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The standard covers electrical, mechanical, and sealing requirements of connectors rated 600 V and installed underground.

This standard was initially developed by an EEI-NEMA Joint Committee on Underground Distribution Connectors and Connector Systems and published by the American National Standards Institute in 1974.

This revision has been reorganized to follow international formatting and improve the organization of information throughout the document when compared to the previous version.

Substantive changes to the standard have been made in the C119.1-2016 version of the standard. A substantive change is one that directly and materially affects performance of a product and which requires testing or retesting to meet the current edition of a standard. The substantive changes to the standard are:

This revision includes the addition of spreadsheet files in Annex B which can be used to collect current cycle test data, calculate connector stability, generate graphs of the data and print the data to provide test results as part of the test report. The spreadsheets are provided to give test laboratories a standardized method to collect, calculate and report test data and prepare test reports. These spreadsheets were not part of earlier editions.

This revision also includes the addition a spreadsheet file for Integrity of Seal Data in Annex C and a spreadsheet file for Impact Data in Annex D. The spreadsheets are provided to give a standardized format to collect, calculate and report test data and test results. These spreadsheets were not part of earlier editions.

Addition of torque strength requirements for set screws, impact test (for direct burial qualification), re-sealability test, reusability test and current cycle temperature stability calculation.

Suggestions for improvement of this standard are welcome.

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1 Scope and Purpose

1.1 Scope

This standard covers sealed, insulated underground connector systems rated at 600 V for utility applications and establishes electrical, mechanical, and sealing requirements for sealed insulated underground connector systems.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to give reasonable assurance to the user that sealed, insulated underground connector systems meeting the requirements of this standard will perform in a satisfactory manner, provided they have been properly selected for the intended application and are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

2 Referenced Standards

This standard is intended to be used in conjunction with the following standards. When a referenced standard is superseded by a revision approved by the American National Standards Institute, the referenced revision shall apply. Standards that are referenced by inference are shown in Annex A.

ANSI C119.0 *American National Standard for Electrical Connectors—Testing Methods and Equipment Common to the ANSI C119 Family of Standards*

3 Definitions

CCST: Current cycle submersion test where current cycle heating is done in air and cooling is done using water submersion.
cycle test
CCT: Current where current cycle heating and cooling are done in air.

connector: A device joining two or more conductors to provide a continuous electrical path.

connector assembly: The connector system installed on the conductor(s).

connector system: A connector and its associated insulating and sealing components.

control conductor: A conductor in the current cycle loop that serves as a reference for setting test current and monitoring temperature

guarded circuit: A circuit used to eliminate or to minimize the current flow between the insulation and conductor ends, caused by surface leakage currents.

input conductor: Conductor on the supply side of the connector.

output conductor: Conductor on the load side of the connector.

re-sealable connector: One in which the cable or cables may be removed, and the port resealed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

reusable connector: One in which the cable or cables may be removed, reinserted and resealed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

seal: An interface preventing the ingress of moisture and foreign matter into the connector assembly.
underground: Below grade application, including direct burial.