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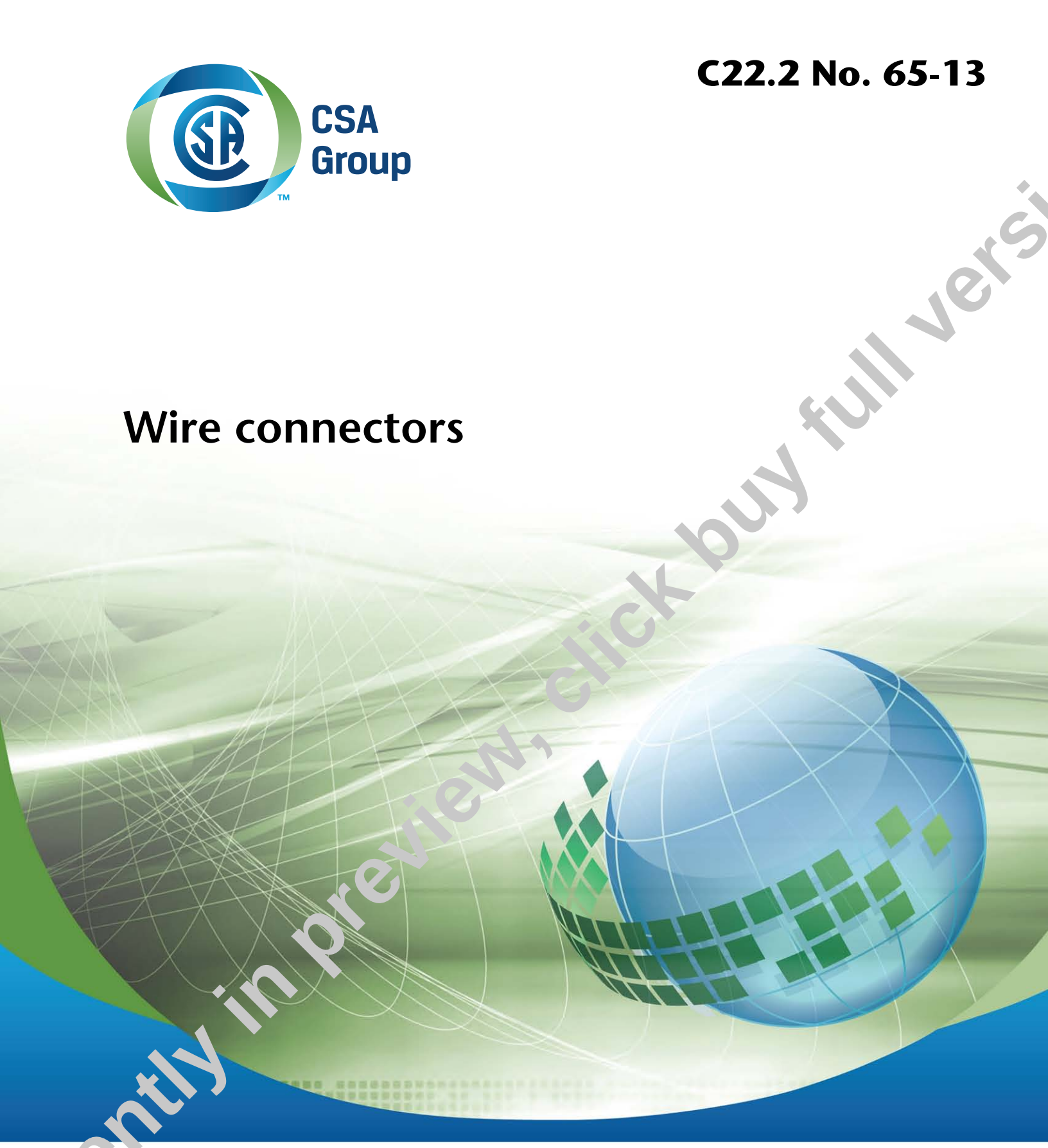

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Preface

This is the harmonized ANCE, CSA Group, and UL standard for Wire Connectors. It is the third edition of NMX-J-543-ANCE, the fifth edition of CSA C22.2 No. 65, and the second edition of UL 486A-486B. This edition of NMX-J-543-ANCE cancels the previous edition published in 2008. This edition of CSA C22.2 No. 65 supersedes the previous edition published in 2003. This edition of UL 486A-486B supersedes the previous edition published in 2003.

