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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee TM-001, Timber Structures, to supersede AS 1720.4—1990, *Timber structures, Part 4: Fire-resistance of structural timber members*. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide a computational method for determining the fire resistance for structural adequacy of solid, plywood, laminated veneer lumber (LVL), and glued-laminated structural timber members as an alternative to the test method specified in AS 1530.4.

This revision extends the scope to cover the fire resistance level (FRL) for plywood and laminated veneer lumber (LVL) and clarifies that the FRL specified in this Standard is for the purpose of structural adequacy only.

This Standard forms Part 4 of the AS 1720 series, as follows:

AS

1720 Timber structures

1720.1 Part 1: Design methods

1720.2 Part 2: Timber properties

1720.4 Part 4: Fire resistance for structural adequacy of timber members (this Standard)

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard provides a computational method for determining the fire resistance for structural adequacy of solid, plywood, laminated veneer lumber (LVL) and glued-laminated structural timber members as an alternative to the test specified in AS 1530.4.

This Standard also provides methods for protecting metal connectors from the effects of fire.

NOTES:

- 1 This Standard is not relevant to the determination of the early fire hazard properties of materials for which a method of assessment is given in AS/NZS 1530.3.
- 2 This Standard is not relevant to structural accreditation through furnace testing for which the appropriate Standard is AS 1530.4.

1.2 NORMATIVE REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this Standard.

NOTE: Informative referenced documents are listed in Appendix A. They are not an integral part of the Standard.

AS

1530 Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structures
 1530.4 Part 4: Fire-resistance test of elements of building construction

1720 Timber structures

1720.1 Part 1: Design methods

AS/NZS

1170 Structural design actions

1170.0 Part 0: Permanent, imposed and other actions

1328 Glued laminated structural timber

1328.1 Part 1: Performance requirements and minimum production requirements

AS/NZS 3600

3600 Building Code of Australia

1.3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard the definitions below apply.

1.3.1 Standard fire

The standard heating conditions as specified in AS 1530.4.