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**Part 2: Determination of structural
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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee TM-008, Plywood Timber Products.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (July 2006). 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 test methods for the determination of structural properties of structural laminated veneer lumber (LVL), which will replace the methods used in the past specified in AS/NZS 4063, *Timber—Stress-graded—In-grade strength and stiffness evaluation*, for sawn timber.

This Standard specifies test methods only. Characteristic structural properties will be determined using the test results generated by the test methods specified in this Standard and processed through the methods specified in the companion Standard AS/NZS 4357.3, *Determination of structural properties—Evaluation method*.

This Standard development has relied upon proven test methods for solid section timber and glue laminated timber products specified in AS/NZS 4063, prEN 408, *Timber structures—Structural timber and glued laminated timber—Determination of some physical and mechanical properties*, ASTM D198, *Standard Test Methods of Static Tests of Lumber in Structural Sizes*, and ASTM D143, *Standard Test Methods for Small Clear Specimens of Timber*.

This Standard is Part 2 of the AS/NZS 4357 series, structural laminated veneer lumber, which is comprised of the following parts:

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- 4357 Structural laminated veneer lumber
- 4357.0 Part 0: Specifications (Revision of AS/NZS 4357:1995)
- 4357.1 Part 1: Method of test for measurement of dimensions and shape
- 4357.2 Part 2: Determination of structural properties—Test methods (this Standard)
- 4357.3 Part 3: Determination of structural properties—Evaluation methods
- 4357.4 Part 4: Determination of formaldehyde emissions

The test methods are currently being prepared for compression and tension perpendicular to grain, and bearing. While these test methods are under development, other recognized Standards, e.g., ASTM D 143, may be used.

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1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies test methods for determining the following properties of structural laminated veneer lumber (LVL) manufactured in accordance with AS/NZS 4357.0:

- (a) Apparent modulus of elasticity.
- (b) True bending modulus and shear modulus of elasticity for beams.
- (c) Bending strength.
- (d) Modulus of elasticity in tension parallel to the grain, and tension strength parallel to the grain.
- (e) Modulus of elasticity in compression parallel to the grain, and compression strength parallel to the grain.
- (f) Shear strength.

NOTES:

- 1 This Standard does not specify test methods for the determination of joint characteristics, which should be carried out in accordance with AS 649.
- 2 The test methods specified in this Standard may be used for quality control testing.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

1649 Timber—Methods of test for mechanical fasteners and connectors—Basic working loads and characteristic strengths

1720 Timber structures

1720.1 Part 1: Design methods

AS/NZS

2098 Method of test for veneer and plywood

2098.1 Moisture content of veneer and plywood

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4357.0 Part 0: Specification

4491 Timber—Glossary of terms in timber-related Standards

NZS

3603 Timber Structures Standard

3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard the definitions in AS/NZS 4491 apply.