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## PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Electrical Installations for Outdoor Sites Under Heavy Conditions (Including Open-cast Mines and Quarries).

It constitutes Part 5 of the AS 3007 series and is essentially identical with IEC 621-5\* which was prepared by the corresponding IEC Technical Committee, i.e. TC 71. Where this standard deviates technically from IEC 621-5 by way of different or additional requirements, this is indicated by a rule in the margin against the clause, or part thereof, affected. A summary of such technical variations is given in the Annex.

The Australian committee (EL/33) has actively participated in the work of IEC TC 71 which has as its objective the development of uniform and internationally acceptable rules for the safe use of electricity in open-cast mines, quarries, stockpiles and the like. Such applications present particularly onerous conditions for the electrical apparatus and systems, including continual alteration of the location of the apparatus and systems, extension of the operational area, and adverse environmental conditions. Because of the size of the plant and the need for mobility, supply is frequently at high voltage over long distances, by means of trailing cables. This should be compared with other industries where the electrical installations are generally fixed.

The AS 3007 series specifies requirements for the installation and operation of electrical apparatus and systems in the above-mentioned locations, with the object of ensuring the safety of persons, livestock and property. AS 3007.1 outlines the scope of the composite standard and provides definitions for some of the terms used. AS 3007.2 specifies the measures which are required for protection against electric shock in normal service from direct contact with live parts; for protection against electric shock from parts which may become live in the event of a fault (indirect contact); and for protection against the effects of overcurrent resulting from overload or short circuit conditions. AS 3007.3 specifies general requirements for the equipment and ancillaries associated with the electrical installation. AS 3007.4 sets out the requirements which are specific to particular installations, together with any exemptions from the general requirements of AS 3007.2 and AS 3007.3 which apply for such installations. AS 3007.5 (this standard) sets out the normal operating procedures which should be carried out to ensure the safety of personnel.

The AS 3007 series recognizes several types of power supply system and specifies the protective measures which are necessary for each system. Requirements for the protection of personnel from indirect contact (see Section 2 of AS 3007.2) are based on the concept of permissible voltage versus time limits, which take into account the patho-physiological effects of electric current passing through the human body, the typical industry conditions, and the probability of persons being in contact with the plant. In this and other respects the AS 3007 series differs in approach from the practically evolved requirements of AS 3000, SAA Wiring Rules.

It will therefore be necessary for the regulatory authorities concerned to clearly delineate the respective areas of application for the AS 3007 series and for AS 3000.

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**PART 5 — OPERATING REQUIREMENTS**

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**SCOPE OF PART**

This standard specifies the normal operating procedures which should be carried out to ensure the safety of personnel. These procedures may be varied in certain circumstances where a planned operation is performed under controlled conditions.

NOTE: Attention is drawn to the fact that the requirements of Regulatory Authorities may differ from the requirements specified in this standard.

**REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following standards are referred to in this standard:

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| AS 2187.1 | SAA Explosives Code<br>Part 1 — Storage and Land Transport   |
| AS 2187.2 | SAA Explosives Code<br>Part 2 — Use of Explosives  |
| AS 3007.2 | Electrical Installations — Surface Mines and Associated Processing Plant<br>Part 2 — General Protection Requirements                             |
| BS 6657   | Guide to Prevention of Inadvertent Initiation of Electro-explosive Devices by<br>Radio-frequency Radiation                                       |
| IEC 621-5 | Electrical Installations for Outdoor Sites Under Heavy Conditions (Including<br>Open-cast Mines and Quarries)<br>Part 5: Operating Requirements. |