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Foreword

This Standards Publication covers the classification and description of enclosures for electrical equipment. Enclosures for rotating apparatus have not been included. The primary purpose of this publication is to permit a potential user to determine:

1. The type of enclosure appropriate for the Application.
2. The features the enclosure is expected to have.
3. The tests applied to the enclosure to demonstrate its conformance to the description.

These standards are used by the electrical industry to provide guidelines for the manufacture and proper application of enclosures and to promote the benefits of repetitive manufacturing and widespread enclosure availability.

Each type of enclosure is described in general and functional terms where practicable, and omits reference to structural details and specific applications except where they are essential to the identification of the enclosure type. For such structural details and specific applications, see the appropriate NEMA product standards publication.

Individual product standards publications incorporating enclosure construction unique to the product design may reflect the type of designations contained herein provided the design tests for such construction equal or exceed the requirements of this Standards Publication.

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Scope

This Standards Publication covers enclosures for electrical equipment rated at not more than 1000 volts. It provides descriptions, features, and test criteria for hazardous (classified) and nonhazardous location enclosures. Definitions are given for general terms and specifically for each enclosure type. Descriptions are given of the more common types of enclosures used by the electrical industry to provide protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment and to provide protection to the enclosed equipment against specific environmental conditions.

This Standards Publication does not cover: enclosures for rotating apparatus; the protection of devices against conditions such as condensation, icing, corrosion, or contamination which may occur within the enclosure or enters via the conduit or unsealed openings, or; means to prevent attempted entry or operation by unauthorized personnel. This standards publication does not cover requirements for wire and cable.

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SECTION 1
REFERENCED STANDARDS

1.1 REFERENCED STANDARDS

Below is a complete listing of the titles and publication numbers of all standards referenced, in part or in full, in this standard. The mailing address of each referenced organization is also provided.

American National Standards Institute
11 W. 42nd Street
New York, NY 10036

ANSI/NFPA 496-1986	*Purged Enclosures for Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Locations*
ANSI/NFPA 497M-1986	*Classification of Gases, Vapors and Dusts for Electrical Equipment in Hazardous (Classified) Locations*
ANSI/UL 698-1986	*Industrial Control Equipment for Use in Hazardous Locations*
ANSI/UL 877-1985	*Circuit Breakers and Circuit-Breaker Enclosures for Use in Hazardous Locations, Class I, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F, and G*
ANSI/UL 886-1985	*Outlet Boxes and Fittings for Use in Hazardous Locations, Class I, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F and G*
ANSI/UL 894-1985	*Switches for Use in Hazardous Locations, Class I, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F, and G*

International Electrotechnical Commission
Copies available from:
American National Standards Institute
11 W. 42nd Street
New York, NY 10036

IEC 529-1989	*Degrees of Protection Provided by Enclosures (IP Code)*

Mine Safety and Health Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
4015 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22203
Copies available from:
Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C. 20402

30 C.F.R., Part 18 (1984)	*Electric Motor Driven Mine Equipment and Accessories*

National Fire Protection Association
Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02269
(See also ANSI/NFPA Standards listed above)

NFPA 70-1990	*National Electrical Code*

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Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
333 Pfingsten Road
Northbrook, IL 60062
(See also ANSI/UL Standards listed above)

UL 50-1990 *Cabinets and Boxes*

Iron and Steel Society
410 Commonwealth Drive
Warrendale, PA 15086

Steel Products Manual on Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steels, 1974

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SECTION 2
DEFINITIONS

2.1 INTRODUCTION

An enclosure is a surrounding case constructed to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment and to provide a degree of protection to the enclosed equipment against specified environmental conditions.

A brief description of the more common types of enclosures used by the electrical industry relating to their environmental capabilities follows. Refer to the appropriate sections of this Standards Publication for more information regarding applications, features, and design tests.

NEMA Standard 3-8-1985.

Individual NEMA product Standards Publications or third party certification standards may contain additional requirements for product testing and performance.

Authorized Engineering Information 3-8-1985.

2.2 DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO NONHAZARDOUS LOCATIONS

Type 1 Enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling dirt.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 2 Enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling water and dirt.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Type 3 Enclosures are intended for outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against rain, sleet, windblown dust, and damage from external ice formation.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 3R Enclosures are intended for outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against rain, sleet, and damage from external ice formation.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 3S Enclosures are intended for outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against rain, sleet, windblown dust, and to provide for operation of external mechanisms when ice laden.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 4 Enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust and rain, splashing water, hose-directed water, and damage from external ice formation.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Type 4X Enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against corrosion, windblown dust and rain, splashing water, hose-directed water, and damage from external ice formation.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Type 5 Enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against settling airborne dust, falling dirt, and dripping noncorrosive liquids.

NEMA Standard 5-25-1988.

Type 6 Enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against hose-directed water, the entry of water during occasional temporary submersion at a limited depth, and damage from external ice formation.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 6P Enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against hose- directed water, the entry of water during prolonged submersion at a limited depth, and damage from external ice formation.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 12 Enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against circulating dust, falling dirt, and dripping noncorrosive liquids.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 12K Enclosures with knockouts are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against circulating dust, falling dirt, and dripping noncorrosive liquids.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 13 Enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against dust, spraying of water, oil, and noncorrosive coolant.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

2.3 DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS (CLASSIFIED) LOCATIONS

Type 7 Enclosures are intended for indoor use in locations classified as Class I, Groups A, B, C, or D, as defined in the National Electrical Code.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 8 Enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use in locations classified as Class I, Groups A, B, C, or D, as defined in the National Electrical Code.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 9 Enclosures are intended for indoor use in locations classified as Class II, Groups E, F, or G, as defined in the National Electrical Code.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

Type 10 Enclosures are constructed to meet the applicable requirements of the Mine Safety and Health Administration

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

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2.4 GENERAL DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO ENCLOSURES

Apparatus is the enclosure, the enclosed equipment, and the attached protruding accessories.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Design Tests demonstrate performance of a product designed to applicable standards; they are not intended to be production tests.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Flush Mounting means so constructed as to have a minimal front projection when set into a recessed opening and secured to a flat surface.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Hazardous (Classified) Locations are those areas which may contain hazardous (classified) materials in sufficient quantity to create an explosion. See Article 500 of the National Electrical Code.

NEMA Standard 3-8-1985.

Hazardous Materials are those gases, vapors, combustible dusts, fibers, or flyings which are explosive under certain conditions.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Indoor Locations are those areas which are protected from exposure to the weather.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Knockout is a portion of the wall of an enclosure so fashioned that it may be removed readily by a hammer, screw- driver, and pliers at the time of installation in order to provide a hole for the attachment of an auxiliary device or raceway, cable, or fitting.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Nonventilated means so constructed as to provide no intentional circulation of external air through the enclosure.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Oil-Resistant Gaskets are those made of material which is resistant to oil and oil fumes.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Outdoor Locations are those areas which are exposed to the weather.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Surface Mounting means so constructed as to be secured to, and projected from a flat surface.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

Ventilated means so constructed as to provide for the circulation of external air through the enclosure to remove excess heat, fumes, or vapors.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

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SECTION 3
GENERAL

3.1 PURPOSES OF ENCLOSURES

Enclosures provide protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment and protect the enclosed equipment against specified environmental conditions.

