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Foreword

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1. Scope

This standard covers the installation of Type AC and Type MC cables, which are used for electrical wiring for residential, commercial and industrial occupancies. It also includes information on fittings and other accessories necessary for a quality installation of these cable systems.

This standard is intended to enhance electrical safety by:

1. Ensuring that the proper cable is selected for the installation.
2. Describing proper installation methods for Type AC and MC cables.
3. Aiding installers in meeting the “neat and workman like” requirements of the NEC.
4. Creating an installation that will protect the wire conductors from mechanical abuse.

1.1 Regulatory and Other Requirements

a) All information in this publication is intended to conform to the National Electrical Code (ANSI/NFPA Standard 70). Installers should always follow

the NEC, applicable state and local codes, and manufacturers’ instructions when installing electrical products and systems.

b) Only qualified persons as defined in the NEC familiar with the construction and installation of Type AC and Type MC cables should perform the technical work described in this publication. Administrative functions and other tasks can be performed under the supervision of a qualified person. All work should be performed in accordance with NFPA 70E, *Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace*.

c) General requirements for installing electrical products and systems are described in NECA 1-2010, *Standard Practices for Good Workmanship in Electrical Construction* (ANSI). Other *National Electrical Installations Standards* provide guidance for installing particular types of electrical products and systems. A complete list of *NEIS* is provided in Annex A.