

supported by the trade size raceway it is designed to accept and a reducing bushing is not used.

*Exception:* The following wiring methods shall be permitted to support a conduit body of any size, including a conduit body constructed with only one conduit entry, provided that the trade size of the conduit body is not larger than the largest trade size of the conduit or tubing:

- (1) Intermediate metal conduit, IMC
- (2) Rigid metal conduit, RMC
- (3) Rigid polyvinyl chloride conduit, PVC
- (4) Reinforced thermosetting resin conduit, RTRC
- (5) Electrical metallic tubing, EMT

**(F) Raceway-Supported Enclosures, with Devices, Luminaires, or Lampholders.** An enclosure that contains a device(s), other than splicing devices, or supports a luminaire(s), a lampholder, or other equipment and is supported by entering raceways shall not exceed 1650 cm<sup>3</sup> (100 in.<sup>3</sup>) in size. It shall have threaded entries or identified hubs. It shall be supported by two or more conduits threaded wrenchtight into the enclosure or hubs. Each conduit shall be secured within 450 mm (18 in.) of the enclosure.

*Exception No. 1:* Rigid metal or intermediate metal conduit shall be permitted to support a conduit body of any size, including a conduit body constructed with only one conduit entry, provided the trade size of the conduit body is not larger than the largest trade size of the conduit.

*Exception No. 2:* An unbroken length(s) of rigid or intermediate metal conduit shall be permitted to support a box used for luminaire or lampholder support, or to support a wiring enclosure that is an integral part of a luminaire and used in lieu of a box in accordance with 300.15(B), where all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The conduit is securely fastened at a point so that the length of conduit beyond the last point of conduit support does not exceed 900 mm (3 ft).
- (2) The unbroken conduit length before the last point of conduit support is 300 mm (12 in.) or greater, and that portion of the conduit is securely fastened at some point not less than 300 mm (12 in.) from its last point of support.
- (3) Where accessible to unqualified persons, the luminaire or lampholder, measured to its lowest point, is at least 2.5 m (8 ft) above grade or standing area and at least 900 mm (3 ft) measured horizontally to the 2.5 m (8 ft) elevation from windows, doors, porches, fire escapes, or similar locations.
- (4) A luminaire supported by a single conduit does not exceed 300 mm (12 in.) in any direction from the point of conduit entry.
- (5) The weight supported by any single conduit does not exceed 9 kg (20 lb).
- (6) At the luminaire or lampholder end, the conduit(s) is threaded wrenchtight into the box, conduit body, integral

wiring enclosure, or identified hubs. Where a box or conduit body is used for support, the luminaire shall be secured directly to the box or conduit body, or through a threaded conduit nipple not over 75 mm (3 in.) long.

**(G) Enclosures in Concrete or Masonry.** An enclosure supported by embedment shall be identified as suitably protected from corrosion and securely embedded in concrete or masonry.

Boxes are permitted to be embedded in masonry or concrete, provided they are rigid and secure. Corrosion protection is required due to the corrosive effects of concrete. Exhibit 314.7 shows a galvanized box installed in a brick wall. Additional support is not required.

**(H) Pendant Boxes.** An enclosure supported by a pendant shall comply with 314.23(H)(1) or (H)(2).

**(1) Flexible Cord.** A box shall be supported from a multiconductor cord or cable in an approved manner that protects the conductors against strain. A connection to a box equipped with a hub shall be made with a listed cord grip attachment fitting marked for use with a threaded hub.

**(2) Conduit.** A box supporting lampholders or luminaires, or wiring enclosures within luminaires used in lieu of boxes in accordance with 300.15(B), shall be supported by rigid or intermediate metal conduit stems. For stems longer than 450 mm (18 in.), the stems shall be connected to the wiring system with listed swivel hangers suitable for the location. At the luminaire end, the conduit(s) shall be threaded wrenchtight into the box, wiring enclosure, or identified hubs.

Where supported by only a single conduit, the threaded joints shall be prevented from loosening by the use of set-screws or other effective means, or the luminaire, at any point, shall be at least 2.5 m (8 ft) above grade or standing area and at least



**EXHIBIT 314.7** A galvanized box installed in a brick wall. (Courtesy of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors)