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PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Lifejackets as a revision of AS 1512—1973. There is little technical change in this edition, the major alteration being the deletion of those requirements which are common to all buoyancy aids in order to consolidate them in a separate standard (AS 2259).

This standard relates to lifejackets suitable for use in most recreational activities. These lifejackets may not be suitable for use for some applications such as long or hazardous voyages in unfrequented waters.

Guidance on the selection and care of lifejackets is given in AS 2258, Code for the Selection and Care of Buoyancy Aids. Other related Australian standards are—

- AS 1499 Buoyancy Vests
- AS 2260 Buoyancy Garments
- AS 2261 Rescue Buoys
- AS 2262 Float-off Buoyancy Aids

Some statutory authorities and boating organizations may require evidence from manufacturers that their product complies with the provisions of this standard for lifejackets. The 'AS' certification trademark of the Standards Association (see Clause 3.6) on a lifejacket is an independent assurance of such compliance.

This standard requires reference to:

- AS 2259 General Requirements for Buoyancy Aids
- AS 1177 Methods for Determining the Colour Fastness of Textiles
Part 2—Colour Fastness to Light—Daylight
- AS K185 Colours for Specific Purposes
- AS L15 Methods for Determining the Colour Fastness of Textiles
Part XIV—Colour Fastness to Sea Water

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