

Cable Pulling Lubricant Quantity Calculator

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Inputs

Input	Value	Unit
Conduit route length	250	ft
Cable outside diameter	1	in
Cables per pull	3	cables
Number of pulls	1	pulls
Product coverage rate	500	ft2/gal
Waste allowance	10	%
Product compatibility note	Record lubricant product, cable jacket, conduit condition, and temperature separately.	

Results

Result	Value	Unit
Estimated cable surface area	196.3495	ft2
Base lubricant quantity	0.3927	gal
Planning lubricant quantity	0.432	gal
Planning quantity	1.7279	qt

Calculation details

Detail	Value	Unit
Calculation basis	Cable surface area is approximated from cable circumference, route length, cable count, and pull count. The selected product coverage rate and entered waste are applied afterward.	

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Pulling boundary

Material-staging estimate only;
verify lubricant compatibility,
jacket, temperature, conduit
condition, pull geometry, sidewall
pressure, tension, and manufacturer
instructions separately.

Formulas

$$C_{ft} = \frac{\pi d_{in}^2}{4}$$

$$A_{cable} = C_{ft} \times L \times N_{cables} \times N_{pulls}$$

$$G_{base} = \frac{A_{cable}}{R_{coverage}}$$

$$G_{plan} = G_{base} \times (1 + (W/100))$$

$$Q_{plan} = 4G_{plan}$$

Warnings and limitations

This is a lubricant material-staging estimate. It does not prove cable compatibility, safe pull tension, sidewall pressure, conduit fill, or successful installation.