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Introducing materials with high specific heat (C) to Nb₃Sn composite wires is a promising technique to suppress the intrinsic instability in high-J_c wires and also improve their stability with respect to external perturbations, which might help to reduce the long training of Nb₃Sn magnets. Experiments on prototype wires have demonstrated its capability to improve conductor stability in transport voltage-current tests and tripling of minimum quench energy. A collaboration between Fermilab and Bruker EST has started to industrialize this approach by fabricating a long-length composite wire based on RRP technology and high-C subelements. This project is comprised of two stages. The first stage involves development and optimization of the high-C subelements such as the Cu/Gd₂O₃ ratio. The second stage involves fabrication of a 61-restack RRP wire with the final diameter of 0.7 and 1.0 mm using the optimized high-C subelements. The fabrication and measurement results of the high-C subelements and the final wires as well as the following steps for this project are reported and discussed.

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