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Preface

This twenty-third edition of the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*, was approved by the Committee on the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*, and by the Regulatory Authority Committee at their June 2014 meetings in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. This twenty-third edition supersedes the previous editions, published in 2012, 2009, 2006, 2002, 1998, 1994, 1990, 1986, 1982, 1978, 1975, 1972, 1969, 1966, 1962, 1958, 1953, 1947, 1939, 1935, 1930, and 1927.

This edition features important revisions to many Sections. Section 4 now contains requirements for high-voltage cable ampacities and clarified Rules for conductor termination temperature. In addition, a new table (Table 39) simplifies residential service and feeder conductor selection. More options are provided for load and voltage drop calculations.

Bonding conductor selection has been clarified through the addition of the new Tables 16A and 16B. In addition, Section 12 contains many new and revised requirements for wiring methods, and the conduit fill tables have been expanded.

Section 18 has undergone major revisions. Requirements for Class II and Class III locations have been relocated to Appendix J, and requirements for explosive dust atmospheres based on IEC Zone 20, Zone 21, and Zone 22 have been added to Section 18. The requirements are now located as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Zones 0, 1, 2, 20, 21, and 22 | Section 18 |
| Classes I, II, and III and associated Divisions | Appendix J |

Note: *References to Class I alone are intended as general references to all classifications of explosive gas atmospheres, Zone 0, Zone 1, and Zone 2.*

References to Class II alone or to Class III alone are intended as general references to all classifications of explosive dust atmospheres, Zone 20, Zone 21, and Zone 22.

Specific references to a Zone of a Class I location are references to that Zone.

There are currently no references to Zones or Divisions of Class II or Class III locations in the body of the Rules of this Code (i.e., Sections 0 to 86).

Other revisions in this edition include the following:

- requirements for arc-fault protection have been expanded and clarified;
- Section 50 has been merged with Section 64;
- Section 62 has been completely rewritten; and
- the term “injury” has been replaced with “damage” throughout the Code.

Many of the changes in this edition were developed by cross-functional working groups. Their work is gratefully acknowledged.

General arrangement

The Code is divided into numbered Sections, each covering some main division of the work. Sections 0 to 16 and 26 are considered general Sections, and the other Sections supplement or amend the general Sections. The Sections are divided into numbered Rules, with captions for easy reference, as follows:

- (a) **Numbering system** — With the exception of Section 38, even numbers have been used throughout to identify Sections and Rules. Rule numbers consist of the Section number separated by a hyphen from the 3- or 4-digit figure. The intention in general is that odd numbers may be used for new Rules required by interim revisions. Due to the introduction of some new Rules and the deletion of some existing Rules during the revision of each edition, the Rule numbers for any particular requirement are not always the same in successive editions.

- (b) **Subdivision of Rules** — Rules are subdivided in the manner illustrated by Rules 8-204 and 8-206, and the subdivisions are identified as follows:

| | |
|--------|---------|
| 00-000 | Rule |
| (1) | Subrule |
| (a) | Item |
| (i) | Item |
| (A) | Item |

- (c) **Reference to other Rules, etc.** — Where reference is made to two or more Rules (e.g., Rules 10-200 to 10-206), the first and last Rules mentioned are included in the reference. Where reference is made to a Subrule or Item in the same Rule, only the Subrule number and/or Item letter and the word “Subrule” or “Item” need be mentioned. If the reference is to another Rule or Section, then the Rule number and the word “Rule” shall be stated (e.g., “Rule 10-200(3)” and not “Subrule (3) of Rule 10-200”).

The principal changes that have been made between the 2009 and 2012 editions of the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*, and this new edition, published in 2015, are marked in the text of the Code by the symbol delta (Δ) in the margin. Users of the Code are advised that the change markers in the text are not intended to be all-inclusive and are provided as a convenience only; such markers cannot constitute a comprehensive guide to the reorganization or revision of the Code. Care must therefore be taken not to rely on the change markers to determine the current requirements of the Code. As always, users of the Code must consider the entire Code and any local amendments or interpretations.

Acknowledgement

The use of material contained in the *National Electrical Code* is acknowledged.

The history and operation of the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*

The preliminary work in preparing the Canadian Electrical Code began in 1920 when a special committee, appointed by the main Committee of the Canadian Engineering Standards Association, recommended its development. A third meeting of this Committee was held in June 1927 with representatives from Nova Scotia, Québec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia in attendance. At this meeting, the revised draft, which had been discussed at the previous two meetings, was formally approved and it was resolved that it be printed as Part I of the *Canadian Electrical Code*.

The Committee on the *CE Code, Part I*, is composed of 41 members, with representation from inspection authorities, industry, utilities, and allied interests. The main Committee meets once a year and deals with reports that have been submitted by the Section Subcommittees, which work under the jurisdiction of the main Committee. Suggestions for changes to the Code may be made by any member of the Committee or anyone outside the Committee as outlined in Clause C6.

