FP-30	40	30	10	0.2	300	1.2 ×0.5
FP-40	54	42	13	0.3	200	1.5 ×0.65
FP-50	65	50	17	0.4	200	1.6 ×0.7
FP-65	85	66	21	0.6	100	1.6 ×0.65
FP-80	102	80	25	0.7	100	1.7 ×0.7
FP-100	130	100	32	1.0	100	2.0 ×0.8
FP-125	160	125	39	1.5	50	1.6 ×1.2
FP-150	189	150	47	2.0	50	1.8 ×1.3
FP-200	253	200	55	3.5	40	2.25×1.1

• When purchasing EFLEX, it is recommended that its nominal diameter be more than 1.5 times as large as the outer diameter of the cable to be accommodated.

• The allowable bending radius should be five times or more of the EFLEX outer diameter.

▲ • If cables are not drawn in for a long time, the pilot wires could corrode. Replace them with plastic order wires to suit the conditions of use. When drawing in cables, replace pilot wires with order wires for the purpose.

Keep away from fire

#### •Product features Flattened compression property

When the compression test stipulated by JIS C 3653 (Annex 1 to Installation methods of power cables buried ground) was conducted, the deformation ratio was less than 3.5% in all cases.

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When a 25-ton truck drove over a location where EFLEX has been buried at a depth of 30 cm from the ground surface, the deformation ratio was less than 3.5%, demonstrating sufficient resistance against loads.



#### Flattened compression property

Nominal	Lo	Deformation	
diameter (mm)	N	{kgf}	ratio
30	373	38.0	≦3.5%
40	501	51.1	≦3.5%
50	612	62.5	≦3.5%
65	804	82.0	≦3.5%
80	969	98.9	≦3.5%
100	1225	125.0	≦3.5%
125	1518	154.9	≦3.5%
150	1805	184.2	≦3.5%
200	2412	246.1	≦3.5%



# **EFLEX Work Procedures**



## Long and easy-to-bend EFLEX saves labor and shortens work times when laying conduits.

 $\wedge$  • Roll the grip to extend the cables.

- Make sure that the cables do not wind while they are being laid.
- Compact the ground under EFLEX, especially near the manhole.
- Pierce with rods for testing, to discern whether cable-laying conditions are acceptable.

Feel free to order our Work Procedure document for details.

# **EFLEX System**

# Various components are combined to protect cables inside EFLEX



# AQUAFIT (Straight Joining Procedure for Joining EFLEX System Together)

FSA-





Product No.	Outer dia. ΦD (approx. in mm)	Length L (approx. in mm)
FSA-30	44	52
FSA-40	60	72
FSA-50	70	90
FSA-65	90	115
FSA-80	111	135
FSA-100	140	175
FSA-125	172	182
FSA-150	201	190
FSA-200	260	270



#### Work procedures

• Twist the joint at one end of EFLEX.

- Line one end of EFLEX up with another.
- Twist the joint twisted in back so that the connecting part is centered.



\*AQUAFIT of radius between ø125 and 200 can be worked more smoothly using a belted wrench and other tools. Cut the edge of EFLEX perpendicularly.

▲ Do not remove from the bag until immediately before working, as a non-woven water-expansion cloth has been used. Avoid storing in places exposed to high temperature and humidity or direct sunlight. Avoid using in places where a large volume of water will penetrate the duct part.

# Excellent waterproofing property of non-woven water-expansion cloth

When non-woven, water-expansion cloth comes into contact with water, it expands immediately and stops water from seeping.





Cross section before water absorption



Cross section after water absorption

# **Bellmouth**

#### FM-🗆



After EFLEX has been fixed to the manhole, the bellmouth should be attached to the end part of EFLEX to enhance the appearance and prevent cables from being scratched of damaged while being pulled in. The bellmouth can be screwed easily into the EFLEX.



