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**Electric cables—Reeling and trailing—  
For underground cabling**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-023, Electric Equipment for Mines and Quarries to supersede AS/NZS 1802:2003, *Electric cables—Reeling and trailing—For underground coal mining*.

This Standard aligns with AS/NZS 2802, *Electric cables—Reeling and trailing—For mining and general use (other than underground coal mining)* for cables that have been developed to meet the special requirements of the Australian surface mining industry.

The objective of this Standard is to specify construction and tests of reeling and trailing cables specifically designed for use in underground coal mines.

Where the method of testing differs from, or has not yet been included in AS/NZS 1660, the test method has been included in Clause 25 and appendices to this Standard.

While the requirements of underground coal mining continue to determine the cables to be incorporated in this Standard, it is recognized that many of these cables will be equally applicable to other installations, for example, underground metalliferous mines, ship loaders, travelling cranes, reclaimers at loading stations and other materials handling plants. Other requirements may apply in these applications.

Appropriate requirements for new types and sizes will be included in this Standard as the need arises.

This Standard differs from the previous edition in the following significant ways:

- (a) Introduction of an earth fault screen.
- (b) Introduction of tests under Clause 25 to test the newly introduced earth fault screen.
- (c) Definition of the maximum volume resistivity for the insulation earth screens.
- (d) Due to increasing cable sizes and the experience with larger cables, the maximum sheath thickness for all cables is limited to no more than 9.0 mm.

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Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

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**Australian/New Zealand Standard****Electric cables—Reeling and trailing—For underground coal mining****1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies elastomer-insulated, elastomer-sheathed reeling and trailing electric cables for use in underground coal mines. An essential feature of this Standard is the requirement that cables used for alternating current supply be electrically symmetrical.

This Standard is intended to apply only to cables of the types provided for in Table 1 of this Standard.

This Standard also provides the basis of requirements for other sizes of cable not specified in this Standard.

NOTE: Purchasing guidelines are provided in Appendix A.

**2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

1931 High voltage test techniques (all parts)

AS/NZS

1125 Conductors in insulated electric cables and flexible cords

1660 Test methods for electric cables, cords and conductors

1660.1 Method 1: Conductors and metallic components

1660.2.1 Method 2.1: Insulation, extruded semi-conductive screens and non-metallic sheaths—Method for general application

1660.2.2 Method 2.2: Insulation, extruded semi-conductive screens and non-metallic sheaths—Methods specific to elastomeric, XLPE and XLPVC materials

1660.2.5 Method 2.5: Insulation, extruded semi-conductive screens and non-metallic sheaths—Methods specific to cables above 1 kV

1660.3 Method 3: Electrical tests

1660.5.6 Method 5.6: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable

2802 Electric cables—Reeling and trailing—For mining and general use (other than underground coal mining)

3808 Insulating and sheathing materials for electric cables

2807 Galvanized mild steel wire for armouring of cables

500 Electric cables—Polymeric insulated

500.1 Part 1: For working voltages up to and including 0.6/1 (1.2) kV

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1139 Textiles—Designation of yarns