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Fixed electric storage water heaters

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Foreword

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1 Scope

1.1 This standard specifies the characteristics of thermostatically controlled fixed electric storage water heaters intended for indoor and outdoor domestic use and for operation on a.c. supplies at voltages not exceeding 250 V for single-phase and 480 V for other appliances.

1.2 This standard is applicable to fixed electric storage water heaters used in conjunction with collectors for solar water heating.

1.3 This standard is applicable to fixed electric storage water heaters that are used in conjunction with a heat pump; and the heat pump and container comprise one integral unit.

1.4 This standard is also applicable to non-electric storage water heaters that may be coupled to heat pumps, solar collectors or gas burners.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies. Information on currently valid national and international standards can be obtained from the SABS.

ASTM B843-13, Standard specification for magnesium alloy anodes for cathodic protection.


ASTM G154-16, Standard practice for operating fluorescent ultraviolet (UV) lamp apparatus for exposure of nonmetallic materials.


