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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee WS-009, Rolled and Welded Steel Pipe, to supersede AS 4321—1995.

This edition differs from the 1995 edition as follows:

- (a) A new sampling and testing frequency plan has been included.
- (b) Allowable variations, which can be tolerated prior to retesting, have been specified.
- (c) The allowable number of pipes with six coating repairs has been reduced.
- (d) Changes have been made to the marking requirements.
- (e) References to nominal size have been deleted.
- (f) Minor changes have been made to improve the test methods.

The objective of this Standard is to provide a standard specification for fusion-bonded medium-density polyethylene coating and lining for pipes and fittings for use by the manufacturers and purchasers of these products.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in the 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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1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements for factory-applied fusion-bonded medium-density polyethylene coating and lining of pipes and fittings, for protection against corrosion.

Polyethylene materials complying with this Standard are intended for application to pipes and fittings where the pipeline operating temperatures are not less than -40°C nor more than 70°C for the coating and 50°C for the lining.

The coating is intended for use on pipes and fittings for underground and underwater service, including steel piling. The lining is intended for use on pipes and fittings for pipelines conveying wastewater and water intended for human consumption.

Methods for determining compliance with this Standard are given in Appendix A.

NOTE: Guidelines on requirements that are to be specified by the purchaser at the time of enquiry or order are given in Appendix B.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

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| 1145 | Determination of tensile properties of plastics materials |
| 1145.1 | Part 1: General principles |
| 1145.3 | Part 3: Test conditions for films and sheets |
| 1193 | Plastics—Methods for determining the density and relative density of non-cellular plastics |
| 1199 | Sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes |
| 1281 | Cement mortar lining of steel pipes and fittings |
| 1627 | Metal finishing—Preparation and pretreatment of surfaces |
| 1627.2 | Part 2: Power tool cleaning |
| 1627.4 | Part 4: Abrasive blast cleaning |
| 3855 | Suitability of plumbing and water distribution systems products for contact with potable water |
| 3894 | Site testing of protective coatings |
| 3894.3 | Method 3: Determination of dry film thickness |

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| 3500 | National Plumbing and Drainage Code |
| 3500.0 | Part 0: Glossary of terms |
| 4020 | Products for use in contact with drinking water |
| 4131 | Polyethylene (PE) compounds for pressure pipes and fittings |