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FOREWORD

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The first edition of this standard was issued in 1961 and was based essentially on the EEI-NEMA (Edison Electric Institute–National Electrical Manufacturers Association) Standards for Wet-Process Porcelain Insulators (Spool Type), EEI TDJ-53, NEMA 141-1952. Subsequent revisions were developed by the American National Standards Committee on Insulators for Electric Power Lines, ASC C-29.

The principal differences between this edition and the previous (1982) edition are revisions to the color and marking requirements, inclusion of U.S. customary units in the Table of Dimensions, and a change in the acceptance criteria for the transverse strength test.

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1 Scope

This standard covers spool-type insulators made of wet-process porcelain and used in the transmission and distribution of electric energy.

2 Referenced Standards

This standard is intended to be used in conjunction with the latest approved revisions of the following standards:

ANSI C29.1	*Test Methods for Electrical Power Insulators*
ASTM D 1535	*Standard Practice for Specifying Color by the Munsell System*

3 Definitions

See Section 2 of ANSI C29.1 for definitions of terms.

4 General

4.1 Insulators shall conform in all respects to the requirements of this standard. The text and figures supplement each other and shall be considered part of this standard.

4.2 Manufacturer's drawings, if furnished, shall show the outline of the insulators, together with all pertinent dimensions. Any variations in these dimensions due to manufacturing tolerances shall be indicated.

4.3 When specified in the clauses below, the following re-test procedure applies:

If only one insulator fails to comply with the applicable test, a new sample equal to twice the quantity originally submitted to that test shall be subjected to retesting. If two or more insulators fail to comply, or if any failure occurs during the retesting, the complete lot is considered as not complying with the requirements of this standard.

5 Material

5.1 The insulator shall be made of commercial-grade wet-process porcelain that meets the mechanical and electrical requirements of this standard.

5.2 The surface of the shells exposed after the assembly shall be glazed for porcelain insulators.

NOTE—The most commonly requested color for porcelain is gray. If gray is required, it shall be in accordance with ASTM D 1535, *Standard Practice for Specifying Color by the Munsell System,* and shall conform to Munsell notation 5BG 7.0/0.4 with the following tolerances:

a) Hue: ± 12(3G to 7B)
b) Value: ± 0.5
c) Chroma: -0.2 to +0.6

Other colors are available and can be negotiated between purchaser and supplier.

6 Dimensions and Characteristics

6.1 Figures 1-5 (see pages 4-8) are drawings of insulator types. Dimensions and characteristics of the insulators shall be in accordance with these figures.

6.2 When specified, neck designations and dimensions shall be as shown in Table 1.

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