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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee SF-041, General Principles for the Guarding of Machinery, as revision (in part) of AS 4024.1—1996, *Safeguarding of machinery*, Part 1: *General principles*.

During its work, the Committee considered a number of standards dealing with the safety of machinery originating within the European Community. Many of these European Standards are now being adopted virtually unchanged as International Standards by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the Committee has agreed to continue to use material emanating from both CEN and ISO in this new edition, to maintain consistency with previous editions of AS 4024, and other, machine-specific Australian Standards currently under development.

This edition has been published as a series of small parts rather than the single part of AS 4024.1 previously available. In doing this, the Committee has cleared the way for simple revisions in the future. When a new edition of a relevant EN or ISO Standard becomes available, it can be adopted and published within the framework of AS 4024 with a minimum delay, so ensuring continued international alignment.

The term ‘informative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements and guidance on the selection, design and location of control actuators so that they are adapted to the requirements of the operators, are suitable for the control task in question and take account of the circumstances of their use.

This Standard applies to manual control actuators used in equipment for occupational and private use. It is particularly important to observe the recommendations in this Standard where operating a control actuator may lead to injury or damage to health, either directly or as a result of a human error.

2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Standard is to enable designers, manufacturers, suppliers, employers and users of machinery to minimize risks to the health and safety of employees and others working with or otherwise near machinery by providing ergonomic requirements for the design of control actuators.

3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard.

AS		
4024	Safety of machinery	
4024.1301	Part 1301:	Risk assessment—Principles for risk assessment
4024.1401	Part 1401:	Ergonomic principles—Design principles—Terminology and design principles
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4 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard, the following definitions apply.

