

TYPICAL VOLTAGE DROP CALCULATION FOR 3 - WIRE SYSTEM

VOLTAGE DROP (COPPER CONDUCTOR) = $\frac{D \times A \times N \times 22}{\text{CIRCULAR MILS}}$

D = Length of section, in feet.

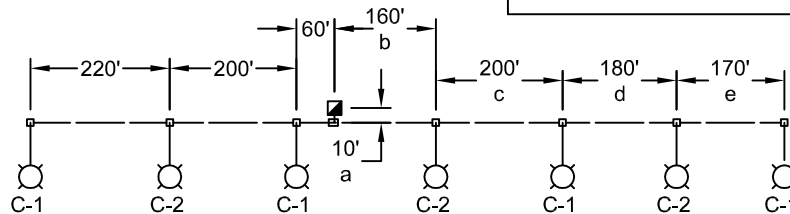
A = Line operating amperes drawn by one light.

N = Number of lights in the circuit beyond the section.

WIRE SIZE (AWG)	AREA (Circular Mils)
14	4,110
12	6,530
10	10,380
8	16,510
6	26,250
4	41,740

LINE OPERATING AMPERES FOR HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM LUMINAIRES (AT 115 VOLTS)
100 Watt 1.10 Amps <small>ENERGY EFFICIENT</small>
100 Watt 1.25 Amps
150 Watt 1.80 Amps
200 Watt 2.35 Amps
250 Watt 2.90 Amps

TYPICAL MULTIPLE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM







EXAMPLE CALCULATION:

FIND TOTAL VOLTAGE DROP IN CIRCUIT #1:
(115 volt system)

NOTE:

Dimension "a" is the distance between the service can and the adjacent load pull box. Use "a"=10' for standard installations where the load pull box is immediately adjacent to the service can.

LEGEND

-  250W High Pressure Sodium Luminaire
-  Circuit #1
-  Service Can
-  Conduit with #12 AWG Conductors

Voltage drop calculations

Section a = $\frac{10 (2.9 \times 4) (11)}{6,530} = 0.20$

Section b + c = $\frac{360 (2.9 \times 2) (11)}{6,530} = 3.52$

Section d + e = $\frac{350 (2.9 \times 1) (11)}{6,530} = 1.71$

TOTAL VOLTAGE DROP = 5.43

NOTE:

Maximum voltage drop allowed in 115 volt system = 6.90 volts.

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				3 - WIRE STREET LIGHT SYSTEM WIRE SIZE AND VOLTAGE DROP CALCULATION		CITY ENGINEER	
						DRAWING NUMBER	
						SL - 14	