

# Water Leak Detection

## **Design Guideline**



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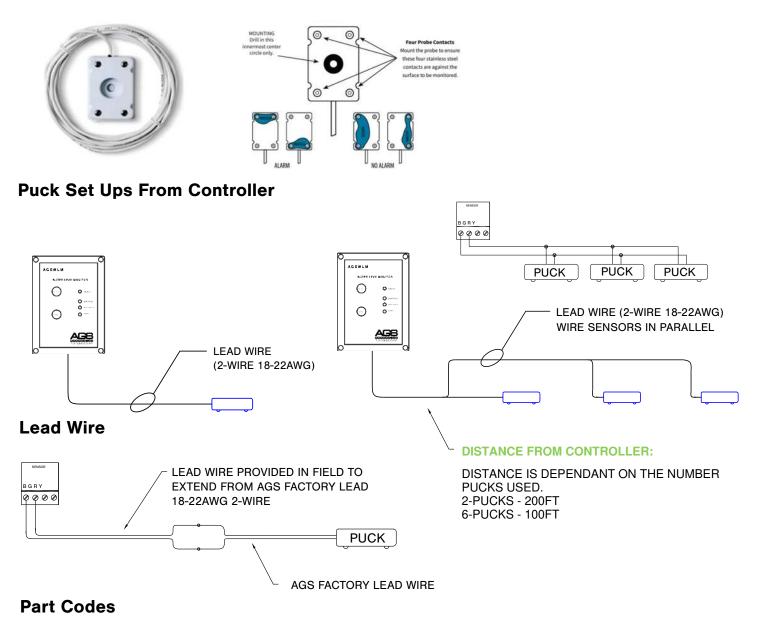
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#### Water Leak Pucks

A water leak detection puck is a compact and highly sensitive device designed to identify water leaks or flooding in precise locations. The puck uses a set of metal probes located on the underside to detect the presence of water. When the probes come in contact with water, they complete an electrical circuit, which triggers an alarm on the WLM.

It is important to note this device cannot detect distilled water, as it does not conduct electricity.

Water leak pucks DO NOT include fault detection.

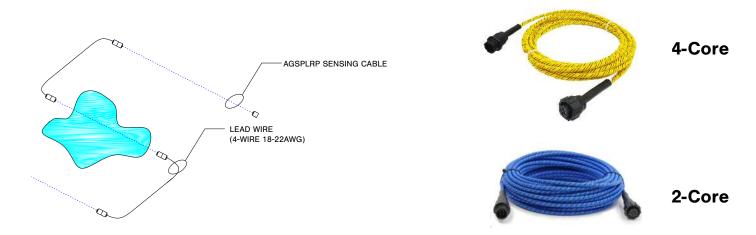


Attachment Description	Part Code	Length (FT)	Fault Detection (Y/N)
Detection Pucks			
AGS Point of Leak Sensing Puck w/ 15FT Lead Wire	AGSP		N

### **WLM 2-Core Rope Attachments**

#### Leak Detection Cable Overview

Water leak detection cables are designed to identify leaks in large spaces. They are commonly used along water piping or in buildings, data centers, and industrial facilities. When water contacts any part of the cable, it establishes a conductive path, causing a change in electrical resistance or capacitance. The WLM detects this change and enters alarm.



#### Pluggable 2-Core Leak Cable

2-Core leak detection ropes include a 5m lead wire, however this wire may be extended using 18-22 AWG. The total length of lead wire and sensing cable may not exceed 500FT.

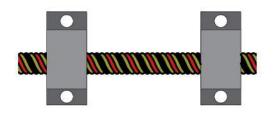
If more than 500FT is required, use multiple WLM controllers.

2-Core ropes DO NOT include fault detection.

The 2-Core sensing cable is a much more affordable option when fault detection is not required.

Available Lengths: 6FT, 12FT, 24FT, 48FT, and 100FT.

