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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-062, Ventilation and Airconditioning, to supersede AS 2427—1983.

This edition is technically identical with the previous edition but some of the material has been rearranged to facilitate the application of this Standard with the associated test methods (AS 2428) and the new Standard for the design, installation and commissioning of smoke/heat venting systems, AS 2665.

The main changes from the 1983 edition are summarized as follows:

- (a) New requirements for resistance to collapse during a fire were added under a new Clause 2.2.
- (b) An advisory statement for the possible use of other devices in lieu of tension springs was added to Clause 2.6.
- (c) A new clause addressing construction requirements of vents in order to prevent any discharging flames and gases from impinging upon any adjacent structure was added to Section 3, see Clause 3.1.
- (d) Clause 3.2.1: *Automatic operation* was fully revised to address vent failure position and use of various control devices and arrangements in addition to thermally released links.
- (e) A new Clause 4.1: *Performance testing of smoke and heat vents* was added to replace the previous Section 5: *Determination of compliance to the basis of performance*. Additional requirements for testing and test samples were introduced.
- (f) New Section 5: *Project specific information* was added to address the information that needs to be provided to the manufacturer at the time of order.

Maintenance of these vents is dealt with in AS 1851, *Maintenance of fire protection equipment*, Part 5: *Automatic smoke and heat venting systems*.

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements for buoyancy-driven smoke and heat exhaust vents that are intended to be mounted in roofs of buildings to release the products of combustion in the event of fire.

1.2 APPLICATION

Smoke/heat release vents shall comply with the requirements of Clause 1.5 and with the relevant requirements of the following Sections:

- (a) Section 2—Materials of construction.
- (b) Section 3—Design and manufacturing requirements.
- (c) Section 4—Performance requirements.

Compliance with this standard shall be assessed in accordance with Section 4.

1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following Standards are referred to in this Standard:

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| 1397 | Steel sheet and strip—Hot-dipped zinc-coated or aluminium/zinc-coated |
| 1444 | Wrought alloy steels—Standard, hardenability (H) series and hardened and tempered to designated mechanical properties |
| 1472 | Carbon steel spring wire for mechanical springs |
| 1874 | Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Ingots and castings |
| 1890 | Thermally released links |
| 1897 | Electroplated coatings on threaded components (metric coarse series) |
| 2428 | Methods of testing smoke/heat release vents |
| 2428.1 | Part 1: Determination of resistance to leakage during rain |
| 2428.2 | Part 2: Determination of ability to operate under wind loading |
| 2428.3 | Part 3: Determination of operating characteristics |
| 2428.4 | Part 4: Determination of effect of flame contact |
| 2428.5 | Part 5: Determination of coefficient of discharge and effective aerodynamic area |
| 2428.6 | Part 6: Determination of ability to operate under snow loading |

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| 1167 | Welding and brazing—Filler metals |
| 1167.2 | Part 2: Filler metal for welding |
| 1567 | Copper and copper alloys—Wrought rods, bars and sections |
| 1734 | Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Flat sheet, coiled sheet and plate |
| 1865 | Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Drawn wire, rod, bar and strip |