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NEMA, UL, and CSA are standard writing organizations commonly recognized in North America. Their ratings are based on similar application descriptions and expected performance. UL and CSA both require enclosure testing by qualified evaluators. They also send site

inspectors to make sure a manufacturer adheres to prescribed manufacturing methods and material specifications. NEMA, on the other hand, does not require independent testing and leaves compliance completely up to the manufacturer.

Enclosure Types Non-Hazardous Location

Enclosure Rating	NEMA National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA Standard 250) and Electrical and Electronic Mfg. Association of Canada (EEMAC)	 Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL 50 and UL 508)	 Canadian Standards Association (Standard C22.2 No. 94)
Type 1	Enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against contact with the enclosed equipment or locations where unusual service conditions do not exist.	Indoor use primarily to provide protection against contact with the enclosed equipment and against a limited amount of falling dirt.	General purpose enclosure. Protects against accidental contact with live parts.
Type 2	Enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling water and dirt.	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling water and dirt. falling dirt.	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dripping and light splashing of noncorrosive liquids and
Type 3	Enclosures are intended for outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust, rain, and sleet; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure.	Outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust and windblown rain; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure.	Indoor or outdoor use; provides a degree of protection against rain, snow, and windblown dust; undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure.
Type 3R	Enclosures are intended for outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against falling rain and sleet; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure.	Outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against falling rain; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure.	Indoor or outdoor use; provides a degree of protection against rain and snow; undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure.
Type 4	Enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust and rain, splashing water, and hose directed water; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure.	Either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against falling rain, splashing water, and hose-directed water; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure. formation of ice on the enclosure.	Indoor or outdoor use; provides a degree of protection against rain, snow, windblown dust, splashing and hose-directed water; undamaged by the external
Type 4X	Enclosures are intended for indoor or outdoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against corrosion, windblown dust and rain, splashing water, and hose-directed water; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure.	Either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against falling rain, splashing water, and hose-directed water; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure; resists corrosion.	Indoor or outdoor use; provides a degree of protection against rain, snow, windblown dust, splashing and hose-directed water; undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure; resists corrosion.
Type 6	Enclosures are intended for use indoors or outdoors where occasional submersion is encountered. limited depth; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure. of ice on the enclosure; resists corrosion.	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against entry of water during temporary submersion at a at a limited depth; undamaged by the external formation	Indoor or outdoor use; provides a degree of protection against the entry of water during temporary submersion
Type 12	Enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against dust, falling dirt, and dripping noncorrosive liquids.	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dust, dirt, fiber flyings, dripping water, and external condensation of noncorrosive liquids.	Indoor use; provides a degree of protection against circulating dust, lint, fibers, and flyings; dripping and light splashing of non-corrosive liquids; not provided with knockouts.
Type 13	Enclosures are intended for indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against dust, spraying of water, oil, and noncorrosive coolant.	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against lint, dust seepage, external condensation and spraying of water, oil, and noncorrosive liquids.	Indoor use; provides a degree of protection against circulating dust, lint, fibers, and flyings; seepage and spraying of non-corrosive liquids, including oils and coolants

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