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2018 Edition

This edition of NFPA 2112, *Standard on Flame-Resistant Clothing for Protection of Industrial Personnel Against Short-Duration Thermal Exposures from Fire*, was prepared by the Technical Committee on Flash Fire Protective Garments and acted on by NFPA at its June Association Technical Meeting held June 4–7, 2017, in Boston, MA. It was issued by the Standards Council on August 17, 2017, with an effective date of September 6, 2017, and supersedes all previous editions.

This edition of NFPA 2112 was approved as an American National Standard on September 6, 2017.

Origin and Development of NFPA 2112

The NFPA Standards Council established the Technical Committee on Flash Fire Protective Garments in 1998. Between February and August of 1999, the technical committee developed two draft standards: NFPA 2112 and NFPA 2113, *Standard on Selection, Care, Use, and Maintenance of Flame-Resistant Garments for Protection of Industrial Personnel Against Flash Fire*, which were then released for public proposals and comments. NFPA 2112 specifies the minimum design, performance, certification requirements, and test methods for flame-resistant garments for use in areas at risk from flash fires. The first editions of NFPA 2112 and NFPA 2113 were approved by the NFPA membership at the May 2001 NFPA World Fire Safety Congress and were issued by the Standards Council in July 2001.

The 2007 edition revised the scope to clarify that the standard applies to the performance of fabrics and components of garments and not the garment itself. The scope was also modified to indicate that NFPA 2112 does not apply to single-use or limited-use garments. The committee pursued the development of separate documents to address the design, testing, certification, selection, and use of those garments. This revision also incorporated updates to reference test methods and the method for calculating total heat flux.

The 2012 edition updated the term *thermal protective performance* to *heat transfer performance* and incorporated ASTM F2700, *Standard Test Method for Unsteady-State Heat Transfer Evaluation of Flame Resistant Materials for Clothing with Continuous Heating*, as the test method. The test method previously shown in the standard was removed, because it duplicated the ASTM F2700 method. A definition for *cold weather insulation material* and testing requirements were added to ensure that garments incorporating such insulation material are properly tested and certified. The 2012 edition clarified certain aspects of the laundering requirements to prevent the presence of residual detergent during testing.

For the 2018 edition, the technical committee has refined the term *flash fire* to *short duration thermal exposure from fire*, which is a more descriptive term for the hazard that the standards address. Revisions have been made to change the terms. The term *inherent flame resistance* also has been added to the standard from NFPA 1971, *Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting*.

New garments have been added to the standard, including shrouds/hoods/balaclavas as one item, and gloves. Shrouds/hoods/balaclavas have been defined to cover those items intended to protect the head and/or neck. Gloves have been defined as garments designed to protect the hands and wrist. For now, the technical committee has decided to include only performance and construction requirements for these garments without an ASTM F1930, *Standard Test Method for Evaluation of Flame Resistant Clothing for Protection Against Fire Simulations Using an Instrumented Manikin*,