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Other Australian standards dealing with portable fire extinguishers are as follows:

- AS 1842 Portable Fire Extinguishers—Water (Stored Pressure) Type
- AS 1844 Portable Fire Extinguishers—Foam (Gas Container) Type
- AS 1845 Portable Fire Extinguishers—Foam (Stored Pressure) Type
- AS 1846 Portable Fire Extinguishers—Powder Type
- AS 1847 Portable Fire Extinguishers—Carbon Dioxide Type
- AS 1848 Portable Fire Extinguishers—Halon Type
- AS 1850 Portable Fire Extinguishers—Classification, Rating and Fire Testing
- AS 1851.1 Maintenance of Fire Protection Equipment, For Portable Fire Extinguishers
- AS 2444 Portable Fire Extinguishers—Selection and Location

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for

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## SECTION 1. SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE.** This standard specifies requirements for metal-bodied portable fire extinguishers of the water type in which the water is expelled by pressure of gas released from a compressed gas container. It refers to materials, methods of manufacture, and performance of the extinguisher and the compressed gas container.

**1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.** The following standards are referred to in this standard:

- AS 1849 Identification Colours for Portable Fire Extinguishers
- AS 1850 Portable Fire Extinguishers—Classification, Rating and Fire Testing
- AS 2030.1 SAA Gas Cylinders Code, Part 1—Cylinders for Compressed Gases Other than Acetylene
- AS 2700 Colour Standards for Specific Purposes

Standards for materials and for welding or brazing methods are listed in Appendix A and in Appendices B and D, respectively.

**1.3 DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

**1.3.1 Portable fire extinguisher**—a first-aid fire-fighting appliance which is designed to be carried and operated by hand, and which in working order has a mass not greater than 2 kg.

NOTE: This limit of 2 kg may be reconsidered internationally and could be reduced to 200 g.

**1.3.2 Water (gas container) type portable fire extinguisher**—a portable fire extinguisher which relies on compressed gas from a container to expel the water.

NOTE: The water (gas container) type portable fire extinguisher is generally referred to in this standard as 'an extinguisher' or 'the extinguisher'.