



Tentative Interim Amendment

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## National Electrical Code<sup>®</sup>

### 2020 Edition

**Reference:** Annex D3  
**TIA 20-6**  
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**Note:** Text of the TIA was issued and approved for incorporation into the document prior to printing.

1. Revise Annex Example D3 to read as follows:

#### Example D3 Store Building

A store ~~50~~80 ft by 60 ft, or ~~3000~~4,800 ft<sup>2</sup>, has 30 ft of show window. There are a total of 80 duplex receptacles. The service is 120/240 V, single phase 3-wire service. Actual connected lighting load is ~~8500~~7,000 VA, all of which for this example is considered continuous. All calculations are rounded up or down as permitted in 220.5(B).

*Calculated Load*  
(see 220.40)

#### Noncontinuous Loads

Receptacle Load (see 220.44)

80 receptacles at 180 VA

14,400 VA

10,000 VA at 100%

10,000 VA

14,400 VA - 10,000 VA = 4,400 VA at 50%

2,200 VA

Subtotal 12,200 VA

#### Continuous Loads

General Lighting\*

~~3000~~4,800 ft<sup>2</sup> at ~~3~~1.9 VA/ft<sup>2</sup>

~~9,000~~ 9,120 VA

Show Window Lighting Load

30 ft at 200 VA/ft [see 220.14(G)]

6,000 VA

Outside Sign Circuit [see 220.14(F)]

1,200 VA

Subtotal 16,20016,320 VA

Subtotal from noncontinuous 12,200 VA

Total noncontinuous loads +

continuous loads =

~~28,400~~28,520 VA

\*In the example, the actual connected lighting load at 125% (~~8500~~7,000 × 1.25 VA) is less than the load from Table 220.12, so the required minimum lighting load from Table 220.12 is used in the calculation. Had the actual lighting load × 125% been greater than the value calculated from Table 220.12, the actual connected lighting load would have been used.

*Minimum Number of Branch Circuits Required*

General Lighting: Branch circuits need only be installed to supply the actual connected load [see 210.11(B)].

$$\cancel{8500} - 7,000 \text{ VA} \times 1.25 = \cancel{10,625} - 8,750 \text{ VA}$$

$$\cancel{10,625} - 8,750 \text{ VA} \div 240 \text{ V} = \cancel{44} - 36.45 \text{ A for 3-wire, 120/240 V}$$

$$\cancel{8,750} \text{ VA} \div 120 \text{ V} = \cancel{72.92} \text{ A}$$

The lighting load would be permitted to be served by 2-wire or 3-wire, 15- or 20-A circuits with combined capacity equal to  $\cancel{44} - 36$  A or greater for 3-wire circuits or  $\cancel{88} - 73$  A or greater for 2-wire circuits. The feeder capacity as well as the number of branch-circuit positions available for lighting circuits in the panelboard must reflect the full calculated load of  $\cancel{9000} - \text{VA} \times 1.25 = \cancel{11,250} - 9,120$  VA. Lighting loads from Table 220.12 already include 125% for continuous load. See note at bottom of Table 220.12.

#### Show Window

$$6,000 \text{ VA} \times 1.25 = 7,500 \text{ VA}$$

$$7,500 \text{ VA} \div 240 \text{ V} = 31.25 \text{ A for 3-wire, 120/240 V}$$

$$\cancel{7,500} \text{ VA} \div 120 \text{ V} = \cancel{62.5} \text{ A for 2-wire, 120 V}$$

The show window lighting is permitted to be served by 2-wire or 3-wire circuits with a capacity equal to 31 A or greater for 3-wire circuits or  $\cancel{62} - 63$  A or greater for 2-wire circuits.

Receptacles required by 210.62 are assumed to be included in the receptacle load above if these receptacles do not supply the show window lighting load.

#### Receptacles

Receptacle Load:

$$14,400 \text{ VA} \div 240 \text{ V} = 60 \text{ A for 3-wire, 120/240 V}$$

$$\cancel{14,400} \text{ VA} \div 120 \text{ V} = \cancel{120} \text{ A for 3-wire, 120/240 V}$$

The receptacle load would be permitted to be served by 2-wire or 3-wire circuits with a capacity equal to 60 A or greater for 3-wire circuits or 120 A or greater for 2-wire circuits.

#### Minimum Size Feeder (or Service) Overcurrent Protection (see 215.3 or 230.90)

Subtotal noncontinuous loads	12,200 VA
Subtotal continuous loads <u>not from Table 220.12</u> at 125% ( $\cancel{16,200} - 7,200 \text{ VA} \times 1.25$ ) <u>(sign and show window)</u>	$\cancel{20,250} - 9,000 \text{ VA}$
<u>Subtotal of calculated continuous loads with 125% already included</u> <del>Total</del>	$\cancel{32,450} - 9,120 \text{ VA}$
Total	<u>30,320 VA</u>

$$\cancel{32,450} - 30,320 \text{ VA} \div 240 \text{ V} = \cancel{135} - 126 \text{ A}$$

The next higher standard size is 150 A (see 240.6).

#### Minimum Size Feeders (or Service Conductors) Required (see 215.2, 230.42(A))

For 120/240 V, 3-wire system,

$\cancel{32,450} - 30,320 \text{ VA} \div 240 \text{ V} = \cancel{135} - 126 \text{ A}$  Service or feeder conductor is ~~1/0~~ 1 AWG Cu in accordance with 215.3 and Table 310.16 (with 75°C terminations).

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