Enclosures do not normally protect devices against conditions such as condensation, icing, corrosion, or contamination which may occur within the enclosure or enter via the conduit or unsealed openings. These internal conditions require considerations beyond the scope of this standard, and the apparatus manufacturer should be consulted.

The electrical devices operate in air unless otherwise specified.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

3.2 TYPE DESIGNATIONS

Enclosures should be designated by the type number which is intended to indicate the environmental conditions for which they are suitable. See Sections 4 and 5, and Tables 3-1, 3-2 and 3-3. Enclosures which meet the requirements for more than one type enclosure may be designated by a combination of type numbers, the lower number being given first.

Authorized Engineering Information 7-15-1991.

3.3 MATERIALS

All enclosures shall be made of materials which will not support combustion in air. Consult the manufacturer if application conditions are more severe than those represented by the applicable design test.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

3.4 CONDUCTOR ENTRY

Enclosures should be used with the appropriate conductor entry fittings which maintain the specified environmental capability after proper installation.

Authorized Engineering Information 1-10-1979.

When knockouts are provided, dimensions should be as shown in Table 3-4. Dimensions exclude any projection of breakout ears or tabs. Although the knockout diameter tolerance is liberal, it is desirable that the limits be held as close as possible to the nominal diameter shown.

Authorized Engineering Information 7-15-1991.

3.5 OPERATING MECHANISMS

External operating mechanisms, such as those for disconnects, pilot devices, and resetting, when mounted on or through the enclosure, shall pass the applicable test for the enclosure, unless otherwise specified.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

3.6 ENCLOSURE APPLICATIONS

Tables 3-1, 3-2, and 3-3 are guides for comparing specific applications of enclosures. It is possible that, because of various local code requirements or unusual conditions, a different or modified type of enclosure may be required, in which case the manufacturer should be consulted. Special care should be used in selecting enclosures for hazardous (classified) locations, and the advice of competent authorities should be solicited.

Authorized Engineering Information 3-8-1984.

3.7 NONVENTILATED AND VENTILATED ENCLOSURES

Enclosures covered by this standard are nonventilated, except that Type 1, 2, and 3R enclosure may be either nonventilated or ventilated.

The entrance of dust into ventilated enclosures can be minimized by the addition of a filter system. However, when considerable air contamination exists and forced ventilation is required, it may be necessary to bring in air from a remote location.

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Table 3-1
Comparison of Specific Applications of Enclosures for Indoor Nonhazardous Locations

Provides a Degree of Protection Against the Following Environmental Conditions	Type of Enclosures									
	1*	2*	4	4X	5	6	6P	12	12K	13
Incidental contact with the enclosed equipment	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Falling dirt	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Falling liquids and light splashing	...	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Circulating dust, lint, fibers, and flyings**	...	...	X	X	...	X	X	X	X	X
Settling airborne dust, lint, fibers, and flyings**	...	...	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hosedown and splashing water	...	...	X	X	...	X	X	...	...	...
Oil and coolant seepage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	X	X	X
Oil or coolant spraying and splashing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	X
Corrosive agents	...	...	...	X	...	...	X	...	...	...
Occasional temporary submersion	...	...	...	...	...	X	X	...	...	...
Occasional prolonged submersion	...	...	...	...	...	...	X	...	...	...

* These enclosures may be ventilated. However, Type 1 may not provide protection against small particles of falling dirt when ventilation is provided in the enclosure top. Consult the manufacturer. See 3.7

** These fibers and flying are nonhazardous materials and are not considered the Class III type ignitable fibers or combustible flyings. For Class III type ignitable fibers or combustible flyings see the National Electrical Code, Article 500.

Notes approved as Authorized Engineering Information 5-25-1988.

Table 3-2
Comparison of Specific Applications of Enclosures for Outdoor Nonhazardous Locations

Provides a Degree of Protection Against the Following Environmental Conditions	Type of Enclosuse						
	3	3R***	3S	4	4X	6	6P
Incidental contact with the enclosed equipment	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rain, snow, and sleet*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sleet**	...	...	X	...	...	...	...
Windblown dust	X	...	X	X	X	X	X
Hosedown	...	...	...	X	X	X	X
Corrosive agents	...	...	...	...	X	...	X
Occasional temporary submersion	...	...	...	...	...	X	X
Occasional prolonged submersion	...	...	...	...	...	...	X

* External operating mechanisms are not required to be operable when the enclosure is ice covered.

** External operating mechanisms are operable when the enclosure is ice covered. See 6.6.2.1

*** These enclosures may be ventilated.

Notes approved as Authorized Engineering Information 1-10-1979.

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Table 3-3
Comparison of Specific Applications of Enclosures For Indoor Hazardous Locations (See Paragraph 3.6)
(If the installation is outdoors and/or additional protection is required by Tables 3-1 and 3-2, a combination-type enclosure is required. See paragraph 3.2.)

Provides a Degree of Protection Against Atmospheres Typically Containing (For Complete Listing, See NFPA 497M-1986, *Classification of Gases, Vapors and Dusts for Electrical Equipment in Hazardous (Classified) Locations*)	Class	Type of Enclosure 7 and 8, Class I Groups**				Type of Enclosure 9, Class II Groups**			
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	10
Acetylene	I	X	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hydrogen, manufactured gas	I	...	X	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diethel ether, ethylene, cyclopropane	I	...	...	X	...	...	...	...	...
Gasoline, hexane, butane, naphtha, propane, acetone, toluene, isoprene	I	...	...	...	X	...	...	...	...
Metal dust	II	...	...	...	...	X	...	...	...
Carbon black, coal dust, coke dust	II	...	...	...	...	...	X	...	...
Flour, starch, grain dust	II	...	...	...	...	...	...	X	...
Fibers, flyings*	III	...	...	...	...	...	...	X	...
Methane with or without coal dust	MSHA	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	X

** For Class III type ignitable fibers or combustible flyings see the National Electrical Code, Article 500.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

*Due to the characteristics of the gas, vapor, or dust, a product suitable for one Class or Group may not be suitable for another Class or Group unless so marked on the product.

Authorized Engineering Information 7-15-1991.

Table 3-4
Knockout Dimensions

Conduit Trade Size, Inches	Knockout Diameter, Inches		
	Minimum	Nominal	Maximum
1/2	0.859	0.875	0.906
3/4	1.094	1.109	1.141
1	1.359	1.375	1.406
1-1/4	1.719	1.734	1.766
1-1/2	1.958	1.984	2.016
2	2.433	2.469	2.500
2-1/2	2.938	2.969	3.000
3	3.563	3.594	3.625
3-1/2	4.063	4.125	4.156
4	4.563	4.641	4.672
5	5.625	5.719	5.750
6	6.700	6.813	6.844

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SECTION 4
DESCRIPTIONS, APPLICATIONS, FEATURES, AND TEST CRITERIA OF ENCLOSURES FOR NONHAZARDOUS LOCATIONS

4.0 GENERAL

All enclosure types are intended to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment.

