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The new and revised requirements are substantially in accordance with Proposal(s) on this subject dated January 23, 2026 and April 24, 2026.

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PREFACE

This is the Fourth Edition of the Standard for Egress Door Securing and Releasing Devices, CAN/ULC 533.

This Edition of the Standard was formally approved by the ULC Standards Committee on Fire Alarm and Life Safety Equipment and Systems.

This Standard has been developed in compliance with the requirements of SCC for accreditation of a Standards Development Organization.

Only metric SI units of measurement are used in this Standard. If a value for measurement is followed by a value in other units in parentheses, the second value may be approximate. The first stated value is the requirement.

Appendix A, identified as Normative, forms a mandatory part of this Standard.

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1 SCOPE

1.1 This Standard shall apply to *egress door securing and releasing devices* to perform the function of holding a door in the closed position and releasing the door to permit free egress when operated. *Egress door securing and releasing devices* are considered *ancillary devices* and are not an integral part of the *fire alarm system*.

1.2 This Standard covers physical and performance requirements for *egress door securing and releasing devices* for use in accordance with CAN/ULC 524, Standard for Installation of Fire Alarm Systems, in accordance with CSA C22.1, Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, Safety Standard for Electrical Installations, and as permitted by the National Building Code of Canada.

1.3 These requirements cover *egress door securing and releasing devices* for use in *ordinary locations*, *dry locations, damp locations, wet locations, indoor locations* and locations opening to the outdoors.

1.4 *Egress door securing and releasing devices* for use in hazardous locations shall comply with the requirements of this Standard, and the manufacturer's recommended wiring methods shall comply with the applicable requirements of CSA C22.1, Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, Safety Standard for Electrical Installations, with respect to the hazard location.

2 REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

2.1 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.

2.2 The following publications are referenced in this Standard:

ASTM B117, *Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus*

CSA C22.1, *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, Safety Standard for Electrical Installations*

CSA C22.2 No. 0.15, *Adhesive Labels*

CSA C22.2 No. 0.17, *Evaluation of Properties of Polymeric Materials*

CSA C22.2 No. 0.4, *Bonding of Electrical Equipment*

CSA C22.2 No. 38, *Thermoset-Insulated Wires and Cables*

CSA C22.2 No. 49, *Flexible Cords and Cables*

CSA C22.2 No. 65, *Wire Connectors*

CSA C22.2 No. 66.1, *Low Voltage Transformers – Part 1: General Requirements*

CSA C22.2 No. 66.2, *Low Voltage Transformers – Part 2: General Purpose Transformers*

CSA C22.2 No. 75, *Thermoplastic-Insulated Wires and Cables*

CSA C22.2 No. 77, *Motors with Inherent Overheating Protection*

CSA C22.2 No. 94.1, *Enclosures for Electrical Equipment, Non-Environmental Considerations*

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