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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Coal and Coke, as a revision of AS 2418.

The following Standards are superseded by this Standard:

AS

- 2418 Glossary of terms relating to solid mineral fuels
- 2418.1 Part 1: Terms relating to coal preparation
- 2418.2 Part 2: Terms relating to coal mining and geology
- 2418.3 Part 3: Terms relating to brown coal
- 2418.4 Part 4: Terms relating to sampling, sample preparation, analysis, testing and statistics
- 2418.5 Part 5: Terms relating to the petrographic analysis of bituminous coal and anthracite (hard coal)
- 2418.6 Part 6: Terms relating to coal utilization and coke
- 2418.7 Part 7: Terms relating to coal classification

A list of referenced and related documents is presented in Appendix A.

Where two-word terms consist of a noun and an adjective, the definition is provided with the noun, and a reference is made with the adjective; this philosophy is not used if the two words are never used separately.

Non-preferred terms are given in light typeface.

The particular coal discipline in which the term is used is presented in the column headed 'Used in'. The following legend is used in this column:

- AT = analysis and testing
- CF = coal flow
- CK = coke
- CL = coal classification
- CP = coal preparation
- LR = lower rank coal
- MG = coal mining and geology
- PT = petrography
- SP = sampling and sample preparation
- UT = coal utilization

A list of symbols used for terms defined in this Standard is presented in Appendix B.

The objective of this Standard is to provide users with an indication of what is generally understood in an Australian context by the terms that are commonly encountered in the coal industry.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the Appendices to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is for information and guidance only.

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Term	Used in	Explanation
abrasion index	AT; UT	An index calculated from the mass lost by abrasion of four standard metal blades, when rotated in a standard mass of coal under specified conditions ( <i>see</i> AS 1038.19). Symbol: <i>AI</i>
absolute deviation	AT	<i>See</i> <b>deviation, absolute</b>
<b>accuracy, sampling</b>	SP	A measure of the closeness with which a sample represents the coal or coke from which it is taken.
<b>accuracy of a method</b>	AT	A measure of the ability of a method to provide a true value.
<b>accuracy of a result</b>	AT	The closeness of agreement between an experimental result and the true value. The accuracy of a result is not to be confused with its precision. A determination may be made with great precision, so that the standard deviation of a number of determinations on the same consignment of coal or coke may therefore be low, but the results will be accurate only if they are free from bias.
<b>action, integral</b>	CP	The action of a control element whose output signal changes at a rate that is proportional to the change of input with respect to time.
<b>action, proportional</b>	CP	The action of a control element having an output signal proportional to its input signal.
activating agent	CP	<i>See</i> <b>activator</b> .
<b>activator</b>	CP	A substance that when added to a pulp promotes flotation in the presence of a collecting agent.
active stockpile	CP	<i>See</i> <b>stockpile</b> .
actual performance curve	CP	<i>See</i> <b>performance curve, actual</b> .