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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Buoyancy Aids, to supersede AS 2261 — 1979.

The preparation of this edition was undertaken in response to a request from a manufacturer of rescue buoys who pointed out that AS 2261 — 1979 had fallen out of line with manufacturing technology and user requirements. This edition has been prepared to ensure that rescue buoys complying with it also comply with the requirements of the Australian Yachting Federation, as the principal use of rescue buoys is in compliance with AYF rules.

Clauses on shape, dimensions, colourfastness, and retroreflectivity have been added.

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### SECTION 1. SCOPE AND GENERAL

- 1.1 SCOPE.** This Standard specifies the requirements for rescue buoys intended to be thrown or dropped to a person in water to assist in effecting rescue. It does not apply to lifebuoys required to be carried by commercial vessels.
- 1.2 APPLICATION.** Rescue buoys shall comply with the requirements specified in Section 2 in addition to the relevant requirements of AS 2259.
- 1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:
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| AS        | Methods of test for textiles   |
| 2001      |  |
| 2001.4.14 | Method 4.14: Colourfastness tests — Determination of colourfastness to seawater  |
| 2001.4.21 | Method 4.21: Colourfastness tests — Determination of colourfastness to light using an artificial light source (mercury vapour — tungsten filament — internally phosphor-coated lamp) |
| 2259      | General requirements for buoyancy aids   |
| 2700      | Colour standards for general purposes  |