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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee ME-046, Gas Fuel Systems for Vehicle Engines, to supersede AS/NZS 1425:1999.

The first edition of this Standard, published in 1973, was derived in the main from NFPA 58. A revision in 1979 introduced compartments and sub-compartments to control random leakage, required external filling points, and upgraded the strength of mountings, amongst other things. The first amendment in October 1980 introduced automatic fill limiters, and the second in 1981 virtually eliminated the hydrostatic relief valve.

The 1982 edition was generally a consolidation, in which editorial presentation was improved and a number of adjustments of detail occurred, the most significant of which was that attempts to make the excess flow valve more sensitive were abandoned in the face of experience with inadvertent shut-off of fuel to the engine. Amendment 1 of May 1984 corrected and clarified minor detail. Amendment 2 of December 1985, besides further polishing detail, upgraded a number of requirements related to the security of a container and its fittings in a collision.

Amendment 3 of July 1987 permitted safety valves to discharge into a sub-compartment or compartment. This represented a major reversal of the previous policy of insistence on piping such discharges to exit vertically outside the vehicle.

The 1989 edition of the Standard incorporated changes to the requirements for fixed liquid level gauges, sizing of ventilation ducts and their construction materials, heat shielding and the referencing of AS 3509—1988, *LP gas fuel vessels for automotive use*.

The 1999 edition was a Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand edition and the layout and content of sections were restructured to facilitate easy referencing with the grouping of all material on a subject in the one location.

In this edition, amendments which followed the 1999 edition and other editorial corrections have been incorporated. This edition introduces clauses related to the installation of fuel injection systems, the decommissioning of redundant LP Gas fuel systems, medium pressure hose up to 450 kPa and an Appendix relating to exhaust emission testing.

The 2003 edition of the Standard incorporates descriptive procedures for providing assurance of compliance with exhaust emission standards. Incorporated are requirements for certified kits to meet exhaust emission standards. Appendix D outlines requirements for testing vehicles, manufactured under ADR 79/00, ADR 79/01, ADR 70/00, ADR 80/00 and ADR 80/01. In relation to ADR 79/01 vehicles, the committee will examine the need for further testing requirements for providing assurance of compliance prior to 2005.

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.

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION****1.1.1 Scope**

This Standard specifies requirements for liquefied petroleum gas (LP Gas) fuel systems for engines mounted on motor vehicles, either for the propulsion of the vehicles or for driving some auxiliary function, e.g. a mixer or a pump. It provides requirements for the design and construction of component parts, and for their installation in vehicles, and for tests, commissioning, and periodic inspection.

This Standard does not apply to forklifts, floor sweepers, polishers, tow tractors, elevating work platforms and industrial stationary engines and to other LP Gas usage, such as the gas supply system for appliances in caravans, mobile homes or for the propulsion of marine craft.

This Standard does not cover the areas where major structural modifications are to be carried out to the vehicle (major structural modifications are those not defined in Clause 1.6). Prior to commencement of such work, guidance should be sought from the vehicle manufacturer or a professional engineer who is experienced in the automotive disciplines.

**1.1.2 Application**

This Standard shall be read as defining the minimum requirements of acceptability.

The relevant authority having jurisdiction may determine the extent of application of this Standard.

**1.2 OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Standard is to provide designers, manufacturers, installers and regulatory authorities with technical requirements for LP Gas fuel systems for vehicle engines so as to provide functional, safe installations.

**1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

A list of the Standards referred to in this Standard is given in Appendix A.

**1.4 NEW DESIGNS AND INNOVATIONS**

Any alternative materials, equipment, designs, method of assembly or procedures, which do not comply with the specific requirements of this Standard, or are not mentioned in it, but which give equivalent results to those specified, may be acceptable. Under such conditions the regulatory authority can give advice on the procedure for approval.

**1.5 DEFINITIONS**

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