

Structures: General Requirements

1. PURPOSE

This specification covers the structural requirements for 30"(W) x 48"(L) x 18"(H) (nominal dimensions) **non-concrete** enclosures.


2. GENERAL

1. The enclosure shall be constructed per the latest edition of the Western Underground Committee Guide 3.6 (WUCG 3.6) for non-concrete enclosures, except as modified here within.
2. Enclosures must comply with all of the test provisions of the latest version of ANSI/SCTE 77 "Specification for Underground Integrity" for TIER 22 design and test loading.
3. All construction work is subject to inspection and testing by NVE. If the enclosure does not meet all of the requirements or exhibits poor workmanship, the NVE field inspector shall reject it.
4. All parts exposed to the sun shall be made from an ultraviolet resistant material.
5. Cover shall not be concave or have stiffeners (ribs) at the bottom.
6. Under normal backfilling and tamping around the enclosure, the box section shall not become deformed.
7. Points 2.6 and 2.10 from WUCG 3.6 change context to: "Covers and boxes shall conform to the dimensions shown on the drawings in NVE ESR Standard RS-80B".
8. Points 2.14 and 2.15 from WUCG 3.6 do not apply to enclosures manufactured under this specification.

3. TESTING

1. New supplier shall provide a test report performed by independent laboratory. The tested enclosure and cover shall meet or exceed Tier 22 loadings set forth in the American National Standard Institute's ANSI/SCTE 77 2007 "Specification for Underground Enclosure Integrity".
2. Two enclosures shall be selected randomly and tested annually for the structural requirements by a Nevada State Certified Laboratory. The supplier is responsible for finding a testing laboratory and covering all expenses. The test shall be performed in the first quarter of each year. NVE T&D Standards personnel may observe these tests.
3. A copy of the certified test shall be sent no later than April 1 each year to:

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T & D Standards Department
P.O. Box 98910, M/SB 19AM
Las Vegas, Nevada 89151-0001
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4. FINISH

1. The enclosure wall shall be straight, free of depressions, bumps or other irregularities and have a flange at the base. The enclosure shall be free of cracks, chips, etc.
2. The top of the cover shall be true, even, and level with a non-skid surface. Finished surface variations shall not exceed 1/8" in 2 feet measured with a straight edge in any direction. Also, the cover shall have two slots, each with a lifting bar, free of any manufacturer pouring remains.
3. The supplier logo and the word 'ELECTRIC' shall be embossed in the top of the cover.
4. The manufacturing date (month, day and year) shall be marked with paint on the bottom surface of the cover and on the inside of the box.
5. The vertical gap between the top of the box and the top of the cover shall not exceed 1/8" in any point.
6. The cover and exposed portions of the box shall be the same color, and similar in color to concrete used for sidewalks.

5. WARRANTY

1. For the first five years and within 14 days of notification, the supplier shall correct any product defect, at the expense of the supplier. When notified to repair 10 units or more, the supplier shall be granted 14 days per 10 units of repair time.
2. NVE reserves the right to require immediate repairs when, in NVE's opinion, there is a danger to the public.
3. If a material defect within the five-year period necessitates the item's replacement, the supplier shall be responsible for all labor and material costs incurred. These costs shall include but are not limited to the following; de-energize (if applicable), remove electrical apparatus/equipment, remove the defective item, re- excavate, deliver and place the new item, level, grout, backfill, restore site, replace the electrical apparatus/equipment, terminate the cables, and energize.

NVE reserves the right to designate a qualified contractor, to perform the work described above, to best meet scheduling requirements.

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