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### **Foreword**

This Standard is intended to define general requirements, performance requirements, test methods, and marking for Type EB-20, Type EB-35, Type DB-60, Type DB-100, and Type DB-120 PVC plastic utilities ducts. The PVC duct specified in this Standard is intended for installation underground for communications and electrical wire and cable:

User needs have been considered during the development of this Standard.

The Polymer Raceway Products Section (5TC) of NEMA, through its Members, has worked (and continues to work) closely with such organizations as ASTM, the Plastics Pipe Institute, appropriate government agencies, testing laboratories, and others in the periodic review and revision of these Standards for any changes necessary to remain current.

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# Section 1 General

### 1.1 Scope

This Standard defines general requirements, performance requirements, test methods, and marking for the following types of PVC plastic utilities duct. The PVC duct specified in this Standard is intended for installation underground for communications and electrical wire and cable:

Type EB-20	Designed for burial encased in concrete
Type EB-35	Designed for burial encased in concrete
Type DB-60	Designed for direct burial without encasement in concrete
Type DB-100	Designed for direct burial without encasement in concrete
Type DB-120	Designed for direct burial without encasement in concrete

Type DB products can also be used for concrete encased applications where specified.

Fittings designed for use with the ducts covered by this Standard are described in NEMA TC 9 Fittings for Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Plastic Utilities Duct for Underground Installation.

Note: The values stated in U.S. customary units are to be regarded as the Standard.