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Foreword

This American National Standard establishes specifications and dimensions for wood utility poles that are to be given preservative treatment as specified by the purchaser. The poles described are considered as simple cantilever members subject to transverse loads only. Requirements for the preservative treatment of poles are not included although the effects of conditioning are accounted for.

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1 Scope & general requirements

1.1 Scope

This standard provides minimum specifications for the quality and dimensions of wood poles that are to be used as single-pole utility structures. The poles described herein are considered as simple cantilever members subject to transverse loads only. Fiber strength values, provided as a basis for determining pole class sizes, apply only to poles that meet or exceed the minimum quality specifications.

Requirements for the preservative treatment of poles are outside the scope of this standard. However, where such treatment or conditioning may affect strength, limitations are provided in section 5.1.2. [Also see standards such as those published by American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) and ASTM International (ASTM)].

1.2 General requirements

The species, the length, and class of poles; the type of treatment (including seasoning details, if seasoning is desired); aids to penetration such as incising, groundline boring, or kerfing; and complete details for roofing, gaining, boring, and branding not included in this standard shall be given in purchase orders.

Complete detailed instructions shall be given to the supplier whenever the requirements of this standard are modified to meet special conditions.

2 Normative references

The standards listed below contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this American National Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision; therefore users of this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards.

ASC C2-2007, *National electrical safety code*.¹

AWPA Standard M6-07, *Brands used on forest products*.²

ASTM D9-05, *Standard terminology relating to wood*.³

Wood Preservation Statistics, *Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1973*.⁴

3 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Photographs depicting many of these terms may be found in Technical Report O5-TR-01, the Photographic Manual of Wood Pole Characteristics, which is based on this Standard.

¹ Available from www.ieee.org

² Available from www.awpa.com

³ Available from www.astm.org

⁴ Available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.