Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable

Ref. NEC Article 336

Code defines non-metallic sheathed cable as, “A factory assembly of two or more insulated conductors having an outer sheath of moisture resistant, flame retardant, non-metallic material.”

Non-metallic sheathed cable is constructed of insulated conductors (14 to 2 AWG Copper or 12 to 2 AWG Aluminum or Copperclad Aluminum), and an outer non-metallic sheath classified as Type NM or Type NMC.

Non-metallic sheathed cable is provided with or without a bare or insulated equipment grounding conductor. Non-metallic sheathed cable is rated for 60° C service with voltage limitation of 600 volts.

Type NM — has flame-retardant moisture resistant sheath.
Type NMC — has flame-retardant, moisture-resistant, fungus-resistant and corrosion-resistant sheath.

Non-metallic sheathed cable is permitted by code to be used exposed or concealed in one, two or multifamily dwellings or other structures not exceeding three floors. Use of Type NM cable is restricted to dry locations where as Type NMC can be used in dry, moist, damp or corrosive environments.

Non-metallic sheathed cable (both Type NM & NMC) is not permitted to be used as a service conductor, in commercial garages, in hoists or cannot be embedded in cement, concrete or aggregate. With minor exceptions use of non-metallic sheathed cable is also prohibited in theaters or any hazardous locations.

NEC Section 336-5 requires that cable be secured in place by suitable means so as not to injure the cable. Adequate protection for cable is also required when run is exposed, through joists or rafters, through floors, in unfinished basements and accessible attics.

Cable bends are limited to a minimum of five times the diameter of the cable.

NEC 300-4(b) requires that cable be protected from physical damage when it passes through factory or field punched, cut or drilled holes in metal members. A bushing or grommet firmly secured in place is recommended.

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Please refer to the following for further details and complete information:
1. NEC Article 336…Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable (Type NM & NMC)
2. NEC Article 300…Wiring Methods
3. UL 719, ANSI C33.56…Safety Standards for Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable
4. UL 514B, Safety Standards for Outlet Boxes and Fittings
5. NEMA FB-1…Standards Publication. Fittings and Supports for Conduit and Cable Assemblies
6. CEC Section 12-600…Wiring methods (Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable)
7. CSA C22.2 No. 48…Safety Standards for Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable
8. CSA C22.2 No. 18…Safety Standards for Outlet Boxes, Conduit Boxes and Fittings
Suggested Specifications for Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable

- Where non-metallic sheathed cable or flexible cord terminates into a threaded or threadless opening, terminating fittings used shall be approved for the purpose by nationally recognized laboratory, inspection agency or product evaluation organization.

- Terminating fittings shall be of malleable iron, steel or thermoplastic construction designed to provide adequate strain relief and positively prevent damage to jacket or conductor insulation such as series 3300 or 3302M manufactured by Thomas & Betts.

  Ferrous metal fittings shall be electro zinc plated inside/outside including threads and bushed with a nylon insulated throat.

  Thermoplastic material used for connector construction shall be of high impact strength suitable for 105° C/221° F service with a UL flammability rating of 94V-1.

- Where non-metallic sheathed cable passes through either factory or field punched, cut or drilled holes in metallic members, the cable shall be protected by thermoplastic bushing such as series 3210 manufactured by Thomas & Betts. Bushing shall be firmly secured in opening. Nylon bushed metallic fittings such as Thomas & Betts series 1942 may be substituted as required.
Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable Fittings

Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable and Flexible Cord Connectors (All Plastic)

**Application**
- To connect non-metallic sheathed cable and flexible cord to a box or an enclosure

**Features**
- Design provides strain relief by partially deflecting cable (A); therefore:
  1. Connector will not damage outer covering or jacket of cable, or conductor insulation; designed to give safe trouble free installation
  2. Holding power and cable strain relief are not affected by surface finish of outer covering or cable jacket
  3. Connector provides superior holding power far in excess of listing agency requirements
- Snap-in one piece design; accommodates variation in knockout dimensions, saves installation time (B).
- All high-impact thermoplastic construction provides:
  1. Insulated throat; conductors are protected from abrasion
  2. Improved dielectric strength, and eliminates potential shorts
  3. Corrosion resistance

**Standard Material**
All high-impact polycarbonate — UL Class 94V-1 suitable for 105° C application

**Standard Finish**
As molded

**Listed/Certified by**
UL (UL File No: E-23017)
CSA (Cat. #3201, 3350) for factory installation (LR-589, LR-2884)

**Conforms to**
UL 514B
CSA C22.2 #18 (Where applicable)
ANSI C33.84, NFPA 70

**No locknut required!**

**Snap-In Connector for Flexible Metal Conduit**
- No special tools required
- High-impact polycarbonate construction with steel insert

**Typical Installation**
1. Remove sheath from end of cable (4” or more as required); insert cable through connector as shown (Cable under button).
2. Insert button into cavity.
3. With grooved pliers, or parallel jaw type pliers (commercially available) squeeze button into cord or wires as far into connector body as possible.
   **NOTE:** It may be necessary to re-adjust pliers to ensure button is properly installed.
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**UL 94-V1**
CSA File No. 0589

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Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable Fittings

Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable & Flexible Cord Connectors (Steel)

Application
• To connect non-metallic sheathed cable and flexible cord to a box or an enclosure

Features
• Rugged all-steel/malleable iron construction (A)
• Rounded cable clamp grip provides superior mechanical holding power without damaging conductor insulation or outer jacket (B)
• Clamp designed to cover body opening for a neat and safe installation
• Screws thread into clamp and not body; screw heads are snug with body and ends of screws do not project beyond the body (C)
• Insulator firmly secured in place protects conductors and reduces wire pulling effort; protects threads from damaging during handling (D)
• Locknut designed to secure connector to a box or enclosure; will not vibrate loose

Standard Material
Body . . . . . . . . . . . 1⁄2” thru 1” Steel; 1 1⁄4” thru 2” Malleable Iron
Clamp . . . . . . . . 1⁄2” thru 1 1⁄4” Steel; 1 1⁄4” thru 2” Malleable Iron
Locknut . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . All Steel
Insulator . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thermoplastic

Standard Finish
All steel and malleable iron parts — Electro Zinc Plated & Chromate Coated

Range
Hub Size . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1⁄2” thru 2” Hubs provided with straight pipe threads (NPS.)
Cable . . . . . . . . . . . 2 #14 thru 4 #4 Type NM
Cable Outside Diameter . . . . . . .250” to 1.150”

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CSA (LR-589, LR-2884)

Conforms to
UL 514B
CSA C22.2 No. 18
NFPA 70
NEMA FB1
Federal Standard H-28 (Threads)
Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable Fittings

Steel or malleable iron.

Two-Screw Connectors

Rounded cable grip and smooth bushing protect the cable sheath and wire insulation. Because saddle is threaded, screws do not travel or extend beyond the connector body as it is clamped to the cable. An extra lip on the saddle closes the unused part of the connector opening.

- Threaded saddle means screws don’t travel or extend beyond connector body as it’s clamped to cable
- Extra lip on saddle closes unused part of connector opening
- Steel or malleable iron construction
- Look for the unique T&B blue color ensuring the highest quality fitting

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*UL Listed for use with rubber and thermoplastic flexible cords (both single and multiple cords and 2 oval cables).
†Not UL Listed or CSA certified.
UL Listed for multiple cords and cables.
CSA File No. 2884
UL File No. E-23003 – 1⁄4" – 11⁄2"; UL File No. E-15170 – 2"