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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-025, Lifting Tackle, to supersede AS 1666.2—1995.

The other Standard in this series covering wire-rope slings is AS 1666.1, *Wire rope slings, Part 1: Product specification*.

The objective of this Standard is to provide guidance for the safe use of wire-rope slings for reference by users and regulators.

This Revision includes the following changes:

- (a) Revision of the definition of WLL and deletion of safe working loads from any part of the Standard.
- (b) Cognizance of EN 13414.2, *Steel wire rope slings—Safety, Part 2: Specifications for information for use and maintenance to be provided by the manufacturer*, and the adoption of some of its requirements.
- (c) Modification of the deration previously required for interfacing of eyes with pins of less than two diameters.

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Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

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## STANDARDS AUSTRALIA

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Wire-rope slings****Part 2: Care and use****1 SCOPE**

This Standard sets out practices for the care and use of wire-rope slings under general conditions of use.

NOTE: Standards for components used in lifting systems are listed in Appendix A.

**2 NORMATIVE REFERENCES**

The following documents are indispensable to the application of this Standard:

AS

1418 Cranes (including hoists and winches)

1418.1 Part 1: General requirements

1666 Wire-rope slings

1666.1 Part 1: Product specification

2759 Steel wire rope—Use, operation and maintenance

3569 Steel wire ropes

**3 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS 1666.1 apply.

**4 GUIDE FOR USE OF ROPE**

Selecting, handling, storing, lubricating, inspecting and discarding steel-wire ropes shall be in accordance with AS 2759.

**5 RECEIPT OF SLINGS**

As soon as a sling is received, it should be unpacked and checked for any evidence of corrosion and physical damage.

**6 STORAGE**

Prior to storage, slings shall be examined to determine whether they are sufficiently lubricated.

Slings should not be stored on the ground, even for short periods. Slings shall be stored on well-ventilated racks or supports where they are not subjected to deterioration or other types of damage. The racks or supports shall be of material that will not cause corrosion of the wire rope and located above the floor and away from damp areas, humid atmosphere, corrosive fumes, sprays, dust, excessive heat, and locations where they could be damaged by moving equipment or falling objects.

During relatively long periods of storage, slings shall be periodically—

- (a) examined for any sign of deterioration;