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FOREWORD

For Cable Tray Installers: NEMA VE 2-2013 (hereinafter referred to as NEMA VE 2) is intended as a practical guide for the proper installation of cable tray systems. Cable tray system design shall comply with *National Electrical Code*[®] (*NEC*[®]) Article 392, NEMA VE 1, and NEMA FG 1 and follow safe work practices as described in NFPA 70E.

NEMA VE 2 guidelines and information do not intend to cover all details or variations in cable tray systems nor provide for every possible installation contingency.

Construction Experience: It is recommended that the work described be performed by qualified persons familiar with standard electrical construction practices, electrical equipment, and safety of electrical wiring systems.

NEMA VE 2 guidelines are useful to engineers, contractors, and maintenance personnel. In future, NEMA VE 2 will be updated periodically to reflect evolving technology and construction techniques.

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Section 1 SCOPE

1.1 SCOPE

NEMA VE 2 addresses shipping, handling, storing, and installing cable tray systems and provides information on maintenance and system modification.

1.2 GENERAL

WARNING! Do not use a cable tray as a walkway, ladder, or support for people; cable tray is a mechanical support system for cables and raceways. Using cable trays as walkways can cause personal injury and can damage cable tray and installed cables.

Hazardous voltages in electrical equipment can cause severe personal injury or death. Safety-related work practices, such as those described in NFPA 70E or CSA Z462, as well as all applicable OSHA regulations should be followed at all times.

Performance of a cable tray wiring system depends on proper installation, including supports and cables. Neglecting installation and maintenance guidelines may lead to personal injury as well as damage to property.

Installation and maintenance of cable tray wiring systems shall be conducted only by qualified personnel. For the purposes of this guideline, a qualified person is one who is familiar with electrical construction. In addition, that person is:

- a) Trained and authorized to test, energize, clear, ground, tag, and lock out circuits, in accordance with established safety practices, and
- b) Trained in the proper care and use of protective equipment, such as insulated rubber gloves, hard hats, safety glasses or face shields, dust masks, and flash-resistant clothing, in accordance with established safety practices.

1.3 DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND ACRONYMS

The following definitions, abbreviations, and acronyms appear in NEMA VE 2 or NEMA VE 1.

accessory: Components used to supplement the function of a straight section or fitting. Examples include, but are not limited to, dropout, cover, conduit adapter, hold-down device, and divider.

cable tray support span: The distance between the centerlines of supports.

cable tray system: A section or assembly of sections, and associated fittings, forming a mechanical system used to support cables and raceways.

channel cable tray: A fabricated structure consisting of a one-piece ventilated- or solid-bottom channel section.

classified: Indicates that a product has been evaluated to meet a specific purpose, e.g., classified as to its suitability for use as an equipment grounding conductor.

connector: A component that joins any combination of cable tray straight sections and fittings.