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For Insulators Composite—
Distribution Line Post Type

1 Scope

This standard covers composite distribution line post insulators made of a fiberglass-reinforced resin matrix core, elastomeric material weathersheds, and metal end fittings designed for use on overhead lines for electric power systems, 69 kV and below. Mechanical and electrical performance levels specified herein are requirements for new insulators.

2 Definitions

See Section 3 of American National Standard for Composite Insulators – Test Methods, ANSI C29.11; Section 3 of American National Standard for Insulators-Composites- Line Post Type, ANSI C29.17; and Section 2 of American National Standard Test Methods for Electrical Power Insulators, ANSI C29.1, for definition of terms.

3 General

Insulators shall conform in all respects to the requirements of this standard. The text and figures supplement each other and shall be considered part of this standard.

3.1 Drawings

Manufacturer's drawings, if furnished, shall show the outline of the insulators, together with all pertinent electrical characteristics, mechanical characteristics, leakage distance, and dimensions as specified herein.

4 Materials

4.1 Core

The core of the insulator shall consist of a fiberglass-reinforced resin matrix. The core shall be sound and free of defects that might adversely affect the mechanical or electrical properties of the insulators.

4.2 Weathersheds

The weathersheds shall be made of elastomeric materials such as ethylene propylene or silicone elastomers. They may contain inorganic fillers and organic compounding agents.

4.3 Metal parts

Metal parts shall be made of a good commercial grade of malleable iron, ductile iron, steel, or aluminum. Ferrous parts, other than stainless steel, shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A153.