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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee BD-044, Fixing of Ceramic, Natural and Reconstituted Stone Tiles to supersede AS 4662—2003, *Ceramic tiles—Definitions, classification, characteristics and marking*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify terms and establishes classifications, characteristics and marking requirements for ceramic tiles of the best commercial quality (first quality). This Standard is not applicable to tiles made by other than normal processes of extrusion or dry pressing. It is not applicable to decorative accessories or trim such as edges, corners, skirting, capping, coves, beads, steps, curved tiles and other accessory pieces or mosaics (i.e., any piece that can fit into an area of 49 cm<sup>2</sup>).

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## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

**Ceramic tiles—Definitions, classification, characteristics and marking****1 Scope**

This International Standard defines terms and establishes classifications, characteristics and marking requirements for ceramic tiles of the best commercial quality (first quality). This International Standard is not applicable to tiles made by other than normal processes of extrusion or dry pressing. It is not applicable to decorative accessories or trim such as edges, corners, skirting, capping, coves, beads, steps, curved tiles and other accessory pieces or mosaics (i.e. any piece that can fit into an area of 49 cm<sup>2</sup>).

NOTE ISO 10545 (all parts) describes the test procedures required to determine the product characteristics listed in this International Standard. ISO 10545 is divided into 16 parts, each describing a specific test procedure or related matter.

**2 Normative references**

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

ISO 1006, *Building construction — Modular coordination — Basic module*

ISO 10545-1, *Ceramic tiles — Part 1: Sampling and basis for acceptance*

ISO 10545-2, *Ceramic tiles — Part 2: Determination of dimensions and surface quality*

ISO 10545-3, *Ceramic tiles — Part 3: Determination of water absorption, apparent porosity, apparent relative density and bulk density*

ISO 10545-4, *Ceramic tiles — Part 4: Determination of modulus of rupture and breaking strength*

ISO 10545-5, *Ceramic tiles — Part 5: Determination of impact resistance by measurement of coefficient of restitution*

ISO 10545-6, *Ceramic tiles — Part 6: Determination of resistance to deep abrasion for unglazed tiles*

ISO 10545-7, *Ceramic tiles — Part 7: Determination of resistance to surface abrasion for glazed tiles*

ISO 10545-8, *Ceramic tiles — Part 8: Determination of linear thermal expansion*

ISO 10545-9, *Ceramic tiles — Part 9: Determination of resistance to thermal shock*

ISO 10545-10, *Ceramic tiles — Part 10: Determination of moisture expansion*

ISO 10545-11, *Ceramic tiles — Part 11: Determination of crazing resistance for glazed tiles*

ISO 10545-12, *Ceramic tiles — Part 12: Determination of frost resistance*

ISO 10545-13, *Ceramic tiles — Part 13: Determination of chemical resistance*

ISO 10545-14, *Ceramic tiles — Part 14: Determination of resistance to stains*

ISO 10545-15, *Ceramic tiles — Part 15: Determination of lead and cadmium given off by glazed tiles*

ISO 10545-16, *Ceramic tiles — Part 16: Determination of small colour differences*