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Preface

This is the fourth edition of CSA C22.2 No. 129, *Neutral-supported cables,* one of a series of Standards issued by the Canadian Standards Association under the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part II*. It supersedes the previous editions, published in 2005 under the title *Neutral supported cables*, and published in 1976 and 1963 under the title *Neutral Supported Cable*.

For general information on the Standards of the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part II,* see the Preface of CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 0.

This Standard is considered suitable for use for conformity assessment within the stated scope of the Standard.

This Standard was prepared by the Integrated Committee on Fixed-Installation Wires and Cables, under the jurisdiction of the Technical Committee on Wiring Products and the Strategic Steering Committee on Requirements for Electrical Safety, and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee.

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Neutral-supported cables

1 Scope

1.1
This Standard specifies requirements for Type NS75 and NS90 neutral-supported cables for use on outdoor overhead electrical systems that
(a) have nominal voltages of 600 V or less; and
(b) are intended for installation in accordance with the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*.

1.2
Neutral-supported cables covered by this Standard consist of a maximum of five conductors (one, two, or three insulated phase conductors, a neutral conductor, and an optional insulated control/supply conductor). The conductors are insulated with polyethylene (PE) rated 75 °C or cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) rated 75 or 90 °C.

1.3
Flame test requirements for neutral-supported cable insulations or coverings are also covered in this Standard, to the extent called for by the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I.*

1.4
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