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## 1 Scope

This Standard covers the minimum vibration withstand capability and vibration test methods for roadway and area luminaires. This Standard is not intended to address natural or catastrophic disasters.

## 2 Normative References

This Standard is intended to be used in conjunction with the following publications. The latest edition of the publication applies (including amendments).

ANSI /IESNA RP-16-05 Addendum b *Nomenclature and Definitions for Illuminating Engineering*.

Van Dusen Jr, H.A & Wandler, D. (1965). *Street Lighting Pole Vibration Research*.

Van Dusen Jr, H.A (1979). *Vibration Testing of Luminaires*.

## 3 Informative References

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ANSI C136.3 *American National Standard for Roadway and Area Lighting Equipment—Luminaire Attachments*

ANSI C136.14 *American National Standard for Roadway and Area Lighting Equipment—Elliptically Shaped, Enclosed Side-Mounted Luminaires*

ANSI C136.16 *American National Standard for Roadway and Area Lighting Equipment—Enclosed, Post Top-Mounted Luminaires*

ANSI C136.18 *American National Standard for Roadway and Area Lighting Equipment—High-Mast Side-Mounted Luminaires for Horizontal- or Vertically Burning High-Intensity Discharge Lamps*

ANSI C136.37 *American National Standard for Roadway and Area Lighting Equipment- Solid State Light Sources Used in Roadway and Area Lighting*

## 4 Definitions

### 4.1 Fundamental Resonant Frequency

The lowest resonant frequency also called the natural frequency of vibration, which is determined by the physical parameters of the vibrating object, i.e., mass and spring constant.

### 4.2 High-Stress Ratio Component

A load carrying structural member of the luminaire for which a test acceleration is determined from Tables 1 or 2 based on material used.