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## 1 Scope

This Standard describes the procedures to be followed and the precautions to be taken in measuring performance of low-frequency ballasts (electromagnetic and electronic ballasts that operate at less than 400 Hz) for high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps. Deviations from the procedures given in this Standard are permissible for production or other testing provided that the methods used give results in substantial agreement with the method given herein. In case of doubt, reference shall be made to the specified methods to establish the validity of the results obtained by any alternate procedure.

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ANSI C78.40-2011, *Mercury Lamps—Specifications*

ANSI C78.42-2007, *High-Pressure Sodium Lamps*

ANSI C78.43-2013 *Single-Ended Metal Halide Lamps*

ANSI C78.44-2008 *Double-Ended Metal Halide Lamps*

ANSI C78.389-2004, *High-Intensity Discharge—Methods of Measuring Characteristics*

ANSI C82.4-2002, *Ballasts for High-Intensity Discharge and Low-Pressure Sodium Lamps (Multiple Supply Type)*

ANSI C82.5-2010, *Reference Ballasts for High-Intensity Discharge Lamps*

ANSI C82.7-1983, *Mercury Lamp Transformers—Constant Current (Series) Supply Type*

ANSI C82.9-1996, *Definitions for High-Intensity Discharge and Low-Pressure Sodium Lamps, Ballasts, and Transformers*

ANSI C84.1-1995, *for Electric Power System and Equipment, Voltage Ratings (60 Hz)*

ANSI C92.1-1982, *Power Systems—Insulation Coordination*

ANSI/IEEE 100-1984, *Dictionary of Electrical and Electronic Terms*

ANSI/UL 1029-2001, *High-Intensity Discharge Lamp Ballasts*

## 3 Definitions

Definitions of terms that apply specifically to the subject treated in this Standard are given in ANSI C82.9 and C92.1. For additional definitions, see ANSI/IEEE 100.