

# VFD (Variable-Frequency Drive) Cable



Variable-frequency drives (VFDs) control the speed and torque of AC motors by varying the frequency of the voltage to the motor; however, the VFD does not send a pure sine-wave frequency to the motor. They more accurately use a series of pulses which varies in frequency in a technique called pulse-width modulation (PWM).

While PWM is an excellent way to control a motor, it creates several issues that can affect the motor's life and power quality, as well as create Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) and reduce the life of the cable.

By using a cable designed for use with VFDs, it is possible to limit the effect of high frequencies on the surrounding equipment and possibly prevent costly machine downtime.

AutomationDirect is pleased to introduce our new line of Variable-frequency drive (VFD) cable manufactured by Southwire Company.

## Features

- Cross-linked Polyethylene (XLPE) conductor insulation
- Class K, flexible stranded tinned annealed copper conductors per ASTM B33, B172 and B174
- Green ground conductor with yellow stripe, cross linked Polyethylene (XLPE) insulation
- 100% coverage aluminum/mylar/aluminum foil shield
- 85% coverage tinned copper braid shield
- Tinned copper drain wire(s)
- Black Thermoplastic Elastomer (TPE) jacket
- Cut to length in 1 foot increments
- Minimum cut lengths as low as 10 feet
- Made in USA



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 for a short introduction on our cut to length cable

## VFD 4-Conductor Cable Specifications

<b>Conductors Gauge &amp; Stranding</b>	16AWG (26 Strands) to 2AWG (651 Strands), Class K flexible stranded tinned annealed copper per ASTM B33, B172 and B174	<b>Approvals**</b>	ASTM B172 - Rope-Lay-Stranded Copper Conductors ASTM B174 - Bunch-Stranded Copper Conductors ASTM B33 - Tinned soft or annealed Copper UL 44 - Thermoset Insulation UL 1063 - Machine Tool Wiring (MTW) UL 1277 - Type TC-ER Standard Power and Control Cables UL 2277 - Type WTTC Flexible Motor Supply UL 758 - AWM Style 20886 Standard for Appliance Wiring Material C22.2 No. 230 Type TC CSA 22.2 No. 239 TYPE CIC CSA C22.2 No. 210 - CSA AWM I/II A/B CE RoHS 2
<b>Voltage Rating</b>	600V UL 90°C TC-ER 1000V WTTC 1000V AWM 1000V Flexible Motor Supply Cable		
<b>Outer Jacket Material</b>	Thermoplastic Elastomer (TPE)		
<b>Outer Jacket Color</b>	Black with white print		
<b>Cold Bend</b>	-40°F (-40°C)		
<b>Min. Cut Length*</b>	20 feet	<b>Sample Print Legend</b>	Southwire XXAWG (XXmm <sup>2</sup> ) XX/C VFD XLPE CDRS TYPE TC-ER EXXXXX (UL) 600V 90°C DRY 90°C WET SUN RES OIL RES I/II DIR BUR -40°C OR WTTC 1000V OR AWM 20886 105°C 1000V OR Flexible Motor Supply Cable 1000V -- LLXXXXX CSA CIC/ TC FT4 OR AWM I/II A/B 1000V 105C FT4 -40°C -- CE RoHS-2 Made in USA
<b>Temperature Ratings</b>	-40°F to +194°F (-40°C to +90°C)		
<b>Conductor Insulation</b>	Black cross-linked Polyethylene (XLPE) with green/yellow ground		
<b>Conductor Markings</b>	"1-ONE", "2-TWO", "3-THREE", @ 4.5 inch intervals, ICEA Method 4		

\* See web store for maximum cut lengths

\*\* To obtain the most current agency approval information, see the Agency Approval Checklist section on the specific part number's web page at [www.AutomationDirect.com](http://www.AutomationDirect.com)

