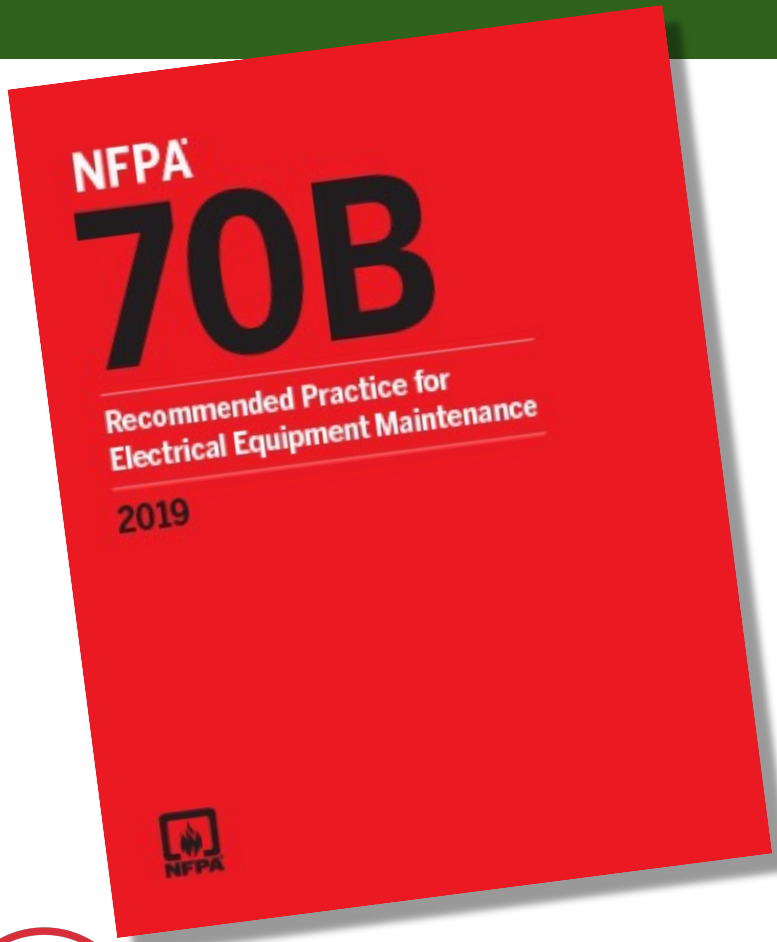


NFPA 70B: The Next Evolution

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Recommended Practice



- The first edition was 1975.
(15 revisions since then)
- The current edition is 2019.
- The next edition will be 2023.



NFPA 70B: Where Is It Going?

- Next edition will be a Standard.
- NFPA Correlating Committee asked the 70B Technical Committee to consider revising to a Standard



NFPA 70B: Where Is It Going?

- Technical Committee held two meetings to discuss, Boston and Nashville.
- Nashville meeting carried the vote



NFPA 70B: Where Is It Going?

- Technical Committee voted to move directly to a Standard.
 - Adopted a modified schedule for next release.



NFPA 70B: Where Is It Going?

- Current version is written more like a Guide than a Recommended Practice.
 - Explanatory text mixed in with normative text.



NFPA 70B: Where Is It Going?

- NFPA Recognizes 4 distinct writing styles:
 1. **Guide**
 2. **Recommended Practice**
 3. **Standard**
 4. **Code**



The NFPA Manual of Style

1. Guide

- Uses advisory or informative language to establish a body of knowledge on a particular subject
- Contains multiple sentences per division and is permitted to be explanatory in nature



The NFPA Manual of Style

2. Recommended Practice

- Uses nonmandatory language to establish recommendations
- Contains a single, complete sentence per division.



The NFPA Manual of Style

2. Recommended Practice

- ...complete sentence with a practical, stand-alone recommendation that uses **“should,” “should not,” “should be permitted to,”** or **“should not be permitted to”** ...



The NFPA Manual of Style

3. Standard

- Uses mandatory language, suitable for adoption by reference, to establish minimum requirements.
- Contains a single, complete sentence per division.



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3. Standard

- ...complete sentence with a practical, stand-alone recommendation that uses **“should,” “should not,” “should be permitted to,”** or **“should not be permitted to”**...



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4. Code

- Uses mandatory language, suitable for direct legal adoption, to establish minimum requirements
- Contains a single, complete sentence per division.



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4. Code

- ...complete sentence with an enforceable stand-alone requirement that uses **“shall,” “shall not,” “shall be permitted to,”** or **“shall not be permitted to”**...



NFPA 70B: Where Is It Going?

- Removes all informative text and follows the NFPA *Manual of Style for a Standard*



NFPA 70B: Where Is It Going?

- Several year process
Monthly and then bi-weekly
- 1st Public review/comment closed January '20.
- First draft report was October '20.
2nd Public comment closed February '21.



NFPA 70B: Where Is It Going?

- Technical Committee NITMAM* date is November 30, 2022

***NOTICE OF INTENT TO MAKE A MOTION**



NFPA 70B: Where Is It Going?

- Technical Committee NITMAM
 - *Printed and published after this date*
 - *NFPA 70B will then be “Standard for Electrical Equipment Maintenance”*
 - *2023 Release*



NFPA 70B: What Changed?

- Everything changed!
- Layout and format is all new
 - 707 Public Inputs (PI)
 - Address and vote on each one
 - Broken out into each task groups responsibility



NFPA 70B: What Changed?

