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irons—Classification**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee MT-001, Iron and Steel.

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This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from ISO 17804:2005, *Ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons—Classification*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify five grades of Ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons which have been classified by mechanical properties.

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148-1	Part 1: Test method	1544.2	Method 2: Charpy V-notch test
148-2	Part 2: Verification of test machines		
148-3	Part 3: Preparation and characterization of Charpy V reference test pieces for verification of test machines		
945	Cast iron—Designation of microstructure of graphite	5049	Cast iron—Designation of microstructure of graphite
6506	Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test	1816	Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test
6506-1	Part 1: Test method	1816.1	Part 1: Test method (ISO 6506-1:1997, MOD)
6507	Metallic materials—Vickers hardness test	1817	Metallic materials—Vickers hardness test
6507-1	Part 1: Test method	1817.1	Part 1: Test methods (ISO 6507-1:1997, MOD)
6892	Metallic materials—Tensile testing at ambient temperature	1391	Metallic materials—Tensile testing at ambient temperature
TR 15931	Designation system for cast irons and pig irons	4738	Metal castings
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The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex to which they apply. A ‘normative’ annex is an integral part of a standard, where an ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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## INTRODUCTION

Ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast iron is a cast alloy, iron and carbon based, carbon being present mainly in the form of spheroidal graphite particles.

Compared with the spheroidal graphite cast-iron grades (see ISO 1083:2004), this material combines higher strength and toughness properties as a result of the austempering heat treatment.

This International Standard deals with the classification of ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons in accordance with the mechanical properties of the material.

The mechanical properties of these ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons depend on their structure, e.g. the form of the graphite and the structure of the matrix.

The required structure is developed by selecting the appropriate composition and subsequent processing.

The mechanical properties of the material can be evaluated on machined test pieces prepared from:

- separately cast samples with an appropriate gating system, able to provide metallurgical conditions similar to those of the castings they represent;
- samples cast onto either the casting or the running system, hereafter referred to as cast-on samples;
- samples cut from a casting (only by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser, the agreement specifying, in particular, the conditions of sampling and the values to be obtained).

Two grades of ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast iron are specified in Annex A, in accordance with their hardness. These cast irons are used in applications (e.g. mining, earth moving and manufacturing industries) where high abrasion resistance is required.

Five grades of ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast iron are specified by the mechanical properties. When, for these grades, hardness is a requirement for the application, Annex D provides means for determining appropriate hardness ranges.

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

## **Ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons—Classification**

### **1 Scope**

This International Standard defines the grades and the corresponding requirements for ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons.

This International Standard specifies five grades of ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast iron by a classification based on mechanical properties measured on machined test pieces prepared from:

- separately cast samples or cast-on samples;
- samples cut from a casting.

This International Standard also specifies two grades by a classification as a function of hardness.

### **2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 148-2, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 2: Verification of test machines*

ISO 148-3, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 3: Preparation and characterization of Charpy V reference test pieces for verification of test machines*

ISO 945, *Cast iron — Designation of microstructure of graphite*

ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6892, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing at ambient temperature*

ISO/TR 15931, *Designation system for cast irons and pig irons*