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Safe and satisfactory operation of gas-fired low-intensity infrared heaters depends to a great extent upon its proper installation, use and maintenance. It should be installed, as applicable, in accordance with the *National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54*; the *Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, CSA B149.1*.

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With the onset of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Canada on January 2, 1988, significant attention was given to the harmonization of the United States and Canadian safety standards addressing gas-fired equipment for residential, commercial and industrial applications. It was believed that the elimination of the differences between the standards would remove potential trade barriers and provide an atmosphere in which North American manufacturers could market more freely in the United States and Canada. The harmonization of these standards was also seen as a step toward harmonization with international standards.

The draft harmonized standard was based on current coverage from the American National Standard for Gas-Fired Infrared Heaters, Z83.6-1990, and the Canadian Standard for Gas-Fired Infrared Heaters, CAN1-2.16-M81.

At the November 18, 1998 meeting of the Z21/(Interim) CSA Joint Subcommittee for Gas-Fired Infrared Heaters, the subcommittee approved the draft harmonized standard on Gas-Fired Low-Intensity Infrared Heaters, Z83.20/CSA 2.34 for distribution for Public Review and Comment. The proposed draft harmonized standard was distributed for industry review on January 15, 1999.

At its October 1999 meeting, following reconsideration and modifications of the proposed draft standard for Gas-Fired Low-Intensity Infrared Heaters, the subcommittee recommended the proposed draft standard to the Accredited Standards Committee Z21/83 and the CSA Technical Committee on Gas Appliances and Related Accessories for approval.

The proposed draft harmonized standard for Gas-Fired Low-Intensity Infrared Heaters was approved by the Z21/83 Committee on January 19, 2001, and by the CSA Technical Committee by letter ballot dated February 25, 2000.

The first edition of the American National Standard/CSA Standard for Gas-Fired Low-Intensity Infrared Heaters was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council (IGAC) on January 4, 2001 and by the American National Standards Institute, Inc. (ANSI), on March 14, 2001.

This, the second edition of the American National Standard/CSA Standard for Gas-Fired Low-Intensity Infrared Heaters, was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council (IGAC) on September 14, 2007 and by the American National Standards Institute, Inc. (ANSI) on February 15, 2008.

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# ***American National Standard/CSA Standard For Gas-Fired Low-Intensity Infrared Heaters***

## ***Part I: Construction***

### **1.1 Scope**

#### **1.1.1**

This standard applies to newly produced, gas-fired low-intensity infrared heaters and infrared radiant tube heaters (see Part IV, Definitions), hereinafter referred to as heaters or appliances, constructed entirely of new, unused parts and materials with inputs up to and including 400 000 Btu/hr (117.23 kW) per burner:

- a. For use with natural gas;
- b. For use with manufactured gas;
- c. For use with mixed gas;
- d. For use with liquefied petroleum (propane) gases;
- e. For use with LP gas-air mixtures; and
- f. Convertible for use with natural gas and liquefied petroleum (propane) gases, when provision is made for the simple conversion from one gas to the other.

#### **1.1.2**

The heaters covered by this standard are intended for installation in and heating of outdoor spaces or nonresidential indoor spaces and are intended for location where flammable gases or vapors are not generally present.

Although heaters covered by this standard may, in certain instances, be suitable for application in industrial processes, this standard does not cover industrial process burners.

#### **1.1.3**

Low-intensity infrared heaters and infrared radiant tube heaters may be suspended overhead, angle mounted overhead, wall mounted or floor mounted. Floor-mounted heaters may be free-standing and, when for outdoor installation, also may be portable to the extent defined in Part IV, Definitions.

#### **1.1.4**

Overhead heaters complying with this standard are suitable for use in (1) aircraft hangars when installed in accordance with the Standard for *Aircraft Hangars*, ANSI/NFPA 409, and (2) garages when installed in accordance with the Standard for *Parking Structures*, ANSI/NFPA 88A, or the Standard for *Repair Garages*, ANSI/NFPA 88B, or the Canadian *Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code*, CSA B149.1, and are so marked.