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PREFACE

This is the harmonized ANCE, CSA Group, and UL standard for Wire and Cable Test Methods. It is the Fourth edition of NMX-J-556-ANCE, the Fourth edition of CSA C22.2 No. 2556, and the Fourth edition of UL 2556. This edition of NMX-J-556-ANCE supersedes the previous edition published on March 22, 2013. This edition of CSA C22.2 No. 2556 supersedes the previous edition published on March 22, 2013. This edition of UL 2556 supersedes the previous edition published on March 22, 2013.

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

The present Mexican standard was developed by the WG Metodos de Prueba para Conductores, from CT 20 Conductores belonging the Comite de Normalización de la Asociación de Normalización y Certificación, A.C., CONANCE, with the collaboration of the manufacturers and users of electric conductors.

This standard was reviewed by the CSA Integrated Committee on Test Methods for Wires and Cables, under the jurisdiction of the CSA Technical Committee on Wiring Products and the CSA Strategic Steering Committee on Requirements for Electrical Safety, and has been formally approved by the CSA Technical Committee.

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Wire and Cable Test Methods

1 Scope

1.1 This standard describes the apparatus, test methods, and formulas to be used in carrying out the tests and calculations required by wire and cable standards.

1.2 Specific acceptance requirements are found in individual product standards.

1.3 Where a test method indicates a “specified” test parameter or condition, the parameter or condition is found in the individual product standard.

2 General

2.1 Units of measure

The unit of measure shall be SI. If a value for measurement is followed by a value in other units in parentheses, the second value represents a direct conversion or an alternative value. Except for conductor size, the first stated value is the requirement.

2.2 Normative references

Where reference is made to any Standards, such reference shall be considered to refer to the latest editions and revisions thereto available at the time of printing, unless otherwise specified.

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NMX-E-034-SCFI

Plastic Industry – Carbon Black Contents on Polyethylene Materials – Test Methods

NMX-J-178-ANCE

Wires and Cables – Ultimate Strength and Elongation of Insulation, Semiconducting Shields and Jackets of Electrical Conductors – Test Method

NMX-J-192-ANCE

Flame Test on Electrical Wires – Test Method

NMX-J-417-ANCE

Wires and Cables – Convection Laboratory Ovens for Evaluation of Electrical Insulation – Specifications and Test Methods

NMX-J-437-ANCE

Wires and Cables – Determination of Light Absorption Coefficient of Polyethylene Pigmented with Carbon Black – Test Methods

NMX-J-474-ANCE

Electrical Products – Wires and Cables – Determination of Specific Optical Density of Smoke Generated by Electrical Wires and Cables – Test Methods