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1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This recommended practice covers the selection and application of low-voltage fuses used in North American industrial and commercial power systems.

1.2 Word usage

The word *shall* indicates mandatory requirements strictly to be followed in order to conform to the standard and from which no deviation is permitted (*shall* equals *is required to*).^{1,2}

The word *should* indicates that among several possibilities one is recommended as particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others; or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required (*should* equals *is recommended that*).

The word *may* is used to indicate a course of action permissible within the limits of the standard (*may* equals *is permitted to*).

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¹ The use of the word *must* is deprecated and cannot be used when stating mandatory requirements, *must* is used only to describe unavoidable situations.

² The use of *will* is deprecated and cannot be used when stating mandatory requirements, *will* is only used in statements of fact.