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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee ME-001, Pressure Equipment to supersede AS 1271—1997. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian, rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

*This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (July 2004). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.*

The Committee's intention is to consolidate all valve requirements used for pressure equipment within the Committee's scope into one document. This has been achieved by incorporating some parts of AS 3653—1993, *Boiler—Safety, management, construction and other ancillary equipment*, into this Standard.

The remainder of AS 3653 will be superseded by a proposed new Standard to cover the areas of unattended, limited attendance and attended boilers and on publication of the new Standard, AS 3653 will be withdrawn.

Other Australian Boiler Standards will reflect these changes as they are revised.

The objective of this Standard is to specify clear, uniform and safe requirements for the design, construction and testing of safety valves, other valves, liquid level gauges, blowdown valves and other fittings for use on boilers and unfired pressure vessels, and their associated piping.

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- (a) Adoption by a government or other authority having jurisdiction.
- (b) Adoption by a purchaser as the required standard of construction when placing a contract.
- (c) Adoption where a manufacturer states that a product is in accordance with this Standard.

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies requirements for the design, construction and testing of safety valves, other valves, liquid relief valves, liquid level gauges, blowdown valves and other fittings for use on boilers and unfired pressure vessels, and their associated piping.

**1.2 APPLICATION**

Each fitting shall comply with the requirements of Section 2 and with the requirements of the following Sections, as appropriate:

- (a) Safety and relief valves..... Section 3.
- (b) Liquid relief valves..... Section 4.
- (c) Liquid level gauges ..... Section 5.
- (d) Blowdown valves ..... Section 6.

**1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

1210 Pressure vessels

1722 Pipe threads of Whitworth form

1722.1 Part 1: Sealing pipe threads

1722.2 Part 2: Fastening pipe threads

2129 Flanges for pipes, valves and fittings

2593 Boilers—Unattended and limited attendance

4037 Pressure equipment—Examination and testing

4041 Pressure piping

4957 Pressure equipment —Glossary of terms

AS/NZS

1200 Pressure equipment

ANSI

B1.20.1 Pipe threads, general purpose

B16.5 Pipe flanges and flanged fittings

B16.47 Large-diameter steel flanges NPS 20 through NPS 60

B16.104 Control valve seat leakage