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AISC (American Institute of Steel Construction)

New Standards

BSR/AISC 305.2-2002, Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings (new standard)
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New Standards

BSR/API MPMS 5.6-200x, Measurement of Liquid Hydrocarbons by Coriolis Meters (new standard)
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BSR/IPC J-STD-003a-200x, Solderability of Printed Boards (revision of ANSI J-STD-003-1992)
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ISA (ISA-The Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation Society)

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BSR/ISA S12.06.01-1995 (R200x), Wiring Practices for Hazardous (Classified) Locations - Instrumentation - Part I: Intrinsic Safety (revision of ANSI/ISA S12.06.01-1995 (R2002))
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New National Adoptions

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BSR/ISO/IEC FDIS 14772-2-200x, Information technology - Computer graphics and image processing - The Virtual Reality Modeling Language (VRML) - Part 2: External authoring interface (EAI) (new national adoption)
The scope of this specification is to cover all forms of access to a VRML browser from external applications. It is equally valid for a database with an object interface to access a standalone browser in a presentation slide as it is for a Java applet operating within a web browser, since the available services do not vary. This specification does not provide a byte level protocol description as there can be many valid ways of expressing an interaction with a browser.
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TIA (Telecommunications Industry Association)

Supplements

BSR/TIA/EIA 136-440-2-2002, TDMA Third Generation Wireless - Adaptive Multi-Rate (AMR) Codec - Addendum 2 (supplement to ANSI/TIA/EIA 136-440-2001) (SP-3-4027-440-AD2) This standard provides a description of the AMR speech service, including speech coding, channel coding and link adaptation.

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UL (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.)

Revisions

UL proposes to revise the energy markings for optical fiber cables, and to remove the 300V marking for Type PLTC cable in UL 13. The proposal also includes editorial revisions, the option for reduced jacket wall thickness, replacing the references to NFPA 262, and a review of the proposed third edition of UL 13.
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These requirements apply to 0.110-, 0.125-, 0.187-, 0.205-, and 0.250-inch (2.8-, 3.2-, 4.8-, 5.2-, and 6.3-mm) wide electrical quick-connect wiring terminations, both connectors and tabs, for use in electrical equipment that comply with the requirements for such equipment. Also applies to terminals intended for use with one or two Nos.
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BSR/UL 854-200x, Service-Entrance Cables (Bulletin dated: 04/02) (revision of ANSI/UL 854-1999)
Proposed revision of the standard is as follows: 1. Relocation of statement on SE conductors; 2. Deletion of reference to IEEE 383; 3. Addition of statement requiring separators to be moisture resistant; 4. Restatement of the requirement for moisture resistance of fibrous filler materials; 5. Addition of a reference to the requirements for color coding insulated grounding conductors.
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ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

Revisions

This Standard establishes requirements and test methods pertaining to materials, significant dimensions and functional performance for vitreous china plumbing fixtures. The sanitary performance requirements and test procedures apply to all types of water closets and urinals that discharge into gravity waste systems in permanent buildings and structures independent of occupancy.
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NCSL (National Conference of Standards Laboratories)

Reaffirmations


The proposed standard has been derived from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) U.S. Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement to promote consistent international methods in the expression of measurement uncertainty within U.S. standardization, calibration, laboratory accreditation, and metrology services.

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Projects Withdrawn from Consideration

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TIA (Telecommunications Industry Association)

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Final actions on American National Standards

The standards actions listed below have been approved by the ANSI Board of Standards Review (BSR) or by an ANSI-Audited Designator, as applicable.

ASA (Acoustical Society of America)

Reaffirmations

ANSI S3.5-1997 (R2002), Methods for the Calculation of the Speech Intelligibility Index (reaffirmation of BSR S3.5-1997): 4/22/2002

ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

New Standards


AWWA (American Water Works Association)

Revisions


CSA (CSA America, Inc.)

Revisions

Supplements


EIA (Electronic Industries Alliance)

New Standards


IAAMC (International Association of Association Management Companies)

New Standards


IPC (IPC - Association Connecting Electronics Industries)

Revisions


ISEA (Industrial Safety Equipment Association)

Reaffirmations


NECA (National Electrical Contractors Association)

New Standards


NEMA (National Electrical Manufacturers Association)

New National Adoptions


SPI (The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.)

New Standards


TIA (Telecommunications Industry Association)

New Standards


UL (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.)

New Standards

Revisions

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Following is a list of proposed new American National Standards or revisions to existing American National Standards that have been received from ANSI-accredited standards developers that utilize the periodic maintenance option in connection with their standards. Please also review the section entitled "American National Standards Maintained Under Continuous Maintenance" contained in Standards Action for comparable information with regard to standards maintained under the continuous maintenance option. Directly and materially affected interests wishing to receive more information should contact the standards developer directly.

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BSR/ASME PTC 11-200x, Fans (revision of ANSI/ASME PTC 11-1984 (R1995))
BSR/ASME Y14.5M-200x, Dimensioning and Tolerancing (revision of ANSI/ASME Y14.5M-1994 (R1999))
BSR/ASME Y14.5.1M-200x, Dimensioning and Tolerances - Mathematical Definitions of Principles (revision of ANSI/ASME Y14.5.1M-1994 (R1999))

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BSR/ASTM Z8776Z-200x, Specification for Circulating Liquid and Forced Air Patient Temperature Management Devices (new standard)
BSR/ASTM Z9427Z-200x, Anaesthetic Reservoir Bags (new standard)
BSR/ASTM Z9428Z-200x, Anaesthetic and Respiratory Equipment Vocabulary (new standard)
BSR/ASTM Z9429Z-200x, Medical Electrical Equipment-Part 2-12: Particular Requirement for the Safety of Lung Ventilators-Critical Care Ventilators (new standard)

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BSR/NSF 226-200x, Marine Food Equipment (new standard)

UL (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.)
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BSR/UL 746T-200x, Direct Current Tracking Index (DCTI) of Electrical Insulating Materials for Transportation Applications (new standard)
American National Standards Maintained Under Continuous Maintenance

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- AGRSS
- ASC B109 (AGA)
- ASHRAE
- ASME
- ASTM
- NACE
- NBBPVI
- NSF International
- TIA
- Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

To obtain additional information with regard to these standards, such as contact information at the ANSI accredited standards developer, please visit ANSI Online at www.ansi.org, select STANDARDS INFO, and choose "American National Standards Maintained Under Continuous Maintenance". This information is also available directly at http://web.ansi.org/public/ans_main/default.htm.

