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#### **ONE-STOP SHOP**

Southwire is the *only* North American supplier that manufactures a full line of wire and cable products pre-assembled in an HDPE conduit and equipped with couplers and fittings, if required.



# QUALITY SOURCING & MANUFACTURING

A premium grade of HDPE resin and other raw materials are sourced from quality vendors. Southwire utilizes continuous

improvement of manufacturing processes to extrude a ruggedized HDPE conduit over a single conductor or an assembly of different types of cables. Our HDPE exhibits an excellent flexural modulus, ultimate tensile strength, and slow crack growth resistance.



## **FULL QUALIFICATIONS**

Mechanical properties before & after thermal aging, direct burial evaluations with crush and impact, deflection under heat and load, low temperature handling or drop, moisture penetration, and water absorption tests have been completed.



## **2 UL CERTIFICATIONS**

Southwire's SIM*pull*® Cable-In-Conduit (CIC) has been tested and qualified to the applicable UL standards helping ensure that you receive UL certified cables in UL certified HDPE conduit.



# MULTIPLE INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Fully compliant with multiple industry standards including NFPA 70 NEC®, UL-1990, UL-651A, NEMA TC-7, ASTM D3350, ASTM D3485, ASTM F2160, and CSA C22.2 No. 327-18 for the conduit and UL 514B for the cable fittings.



## **2021 INFRASTRUCTURE BILL**

Southwire's versatile SIM*pull*® Cable-In-Conduit (CIC) products can make a tremendous impact on many future projects covered by the 2021 Infrastructure Bill, which includes energy

electrification, EV charging, airports, water systems, electrical grid upgrades, and more.



#### **ENHANCED JOBSITE SAFETY**

The All-in-One CIC installation method minimizes field injuries and reduces loss time.



# IMPROVED SYSTEM RELIABILITY

SIM*pull*® CIC reduces cable damage during shipment, handling, and installation; prevents the cable jacket from being punctured, torn,

or ripped during cable pulls; and protects cables from weather, wildlife, accidental dig-ins, and nearby construction projects or utility repairs or upgrades.



#### **HYDROPHOBIC**

HDPE is hydrophobic in nature and repels water with a low moisture vapor transmission rate compared to PVC, which is much more hydrophilic and absorbs water quickly.



#### 100+ DESIGNS AVAILABLE

8 different trade sizes are available for HDPE conduit: 3/4", 1", 11/4", 11/2", 2", 21/2", 3", and 4". There are 4 outside diameter (OD) wall thicknesses to choose from: Schedule 40,

Schedule 80, EPEC 11 (SDR 11), and EPEC 13.5 (SDR 13.5). More than 10 color customization options are available using a solid color or 3 extruded color stripes to create the best visual identification for unique government or utility applications.





# TOP REASONS TO CONVERT TO SIMpull® CABLE-IN-CONDUIT (CIC)

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#### **IMPROVED JOBSITE EFFICIENCY**

Pulling using a single reel saves labor and reduces installation time. Up to 25-45% time savings can be achieved. CIC can be direct buried in the ground or encased in concrete.



#### REDUCED PROJECT COSTS

Shorten outage durations, accelerate repair or upgrade efforts, extend system performance and life expectancy, and reduce cable replacement frequencies. Up to 30-50% improvement in the overall life cycle cost can be obtained.



#### PRE-LUBRICATED

A low-friction lubricant is applied during the HDPE extrusion process to prevent the cables from adhering to the inside of the conduit wall and to ensure free cable movement.



### **EXCELLENT THERMAL STABILITY**

Conduit is made of a high molecular weight and high-density polyethylene (HDPE) with a superior thermal resistance due to its higher melting point compared to rigid PVC pipes.



#### **CERTIFIED TESTING FACILITY**

Qualifications were performed at Southwire's D.B. Cofer Technology Center, an ISO-17025 accredited facility and a UL and CSA certified laboratory, specializing in electrical, mechanical, thermal qualifications, and accelerated aging tests.



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

HDPE conduit is made of a simple and pure formulation with a neat polyethylene-based resin. HDPE is lead-free and naturally halogen-free with a zero-acid gas emission.



# REINFORCED RESILIENT RELIABLE

# ADVANCED ELECTRICAL MODELING

CableTechSupport™ Services provides Re3™ consultations about the custom design of reinforced cables and the support of critical infrastructure projects where resilience &

reliability are non-negotiable. Ampacity calculations and advanced electrical modeling can be conducted to validate the maximum current carrying capacity and short circuit performance of the cables under different operating or ambient conditions.



#### **END USER APPROVALS**

Southwire's SIM*pull*® CIC has been utilized by end users in various applications, including the US Department of Transportation (DOT), the US Department of Energy (DOE), commercial

constructions, EV infrastructure expansions, Utility grid-hardening efforts, airports, mass transit, renewables, petrochemical, agriculture, and data centers.



#### **CABLE COMPATIBILITY**

Any wet-rated cables, including USE-2, RHW/RHW-2, XHHW-2, underground MV & 600V cables, power and control, grounding cables, etc., can be extruded with an HDPE conduit to create cable-in-conduit (CIC).

CIC is suitable for secondary (600V) and primary (5-46kV) undergrounding in the USA, Canada, and Central and South America.



## FIELD & EMERGENCY SERVICES

CableTechSupport™ Services delivers Re³™ field assistance to respond to jobsite emergencies and helps to rectify or restore interruptions through cable inspections, diagnostic testing, Go vs. No-Go determinations, or hands-on cable repairs.

