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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee FP-004, Automatic Sprinkler Installations, to supersede AS 2118.1—2006.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (December 2017). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

The objective of this edition is to include changes that reflect recent advances in technology and to refine the content for clarity and conciseness.

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- (a) Incorporation of amendments to the 2006 edition.
- (b) Section 12—now Section 14, Hydraulic calculation methods.
- (c) Significant changes to Section 3 concerning exposure protection, and to Section 5 relating to protection of concealed spaces.
- (d) Section 9, Light Hazard class systems, entirely rewritten to include more useable and up-to-date parameters for the design of this class of system.
- (e) New Sections 11, 12 and 13 (High Hazard).
- (f) Expanded definitions clause.
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The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

This Standard incorporates commentary on some of the clauses. The commentary directly follows the relevant clause, is designated by 'C' preceding the clause number and is printed in italics in a box. The commentary is for information only and does not need to be followed for compliance with the Standard.

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FOREWORD

Automatic fire sprinkler systems provide an important level of fire protection to a building structure. Additionally, automatic fire sprinklers provide an important level of protection for the occupants of a building together with protection to the environment by minimizing the effects that a major structural fire could have. Sprinklers also safeguard against loss of plant, machinery, equipment and building contents generally as well as protecting a business by providing against loss of continuity of business operations. Sprinklers also conserve water during firefighting operations.

In modern buildings and indeed with older buildings that are being upgraded to meet the latest requirements in fire safety, there is need to consider other systems that impact on the function and operation of a sprinkler system. Other systems that can either interface with the sprinkler system, or be integrated in it, are automatic heat and smoke detectors, emergency warning and intercommunication systems and smoke control and air-handling systems. Hence, when designing sprinkler systems, it will be necessary to consider the interaction of sprinkler systems with other building fire safety systems in order to maximize protection and provide an optimal approach for the overall objectives of fire safety.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements for the design, installation and commissioning of automatic fire sprinkler systems in buildings. It also provides for occupancy classification.

This Standard does not provide requirements for the design or installation of water mist fire protection systems.

NOTE: For details of occupancy classification, see Appendix A.

1.2 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

The following are the normative documents referenced in this Standard.

NOTE: Documents referenced for informative purposes are listed in the Bibliography.

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| 1074 | Steel tubes and tubulars for ordinary service |
| 1281 | Cement mortar lining of steel pipes and fittings |
| 1349 | Bourdon tube pressure and vacuum gauges |
| 1432 | Copper tubes for plumbing, gasfitting and drainage applications |
| 1579 | Arc-welded steel pipes and fittings for water and waste-water |
| 1670 | Fire detection, warning, control and intercom systems—System design, installation and commissioning |
| 1670.1 | Part 1: Fire |
| 1670.3 | Part 3: Fire alarm monitoring |
| 1674 | Safety in welding and allied processes (series) |
| 1735 | Lifts, escalators and moving walks (series) |
| 1940 | The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids |
| 2118 | Automatic fire sprinkler systems |
| 2118.2 | Part 2: Drencher systems |
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| 2201 | Intruder alarm systems |
| 2201.2 | Part 2: Monitoring centres |

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| 2304 | Water storage tanks for fire protection systems |
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