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## ANALYSIS OF NEC ®

2017 Code Changes: Article Section 406.2 Definitions  
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**Outlet Box Hood.** A housing shield intended to fit over a faceplate for flush-mounted wiring devices, or an integral component of an outlet box, or a faceplate or flush mounted wiring devices. The hood does not serve to complete the electrical enclosure; it reduces the risk of water coming in contact with electrical components within the hood, such as attachment plugs, current taps, surge protected devices, direct plug-in transformer units, or wiring devices.

### Analysis of the Change

A new definition, “outlet box hood” was added to Article 406. The term was used in two locations 314.15 and 406.9(B)(1), yet a definition did not exist for the term. The definition is now clear and expressive, and although terminology was introduced during in 406.9(B)(1) during the 2011 NEC revision process. The product standard for box hoods and extra-duty box hoods can be found in ANSI/UL 514D-2013, *Cover Plates for Flush Mounded Wiring Devices*.

### Products

T&B weatherproof hood, While-In-Use-Weatherproof Covers



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