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## PREFACE

This Standard has been prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee MT-009, Metal Finishing, to supersede AS 2331.3.6—1980. 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 revision is to upgrade the requirements so that they closely align with ISO 4524-3:1985, *Metallic coatings—Test methods for electrodeposited gold and gold alloy coatings—Part 3: Electrographic tests for porosity*.

## METHODS

**1 SCOPE**

This Standard sets out a method for the determination of the degree of porosity in gold and gold-alloy electroplated coatings on copper base, nickel and tin-nickel alloys. This method utilizes the passage of current through a gelatinized electrolyte.

## NOTES:

- 1 The method may be considered a variant of electrography which is usually carried out with the aid of paper soaked in a special test solution. Compared with electrography, this method has some advantages, as it can be used on curved surfaces with minimum spreading of the coloured spots from the pores.
- 2 The test procedures described in this Standard do not necessarily include all of the precautions required to satisfy health and safety aspects. Care should be taken to ensure that the procedures are carried out only by people who have received suitable training. Guidance in the handling and use of hazardous chemicals is given in AS/NZS 2243.1 and AS/NZS 2243.2.

**2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS/NZS	
2243	Safety in laboratories
2243.1	Part 1: General
2243.2	Part 2: Chemical aspects
ISO	
3696	Water for analytical laboratory use—Specification and test methods