FOOD & BEVERAGE

PMA® Cable Protection
Flexibility and cleanability for the food and beverage industry
ABB has been developing, manufacturing, and supplying its PMA high-specification cable protection systems for more than 40 years.

Produced at a world-leading facility in Switzerland, PMA conduit is today the international benchmark for performance and durability in cable protection systems in countless applications and markets.

PMA conduit protects vital cables against mechanical and other environmental factors – an especially critical function in sectors with strict requirements on hygiene and cleanliness.

PMA conduit has the physical flexibility to withstand rapid and continued movement, even in tight bending radii, as well as being extremely strong, maintaining its integrity and performance over extended periods.

Drawing on its extensive pedigree in cable protection, ABB developed the first PMA conduit to feature a corrugated design especially for the food and beverage industry, the result of intensive effort by ABB’s dedicated research & development team.

To meet ever more stringent demands for rapid and effective washdown, the latest incarnation of PMA products, known as JFBD, incorporates for the first time an overextruded non-porous FDA-compliant material, delivering further enhanced cleanability alongside unrivalled resistance to aggressive chemicals to ECOLAB standards.

The fully IP69-rated range also offers a choice of two high specification fittings. The JENQ single-piece fitting is made from 316L stainless steel and is ideally suited to areas with the highest hygienic demands. The JKNH nylon fitting is made from FDA-compliant material, and offers both excellent chemical resistance and quick installation, without the need for tools.

Part of an exclusive cable protection portfolio covering all levels of protection requirements for the food and beverage industry, PMA conduit, with either the JENQ stainless steel or JKNH nylon fitting, offers a truly flexible and cost-effective solution backed by the unrivalled sector experience of ABB.

PMA conduit, with stainless steel fitting, nylon fitting and stainless steel P-Clip for reliable fixation, offers a truly flexible and cost-effective solution backed by the unrivalled sector experience of ABB.
Dynamic applications
In dynamic applications such as robotics, strength is vital. With its unrivalled resistance to dynamic loads and high reverse bending stresses, PMA offers a long-life solution which is rapid and easy to assemble, saving on installation time.

Packing equipment
PMA JFBD conduit, complete with JKNH nylon fittings, can be quickly installed without the need for any specialist tools. Nylon fittings are ideally suited to both static and flexible applications such as packing equipment.

For production equipment
PMA JFBD conduit has a unique, easy-to-clean, smooth, non-porous and chemical-resistant outer layer made from FDA-compliant material. When used in combination with the JENQ single-piece stainless steel fitting, it represents a complete solution for when the highest standards of cleanability are required ideally recommended for indoor food zone - non contact.

Any component used in a food processing area must be completely clean before production commences. For ABB, quality is a law and customers can rely on the company’s extensive technological know-how and materials expertise.

For pick and place systems
Modern pick and place systems are characterised by continuous and rapid movements. Thanks to its outstanding flexibility and mechanical properties, PMA represents the ideal solution for these areas.

Part of an extensive cable protection portfolio covering all levels of protection requirements for the food and beverage industry.
Meeting ever more stringent requirements
PMA® Cable Protection in the food and beverage industry

The food and beverage sector is subject to ever-increasing scrutiny and regulation around the cleanliness of production and storage areas.

This places a significant responsibility on producers of the machinery and individual components used in food processing applications to ensure they can be quickly and easily cleaned at the end of each shift in readiness for the next cycle of production.

Even components which may have no direct contact with food products must be able to withstand the daily – or even more frequent – application of aggressive cleaning agents, with no effect on performance.

Meanwhile, the continued growth and sophistication of automation in all areas of food processing places a particular requirement on the conduits which house vital cabling to offer multi-directional flexibility without any physical deterioration over extended periods.

Cleanability of components in food environments is critical to their efficacy, ensuring a sterile environment which is safe for ongoing production. Ideally, components must be sufficiently clean after a standard washdown process to allow production to resume, without delays for additional or deep cleaning to tackle stubborn residues.
A variety of testing methods for cleanability can be selected depending on the application; for this product, the Riboflavin test for low-germ or sterile process technologies, developed by the VDMA, a leading European mechanical industry association, was chosen.

Established as a highly reliable means of assessing the cleanability of components in production areas where hygiene is paramount, the test involved spraying a solution of Riboflavin (Vitamin B2) all over a length of the overextruded PMA conduit, as well as a regular conduit not covered with the overextruded coating.

The conduits were washed down with tap water, then transferred to a darkened room where UV light was applied to it. With Riboflavin being highly fluorescent, any bright areas would indicate where the standard washdown process had been ineffective in removing the solution.