4.1 TYPE 1 ENCLOSURES

4.1.1 Description and Application

Type 1 enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling dirt in locations where unusual service conditions do not exist.

4.1.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 1 enclosures:

1. Shall prevent the insertion of the end portion of a straight rod of the specified diameter into the equipment cavity of the enclosure.
2. Shall provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling dirt.
3. Shall have suitable rust-resistance protection.

4.1.3 Design Tests

Type 1 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Rod entry test described in 6.2.
2. Rust-resistance test described in 6.8.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

4.2 TYPE 2 ENCLOSURES

4.2.1 Description and Application

Type 2 enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling water and dirt. They are not intended to provide protection against conditions such as internal condensation.

4.2.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 2 enclosures:

1. Shall prevent the insertion of the end portion of a straight rod of the specified diameter into the equipment cavity of the enclosure.
2. Shall provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling water and dirt.
3. Shall have provisions for drainage.
4. Shall have suitable-rust resistance protection.

4.2.3 Design Tests

Type 2 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Rod entry test described in 6.2.
2. Drip test described in 6.3 (evaluated per 6.3.2.1).
3. Rust-resistance test described in 6.8.

NEMA Standard 7-12-1983.

4.3 TYPE 3 ENCLOSURES

4.3.1 Description and Application

Type 3 enclosures are intended for outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against rain, sleet, and windblown dust; and to be undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure. They are not intended to provide protection against conditions such as internal condensation or internal icing.

4.3.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 3 enclosures:

1. Shall exclude water under test conditions which are intended to simulate rain.
2. Shall exclude dust under test conditions which are intended to simulate windblown dust.
3. Shall be undamaged after being encased in ice under test conditions.
4. Shall require the use of a tool to gain access to the equipment cavity or have provisions for locking.
5. If mounting means are provided, these means shall be external to the equipment cavity.
6. Shall be permitted to have a conduit hub or equivalent provisions to exclude water at the conduit entrance.
7. Shall have suitable corrosion protection.

4.3.3 Design Tests

Type 3 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Rain test described in 6.4 (evaluated per 6.4.2.2).
2. Outdoor dust test described in 6.5.1.1.
3. External icing test described in 6.6 (evaluated per 6.6.2.2).
4. Corrosion protection described in 6.9.1.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

4.4 TYPE 3R ENCLOSURES

4.4.1 Description and Application

Type 3R enclosures are intended for outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against rain and sleet; and to be undamaged by the formation of ice on the

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enclosure. They are not intended to provide protection against conditions such as internal condensation, or internal icing.

4.4.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 3R enclosures:

1. Shall prevent water from contacting live parts, insulation and wiring under test conditions which are intended to simulate rain.
2. Shall be undamaged after being encased in ice under test conditions.
3. Shall prevent the insertion of the end portion of a straight rod of the specified diameter into the equipment cavity of the enclosure.
4. Shall require the use of a tool to gain access to the equipment cavity or have provisions for locking.
5. Shall be permitted to have a conduit hub or equivalent provision to exclude water at the conduit entrance if the entrance is above the lowest live part.
6. Shall have provisions for drainage.
7. Shall have suitable corrosion protection.

4.4.3 Design Tests

Type 3R enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Rod entry test described in 6.2.
2. Rain test described in 6.4 (evaluated per 6.4.2.1).
3. External icing test described in 6.6 (evaluated per 6.6.2.2).
4. Corrosion protection described in 6.9.1.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1986.

4.5 TYPE 3S ENCLOSURES

4.5.1 Description and Application

Type 3S enclosures are intended for outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against rain, sleet, and windblown dust, and to provide for operation of external mechanisms when ice laden. They are not intended to provide protection against conditions such as internal condensation or internal icing.

4.5.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 3S enclosures:

1. Shall exclude water under test conditions which are intended to simulate rain.
2. Shall exclude dust under test conditions which are intended to simulate windblown dust.
3. Shall be permitted to have a conduit hub or equivalent provisions to exclude water at the conduit entrance.
4. If mounting means are provided, they shall be external to the equipment cavity.
5. Shall require the use of a tool to gain access to the equipment cavity or have provisions for locking.
6. Shall have external operating mechanisms that can be manually operated while ice laden.
7. Shall have suitable corrosion protection.

4.5.3 Design Tests

Type 3S enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Rain test described in 6.4 (evaluated per 6.4.2.2).
2. Outdoor dust test described in 6.5.1.1.
3. External icing test described in 6.6 (evaluated per 6.6.2.1).
4. Corrosion protection described in 6.9.1.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

4.6 TYPE 4 ENCLOSURES

4.6.1 Description and Application

Type 4 enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust and rain, splashing water, and hose-directed water; and to be undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure. They are not intended to provide protection against conditions such as internal condensation or internal icing.

4.6.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 4 enclosures:

1. Shall exclude water under test conditions which are intended to simulate a hosedown condition.
2. Shall be undamaged after being encased in ice under test conditions.
3. Shall be permitted to have a conduit hub or equivalent provisions to exclude water at the conduit entrance.
4. If mounting means are provided, these means shall be external to the equipment cavity.
5. Shall have suitable corrosion protection.

4.6.3 Design Tests

Type 4 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. External icing test described in 6.6 (evaluated per 6.6.2.2).
2. Hosedown test described in 6.7.
3. Corrosion protection described in 6.9.1.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1986.

4.7 TYPE 4X ENCLOSURES

4.7.1 Description and Application

Type 4X enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against corrosion, windblown dust and rain, splashing water, and hose-directed water; and to be undamaged by the forma-

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tion of ice on the enclosure. They are not intended to provide protection against conditions such as internal condensation or internal icing.

4.7.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 4X enclosures:

1. Shall exclude water under test conditions which are intended to simulate a hosedown condition.
2. Shall be undamaged after being encased in ice under test conditions.
3. Shall be permitted to have a conduit hub or equivalent provisions to exclude water at the conduit entrance.
4. If mounting means are provided, these means shall be external to the equipment cavity.
5. Shall be manufactured of American Iron and Steel Institute Type 304 Stainless steel, polymerics, or materials with equivalent corrosion resistance, to provide a degree of protection against specific corrosive agents.

4.7.3 Design Tests

Type 4X enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. External icing test described in 6.6 (evaluated per 6.6.2.2).
2. Hosedown test described in 6.7.
3. Corrosion protection described in 6.9.2.

NEMA standard 5-19-1986.

4.8 TYPE 5 ENCLOSURES

4.8.1 Description and Application

Type 5 enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against settling airborne dust, falling dirt, and dripping noncorrosive liquids. They are not intended to provide protection against such conditions as internal condensation.

4.8.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 5 enclosures:

1. Shall prevent the entrance of water under test conditions intended to simulate an environment of light splashes, seepage, and dripping of noncorrosive liquids.
2. Shall exclude dust under test conditions which are intended to simulate an indoor industrial environment of settling airborne dust, lint, nonignitable fibers, and noncombustible flyings.
3. Shall have no unused openings.
4. When doors are provided, they shall have provisions for locking or shall require the use of a tool to gain entry. All closing hardware shall be captive.
5. A floor mounted enclosure shall prevent the entrance of dust from below.
6. Shall have suitable rust-resistance protection.