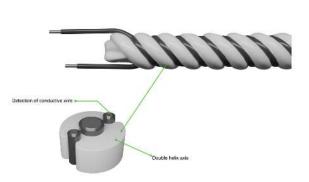
#### Methods to Secure the Rope



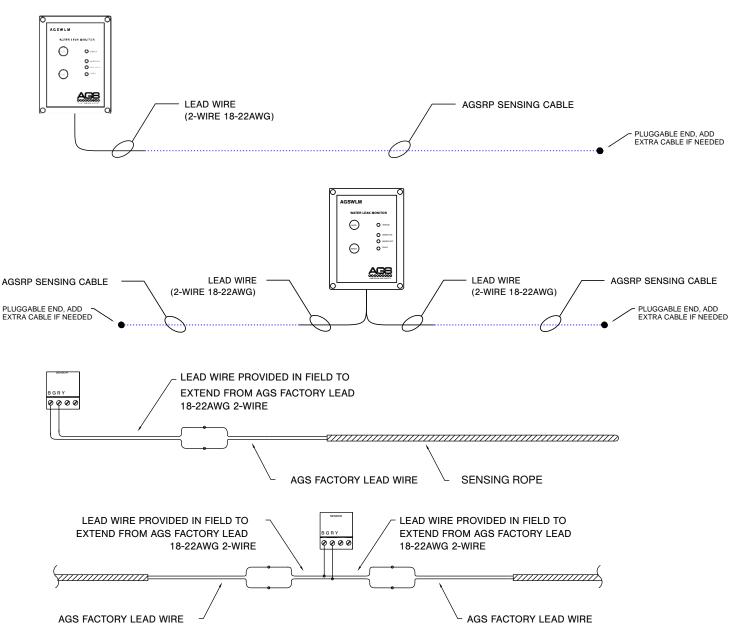
Hold Down Clips Come with adhesive backing or may be screwed down



Zip Ties Secure along piping



#### 2-Core Example Set Ups



#### Part Codes - 2-Core

Attachment Description	Part Code	Length (FT)	Fault Detection (Y/N)		
Detection Ropes - Pluggable 2-Core					
6FT Sensing Cable w/ 15FT Lead Cable	AGSRP6	6	Ν		
12FT Sensing Cable w/ 15FT Lead Cable	AGSRP12	12	Ν		
24FT Sensing Cable w/ 15FT Lead Cable	AGSRP24	24	Ν		
48FT Sensing Cable w/ 15FT Lead Cable	AGSRP48	48	Ν		
100FT Sensing Cable w/ 15FT Lead Cable	AGSRP100	100	Ν		
Custom Pre-Defined Length Call AGS for Pricing	AGSRPxx	ХХ	Ν		

### **WLM 4-Core Rope Attachments**

#### Pluggable 4-Core Leak Cable

4-Core ropes DO include fault detection.

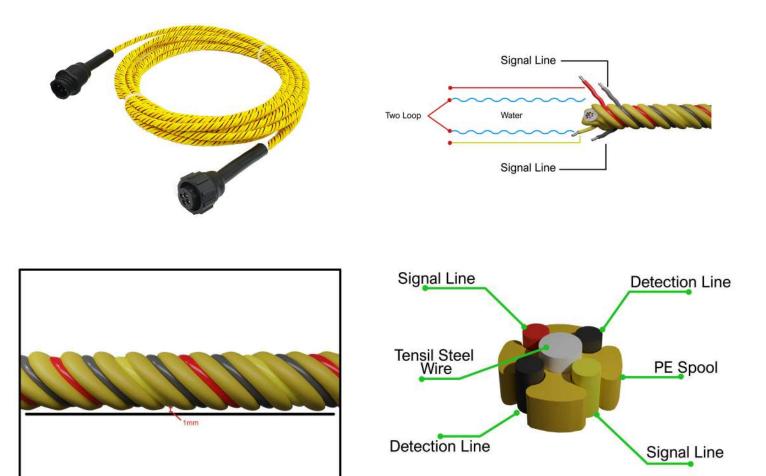
They come at a slightly premium cost, but with many adaptable set ups to fit custom applications.

