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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Australian/New Zealand Standards Committee SF-010, Occupational Respiratory Protection to supersede AS/NZS 1716:2003.

This Standard was revised with the objective of incorporating some improvements but keeping these to a minimum, in light of current work still under way by ISO (International Organization for Standardization) in the field of respiratory protective devices.

The changes that have been made are mostly editorial or to clarify and improve existing testing procedures for exhalation resistance as well as include specific requirements for full facepieces used in extreme environments by fire and emergency services (special use facepieces).

It is anticipated that a new series of ISO Standards will be published in the next few years that will incorporate major developments that will address most, if not all, concerns highlighted in the previous edition. When such ISO Standards are published, it is planned that they be adopted as the next revision of AS/NZS 1716.

Advice on the selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment is not covered by the Standard but given in AS/NZS 1715, *Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment*.

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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1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements for respiratory protective devices (respirators) intended to provide, according to type, varying degrees of protection against atmospheres containing substances which may be harmful if breathed; also, with certain types, to provide protection against atmospheres which may be deficient in oxygen. It does not purport to give guidance on the selection, use and maintenance of respirators. This is covered in AS/NZS 1715.

The Standard specifies requirements, performance and testing criteria to be observed in the manufacture of respirators.

The Standard does not apply to respirators for use in aircraft, for operations under water (see AS/NZS 2299 series), or for life support respirators used for medical purposes or resuscitation (see AS 2488).

1.2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Standard is to provide minimum performance and testing criteria to be observed in the manufacture of respiratory protective devices.

1.3 APPLICATION

Every respirator shall comply with the general requirements of Sections 2, 3 and 12, and with the specific requirements of the particular section applicable to the respirator type, as follows:

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Gas and vapour filter respirators ..... Section 5.

Powered air-purifying respirators ..... Section 6.

Escape respirators—filtration type ..... Section 7.

Air-hose and airline respirators ..... Section 8.

Compressed air self-contained breathing apparatus ..... Section 9.

Compressed oxygen self-contained breathing apparatus ..... Section 10.

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1.4 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

AS

1349 Bourdon tube pressure and vacuum gauges

2030 Gas cylinders (series)

2488 Resuscitators intended for use with humans

4484 Gas cylinders for industrial, scientific, medical and refrigerant use—Labelling and colour coding