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INTRODUCTION

1 Scope

1.1 This Standard covers tactile signaling devices for emergency and fire protective signaling systems. The devices and/or systems covered by this Standard are suitable for indoor use in a controlled environment as indicated in the product marking. These devices are to be used in accordance with the requirements of:

a) In Canada, in accordance with CSA C22.1, Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, Safety Standard for Electrical Installations; and with ULC 524, Standard for Installation of Fire Alarm Systems.

b) In the United States in accordance with NFPA 70®, *National Electrical Code*® (NEC®), and NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code.

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1.2 These requirements are to evaluate tactile signaling devices. These appliances are designed to alert occupants or inhabitants within the protected area.

1.3 This Standard does not apply to:

a) Visual signaling devices intended for public or private mode fire alarm signaling. These devices are covered by UL 1638/ULC 526, Standard for Visible Signaling Devices for Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems, Including Accessories.

b) Emergency lighting, electric signs, or EXIT signs.

c) Luminous Egress Path Marking Systems.

d) Equipment intended for installation in Classified (hazardous) Locations, as defined in the National Electrical Code (NEC), NFPA 70.

2 Components

2.1 Except as indicated in 2.2, a component of a product covered by this Standard shall comply with the requirements for that component. See Annex A for a list of Standards covering components generally used in the products covered by this Standard.

2.2 A component need not comply with a specific requirement that:

a) Involves a feature or characteristic not needed in the application of the component in the product covered by this Standard; or

b) Is superseded by a requirement in this Standard.

2.3 A component shall be used in accordance with rating(s) established by its manufacturer for the intended conditions of use.

3 Units of Measurement

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

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