4-Core ropes are terminated with plugs that allow you to link multiple sensing cables together. This can be used for branching the rope into tees or adding lead wire in between sensing cables.

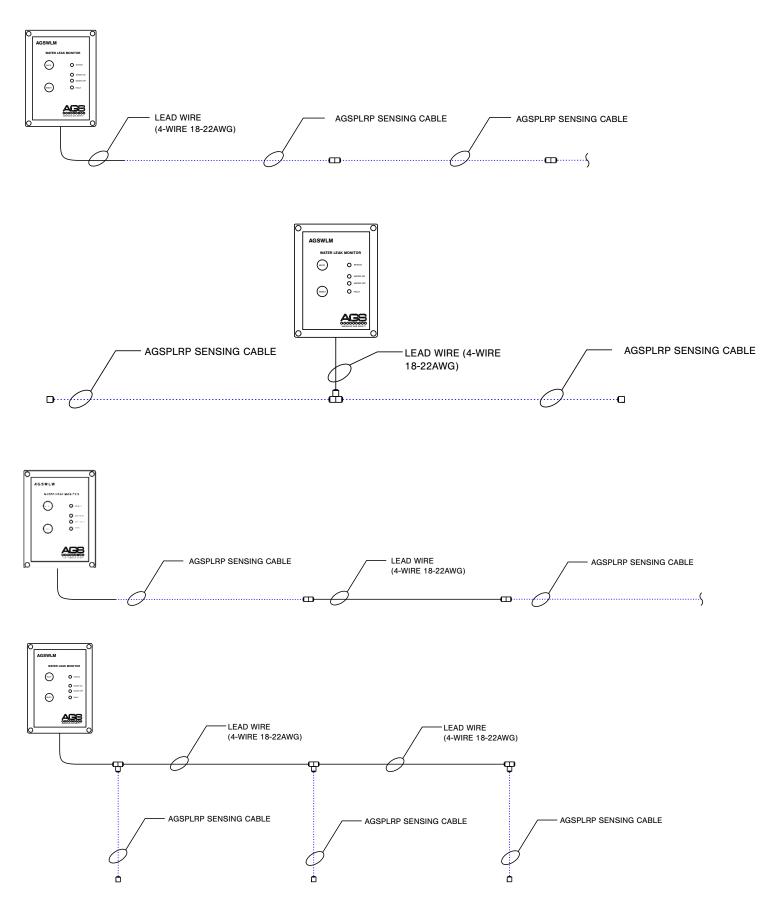
The pluggable ropes come with less options for length due to the ability to link multiple smaller cables together to create a larger rope.

4-Core leak detection ropes include a 5m lead wire, however this wire may be extended using 18-22 AWG. The total length of lead wire and sensing cable may not exceed 500FT.

