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## **Abstract**

This standard covers requirements for copper irreversible compression lugs, inline splices, and taps used in telecommunications systems, including buried connections.

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## 1 Scope, Purpose, & Applications

### 1.1 Scope

This standard covers requirements for copper irreversible compression lugs, inline splices, and taps used in telecommunications systems, including buried connections.

### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to develop telecommunications industry-wide requirements for irreversible crimp compression lugs, inline splices, and taps for use with 14 AWG and larger cable and bus bar; establish minimum quality requirements; establish recommended lug landing patterns, including lug width; and establish barrel size requirements. The standard does not cover irreversible crimp compression terminals for smaller wire sizes.

### 1.3 Applications

This standard is intended to:

- a) Establish minimum pull-out force limits;
- b) Establish some uniformity in the application of covers for taps, splices, and lugs;
- c) Require proper application of dies and tools; and
- d) Inform the user how to ensure they are using properly listed lugs, taps, and splices.

## 2 Normative References

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

[Ref 1] UL 94, *Test for Flammability of Plastic Materials for Parts in Devices and Applications*.<sup>1</sup>

[Ref 2] UL 224, *Extruded Insulating Tubing*.<sup>1</sup>

[Ref 3] UL 467, *Grounding and Bonding Equipment*.<sup>1</sup>

[Ref 4] UL 486A-486B, *Wire Connectors*.<sup>1</sup>

[Ref 5] UL 486C, *Splicing Wire Connectors*.<sup>1</sup>

[Ref 6] ASTM E527, *Standard Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)*.<sup>2</sup>

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