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PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Wool Blankets under the direction of the Textile Standards Board to supersede AS CL2—1962.

The laundering operation, which is designed to clean blankets complying with AS 2390, involves the use of neutral synthetic detergents at elevated temperatures causing the destruction of pathogenic organisms.

This edition differs from the earlier standard in that it requires the detergent formulation used to contain a surfactant that is biodegradable and a sequestering agent to reduce metal staining. The range of pH of the detergent solution has also been widened. The new standard also recognizes the use of different sizes of washing machines appropriate to the load being washed and states the recommended amount of detergent to be used.

The procedures described have been developed in conjunction with the Hospital Laundry Managers Association of Australia and the Australian Wool Corporation.

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