4.8.3 Design Tests

Type 5 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Drip test described in 6.3 (evaluated per 6.3.2.2).
2. Settling airborne dust test described in 6.5.1.2 (3) or alternate test in 6.5.1.2 (4).
3. Rust-resistance test described in 6.8.

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4.9 TYPE 6 ENCLOSURES

4.9.1 Description and Application

Type 6 enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against hose-directed water and the entry of water during temporary submersion at a limited depth; and to be undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure. They are not intended to provide protection against conditions such as internal condensation or internal icing.

4.9.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 6 enclosures:

1. Shall exclude water under test conditions that are intended to simulate temporary submersion at a limited depth. For enclosures that must withstand greater pressures or longer periods of time, or both, than those specified in the submersion test, the manufacturer should be consulted.

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2. Shall exclude water under test conditions which are intended to simulate a hosedown condition.
3. Shall be undamaged after being encased in ice under test conditions.
4. If mounting means are provided, these means shall be external to the equipment cavity.
5. Shall have suitable corrosion protection.

4.9.3 Design Tests

Type 6 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Submersion test described in 6.10.
2. External icing test described in 6.6 (evaluated per 6.6.2.2).
3. Hosedown test described in 6.7.
4. Corrosion protection described in 6.9.1.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1986.

4.10 TYPE 6P ENCLOSURES

4.10.1 Description and Application

Type 6P enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against hose-directed water and the entry of water during prolonged submersion at a limited depth; and to be undamaged

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by the formation of ice on the enclosure. They are not intended to provide protection against conditions such as internal condensation or internal icing.

4.10.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 6P enclosures:

1. Shall exclude water under test conditions which are intended to simulate prolonged submersion at a limited depth. For enclosures which must withstand greater pressures of longer period of time, or both than those specified in the air pressure test, the manufacturer should be consulted.

   Second sentence approved as Authorized Engineering Information 7-15-1991.
2. Shall exclude water under test conditions which are intended to simulate a hosedown condition.
3. Shall prevent dust; lint; splashing, seepage or external condensation of noncorrosive liquids; and falling water from entering the enclosure.
4. Shall have provision to seal against the loss of air pressure at any conduit entrance.
5. Shall be undamaged after being encased in ice under test conditions.
6. If mounting means are provided, these means shall be external to the equipment cavity.
7. Shall have suitable corrosion protection.

4.10.3 Design Tests

Type 6P enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Air pressure test described in 6.11.
2. External icing test described in 6.6 (evaluated per 6.6.2.2).
3. Hosedown test described in 6.7.
4. Corrosion protection described in 6.9.1.

   NEMA Standard 5-19-1986.

4.11 TYPE 7, 8, 9, AND 10 ENCLOSURES

These enclosures are for use in hazardous (classified) locations. See Section 5.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

4.12 TYPE 12 ENCLOSURES

4.12.1 Description And Application

Type 12 enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against circulating dust, falling dirt, and dripping noncorrosive liquids. They are not intended to provide protection against such conditions as internal condensation.

4.12.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 12 enclosures:

1. Shall prevent the entrance of water under test conditions intended to simulate an environment of light splashes, seepage, and dripping of noncorrosive liquids.
2. Shall exclude dust under test conditions which are intended to simulate an indoor industrial environment of circulating dust, lint, nonignitable fibers, and noncombustible flyings.
3. Shall have no knockouts or unused openings.
4. Doors shall have provisions for locking or shall require the use of a tool to gain entry. All closing hardware shall be captive.
5. When intended for wall mounting, shall have mounting means external to the equipment cavity. When intended for floor mounting, shall have closed bottoms.
6. Gaskets, if provided, shall be oil-resistant.
7. Shall have suitable rust-resistance protection.

4.12.3 Design Tests

Type 12 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Drip test described in 6.3 (evaluated per 6.3.2.2).
2. Circulating dust test described in 6.5.1.2 (1) or alternate test in 6.5.1.2 (2).
3. Rust-resistance test described in 6.8.

   NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

4.13 TYPE 12K ENCLOSURES

4.13.1 Description And Application

Type 12K enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against circulating dust, falling dirt, and dripping noncorrosive liquids. The knockouts shall be provided only in the top or bottom walls, or both, and shall pass the design tests listed below. The enclosures are not intended to provide protection against such conditions as internal condensation.

4.13.2 Features And Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 12K enclosures:

1. Shall prevent the entrance of water under test conditions intended to simulate an environment of light splashes, seepage, and dripping of noncorrosive liquids.
2. Shall exclude dust under test conditions which are intended to simulate an indoor industrial environment of circulating dust, lint, nonignitable fibers, and noncombustible flyings.
3. Shall have no unused openings.
4. Doors shall have provisions for locking or shall require the use of a tool to gain entry. All closing hardware shall be captive.
5. When intended for wall mounting, shall have mounting means external to the equipment cavity.

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When intended for floor mounting, shall have closed bottoms.

6. Gaskets, if provided, shall be oil-resistant.
7. Shall have suitable rust-resistance protection.

4.13.3 DESIGN TESTS

Type 12K enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Drip test described in 6.3 (evaluated per 6.3.2.2).
2. Circulating dust test described in 6.5.1.2 (1) or alternate test in 6.5.1.2 (2).
3. Rust-resistance test described in 6.8.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

4.14 TYPE 13 ENCLOSURES

4.14.1 Description and Application

Type 13 enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against lint, dust, spraying of water, oil, and noncorrosive coolant. They are not intended to provide protection against conditions such as internal condensation.

4.14.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 13 enclosures:

1. Shall exclude a test liquid (water plus wetting agent) under test conditions which are intended to simulate spraying water, oil and noncorrosive coolant.
2. Gaskets, if provided, shall be oil-resistant.
3. When intended for wall or machine mounting, shall have mounting means external to the equipment cavity.
4. Shall have no conduit knockouts of unsealed openings providing access into the equipment cavity. All conduit openings shall have provision for the exclusion of oil.
5. To assure against entry of liquid via the conduit, it is recommended that during installation, the conduit and the wiring in it be tightly sealed at the point of entry to the enclosure by an oil- and coolant-resistant compound or equivalent means. The compatibility of the gasket with other sealing materials and liquids to which it is exposed may have to be determined by tests.

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6. Shall have suitable rust-resistance protection.

4.14.3 Design Tests

Type 13 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated by the following:

1. Rust-resistance test described in 6.8.
2. Oil exclusion test described in 6.12.

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SECTION 5
DESCRIPTIONS, APPLICATIONS, FEATURES, AND TEST CRITERIA OF ENCLOSURES FOR HAZARDOUS (CLASSIFIED) LOCATIONS

5.1 GENERAL

Type 7 and 10 enclosures, when properly installed and maintained, are designed to contain an internal explosion without causing an external hazard. Type 8 enclosures are designed to prevent combustion through the use of oil-immersed equipment. Type 9 enclosures are designed to prevent the ignition of combustible dust.