# VFD Cable - 4 Conductor

## VFD 4-Conductor Cable Specifications Continued

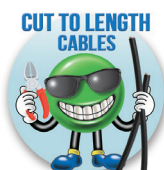
Part Number	Nom. Capacitance Conductor to Shield (pF/ft.)	Nom. Capacitance Conductor to Conductor (pF/ft.)	Nom. Conductor DC Resistance @ 20°C (Ohm/1000 ft.)	Nominal Outer Shield DC Resistance @ 20°C (Ohm/1000 ft.)	Impedance (ohms)	Velocity of Propagation	Max. Operating Voltage - UL
<a href="#">VFDC-16-4B-1</a>	36.34	20.19	4.49	2.40	86.6	0.57	600V / 1000V
<a href="#">VFDC-14-4B-1</a>	44.10	24.50	2.82	2.31	71.4	0.57	600V / 1000V
<a href="#">VFDC-12-4B-1</a>	46.93	26.07	1.77	2.48	67.1	0.57	600V / 1000V
<a href="#">VFDC-10-4B-1</a>	52.52	29.18	1.12	2.63	60.0	0.57	600V / 1000V
<a href="#">VFDC-8-4B-1</a>	50.72	28.18	0.72	3.66	62.1	0.57	600V / 1000V
<a href="#">VFDC-6-4B-1</a>	56.81	31.56	0.45	3.48	55.4	0.57	600V / 1000V
<a href="#">VFDC-4-4B-1</a>	67.95	37.75	0.28	3.69	46.3	0.57	600V / 1000V
<a href="#">VFDC-2-4B-1</a>	75.96	42.20	0.18	4.10	41.5	0.57	600V / 1000V

## VFD 4-Conductor Cable Selection

Part Number	Number of Conductors (includes ground)	AWG	Strand	Power Conductors	Ground (AWG)	Drain Wire (AWG)	Insulation Thickness (mils)	Jacket Thickness (mils)	Nominal OD inches	*Ampacity NEC 310.15 (B) (16) Amps		Min. Bend Radius inches	Approximate Weight (lb/ft)	Price per foot
										75°C	90°C			
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<a href="#">VFDC-16-4B-1</a>	4	16AWG (1.31 mm²)	26	3	1 x (16)	1 x (16)	46	62	0.523	10	10	6	0.171	\$2.70
<a href="#">VFDC-14-4B-1</a>	4	14AWG (2.08 mm²)	41	3	1 x (14)	1 x (14)	46	62	0.565	15	15	7	0.212	\$3.21
<a href="#">VFDC-12-4B-1</a>	4	12AWG (3.31 mm²)	65	3	1 x (12)	1 x (12)	46	62	0.635	20	20	8	0.269	\$3.99
<a href="#">VFDC-10-4B-1</a>	4	10AWG (5.26 mm²)	105	3	1 x (10)	1 x (10)	46	62	0.698	30	30	8	0.352	\$5.23
<a href="#">VFDC-8-4B-1</a>	4	8AWG (8.36 mm²)	168	3	1 x (8)	4 x (14)	60	80	0.870	50	55	10	0.533	\$9.52
<a href="#">VFDC-6-4B-1</a>	4	6AWG (13.3 mm²)	266	3	1 x (6)	4 x (12)	60	80	0.942	65	75	11	0.699	\$12.49
<a href="#">VFDC-4-4B-1</a>	4	4AWG (21.2 mm²)	420	3	1 x (4)	4 x (10)	60	80	1.071	85	95	14	1.039	\$17.71
<a href="#">VFDC-2-4B-1</a>	4	2AWG (33.6 mm²)	651	3	1 x (2)	4 x (8)	60	80	1.230	115	130	14	1.486	\$25.81

\* Ampacity based on NEC 310.15 (B) (16) up to and including 2000 volts, not more than 3 current-carrying conductors, ambient 86°F (30°C)

All dimensions are nominal and subject to normal manufacturing tolerances.



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