

# Australian Standard™

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## Methods of testing surgical dressings and surgical dressing materials

### Method 4: Method for the determination of size

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#### PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MS/5, Institutional Supplies, to supersede AS 2836.4—1985.

This Standard is one of eleven methods of testing. The series is referenced in AS 2835, *Absorbent woven gauze* (both Parts) and AS 4369, *Surgical dressings* (all Parts).

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#### METHOD

**1 SCOPE** This Standard sets out the method for determining the dimensions of surgical dressings and surgical dressing materials.

**2 REFERENCED DOCUMENT** The following document is referred to in this Standard:

AS

2001 Methods of test for textiles

2001.1 Part 1: Conditioning procedures

**3 PRINCIPLE** Five specimens are conditioned. The length and breadth of the relaxed specimens are measured in standard atmospheric conditions and the mean is determined.

**4 APPARATUS** The following apparatus is required:

- (a) Ruler, graduated in millimetres.
- (b) A conditioning facility which provides a means of providing and maintaining a standard atmosphere in accordance with AS 2001.1.

#### 5 TEST SPECIMENS

**5.1 Number of specimens** Five test specimens are required.

**5.2 Preparation of specimens** Specimens shall be prepared as follows:

- (a) Remove specimens carefully from their packages.
- (b) After conditioning in accordance with the requirements of 4(b), store the specimens in their intended configuration of use for not less than 12 h.