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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian Standards Committee CS-115, Vehicle Jacks, Stands and Ramps, to supersede AS/NZS 2538:2004.

The objective of this Standard is to provide manufacturers, importers, consumers, retailers and testing bodies with a set of performance requirements, to ensure that vehicle support stands (also known as axle stands or jack stands) are sufficiently robust so that they will not fail under normal conditions of use, and to ensure that axle stands are designed and constructed so that they will be stable and will not damage the vehicle when used in the correct manner.

This edition revises the instructions for use in Section 7 and the marking requirements in Section 8.

The Standard was originally prepared in response to a request by the Defence Standardization Committee which felt that its experience of unsatisfactory performance of vehicle support stands in the defence field would also be of concern to the general public that uses similar stands for domestic purposes.

The term 'normative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendices to which it applies. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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Australian Standard
Vehicle support stands**1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies requirements for the design, construction, performance and labelling of vehicle support stands.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

1192 Electroplated coatings—Nickel and chromium

1789 Electroplated zinc (electrogalvanized) coatings on ferrous articles (batch process)

4833 Pressure-sensitive labels for stock-paper, stock-plastic and general purpose use

HB 295 Product Safety Framework

295.3.5 Part 3.5: Product safety warning labels and markings

AS/NZS

3750 Paints for steel structures

3750.15 Part 15: Inorganic zinc silicate paint

ISO

4526 Metallic coatings—Electroplated coatings of nickel for engineering purposes

3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions below apply.

3.1 Base plane

The plane of contact between the base of the vehicle support stand and the surface upon which it rests. This does not include any wheels or movement devices.

3.2 Nominated capacity

The capacity nominated by the manufacturer as the maximum load that is to be supported by a single vehicle support stand.

NOTE: Clause 9(b) requires that the nominated capacity be marked on the stand.

3.3 Projected plan area of the base

The maximum area in the base plane described by joining up the points of contact of the vehicle support stand with the base plane.

NOTE: See Figure 1.

3.4 Projected plan area of the engagement head

The area obtained by projecting the engagement head vertically downward onto the base plane.

NOTE: See Figure 2.