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Preface

This twentieth edition of the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*, was approved by the Committee on the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*, and by the Regulatory Authority Committee at their June 2005 meetings in Kelowna, British Columbia. This twentieth edition supersedes the previous editions, published in 2002, 1998, 1994, 1990, 1986, 1982, 1978, 1975, 1972, 1969, 1966, 1962, 1958, 1953, 1947, 1939, 1935, 1930, and 1927.

Sections 0 to 16 and 26 are considered general sections, and the other sections supplement or amend the general sections.

Various requirements were revised as a result of the continuing efforts toward harmonization. In addition, there are significant changes to Sections 2, 10, 18 (particularly in Appendices B and J), 26, and 32. Sections 74 and 84 have been revised considerably to reflect new technology and industry practices.

A new Subsection was added to Section 22 to include the requirements for Sewage Lift and Treatment Plants. A new Appendix I has been added listing the interpretations that have been approved since the last edition, in the cases where the Rule in question has not been clarified yet. A new Appendix K has been added giving the fundamental safety principles contained in IEC 60634-1.

General arrangement

The Code is divided into numbered Sections, each covering some main division of the work. The Sections are divided into numbered Rules, with captions for easy reference, as follows:

- (a) **Numbering system** — With the exception of Section 38, even numbers have been used throughout to identify Sections and Rules. Rule numbers consist of the Section number separated by a hyphen from the 3- or 4-digit figure. The intention in general is that odd numbers may be used for new Rules required by interim revisions. Due to the introduction of some new Rules and the deletion of some existing Rules during the revision of each edition, the Rule numbers for any particular requirement are not always the same in successive editions.
- (b) **Subdivision of Rules** — Rules are subdivided in the manner illustrated by Rules 8-204 and 8-206, and the subdivisions are identified as follows:

00-000	Rule
(1)	Subrule
(a)	Item
(i)	Item
(A)	Item

- (c) **Reference to other Rules, etc.** — Where reference is made to two or more Rules, the first and last Rules mentioned are included in the reference. Where reference is made to a Subrule or Item in the same Rule, only the Subrule number and/or Item letter and the word “Subrule” or “Item” need be mentioned. If the reference is to another Rule or Section, then the Rule number and the word “Rule” shall be stated (e.g., “Rule 10-200(3)” and not “Subrule (3) of Rule 10-200”).

The principal changes that have been made between the 2002 edition of the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*, and this new edition published in 2006 are marked in the text of the Code by the symbol delta (Δ) in the margin. Where revisions to or deletions from the text have caused existing Rules to be renumbered, only the first renumbered Rule in the sequence is marked. Users of the Code are advised that the change markers in the text are not intended to be all-inclusive and are provided as a convenience only; such markers cannot constitute a comprehensive guide to the reorganization or revision of the Code. Care must therefore be taken not to rely on the change markers to determine the current requirements of the Code. As always, users of the Code must consider the entire Code and any local amendments.

Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement is made for the use of material contained in the *National Electrical Code*.

The history and operation of the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*

The preliminary work in preparing the *Canadian Electrical Code* was begun in 1920 when a special committee, appointed by the main Committee of the Canadian Engineering Standards Association, recommended that this project be undertaken. A third meeting of this Committee was held in June 1927 with representatives from

Nova Scotia, Québec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia attending. At this meeting, the revised draft, which had been discussed at the previous two meetings, was formally approved and a resolution was made that it be printed as Part I of the *Canadian Electrical Code*.

The present Committee on *CE Code, Part I*, is composed of 41 members, with representation from inspection authorities, industry, utilities, and allied interests. The main Committee meets once a year and deals with reports that have been submitted by the 42 Section Subcommittees, which work under the jurisdiction of the main Committee. Suggestions for changes to the Code may be made by any member of the Committee or anyone outside the Committee as outlined in Clause C6.

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Notes:

- (1) *Although the intended primary application of this Standard is stated in its Scope, it is important to note that it remains the responsibility of the users of the Standard to judge its suitability for their particular purpose.*
- (2) *CSA Standards are subject to periodic review, and suggestions for their improvement will be referred to the appropriate committee.*
- (3) *All enquiries regarding this Standard, including requests for interpretation, should be addressed to Canadian Standards Association, 5060 Spectrum Way, Suite 100, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4W 5N6.
Requests for interpretation will also be accepted by the Committee (see Clause C9). They should be worded in such a manner as to permit a specific "yes" or "no" answer based on the literal text of the requirement concerned.
Interpretations are published in CSA's periodical Info Update, which is available on the CSA Web site at www.csa.ca.*

Metric units

Symbols and conversion factors for SI units

Recognized symbols for SI units have been used in the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*. For the convenience of the user, these symbols and the units they represent have been listed in the following table; the table also gives a multiplying factor that may be used to convert the SI unit to the previously used unit.

