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Standard Specification for Structure-Mounted Insulating Work Platforms for Electrical Workers¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the design testing of mechanical and electrical characteristics of structure-mounted insulating work platforms used by electrical workers.

1.2 Platforms covered by this specification are singleworker platforms not exceeding 9 ft (2.75 m) in length. Platforms designed to support more than one worker at a time are beyond the scope of this specification.

1.3 Non-insulating platforms are not within the scope of this specification.

1.4 The use and maintenance of this equipment are beyond the scope of this specification.

1.5 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The SI units given in parentheses are for information only.

1.6 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 9 of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

F711 Specification for Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Rod and Tube Used in Live Line Tools

F819 Terminology Relating to Electrical Protective Equipment for Workers

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*:

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F18 on Electrical Protective Equipment for Workers and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F18.35 on Tools & Equipment.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

3.1.1 Refer to Definitions F819 for definitions of terms specific to this specification.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

3.2.1 *design test*—a type of test made on a sample treated as representative of an industrial product. These tests will not be repeated in quantity production.

3.2.2 *discontinuities*—abrupt changes in surface that may trip an electrical worker or otherwise introduce a hazard to the worker (see 8.1).

3.2.3 *insulating distance*—the distance from the structure attachment point to the beginning of the work area of the platform.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Insulating work platforms covered by this specification are designed to be used by electrical workers in conjunction with personal protective equipment while working on energized circuits. This shall include, but not be limited to:

4.1.1 Insulating gloves with protectors or insulating and insulated hotsticks, or both.

4.1.2 A fall protection device that does not compromise the electrical insulating protection of the platform.

4.2 The test procedures in this specification provide an objective means of determining if a platform meets minimum electrical and mechanical specifications. The methods permit testing of major components of the platform under controlled conditions.

4.3 The test procedures utilize objective criteria for evaluation and may be discontinued at any time defects are found.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders for platforms under this specification should include the following information:

5.1.1 Length,

5.1.2 Pivot or non-pivot attachment, and

5.1.3 Single-point or rail-type attachment for worker.

6. Manufacture and Marking

6.1 Each platform covered by this specification shall be marked clearly and permanently with the maximum working

load in the position used as well as the name of the manufacturer, month and year of assembly, and the ASTM designation.

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