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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MS-012, Road Signs and Traffic Signals, to supersede AS 1742.1—2003.

The *Manual of uniform traffic control devices* was originally prepared by the Australian Committee on Road Devices (ACORD) under the direction of the then Australian Transport Advisory Council. It was subsequently approved by the Standards Australia Council for publication as an Australian Standard in two Parts, AS 1742.1—1975 and AS 1742.2—1978. These Standards superseded the *Australian Standard Road Signs Code* which was first published in 1935 with revisions in 1946 and 1960.

The decision to revise and publish AS 1742 as a series of self-contained parts each dealing with a specific situation, was taken in 1983 in consultation with the National Association of Australian State Road Authorities (now Austroads). The decision was supported by an Australia-wide survey of Local Government Authorities also undertaken in 1983.

The AS 1742 series now comprises the following Standards:

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1742	Manual of uniform traffic control devices
1742.1	Part 1: General introduction and index of signs (this Standard)
1742.2	Part 2: Traffic control devices for general use
1742.3	Part 3: Traffic control for works on roads
1742.4	Part 4: Speed controls
1742.5	Part 5: Street name and community facility name signs
1742.6	Part 6: Tourist and services signs
1742.7	Part 7: Railway crossings
1742.9	Part 9: Bicycle facilities
1742.10	Part 10: Pedestrian control and protection
1742.11	Part 11: Parking controls
1742.12	Part 12: Bus, transit and truck lanes
1742.13	Part 13: Local area traffic management
1742.14	Part 14: Traffic signals
1742.15	Part 15: Direction signs, information signs and route numbering

This edition now includes all new signs and other changes resulting from the revision of this and other Standards in the AS 1742 series.

AS 1742.8, Part 8: *Roundabouts* has been withdrawn. Its content have been incorporated into other relevant Parts of the series.

The relationship between Australian Standards and publications produced by Austroads should be noted. The former provides specifications and procedures that ensure that products and services are safe and reliable, and consistently perform the way they are intended. The latter provides guidance documents that deal with the design, construction, maintenance and operation of the road network. Austroads documents are also used by road authorities in New Zealand.

In cases of similar subject matter, this is dealt with across both sets of documents (e.g. Austroads, *Guide to Road Safety*, Part 3: *Speed Limits and Speed Management*, and Australian Standard AS 1742.4, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices*, Part 4: *Speed controls*). Where this occurs, each document aims to provide information that is consistent, complimentary and supportive of the other.

The term ‘normative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard covers the signs used for regulating, warning and guiding road users. It specifies the sign classifications and the numbering system used and sets out the basic design of signs in terms of colour and shape coding. It provides an illustrated index of all signs and sign types which have a standard sign number, and includes sign sizes and reference to other Standards in this series, which cover usage of each sign.

NOTES:

- 1 Pavement markings for general purposes are specified in AS 1742.2, where special pavement markings are specified, e.g. for bus lanes, these are given in the Standard which relates to that particular traffic situation.
- 2 Requirements for traffic signals are specified in AS 1742.14.
- 3 Detailed specifications for the design and manufacture of signs are given in AS 1743.
- 4 Detailed specification for the letters and numerals used for the design and manufacture of signs is given in AS 1744.
- 5 This index does not cover electronic versions of signs.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

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1743	Road signs—Specifications
1744	Forms of letters and numerals for road signs
2342	Development, testing and implementation of information and safety symbols and symbolic signs