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## Part I General Information

### 1 Scope

This standard provides physical and electrical characteristics of the group of incandescent lamps that have PAR and R bulb shapes. Lamps with clear, frosted, and lens end bulbs, with clear and prescription lenses, and with various reflector coatings are covered. Lamps covered in this standard may contain either of two basic types of light sources: an incandescent filament or a tungsten halogen inner bulb. Sunlamps and heat lamps of the R type are included. Lamps with discharge arc tubes are not included.

Other groups of incandescent lamp standards are affected by this revision. Please see the normative paragraph below referencing C78.20, C78.22, and C78.23.

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ANSI C78.20	<i>American National Standard for Electric Lamps—A, G, PS, and Similar Shapes with E26 Medium Screw Bases</i>
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ANSI C78.30	<i>American National Standard for Electric Lamps—Procedure for Use in Preparation of Lamp Space Drawings</i>
ANSI C78.379	<i>American National Standard for Electric Lamps—Classification of the Beam Patterns of Reflector Lamps</i>
ANSI C78.60360	<i>American National Standard for Electric Lamps—Standard Method of Measurement of Lamp Cap Temperature Rise</i>
ANSI C78.60432.1	<i>American National Standard for Electric Lamps—Incandescent Lamps—Safety Specifications, Part 1: Tungsten Filament Lamps for Domestic and Similar General Lighting Purposes</i>
ANSI C78.60432.2	<i>American National Standard for Electric Lamps—Safety Specifications, Part 2: Tungsten Halogen (TH) Lamps for Domestic and Similar General Lighting Purposes</i>
ANSI C78.79	<i>American National Standard for Electric Lamps—Nomenclature for Envelope Shapes Intended for Use with Electric Lamps</i>
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ANSI C81.63	<i>American National Standard for Gauges for Electric Lamp Bases and Lampholders</i>