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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee FP-004, Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems, to supersede AS 2118.2—1995, *Automatic fire sprinkler systems—Wall wetting sprinklers (Drenchers).*

The AS 2118 suite of sprinkler Standards has been restructured into two groups: Systems (AS 2118 series) and Component (AS 4118 series). The complete series comprises the following:

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A Note to a clause in this Standard is designed to draw attention to a condition that needs to be considered when applying the clause; for example, a reminder that another Standard needs to be consulted which could conflict with the clause. On the other hand, a Commentary (see panel below) is an explanation as to why the clause was written or developed and is primarily intended to assist with how the clause would be applied in practice.

This Standard incorporates a Commentary on some Clauses. The Commentary directly follows the relevant Clause, is designated by 'C' preceding the clause number and is printed in italics in a panel. The Commentary is for information only and does not need to be followed for compliance with the Standard.

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Fire can spread from one building or a source of fire such as storage (fire source) to a nearby building (fire exposed) if the heat radiated by the source impinges on an unprotected opening infill (e.g. a door or window) of the fire exposed building at sufficient levels to cause failure of the infill and ignition of the contents.

The analogy of fire source and fire exposed buildings may also be applicable to internal areas of buildings such as an atrium and it's bounding walls or where an egress path passes an unprotected opening in the building.

Research on the behaviour of glazing under radiant heat conditions and its ability to protect openings has shown that when water is sprayed onto a glass infill it can reduce the risk of failure and the passage of radiant heat.

The purpose of drencher systems is to provide sufficient water spray upon opening infills, such as windows, to mitigate the effects of radiant heat from nearby exposure fires.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out requirements for the design, installation and commissioning of drencher systems intended to provide automatic external protection to windows, doors and other openings from exposure to fire.

C1.1 *Drencher systems may be either internal or external; however this Standard covers external protection of fire exposed building facades only, including the bounding walls of an atrium or where egress paths pass unprotected openings in the building. Radiant heat flux levels are not considered in this Standard.*

Where a fire exposed building is protected by an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with AS 2118.1, protection from a fire source may be achieved by external sprinklers fed from that system.

1.2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Standard is to provide system designers and installers with a set of requirements for the design, installation and commissioning of drencher systems in order to provide protection to a building that is exposed to an external fire source or an egress path passing unprotected openings in the building.

1.3 APPLICATION

Drencher systems are intended primarily to protect a fire exposed building that is not sprinkler protected.

This Standard may also be applied to infills that open on to an atrium or where egress paths pass unprotected openings in the building. It does not apply to manually-operated systems.

Where a fire exposed building is protected by sprinklers and protection from a fire source is achieved by external sprinklers fed from the building's sprinkler system designed and installed to AS 2118.1, drencher protection in accordance with this Standard is not required.

1.4 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

The following are the normative documents referenced in this Standard:

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1670 Automatic fire detection and alarm systems—System design, installation and commissioning

2118 Automatic fire sprinkler systems
2118.1 Part 1: General requirements