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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MS-012, Road Signs and Traffic Signals to supersede AS 1742.1—1991.

The *Manual of uniform traffic control devices* was originally prepared by the Australian Committee on Road Devices (ACORD) under the direction of the then Australian Transport Advisory Council (now ATC). It was subsequently approved by the Standards Australia Council for publication as an Australian Standard in two Parts, AS 1742.1—1975 and AS 1742.2—1978. These Standards superseded the Australian Standard Road Signs Code which was first published in 1935 with revisions in 1946 and 1960.

The decision to revise and publish AS 1742 as thirteen separate parts (later, fourteen parts), each of which dealt with a specific situation and was self-contained, was taken in 1983 in consultation with the National Association of Australian State Road Authorities (now Austroads). The decision was supported by an Australia-wide survey of Local Government Authorities also undertaken in 1983.

The AS 1742 Series now comprises the following Standards:

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1742	Manual of uniform traffic control devices
1742.1	Part 1: General introduction and index of signs (this Standard)
1742.2	Part 2: Traffic control devices for general use*
1742.3	Part 3: Traffic control devices for works on roads*
1742.4	Part 4: Speed controls*
1742.5	Part 5: Street name and community facility name signs*
1742.6	Part 6: Service and tourist signs for motorists
1742.7	Part 7: Railway crossings*
1742.8	Part 8: Freeways
1742.9	Part 9: Bicycle facilities*
1742.10	Part 10: Pedestrian control and protection
1742.11	Part 11: Parking controls*
1742.12	Part 12: Bus, transit and truck lanes*
1742.13	Part 13: Local area traffic management
1742.14	Part 14: Traffic signals*

Revisions of the Standards marked * in the above list have all been published since the 1991 edition of this Standard was published. This edition now includes all new signs and other changes resulting from those revisions.

An Interim Supplement to the 1991 Edition of this Standard was also issued to cover signs and devices in the *Australian Road Rules 2000* which have yet to be incorporated into the appropriate Part of the AS 1742 Series. It is expected to be republished as an Interim Supplement to this edition in due course. Signs shown as 'AS 1742.1, Supp.1' in the Principal References column of the sign listings are those signs in the Interim Supplement which were still to be incorporated into another Part at time of publication of this Standard.

The supplementary list of signs published in the previous edition of this Standard has been deleted.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard covers the signs used for controlling vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the road. It defines the sign classifications, specifies the numbering system used and sets out the basic design of signs in terms of colour and shape codings. It provides an illustrated index of all signs and sign types which have a standard sign number, and includes sign sizes and reference to other Standards in this series which cover usage of each sign.

NOTES:

- 1 Pavement markings for general purposes are specified in AS 1742.2. Where special pavement markings are specified, e.g. for bus lanes, these are given in the Standard which relates to that particular traffic situation.
- 2 Requirements for traffic signals are specified in AS 1742.14.
- 3 Detailed specifications for the design and manufacture of signs are given in AS 1743.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

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1742	Manual of uniform traffic control devices
1742.1	General introduction and index of signs—Australian Road Rules supplement
Supp.1(Int)	
1742.2	Part 2: Traffic control devices for general use
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2890	Parking facilities
2890.1	Part 1: Off-street car parking