Alternatively, you may contact the Procedures & Standards Administration Department (PSA) at psa@ansi.org or via fax at 212-840-2298. If you request that information be provided via E-mail, please include your E-mail address; if you request that information be provided via fax, please include your fax number. Thank you.
This section provides information on standards activity within CEN - the European Committee for Standardization - and CENELEC - the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization. CEN and CENELEC are composed of European member bodies whose countries cooperate within the European Economic Community (Common Market) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). Their primary purpose is to develop standards needed to harmonize European interests and prevent technical barriers. Both CEN and CENELEC are committed to adopting standards developed by ISO and IEC wherever possible.

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prEN 820-3, Advanced technical ceramics - Methods of testing monolithic ceramics - Thermomechanical properties - Part 3: Determination of resistance to thermal shock by water quenching - 8/21/2002

prEN 1052-5, Methods of test for masonry - Part 5: Determination of bond strength by the bond wrench method - 8/21/2002, $42.00

prEN 1364-4, Fire resistance tests on non-loadbearing elements - Part 4: Curtain walling - Part configuration - 8/21/2002, $54.00

prEN 1783: 1997/prA1, Matches - Performance requirements, safety and classification - 8/21/2002, $20.00

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prEN ISO 228-1, Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are not made on the threads - Part 1: Dimensions, tolerances and designation (ISO 228-1: 2000) - 8/21/2002, $20.00


prEN ISO 3838 REVIEW, Crude petroleum and liquid or solid petroleum products - Determination of density or relative density - Capillary-stoppered pyknometer and graduated bicapillary pyknometer methods (ISO/DIS 3838: 2002) - 7/21/2002, $20.00

[Additional prENs and standards listed]
The following European drafts have been sent to CEN members for formal vote. If the draft is a proposed adoption of an International Standard, it is so noted.


prEN ISO 1, Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) - Standard reference temperature for geometrical product specifications (ISO/FDIS 1: 2002)


prEN ISO 4142, Laboratory glassware - Test tubes (ISO/DIS 4142: 2002)


European drafts sent for formal vote (for information)

The following European drafts have been sent to CEN members for formal vote. If the draft is a proposed adoption of an International Standard, it is so noted.
Registration of Organization Names in the United States

The Procedures for Registration of Organization Names in the United States of America (document ISSB 989) require that alphanumeric organization names be subject to a 90-day Public Review period prior to registration. For further information, please contact the Registration Coordinator at (212) 642-4975.

The following is a list of alphanumeric organization names that have been submitted to ANSI for registration. Alphanumeric names appearing for the first time are printed in bold type. Names with confidential contact information, as requested by the organization, list only public review dates.

PUBLIC REVIEW

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Proposed Foreign Government Regulations

Call for Comment

U.S. manufacturers, exporters, regulatory agencies and standards developing organizations may be interested in proposed foreign technical regulations issued by members of the World Trade Organization (WTO). In accordance with the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement), members are required to report proposed technical regulations that may significantly affect trade, to the WTO Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland, who in turn disseminates the information to all WTO members. The purpose of this requirement is to provide trading partners with an opportunity to review and comment on the regulation before it becomes final.

To distribute information on these proposed foreign technical regulations, the National Center for Standards and Certification Information (NCSCI), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), provides an on-line service - Export Alert! - that allows interested parties to register and obtain notifications, via e-mail, for countries and industry sectors of interest to them. To register, go to http://ts.nist.gov/ncsci and click on “Export Alert!”.

NCSCI serves as the U.S. WTO TBT inquiry point and receives copies of all notifications, in English, to disseminate to U.S. industry. To obtain copies of the full text of the regulations or for further information, contact NCSCI, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2160, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2160; telephone (301) 975-4040; fax (301) 926-1599, e-mail - ncsci@nist.gov.

NCSCI will also request an extension of the comment period and transmit comments to the issuing foreign agency for consideration.
Information Concerning Accredited Organizations

Reaccreditation

American Welding Society (AWS)

Comment Deadline: May 28, 2002

The American Welding Society (AWS) has submitted revisions to the organizational operating procedures under which it was originally accredited. As the revisions appear to be substantive in nature, the reaccreditation process is initiated.

To obtain a copy of the revised procedures or to offer comments, please contact: Mr. Len Connor, Managing Director, Technical Services Division, American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126; PHONE: (305) 443-9353, ext. 302; FAX: (305) 443-5951; E-mail: lconnor@aws.org. Please submit your comments to AWS by May 28, 2002, with a copy to the Recording Secretary, ExSC, in ANSI's New York Office (FAX: (212) 840-2298; E-mail: Jthompson@ANSI.org). As these revisions have been provided electronically, the public review period is 30 days. You may view or download a copy of the revised AWS procedures from ANSI Online during the public review period at the following URL: http://www.ansi.org/public/library/sd_revise/default.htm.