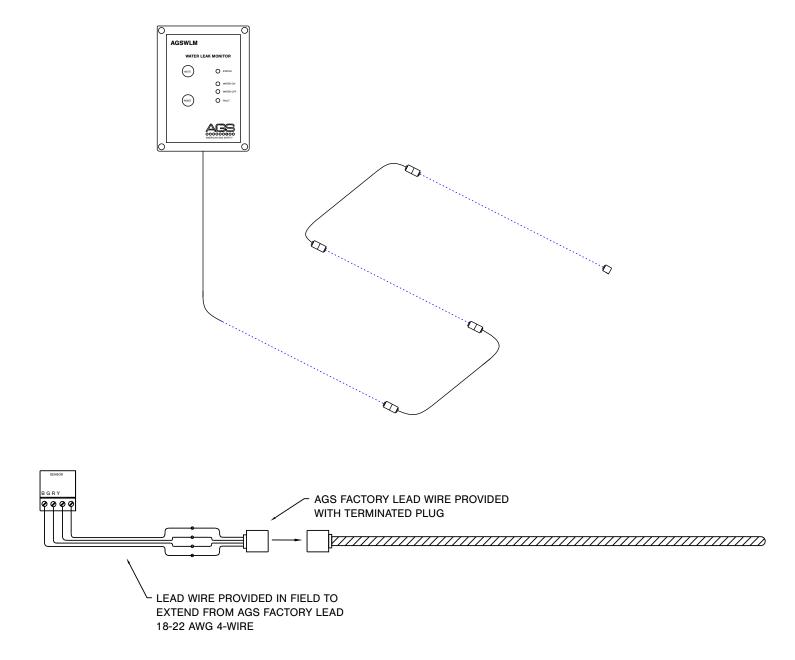
In example set up 3, two (2) additional lead wires will have to be purchased and wired together to create the branch in between the two sensing cables.



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#### Part Codes 4-Core

Attachment Description	Part Code	Length (FT)	Fault Detection (Y/N)		
Detection Ropes - Pluggable 4-Core					
16FT Sensing Cable w/ 5M Lead Cable (5M)	AGSPLRP16	16	γ		
32FT Sensing Cable w/ 5M Lead Cable (10M)	AGSPLRP32	32	Y		
65FT Sensing Cable w/ 5M Lead Cable (20M)	AGSPLRP65	65	Y		
Rope Tee Attachment	AGSPLRPTEE				
Male Plug End Lead Wire	AGSPLRPLEADM	1			
Female Plug End Lead Wire	AGSPLRPLEADF				

### WLM Water Valves

#### **Valve Options**



Two AGS valve types are available. The AGSOLVLV series is a direct acting solenoid valve for reliable long-term operation, and faster closing.

The AGSEBV series are electronic motorized ball valves. They consume less power and allow for more valves to be connected to one unit if maxed out on solenoids. They are slow closing, removing need of a water hammer arrestor, however a leak will isolate much slower.

True normally closed valves (mechanically closing after power loss) are only available with direct acting solenoids. EBVs require power to open, and power to close. Normally Closed EBVs use an internal capacitor to store energy, and power the valve closed. If this capacitor fails, the valve will not close.

For critical applications, solenoid valves are recommended, however for less critical applications, an EBV may be a suitable option.

#### Normally Open vs. Normally Closed

Normally Open and Normally Closed valve options are available.

If there is any power outage, or system failure, a *normally closed* valve will shut and isolate the water supply whether it is warranted or not. This must be considered when selecting orientation.

Opting for a normally open valve enables independent water supply, eliminating dependence on the WLM and it's operational status.

It is unlikely that a WLM would inadvertently de-energize a normally closed solenoid valve. Interruption of the controller power supply, or physical damage to the unit are the only two factors that would cause inadvertent closing of the valve.

A normally open solenoid allows for a faulty system to potentially go un-serviced.

If there is a subsequent power cut and water leakage, the WLM will not be able to close a normally open solenoid.

For critical applications, a normally closed valve is recommended.

#### 24V or 120V Solenoid Valves

24V and 120V solenoid valves are available. The WLM must be powered with the same voltage as the valve selected.

