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Section 1 General

1.1 Scope

This Standards publication covers specific requirements for crosslinked, modified polyethylene insulated solid and stranded wire, designed to the internal wiring of high-reliability electrical and electronic equipment. This Standards publication addresses 600 V (Type L), 1000 V (Type LL), and 3000 V (Type LX) wire and permits continuous conductor temperature ratings of –65°C to +125°C with either tin-coated or silver-coated conductors. These types of hook-up wire are used when the following requirements are called for:

- a. Moderate temperature resistance
- b. Low temperature resistance
- c. Moderate dielectric constant
- d. Good flexibility and flex life when stranded conductors are used
- e. Solder iron resistance for easier solder terminations without potential damage
- f. Good fire resistance