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Preface

This is the harmonized ANCE, CSA Group, and UL standard for medium-voltage ac contactors, controllers, and control centres. It is the third edition of NMX-J-564/106-ANCE, the third edition of CSA C22.2 No. 253:20, and the seventh edition of UL 347. This edition of NMX-J-564/106-ANCE supersedes the previous edition published on January 2016. This edition of CSA C22.2 No. 253 supersedes the previous edition published on January 2016. This edition of UL 347 supersedes the previous edition published on January 29, 2016.

This harmonized Standard was prepared by the Association of Standardization and Certification, CSA Group and Underwriters Laboratories Inc. The efforts and support of the medium-voltage control manufacturing industry and the CANENA Technical Harmonization Subcommittee THSC TC17 WG1 – Medium Voltage Controllers, which includes representatives of UL, CSA Group, ANCE, and North American medium voltage control manufacturers, are gratefully acknowledged.

This standard is considered suitable for use for conformity assessment within the stated scope of the standard.

The present Mexican Standard was developed by the CT GTD – Generación, Transmisión y Distribución from the Comité de Normalización de la Asociación de Normalización y Certificación, A.C., CONANCE, with the collaboration of the medium-voltage controller manufacturers and users.

This Standard was reviewed by the CSA Integrated Committee on Industrial Control, under the jurisdiction of the CSA Technical Committee on Industrial Products and the CSA Strategic Steering Committee on Requirements for Electrical Safety, and has been formally approved by the CSA Technical Committee.

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Note: Although the intended primary application of this standard is stated in its scope, it is important to note that it remains the responsibility of the users of the standard to judge its suitability for their particular purpose.

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This Standard was prepared by comparing UL 347, existing CSA Group standards, and ANCE and IEC 60470-2000 requirements. These requirements were reviewed, compared, and, where possible, harmonized. Where harmonization was not possible due to local installation codes, the differing requirements are noted in the text of the document. When conflicts between existing North American and IEC practices existed, the practice in North America is retained.

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- Subclauses numbered .101 through .199 correspond to subclauses in IEC 60470.
- Subclauses numbered .201 through .299 are CANENA requirements not found or numbered in IEC 60470.

The purpose of this Standard is to harmonize as far as practicable all rules and requirements of a general nature in order to obtain uniformity of requirements and tests throughout the corresponding range of equipment and to avoid the need for testing to different standards.

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MEDIUM-VOLTAGE AC CONTACTORS, CONTROLLERS, AND CONTROL CENTERS

1 General

1.1 Scope and object

This standard is applicable to ac contactors applied at voltages in the range of 1 501V to 15kV, and metal-enclosed contactor-based controllers, control centers, and other control assemblies and associated equipment applied at voltages in the range of 751V to 15kV, designed for operation at frequencies of 50 or 60 Hz on three-phase systems. These requirements cover equipment intended for use in ordinary (non-hazardous) locations and installed in accordance with the applicable local installation codes and standards (see Annex [A](#), Item 1). These requirements, as modified by the applicable national standards for fire pump controllers, also cover fire pump controllers (see Annex [A](#), Item 2).

This standard also includes requirements for controllers intended for service entrance applications. (See [5.204](#) and Annex [A](#), Item 3.)

This standard also includes requirements for equipment incorporating solid state switching elements intended for starting, stopping, regulating, controlling, or protecting heating and other resistive loads, having ac voltage ratings in the range of 1 501V to 15kV.

This standard does not cover:

- a) equipment for use in classified (hazardous) locations as defined in the applicable installation codes or standards;
- b) components contained in contactors and contactor-based controllers for which individual component standards exist; and
- c) auxiliary low voltage control assemblies (see Annex [A](#), Item 4).

This standard also includes requirements for reduced-voltage solid state controllers. It does not, however, cover equipment consisting solely of electronic or solid state devices, circuits, or systems, nor does it cover electronic variable speed motor controllers (power conversion equipment). This standard does not cover controllers using only solid state devices in the main circuit.

1.2 Normative references, component standards, and general requirements

1.2.1 General

Products covered by this standard shall comply with the reference installation codes and standards noted in Annex [A](#).

For undated references to standards, such reference shall be considered to refer to the latest edition and all revisions to that edition up to the time when this standard was approved. For dated references to standards, such reference shall be considered to refer to the dated edition and all revisions published to that edition up to the time the standard was approved.