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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee MT-014, Corrosion of Metals, at the request of industry.

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee MT-014. 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.

The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements for the cathodic protection of reinforcing steel in concrete that is exposed either to atmospheric, submerged or buried environments with the aim of preventing or controlling corrosion to an acceptable level.

In preparation of this Standard, cognizance was taken of the European Draft Standard prEN 12696, *Cathodic protection of steel in concrete*, Part 1: *Atmospherically exposed concrete* and Part 2: *Buried and submerged concrete*.

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- 2832.3 Part 3: Fixed immersed structures
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- 2832.5 Part 5: Steel in concrete structures

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FOREWORD

Cathodic protection is a technique that has been demonstrated to be successful, in appropriate applications, in providing cost effective long term corrosion control for steel in concrete. It is a technique that requires specific design calculations and definition of installation procedures in order to be successfully implemented.

A long term commitment to an active monitoring and inspection program is essential for continued success. This Standard is a performance Standard rather than a design code but requires a detailed design and a specification for the installation, commissioning and operation of a cathodic protection system, prepared by an appropriate specialist. The design may be undertaken by an independent consultant prior to the implementation of a contract for the installation of the system; the specialist may be part of the installation contractor's team. The design may be incorporated into the same contract as that for the installation of the cathodic protection system and, possibly, for subsequent commissioning and operation.

Other electrochemical treatments that provide corrosion control for steel in concrete, including re-alkalization and chloride extraction, are not covered by this Standard.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard provides performance requirements for the cathodic protection of steel in atmospherically-exposed, buried and submerged concrete in both new and existing structures. It covers the parts of buildings and civil engineering structures that include normal reinforcement and prestressed reinforcement embedded in the concrete. It is applicable to both uncoated and organic coated steel reinforcement.

NOTE: Guidance on the principles of cathodic protection and its application to steel in concrete is given in Appendix A.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard.

AS

1012 Methods of testing concrete

1012.20 Method 20: Determination of chloride and sulfate in hardened concrete and concrete aggregates

1939 Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment (IP Code)

2239 Galvanic (sacrificial) anodes for cathodic protection

2832 Cathodic protection of metals

2832.2 Part 2: Compact buried structures

2832.3 Part 3: Fixed immersed structures

2832.4 Part 4: Interior surfaces

3147 Approval and test specification—Electric cables—Thermoplastic insulated—For working voltages up to and including 0.6/1 kV

HB 79 Alkali aggregate reaction — Guidelines to minimising the risk of damage to concrete structures in Australia

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2832.1 Part 1: Pipes and cables

3000 Electrical installations (known as the Australian/New Zealand Wiring Rules)

3108 Approval and test specification — Particular requirements for isolating transformers and safety isolating transformers

HB 84 Guide to concrete repair and protection