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Preface

This is the harmonized ANCE, CSA, and UL standard for Molded-Case Circuit Breakers, Molded-Case Switches, and Circuit-Breaker Enclosures. It is the third edition of NMX-J-266-ANCE, the second edition of CSA C22.2 No. 5, and the eleventh edition of UL 489. This edition of NMX-J-266-ANCE cancels the previous edition published in 1999. This edition of CSA C22.2 No. 5 supersedes the previous edition published in 2002. This edition of UL 489 supersedes the previous edition published in 2002.

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INTRODUCTION

1 Scope

1.1 The requirements of this standard cover molded-case circuit breakers, circuit breaker and ground-fault circuit-interrupters, fused circuit breakers, and accessory high-fault protectors. These circuit breakers are specifically intended to provide service entrance, feeder, and branch circuit protection in accordance with the National Installation Codes in Annex B, Ref. No.1. This standard also covers instantaneous-trip circuit breakers (circuit interrupters) specifically intended for use as part of a combination motor controller in accordance with the National Installation Codes in Annex B, Ref. No. 1.

1.2 This standard covers molded-case switches and fused molded-case switches.

1.3 This standard covers devices rated at 600 volts or less and 6000 amperes or less.

1.4 The devices referenced in 1.1 and 1.2 are intended for installation in an overall enclosure or as parts of other devices such as panelboards. The acceptability of the combination will be determined when the complete product is investigated.

1.5 This standard covers circuit-breaker enclosures and accessory devices intended for use with the devices described in 1.1 and 1.2.

1.6 This standard does not cover low-voltage power circuit breakers covered in Annex B, Ref. No. 3 and Ref. No. 4 or supplementary protectors covered in Annex B, Ref. No. 5.

1.7 This standard contains supplements covering the requirements for molded-case circuit breakers for:

- a) Marine Use;
- b) Naval Use;
- c) Uninterruptible Power Supply Use;
- d) Classified Circuit Breakers; and
- e) Software in Programmable Components.

2 Definitions

2.1 For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply.

2.2 ACCESSORIES – a device or devices that perform a secondary or minor duty as an adjunct or refinement to the primary or major duty of a molded case product.

2.3 ACCESSORY HIGH-FAULT PROTECTOR – a self-contained unit housing fuses or high-fault protectors constructed for use with specific molded case products and with provision for connecting directly to the load terminals of the molded case product.

2.4 ADJUSTABLE CIRCUIT BREAKER – a circuit breaker that has adjustable time/current tripping characteristics. These may include:

- a) Inverse-time (such as continuous current, long time, and/or short time);