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Couplings, drawbars, and safety chains**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-018, Mining Equipment, to supersede AS 3751—1990.

The objective of this Standard is to facilitate the implementation and maintenance of functional and safe couplings, drawbars, and safety chains in underground mines and to facilitate clear communication in the trade and governance thereof.

In the preparation of Appendix B, cognizance was taken of British Coal document, *Design Guide for Cage Suspension*.

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 for information and guidance only.

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## Underground mining—Slope haulage—Couplings, drawbars, and safety chains

**1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies requirements for materials, design, manufacture and use of couplings, drawbars, and safety chains that connect slope haulage conveyances in underground mines.

## NOTES:

- 1 Inspection and maintenance are covered in Appendix A.
- 2 Information on ruling section and equivalent section is given in Appendix B.
- 3 The design of threaded components are covered in Clause 5.2 and Appendix C.

**2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

## AS

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| 1065   | Non-destructive testing—Ultrasonic testing of carbon and low alloy steel forgings                                      |
| 1171   | Non-destructive testing—Magnetic particle testing of ferromagnetic products, components and structures                 |
| 1275   | Metric screw threads for fasteners   |
| 1391   | Methods for tensile testing of metals  |
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| 1444   | Wrought alloy steels—Standard, hardenability (H) series and hardened and tempered to designated mechanical properties  |
| 1447   | Hot-rolled spring steels   |
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| 1544.2 | Part 2: Charpy V-notch   |
| 1733   | Non-destructive testing—Ultrasonic testing of carbon and low alloy steel plate—Test methods and quality classification |
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| 2074   | Cast steels  |
| 2321   | Short-link chain for lifting purposes  |
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