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Preface

This is the second edition of CSA S367, *Air-, cable-, and frame-supported membrane structures*. It supersedes the previous edition, published in 1981 under the title *Air-Supported Structures*.

Major changes in this edition include

- (a) design requirements for membrane-covered structures supported by any self-supporting structural system;
- (b) updated provisions for load and resistance design in accordance with the 2010 edition of the *National Building Code of Canada*; and
- (c) updated information on the resistance and performance of membrane materials.

CSA acknowledges that the development of this Standard was made possible by the generous financial support of the Membrane Structures Manufacturers Association.

This Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Air-, Cable-, and Frame-Supported Membrane Structures, under the jurisdiction of the Strategic Steering Committee on Structures (Design), and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee.

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1 Scope

1.1

This Standard provides requirements for the design, fabrication, installation, and maintenance of single-membrane structures that are either reinforced or unreinforced and that are air-supported, frame-supported, or cable-supported.

1.2

The general requirements, structural design methods, loadings, and limit states specified in this Standard are intended to be consistent with the *National Building Code of Canada (NBCC)*, except where more detailed or stringent requirements are necessary for the structural adequacy and the long-term serviceability of structures.

The requirements of this Standard are intended to apply to independent membrane-covered structures and structures that are contiguous with other structures and are attached through a common element.

1.3

This Standard does not apply to

- (a) multi-walled structures that are not supported by continuous air pressure;
- (b) air-beam-supported membrane structures using pressurized air as part of the support system; and
- (c) greenhouses that are not covered by Part 3 of the *NBCC*.

1.4

Other standards may be used for the design of air-, cable-, and frame-membrane supported structures where specified by this Standard. The formulas in this Standard may be supplemented by a rational design based on theory, analysis, and engineering practice acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction, provided that the nominal margins (or factors) of safety are at least equal to those specified in this Standard.

1.5

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2 Reference publications

This Standard refers to the following publications, and where such reference is made, it shall be to the edition listed below, including all amendments published thereto.