Technology Update: Reducing the Environmental Footprint of an Irrigation System



Addressing Current Market Needs

- Reduce golf irrigation system capital and operating costs
- Increase value and playability with lower investment
- Protect the environment

Integrated Control System™

Innovation at a Lower Cost *

- Intelligent Control Technology built right into the sprinkler.
- Same performance as a satellite system without the satellites!
- Elimination of 90% of the wire

• Environmentally

footprint in the golf industry

friendly – smallest

• Easier to install

Lower cost



Where Does the Wire Come From?

Environmental Impact: Copper Facts



- Copper is mined as copper ore (chalcopyrite)
- Copper is a nonrenewable resource
- 95% of the world's copper has been mined since 1900
- 25 to 60 years supply of copper available at current prices
- Currently mined at 0.4% To 1.0% concentration (avg = 0.6%)
- Average waste per ton of copper *:
 - 350 tons of waste rock
 - 147 tons of tailings
- 4 tons of CO₂ released to the atmosphere

*Source USGS.GOV



Case Study:

Copper used in an Irrigation System with 1400 Sprinklers



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A Lighter Environmental Footprint

Environmental Savings with an IC System:

- 9.5 tons of copper
- 2.5 tons of PVC jacket
- 3,340 tons waste rock
- 1,403 tons tailings

Maxi Cable

IC System

2,725 lbs

(29 Miles of Wire)

(2.725 lbs)

- Water used in processing
- Energy used in smelting



Satellite Wire Cart



IC System Wire Cart





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