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requirements for Class 2 reflective
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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee ME-053, Heavy Road Vehicles.

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide motor vehicle rear marker plate manufacturers with manufacturing requirements that defines materials, production processes, graphics and text design, performance requirements and test methods.

This Standard is Part 3 of AS 4001, *Motor vehicles—Rear marker* plates, which is published in Parts as follows:

- Part 1: Manufacturing and classification requirements for Class 1A and Class 1 reflective plates
- Part 2: Fitting requirements for Class 1A, Class 1 and Class 2 reflective plates
- Part 3: Manufacturing and classification requirements for Class 2 reflective plates (this Standard)

During the 1980s, the then Australian Federal Office of Road Safety initiated a program to improve the night time visibility of vehicles over 12 tonnes GVM. This resulted in the adoption by Australia of the rear marker format proposed in Germany by the Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobile Club (ADAC). This rear marker plate had been earlier adopted for use on US military transport vehicles in Germany. Subsequently rear marker plates were introduced in Australian Design Rules.

This Standard includes the option of using Category 1L plates both sides on the rear of the vehicle.

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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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies manufacturing requirements for Class 2 reflectorized rear marker plates intended for use on road vehicles. It defines materials, production processes, graphics and text design, performance requirements and test methods.

NOTES:

- 1 Appendix A gives guidelines on necessary durability under user maintenance conditions.
- 2 Part 1 of this Standard (AS 4001.1) specifies manufacturing requirements for Class 1A, and Class 1 reflectorized rear marker plates.
- 3 Part 2 of this Standard (AS 4001.2) specifies fitting requirements on vehicles including the location of rear marker plates.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

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| 4001 | Motor vehicles —Rear marker plates |
| 4001.1 | Part 1: Manufacturing and classification requirements for Class 1A and Class 1 reflective plates |
| 4001.2 | Part 2: Fitting requirements for Class 1A, Class 1 and Class 2 reflective plates |

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| 1734 | Aluminium and aluminium alloys —Flat sheet, coiled sheet and plate |
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1.3 DEFINITIONS

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

1.3.1 Backing material

Either a rigid plate, the surface of which has been prepared prior to the application of the retroreflective material or a properly cleaned surface of a motor vehicle or trailer.

1.3.2 Gross vehicle mass (GVM)

The maximum loaded mass of the vehicle, either—

- (a) specified by the manufacturer on an identification plate on the vehicle; or
- (b) if there is no specification by the manufacturer on an identification plate on the vehicle or the specification is not appropriate because the vehicle has been modified—certified by the vehicle registration authority.