As might have been expected, the entirely unprotected regular conduit still harboured significant detectable fluorescence, requiring extensive additional washdown to achieve a sufficiently clean surface.

Proven cleanability

On the new PMA conduit with its overextruded jacket, all visible traces of Riboflavin had been removed after the first washdown – demonstrating clearly the prowess of the latest PMA conduit as a truly easy-to-clean solution.

Combining the PMA JFDB conduit with the stainless steel fitting, or the nylon fitting, together with the stainless steel P-Clip, offers a complete end-to-end cable protection solution for the food production sector.

There are no exposed crevices for food residues to collect, meaning they remain on the surface and so can be easily removed by standard cleaning methods.

The PMA solution offers unrivalled resistance to the corrosive effects of cleaning agents and chemicals, in tandem with excellent mechanical properties, outstanding flexibility with the ability to withstand tight bending radii, and efficient, space- and time-saving fitting and assembly.
The ultimate in cleanability
PMA® Cable Protection in the food and beverage industry

Key to any cable protection system – especially in the food and beverage sector – is its ability to safeguard the cables against the ingress of liquids and small solid particles.

In the food and beverage sector, the paramount importance of hygiene and cleanliness means equipment is regularly subjected to highly rigorous cleaning procedures.

The methods of achieving the necessary level of hygiene varies widely some with high pressure water jets some with lower pressure wash down.

International Ingress Protection (IP) standards provide a globally accredited method to qualify a range of components for their performance in preventing the ingress of dust and water.

**Ingress protection (IP) up to IP69 with PMA cable protection solution.**

The PMA F&B conduit systems fulfil all the applicable IP ratings, IP65 and IP66 (high volume lower pressure) and IP69 (high pressure/high temperature) for the various cleaning methods applied.

Products classified to either IP65 or IP66 are able to protect against low-power and high-power jet water. However, these IP ratings focus primarily on water volume rather than pressure, bringing the importance of the IP69 rating to the fore. Products accredited to the IP69 standard, such as the PMA food and beverage cable protection portfolio from ABB, will maintain their integrity and performance against hot water applied at pressures of up to 80 bar – in line with all processes commonly used for wash-down in the food and beverage sector. It doesn’t matter if high pressure or low pressure methods.

The combination of IP69 rated and ECOLAB certified products – such as the PMA food and beverage solution – is the perfect choice for any systems subjected to regular cleaning and sanitisation. Ultimately, at times of increased focus on cleaning practice and effectiveness, the PMA food and beverage cable protection portfolio from ABB can offer peace of mind to
specifiers and system designers that it will deliver in the vital areas of cleanability and ingress protection – irrespective of the cleaning and wash-down methods employed.

Transferring the benefits of nylon conduit to the food and beverage sector

Delivering effective cable protection in the food and beverage sector means overcoming a series of challenging operating conditions, including mechanical properties and mitigating the effects of sustained high-pressure wash-downs and chemical disinfection.

Corrugated nylon conduit has long been a go-to cable protection solution for industrial manufacturers, given its flexibility, inherent strength, ability to cope with frequent and fast movement, and effective performance in both static and dynamic operation. To help ensure food and beverage manufacturers can benefit from these, PMA has developed an innovative cable protection system, combining all the proven performance attributes of corrugated conduit with the additional benefit of a smooth, easy-to-clean outer layer made from FDA-compliant material. This comprises of JFBD nylon conduit, complete with either a stainless steel (JENQ) or nylon (JKNH) fitting depending on the specific application use.

Starting with the highly successful PMA corrugated nylon conduit system, the product undergoes a further innovative production stage which involves over-extruding a completely smooth, and therefore easy-to-clean, coating onto the outer layer of the conduit. The result is a conduit that has outstanding mechanical properties coupled with industry-leading cleanability and resistance to chemical agents.

However, in order to give food and beverage manufacturers ultimate confidence in the efficacy of the system, the PMA JFBD conduit has been subjected to the Riboflavin test.

The system’s outstanding performance in the Riboflavin test underlines its status as the go-to solution for food and beverage manufacturers looking for the ultimate in cleanability. Given its inherent strength and durability, it can be used in various dynamic and static applications, including conveyor systems, production and packing equipment, and pick and place systems.

Now, food and beverage manufacturers can specify the use of nylon conduit systems throughout their facility, safe in the knowledge that they will not only benefit from the flexibility and durability of a nylon conduit, but from a system that it is easy to clean and hygienic.
Type JFBD-nylon conduit

Flexible, easy to clean over-extruded conduit. Suitable for a clean and hygienic environment.