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Metric units

Symbols and conversion factors for SI units

Recognized symbols for SI units have been used in the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*. For the convenience of the user, these symbols and the units they represent have been listed in the following table; the table also gives a multiplying factor that may be used to convert the SI unit to the previously used unit.

| Symbol | SI unit | Multiplying factor for conversion to previously used unit | Previously used unit |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A | ampere(s) | 1 | ampere(s) |
| cm ³ | cubic centimetre(s) | 0.061 | cubic inch(es) |
| °(s) | degree(s) (angle) | 1 | degree(s) (angle) |
| °C rise | degree(s) Celsius | 1.8 | degree(s) Fahrenheit |
| °C temperature | degree(s) Celsius | 1.8 plus 32 | degree(s) Fahrenheit |
| h | hour(s) | 1 | hour(s) (time) |
| Hz | hertz | 1 | cycles per second |
| J | joule(s) | 0.7376 | foot-pound(s) |
| kg | kilogram(s) | 2.205 | pound(s) |
| kJ | kilojoule(s) | 737.6 | foot-pound(s) |
| km | kilometre | 0.621 | mile(s) |
| kPa | kilopascal(s) | 0.295 | inch(es) of mercury |
| | | 0.334 | feet of water |
| | | 0.145 | pound(s) per square inch (psi) |
| kW | kilowatt | 3415.179 | BTU/h |
| lx | lux | 0.093 | foot-candle(s) |
| L | litre | 0.220 | gallon(s) |
| m | metre(s) | 3.281 | feet |
| m ² | square metre(s) | 10.764 | square feet |
| m ³ | cubic metre(s) | 35.315 | cubic feet |
| MHz | megahertz | 1 | megacycles per second |
| min | minute(s) | 1 | minute(s) |
| mL | millilitre(s) | 0.061 | cubic inch(es) |
| mm | millimetre(s) | 0.03937 | inch(es) |
| mm ² | square millimetre(s) | 0.00155 | square inch(es) |
| N•m | newton•metre | 8.85 | pound-force inches |
| Ω | ohm(s) | 1 | ohm(s) |
| Pa | pascal(s) | 0.000295 | inch(es) of mercury |
| | | 0.000334 | feet of water |
| | | 0.000145 | pounds per square inch (psi) |
| V | volt(s) | 1 | volt(s) |
| W | watt(s) | 1 | watt(s) |
| μF | microfarad(s) | 1 | microfarad(s) |

Conduit sizes

Starting in the 2006 edition of the Code, the metric trade designator has been used exclusively to identify conduit size. The following table is provided for convenience only.

Conduit trade sizes

| Inches | Metric designator |
|--------|-------------------|
| 3/8 | 12 |
| 1/2 | 16 |
| 3/4 | 21 |
| 1 | 27 |
| 1-1/4 | 35 |
| 1-1/2 | 41 |
| 2 | 53 |
| 2-1/2 | 63 |
| 3 | 78 |
| 3-1/2 | 91 |
| 4 | 103 |
| 5 | 129 |
| 6 | 155 |
| 8 | 200 |

Reference publications

This Standard refers to the following publications, and the year dates shown indicate the latest editions available at the time the Standard was approved:

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6.19-01 (R2011), *Residential carbon monoxide alarming devices*
 ASME A17.1-2013/CSA B44-13, *Safety code for elevators and escalators*
 CSA B44.1-14/ASME A17.5-2014, *Elevator and escalator electrical equipment*
 B52-13, *Mechanical refrigeration code*
 CAN/CSA-B72-M87 (R2013), *Installation code for lightning protection systems*
 B108-14, *Compressed natural gas fuelling stations installation code*
 B137 Series-13, *Thermoplastic pressure piping compendium*
 B149.1-10, *Natural gas and propane installation code*
 B149.2-10, *Propane storage and handling code*
 B355-09 (R2013), *Lifts for persons with physical disabilities*
 CAN/CSA-B613-00 (R2012), *Private residence lifts for persons with physical disabilities*
 CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 0-10, *General requirements — Canadian Electrical Code, Part II*
 C22.2 No. 1-04, *Audio, video, and similar electronic equipment (withdrawn)*
 C22.2 No. 3-M1988 (R2014), *Electrical features of fuel-burning equipment*
 CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 4-04 (R2014), *Enclosed and dead-front switches*
 C22.2 No. 5-13, *Molded-case circuit breakers, molded-case switches, and circuit-breaker enclosures*
 C22.2 No. 14-13, *Industrial control equipment*
 C22.2 No. 18.1-13, *Metallic outlet boxes*
 C22.2 No. 18.2-06 (R2011), *Nonmetallic outlet boxes*
 C22.2 No. 22-M1986 (R2013), *Electrical equipment for flammable and combustible fuel dispensers*
 C22.2 No. 25-1966 (R2014), *Enclosures for use in Class II Groups E, F, and G hazardous locations*
 C22.2 No. 29-11, *Panelboards and enclosed panelboards*
 C22.2 No. 30-M1986 (R2012), *Explosion-proof enclosures for use in Class I hazardous locations*
 C22.2 No. 41-13, *Grounding and bonding equipment*
 C22.2 No. 42-10, *General use receptacles, attachment plugs, and similar wiring devices*
 C22.2 No. 42.1-13, *Cover plates for flush-mounted wiring devices*
 C22.2 No. 45.1-07 (R2012), *Electrical rigid metal conduit — Steel*
 C22.2 No. 46-13, *Electric air-heaters*
 C22.2 No. 56-13, *Flexible metal conduit and liquid-tight flexible metal conduit*
 C22.2 No. 64-10, *Household cooking and liquid-heating appliances*
 C22.2 No. 65-13, *Wire connectors*
 C22.2 No. 77-14, *Motors with inherent overheating protection*
 C22.2 No. 82-1969 (R2013), *Tubular support members and associated fittings for domestic and commercial service masts*
 C22.2 No. 83-M1985 (R2013), *Electrical metallic tubing*
 C22.2 No. 83.1-07 (R2012), *Electrical metallic tubing — Steel*
 C22.2 No. 85-14, *Rigid PVC boxes and fittings*
 C22.2 No. 100-14, *Motors and generators*
 C22.2 No. 106-05 (R2010), *HRC-miscellaneous fuses*
 C22.2 No. 107.1-01 (R2011), *General use power supplies*
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Section 0 — Object, scope, and definitions (See Appendix G)

Object (see Appendix B)

The object of this Code is to establish safety standards for the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment. In its preparation, consideration has been given to the prevention of fire and shock hazards, as well as proper maintenance and operation.



Amended

The requirements in this Code address the fundamental principles of protection for safety contained in Section 131 of International Electrotechnical Commission Standard 60364-1, *Low-voltage electrical installations*. IEC 60364-1, Section 131, contains fundamental principles of protection for safety that encompass protection against electric shock, thermal effects, overcurrent, fault currents, and overvoltage. Therefore, compliance with the requirements of this Code and proper maintenance will ensure an essentially safe installation. Safe installations may be also achieved by alternatives to this Code, when such alternatives meet the fundamental safety principles of IEC 60364-1 (see Appendix K). These alternatives are intended to be used only in conjunction with acceptable means to assess compliance of these alternatives with the fundamental safety principles of IEC 60364-1 by the authorities enforcing this Code.

Wiring installations that do not make provision for the increasing use of electricity may be overloaded in the future, resulting in a hazardous condition. It is recommended that the initial installation have sufficient wiring capacity and that there be some provision made for wiring changes that might be required as a result of future load growth.

This Code is not intended as a design specification nor as an instruction manual for untrained persons.



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Scope

This Code covers all electrical work and electrical equipment operating or intended to operate at all voltages in electrical installations for buildings, structures, and premises, including factory-built relocatable and non-relocatable structures, and self-propelled marine vessels stationary for periods exceeding five months and connected to a shore supply of electricity continuously or from time to time, with the following exceptions:

- (a) installations or equipment employed by an electric, communication, or community antenna distribution system utility in the exercise of its function as a utility, as recognized by the regulatory authority having jurisdiction, and located outdoors or in buildings or sections of buildings used for that purpose;
- (b) equipment and facilities that are used in the operation of an electric railway and are supplied exclusively from circuits that supply the motive power;
- (c) installations or equipment used for railway signalling and railway communication purposes, and located outdoors or in buildings or sections of buildings used exclusively for such installations;
- (d) aircraft; and
- (e) electrical systems in ships that are regulated under Transport Canada.

For mines and quarry applications, see also CSA M421.

This Code and any standards referenced in it do not make or imply any assurance or guarantee by the authority adopting this Code with respect to life expectancy, durability, or operating performance of equipment and materials so referenced.

Definitions

For the purpose of correct interpretation, certain terms have been defined and where such terms or their derivatives appear throughout this Code they shall be understood to have the following meanings. The ordinary or dictionary meaning of terms shall be used for terms not specifically defined in this Code.

Acceptable — acceptable to the authority enforcing this Code.

Accessible (as applied to equipment) — admitting close approach because the equipment is not guarded by locked doors, elevation, or other effective means.

Accessible (as applied to wiring methods) —

- (a) not permanently closed in by the structure or finish of the building; and
- (b) capable of being removed without disturbing the building structure or finish.