Hazardous locations (other than in mines) are classified according to the flammability or combustibility of the materials which may be present and also according to the likelihood that a flammable or combustible concentration is present. (For definitions and classifications see the National Electrical Code, Article 500, and ANSI/NFPA 497M, *Classification of Gases, Vapors and Dust for Electrical Equipment in Hazardous (Classified) Locations.* Descriptions and tests in this standards publication cover equipment which is suitable for installation in locations classed as Division 1 or Division 2. In Division 2 locations, other types of protection and enclosures for nonhazardous locations may be installed if the equipment does not constitute a source of ignition under normal operating conditions. (See the specific sections of Articles 501 through 503 of the National Electrical Code.)

Enclosures for nonhazardous locations described in Section 4, which have met the requirements of the dust test described in 6.5, may be used in Class II, Group G, Division 2, and Class III, Division 1 and 2 locations.

Hazards may be reduced or eliminated and equipment installed in enclosures suitable for nonhazardous locations by adequate positive pressure ventilation from a source of clean air in conjunction with effective safeguards against ventilation failure. See ANSI/NFPA 496, *Purged and pressurized Enclosures for Electrical Equipment*, for detailed requirements.

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5.2 TYPE 7 ENCLOSURES

5.2.1 Description and Application

Type 7 enclosures are intended for indoor use in locations classified as Class 1, Group A, B, C, or D, as defined in the National Electrical Code.

Type 7 enclosures shall be capable of withstanding the pressures resulting from an internal explosion of specified gases, and contain such an explosion sufficient that an explosive gas-air mixture existing in the atmosphere surrounding the enclosure will not be ignited. Enclosed heat generating devices shall not cause external surfaces to reach temperatures capable of igniting explosive gas-air mixtures in the surrounding atmosphere. Enclosures shall meet explosion, hydrostatic, and temperature design tests.

5.2.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 7 enclosures:

1. Provide a degree of protection to a hazardous gas environment from an internal explosion or from operation of internal equipment.
2. Do not develop surface temperatures which exceed prescribed limits for the specific gas corresponding to the atmospheres for which the enclosures is intended, when internal equipment is operated at rated load.
3. Withstand a series of internal explosion design tests which determine:
   a. The maximum pressure effects of the gas mixture.
   b. Propagation effects of the gas mixtures.
4. Withstand, without rupture or permanent distortion, an internal hydrostatic design test based on the maximum internal pressure obtained during explosion tests and on a specified safety factor.
5. Are marked with the appropriate Class and Group(s) for which they have been qualified.

5.2.3 Type 7 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated in accordance with the applicable portions of:

1. ANSI/UL 698, *Industrial Control Equipment for Use in Hazardous Locations.*
2. ANSI/UL 877, *Circuit Breakers and Circuit-Breaker Enclosures for Use in Hazardous Locations,* Class 1, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F, and G.
3. ANSI/UL 886, *Outlet Boxes and Fittings for Use in Hazardous Locations,* Class I, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F, and G.
4. ANSI/UL 894, *Switches for Use in Hazardous Locations*, Class I, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F, and G.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

5.3 TYPE 8 ENCLOSURES

5.3.1 Description and Application

Type 8 enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use in locations classified as Class I, Groups A, B, C, and D, as defined in the National Electrical Code.

Type 8 enclosures and enclosed devices are arranged such that all arcing contacts, connections, and so forth, are immersed in oil. Arcing is confined under the oil such that

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it will not ignite an explosive mixture of the specified gases in internal spaces above the oil or in the atmosphere surrounding the enclosure. Enclosed heat generating devices shall not cause external surfaces to reach temperatures capable of igniting explosive gas-air mixtures in the surrounding atmosphere. Enclosures shall meet operation and temperature design tests. Enclosures intended for outdoor use shall also meet the rain test.

5.3.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 8 enclosures:

1. Provide, by oil immersion, a degree of protection to a hazardous gas environment from operation of internal equipment.
2. Do not develop surface temperatures which exceed prescribed limits for the specific gas corresponding to the atmospheres for which the enclosure is intended, when internal equipment is at rated load.
3. Withstand a series of operation design tests, with oil levels arbitrarily reduced and with flammable gas-air mixtures introduced above the oil.
4. When intended for installation outdoors, shall exclude water under test conditions which are intended to simulate rain.
5. Are marked with the appropriate Class and Group(s) for which they have been qualified.

5.3.3 Design Tests

Type 8 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated in accordance with the applicable portions of:

1. ANSI/UL 698, *Industrial Control Equipment for Use in Hazardous Locations.*
2. ANSI/UL 877, *Circuit Breakers and Circuit-Breaker Enclosures for Use in Hazardous Locations,* Class 1, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F, and G.
3. Rain test described in 6.4 (evaluated per 6.4.2.2)

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

5.4 TYPE 9 ENCLOSURES

5.4.1 Description and Application

Type 9 enclosures are intended for indoor use in locations classified as Class II, Groups E, F, or G, as defined in the National Electrical Code.

Type 9 enclosures shall be capable of preventing the entrance of dust. Enclosed heat generating devices shall not cause external surfaces to reach temperatures capable of igniting or discoloring dust on the enclosure or igniting dust-air mixtures in the surrounding atmosphere. Enclosures shall meet dust penetration and temperature design tests, and aging of gaskets (if used).

5.4.2 Features and Test Criteria

When completely and properly installed, Type 9 enclosures:

1. Provide a degree of protection to a hazardous dust environment from operation of internal equipment.
2. Do not develop surface temperatures which exceed prescribed limits for the Group corresponding to the atmospheres for which the enclosure is intended, when internal equipment is operated at rated load.
3. Withstand a series of operation design tests while exposed to a circulating dust-air mixture, to determine that dust does not enter the enclosure and that operation of devices does not cause ignition of the surrounding atmosphere.
4. Are marked with the appropriate Class and Group(s) for which they have been qualified.

5.4.3 Design Tests

Type 9 enclosures shall be tested and evaluated in accordance with the applicable portions of:

1. ANSI/UL 698, *Industrial Control Equipment for Use in Hazardous Locations.*
2. ANSI/UL 877, *Circuit Breakers and Circuit-Breaker Enclosures for Use in Hazardous Locations,* Class 1, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F, and G.
3. ANSI/UL 886, *Outlet Boxes and Fittings for Use in Hazardous Locations,* Class I, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F, and G.
4. ANSI/UL 894, *Switches for Use in Hazardous Locations,* Class I, Groups A, B, C, and D, and Class II, Groups E, F, and G.

NEMA Standard 3-8-1985.

5.5 TYPE 10 ENCLOSURES (MSHA)

5.5.1 Nonventilated Enclosures

Type 10 enclosures shall be capable of meeting the requirements of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, 30 C.F.R., Part 18.

5.5.2 Design Test

The design test for this type of enclosure shall be in accordance with the Mine Safety and Health Administration, 30 C.F.R., Part 18.

