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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee MT/2, Copper and Copper Alloys, to supersede AS 1572—1985.

This Standard is the result of a consensus among Australian and New Zealand representatives on the Joint Committee to produce it as an Australian Standard.

The objective of this revision is to upgrade the requirements for round, square and rectangular seamless copper and copper alloy tubes for general purposes.

In this edition the alloy designations have been changed from the three-digit numbering system to a system, which, although aligning with the American Unified Numbering System (UNS), contains minor variations in the manner impurity levels are specified.

During the preparation of this Standard cognizance was taken of the following International Standards:

ISO

274:1975 Copper tubes of circular section—Dimensions

1635:1974 Wrought copper and copper alloys—Round tubes for general purposes—Mechanical properties.

These Standards were not considered to be appropriate replacements for AS 1572 as their coverage is limited to dimensions and mechanical properties.

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1 SCOPE This Standard specifies requirements for round, square and rectangular seamless copper and copper alloy tubes for general purposes. It does not apply to tubes for heat exchangers (see AS 1569) or tubes for airconditioning (see AS/NZS 1571).

NOTE: Advice and recommendations on information to be supplied by the purchaser at the time of enquiry or order are contained in the purchasing guidelines set out in Appendix A.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

- 1391 Methods for tensile testing of metals
- 1515 Copper alloys (all parts)
- 1569 Copper and copper alloys—Seamless tubes for heat exchangers
- 1696 Copper
- 1696.1 Part 1: Determination of phosphorus—Spectrophotometric method
- 1733 Methods for the determination of grain size in metals
- 1817 Metallic materials—Vickers hardness test
- 2084 Non-destructive testing—Eddy current testing of metal tubes
- 2136 Method for detecting the susceptibility of copper and its alloys to stress corrosion cracking using the mercurous nitrate test
- 2614 Copper and copper alloys—Sampling for chemical and spectrochemical analysis, and physical testing
- 2706 Numerical values—Rounding and interpretation of limiting values
- 4041 Pressure piping

AS/NZS

- 1571 Copper—Seamless tubes for airconditioning and refrigeration

BS

- 1748 Methods for the analysis of copper alloys (all parts)

ASTM

- E 243 Practice for electromagnetic (eddy-current) examination of copper and copper-alloy tubes

3 DESIGNATION

3.1 General The designation shall include the number of this Australian Standard, i.e. AS 1572, followed by additional characters in accordance with Clauses 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

3.2 Alloy designation The designation shall comprise six characters commencing with the letter C, in accordance with the Unified Numbering System (UNS).

3.3 Temper designation The temper designation shall comprise either O, $\frac{1}{4}$ H, $\frac{1}{2}$ H or H.