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Foreword (This Foreword is not part of American National Standard C80.6-2005.)

This standard was developed by the Accredited Standards Committee on Raceways for Electrical Wiring Systems, C80. The objective of the committee is to produce a comprehensive specification that would establish uniform dimensions and standard construction requirements for Electrical Steel Metal Conduit, Electrical Metallic Tubing, Electrical Intermediate Metal Conduit and Electrical Rigid Aluminum Conduit raceway products and their associated components.

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For Electrical Intermediate Metal Conduit (EIMC)—

1 Scope

This standard covers the requirements for steel electrical intermediate metal conduit for use as a raceway for wires or cables of an electrical system. Finished conduit is produced in nominal 10 ft (3.05 m) lengths, threaded on each end with one coupling attached. It is protected on the exterior surface with a metallic zinc coating or an alternate corrosion protection coating (See UL 1242 Third edition Clauses 1.3, 1.4, 16.2, 17, 18, 19, 22.6 and 22.7) and on the interior surface with a zinc or organic coating.

This standard also covers conduit couplings, elbows, and conduit lengths other than 10 ft (3.05 m).

Properly assembled systems of conduit, couplings, elbows and nipples manufactured in accordance with this standard, and other identified fittings, provide for the electrical continuity required of an equipment grounding conductor.

2 Normative References

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute requirements of this American National Standard. At the time of this publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this American National Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below unless otherwise specified.

ANSI/ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose (Inch)*

ASTM A 239 – 95(1999), *Standard Practice for Locating the thinnest Spot in a Zinc (Galvanized) Coating on Iron or Steel Articles*

ASTM B 499 – 96, *Standard Test Method for Measurement of Coating Thicknesses by the Magnetic Method: Nonmagnetic Coatings on Magnetic Basis Metals*

UL 1242, *Electrical Intermediate Metal Conduit – Steel*

3 Definitions

3.1 electrical intermediate metal conduit (EIMC): A threadable steel raceway of circular cross-section designed for the physical protection and routing of conductors and cables and for use as an equipment grounding conductor.

3.2 threaded coupling: .An internally threaded steel cylinder for joining together the components of an EIMC system.

3.3 elbow: A manufactured curved section of EIMC threaded on each end.

3.4 straight conduit: A straight length of EIMC without a coupling.

3.5 finished conduit: A straight length of EIMC with one coupling attached.