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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CH-003, Paints and Related Materials to supersede AS 3730.13—1991, *Guide to the properties of paints for buildings, Part 13: Primer—Wood solvent-borne—Interior/exterior*. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this as an Australian, rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The AS 3730 series has been prepared as guides to the range of frequently used paints for buildings which are air-dried and generally applied on site. These guides include features of each product type and typical product characteristics. Typical product characteristics are to be taken as a guide only and are not mandatory. Because a product is used as part only of an overall painting system, the AS 3730 guides should not be used as a substitute for a detailed painting specification from the manufacturer based on AS/NZS 2311:2000, *Guide to the painting of buildings*. Successful specifications are based on the proven performance of the total paint system, and not on the characteristics of individual paint products in isolation.

The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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## FOREWORD

The solvent-borne primers characterized by this guide are intended for use as the first coat on interior/exterior bare dressed timber. The primer must be overcoated within several weeks of application with the appropriate coating system.

Solvent-borne interior/exterior primers produce more odour and VOC (volatile organic compounds) than latex paints and are slower drying.

Before painting, surfaces should be prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or the appropriate section of AS/NZS 2311.

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#### 1 SCOPE

This document provides a guide to the features and typical characteristics that are expected of a solvent-borne wood primer when applied by brush in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

Paints covered by this guide are classed as Paint Type B10 of AS/NZS 2311. They are used to seal surface porosity and to provide adhesion to timber for subsequent coatings.

#### 2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

A list of the documents referred to in this guide is attached as Appendix A.

#### 3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this guide, the definitions of AS/NZS 1310 apply.

#### 4 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Refer manufacturer's Materials Safety Data Sheet before using these paints.

#### 5 TYPICAL PROPERTIES AND CHARACTERISTICS

##### 5.1 Composition

The paint should consist essentially of pigments, extenders, solvent, alkyd resin binders, drying oils or selected combinations of these materials. The product should meet the requirements of the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons, issued by the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee.

##### 5.2 Conditions of test

Unless otherwise indicated, the recommendations in this guide apply to products that are tested as follows:

- (a) The test panel material is a piece of standard grade hardboard in accordance with AS/NZS 1580.104.1 sealed with one coat of the paint under test thinned 5 percent with appropriate solvent and dried for at least 24 h. Where reference panels are required, they should be made of the same material as the test panels and should be prepared by identical methods at the same time as the test panels.
- (b) The size of test panels is specified in Table 1 for the appropriate test.
- (c) The method of application is by brush.
- (d) The spreading rate of the paint should be as specified by the manufacturer, typically in the range of 14 m<sup>2</sup>/L.
- (e) Environmental conditions for testing are in accordance with AS/NZS 1580.101.5.