



Alcan Cable Introduces WIDESTRIPE™ Aluminum Type XHHW-2 Cable

An Environmental Solution for Phase Identification



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Alcan Cable, part of Alcan Engineered Products - a business unit of Rio Tinto Alcan - has launched WIDESTRIPE™ XHHW-2 cable for use in wiring applications in residential, commercial and industrial construction requiring phase identification. As the most recent addition to the STABILOY® family of aluminum alloy building wire products, WIDESTRIPE™ XHHW-2 single phase conductor is identified with three wide color stripes embedded within the surface of the insulation to allow for easy phase identification.

"The introduction of WIDESTRIPE™ XHHW-2 to the American market demonstrates our commitment to providing high quality, sustainable solutions that address our customers' specific market needs," said Howard H. Atkins, Director of Marketing & Business Development, Alcan Cable. "Like our other STABILOY® building wire products, WIDESTRIPE™ XHHW-2 cable is environmentally sound and provides excellent long-term performance."

WIDESTRIPE™ XHHW-2 cable does not contain harmful components such as lead and other heavy metals, and is manufactured to minimize adverse environmental impacts. Consisting of STABILOY® aluminum alloy conductors, WIDESTRIPE™ XHHW-2 cable also weighs half as much as copper conductors of equal ampacity, making it lightweight for easy, safe lifting and handling during installation. Alcan Cable's WIDESTRIPE™ XHHW-2 also has a higher maximum short-circuit temperature rating than THHN/THWN-2 insulation.

STABILOY® WIDESTRIPE™ cables are UL listed and approved for use in the United States in

accordance with the recommendations of the National Electrical Code. The phase identification striping is available in a wide range of colors.

Alcan Cable has provided its customers with quality products and outstanding customer service for over 100 years. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Alcan Cable is a leading manufacturer of aluminum cable, rod and strip products and has seven manufacturing operations - six in North America and one currently under construction in China.

About Rio Tinto

Rio Tinto is a leading international mining group headquartered in the UK, combining Rio Tinto plc, a London and NYSE listed company, and Rio Tinto Limited, which is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Rio Tinto's business is finding, mining, and processing mineral resources. Major products are aluminium, copper, diamonds, energy (coal and uranium), gold, industrial minerals (borax, titanium dioxide, salt, talc) and iron ore. Activities span the world but are strongly represented in Australia and North America with significant businesses in South America, Asia, Europe and southern Africa.

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