

UPDATES OF STANDARDS FOR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS FOR LIVE WORKING

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ASTM

Revisions to the following sections of ASTM F18 Standards for Protective Equipment and Tools for Live Working have been approved and will be published this year.

- ASTM F1891 - Standard Specification for Arc and Flame Resistant Rainwear. ASTM 1506 - Standard Performance Specification for Textile Materials for Wearing Apparel for Use by Electrical Workers Exposed to Momentary Electric Arc and Related Thermal Hazards.
- The ASTM F1959 test task group has finished the review of the standard. Several months of testing have been completed and the work on revising the standard has begun.

For more information, visit www.astm.org.

NFPA

- NFPA 70E-2000 - Standard for Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces. Part II, General Requirements for Electrical Work Practices. NFPA 70E is being revised.

Over 400 comments on the existing standard were received. The comments are being reviewed by the committee and the next revision of 70E should be ready for publication next year. For more information contact www.nfpa.org.

NEW NATIONAL STANDARDS OF CANADA

This year, additional standards have been approved as National Standards of Canada. The approved standards are:

1. Hand Tools for Live Working up to 1000 V ac and 1500 V dc CAN/ULC-D60900-1999.
2. Insulating Poles (Insulating Sticks) and Universal Tool Attachments (Fittings) for Live Working CAN/ULC-D60832-1999
3. Live Working - Insulating Foam-Filled Tubes and Solid Rods for Live Working CAN/ULC-D60855-2000.
4. Live Working - Insulating Hollow Tubes for Electrical Purposes CAN/ULC-D61235-2000.
5. Live Working - Portable Equipment for Grounding and Bonding CAN/ULC-D61230-1999.
6. Live Working - Voltage Detectors - Part 1: Capacitive Type to be Used for Voltages Exceeding 1 kV ac CAN/ULC-D61243-1-2000.
7. Live Working - Voltage Detectors - Part 2: Resistive Type to be used for Voltages of 1 kV to 36 kV ac CAN/ULC-D61243-2-1999.
8. Live Working - Voltage Detectors - Part 3: Two-Pole Low-Voltage Type CAN/ULC-D61243-3-2000.
9. Rigid Protective Covers for Live Working on ac Installations CAN/ULC-D61229-2000.
10. Saddles, Pole Clamps (Stick Clamps) and Accessories for Living Working CAN/ULC-D61236-1999.
11. Sleeves of Insulating Material for Live Working CAN/ULC-D60984-2000.

The above standards are available at ULC and can be obtained by calling 1 800 ULCINFO or www.ulc.ca

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