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INTRODUCTION

1 Scope

1.1 These requirements cover permanently installed electric water heaters, rated 600 volts or less, for heating the water supplied through plumbing to separately heated public or private pools or tubs, in which swimming, wading, bathing, or partial or total immersion of persons, may be involved. Equipment covered may or may not be intended for use with external water circulating equipment, and is intended for installation in accordance with NFPA 70®, *National Electrical Code*® (NEC®).

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1.2 These requirements do not cover household storage tank water heaters or other equipment covered by individual requirements.

2 Units of Measurement

2.1 Values stated without parentheses are the requirement. Values in parentheses are explanatory or approximate information.

2.2 Unless indicated otherwise, all voltage and current values mentioned in this Standard are root-mean-square (rms).

3 Referenced Publications

3.1 Any undated reference to a code or standard appearing in the requirements of this Standard shall be interpreted as referring to the latest edition of that code or standard.

3.2 The following publications are referenced in this Standard:

AGA Z21.22-1986, *Relief Valves and Automatic Gas Shutoff Devices for Hot Water Supply Systems*

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME/BPVC)

ASTM E230/E230M, *Standard Specification for Temperature-Electromotive Force (emf) Tables for Standardized Thermocouples*

ASTM A653/A653M, *Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process*

ASTM A90/A90M, *Standard Test Method for Weight [Mass] of Coating on Iron and Steel Articles with Zinc or Zinc-Alloy Coatings*

ASTM E28, *Standard Test Methods for Softening Point of Resins Derived from Naval Stores by Ring-and-Ball Apparatus*

IEC 60127-1, *Miniature Fuses – Part 1: Definitions for Miniature Fuses and General Requirements for Miniature Fuse-links*

IEC 61000-4-13, *Standard for Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-13: Testing and Measurement Techniques – Harmonics and Interharmonics including Mains Signaling at a.c. Power Port, Low Frequency Immunity Tests*

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