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SECTION 6
DESIGN TESTS

6.1 GENERAL

The following design tests shall be used to demonstrate conformance with these standards. These design tests do not necessarily duplicate environmental conditions and are not contemplated in normal production. To assure realistic testing, the enclosure and its enclosed equipment shall be mounted as intended for use in service.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

6.2 ROD ENTRY TEST

6.2.1 Method

6.2.1.1 Nonventilated Enclosures. This test shall be made by attempting to insert a rod having a diameter of 0.125 inch (3.175 millimeters), except that, if the distance between the opening and nearest live parts is greater than 4 inches (101.6 millimeters), a rod having a diameter greater than 0.125 inch (3.175 millimeters), shall be permitted to enter the opening, but a rod having a diameter greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 millimeters) shall not be permitted to enter the opening.

6.2.1.2 Ventilated Enclosures. This test shall be made by attempting to insert a rod having a diameter of 1/2 inch (12.7 millimeters), except that, if the distance between the openings and the nearest live part is greater than 4 inches (101.6 millimeters), a rod having a diameter greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 millimeters), shall be permitted to enter the opening, but a rod having a diameter greater than 3/4 inch (19 millimeters) shall not be permitted to enter the opening.

6.2.2 Evaluation

The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if the rod cannot enter the enclosure.

NEMA Standard 7-12-1983.

6.3 DRIP TEST

6.3.1 Method

The enclosure shall be mounted beneath a drip pan which extends beyond all exposed sides of the enclosure and which produces both splashing and dripping. The bottom of the drip pan shall be equipped with uniformly distributed spouts, one for each 20 square inches (129 square centimeters) of pan area. Each spout shall have a drip rate of at least 20 drops of water per minute. The enclosure shall be subjected to continuously dripping water for 30 minutes.

6.3.2 Evaluation

The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if the evaluation is either 6.3.2.1 or 6.3.2.2 below, as specified in Section 4.

6.3.2.1 There is no significant accumulation of water within the enclosure and no water has entered the enclosure at a level higher than the lowest live part, except that water shall be permitted to enter above live parts if the equipment is so constructed that no water is visible on the live parts, insulating material, or mechanism parts and no water has entered any space above the live parts within the enclosure in which wiring may be present under any proper installation conditions.

6.3.2.2 No water has entered the enclosure.

NEMA Standard 7-12-1983.

6.4 RAIN TEST

6.4.1 Method

The complete enclosure shall be mounted with the conduit connected but without using pipe thread sealing compound. Rigid conduit shall be threaded into the opening in the enclosure and tightened with torques as specified in Table 6-1.

A continuous water spray, using as many nozzles as required, shall be applied against the entire top and all exposed sides of the enclosure for 1 hour at a rate of at least 18 inches (457 millimeters) per hour at an operating pressure of 5 pounds per square inch (34.5 kilopascals). The rate shall be determined by measuring the rise of water in a straight-sided pan which has been placed horizontally and completely within the area covered by the falling water. A rain test which is performed in accordance with UL 50, Part 28 Rain Test, shall be considered to be equivalent to this test.

Table 6-1
Tightening Torque

Nominal Size of Conduit (Inches)	Torque Pound-Inches (Newton-Meters)
3/4 and smaller	800 (90.4)
1, 1-1/4 and 1-1/2	1000 (113)
2 and larger	1600(181)

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6.4.2 Evaluation

The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if the evaluation is either 6.4.2.1 or 6.4.2.2 below, as specified in Section 4.

6.4.2.1 There is no significant accumulation of water within the enclosure and no water has entered the enclosure at a level higher than the lowest live part, except that water shall be permitted to enter above live parts if the equipment is so constructed that no water is visible on the live parts, insulating material, or mechanism parts and no water has entered any space above the live parts within the enclosure in which wiring may be present under any proper installation conditions.

6.4.2.2 No water has entered the enclosure.

NEMA Standard 3-8-1985.

6.5 DUST TEST

6.5.1 Methods

6.5.1.1 OUTDOOR DUST TEST

1. Dust-Blast Method. The enclosure shall be subjected to a blast of compressed air mixed with dry Type 1 general-purpose Portland cement*, using a suction-type sand blast gun which is equipped with a 3/16 inch (4.76 millimeter) diameter air jet and a 3/8 inch (9.52 millimeter) diameter nozzle. The air shall be dry and at a pressure of 90 to 100 pounds per square inch (621 to 689 kilopascals). The cement shall be supplied by a suction feed.
   Not less than 4 pounds of cement per linear foot (5.95 kilograms of cement per linear meter) of test length (H+W+D) of the test specimen shall be applied at a rate of 5 pounds (2.27 kilograms) per minute. The nozzle shall be held from 12 to 15 inches (305 to 381 millimeters) away from the enclosure, and the blast of air and cement shall be directed at all points of potential dust entry, such as seams, joints, external operating mechanisms, and so forth. A conduit shall be permitted to be installed to equalize the internal and external pressures.

Table 6-2
Particle Size

Mesh	Inches (Millimeters)	Percent Content
Coarser than 200	Larger than 0.0029 (0.0736)	3
200	0.0029 (0.0736)	8
325	0.0017 (0.0432)	7
400	0.0015 (0.0381) or smaller	82

2. Hose Method (Alternate to Dust-Blast Method). The enclosure and its external mechanisms shall be subjected to a stream of water from a hose which has a 1 inch (25.4 millimeter) diameter nozzle and which delivers at least 45 gallons (170 liters) per minute. The water shall be directed at all joints, from all angles, from a distance of 10 to 12 feet (3.05 to 3.65 meters) for a period of time equal to 48 seconds per linear foot (305 linear millimeters) times the test length (H+W+D) or a minimum of 5 minutes. A conduit shall be permitted to be installed to equalize internal and external pressures but shall not serve as drain.

6.5.1.2 INDOOR DUST TEST

1. Circulating Dust Method. The enclosure shall be placed in its intended mounting position in an air-tight chamber having an internal volume not less than 6 cubic feet (0.17 cubic meters), and dimensions not less than 150 percent of the dimensions of the enclosure under test (length, width, and height). The test chamber is to be maintained at ambient room temperature and 20-50 percent relative humidity.
   At least 1.5 ounces of dry Type 1 general-purpose Portland cement per cubic foot of test chamber (1.5 kilograms per cubic meter) is to be circulated by means of a blower suction unit for five minutes so as to completely envelop the enclosure under test. The air velocity at the outlet of the blower is to be maintained at approximately 1000 ft/min (305 meters/min).
2. Atomized-Water Method (Alternate to Circulating Dust Method). The enclosure shall be subjected to a spray of atomized water, using a nozzle which produces a round pattern 3 to 4 inches (76 to 102 millimeters) in diameter when measured 12 inches (305 millimeters) from the nozzle. The air pressure shall be 30 pounds per square inch (207 kilopascals). Not less than 5 ounces per linear foot (4.85 milliliters per linear centimeter) of test length (H+W+D) of the test specimen shall be applied at a rate of 3 gallons (11.4 liters) per hour. The nozzle shall be held from 12 to 15 inches (305 to 381 millimeters) away from the enclosure, and the spray of water shall be directed at all points of potential dust entry, such as seams, joints, external operating mechanisms, etc.** A conduit shall be permitted to be installed to equalize the internal and external pressures but shall not serve as a drain.