Symbol	SI unit	Multiplying factor for conversion to previously used unit	Previously used unit
A	ampere(s)	1	ampere(s)
cm ³	cubic centimetre(s)	0.061	cubic inch(es)
°(s)	degree(s) (angle)	1	degree(s) (angle)
°C rise	degree(s) Celsius	1.8	degree(s) Fahrenheit
°C temperature	degree(s) Celsius	1.8 plus 32	degree(s) Fahrenheit
h	hour(s)	1	hour(s) (time)
Hz	hertz	1	cycles per second
J	joule(s)	0.7376	foot-pound(s)
kg	kilogram(s)	2.205	pound(s)
kJ	kilojoule(s)	737.6	foot-pound(s)
km	kilometre	0.621	mile(s)
kPa	kilopascal(s)	0.295	inch(es) of mercury
		0.334	feet of water
		0.145	pound(s) per square inch (psi)
kW	kilowatt	3415.179	BTU/h
lx	lux	0.093	foot-candle(s)
L	litre	0.220	gallon(s)
m	metre(s)	3.281	feet
m ²	square metre(s)	10.764	square feet
m ³	cubic metre(s)	35.315	cubic feet
MHz	megahertz	1	megacycles per second
min	minute(s)	1	minute(s)
mL	millilitre(s)	0.061	cubic inch(es)
mm	millimetre(s)	0.03937	inch(es)
mm ²	square millimetre(s)	0.00155	square inch(es)
Ω	ohm(s)	1	ohm(s)
Pa	pascal(s)	0.000295	inch(es) of mercury
		0.000334	feet of water
		0.000145	pounds per square inch (psi)
V	volt(s)	1	volt(s)
W	watt(s)	1	watt(s)
μF	microfarad(s)	1	microfarad(s)

Conduit sizes

In the previous edition of the Code, changes to the identification of the size of conduit were made throughout the Code. The metric trade designator was given first, with the value in inches following in parentheses. In this edition, only the metric trade designator is used.

Conduit trade sizes

1998 edition	2002 edition	2006 edition
3/8 (12)	12 (3/8)	12
1/2 (16)	16 (1/2)	16
3/4 (21)	21 (3/4)	21
1 (27)	27 (1)	27
1-1/4 (35)	35 (1-1/4)	35
1-1/2 (41)	41 (1-1/2)	41
2 (53)	53 (2)	53
2-1/2 (63)	63 (2-1/2)	63
3 (78)	78 (3)	78
3-1/2 (91)	91 (3-1/2)	91
4 (103)	103 (4)	103
5 (129)	129 (5)	129
6 (155)	155 (6)	155

Reference publications

This Standard refers to the following publications, and the year dates shown indicate the latest editions available at the time the Standard was approved:

CSA (Canadian Standards Association)

B44-04, *Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators*
CAN/CSA-B44.1-04/ASME-A17.5-2004, *Elevator and Escalator Electrical Equipment*
B52-05, *Mechanical Refrigeration Code*
CAN/CSA-B72-M87 (R2003), *Installation Code for Lightning Protection Systems*
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Section 0 — Object, scope, and definitions (See Appendix G)

Δ **Object** (see Appendix B)

The object of this Code is to establish safety standards for the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment. In its preparation, consideration has been given to the prevention of fire and shock hazards, as well as proper maintenance and operation.

Compliance with the requirements of this Code and proper maintenance will ensure an essentially safe installation. Safe installations may also be ensured by compliance with the objective-based fundamental safety principles of IEC 60364-1 (see Appendix K). Compliance with these objective-based installation criteria by industrial and similar users may be achieved through the implementation of specific quality management programs or equivalent programs acceptable to the authorities adopting and enforcing this Code.

Wiring installations that do not make provision for the increasing use of electricity may be overloaded in the future, resulting in a hazardous condition. It is recommended that the initial installation have sufficient wiring capacity and that there be some provision made for wiring changes that might be required as a result of future load growth.

This Code is not intended as a design specification nor as an instruction manual for untrained persons.

The requirements in this Code address the fundamental principles of protection for safety contained in Section 131 of IEC 60364-1, which encompasses protection against electric shock, thermal effects, overcurrent, fault currents, and overvoltage.

Scope

This Code covers all electrical work and electrical equipment operating or intended to operate at all voltages in electrical installations for buildings, structures, and premises, including factory-built relocatable and non-relocatable structures, and self-propelled marine vessels stationary for periods exceeding five months and connected to a shore supply of electricity continuously or from time to time, with the following exceptions:

- Δ (a) installations or equipment employed by an electric, communication, or community antenna distribution system utility in the exercise of its function as a utility, as recognized by the regulatory authority having jurisdiction, and located outdoors or in buildings or sections of buildings used for that purpose;
- (b) equipment and facilities that are used in the operation of an electric railway and are supplied exclusively from circuits that supply the motive power;
- (c) installations or equipment used for railway signalling and railway communication purposes, and located outdoors or in buildings or sections of buildings used exclusively for such installations;
- (d) aircraft; and
- (e) electrical systems in ships that are regulated under Transport Canada.

For mines and quarry applications, see also CAN/CSA-M421.

This Code and any standards referenced herein do not make or imply any assurance or guarantee by the authority adopting this Code with respect to life expectancy, durability, or operating performance of equipment and materials referenced herein.

Definitions

For the purpose of correct interpretation, certain terms have been defined and where such terms or their derivatives appear throughout this Code they shall be understood to have the following meanings. The ordinary or dictionary meaning of terms shall be used for terms not specifically defined in this Code.

Acceptable — acceptable to the authority enforcing this Code.

Accessible (as applied to equipment) — admitting close approach because the equipment is not guarded by locked doors, elevation, or other effective means.

Accessible (as applied to wiring methods) —

- (a) not permanently closed in by the structure or finish of the building; and
- (b) capable of being removed without disturbing the building structure or finish.

Accredited certification organization — an organization that has been accredited by the Standards Council of Canada, in accordance with specific criteria, procedures, and requirements, to operate, on a continuing basis, a certification program for electrical equipment.