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## Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CT-001, Communications Cabling.

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 the requirements and recommendations for the design and installation of connections (bonds) between various electrically conductive elements in buildings and other structures, during their construction or refurbishment, in which information technology (IT) and, more generally, telecommunications equipment is intended to be installed in order to —

- (a) minimize the risk to the correct function of that equipment and interconnecting cabling to the electrical earth system; and
- (b) provide the telecommunications installation with a reliable signal reference, which may improve immunity from electromagnetic interference (EMI).

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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard specifies requirements and recommendations for the design and installation of connections (bonds) between various electrically conductive elements in buildings and other structures, during their construction or refurbishment, in which information technology (IT) and, more generally, telecommunications equipment is intended to be installed in order to

- a) minimise the risk to the correct function of that equipment and interconnecting cabling from electrical hazards,
- b) provide the telecommunications installation with a reliable signal reference - which may improve immunity from electromagnetic interference (EMI).

This International Standard

- specifies assessment criteria to determine the relevant bonding configurations that are appropriate,
- enables the implementation of any bonding configurations that may be necessary by means of either
  - the provision of a bonding network that utilises the existing protective bonding network for electrical safety, or
  - the provision of a dedicated bonding network for the telecommunications infrastructure.

This standard is intended for

- building architects, owners and managers,
- designers and installers of electrical and telecommunications cabling installations.

This International Standard is one of a number of documents prepared in support of international standards and technical reports for cabling design produced by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25. [Figure 1](#) shows the inter-relationship between these standards and technical reports.

Users of this standard should be familiar with applicable cabling design and installation standards.

**NOTE** Telecommunications infrastructure affects raw material consumption. The infrastructure design and installation methods also influence production and sustainability of electronic equipment life cycling. These aspects of telecommunications infrastructure impact our environment. Since building life cycles are typically planned for decades, technological electronic equipment upgrades are necessary. The telecommunications infrastructure design and installation process magnifies the need for sustainable infrastructures with respect to building life, electronic equipment life cycling and considerations of effects on environmental waste. Telecommunications designers are encouraged to research local building practices for a sustainable environment and conservation of fossil fuels as part of the design process.

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## Information technology—Telecommunications bonding networks for buildings and other structures

### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and recommendations for the design and installation of connections (bonds) between various electrically conductive elements in buildings and other structures, during their construction or refurbishment, in which information technology (IT) and, more generally, telecommunications equipment is intended to be installed in order to

- a) minimise the risk to the correct function of that equipment and interconnecting cabling from electrical hazards,
- b) provide the telecommunications installation with a reliable signal reference which may improve immunity from electromagnetic interference (EMI).

The requirements of this International Standard are applicable to the buildings and other structures within premises addressed by ISO/IEC 14763-2 (e.g. residential, office, industrial and data centres) but information given in this International Standard may be of assistance for other types of buildings and structures.

NOTE Telecommunications centres (operator buildings) are addressed by IT J-T K.27.

This International Standard does not apply to power supply distribution of voltages over AC 1 000 V.

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements and safety requirements for power supply installation are outside the scope of this International Standard and are covered by other standards and regulations. However, information given in this International Standard may be of assistance in meeting the requirements of these standards and regulations.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60364-4-41, *Low-voltage electrical installations — Part 4-41: Protection for safety — Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60364-4-44:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations — Part 4-44: Protection for safety — Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances*

IEC 60364-5-54, *Low-voltage electrical installations — Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment — Earthing arrangements and protective conductors*

IEC 60950-1, *Information technology equipment — Safety — Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61140, *Protection against electric shock — Common aspects for installation and equipment*

ISO/IEC 14763-2:2012, *Information technology — Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling — Part 2: Planning and installation*