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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee ME-005, Cranes, to supersede, in part, AS 2550.5—1993, *Cranes—Safe use, Part 5: Mobile and vehicle loading cranes*. 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.

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies requirements for the safe use of mobile cranes as defined in AS 2549.

It is complementary to AS 2550.1, but requirements given herein take precedence over the corresponding requirements in AS 2550.1.

It does not cover the specific requirements for the safe use of mobile cranes for work on or near live electrical equipment by power companies or their contractors while working for the power companies as referenced in Clause 6.3.

NOTE: The basic terminology and functions of typical mobile cranes are given in Appendix A.

**1.2 APPLICATION**

This Standard shall apply to the safe use of mobile cranes of the type specified in AS 1418.5. The requirements of AS 1418.5 shall apply and no requirements given herein shall circumvent the requirements of AS 1418.5.

**1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referenced to in this Standard:

AS

1318 Use of colour for the marking of physical hazards and the identification of certain equipment in industry

1418 Cranes, hoists and winches

1418.1 Part 1: General requirements

1418.5 Part 5: Mobile cranes

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**1.4 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS 1418.5, AS 2549, AS 2550.1 and those below apply.

**1.4.1 Competent person**

A person who has acquired through training, qualification, experience or a combination of these, the knowledge and skill enabling that person to correctly perform the required task.