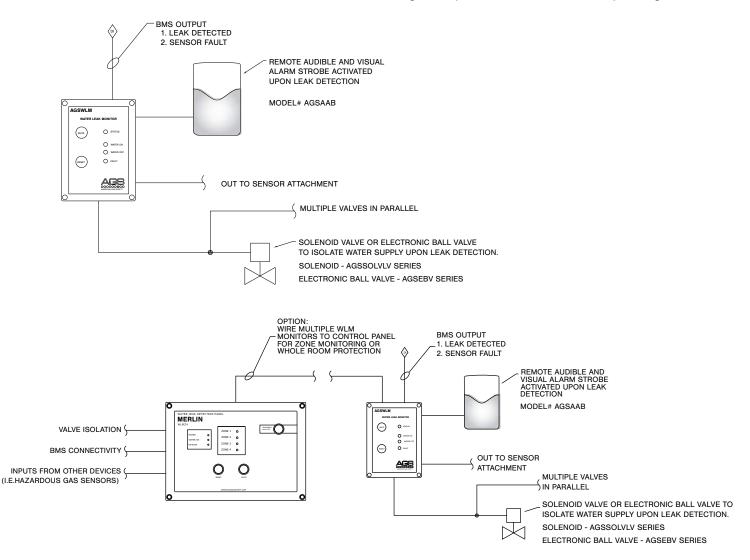
#### **Controller Capabilities**

The AGSWLM Water Leak Monitor is designed to be a stand-alone controller or may be used with our range of AGSWLMZ controllers.

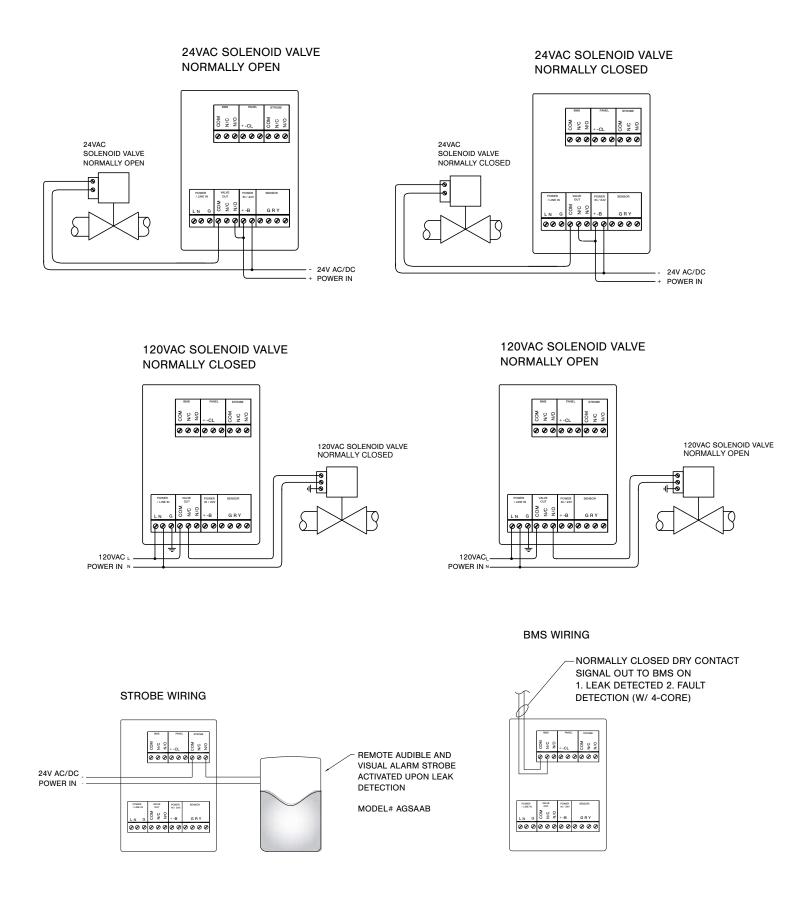
The AGS WLM is designed to receive inputs from a variety of leak sensing attachments including pucks and sensing ropes.

The relays on the WLM can be adapted for unique applications, but serve standard functions a follows:

- Audible and Visual Strobe Output
  - o For an additional remote alarm. The WLM has a built in audible alarm.
- BMS Connectivity
  - o Fault detection and alarm signal.
  - o Fault detection only works with 4-Core ropes.
- · Valve Isolation
  - o 24V or 120VAC Water Valves
  - o Power the controller with the same voltage as specified solenoid for easy wiring.



### **WLM Wiring Apendix**



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