This harmonized standard was prepared by the Association of Standardization and Certification (ANCE), the CSA Group, and Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL). The efforts and support of the Technical Harmonization Committee for Connectors, of the Council on the Harmonization of Electrotechnical Standards of the Nations of the Americas (CANENA), are gratefully acknowledged.

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

This standard was reviewed by the CSA Subcommittee on Wiring Devices for Household and General Use, 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.

This standard has been approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an American National Standard.

Where reference is made to a specific number of samples to be tested, the specified number is to be considered a minimum quantity.

Note: 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.

Level of harmonization

This standard uses the IEC format but is not based on, nor is it considered equivalent to, an IEC standard.

This standard is published as an equivalent standard for ANCE, CSA Group, and UL.

An equivalent standard is a standard that is substantially the same in technical content, except as follows: Technical national differences are allowed for codes and governmental regulations as well as those recognized as being in accordance with NAFTA Article 905, for example, because of fundamental climatic, geographical, technological, or infrastructural factors, scientific justification, or the level of protection that the country considers appropriate. Presentation is word for word except for editorial changes.

Reasons for differences from IEC

The Technical Harmonization Committee identified several IEC standards that address electrical wire connectors included in the scope of this standard. The IEC standards for electrical wire connectors are recognized as being generally system specific, containing the requirements for the relevant wire connectors and cables in many discrete IEC standards.

The THC determined the safe use of electrical wire connectors is dependent on the design and performance of the wire connectors in relation to the North American Electrical Codes with which they are intended to be installed. The THC agreed such future investigation will be facilitated by the harmonization of the North American Electrical Codes for wire connectors with IEC installation practices.

Interpretations

The interpretation by the standards development organization of an identical or equivalent standard is based on the literal text to determine compliance with the standard in accordance with the procedural rules of the standards development organization. If more than one interpretation of the literal text has been identified, a revision is to be proposed as soon as possible to each of the standards development organizations to more accurately reflect the intent.

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As of January 11, 2013 all products Listed or Recognized by UL must comply with the requirements in this standard.

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1 Scope

1.1 This Standard applies to single-polarity connectors for use with all alloys of copper or aluminum, or copper-clad aluminum conductors, or all three, for providing contacts between current-carrying parts, in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1, in Canada, the National Electrical Code, NFPA-70, in the United States of America, or the Standard for Electrical Installations, NOM-001-SEDE, in Mexico, as follows:

Note: Copper-clad aluminum conductors are for use only in the United States in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70.

a) pressure wire connectors intended to hold one or more conductor(s);

b) connectors intended for use in appliances and equipment that comply with the requirements for such appliances and equipment;

c) soldering connectors;

d) splicing wire connectors intended for use with 4 AWG (21.2 mm^2) or larger conductors;

Note: A splicing wire and cable connector taking a range of conductor sizes may include conductor sizes smaller than 4 AWG (21.2 mm^2).

e) neutral bars;

f) uninsulated connectors that are used in circuits rated 35 000 V and below;

g) ampere-rated connectors not intended for general use; and

h) insulation piercing connectors.

1.2 This Standard is intended for connectors suitable for use with conductors in the size ranges as follows:

a) Aluminum

1) 12 AWG (3.3 mm^2) and 10 AWG (5.3 mm^2) solid;

2) 12 AWG (3.3 mm^2) to 2 000 kcmil (1 010 mm^2) stranded, Class B concentric, compressed, and compact; and

3) 12 AWG (3.3 mm^2) to 1 000 kcmil (508 mm^2) stranded single input wire (SIW).

b) Copper-clad aluminum

1) In Canada, this construction is not allowed.

2) In Mexico, this construction is not allowed.

3) In the United States:

i) 12 AWG (3.3 mm^2) and 10 AWG (5.3 mm^2) solid; and