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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee TM-001, Timber Structures, to supersede (in part) AS/NZS 4063:1992, *Timber—Structural—products—Strength and stiffness evaluation*.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (April 2011). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

The objective of this Standard is to provide requirements for the sampling, statistical evaluation of test data and the determination of design characteristic values for structural timber for structural design in accordance with the relevant Australian or New Zealand timber engineering design standard. The test data used for the statistical evaluation is to be derived from testing in accordance with the test methods specified in AS/NZS 4063.1.

AS/NZS 4063:1992 provided an introduction to the philosophy of in-grade testing and evaluation. This revision includes knowledge gained from 16 years of experience in application of the Standard, and covers a period of transition from working stress design (WSD) to limit states design (LSD). During that period, the shortcomings in some test methodologies and the use of normalization to derive limit state design values become apparent and created the need for the significant reform apparent in the AS/NZS 4063 series. The AS/NZS 4063 series, *Characterization of structural timber*, comprises the following parts:

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4063 Characterization of structural timber
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In this revision, normalization—a device used in the conversion from WSD to LSD format to replace the effect of load factors and the material capacity factor in limit states design with the safety factor used for working stress design—has been discontinued. Henceforth, design characteristic strength values determined in accordance with this Standard, are to closely approximate the material strength at the 5th percentile level. This change also ensures that this Standard is entirely material related. Matters relating to design and any effect of revisions to design Standards do not impinge on this Standard.

Other significant changes include the following:

(a) Increased emphasis on the significance of definition of the reference population and the need for sampling to be representative.

(b) The inclusion of a variety of statistical methods and, in an informative appendix, a suite of worked examples illustrating the application of each method.

(c) Clear enunciation of guidelines for the determination of design characteristic values based on the characteristic values obtained from the sample testing and evaluation.

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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This Standard sets out procedures and requirements for the evaluation of characteristic values of structural properties from test data, the determination of design characteristic values and the assignment of stress grade properties for stress-graded timber.

In addition to the requirements for stress graded timber, requirements for the determination of design characteristic values for round timber, glue-laminated timber, structural plywood and structural laminated veneer lumber, are also given in Section 4.

1.2 APPLICATION

The design characteristic values or stress grade, determined for structural timber in accordance with this Standard, are intended to be used for structural design in accordance with AS 1720.1.

1.3 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

The following are the normative documents referenced in this Standard:

AS
1720 Timber structures
1720.1 Part 1: Design methods

2082 Timber—Hardwood—Visually stress-graded for structural purposes

2858 Timber—Softwood—Visually stress-graded for structural purposes

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