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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Road Tankers for Hazardous Liquids and Gases, to supersede AS 2809.2—1985. The main purpose of the edition is to incorporate a new Section 3, and the opportunity was taken to absorb two amendments.

Section 3 includes material on vehicle maintenance, a subject that had previously been within the scope of AS 2017, *Rules for safety procedures affecting the operation, maintenance and repair of road tank vehicles for flammable liquids*. When revising that Standard during 1988, it was realized that much of its contents had been covered by the Australian Dangerous Goods Code, and so little remained of AS 2017, that it was decided to withdraw it and transfer the useful information to AS 2809.2.

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## SECTION 1. SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE.** This Standard specifies requirements for the design and construction of tankers for the transport of flammable liquids. It is complementary to AS 2809.1.

**1.2 APPLICATION.** Tankers for the transport of flammable liquids shall comply with Parts 1 and 2 of this Standard. Where any requirement of this Part differs from a similar requirement in Part 1, this Part shall take precedence.

NOTE: Tankers that have to be verified by a Weights and Measures Authority for trade use need to comply with National Standards Commission requirements for Certificate and Approval 9/0/A.

**1.3 NEW DESIGNS AND INNOVATIONS.** Any novel materials, designs, method of assembly, procedures, etc., which do not comply with specific requirements of this Standard, or are not mentioned in it, but which give equivalent results to those specified, are not necessarily prohibited. The Standards Australia Committee on Road Tankers for Hazardous Liquids and Gases can act in an advisory capacity concerning equivalent suitability, but the specific approval remains the prerogative of the Authority.

**1.4 INTERPRETATIONS.** Questions concerning the meaning, application, or effect of any part of this Standard may be referred to the Standards Australia Committee on Road Tankers for Hazardous Liquids and Gases for explanation. The authority of the committee is limited to matters of interpretation and it will not adjudicate in disputes.

**1.5 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
1076	Code of practice for selection, installation and maintenance of electrical apparatus and associated equipment for use in explosive atmospheres (other than mining applications)
1076.1	Part 1: Basic requirements
1204	Structural steels—Ordinary weldable grades
1205	Structural steels—Weather-resistant weldable grades
1210	SAA Unfired Pressure Vessels Code
1250	SAA Steel Structures Code
1271	Valves, water gauges and other fittings for boilers and unfired pressure vessels
1449	Wrought alloy steels—Stainless and heat-resisting steel plate, sheet and strip
1554	SAA Structural Steel Welding Code
1664	SAA Aluminium Structures Code
1665	SAA Aluminium Welding Code

1734	Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Flat sheet, coiled sheet and plate
1866	Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Extruded rod, bar, solid and hollow shapes
1874	Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Ingots and castings
1940	SAA Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code
2683	Hose and hose assemblies for distribution of petroleum and petroleum products (excepting LPG)
2809	Road tank vehicles for dangerous goods
2809.1	Part 1: General requirements
2865	Safe working in a confined space
AIP	
CP13	Code of practice for road and rail tanker, gas-freeing and work authorisation
2000	Venting atmospheric and low-pressure storage tanks

**1.6 DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS 2809.1 apply.

**1.7 VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS.**

**1.7.1 Spillage hazards.** The appropriate requirements of AS 2809.1 and the following requirements shall apply:

- (a) Any portion of an engine or exhaust system which by reason of its location can be reached by spillage from above, whether the tanker is parked or moving, or which is within 1 m of a liquid-carrying component of the pumping system, shall be protected from such spillage by a metal shield.
- (b) The distance between the shield and any hot part of the engine or exhaust shall be not less than 50 mm.
- (c) The distance between the shield and any cargo-carrying component shall be not less than 75 mm.
- (d) The shield for a vertical exhaust pipe shall extend as nearly as practicable to the full height of the pipe, but not lower than the top of the tank, and shall be sealed to it liquid-tight at the top. The shield shall be at least 100 mm larger in diameter than the exhaust pipe. Any openings or perforations for ventilation shall be located on the side remote from the tank.