Informational Note: Types NM and NMC cable identified by the markings NM-B and NMC-B meet this requirement.

334.116 Sheath. The outer sheath of nonmetallic-sheathed cable shall comply with 334.116(A) and (B).

(A) Type NM. The overall covering shall be flame retardant and moisture resistant.

(B) Type NMC. The overall covering shall be flame retardant, moisture resistant, fungus resistant, and corrosion resistant.

ARTICLE

N 335 Instrumentation Tray Cable: Type ITC

N 335.1 Scope. This article covers the use, installation, and construction specifications of instrumentation tray cable (Type ITC) for application to instrumentation and control circuits operating at 150 volts or less and 5 amperes or less.

Former Article 727 has been relocated to new Article 335, Instrumentation Tray Cable: Type ITC. The committee felt this article covers a wiring method type that is better suited to be in Chapter 3, which covers wiring methods and materials. Article 335 permits an alternate wiring method for circuits that do not exceed 5 amperes and 150 volts. Instrumentation tray cable is particularly suited for instrumentation circuits in industrial establishments where qualified persons perform service and maintenance.

N 335.3 Other Articles. In addition to the provisions of this article, installation of Type ITC cable shall comply with other applicable articles of this *Code*.

N 335.4 Uses Permitted. Type ITC cable shall be permitted to be used as follows in industrial establishments where the conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that only qualified persons service the installation:

(1) In cable trays.
(2) In raceways.
(3) In hazardous locations as permitted in 501.10, 502.10, 503.10, 504.20, 504.30, 504.80, and 505.15.
(4) Enclosed in a smooth metallic sheath, continuous corrugated metallic sheath, or interlocking tape armor applied over the nonmetallic sheath in accordance with 335.6. The cable shall be supported and secured at intervals not exceeding 1.8 m (6 ft).
(5) Cable, without a metallic sheath or armor, that complies with the crush and impact requirements of Type MC cable and is identified for such use with the marking *ITC-ER* shall be permitted to be installed exposed. The cable shall be continuously supported and protected against physical damage using mechanical protection such as dedicated struts, angles, or channels. The cable shall be secured at intervals not exceeding 1.8 m (6 ft).

Exception to (5): Where not subject to physical damage, Type ITC-ER shall be permitted to transition between cable trays and between cable trays and utilization equipment or devices for a distance not to exceed 1.8 m (6 ft) without continuous support. The cable shall be mechanically supported where exiting the cable tray to ensure that the minimum bending radius is not exceeded.

(6) As aerial cable on a messenger.
(7) Direct buried where identified for the use.
(8) Under raised floors in rooms containing industrial process control equipment and rack rooms where arranged to prevent damage to the cable.
(9) Under raised floors in information technology equipment rooms in accordance with 645.5(E)(2).

N 335.5 Uses Not Permitted. Type ITC cable shall not be installed on circuits operating at more than 150 volts or more than 5 amperes.

Installation of Type ITC cable with other cables shall be subject to the stated requirements of the specific articles for the other cables. Where the governing articles do not contain stated requirements for installation with Type ITC cable, the installation of Type ITC cable with the other cables shall not be permitted.

Type ITC cable shall not be installed with power, lighting, Class 1 circuits that are not power limited, or non–power-limited circuits.

Exception No. 1: Where terminated within equipment or junction boxes and separations are maintained by insulating barriers or other means.

Exception No. 2: Where a metallic sheath or armor is applied over the nonmetallic sheath of the Type ITC cable.

N 335.6 Construction. The insulated conductors of Type ITC cable shall be in sizes 22 AWG through 12 AWG. The conductor material shall be copper or thermocouple alloy. Insulation on the conductors shall be rated for 300 volts. Shielding shall be permitted.

The cable shall be listed as being resistant to the spread of fire. The outer jacket shall be sunlight and moisture resistant.

Where a smooth metallic sheath, continuous corrugated metallic sheath, or interlocking tape armor is applied over the nonmetallic sheath, an overall nonmetallic jacket shall not be required.

Informational Note: One method of defining *resistant to the spread of fire* is that the cables do not spread fire to the top of the tray in the UL flame exposure, vertical tray flame test in ANSI/UL 1685-2010, *Vertical-Tray Fire-Propagation and Smoke-Release Test for Electrical and Optical-Fiber Cables*. The smoke measurements in the test method are not applicable.

Another method of defining *resistant to the spread of fire* is for the damage (char length) not to exceed 1.5 m (4 ft 11 in.) when performing the CSA vertical flame test — cables in cable trays, as described in CSA C22.2 No. 0.3-M-2001, *Test Methods for Electrical Wires and Cables*.