*Type 1 general-purpose Portland cement is readily available and has a controlled maximum particle size. The analysis of a typical sample is shown in Table 6-2. This footnote and Table 6-2 were approved as Authorized Engineering on 7-15-1991.

**Metal-to-metal joints with a ground contact surface meeting the requirements for a Type 9 enclosure shall not be tested. Ungasketed shaft openings that have a length-of-path not less than 1/2 inch (12.7 millimeters) shall not be tested if the total (diametric) clearance between the shaft and the opening is not more than 0.005 inch (0.127 millimeters) per 1/2 inch (12.7 millimeters) length-of-path. These joints and openings shall be protected by external means during the atomized-water test.

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3. Settling Airborne Dust Method. At least 0.85 ounces of dry Type 1 General Purpose Portland cement per cubic foot of test chamber (0.85 kilograms per cubic meter) is to be circulated by means of a blower suction unit so as to completely envelop the enclosure under test. The air velocity at the outlet of the blower is to be 1000 ft./minute (304.8 meters/minute), with the blower cycled for 15 seconds on and 30 seconds off, for seven complete cycles.
4. Atomized-Water Method (Alternate for Settling Airborne Dust Method. The enclosure shall be subjected to a spray of atomized water, using a nozzle that produces a round pattern 3 to 4 inches (76 to 102 millimeters) in diameter when measured 12 inches (305 millimeters) from the nozzle. The air pressure shall be 25 pounds per square inch (172 kilopascals). A quantity of 3 ounces (89 milliliters) of water shall be applied per linear foot (305 linear millimeters) of seam being tested in 28 seconds at a flowrate of 3 gallons per hour (11.35 liters per hour.)

The nozzle shall be held from 18 to 21 inches (457 to 533 millimeters) away from the enclosure and the spray of water shall be directed at all points of potential settling airborne dust entry such as seams, joints, external operating mechanisms, and such.* A conduit shall be permitted to be installed to equalize the internal and external pressure, but shall not serve as a drain.

The test specimen shall have at least one seam representative of each of the types of seams of the enclosure(s). A seam is the junction of, or the joint between, two pieces. When two covers or doors are adjacent, their common edges shall be considered a single seam.*

6.5.2 Evaluation

The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if no dust or water has entered the enclosure.

NEMA Standard 5-25-1988.

6.6 EXTERNAL ICING TEST

6.6.1 Method

The enclosure shall be mounted in a room which can be cooled to 20°F (-7°C). A metal test bar which is 1 inch (25.4 millimeters) in diameter and 2 feet (610 millimeters) long shall be mounted in a horizontal position in a location where it will receive the same general water spray as the enclosure under test.

Provision shall be made for spraying the entire enclosure from above with water at an angle of approximately 45 degrees from the vertical. The water shall be between 32°F (0°C) and 37°F (3°C). As a guide, spraying facilities which provide between 1 and 2 gallons per hour per square foot (40.74 and 81.5 liters per hour per square meter) of area to be sprayed have been found effective.

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The room temperature shall be lowered to 35°F (2°C). The spray of water shall be started and continued for at least 1 hour, maintaining the room temperature between 33°F (1°C) and 37°F (3°C).

At the end of this time, the room temperature shall be lowered to between 20°F (-7°C) and 27°F (-3°C) without discontinuing the water spray. (The rate of change in the room temperature is not critical and shall be whatever is obtainable with the cooling means employed.) The water spray shall be controlled so as to cause ice to build up on the bar at a rate of approximately 1/4 inch (6.35 millimeters) per hour and shall be continued until 3/4 inch (19 millimeters) of ice has formed on the top surface of the bar. The spray shall then be discontinued, but the room temperature shall be maintained between 20°F (-7°C) and 27°F (-3°C) for 3 hours to assure that all parts of the enclosure and ice coatings have been equalized to a constant temperature.

6.6.2 Evaluation

The enclosure and its external mechanisms shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if:

6.6.2.1 While ice laden, they can be manually operated by one person without any damage to the enclosure, the enclosed equipment, or mechanism. When an auxiliary mechanism is provided to break the ice, it shall be included and utilized in the test. A separate test is required for each maintained position of each external operator. If necessary, it shall be possible to gain access to the enclosure interior using an appropriate hand tool without causing functional damage to the enclosure.

6.6.2.2 They are found to be undamaged after the ice has melted. Enclosures which have no external cavities to trap water when mounted in the normal position shall be considered to be acceptable and need not be tested.

NEMA Standard 7-12-1983.

6.7 HOSEDOWN TEST

6.7.1 Method

The enclosure and its external mechanisms shall be subjected to a stream of water from a hose which has a 1 inch (25.4 millimeter) diameter nozzle and which delivers at least 65 gallons (246 liters) per minute. The water shall be directed at all joints from all angles from a distance of 10 to 12 feet (3.05 to 3.65 meters) for a period of time equal to 48 seconds times the test length (H + W + D) for a minimum of 5 minutes.* A conduit shall be permitted to

*Metal-to-metal joints with a ground contact surface meeting the requirements for a Type 9 enclosure shall not be tested. Ungasketed shaft openings that have a length-of-path not less than 1/2 inch (12.7 millimeters) shall not be tested if the total (diametric) clearance between the shaft and the opening is not more than 0.005 inch (0.127 millimeters) per 1/2 inch (12.7 millimeters) length-of-path. These joints and openings shall be protected by external means during the atomized-water test.

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be installed to equalize internal and external pressures but shall not serve as a drain.

6.7.2 Evaluation

The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if no water has entered the enclosure.

An enclosure complying with the hosedown test complies with the dust test described in 6.5 without further testing.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1986.

6.8 RUST-RESISTANCE TEST (24-HOUR SALT SPRAY TEST)

The rust-resistance test shall apply to all enclosures incorporating external ferrous parts. Nonferrous enclosures with no external ferrous parts need not be tested.

The enclosures or representative parts of enclosures shall be subjected to salt spray (fog) as described below:

6.8.1 Method

1. Test Apparatus. The test apparatus shall:
   a. Consist of a fog chamber, a salt-solution reser voir, a supply of compressed air, atomizing nozzles, support for the enclosure, provision for heating the chamber, and means of control.
   b. Not permit drops of solution which accumulate on the ceiling or cover of the chamber to fall on the enclosure being tested.
   c. Not permit drops of solution which fall from the enclosure to be returned to the solution reservoir for respraying.
   d. Be constructed of materials which will not affect the corrosiveness of the fog.
2. Salt Solution. The salt solution shall be prepared by dissolving 5 parts by weight of salt in 95 parts by weight of either distilled water or water containing not more than 200 parts per million of total solids. The salt shall be sodium chloride which is substantially free of nickel and copper and which contains, when dry, not more than 0.1 percent of sodium iodide and not more than 0.3 percent of total impurities.
3. Air Supply. The compressed air supply to the nozzle(s) for atomizing the salt solution shall be free of oil and dirt and maintained between 10 and 25 pounds per square inch (69 to 172 kilopascals).
4. Condition in the Salt Spray Chamber. The temperature of the salt spray chamber shall be maintained at 95°F (35°C), plus 2°F (1.1°C) or minus 3°F (1.66°C). The nozzle(s) shall be directed or baffled so that none of the spray can impinge directly on the enclosure being tested.
5. Continuity of Test. The test shall be run continuously for 24 hours; for example, the chamber shall be closed and the spray operated continuously except for the short daily interruption necessary to inspect, rearrange, or remove the test specimens, to check and replenish the solution in the reservoir, and to make necessary recordings.
6. Cleaning and Inspection of Tested Enclosure. At the end of the test, the specimens shall be removed from the chamber and washed in clean running water which is not warmer than 100°F (37.7°C) to remove salt deposits from their surface, and then dried immediately. Corrosion products, other than rust, shall be permitted to be removed by light brushing if required, to observe the condition of the underlying stratum.

6.8.2 Evaluation

The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if there is no rust except at those points where protection is impractical, such as machined and mating surfaces of cast enclosures and sliding surfaces of hinges, shafts, and so forth.

NEMA Standard 7-12-1983.

6.9 CORROSION PROTECTION TEST (200-HOUR SALT SPRAY TESTS)

6.9.1 (200-Hour Salt Spray Test Compared to Galvanized Steel). The enclosure shall be evaluated in accordance with the requirements of UL50, Part 13 Protection Against Corrosion.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1986.

6.9.2 (200-Hour Salt Spray Test Compared to Stainless Steel). The enclosure shall be evaluated in accordance with the requirements of UL 50, Part 37 Corrosion Resistance Test.

NEMA Standard 7-15-1991.

6.10 SUBMERSION TEST

6.10.1 Method

The complete enclosure shall be mounted in a tank with the conduit connected using pipe-thread sealing compound. The conduit shall be tightened with the torque specified in Table 6-1. The tank shall be filled with water so that the highest point of the enclosure is 6 feet (1.83 meters) below the surface of water. After 30 minutes, the enclosure shall be removed from the tank, the excess water removed from the surface of the enclosure, and the enclosure opened. The enclosure need not be submersed to a depth of 6 feet (1.83 meters) if an equivalent pressure differential between the interior and the exterior of the enclosure is maintained for the required period of time. This differential shall be permitted to be achieved either by reducing the air pressure inside the enclosure or pressurizing the water surrounding the enclosure.

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6.10.2 Evaluation

The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if no water has entered the enclosure.

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6.11 AIR PRESSURE TEST

6.11.1 Method

1. Internal Pressurization Test (Alternate to External Pressurization Test). The complete enclosure with conduit connected shall be pressure tested with an internal air pressure of 6 psig (41.3 kilopascals) for a 24-hour period without permanent deformation. The conduit shall be connected using pipe-thread sealing compound and shall be tightened with the torque specified in Table 6-1.

2. External Pressurization Test (Alternate to Internal Pressurization Test). When the enclosure to be tested does not have connections for pressurizing the interior, the enclosure shall be permitted to be qualified by submersing the complete enclosure, connected as intended for use, in water so that the highest point of the enclosure is 6 feet (1.83 meters) below the surface for a period of 24 hours. The enclosure need not be submersed to a depth of 6 feet (1.83 meters) if the equivalent pressure differential between the interior and exterior of the enclosure is maintained for the required period of time. This differential shall be permitted to be achieved by pressurizing the water around the enclosure to simulate a depth of 6 feet (1.83 meters).

6.11.2 Evaluation

1. Evaluation of Internal Pressurization Test. The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if the pressure drop does not exceed 2 psig (13.8 kilopascals).

2. Evaluation of External Pressurization Test. The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if no water has entered the enclosure.

NEMA Standard 7-12-1983.

6.12 OIL EXCLUSION TEST

6.12.1 Method

The enclosure shall be subjected to a stream of test liquid through a nozzle which has a 3/8 inch (9.5 millimeter) diameter opening and which delivers at least 2 gallons (7.57 liters) per minute. The test liquid shall consist of water to which has been added a wetting agent to a concentration of approximately 0.1 percent by weight (or by volume if the wetting agent is liquid).

The stream shall be directed upon the enclosure from all angles from a distance of 12 to 18 inches (305 to 457 millimeters) for 30 minutes. If the enclosure houses an externally operated device, the device shall be operated at a rate of approximately 30 operations per minute for the duration of the test. A conduit shall be permitted to be installed to equalize internal and external pressures but shall not serve as a drain.

6.12.2 Evaluation

The enclosure shall be considered to have met the requirements of this test if no test liquid has entered the enclosure.

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Section 7
ENCLOSURE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

7.1 ENCLOSURE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

For manufacturing standards of enclosures, see the appropriate NEMA product standards publications for enclosures for specific products. Refer to the most current NEMA Standards Publications Catalog for a complete listing of all NEMA product publications on enclosures.

NEMA Standard 1-10-1979.

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APPENDIX A
COMPARISON BETWEEN NEMA ENCLOSURE TYPE NUMBERS AND IEC ENCLOSURE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATIONS

IEC Publication 529 *Classification of Degrees of Protection Provided by Enclosures* provides a system for specifying the enclosures of electrical equipment on the basis of the degree of protection provided by the enclosure. IEC 529 does not specify degrees of protection against mechanical damage of equipment, risk of explosions, or conditions such as moisture (produced for example by condensation), corrosive vapors, fungus, or vermin. NEMA Standards Publication 250 does test for environmental conditions such as corrosion, rust, icing, oil, and coolants. For this reason, and because the tests and evaluations for other characteristics are not identical, the IEC Enclosure Classification Designations cannot be exactly equated with NEMA Enclosure Type Numbers.

The IEC designation consists of the letters IP followed by two numerals. The first characteristic numeral indicates the degree of protection provided by the enclosure with respect to persons and solid foreign objects entering the enclosure. The second characteristic numeral indicates the degree of protection provided by the enclosure with respect to the harmful ingress of water.

Table A-1 provides an equivalent conversion from NEMA Enclosure Type Numbers to IEC Enclosure Classification Designations. The NEMA Types meet or exceed the test requirements for the associated IEC Classifications; for this reason Table A-1 cannot be used to convert from IEC Classifications to NEMA Types.

Table A-1
Conversion of NEMA Type Numbers to IEC Classification Designations
(Cannot be used to convert IEC ClassificationDesignations to NEMA Type Numbers)

NEMA Enclosure Type Number	IEC Enclosure Classification Designation
1	IP10
2	IP11
3	IP54
3R	IP14
3S	IP54
4 and 4X	IP56
5	IP52
6 AND 6P	IP67
12 AND 12K	IP52
13	IP54

NOTE: This comparison is based on tests specified in IEC Publication 529.

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Appendix B
LIST OF MEMBER COMPANIES OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLICATION NO. 250-1991

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