②Manhole (hand hole)③EFLEX

Product No.	Outer dia. DT (approx. in mm)	Inner dia. d (approx. in mm)	Length L (approx. in mm)
FM-30	50	26	40
FM-40	65	36	50
FM-50	78	45	60
FM-65	97	60	75
FM-80	115	74	85
FM-100	144	93	105
FM-125	176	116	130
FM-150	205	141	150
FM-200	272	189	185

# EFLEX Clamp (connector)

#### CL-🗆



If EFLEX units are fitted to a terminal box, use the EFLEX clamps as shown in the Figure.

A hole such as that indicated in the Table below should be opened on the EFLEX fitting plane of the terminal box to match the diameter of EFLEX used.

#### For 30-100 mm $\phi$



④Terminal box

Product	Bushing (approx. in mm)		Cor (ar	Hole dia. (approx.			
NO.	D1	L1	D2	Dз	L2	in mm)	
CL-30	51	13	50	41.9	76	42.7	
CL-40	77	18	73	59.6	96	60.4	
CL-50	88	18	90	75.2	105	76.0	
CL-65	101	18	104	87.9	136	88.7	
CL-80	117	22	116	100.3	151	102.7	
CL-100	132	24	135	113.0	178	115.4	

#### For 125-200 mm *φ*



①Collar
②Rubber packing
③Bellmouth
<pre>@EFLEX</pre>
©Terminal box

Product	Co (approx	Hole dia. (approx.	
INU.	L	D	in mm)
CL-125	41	191	170
CL-150	47	228	200
CL-200	63 290		265

# Waterproof Cap for EFLEX End

#### FFC-



Screw the water cap onto the outside of EFLEX (the amount of EFLEX protruding from a wall should match the amount of taping). Wrap sealing tape around the boundary line of EFLEX and secure its end with PVC tape.



•Kinds: 9 types

FFC-30, 40, 50, 65, 80, 100, 125, 150, 200

Composition

Waterproof cap, sealing tape, and PVC tape

# Epoxy Putty (wall surface waterproofing material)

Base agent: 1.5 kg; hardening agent: 1.5 kg

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hardening agent:

#### EPOKAN (In cans) Total weight: 3 kg



#### EPOAL (In bags) 1 kg



Use when EFLEX is attached to a manhole for laying cables at a place with high groundwater level.

## Epoxy putty amount used (Per location)

EFI	EX	Hole diameter	Epoxy putty	
Product No.	Outer diameter (approx. in mm)	on wall surface (approx. in mm)	amount used (kg)	
FP-30	40	80	0.5	
FP-40	54	100	0.5	
FP-50	65	110	0.5	
FP-65	85	130	1.0	
FP-80	102	160	1.0	
FP-100	130	180	1.5	
FP-125	160	210	2.0	
FP-150	189	260	4.0	
FP-200	253	310	5.5	

Please be sure to use it immediately after opening the can or bag. Place in hot water in winter when it is hard. Special packing is necessary for export.

(UN classification 'Class 9' material is included in products.)



# Joints with Other Types of Pipe Conduits (connecting EFLEX with pipes of another kind)

## AQ-type and H-type joints for another kind pipes





Components (5) to (7) are used only with H-type joints. (For the AQ-type, water is sealed with the non-woven water-expansion cloth inside the sleeve.) The forms differ slightly depending on the product Nos.

# •A type joining part FT-□-□





▲ Special packing is necessary for export. (UN classification 'Class 9' material is included in products.)

If you require a joint for connecting different types of pipes, please contact us with the sizes of the pipes.

# **Other Relevant Products**

# A New Multi-hole Pipe of Unit-type Pursuing Work Laborsaving and Cost Reduction.



The information box project, the so-called C·C·Box Project, is being promoted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, aimed at "promotion of underground laying of electric cables" as well as "early realization of advanced information society." To respond to such demands of the times, Furukawa Electric has developed a multi-hole pipe of synthetic resin as a cable duct material using recycled plastics. We hope the customer will make use of our materials system for underground cable laying that we have developed in pursuit of work laborsaving, shortening of work periods and cost reduction.



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