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American National Standard for Electric Connectors—Connectors for Use between Aluminum-to-Aluminum and Aluminum-to-Copper Conductors Designed for Normal Operation at or Below 93°C and Copper-to-Copper Conductors Designed for Normal Operation at or Below 100°C

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The standard covers electrical and mechanical requirements for connectors used in tests to establish performance characteristics of connectors used to join aluminum-to-aluminum, aluminum-to-copper, or copper-to-copper bare and insulated conductors.

It is the responsibility of the user to determine the proper connector for any particular application. The user may request the manufacturer to perform any additional desired testing beyond that required by the C119.4 standard performance tests.

Extensive editorial changes have been made in the C119.4-2016 version of the standard. The editorial changes to the standard are as follows:

1. Testing methods and equipment requirements were removed since all testing methods and equipment are now addressed in the new ANSI C119.0-2015, Testing Methods and Equipment Common to the ANSI C119 Family of Standards document.
2. The remaining performance standards and requirements unique to the C119.4 standard have been reorganized under a new numbering format.

This revision includes the addition of one optional set of performances requirements: Shunt Class Connector Devices (Annex E). These performance requirements are not a part of the required C119.4 standard performance requirements. The subcommittee has provided these optional performance requirements as a reference in response to users who have requested guidance for testing of shunt devices. The user may request that the manufacturer perform any additional tests that are not a part of the required C119.4 standard performance requirements.

This standard was initially developed under the direction of the Transmission and Distribution Committee of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI). Tentative performance-type specifications for electrical characteristics were issued in joint report form in 1958 by a steering committee of EEI and an advisory committee of manufacturers on the aluminum conductor research project (EEI Pub. No. 59-70 *Tentative Specifications for Connectors for Aluminum Conductors*).

Experience gained from extensive trial use further confirmed the performance criteria and test conditions of the tentative specifications and led to the development of Standard TDJ 162 in October 1962 by a joint committee of EEI and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). TDJ 162 was subsequently superseded by this document.

The C119.4 Subcommittee of the Accredited Standards Committee on Connectors for Electric Utility Applications, C119, in its constant review of the publication, continues to seek out the views of responsible users that will contribute to the development of better standards. Suggestions for improvement of this standard are welcome.

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1 Scope and Purpose

1.1 Scope

This standard covers connectors used for making electrical connections between aluminum-to-aluminum or aluminum-to-copper or copper-to-copper conductors used on distribution and transmission lines for electric utilities.

This standard establishes the electrical and mechanical test requirements for electrical connectors. Additional optional tests are shown in the annexes. This standard is not intended to recommend operating conditions or temperatures.