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PREFACE

This edition of this standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Fire Extinguishers to supersede AS 1844—1976. Formerly, this standard was published under the one cover with AS 1843, Foam (Chemical) Type, which is now obsolescent, and AS 1845, Foam (Stored Pressure) Type. A new edition of AS 1845 is being issued concurrently with this edition of AS 1844.

Among the changes in this edition are the deletion of reference to swaged construction, as this is an outmoded technique, the inclusion of a new performance requirement for extinguishers designed for intermittent use, a revised colour identification requirement which coincides with the revision of AS 1849—1976, Identification Colours for Portable Fire Extinguishers, an expanded list of relevant Australian standards in Appendix A and the consequent deletion of Appendix E of the previous edition. Other changes are of an editorial nature, including the updating of references to British standards in the appendices.

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Other Australian standards dealing with portable fire extinguishers are—

- AS 1842 Water (Stored Pressure) Type
- AS 1845 Foam (Stored Pressure) Type
- AS 1846 Dry Chemical Type
- AS 1847 Carbon Dioxide Type
- AS 1848 Halogenated Hydrocarbon Type
- AS 1850 Classification, Rating and Fire Testing
- AS 1851 Maintenance of Fire Protection Equipment
Part 1—Portable Fire Extinguishers
- AS 2444 Selection and Location

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for

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS—FOAM (GAS CONTAINER) TYPE

SECTION 1. SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 SCOPE. This standard specifies requirements for metal-bodied portable fire extinguishers of the foam type in which the foam is expelled by pressure of gas released from a compressed gas container. It refers to materials, methods of manufacture and performance of the extinguisher and the compressed gas container.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS. The following standards are referred to in this standard:

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| AS 1849 | Identification Colours for Portable Fire Extinguishers |
| AS 1850 | Portable Fire Extinguishers—Classification, Rating and Fire Testing |
| AS 2030 | SAA Gas Cylinders Code |
| AS K185 | Colours for Specific Purposes |

Standards for materials and for welding or brazing methods are listed in Appendix A and in Appendices B and D, respectively.

1.3 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this standard the following definitions apply:

1.3.1 Portable fire extinguisher—a first-aid fire-fighting appliance which is designed to be carried and operated by hand and which in working order has a mass not greater than 23 kg.

NOTE: This limit of 23 kg may be reconsidered internationally and could be reduced to 20 kg.

1.3.2 Foam (gas container) type portable fire extinguisher—a portable fire extinguisher which relies on compressed gas from a container to expel the foam.

NOTE: The foam (gas container) type portable fire extinguisher is generally referred to in this standard as 'an extinguisher' or 'the extinguisher'.