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**Road tank vehicles for dangerous goods**

**Part 1: General requirements for all  
road tank vehicles**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-057, Road Tank Vehicles for Dangerous Goods to supersede AS 2809.1—1999, *Road tank vehicles for dangerous goods*, Part 1: *General requirements*.

This Standard specifies general requirements for all road tank vehicles. Additional specific requirements applicable to particular road tank vehicles are detailed in the appropriate part of the AS 2809 series of Standards. The suite of Standards for road tank vehicles comprises six (6) Parts.

The scope of the brief given to the Committee was to review Parts 1, 2 and 3.

NOTE: Parts 4, 5 and 6 are to be reviewed at a later date yet to be determined.

The following Parts have been revised by the Committee:

Part 1: General requirements for all road tank vehicles

Part 2: Road tank vehicles for flammable liquids

Part 3: Road tank vehicles for compressed liquefied gases

This Standard is intended to serve as a reference Standard for the various statutory authorities administering regulations for the safe transport and handling of dangerous goods, and the wording of its title and its scope clauses have been chosen to align with the Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG Code).

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**IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT COMPLIANCE WITH THIS STANDARD MAY NOT NECESSARILY FULFIL ALL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS.**

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

### 1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies general requirements for the design, construction, testing, maintenance and inspection of road tank vehicles, irrespective of the cargo, that are intended for the road transport of dangerous goods. The Standard deals with vehicles that are designed and constructed specifically as road tank vehicles. It is applicable also to conventional vehicles that are to carry portable or demountable tanks or tank containers which are filled or emptied whilst on the vehicle and as a consequence are deemed to be a road tank vehicle.

The general vehicle and safety requirements are regulated by the Australian Design Rules (ADR) issued by the Department of Transport and Regional Services and these rules are outside the scope of this Standard.

Throughout this Standard the term ‘road tank vehicle’ is used and has the same meaning as tanker.

### 1.2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Standard is to provide designers, planners, operators and regulators with technical requirements for road tank vehicles transporting dangerous goods.

### 1.3 APPLICATION

Road tank vehicles intended for the transport of dangerous goods shall comply with this Standard, and with such other Part of the AS 2809 series as is relevant to the special needs of the particular cargo. Where a cargo has two characteristics, e.g. toxic and flammable, or where a road tank vehicle is switched from one cargo to another, the requirements of all relevant Parts shall apply.

### 1.4 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

A list of the documents referred to in this Standard is provided in Appendix A.

### 1.5 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Standard, the definitions in the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code) and the following definitions apply. The following definitions need to be read in conjunction with the definition in the ADG Code:

#### 1.5.1 ADR

Australian Design Rules.