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1. Scope

1.1 Included

This guideline covers recommendations for the selection, handling and installation of underground single bore rigid nonmetallic conduit (RNC) or raceway for power, lighting, signaling, and communications applications. For the purposes of this guideline, rigid nonmetallic conduit (RNC) or raceway refers to HDPE, PE, PVC or RTRC conduit and duct.

1.2 Excluded

Corrugated coilable utility duct is not covered in this guideline; details on storage, handling, and installation are covered in NEMA TCB-3. Although not specifically mentioned in this standard, variations of the products discussed may occasionally be specified. Users should follow installation recommendations of the manufacturer.

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