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Foreword

This standard deals with Industrial Unclad Laminates only. The standards for Industrial Laminates used in circuitry applications are now found in LI-2, which will be published shortly.

Most of the materials in this publication have been developed over a period of years in close coordination with user needs. New and improved grades have been developed to satisfy military and industrial requirements particularly in the aerospace, electronic, and computer industries. In most cases, these standards are the same as military specifications.

NEMA standards for polyester-glass laminates were developed initially as a joint activity with the Society of the Plastics Industry, and a number of standards for laminates for printed circuits and multilayer circuits were developed jointly with the Institute for Interconnecting and Packaging Electronic Circuits (IPC). Both of these groups represent user interest in their memberships.

In addition to cooperative work with the users on mechanical and electrical properties, much work has been carried on for Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. with regard to safety aspects of laminates, particularly the effect of heat, flammability, and ignition from electrical sources.

User comments and recommendations are solicited on all aspects of these standards. They should be addressed to:

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Section 1 GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

The Scope of this standards publication includes information concerning the manufacture, testing, and performance of laminated thermosetting products in the form of sheets, rods, and tubes.

A new format for the Industrial Laminate (Unclad) Standard has been established in which the requirements for the physical and electrical properties of the individual NEMA Grades have been consolidated and placed on individual specification sheets. With this format, all of the information on an individual material will be found in one place.

1.2 REFERENCED STANDARDS

The titles of standards to which reference is made in this publication are as follows. Copies are available from the sources indicated.

American Society for Testing and Materials

1916 Race Street
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D 150-87	<i>Tests for A-C Loss Characteristics and Dielectric Constant (Permittivity) of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials</i>
D 229-86	<i>Testing Rigid Sheet and Plate Materials Used for Electrical Insulation</i>
D 256-88	<i>Test for Impact Resistance of Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials</i>
D 257-78 (R 1983)	<i>Test for D-C Resistance or Conductance of Insulating Materials</i>
D 348-89	<i>Testing Laminated Tubes Used for Electrical Insulation</i>
D 349-87	<i>Testing Laminated Round Rods Used for Electrical Insulation</i>
D 459-84	<i>Tests for High-Voltage, Low-Current Arc Resistance of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials</i>
D 570-81 (R 1988)	<i>Test for Water Absorption of Plastics</i>
D 621-64 (R 1988)	<i>Test for Deformation of Plastics Under Load</i>
D 709-87	<i>Specifications for Laminated Thermosetting Materials</i>
D 790-86	<i>Test for Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulation Materials</i>
D 877-87	<i>Standard Test Method for Dielectric Breakdown Voltage of Insulating Liquids Using Disk Electrodes</i>
D 1180-57 (R 1978)	<i>Test for Bursting Strength of Round Rigid Plastic Tubing</i>
D 2303-85	<i>Test for Liquid-Contaminant, Inclined-Plane tracking and Erosion of Insulating Materials</i>

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

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1-1986.1	<i>General Principles for Temperature Limits in the Ratings of Electric Equipment and for the Evaluation of Electric Insulation</i>
98-1984	<i>Guide for the Preparation of Test Procedures for the Thermal Evaluation of Solid Electrical Insulating Systems for Electric Equipment</i>
99-1980	<i>Recommended Practice for the Preparation of Test Procedures for the Thermal Evaluation of Insulation Systems for Electrical Equipment</i>
101-1972 (R 1987)	<i>Guide for Statistical Analysis of Test Data</i>