- Chapters were deleted, moved, combined, and revised
- Some names of chapters changed
- Annexes were deleted, moved, and revised.



New Layout

- Chapters 1 – 25
- Annex A now becomes the vessel in which all informative content from the chapters now resides.



New Layout

Chapter Scope

Frequency of Maintenance

Periodic Maintenance Procedures

Visual Inspection (Table)



New Layout

Cleaning

Lubrication

Mechanical Servicing (Table)

Electrical Testing (Table)

Special



Old Layout for Reference

Chapter 6 Planning and Developing an Electrical Preventive Maintenance (EPM) Program

6.1 Introduction.

6.1.1 The purpose of an EPM program is to reduce hazard to life and property resulting from the failure or malfunction of electrical systems and equipment. This chapter explains the planning and development considerations that can be used to establish such a program.



Excerpt from Chapter 5

5.2 Electrical Maintenance Program (EMP).

5.2.1 General. The equipment owner shall implement and document an overall EMP that directs activity appropriate to the safety and operational risks.



1. Administration		14. Power Cables	
2. Referenced Publications		15. Grounding	
3. Definitions		16. Overcurrent Protection Devices	
4. Personnel Safety		17. Ground-Fault Protection	
5. General Recommendations	New	18. Cable Tray	
6. System Studies		19. Electronic Equipment	
7. General Test Methods		20. Lighting	
8. Hazardous Location Equipment		21. Portable Electric Tools & Equipment	
9. Maintenance Intervals		22. UPS Systems	
10. Power and Distribution Transformers		23. Motor Control Equipment	
11. Substations and Switchgear		24. Rotation Equipment and Vibration	
12. Panels, Panelboards, Switchboards	New	25. Alternative Energy Systems	
13. Wiring Devices			ANNEX A

Revised

Opportunities

- Become an expert for your clients
 - Get into 70B and learn it
 - Learn the requirements for an EMP
- You don't have to know every test method for every piece of equipment



Opportunities

- Don't sell individual testing methods!
- Provide your client with solutions to be compliant with 70B!



Opportunities

- Tie it into NFPA 70E!
 - 70E references 70B by name
- Required element of an electrical safety program



NFPA 70E 110.5 Electrical Safety Program

- **110.5 (C) Condition of Maintenance**

The electrical safety program shall include elements that consider condition of maintenance of electrical equipment and systems.



Risk Assessment

- 130.4 Shock Risk Assessment
- (B)(2)...the electrical equipment operating condition and the condition of maintenance.



70E & 70B

- These two documents are meant to be intertwined and used together
- To have a successful safety program, you must perform maintenance!



70E & 70B

- The more you can get away from selling individual maintenance tests, the more successful you'll be with 70E and 70B
- Sell 'Compliance'



70E & 70B

- There are 6 steps to being compliant with 70E
- Three of those steps are...
 - Electrical safety program
 - Train employees
 - Perform electrical maintenance



Questions

Any questions?

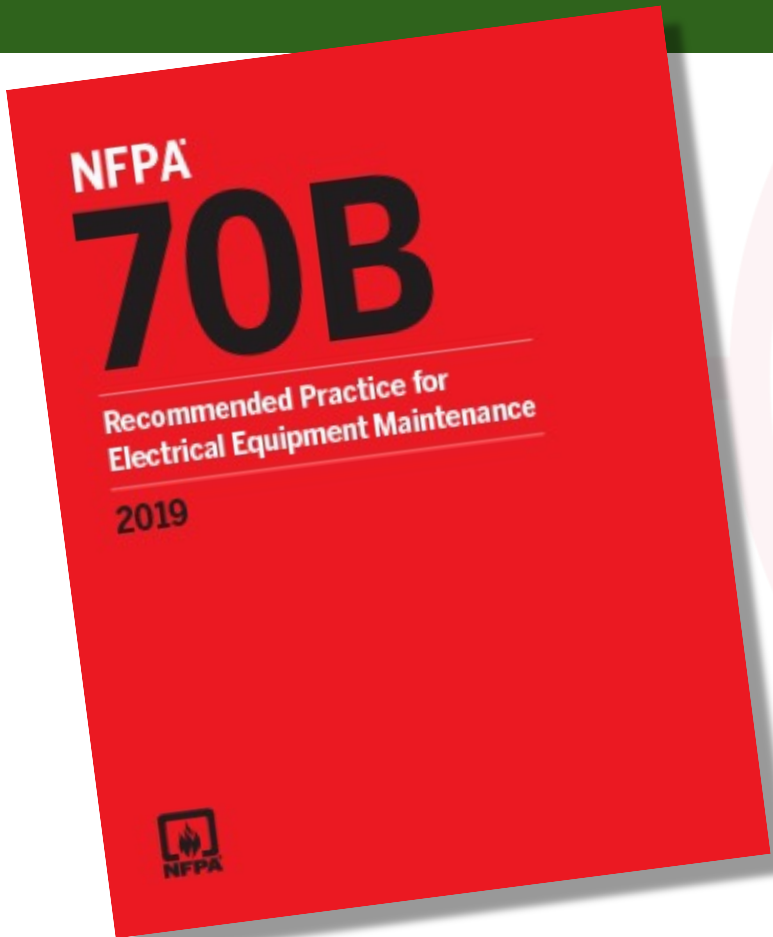


Final Thought

Never Stop Learning!



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