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FOREWORD

The purpose of this publication for electrical polyvinyl chloride (PVC) conduit (EPC) for above-ground and below-ground use is:

- a) To list dimensions and other significant requirements.
- b) To set forth some of the properties of these products and to assist in selecting and obtaining the proper product for a particular need.

User needs have been considered throughout the development and revision of this standard.

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Section 1 GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

NEMA TC 2-2013 covers the following types of Electrical Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Conduit (EPC), which may be constructed of single, solid layer of PVC, or may be constructed of multiple layers of PVC, one of which may be cellular (foamed) PVC. The designations “40” and “80” refer to Schedules 40 and 80 (EPC 40 and EPC-80), respectively, of Iron Pipe Size (IPS) dimensions. Common uses for these designations are:

- a) EPC-40—Electrical conduit designed for normal-duty applications aboveground; concrete-encased applications or direct burial. May be referred to as “heavy wall.”
- b) EPC-80—Electrical conduit designed for heavy-duty (areas of physical damage) applications aboveground; concrete-encased applications or direct burial. May be referred to as “extra heavy wall.”

Note: The values stated in U.S. customary units are to be regarded as the standard.

NEMA TC2-2013 does not fully address elbows and fittings. See NEMA TC 1-2013.

1.2 REFERENCED STANDARDS

In this publication, reference is made to the standards listed below. Copies are available from the indicated sources. Latest edition of these standards should be used unless otherwise specified.

American Society for Testing and Materials

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D 1600	<i>Standard Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics</i>
D 2122	<i>Standard Test Method of Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings</i>
D 2564	<i>Standard Specification for Solvent Cements for Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Piping Systems</i>
D 618	<i>Standard Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing</i>
D 883	<i>Standard Terminology Relating to Plastics</i>
F 402	<i>Standard Practice for Safe Handling of Solvent Cements, Primers, and Cleaners Used for Joining Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings</i>
F 412	<i>Standard Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems</i>
F 653	<i>Standard Specification for Primers for Use in Solvent Cement Joints of Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe and Fittings</i>