Features
- Smooth easy to clean out layer
- High reversed bending stresses
- Excellent flexibility in combination with high strength
- High resistance to chemicals and cleaning agents
- For indoor food zone - non contact
- Outer layer made from FDA compliant material

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PMA cable protection solutions from ABB: Best protection, flexibility and cleanability for food and beverage sector.
**Type JKNH nylon straight fitting**

Made of FDA compliant material.

**Features**
- Very high impact resistance - easy push-in assembly
- Corrosion-free
- Excellent conduit pull-out strength
- IP69 system protection for indoor splash zone areas

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**Degree of Mechanical Protection**
- Corrosion free
- High chemical resistance
- Very high fatigue life

**Material**
- FDA 21 CFR / EU 10/2011 compliant Polyamide 6

**Conformity**
- NSF 14159-1
- NSF 169
- UR File number E80294
Type JKBH fitting, 90° curved elbow
Made of FDA compliant material.

Features
- Easy push-in assembly for maximum installation reliability
- Corrosion-free
- Excellent conduit pull-out strength
- IP 69 system protection for indoor splash zone areas

Part Numbers and Dimensions

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Approvals
- Low voltage directive
- NSF 14159-1
- NSF 169
- UR File number E80294

IP Rating Appropriate Fitting
- For use with: Type JFBD conduit
  - IP66 Yes
  - IP68 Yes
  - IP69 Yes

Temperature Range
- Application temperature: -50ºC to +105ºC

Degree of Mechanical Protection
- Very high corrosion resistance
- Very high chemical resistance
- Very high fatigue life

Material
- FDA 21 CFR / EU 10/2011 compliant Polyamide 6
Type JENQ-316L Stainless Steel liquid tight fitting

Single piece, liquid tight high temperature Stainless Steel fitting suitable for clean and hygienic environment.

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**Features**

- Unique single piece design
- Stainless Steel 316L material
- Seals made from FDA compliant material
- IP69 system protection
- For indoor food zone - non contact

**Approvals**

- IP68 Yes
- IP69 Yes

**Degree of Mechanical Protection**

- Very high corrosion resistance
- Very high chemical resistance
- Very high fatigue life

**Material**

- FDA 21 CFR / EU 10/2011 compliant high-performance polyester elastomer
- 316L Stainless steel

**Conformity**

- Low voltage directive
- NSF 14159-1
- NSF 169
- UR File number E80294

Type JENQ-316L Stainless Steel

316 Stainless steel clip, for use with JFBD conduit.

Suitable for a clean and hygienic environment.

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Stainless Steel lock nut
Suitable for clean and hygienic environment in the food and beverage industry.

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Cable protection solutions for the food and beverage industry:

1. IP69 rated system
2. Efficient, easy and space-saving assembly
3. Outstanding flexibility combined with smooth easy-to-clean outer layer conduits
4. Stainless steel P-Clip provides reliable fixation
ABB solutions for the food and beverage industry
To deliver continuous operation and sustainability

PMA cable protection from ABB is just part of an extensive portfolio of technologies for the food and beverage sector, drawing on more than 130 years of experience and the expertise of some 135,000 individuals worldwide.

Our focus is on providing solutions that address critical operational issues, allowing you to focus on plant sustainability, cost, quality, flexibility, safety and regulatory challenges.

We harness the capabilities of state-of-the-art materials and technologies to deliver continuous operation and sustainability - reducing the risk of production downtime and its associated effects.

A pioneering technology leader, ABB truly understands the challenges faced by the modern food and beverage processing sector. ABB is focused on providing solutions that address the critical issues in every area of operations, allowing customers to focus on plant sustainability, cost, quality, flexibility, safety and regulatory challenges.

ABB’s range of electrical solutions matches specific application criteria from the start to finish of food processing operations, guaranteeing the quality and reliability of electrical systems throughout the facility, from incoming raw materials through to the shipping of goods.

With the industry’s most efficient distribution system, ABB is ideally prepared to meet ongoing MRO, OEM and construction needs – now and for years to come.

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Further information
Visit our website

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- Technical data sheets
- Cleaning and Chemical Properties Information
- CAD files
- Videos
- Related products
The PMA® cable protection solution offers unrivalled resistance to the corrosive effects of cleaning agents and chemicals, in tandem with excellent mechanical properties, outstanding flexibility with the ability to withstand tight bending radii, and efficient, space- and time-saving fitting and assembly.
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