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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CE-002, Railway Track Materials.

The objective of this Standard is to provide manufacturers and purchasers with manufacturing and performance requirements for steel screw spikes and threaded inserts for use with sleeper plates, fastenings and sleepers in railway permanent way.

This Standard is part of the AS 1085 series, which covers products used in railway track.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables and figures are deemed to be an integral part of this Standard.

Notes to the text contain information and guidance and are not considered to be an integral part of the Standard.

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STANDARDS AUSTRALIA**Australian Standard
Railway track material****Part 18: Screw spikes and threaded inserts****1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies requirements for steel screw spikes and threaded inserts for use as part of a fastening system that holds rail to sleepers or slabs for railway permanent way. A preferred shape is specified and information given on optional shapes.

This Standard covers screw spikes used in the following applications:

- (a) Screwed into a threaded insert that is cast into concrete.
- (b) Screwed into a pre-drilled hole in timber.

This Standard does not cover the use of screw spikes as dog spikes to directly secure the rail.

NOTES:

- 1 Guidance on information that should be supplied by the purchaser and manufacturer is given in Appendix A.
- 2 Guidance on means for demonstrating compliance with this Standard is given in Appendix B.

2 CONTEXT AND PURPOSE OF USE**2.1 Function**

Screw spikes locate and anchor fastening systems onto concrete, timber or other supports. Threaded inserts are used to provide an appropriately shaped hole in concrete into which the screw spike can be inserted. Helical spring washers (see AS 1085.7) may be used to provide constant downward force and to resist the unscrewing of the screw spike during use.

2.2 Action of screw spike

Screw spikes hold the sleeper plate or rail fastening firmly to the timber, concrete or other support member or structure. Screw spikes are subjected to withdrawal, shear and bending forces due to passage of rolling stock at speed (including vibration effects), thermal expansion and contraction of the rail and maintenance operations. They are also subject to fatigue and corrosion.

2.3 Action of the threaded insert

The threaded insert keys into the concrete and provides the material and shape into which the screw spike is screwed. The threaded inserts are subjected to pull-out and shear forces.